WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a dozen courts around the country, attorneys representing more than 40 Catholic dioceses or institutions have filed briefs arguing against the federal government's call to dismiss lawsuits against its contraceptive mandate.

The Catholic entities are seeking to overturn a requirement that most religious employers provide contraceptives and sterilization to their employees.

The simultaneous filings Aug. 27 were in response to an Aug. 6 brief in which the Obama administration asked the courts to summarily dismiss the suits, saying they were premature and that the plaintiffs had no standing to challenge the Department of Health and Human Services' mandate.

"This case is about important rights to religious freedom protected by our founders under the First Amendment, assured by Congress under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but trampled by Defendants under haphazard rulemaking," says the 36-page brief filed on behalf of the University of Notre Dame.

Forty-three Catholic dioceses, schools, hospitals, social service agencies and other institutions initially filed suit in federal court May 21 to stop three government agencies from implementing a mandate that would...
The Holy Spirit will teach you all things

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

One of my favorite hymns is Come, Holy Ghost, especially when it is sung with fervor at the beginning of Mass. The words of the hymn are attributed to Archbishop Rabanus Mauro, a 9th century theologian and Archbishop of Mainz, Germany. The music of the hymn was composed by Jesuit Father Louis Lambillotte in the 19th century. We often sing this hymn at Pentecost and at Confirmation Masses, as well as at the beginning of new academic years.

These past few weeks students have returned back to school throughout our diocese. I have enjoyed celebrating Masses opening the academic year at Holy Cross College, the University of Saint Francis, at IPFW, and at Saint Louis Academy, New Haven. And, of course, with great joy, I presided at the dedication and blessing of our new Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.

During these opening days of school, I have asked the Holy Spirit to fill our academic communities with His manifold gifts, especially the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. I have reflected on the words of Jesus to the disciples: The Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things.

In speaking to our students, I invited them to take some time every day to listen to the Divine Teacher, the Lord Jesus, through prayer. Amidst the noise and activity of daily life, we should not be afraid of silence and stillness. The Holy Spirit will indeed teach us if we listen to Him, if we pray, if we allow the Word of God to shape us and our life’s journey.

I’d like to share with you some excerpts from my homily at the University of Saint Francis last week:

“What happens when we make time for God, when we have a spiritual life? We find sustenance for our journey; we discover peace and joy even when experiencing challenges and difficulties. The Holy Spirit gives us strength and fortitude. We learn to live more profoundly and not a mere routine everyday existence. I invite you to begin this new year with determination to grow not only intellectually, but also spiritually, through daily contact with God.

The Word of God shows us the authentic way to live when we listen to that Word and open ourselves to the light of the Holy Spirit.

God alone can fill the deepest aspirations of our hearts. Saint Augustine learned this after many years living apart from God. In the account of his conversion in his great book, The Confessions, Saint Augustine wrote: O God, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. This is a great truth. God must be the One toward whom we constantly journey if our lives are to have real meaning.

One of the great benefits of studying at a Catholic university is the opportunity to pursue and contemplate truth through faith and reason, and thus the whole truth about creation, nature, the human person, and God. There is the opportunity for spiritual and intellectual growth. In a culture of increasing secularism, where God is often ignored and unknown, you are able to pursue the truth and delve into the deeper questions that deal with the meaning and purpose of life. You are able to study and contemplate the mystery of God. Catholicism does not accept “the secularist ideology that drives a wedge between science and faith or between reason and faith.”

“In an age of a growing mentality of relativism, which holds that everything is equally valid, that truth and absolute points of reference do not exist,” you are able to see the flaws of such a mentality, the falsehood of the relativism that leads to “instability, confusion, and blind conformity to the fads of the moment” (Pope Benedict XVI, June 8, 2012). In an authentically Catholic university, one learns the way to true freedom, one that is not “detached from values, rules and objective norms” (Pope Benedict XVI, March 28, 2010). Without God in our life, we can so easily become slaves to ourselves, “to our immediate desires, to idols like power, money, unbridled pleasure” and other entrapments that stifle our “inborn vocation to love.”

Pope Benedict XVI said the following to young people: “God gives us the commandments because He wants to teach us true freedom. He wants to build a kingdom of love, justice and peace together with us. When we listen to the commandments and put them into practice, it does not mean that we have become estranged from ourselves, but that we find the way to freedom and authentic love. The commandments do not place limits on happiness, but rather show us how to find it.” These words offer a very counter-cultural perspective today. I invite you to be counter-cultural in this climate of relativism, to have faith that God’s commandments indeed lead to life, true freedom and happiness and guarantee our authenticity.

The Holy Spirit will teach you all things. I pray that all our students, at whatever level of their education, will be open to the Spirit of Truth. I have been encouraging all our children and young people to make time for prayer so as to grow in faith through personal contact with God. This is important for all of us since what God wants most of each one of us is that we become holy. The secret of true joy is friendship with Jesus Christ and openness to the power of the Holy Spirit!
Special Mass offered for those with disabilities

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — A special Mass for those with disabilities, their families, friends and caregivers will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Sept. 23. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries. The Mass, which will celebrate the life and dignity of each person and recognize that those with disabilities offer a profound witness of faith, begins at 1:30 p.m. and is open to everyone.

Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries Mary Glowaski, reports that the ministry for those with disabilities in the diocese has been developing in earnest recently, driven by a pastoral letter written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1978, which stresses, is still relevant today.

“Empowerment of all is still a meaningful participation for everyone in the Church,” says Glowaski, adding that the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities is the office that assists the diocese with ministry formation. Its guidance and support have been invaluable as the ministry grows.

Glowaski says she hopes this Mass will help those with disabilities “know the matter in a profound and definite way to the bishop and to the church.”

“Everyone is called to be a meaningful part of the Church, to look around and see who is not in our Eucharistic tables. Is it the disabled, those who have mental illness, autism, Down syndrome, those in wheelchairs? Has God provided us with everything we need to be communities of inclusion and expressions of His love. The Gospels call and challenge us to be creative, to invite, to revision and embrace our brothers and sisters with disabilities.”

In addition, the government argues that the final rule on the mandate will likely be amended before it takes effect in August 2013.

A newly finalized advisory board, boasting a membership of persons, parents with disabilities, school principals and professionals from the broader community, has recently met to guide the formation of this endeavor. They hope to inspire the inclusion of a simple question into all parish level activity planning — “How will we include and embrace our disabled brothers and sisters and their gifts?”

Glowaski is empowered by Bishop Rhoades’ support of this endeavor and says, “His leadership in this should inspire all of us to look around and see who is not at our Eucharistic tables. Is it the disabled, those who have mental illness, autism, Down syndrome, those in wheelchairs? Has God provided us with everything we need to be communities of inclusion and expressions of His love. The Gospels call and challenge us to be creative, to invite, to revision and embrace our brothers and sisters with disabilities.”

Bus transportation offered

For those who live in Fort Wayne and surrounding areas with no other means of transportation, wishing to attend this special Mass, a chartered bus provided by the diocese is available by reservation only. Space is limited and there is a $20 fee per person. Deadline for reservations, with forms and payment, is Sept. 17. The bus will board at 10 a.m. at the University of Saint Francis and return at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Mary at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/disabilities-mass to download forms.

require them to cover contraceptives and sterilization in their health plans. The Diocese of Peoria, Ill., and Catholic Charities of Chicago have since joined the lawsuits.

Catholic organizations have objected to the contraceptive mandate since it was announced Aug. 1, 2011, by Kathleen Sebelius, HHS secretary. Unless they are subject to a narrow religious exemption or have a grandfathered health plan, employers will be required to pay for sterilizations and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, as part of their health coverage.

In the briefs, filed by Jones Day, an international law firm with more than 2,400 attorneys on five continents, the dioceses and Catholic institutions argue that the courts should not hear the cases because a “temporary enforcement safe harbor” protects them from immediate government action against them if they fail to comply with the mandate.

We want your stories...

Today’s Catholic Life, a new magazine coming in November, is seeking stories for its premiere issue: Christmas Traditions.

Readers are invited to submit favorite family recipes for a special feature in this first edition. Stories about holiday customs and traditions from a variety of cultures are also being requested.

Limit submissions to 250 words or less and mail to Today’s Catholic Life, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856 or email to editor@diocesefwsb.org before Oct. 1, 2012.
A house becomes a home

Recollections from the first day of school in the new Saint Joseph High School

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — The “house” at 453 North Notre Dame Ave. became “home” last week as students arrived for the first day of classes at the new Saint Joseph High School in South Bend. Seven years in the making, the school is nearly filled to its 900-student capacity.

Seniors expressed the same sense of awe as did incoming freshmen while they made their way through busy halls, tried to find their classrooms and worked on locker combinations. “When I walked through the door for the first time it was very daunting, but also very exciting,” beamed Student Body President Charlie Hoye. “To actually have the students here is fantastic!”

“I wasn’t nervous, I can tell you that!” insisted freshman Quynn Hickey, a self-proclaimed locker expert. “I think it’s awesome that we get to start all four years at the new school. I feel special!”

“I’m also nervous about getting lost multiple times, which I have, multiple times now! I’m also nervous about getting through the crowded hallways.”

Upperclassmen laughed about getting lost and expressed appreciation for being in the new school.

“I was really excited about the new environment and atmosphere,” said junior Hali Barany. “Just walking in, it’s so much more open. And of course I enjoy the air conditioning!”

Junior Nicole Francœur didn’t hesitate when asked what part of the school she likes best. “The gym!” the two-sport athlete replied with a big grin. “I love the gym so much! We got our first volleyball win there last night!”

Magda Rzeszutek attended an intensive summer program at Loyola University in Chicago and she is anxious to apply some new study techniques as she heads into her junior year. “I look at it as a new opportunity,” she smiled. “It’s been amazing and I’m very excited to see what’s coming.”

Science teacher Brian Dolezal graduated from Saint Joseph’s High School in 1972 and sent his three children there as well.

“The bells aren’t quite right yet, but we’re getting there!” he revealed, as electricians and construction workers continued to work on finishing touches. “It’s confusing but at the same time this is just great! The whole building is beautiful and kids seem to be really locked in to what we’re doing. They seem to be curious about everything. I’m really anxious to get into the chemistry lab to see how everything’s going to work there.”

Principal Susan Richter, like a mother hen, tended to everything from early morning media requests to finding a band-aid for a student with a blister. Arriving at school well before 5 a.m. (some question whether she went home at all to sleep!), by the first lunch period Richter was happy at how well everything was going.

“It’s certainly a dream come true,” said Richter, taking a few moments to sit down after the first rush of hungry students had come and gone. “Many, many people have been a part of it. I feel a sense of pride, but more importantly it’s such a tremendous gift to the Saint Joe family. We’ve been blessed by so many and by the generosity of thousands of people. Not just in the Saint Joe family but in the community at large. It’s pretty hard to put into words exactly what this means. It’s overwhelming and still a very emotional day for me!”

Feelings of gratitude were expressed by several teachers, many of whom were also students themselves at Saint Joseph’s High School.

Math teacher Joe Wisniewski, ’69, says both he and his wife were born at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, the previous owner of the land now home to Saint Joseph High School, and sent their five children to Saint Joe as well. Wisniewski said three words sum up his thoughts on the new school.

“A true miracle!” he stated without hesitation. “Compared to the old high school, which we loved, this is just unbelievable! The things that are available to the students: the technology, the sports facilities, the extra curricular activities, just the environment looking out across the city, the view of the sports field … it’s just tremendous!”

“I love the fact that we’re still a city high school, and that we didn’t move out to the suburbs,” added government teacher Henry Chandler, class of ’67 and entering his 33rd year of teaching at Saint Joseph. “I think it’s a fabulous addition for the city; we kind of anchor the southern end of Eddy Street and Notre Dame Avenue. The social studies rooms especially have some gorgeous views of the city and the football field … some of the best views in the building!”

As assistant principal and boys’ basketball coach Marty Harshman, ’93, made his way through the lunchroom to check on a table of senior boys, he reflected on the old and the new.

“I’m like all the other alumni out there who say we wish we were here, going to school in this building!” he admitted. “I love many things about the old building, but this is a very special place. As an employee here, you’re proud to be a part of creating a wonderful building for these current students, but more importantly creating a campus that’s going to be around for future Saint Joe students and also for the city as well. That’s the most gratifying thing; knowing we’re laying a foundation for 100 more years. I will not be here for 100 years, but this place will be!”

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DIANE FREEBY
Fort Wayne cathedral begins capital campaign for HVAC system

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — When the magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne was dedicated on Dec. 8, 1860, parishioners probably were proud the 80- by 180-foot structure was heated by two hot-air furnaces. No one ever dreamed some day there would be a way to not only heat the church but cool and ventilate the vast interior as well.

According to Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the cathedral, the worship facility never has been truly “air conditioned.” When the renovation/restoration work was done in 1998, the existing heating and air-conditioning systems, installed 20 years earlier, were reworked to improve operation, ventilation, control, energy efficiency, and to reduce noise and visual intrusion, he indicated. However, then is not now. Today the system is no longer the “keystone, as the center” held up by the cathedral’s 152-year-old interior art and architecture. The cooled air lasts through a winter or two, but the system — in place of air conditioning on cooler days — one that is not now.

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“On warm weekends, like we’ve had this summer, the system simply cannot keep up with the demand,” he said.

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WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops’ Committee on Doctrine has developed a protocol to respond to theological questions.

The protocol outlines various steps that committee members and the staff of the Secretariat for Doctrine at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops can take when evaluating the work of theologians to ensure that the material in question conforms to Church teaching. The six-page protocol states that the committee reserves the right to “seek authorization to publish its statements without the prior consultation” with a theologian or the theologian’s representative “if it judges that intervention is needed for the pastoral guidance of the Catholic faithful. Publication of any comment, however, must be approved by the bishops’ Administrative Committee. The protocol was approved after the Committee on Doctrine issued a critique of the book “Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God” by Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson, a Sister of St. Joseph who is a professor of theology at Fordham University. After a yearlong review, the committee in March 2011 criticized the 2007 book for having “misrepresentations, ambiguities and errors” related to the Catholic faith. The committee did not meet with Sister Elizabeth prior to issuing the critique. In subsequent written responses in 2011, Sister Elizabeth defended the book, saying her work was “thoroughly misunderstood and consistently misrepresented” by the committee. A statement from the Secretariat for Doctrine introducing the protocol in Origins, the Catholic News Service documentary service, said the Committee on Doctrine does not consider the book a replacement for the 1989 document “Doctrinal Responsibilities: Approaches to Promoting Coordination and Resolving Misunderstandings Between Bishops and Theologians.” That document calls for a bishop to seek an informal conversation to discuss concerns with a theologian during any review of work.

Cardinal Dolan does out Republican National Convention with prayer

TAMPA, Fla. (CNS) — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York offered the closing prayer at the end of the Republican National Convention in Tampa Aug. 30, thanking God for the “great gift of our beloved country.” Cardinal Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will also offer the closing prayer at the Democratic National Convention Sept. 6 in Charlotte, N.C. The cardinal’s prayer, which followed Mitt Romney’s acceptance speech for the Republican presidential nomination, cast a wide net. He asked God to bless those in this country “yet to be born” and those at the end of their lives. He prayed for families who have been in this country for generations and recent immigrants, soldiers and those looking for jobs. He also prayed for those “afflicted by the recent storms and drought and fire” and for the “grace to stand in solidarity with all those who suffer. May we strive to include your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, in the production and prosperity of a people so richly blessed,” he said.

The cardinal prayed for God’s guidance upon those who govern and those who seek public office. “Help them remember that the only just government is the government that serves its citizens rather than itself,” he said. He also gave thanks for the “sacred and inalienable gift of life” and for the “singular gift of liberty” and prayed for a renewed “respect for religious freedom” and a “new sense of responsibility for freedom’s cause.” The cardinal’s presence at the Republican National Convention — and his similarly scheduled appearance at the Democratic National Convention — is “solely as a pastor, only to pray, not to endorse any party, platform or candidate,” according to a statement by Joe Zwilling, spokesman for the New York Archdiocese. The cardinal cleared his activity at both conventions with the bishops who preside over the dioceses where the conventions are taking place.

Cardinal Dolan asks presidential candidates to sign civility petition

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York invited the Republican and Democratic candidates for president and vice president to sign a petition seeking civil dialogue and to refrain from personal attacks during the two months remaining in the campaign leading up to the November election. The “Civility in America” petition developed by the Knights of Columbus called on candidates, commentators and media representatives to focus on the important issues facing the country rather than on individual personalities. “I am writing to you and to the other candidates for president and vice president of this great nation to ask for your support of this effort, so that the upcoming campaign will remain focused on the critical issues facing our nation and not on personal attacks,” Cardinal Dolan said in letters to President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic ticket; and Mitt Romney and Rep. Paul Ryan, the Republican nominees for president and vice president, respectively.

The petition on the Knights of Columbus website had gained more than 20,000 signatures through Aug. 27. Cardinal Dolan’s letter said that if the candidates signed the petition he would “be most happy to convey” to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and to the 1.8 million members of the organization “that you have chosen to support this valuable effort.” The cardinal cited the results of a Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll conducted July 9-11 that found 78 percent of Americans are “frustrated with the tone in politics today.”

Cardinal George to start chemotherapy as tests reveal kidney cancer

CHICAGO (CNS) — Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago will undergo a chemotherapy regimen after tests revealed the presence of cancer in his right kidney. The chemotherapy treatments will begin Sept. 5. Under the regimen, Cardinal George will have two weeks of treatments followed by one week with no treatment to allow for his immune system to recover. The treatment schedule will continue for the rest of the year. Cardinal George met with doctors at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago Aug. 27 after those physicians consulted with his doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

It was during this meeting, the Archdiocese of Chicago said in an Aug. 28 statement, that the chemotherapy regimen plan was tentatively upon. Test results showed that a nodule on the cardinal’s liver had contained cancerous cells. The nodule and surrounding tissue were removed Aug. 15. “There does not appear to be cancer in the liver now,” the archdiocese said. But tests also revealed cancerous cells in Cardinal George’s right kidney. Additional testing “did not conclude with certainty that cancer exists elsewhere in his body,” the archdiocese said, adding that it is impossible to detect cancerous cells in the bloodstream.

The archdiocese said the cardinal would continue with his regular work schedule, but that he would cut down on his public schedule on those weeks when he is not receiving treatment as his immune system will be weakened.

Pope greets new NAC seminarians; they respond with song

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Wearing new clerical suits, the 62 new students at the Pontifical North American College received a personal greeting from Pope Benedict XVI, to whom they had responded in song.

“Dear seminarians, use your time in Rome to conform yourselves more completely to Christ,” the pope told the young men Aug. 26 after reciting the Angelus with them and hundreds of other visitors in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo. The 62 men — who come from 46 U.S. dioceses, two Australian and one Canadian diocese — sang “Ad Multius Annos” to Pope Benedict, wishing him “many years” in Latin, and the pope applauded in thanks. The pope prayed that the seminarians and all Catholics would “remain faithful to the Lord, even when our faith in His teachings is tested.” The new students at the North American College, the seminary in Rome sponsored by the U.S. bishops, arrived at the college Aug. 23 for orientation. A total of 248 seminarians from 97 dioceses in the U.S., Canada and Australia are expected at the college this year. In his main Angelus address, Pope Benedict commented on the North American College, saying about how some followers of Jesus abandoned Him when they could not understand or accept His teachings.

FLOODWATERS SURROUND HOUSES IN BRAITHWAITE, LA.

Houses are partially submerged in floodwaters following a levee breach in Braithwaite, La., Aug. 31. Parishioners of Assumption of Our Lady Mission in Braithwaite said their parish sustained heavy flooding as a result of Hurricane Isaac.

(Foto di San Gartner, REUTERS)
BISHOP REDEDICATES, BLESSES SAINT JOSEPH VNA HOME CARE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades meets baby Joseph and his mom Jenny Derham who is the physical therapy manager for Saint Joseph VNA Home Care, a certified home health-care agency celebrating 110 years of service to the community. Bishop Rhoades was on hand Aug. 27 for the rededication and blessing of the Mishawaka facility. He praised the nurses and administrators for their ministry. “It is a beautiful vocation in which you’re called to see in every patient the image of God,” said Bishop Rhoades. Founded in 1902, Saint Joseph VNA is part of the Trinity Health Organization, which is the fourth largest Catholic health care organization in the country.

South Bend area Red Mass set for Sept. 26
NOTRE DAME — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the Notre Dame Law School, the Department of Political Science and the members of the Red Mass Committee invite all lawyers, judges and civil government officials of the community to the annual Red Mass.

The Red Mass will take place at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5:15 p.m. A reception will follow at the Eck Hall of Law, Eck Commons (second floor). Those wishing to attend are requested to email the diocesan office at hausteg@diesbfw.org.

This ancient custom marks the opening of the judicial year by invoking divine guidance and strength on all those who serve the law.

Red Mass celebrated in Fort Wayne Oct. 3
FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades extends an invitation to lawyers, judges and civil government officials in the Fort Wayne area to attend the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Richard W. Garnett, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame School of Law, will speak after a dinner held at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center following the Mass. His topic will be “Religious Freedom in the American Tradition.” Law professionals can earn 1.0 CLE and 1.0 CJE credits.

Garnett is associate dean for faculty research and professor of law and concurrent professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame. Garnett teaches and writes about the freedoms of speech, association and religion and about constitutional law more generally.

He is the founding director of Notre Dame Law School’s new program in Church, State and Society, an interdisciplinary project that focuses on the role of religious institutions, communities, and authorities in the social order.

Garnett clerked for the late Chief Justice of the United States, William H. Rehnquist, during the court’s 1996 term and also for the late Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Richard S. Arnold.

The suggested donation for the dinner is $20 and payable to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. RSVPs are requested by Sept. 26.

Robin Butler earns gold award, highest in Girl Scouts
BLUFFTON — Robin Sinclair Butler earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, on Aug. 9.

Butler’s project focused on building a prayer path for her parish, St. Joseph Church in Bluffton and the community by commemorating a “rosary path” to the Blessed Mother. The path is a trail through a grove of trees.

that represents a rosary. A gravel pathway, large stones to represent Hail Marys, colorful gazing balls to represent Our Fathers, a statue of Mary, and a crucifix of Jesus were used for the project. A box was built to house information on how to pray the rosary as well. The community may use the trail for prayer, meditation or exercise.

During a special Court of Honor at St. Joseph Church in Bluffton, on Sept. 23, Butler, who is currently studying secondary science at Bluffton University in Indianapolis, will receive her award. She is the daughter of David and Carol Butler.

Secret Sisters Society Luncheon and Style Show set for Sept. 12
MISHAWAKA — The 11th annual Secret Sisters Society Luncheon and Style Show, a stylish event which raises funds to assist underserved women receive life-saving cancer screenings, will take place Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the University of Notre Dame’s Compton Family Ice Arena at Noon.

Organized by the Women’s Task Force of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, proceeds raise from the Secret Sisters Society Luncheon and Style Show will allow underserved women, ages 40-49, to receive free mammogram or cervical cancer screenings. Since March 2003, more than 4,000 free mammograms have been provided or scheduled as a result of the luncheon and style show. The event celebrates survivorship, provides education regarding the importance of early detection, and raises funds to ensure that all women seeking to be proactive and responsible for their health are able to receive life-saving cancer screenings. Tricia Sloma of WNDU, and Dr. Michael Method, medical oncologist and medical advisor to the task force, will co-emcee the event. In addition, all models in the style show are cancer survivors — each demonstrating a true testament to strength and perseverance. The luncheon and style show is open to anyone, but seating is limited. Individual reservations are $35, and patron tables or other sponsorships are still available.

Donations are also being accepted from members of the community that are not able to attend the luncheon. By donating $50 or more, individuals can become a Secret Sisters Society member and help underserved women gain access to mammograms or cervical cancer screenings.

Reservations, inquiries or donations can be made by emailing thefoundation@sjrme.com, calling (574) 472-6354, or by visiting www.sjmed.com/news, or by visiting www.sjmed.com/ways-to-give. Select the “Foundation Events” link in the sidebar. For more information on the Secret Sisters Society, visit www.secret sisterssociety.org.

Knights of Columbus hosts bus trip
GRANGER — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will host a bus trip to Wrigley Field on Thursday, Sept. 20, for the Cubs vs. the Reds baseball game. Cost of $46 includes coffee and rolls prior to the game, food for the reception and the Parade of Champions. Information and reservations can be made by calling Elizabeth Barrett at (574) 286-9047.

Heart of a Child awarded to Valley Screen Process
SOUTH BEND — The Bishop Dwenger High School Speech Team has been awarded charter membership in the National Forensic League (NFL). Charter membership is the highest level of membership in the NFL, and reflects sustained commitment to speech and debate education for several years.

Under the guidance of coach Tim Leffers, and assistant coaches Chad Chenoweth, Emily Dubick and Marin Tierney, approximately 25 Bishop Dwenger students participate in nine meets a year including sectional, regional, and state finals. As members of the Bishop Dwenger Speech Team, students are given the opportunity to build their communication, leadership and presentation skills.
Mary Lou ‘I can get it for you wholesale’ O’Keeffe retires

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Let’s say it is Palm Sunday. Do you ever look at the palm leaf in your hand and wonder where it came from? Probably not, but sometime in the process of that leaf being picked, packed, shipped, blessed and placed in your palm, Mary Lou O’Keeffe was involved.

For the past 34 years O’Keeffe has worked for the Diocesan Purchasing Agency, an in-house arm of the business department of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Her office buys and supplies anything that a church or school needs, all the way from the varnish that covers the gym floor to the precious cloth that covers the altar, as well as many other sacramentals — the candles, vestments, wine, hosts and sacred vessels.

In describing the services of the Purchasing Agency, O’Keeffe emphasizes that the office exists not to make money, but to save money — for parishes and schools — and has been doing just that since the office was established by former Bishop Leo A. Parsley, who brought in his first manager, Bob Bangert, who had recently retired as a purchasing agent for General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Bangert needed an office assistant, and being selective and demanding by training and temperament, he interviewed seven women before choosing Mary Lou O’Keeffe, and after that “he taught me everything there is to know about purchasing,” she recalls fondly, looking back over 34 years.

In retirement, O’Keeffe’s buying will be limited to ingredients for Italian cooking, which she loves, along with reading and watching reruns of Fred and Ginger or Gene Kelly’s movies.

She loves dancing, and as a New York City teenager, was tempted to try out for the Radio City Rockettes, but somehow, with a day job and night school, she never got that chance … and then one night she went to a dance at her parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and met a guy named Joe, her future husband … but that’s a different story.

Cardinal George to speak at OSV Centennial Celebration

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

FORT WAYNE — Cardinal Francis George from the Archdiocese of Chicago will be a presenter at the Our Sunday Visitor Centennial Celebration’s “Continuing the Legacy” symposium on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne. He will speak on the topic of “Between Scientism and Fundamentalism: The Need for a New Catholic Apologetics.” The symposium is an invitation only event.

Cardinal George was born on Jan. 16, 1937 in Chicago to Francis J. and Julia R. (McCarthy) George. After attending St. Pascal Elementary School in Chicago, he attended St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, Ill. He entered the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on Aug. 14, 1957. He studied theology at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and was ordained a priest by Bishop Raymond P. Hillinger on Dec. 21, 1963 at St. Pascal Church.

Cardinal George earned a master's degree in philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1965 and a doctorate in American philosophy at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in 1970. In 1971, he received a master’s degree in theology from the University of Ottawa in Canada. During those years, he also taught philosophy at the Oblate Seminary, Pass Christian, Miss. (1964-69); Tulane University, New Orleans, La. (1966); and at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. (1969-73).

Cardinal George was provincial superior of the Midwestern Province for the Oblates (1973-74). He was vicar general of the Oblates in Rome from 1974-86 and returned to the United States to coordinate the Circle of Fellows for the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture in Cambridge, Mass. (1987-90). During that time, he obtained a doctorate of sacred theology from the Pontifical University, Rome (1989).

Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Yakima in Washington on July 10, 1990, and then appointed him Archbishop of Portland in Oregon on April 30, 1996. Less than a year later, on April 8, 1997, Pope John Paul named him the eighth Archbishop of Chicago. He is the first native Chicagoan to serve as archbishop of Chicago.


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Global Studies announces new department in Global Studies 

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College begins the 2012-13 year with a new academic department, the Department of Global Studies, which offers a new major and minor in global studies. The college has a long history of global education with a robust portfolio of study abroad programs offered through the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership. The new major and minor programs in global studies provide students with an academic home that centers on developing global skill sets in addition to disciplinary knowledge. 

Global studies is an interdisciplinary major in which students learn about the economic, historical, cultural, geographical and political factors that influence global processes. Courses deal with topics as diverse as women in Africa and the Middle East; globalization and economic development; migration and diasporas; politics of multiculturalism; international trade and finance; European literature, history and culture. A student in this major will be required to demonstrate proficiency in at least one world language and spend at least five weeks in college-sponsored study or internship abroad programs. 

There are seven possible concentrations in this major, including Gender and Women’s Studies, Global Business Administration, Global Economics, Global Post-secondary Education Administration, Intercultural Studies, International Development and Modern European Culture. 

Students interested in global studies may contact Jill Vihelic at vihelic@ saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4585. 

USF professor lectures in Malaysia 

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Carl W. Jylland-Halverson, a professor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling at the University of Saint Francis (USF), shared his expertise in a lecture, “Application of Counseling in Mental Health Settings,” at the University of Malaysia, Sarawak (UNIMAS), on July 12. 

Jylland-Halverson traveled to UNIMAS as a guest speaker at the invitation of Associate Professor Dr. Shahrin Ahmad Zaidi and Assistant Vice Chancellor of the Faculty of Cognitive Sciences and Human Development to address the practice of counseling and psychology in diverse settings. Best practices and dealing with different client types were among the topics. Around 150 staff members, students and school counselors attended the half-day presentation. 

He then met in the afternoon with Department of Psychology and Counseling staff members to discuss possible future collaboration between UNIMAS and USF. University officials also hosted him for some sightseeing during the several-day trip. 

“We are pleased that international educators seek out the expertise of our faculty,” said USF President Dr. Andrew Prall. “Instruction in the humanities transcends cultural lines and unifies us as a world community.” 

Saint Mary’s College among ‘Best in the Midwest’ 

NOTRE DAME — The Princeton Review has once again listed Saint Mary’s College among the best colleges and universities in the Midwest. The education services company widely known for its test preparation programs and college and graduate school guides selected the school as one of 153 institutions listed in the “Best in the Midwest” section of its Web site feature “2013 Best Colleges: Region by Region.” 

According to The Princeton Review, the organization reviews institutions in each region and then selects the colleges and universities primarily for their excellent academic programs. “We are very pleased to once again be included among The Princeton Review’s ‘Best in the Midwest,’” said Saint Mary’s College President Carol Ann Mooney. “Our commitment to an excellent intellectual and academic experience for our students is unwavering. Our graduates are our best recruiters. Their accomplishments speak volumes about the quality of the educational experience they received here.” 

Saint Mary’s College has held the “Best in the Midwest” designation every year since The Princeton Review began the “Best Colleges: Region by Region” categorizations 10 years ago.

Kathleen Beeler presented with citizenship award 

NOTRE DAME — Kathleen Malone Beeler was presented with the Colonel Jack Stephens Citizenship Award at a special luncheon at McKenna Hall at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 21. The luncheon was hosted by the Michiana Chapter of Military Officers Association of America. 

Beeler, a graduate of Saint Mary’s College, has served the community as teacher and as chair or board member of numerous community organizations and Catholic schools. She has been dedicated to local fundraising efforts for numerous endeavors including the Logan Capital Campaign, the Diocesan Campaign and the Congregation of Holy Cross Fraternity.

Beeler joins the ranks of previous Colonel Jack Stephens Citizenship Award winners including Father Theodore Hershberger and Holy Cross Sister Maura Brannick. She and her husband Brian Regan have five children and seven grandchildren. 

Bishop Dwenger High School offers ACT/SAT prep course 

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School is offering an ACT/SAT prep course on Tuedays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 18, and end on Thursday, Nov. 1. The 14 sessions will include test familiarity, pacing, strategies, as well as a review of English, math and science concepts. The Tuesday sessions will focus on critical reading, writing and grammar, while the Thursday sessions will address math and science.

The class fee is $195 and includes both an ACT text and SAT text for the course. The class is open to high school students in the Allen County area.

For more information and registration call Bishop Dwenger High School at (260) 496-4700 or visit www.bishopdwenger.com.

St. Pius X to host Respect Life Educational Fair 

GRANGER — St. Pius X Church Respect Life Ministry will present a respect life educational fair titled “Created in His Image: Building a Culture of Life From the Start” on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Participants will learn about the Church’s teachings as it relates to beginning of life issues, ways to live the pro-life faith in a secular world, and about organizations in the South Bend area that support the sanctity of all life beginning with conception.

Dr. Charles Rice, professor emeritus at the University of Notre Dame Law School, will speak on the topic, “How Can We Live Our Respect Life Beliefs in a Secular World.”

Are you celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th Wedding Jubilee in 2012? 

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate two Wedding Jubilee Masses

In Fort Wayne, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. Mary’s at Jefferson and Lafayette.

In South Bend, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. Matthew School.

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at the top of the hill, just off of Cedar Street, and looked out
over this huge property and excavated dirt, a blank canvas,
and I was truly overwhelmed," Richter said. "Overwhelmed
with the amazing opportunity we’d been given, the limit-
less possibilities in our future and the incredible challenges
that lay ahead of us. It was a powerfully emotional day and
moment for all of us.

As Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Myers admired the
new facilities, he said Richter’s motherly heart helped steer
the project through challenging eco-
nomic times.

"Only a mother’s love could
endure to complete such a proj-
et while meeting a full high
school academic calendar and
schedule," smiled Myers as the
crowd applauded. "Thank you,
numero uno." Richter smiled.

"Family is the most impor-
tant thing here, probably more
important than tradition, know-
ing you’ll be together forever."

"I don’t think the essence
of Saint Joe really changes at
all," said Judy Madden, mother
of three boys currently attend-
ing the high school. "We send
our kids here to get a Catholic
education in mind, heart, spirit
and body. The new building was
made possible by the people in
the old building, so we come
to honor them and carry on
the tradition."

"All the teachers really
care and want you to succeed," said
Matthew Madden, a junior. "Saint
Joe is more than a
building," agreed Matthew
Madden, a junior. "Saint Joe
is like a family; everyone is so
close. All the teachers really
care and want you to succeed."

Michael Madden, a senior,
said he’s looking forward to
starting some new traditions and
marking milestones in the new
building.

"It’s special," he grinned.
"Family is the most impor-
tant thing here, probably more
important than tradition, know-
ing you’ll be together forever."

During the open house fol-
lowing the dedication ceremony,
Bishop Rhoades blessed each
classroom, office and athletic
facility in the new building.

With the help of school chap-
lain Father Terry Coonan, holy
water was sprinkled everywhere
as photos were snapped and
happy crowds toured the school
from top to bottom.

"I’m sure the students will
love it," he admitted, "and the
football players will love it. My
name is very small and it should
be put in small places, like on
the back of some tree. But a
lot of people put a lot of time
and effort into this field … God
bless ‘em!"

Even as people lingered in
the building, faculty and staff
members prepared for student
orientation Aug. 28 and the first
day of school Aug. 30.

"The halls of Saint Joe will
be filled with our students," he
smiled. Richter, "breathing life
and soul into this school. Students, faculty and
staff will embark on another
year of fulfilling our mission,
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heart and mind to serve God,
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Bishop supports special education initiative at St. Louis Academy

A special celebration in honor of the parish’s patron saint — St. Louis — followed. In his homily, the bishop reviewed the history of and wonderful qualities possessed by the young King of France, describing him as a holy and compassionate leader. Next he encouraged students to live out the two great commandments this school year and strive to become holy in all that they do.

Bishop Rhoades expressed his sincere gratitude to the students, pastor, staff and entire St. Louis Parish community for supporting and embracing the inaugural launch for the new program. “The mission of Catholic education is to serve as many of our students as possible,” he said.

After Mass, Bishop Rhoades made his traditional rounds visiting each classroom where each of the 66 enrolled were anxiously waiting.

His questions and theological concepts gradually became more complex as he moved from the primary to higher grades, starting with the “bää-ing” kindergartners as he described his role as the good shepherd to an explanation of the mystery of the Incarnation and definition of “consubstantial” with the seventh and eighth-graders.

In each room, Bishop Rhoades opened the floor to questions and students found out everything from the bishop’s favorite kind of pizza to what he liked most about being a bishop. Trying to clarify a bishop’s role, third-grader Cade Campbell inquired, “So, you’re like a back-up to Jesus?”

The bishop’s final stop was the school’s library room, which was converted over the summer months to a dual purpose room now sharing space with the resource center — the hub for the heart of the special needs program — where one young student proudly displayed his morning accomplishments.

“I believe we will be successful because an idea is only as strong as its weakest link and every staff member in this building is so very strong and committed to the program. The teachers are teaching (the existing students) by example how to assimilate the new students into the classroom,” said resource teacher Amanda Arnold.

Arnold’s background comes from much larger venues. She attended St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne, started her teaching career in the Southwest Allen County Schools, then co-taught for years with Klinker at St. Vincent. “I was very apprehensive about the small setting, but Cheryl (Klinker) insisted, ‘You just have to see this special place,’ noted Arnold.

She had to agree. The program has started off. Our current students are learning compassion and understanding for the disabled, while our special needs families are attesting to immediate changes in their students’ behaviors at home. During our transition conferences, the parents are continually telling me what a difference in their children’s lives is being enveloped in this special community,” she said.

Klinker continued, “This is a win-win situation. The program has created a new draw for enrollment at St. Louis Academy while developing a protocol that can be copied and used in the most efficient manner possible so other parishes will jump on board, and the concept will continue to grow across the diocese.”

Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, under which disabilities falls, told Today’s Catholic last spring, “Serving the disabled in the diocese isn’t an option. It’s a challenge and a privilege.”

Glowaski has confidence in the new program and added, “I believe God is blessing this endeavor. As a diocese we need the gifts, talents and faithfulness of the disabled.”

Summarizing the new role of his parish gem, Father Colchin, pastor, concluded, “This is an extraordinary opportunity. We believe it is our calling and are committed to provide a Christ-centered Catholic education for all.”
TLHGTY IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE COUNTY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades talks about St. Louis in his homily. Father Steve Colchin, pastor, sits at the left.

Above, Bishop Rhoades leads a prayer in the fourth-grade classroom. Left, students raise the flag.

First- and second-grade boys at St. Louis Academy pose after Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets first- and second-grade students on his Aug. 30 visit to St. Louis Academy.

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Keeping the faith in college

BY CLAIRE RONNER

With another fall semester already here, college students flood campuses across the country and many freshmen leave the shelter of their hometowns for the first time. It’s a challenging transition, and the constant bombardment of new ideas makes it difficult for students to retain the faith they’ve always known.

“For the first time, you’re calling your own shots,” says Sarah Striebich, campus minister at St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Newman Center at Ball State University in Muncie. “You have an awesome opportunity to step up in your faith and find out what you believe and how you want to be involved in that.”

Luckily, campus Catholic centers understand that. Each of Indiana’s largest state schools — Ball State University, Purdue University and Indiana University — have Newman Centers, student-focused communities dedicated to Catholic ministry at non-Catholic universities.

At Ball State, the Catholic Student Union (CSU) actively promotes Catholic ministry at the start of every semester. Students host an ice cream social, give out coffee and doughnuts on the first day of class, and organize a Eucharistic Adoration during the first week back.

Sarah Striebich acts as a full-time religious advisor for the CSU, but sophomores, juniors and seniors plan the retreats, speakers and mission trips. Since CSU is a student organization through Ball State, the CSU council annually elects its leaders to serve yearlong terms and offers new students leadership opportunities as they participate in church events.

The Fellowship of University Catholic Students, or FOCUS, engages Ball State Catholics with 50 different Bible study sessions, all student-led. The FOCUS leaders act as mentors but also receive mentorship from one of the four Catholic missionaries who work on Ball State’s campus.

“As the FOCUS leaders grow and develop in their faith, they continue to reach out and give back to the younger students,” says Striebich. “As they reach their senior year they’re not as heavily involved so a new crop can come in and lead.”

In Bloomington, priests and brothers in the Dominican order help Indiana University students build a spiritual home at the St. Paul Newman Center. In the past year, the entire Dominican staff changed at St. Paul’s, and the new priests are looking forward to bringing fresh life to the center.

“We promise students that each of us priests will be involved in every aspect of campus ministry,” says Father John Meany at a weekend Mass. “We’re excited to work directly with all the inspiring young adults of the parish.”

Throughout the year, St. Paul’s Student Life Team executes activities for Hoosier Catholics. This includes a mid-week group prayer and Adoration followed by a group social hour. On Sundays, the parish offers a “last chance” 9 p.m. Mass for students who can’t get to morning or evening Masses. Students can lead or participate in a variety of retreats and volunteer in the community with each other.

And since nothing draws the broke college student like a free meal, parishioners welcome all to a monthly spaghetti dinner following the 5:30 p.m. Mass and also cook hundreds of pancakes for a late-night stress relief during finals week.

Up in West Lafayette, the Purdue Newman Center holds movie nights every Saturday and a weekly dinner before the 7 p.m. Mass for $2, since the university doesn’t offer meals on Sundays.

“This is a very impressionable time for young people and they’re going to be making a lot of decisions that will effect them throughout their life,” says Father Baikauskas. “It’s our responsibility and our call as the Catholic center is to reach out to students and help them be the face of Jesus Christ on campus.”

Catholic students at the St. Francis Catholic Center on the Ball State University’s campus have access to Mass, the sacraments and Eucharistic Adoration as well as social events, retreats and mission trips.
Louise Weber joins environmental science team at University of Saint Francis

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — If you look near the new bookshelves in the office of environmental sciences, you’ll see the newest addition to its teaching team at the University of Saint Francis (USF). Louise Weber, or Lou as she’s known to her friends and family, has accepted the post of professor of biology and environmental sciences and will begin teaching this month as undergraduate and graduate classes begin in earnest.

The Fort Wayne native is excited to be back in Indiana after spending the last 15 years in Asheville, N.C., teaching and chairing the largest department of environmental studies in the country at Warren Wilson College. And after growing up in a Catholic family with faith-filled parents and three close-knit sisters, this 1978 Bishop Luers High School grad, is pleased to be teaching at a Catholic university.

Proud of her 19 years of Catholic education garnered right here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Weber says, “I always wanted to teach in a Catholic institution. I knew it would make a difference with the students.” Directing the students’ effort where they would do the most good in a secular institution sometimes lacked the fundamental moral value she prizes as her mission, she notes.

The University of Saint Francis’ newest environmentalist reveals that she’s known she would work in ecology since she was 12 years old, even though there were no women in the field at the time. Family trips to the lake nurtured Weber’s desire to work with the environment. “It felt like heaven,” she relates, “with the lake, identifying birds, the turtles…”

Weber went on to earn a biology degree from Saint Mary’s College, a master’s degree in aquatic ecology from Notre Dame and a doctorate in conservation biology from Clemson University. While teaching at Warren Wilson College she purchased a lake house near Wolcottville in Indiana where she could spend the summers in a natural habitat and says, “I remembered what great lake country this is.”

Weber soon found herself drawn back to her roots, then to USF, and is now eager to apply her experience and leadership to the existing environmental science program there. The intelligent and focused environmentalist sees great promise in the program and the impact it may have on the environment in Fort Wayne, the diocese and northeast Indiana.

And her faith, she says, is at the root of her changing efforts in this field. “At (Bishop) Luers and Saint Mary’s they talked about social justice — doing everything possible to help others. That’s the root of it,” she says, adding, “The intersection of faith and professional training gave me a chance to think about the greater good.”

That greater good will benefit from her vision of the future for the USF environmental sciences program, which includes not only pushing her students to work in the field on real world problems, such as erosion and pollution among the lakes, but also assisting them in realizing the plethora of opportunities for employment in the field and directing their efforts where they will do the most good.

“The great myth is that there are few jobs related to environmental science,” Weber says, listing conservation biology field tech with a focus on birds, teaching at nature centers, enhancing the greening efforts within churches and other organizations through education, and environmental architecture as only a few of the jobs currently available.

And for the past five years, Weber has been working on writing an ecology textbook. “There is a crucial need for an updated textbook,” Weber says, adding that if published it will be the first ecology textbook written by a woman. “Sixty-eight percent of the students in the sciences are women,” she notes, “It’s time.”

Weber hopes to bring new and innovative ideas to the program all wrapped in faith.

“My parents gave everything so their kids could have a Catholic education. It is one of the greatest gifts of my life,” says USF’s newest professor of biology and environmental sciences. She hopes her students will feel that way too. Her simple teaching philosophy is “love above all,” and that will translate into an environmentally sound way of life for the science students at the University of Saint Francis for years to come.

Louise Weber is the newest member of the environmental sciences teaching team at the University of Saint Francis. She hopes to bring new and innovative ideas to the program all wrapped in faith. Her simple teaching philosophy is “love above all.”

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NOTRE DAME — Three men made their final profession of vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross on Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, and were then ordained to the Order of Deacon by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, at Moreau Seminary Chapel on Aug. 26.

Newly-elected provincial superior with United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O’Hara, celebrated the Aug. 25 Mass and received the final profession of vows of Brian Christopher Ching, Mark Francis DeMott and Jarrod Michael Waugh.

The three men took the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the past several years, they have been in a period of temporary vows, renewing those vows annually. They committed their lives and work to the communal life and ministry of Holy Cross.

The newly ordained Deacon Brian Ching is the eldest of Debbie and Fred Ching’s two children. Born in New York City, he grew up in Flushing, N.Y., where he graduated from Holy Cross High School in 2003. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2007 and a Master of Divinity in 2012.

Ching entered Old College during his sophomore year at Notre Dame in 2004. He studied at the American College in Louvain, Belgium, for a semester. During his time at the Holy Cross Novitiate (2007-2008) in Cascade, Colo., Ching served as a volunteer chaplain with Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

He has also served as a religious education teacher at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger, (2009-2010); and as a seminarian intern at Holy Cross’ St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Ariz. (2010-2011). He professed his first vows on Aug. 2, 2008. He is currently serving at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, and will continue to serve there as a deacon.

The newly ordained Deacon Mark DeMott’s first placement as a deacon is serving at the University of Portland (Ore.), a Holy Cross university, as a residence hall director.

He has been well-travelled during his seminary days with Holy Cross, having served as director of Christian Formation at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend (2007-2008); Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santisima de la Luz in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico (summer 2008); Penrose Main Hospital in Colorado Springs (during his novitiate year in 2008-2009); Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado Springs (2008-2009); Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend (2009-2010), where he served as director of liturgy and music; Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend (2010-2011); and Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School, Jinja, Uganda, where he was choir director and a chemistry and biology teacher (2011-2012). DeMott entered Holy Cross in 2007. He professed his first vows on Aug. 1, 2009.

The eldest of five children, DeMott grew up in Holland, Mich., the son of Dr. and Mrs. John (Jodi) DeMott. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., and graduated from Holland High School in 1998. He received a bachelor’s degree in 2002 from Notre Dame, where he also received a Master of Divinity in 2007.

Newly ordained Deacon Jarrod Waugh grew up in rural southeast Kansas, graduating from Labette County High School in Altamont in 2004.

The eldest of three children of Jerry and Carolyn Waugh, he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2008 and a Master of Divinity in 2012. He lived in Keough Hall for two years and was active in Campus Ministry and the campus Knights of Columbus Council before entering Old College as a junior in 2006. Waugh professed first vows on Aug. 1, 2009.

During his Holy Cross formation, Waugh served as an adult Bible study catechist at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend (2007-2008); St. André Bessette Catholic Church, Portland (summer, 2008); chaplain at Penrose Hospital during his novitiate year (2008-2009); Holy Redeemer Parish and School, Portland (January, 2009); and served as assistant director of the Old College Undergraduate Seminary Program at Notre Dame (2011-2012). He is serving currently as a deacon.

All three will be ordained priests in the spring, on April 6, 2013.

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**TODAY’S CATHOLIC**
Educational opportunity attracts nation’s top linebacker, Jaylon Smith, to Notre Dame

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rated the No. 1 outside linebacker in the country by top recruiting websites like Scout.com, Rivals.com and 24/7 Sports.com, Bishop Luers’ Jaylon Lemar Smith committed to play football for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame on June 2.

The 6-foot-3, 225 pound senior celebrated his 17th birthday less than two weeks later and spent the rest of a busy summer preparing from sun up until sun down for the final season of his high school career.

Traveling across the United States, Smith turned heads and dropped jaws in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where his (Athletes With Purpose) AWP 7-on-7 team finished fifth at the prestigious national tournament, at a Nike training camp in Beaverton, Ore., and in Atlanta, Ga., for the Five-Star Challenge.

Smith has six siblings — two older brothers, Jordan and Rod, a younger sister Saniya and three younger brothers Rondale (11), Leslie (3) and Landon (1). He is the son of Roger Smith and Sophia Woodson. Football runs through and on both sides of the family. Smith’s older brother Rod was a standout at Harding High School and is currently playing for the Buckeyes at Ohio State.

On his mother’s side, Smith has relatives who have played the game, like Fort Wayne standouts J. C. Martin and J.J. Robinson (University of Illinois). And it was a cousin on his father’s side, Kenneth Mullen, who Smith followed to Bishop Luers. But Smith admits his own father was “more of a basketball guy” back in the day. “He was a lefty at Northrop and had a pretty good shot,” he said.

Smith has been a varsity starter for the Luers’ Knights since entering the program as a freshman and has a decorated list of stats behind his name. Despite having three state titles under his belt, he will tell anyone the favorite game of his high school career came early on when he was a freshman and played his older brother Rod, who was a senior at Harding at the time. “The whole family was there and we (the Knights) got the ‘W’,” he fondly recalled. In the game, Jaylon forced a key fumble on Rod that helped Bishop Luers pull off a 14-8 victory.

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So, keep an eye out for the young man wearing No. 9. He’ll be the quiet one who is sure to make plenty of noise under the Friday night lights this fall. And when the last note of “Pomp and Circumstance” has played at Bishop Luers, this humble star will be moving on to live every football player’s dream — running through the tunnel wearing the blue and gold of Notre Dame.

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When he is not sacking quarterbacks, chasing down running backs and scoring touchdowns, the freshman mentor at Bishop Luers enjoys catching up on sleep, bowling and spending time with his girlfriend.

Smith was sought after by many reputable programs, but decided on the University of Notre Dame because of their top notch academic reputation. “My main goal is to come out with a great education and Notre Dame can give me that hands down. I feel blessed to use my God-given football talent to get that,” Smith humbly explained.

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Bishop Luers running back Jaylon Smith scores one of his two touchdowns in the football game versus Bishop Dwenger (the Battle of the Bishops) on Oct 14, 2011, at Zollner Field in Fort Wayne. Smith, then a junior, had a monster game, helping the Luers Knights clinch the SAC title.

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Dealing with difficult people

We all have them in our lives — those people we don’t like. People who rub us the wrong way, who push our buttons, and sometimes more seriously, people who truly are dangerous to our mental or physical health. What should we do?

Jesus tells His followers to forgive 70 times seven (Mt 18:21-23). But how? St. Therese wanted to obey Jesus’ commandment to love one’s enemies. She shared that, in Carmel, there are no enemies, but there were some annoying people. Think of that — people can even annoy saints! There were some nuns whom St. Therese did not like, but Therese set about going out of her way to treat them lovingly just as Christ would. This should be our response to the difficult people in our lives — simply to treat those people with love, regardless of our feelings.

“But the Our Father prays ‘lead us not into temptation’ and this person is a huge temptation for me!” you may say. And indeed that very well may be true. God doesn’t ask us to seek out difficult people, just treat them with kindness and patience when we do come in contact with them.

Do you have difficulty forgiving offense? You’ve heard the old adage “Hurt (adjective) people hurt (verb) people”? Well, there is much truth to that. Before this difficult person hurt you, you were likely hurt by someone else. This does not excuse his sin, of course, but if you view the person as damaged, an innocent soul before he was swayed by sin, it is easier to forgive.

Once we have forgiven should we forget it? No. Yes, we should not dwell upon the offenses against us. We should pray for and wish the best for even those who do evil to us. However, we

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God restores and strengthens us through forgiveness

The Epistle of James is the source of the second reading. The New Testament mentions several men with this name. Likely, other men by the same name were alive at the time of Jesus or in the first decades of Christianity. The Scripture is not definite in identifying the James to whom the title of this epistle refers.

Some scholars believe it was James, who was called the “brother of Jesus.” This figure was in the news a few years ago when a burial casket was discovered bearing an inscription stating that the casket once had contained the bones of James, the “brother of Jesus.”

Israeli archaeologists since have concluded that this inscription is a forgery. Who was James, the brother of Jesus? The oldest Christian tradition was that James was a son of Joseph by Joseph’s earlier marriage. Under Jewish law, sons or daughters of Joseph’s earlier marriage, if indeed there were an earlier marriage, would have been called the “brothers” and “sisters” of Jesus. The most ancient Christian teaching is that Jesus was Mary’s only child. The Lord then had no full siblings.

The reading this weekend is a great lesson in the equality of all humans before God, and the folly of putting too much emphasis on the earthly and material. All earthly things will pass away. Only the spiritual will endure.

St. Mark’s Gospel provides the third reading. In this reading, Jesus has returned to the Holy Land from visits to Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon, and to the Ten Cities, an area now in Jordan. Mark by visiting these places, Jesus takes the word, and power, of God far and wide, to gentiles as well as to Jews.

Jesus meets a man who can

Reflection

The Church for weeks has been calling us to discipleship. It also has warned us that we are limited, shortsighted and weak.

These readings confront us not so much about physical problems as about sin, and how sin removes us from communion with God and therefore from the community of the holy. Sin blinds us and leaves us deaf spiritually and mentally. It isolates us, renders us helpless and dooms us.

Forgiving us, God restores, refreshes and strengthens us. We can see. We can hear. We can find, and make our way.

PRAYING MOTHERS BEHIND GOLD-MEDAL ATHLETES

The one thing that may be harder than being an Olympian is being the parent of an Olympian. As I watched the London games, I was awed by the athletes and charmed by their parents.

There was Michael Phelps’ mom, her eyes and mouth drawn into o’s, momentarily misreading a silver-medal finish for a gold then breaking into petite applause as reality sunk in.

There were Aly Raisman’s parents, moving as much as possible while watching their daughter back, rock forward, biting their lips as their 18-year-old daughter flipped across a 4-inch beam. “I think they were more nervous than I was,” Aly told Bob Costas.

But the parent who impressed me most was Rita Werie, the Michigan mom who clutched a rosary as her daughter, Jordyn, sailed across the uneven bars. Her quest for gold involved heartbreak: Jordyn was favored to win the Olympic All-Around, as the highest-scoring gymnast in all four events, and instead she didn’t qualify. She couldn’t suppress tears, and the image was broadcast: chins dropped into palms, fingertips pressed to eyes. A symbol of defeat, a longtime dream snatched away.

More striking than the crying was the composure that so quickly followed. Jordyn, who is 17, tweeted: “Thank you all for your love and support. I’m extremely honored to be an Olympian and be a part of this team.”

Rita reflected that night on her blog. “Things don’t always end up as we think they should, but in the end … it becomes obvious that God has a good plan,” she wrote.

Two days later Jordyn was sitting in the stands, having declared herself “the loudest cheerleader,” watching her teammate Gabby Douglas win the all-around title she had hoped to clinch. Jordyn cheered wildly and tapped out the congratulatory tweet: “You deserve it, girl!”

The gold medal Jordyn won brought glory, and the gold medal she lost brought character. Back home in Dewitt, she can proudly recite 2 Timothy 4:7: “I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.”

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Assisted suicide and Mary’s assumption

O
n Aug. 15, Catholics honored the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, body and soul. The Assumption is a doctrine proclaimed officially in relatively recent times, but it has been celebrated and believed since the Church’s earliest days. The Assumption has a special meaning for my family and myself. It marks the anniversary of the death of my wife’s mother. Every Aug. 15, we remember what a happy death she had, surrounded at home by her family, singing and praying the rosary. This was fitting. The chief appeal we make in the rosary (53 times) is for a happy death: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.” When he proclaimed the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII explained in “Munificentissimus Deus” that because Mary was conceived without sin, “she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.” People who regularly repeat such prayers — who think like this about the end of life — are bound to disagree with some of our unhappiest cultural trends. Assisted suicide, which the law allows in Oregon and Washington, is on the ballot in Massachusetts this November. We all know the occasional case where someone, sadly depressed and mentally unstable, tragically takes his own life. But the modern campaign wants to make suicide a right for everyone. The arguments for it are simple enough. A consistent materialist might assert that we are only lumps of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, and when the electricity stops, we’re gone. If that’s the case, there is no moral harm in turning off one’s own switch, is there? Light is useful, but if the light is painful, why not extinguish it? Others might reach the same conclusion from an opposite and more spiritualist perspective. A modern Manichean might hold that the soul shares in God’s life, but death is only a matter of shutting off this mortal coil. Why should there be any more harm in that than in a snake shedding its skin? Catholics think differently than modern culture does about bodies. We believe God created us in body and soul, and saved us entirely. We believe that the Word was made flesh and not just spirit, that eternal life is about bodies no less than souls.

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should not feel compelled to put ourselves in a situation where we “forget” the offense occurred and thus can be seriously hurt again. If someone has mentally or physically abused or hurt our children, our spouse or us, for example, it is not only okay to avoid that person but it is imperative that we do so. What about forgiving when the perpetrator is not penitent? Kindness should be offered, when the perpetrator is not penitent but it is imperative that we do not feel compelled to put ourselves in a situation where we might be seriously hurt again.

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We who hold that we are equally body and soul — both are essential to us, both in our own view and in God’s — cannot imagine destroying either. The act of suicide is an explicit denial of what the Assumption affirms, that Christ has already triumphed over sin and death. Suicide repudiates all of God’s goodness and the entire work He made, as G.K. Chesterton wrote, “the man who kills himself, kills all men; as far as he is concerned, he wiped out the world. When a man hangs himself on a tree, the leaves might fall off in anger and the birds fly away in fury: for each has received a personal affront.”

“Now and at the hour of our death,” we pray. Mary’s trust in God through-out her life was so great that to this day, Muslims pilgrims visit and revere the Ephesian home from which she believe was assumed. She did not presume to choose the hour God chose for her. It is one of the few things in life that none of us has a right to choose.

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ICCL teams ready for 68th season

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — The Inter-City Catholic League is aging like a fine wine getting better and better as it continues to focus on the development of youth in the area.

“This fall we will have more than 1,000 children participating in cheerleading, softball, football and girls’ and boys’ soccer,” explained president of the ICCL, Tony Violi. “We are fortunate to have Jeff Deitchley as the soccer sports director and Kevin Sandor is taking over the reigns in softball from Barb Kane who had done a fantastic job.”

“I can’t stress enough how the outpouring of volunteerism makes this league run and enables it to accomplish its mission of giving our youth a solid foundation in the fundamentals of sport,” continued Violi. “The other objectives that are more important, are to foster cohesiveness in the classroom and to infuse Catholic values in our men-
something special to the ending of a season.”

The football schedule will have one different venue this season as Saint Joseph High School will be rolling out the red carpet, or should it be said, green carpet, as the ICCL will be playing on the field at the new campus.

“For our kids to be able to play on both Marian’s Otoluki Field and Saint Joseph’s Bly Field, we are truly blessed,” said Violi, who also doubles as director of football.

“We started our season with the traditional jamboree on Labor Day Sunday and then our regular season on Sunday afternoons until Oct. 7.”

“This season we have five varsi-
ty teams, five A-Division teams and five B-Division teams,” explained Violi. “The two lower divisions are for development and have a minimum play rule to help get the kids acclimated to the physicality of the game.”

“Our playoffs take up the month of October with the championship being played at Bly Field on the last Sunday of the month,” added Violi. “The ICCL will be hosting the diocesan championship game this season and the CYO teams will be hosted at the new campus.”

Preseason volleyball brings out Decatur’s best

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — In preparation for their 2012 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball season, Coach Mike Talarico and the Lady Commodores from St. Joseph, Decatur, hosted their third annual Commodore Classic preseason tournament on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The seventh-grade division had three teams participate in the round robin play with St. John, New Haven, winning. St. Charles finishing runner-up and the hosts taking third. In the match between the Raiders and Cardinals the scores were 25-11, 25-12.

For the eighth graders, Decatur finished in first place going 4-0 on the day. The Commodores battled their longtime foe, St. Charles, in the final matchup, 25-14, 25-19. The two met in the CYO championship as seventh graders with the Cardinals defeating St. Joseph, who had previously been undefeated. Huntington (0-4), St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (2-2) and St. John, New Haven, (1-3) also participated.

Wilder will be coaching both girls and boys so that six girls on his eighth-grade squad and nine for his younger group. Years ago, the mentor helped with a program named Little Angels, designed to teach pre-CYO age girls the game of volleyball.

“Many of those same girls are on this team,” Wilder explained, “looking forward to the season, he added, “We have a well-balanced group with some height and lots of players with lots of volleyball experience.”

2012 CYO action kicked off after Labor Day.

In Sunday’s first matchup on the gridiron, St. Charles beat Holy Cross 8-6 in a very hard-hitting slug fest at Zollner Stadium. According to Coach Sam Talarico, the Cardinal’s lone score came on a 7-yard run from Mike Hake and the point after was converted by Jack Pentenburg. The touchdown was set up by a 30-yard pass from Pentenburg to Riley Miller. St. Charles, now 2-0, was led by Carl Williams who had 10 tackles and 100 all-purpose yards. Sam Taylor sealed the victory with an interception with 30 seconds left on the clock.

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End of summer books usher in cozy nights and fireplaces

By Kay Lizard

For a relaxing end to the summer heat the following books sent to Today’s Catholic may just hit the spot for Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name, ISBN number and price for ease of purchase.

“Fools, Liars, Cheaters, and Other Bible Heroes,” by Barbara Hosbah offers short easy-to-read chapters that each profile one of 28 biblical figures. Hosbah includes a Scripture verse in which the figure appears and commentary on the verse, as well as a personal insight or vignette. Each chapter concludes with questions that will assist the reader in exploring how they journey toward God. The delightful chapters are arranged in give and take writing between the authors. A good read. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-135-8, $16.99.


“The Catholics Next Door: Adventures in Imperfect Living,” by Greg and Jennifer Willits applies the wit and humor made famous on their popular radio show “The Catholics Next Door” to bring insights to their readers that will assist them as they journey toward God. The delightful chapters are arranged with reflection questions to lead readers to their own calling to share. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-428-1, $10.99.

“Catholic and Confident: Simple Steps to Share Your Faith,” by Henry Libersat is a handy map on how to evangelize your faith with confidence. Its pages are sprinkled with examples of real-life Catholics as well as Scripture and teachings from past and present popes, writings from the USCCB and other Church documents. Each chapter concludes with reflection questions to lead readers to their own calling to share. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-427-4, $12.99.


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**St. Joseph School plans to ‘Raise the Roof’**

Garrett — Todd Herendeen and Follow that Dream band will perform at a fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 9, in the school gymnasium, 301 W. Houston St., at 4 p.m. Live and silent auctions, food and raffles will be held. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Students are $7/$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the school roof project.

**Fall rummage and bake sale**

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a fall rummage and bake sale Friday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday fill a door. All proceeds will benefit the school, 735 W. Calvert St. Procceeds will benefit the parish.

Catholic networking group to meet

Fort Wayne — The first First Friday meeting of the Catholic Business and Professionals Network Group will be Friday, Sept. 7, with Mass in the Guérin Chapel at 7 a.m. followed by networking in the Cathedral Center.

Refreshments provided by United Healthcare. The guest speaker will be Father James Bromwich, of the Sons of St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation.

**St. John plans festival**

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have a festival Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon to 10 p.m. Games, inflatables, auctions and more. Nelson’s chicken dinner, beer tent and casino games will be offered.

**Eagle Scout Project fundraiser**

Yoder — St. Aloysius Eagle Scouts will have a car wash Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Aloysius School parking lot. Free will donation. Proceeds used to paint U.S. map, hopscotch courts on playground, and install new see-saws.

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