SOUTH BEND — This year’s Arise Conference emphasized the theme of women being “Chosen” by God to support the family, the community and the Christian faith. The conference was held Sept. 15 with approximately 660 women in attendance at South Bend’s Century Center.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the focus of the morning of the conference. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Mass. The bishop reminded those in attendance that Mary stood by her Son at the foot of the cross.

“Every fiber of her being was shaken by the experience of seeing the suffering of Jesus. We can hardly imagine the depth of her sorrow. Perhaps only those women who have experienced the death of a little child can fully grasp the depth of Mary’s sorrow,” said Bishop Rhoades, recalling his own sorrow at the death of both of his parents. At his mother’s death he remembered her last moments.

“My mother suffered from cancer and it was the hardest thing I ever experienced in my life. As she was dying my family gathered around and prayed the rosary,” Bishop Rhoades recalled.

He added, “At the end of the rosary, after we all told her we loved her, I gave her a blessing and then she died. I’ll never forget that. The Blessed Mother’s love and compassion, so evident at the foot of the cross, extends to us.”

Following Mass, Dr. Scott Hahn, an international speaker and bestselling author on the subject of Scripture and the Catholic faith, went on to say that the “pinnacle of all other freedoms,” religious freedom is a “sacred and inalienable right,” which includes the “freedom to choose the religion which one judges to be true and to manifest one’s beliefs in public,” the pope wrote.

It is a civil crime in some Muslim countries for Muslims to convert to another faith and, in Saudi Arabia, Catholic priests have been arrested for celebrating Mass, even in private.

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The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist were greeted by Huntington pastors, high school students and others when the 20 postulants, six novices and three professed sisters arrived at their new home, the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, on Sept. 13.
Faith and Works

Preparing for the Year of Faith: Faith and Works

Next month, on October 11th, the Church throughout the world will begin the observance of a Year of Faith. Pope Benedict called for this special year to help all of us to be renewed in our Catholic faith, to promote the rediscovery of the truth, beauty, and power of the faith. Our faith is not merely an idea or philosophy, an ethical system or ideology. It is first and foremost communion and friendship with a Person, with Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became flesh and who suffered and died for us and rose from the dead. Faith is communion with Him and living a life in conformity with that communion, with that friendship, a life according to the Spirit. It is a faith that, according to Saint Paul, works through charity.

In a passage from the letter of Saint James, which we heard at Mass last Sunday, he asks: what good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works? James insists that faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. This may seem to contradict what Saint Paul teaches in his letters where he writes that we are justified by faith apart from the works of the Law. Martin Luther added the word “alone” and said we are justified by faith alone. This controversy about justification by faith, a cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation, became a principal reason for the division between Catholics and Protestants. Thanks be to God, much progress has been made through ecumenical dialogue to overcome the misunderstanding since the time of Martin Luther concerning the issue of justification and faith.

So how do we resolve the apparent contradiction between the teaching of Saint Paul and Saint James? It is important that we understand the meaning of the word “faith.” What is faith? It is, above all, as I have said, being united to Christ, entrusting oneself to Christ and to his life. In doing so, one enters into His love. Faith creates charity. Charity is the fulfillment of communion with Christ. Luther was right that we can’t be justified by works. The Council of Trent taught that neither faith nor works merit the grace of justification. We are unable to justify ourselves. Justification is a gift from God. The Council of Trent taught that “nobody should flatter oneself with faith alone, thinking that by faith alone one is made an heir and will obtain the inheritance.” We are called to live in God’s grace, to persevere in faith and good works.

It is important to see the intimate connection between faith and good works. As Saint James taught, faith without works is dead. The Catechism teaches that “when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ and does not make him a living member of his Body (CCC 1815). If it is genuine and authentic, faith is expressed in charity. A faith without charity is not true faith. The Year of Faith is a great opportunity for all of us and for every parish to be renewed. Many Catholics seem to have grown lazy in the faith (so many even neglect Sunday Mass). We must reach out to them and to others who are unchurched, who are adrift in our increasingly secularized culture. A truly vibrant parish is one that evangelizes, that reaches out to others, inviting them to embrace faith in Jesus Christ and to be united with Him in His Body, the holy, Catholic Church. We must not be afraid to profess our faith and to propose the Catholic faith to others. In doing so, we must bear witness to that faith through love, through good works.

The best evangelization is our witness of charity, the witness of our Christian lives. That attracts people to Christ and His Church even more powerfully and effectively than our words. The Year of Faith is a great opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. He reminds us of the teaching of Saint James and also the teaching of Saint Paul who wrote that, in the end, faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. Faith and charity require each other, the Holy Father teaches us. Through faith, we can recognize Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters and assist them through our good works, our charity and love. Jesus taught that this is how we will be judged.

As we prepare to celebrate these truths: that we are justified through the gift of faith in Christ (as our Protestant brothers and sisters insist), but also that this faith must be lived in charity or else it is dead. Faith without charity bears no fruit. Pope Benedict sees the Year of Faith as a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. He reminds us of the teaching of Saint James and also the teaching of Saint Paul who wrote that, in the end, faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. Faith and charity require each other, the Holy Father teaches us. Through faith, we can recognize Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters and assist them through our good works, our charity and love. Jesus taught that this is how we will be judged.
Ten things to get through the day

- An Act of Consecration. This encompasses everything!
- Use the phrase, “Jesus, I trust in You!”
- “I am weak, but You are strong.” Admit it!
- “You, Lord, are in control.”
- “Your grace is enough for what I need today.” (Phil. 4:19)
- “Come, Holy Spirit!” Ask for wisdom, understanding and counsel.
- “Help me be more aware of my sinfulness.”
- “I am Your beloved daughter and I want to please You. Show me the way.” Look for little things!
- “Thank you, God, for the grace to live this day for the praise of Your glory!”
- Harness heaven! Call upon your guardian angel, the saints and the Blessed Mother.

— Kimberly Hahn’s way to pray for “Holy Boldness.”

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spoke on the Blessed Virgin Mary in his talk “Hail Holy Queen.”

As a former Presbyterian minister, Dr. Hahn had difficulty with the doctrine and devotions concerning the Blessed Virgin. During his journey to the Catholic faith, he encountered four building blocks that helped him understand Mary’s importance in the Church and then shared that with his non-Catholic friends. The four areas include the Blessed Virgin as a role model, the Mother of Our Lord, that she is the masterpiece of Christ, and that the faithful imitate Christ when they honor her.

Hahn noted that a professor explained to him that Mary was more than the mother of Jesus. The professor explained, “that women don’t bear natures, they bear persons. And since the Person that she bore is a Divine Person, she can be rightly defined as the Mother of God.” Elizabeth declares this when she says, “Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” Mary did not say to Elizabeth, “I am the mother of His human nature,” Hahn emphasized.

Kimberly Hahn, married to Dr. Hahn since 1979, and who followed her husband into the Church in 1990, received a warm welcome as she took the podium to speak after the lunch break. With the Year of Faith to commence Oct. 11, Hahn talked about the opportunity as Catholics to experience a conversion, by turning back to Jesus and entering into a deeper relationship with Him.

Quoting St. Paul, she illustrated how all are called to “live for the praise of His glory.” (Eph 1:11) In order to do that, she continued, the faithful are also called to share the faith and overcome the obstacles. Hahn said sometimes there may be regret that things are not as they used to be, but the faithful must be part of the ongoing process of evangelization.

“The Church of our youth is being built right now, and you and I are living stones in that structure. How do we help build the Church?” challenged Hahn. “We need to share Our Lord. We need to share our faith. We need to share about Mary. We need to find our tongue and speak the truth to a world that is dying because it hungers for that truth.”

Hahn said five things that stop the faithful from sharing the faith are lack of love, fear, excuses, sin and suffering. A wordless witness is not enough, she said. Nor does anyone need to be a theological pit bull. Instead, she said, a balance must be found to share the truth in love.

Hahn encouraged the crowd, saying they must find their voice and “be available, like Mary was available,” noting no one need be perfect to share the faith.

“Share what you know,” she said, “and if you don’t know, go back and learn.”

Remaining close to the sacraments and open in prayer help the faithful to receive God’s graces, added Hahn. She encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and Confession.

Marilyn Bartkowiak, a member of St. Jude Parish in South Bend, smiled broadly even as she clutched her walker. She described the conference as “very spiritual,” and said both Hahns inspired her to live her faith more deeply.

“I try to start my day with a Morning Offering, but sometimes I don’t,” she said. “Sometimes I forget to thank God in the middle of the day or I don’t take my sufferings to Him and ask Him to help carry them, or use the sufferings for His glory and honor.”

“I’m thankful I was here to listen to that,” added Janet Monroe, also from St. Jude, “to grow from what they had to say, and make me realize how special it really is to be a Catholic.”

Redemer Radio – Catholic Radio 1450 AM – co-sponsored the conference. Community Relations Director Patty Becker also served as the emcee.

“It was a little bit of heaven to have both Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn here,” said Becker as the conference wrapped up. “They have a beautiful marriage, a large family and they are great witnesses. As they both said in their speeches, the best way to evangelize is to be what God wants us to be.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Arise Conference participants following the Mass at the South Bend Century Center on Sept. 15.

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Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, Sept. 23, 1:30 p.m. — Diocesan Disabilities Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sunday, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m. — Vespers and Dinner, Corby Hall, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. — Mass for Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Saint Felix Center, Huntington
- Monday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Vicars Forane, Archdiocese of South Bend
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, RSVP Center, Auburn
- Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass at Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m. — Centenary Conference of Our Sunday Visitor, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Sept. 28, 5 p.m. — Centenary Mass for Our Sunday Visitor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 30 — Celebration of Investiture for Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcre of Jerusalem, Westin Indianapolis Hotel and Saint John the Evangelist Church, Indianapolis
- Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. — Patroinal Feast Mass, Saint Therese, the Little Flower Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m. — Lampen Lecture at Ancilla College, Donaldson
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. — Blessing of Christ Child Society Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m. — Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. — Mass for Franciscan Brothers Minor and Poor Sisters of Saint Clare, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne

Vicar forane appointments announced

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following vicar forane appointments for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2012:

- Rev. Msgr. William Schooler, St. Pius X Parish, Granger — Vicariate A
- Rev. David Ruppert, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend — Vicariate B
- Rev. William Sullivan, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart — Vicariate C
- Rev. Thomas Shoemaker, St. Jude, Fort Wayne — Vicariate D
- Rev. Msgr. Bernard Galic, St. Aloysius, Yoder — Vicariate E
- Rev. David Voors, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur — Vicariate F

Moderator appointed

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the following appointment:

- Rev. Joseph Gaughan has been appointed moderator of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) effective Sept. 6, 2012 while continuing as Pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne.

Send submissions of Christmas traditions and recipes in 250 words or less to: Today’s Catholic Life
P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856 or email to editor@diocesefwsb.org by Oct. 1, 2012.
Beloved retired pastor, Msgr. Raymond Balzer dies

FORT WAYNE — Msgr. Raymond Balzer, a retired priest from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died Monday, Sept. 17, at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne, where he was a resident. He was 89 years old.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., he was born June 20, 1923, one of eight children of Frederick L. and Rose M. (Hartleb) Balzer.

He attended St. Mary’s School for eight years in Beaver Falls, Pa., and then attended Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, for 12 years. Ordained by Apostolic Delegate Cardinal Amleto G. Cicognani at Pontifical College Josephinum on June 4, 1949, Msgr. Balzer has served the diocese as an assistant and pastor at many parishes. As assistant pastor, he served at Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend, St. Patrick in Fort Wayne and St. Mary in Huntington.

As pastor, he served at St. Patrick, Lagro; St. Robert Parish in North Manchester; St. Mary, Huntington; St. Jude, South Bend; St. Patrick, Fort Wayne; St. Michael, Plymouth; St. Rose, Monroeville; and Immaculate Conception, Auburn.

Father Balzer retired in 1999 and moved to Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne in 2005.

As a senior priest in November of 2009, he received the title of “monsignor,” an award granted by the pope, usually at the request of the local bishop.

In a 2009 interview with Today’s Catholic, when Msgr. Balzer was preparing to celebrate 60 years in the priesthood, he said what drew him to the priesthood was, “all of the good examples set forth by my parents, the parish priest, sisters and my hometown of Beaver Falls, Pa. There is a special closeness in this town.”

When asked what he liked best about being a priest, he said, “Serving the Church! The priesthood is not a privilege, but a life of service.”

Msgr. Balzer’s large family provided him with over 20 nieces and nephews. One niece, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, recalls Msgr. Balzer as a gentle and humble man.

“He and I were inseparable,” she said, “Father Ray was like my dad.”

She recalls his visits home for Thanksgiving when he would take all the children of the family on a hike to allow time and space for the adults to prepare the meal in peace.

“He loved doing that. He did it for 60 years!” she said.

Another endearing aspect of this devout priest was his devotion to the University of Notre Dame football. Fitzpatrick said chuckling, “He was a real Notre Dame fan. You couldn’t even talk to him when he was watching Notre Dame.”

“He was a very faithful person,” Fitzpatrick said. During her many travels to Fort Wayne to visit Msgr. Blazer for birthdays and holidays she notes, “that everyone called him a saint.”

Of the others who knew Msgr. Balzer, Arlene Kiel of Fort Wayne, has the special memories reserved for one who served as his parish secretary in two parishes, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, and St. Rose, Monroeville.

“He had friends in every parish where he served,” she recalls, “and although he loved and lived every aspect of the priesthood, he was so proud of those he brought into the faith, that he kept a record... 297 converts in his 63 years of priesthood.”

Arlene and her husband John’s friendship with Msgr. Balzer deepened into a caregiver aspect in monsignor’s retirement years at Saint Anne Home, as they assisted him with visits to doctors’ and dentists’ offices. They were often his hosts on Christmas Eve.

The Kiels cherish many memories of “the Monsignor” and one of their favorites is when the three of them returned to St. Patrick’s, Fort Wayne, where Msgr. Balzer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial scheduled for 11 a.m. Sept. 20 at St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, where Msgr. Balzer served as associate pastor from 1951 to 1952 and as pastor from 1975 through 1981. He will be buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Real Estate AUCTION

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5:45 – 7:00 pm Pre-Game Homecoming Festivities: Dwenger Family Tailgate (and music too)—bring your favorite easy-to-eat tailgate dish to share (disposable containers, please) and be entered into a drawing for BD apparel. Stop by Tuffy’s Children’s Tent into a drawing for BD apparel. Tailgate (and music too)—bring your favorite easy-to-eat tailgate dish to share (disposable containers, please) and be entered into a drawing for BD apparel. Stop by Tuffy’s Children’s Tent.

6:15 pm Parade of BDHS Teams/Organizations and their members!
6:45 pm Introduction of 2012 Inductees
7:00 pm Saints vs. Bishop Chatard Trogans
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Prayers of St. Francis of Assisi come alive in music

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — As any young child will tell you, one of the easiest ways to remember something is to set it to music. Who over the age of 40 doesn’t remember singing the A-B-C song to remember if Q came before R in the alphabet?

St. Bavo parishioner Joe Higginbotham, a musician, and member of the Secular Franciscans, wants people to remember the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and composed a songbook and CD called “To You We Give All Praise,” which includes many of St. Francis’ prayers and words, in addition to biblical references set to music.

Sister Agnes Marie Regan, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration who serves as the spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscans in Mishawaka, encouraged Higginbotham to pursue the “To You We Give All Praise” project.

“Joe explained to me that ‘To You We Give All Praise’ is a welcome and needed companion for those seeking a closer union with God,” concludes Father Faso.

St. Francis knew the cross — he had stigmata at the end of his life. His relationship with God was one of need and trusting that He is there when no one else is,” explains Father Lengerich.

The release date of the songbook and CD was Sept. 18. “This 24-hymn collection will be a welcome companion for those working with Secular Franciscan fraternities, Franciscan religious communities of men or women, Franciscan parishes and/or retreat centers,” says Sister Agnes.

In addition, parishes and families can benefit from the writings of St. Francis found on the CD and songbook, Higginbotham notes.

The website for ordering the songbook and CD is www.saintfrancisandclarepress.com. The cost of the songbook and CD is $15 each. Discounts are available for larger orders, and youth groups interested in fund raising venues are encouraged to inquire. The CD is also available on iTunes.

Franciscan Father Chuck Faso, the former pastor of St. Peter Church in Chicago, notes the inclusion of the songbook and CD as an important part of understanding the impact of St. Francis.

“To You We Give All Praise” is a welcome and needed addition to sung prayer of all fraternities, says Higginbotham.

Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen and Stacie Bert, a parishioner from St. Bavo, were two vocalists on the CD.

“Joe stayed very close to what St. Francis actually wrote.”

FATHER BOB LENGERICH

The following is “The Praises of God.”

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“St. Francis ordered several of his friars to go to the mayor and the bishop to sing the ‘Canticle of the Creatures.’” He had added a phrase on the importance of forgiveness and afterwards the two mutually forgave one another,” Sister Agnes recalls. St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner and fellow Secular Franciscan Mary Andrews is involved in the marketing of the “To You We Give All Praise” songbook and CD. Andrews notes that St. Francis, who is usually associated with preaching to animals, was not allowed to preach to people because he was not a priest.

“At the Basilica of St. Francis there is a fresco of the Sermon to the Birds, which is a very popular image of St. Francis. If you read the homily that he gave to the birds it has nothing to do with the birds. In the fresco you see the friars standing around and listening,” says Sister Agnes.

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Cardinal’s prayer at Democratic convention alludes to sensitive issues

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS) — When Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York offered the closing benediction Sept. 6 at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, he made allusions to issues that have put the U.S. Church and the White House at odds with each other. “Remember in all our prayers a profound respect for religious liberty: the first, most cherished freedom bequeathed to our nation at our founding,” Cardinal Dolan traced the historic role of religious liberty “is not some evangelical Christian polemic, or wily theological strategy of discredited Catholic bishops, but the quintessential American idea.”

World needs Archbishop Sheen’s example of faith, virtue, says homilist

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — Calling Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen “a model of virtue our world needs today,” friends and family of the famed media evangelist and author gathered Sept. 9 to give thanks for Pope Benedict XVI’s recent decree of “venerable” for him, advancing his sainthood cause. The congregation also prayed for “an even greater celebration to come.” Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, who formally opened the diocese’s inquiry into the saint, said he wants to “restore the luster” to “one of the shining lights of American Catholicism.”

Cardinal Dolan traces historic role of religious freedom in US

WASHINGTON (CNS) — To the enthusiastic reception of an audience of John Carroll Society members Sept. 10, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan traced the historic origins of U.S. religious freedom in light of a current battle with the government over those rights. Saying that he wanted “to bring the law of the land to the law of nature,” he said that the promotion and protection of religious liberty is becoming caricatured as some narrow, hyper-defensive, in-your-face defense of the faith, that we, like Archbishop Fulton Sheen, will courageously continue to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world.” This year, the U.S. bishops have waged a campaign to draw attention to what they describe as “religious liberty under attack” through a variety of governmental policies and societal trends. Chief among the issues they have cited is a mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services that employers provide insurance coverage for contraceptives, including some that have pushed Catholic institutions to federal court.

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Website offers support, tools, and products for Catholic parish staff

HUNTINGTON — Our Sunday Visitor has recently launched a new website specifically for parish directors of religious education, catechists, pastors and other parish ministry staff, at www.OSVParish.com.

“The mission of the OSV Parish website is to support and advance parish catechesis through all ages and stages of parishioners’ lives,” stated Beth McNamara, general manager of Our Sunday Visitor’s Curriculum Division. “We have worked hard to make this site as alive and dynamic as the parish.”

As a truly interactive site, OSVParish.com is designed for parish staff to direct questions to an exclusive group of national experts in sacramental preparation, adult formation, marriage prep, stewardship, religious education and Catholic teaching. Questions can even be submitted anonymously. Experts include:

• Anne Comeaux, former president of NCCL, diocesan director of religious education, and teacher
• Hoffmann Ospino, Ph.D., adjunct faculty for the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College and parish catechist
• Dr. Sharon Carnotta, Ph.D., former executive director of NCEA, catechist and diocesan director of adolescent catechesis
• Joseph White, Ph.D., Catholic church historian, national speaker and author
• Father Bob Hater, professor of pastoral and systematic theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio and parish pastor
• Heidi Busse, OSV parish editor and long-time director of religious education.

Busse, the site’s editor, is also the author of the “Everyday Faith Blog,” which resides at OSVParish.com. “As you click around OSVParish.com, you may notice that this site mirrors many of the facets of parish life,” said Busse. “Our goal is to strive for the site to be pastoral and vibrant with solid Catholic information.”

OSVParish.com also includes an exhaustive resource library with hundreds of searchable articles on Catholic topics and teachings. The “Catechist Help” section is a collection of articles that includes teaching tips, seasonal activities and more.

In order to build peer-to-peer relationships among the website’s users it features a community forum.

Registration is free, and visitors can participate in a variety of discussions of interest to parishes such as family faith formation, classroom management, catechist tips, Scripture, doctrine and other parish related hot topics.

Through the site, parish staff or pastors can view and order any Our Sunday Visitor parish-specific products such as pamphlets, curriculum, religious education materials, formation programs, catechist training aids, family resources and more. The secure shopping interface is designed to make the entire experience both quick and easy.

Knights of Columbus donate to St. Vincent de Paul Society

SYRACUSE — The Knights of Columbus Council 6325 of Syracuse made a donation of $750 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society located at St. Martin de Porres Church. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Doug Shidler, presented Shirley Haggenjos of St. Vincent de Paul Society with the check.

USF hosting faculty lecture series

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) is launching its annual Faculty Lecture Series with “Emergence of Vatican II: Preparation and Session I” by USF Department of Philosophy and Theology Professor Dr. Earl Kumer on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m. in the North Campus auditorium.

Dr. Kumer will present details on the announcement by Pope John XXIII on Jan. 25, 1959 of the formation of the Vatican Council II, the vast work of the preparatory commissions and the events surrounding the opening session of the council on October through December, 1962. He will also provide insights into the reason for the council’s formation and how it was organized.

The Department of Philosophy and Theology will present lectures monthly through April 2013, with five in the series linked to the 50-year celebration, “Vatican II — Then and Now.” All lectures are at 3 p.m. in the North Campus auditorium except a special February event.

A schedule follows.

• “Inspiration of Scripture in Dei Verbum,” Dr. Lance Richey, Nov. 11
• “An Eastern Christian Assessment of Vatican II,” Dr. Adam DeVille, Dec. 16
• “Sacrificing for Comfort,” Dr. Lewis Pearson, Jan. 20
• “Christians, Jews and Nostra Aetate,” Dr. John Bequette, Feb. 17
• “Stigmatism of St. Francis,” Sister Anita Holzmer, March 3
• “Hildegard of Bingen,” Sister Felicity Dorsett, April 7

The series is a free service to the campus and regional communities, providing a forum for discussion of important topics within the Catholic and Franciscan tradition.

Parish mission celebrates 150 years

ARCOLA — Celebrating its sesquicentennial this year, St. Patrick Church in Arcola will host a parish mission titled, “Celebrating 150 Years: Responding to the New Evangelization through God’s Divine Embrace in the Sacraments,” on Sept. 23-26 at 6 p.m. each evening.

The mission will feature Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and the Franciscan Brothers Minor. Topics each evening include the following:

• Sept. 23 — “Baptism, Divine Adoption”
• Sept. 24 — “Eucharist, Divine Union”
• Sept. 25 — “Reconciliation, Divine Mercy.”

Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

• Sept. 26 — Holy Mass with “Confirmation, Divine Love.”

There will be a social in the parish hall following the Mass.

Fall festival and open house at Victory Noll Center Sept. 30

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center celebrates the season with a fall festival and open house on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 1-4 p.m. Held on the beautiful grounds of Victory Noll, the festival will feature games for the whole family, including a scavenger hunt and a hayride. Refreshments will be available with doughnuts, popcorn and apple cider.

The facilities of Victory Noll Center will also be open for tours, and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will be on hand to talk with visitors.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington. For information on Victory Noll Center, contact the center by calling (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or by e-mail at victoriousnollcenter@owych.edu.

Victory Noll Center is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and personal development in a welcoming environment, advocating social justice awareness and response, and nourishing people to live and share God’s love in today’s world.

Byzantine Divine Liturgy celebrated

FORT WAYNE — St. Andrew’s Eastern Catholic Mission will celebrate the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Mother Guerin Chapel on the following Sundays: Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28. The mission assembles in Fort Wayne under the mutual blessing of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop Richard Seminack of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago. All are welcome.

CHARITY-FEST TO ASSIST ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Darrell Dodane and Cheryl Lowan of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Allen County stand among some of the many items to be sold by live and silent auction at a Charity-Fest, on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lantern, 4420 Ardmore Ave., in Fort Wayne. Spike and the Bulldogs will entertain guests as they enjoy beverages and an hors d’oeuvres buffet. Advance tickets are $20 per person ($25 at the door) and are available from society members, or at the Thrift Store at 1600 South Calhoun St., or by mailing a check to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Attn: Charity-Fest, 1600 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, 46802. Tickets will be returned by mail, or held for pick up at the door on Oct. 13. The cost to participate is $12 and proceeds will support Riley Hospital for Children.

Dance Marathon’s 5K ‘For the Kids’

NOTRE DAME — Dance Marathon at Saint Mary’s College is several months away (Saturday, March 23, 2013), but the fundraising for Riley Hospital for Children has already begun.

Riley Hospital, located in Indianapolis, treats sick children from all over the state, including the South Bend area.

Since Saint Mary’s students began the Dance Marathon in 2006, they have raised more than $460,000 for the General Benefit Fund at Riley, which supports the areas of the hospital that have the greatest need.

Several local high schools host mini-dance marathons and the totals are included in the Saint Mary’s totals sent to the hospital.

The public is invited to participate in the FTC5K on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Formerly known as the Trot for Tots, this annual “For the Kids” or FTK run is now called the FTC5K.

This is the fifth year for the 5K. It will take place on campus at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The race will begin at the softball fields on the north end of campus.

The cost to participate is $12 and runners/walkers will receive a FTC5K T-shirt if they signed up by Monday, Sept. 17. Pre-registration is not required to participate in the run. All proceeds will go towards the dance marathon total.
JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATES 355 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Sharing joy and thanksgiving with five jubilary priests and 20 of their fellow clergy, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the main celebrant of a Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, Sept. 5. "Our priests are God’s coworkers," said Bishop Rhoades. "They plant and they water, and they know that God is the One who causes the growth. We pray at this liturgy that our Lord will continue to bless our priest jubilarians with His love and grace that they may continue to proclaim in Word and sacrament the good news of the kingdom of God, for this is the purpose for which they were consecrated and sent on the day of their ordination."

Allen County Right to Life announces banquet details

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life’s 13th Annual Banquet for Life will be held on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne. The program includes strong participation from area Catholic leaders.

Annually, the Banquet for Life has an honorary host. This year, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is the banquet’s host. The keynote speaker for the event is Father David Mary Engo, the superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor.

Additionally, each year there is an auction during the Banquet for Life where local celebrities and leaders are auctioned off for a future dinner with Right to Life bidder. The winning bid includes dinner by a professional chef for eight guests and the auctioned person and his or her guest. Past dinners have been five-course meals of the finest appetizers, entrees and desserts.

This year Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus; Fred Tone, retired principal of Bishop Dwenger High School; and artist Mary Hilger are being auctioned off during the banquet. All funds raised by the auction go to defending innocent, human life at all stages.

In addition to the inclusion of local celebrities and leaders in the auction, two tickets to a Notre Dame football game will be auctioned off.

Registration for the Banquet for Life on Oct. 8 is $45 a person. Attendees can register by calling Allen County Right to Life at (260) 471-1849. The banquet’s social hour begins at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 with dinner following at 7 p.m.

Activities planned for 40 Days for Life in South Bend

SOUTH BEND — In addition to the call to prayer, fasting and keeping vigil at the Prayer Peninsula adjacent to the abortion facility located at 2010 Ironwood Circle off Ironwood Road just south of State Route 23 intersection and north of McDonald’s, all are invited to participate in 8 a.m. Saturday Masses to be held in the gazebo area of the prayer garden.

The schedule for the upcoming Masses during the 40 Days for Life, which runs from Wednesday, Sept. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 4, is as follows:

- Sept. 29 — Father Terry Coonan, parochial vicar of St. Pius Church, Granger
- Oct. 6 — Holy Cross Father Stephen Lacroix, director, Old College Undergraduate Seminary, Notre Dame
- Oct. 13 — Feast of Fatima’s last miracle, Holy Cross Father Ed O’Connor, theologian and author
- Oct. 20 — Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble, University of Notre Dame Professor of History and author
- Oct. 27 — Father David Rupert, pastor, St. Anthony de Padua Parish

Marian High pays it forward by donating desks to Nicaragua school

MISHAWAKA — “It was a lot of work on a hot day, but it was worth it to help students in need,” said Dillon Gohn.

“Even though we had a big game that night, helping others is what really counts,” added Joe Walter.

Gohn and Walter, both Marian seniors, along with other students and staff as well as employees of Business Furnishings in South Bend volunteered to load a shipping container full of desks for a school in Nicaragua Aug. 31.

“We have been generously blessed at Marian to have donors who have refurbished most of our classrooms. When Mark Macheca of Business Furnishings introduced this recycling program to us that would allow our original desks to be reused by students who had none, we jumped on-board to do what we could to help,” said Carl Loesch, Marian principal.

Marian High School students and staff of Business Furnishings load the shipping container that will provide desks for students in Nicaragua.

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Call Larry Fisher at 260.426.2044 for an appointment or visit the Cemetery Office at 3500 Lake Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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What is your view of what the second century holds for OSV?

Erlandson: The challenge for anyone in publishing these days, secular or Catholic, is that it’s such a fast-changing industry right now. From top to bottom every aspect of technology, distribution channels, how content is packaged — all that is changing. We’re all living through it in different ways whether you’re at Random House, The New York Times, Our Sunday Visitor or Today’s Catholic. In one sense, just predicting what it will be like in five years will be a challenge. If you go back to when I first started here in the fall of 2000 I’m not sure if Google was even up and running then. We were using things like AltaVista, other search engines. You Tube, Wikipedia, iPads, you name it, it didn’t exist in that time period — e-Books, Kindle, people were still wondering whether Amazon was going to survive. Digital books didn’t exist, we were getting used to podcasts. The technology in just the last 12 years has been phenomenal. It’s like a world being created wholly anew. So in looking forward I would say where it’s going as an industry, customers want to be able to receive the information they want and need in the format they prefer. The customer is king; that has always been true but it’s clearly true now. And that puts enormous pressure on publishers to provide it in different formats.

Has overall readership of a hard copy in hand declined?

Erlandson: It might be moving in other areas — the web site starts growing, other diversity. One thing we’ve tried to come up with is hybrid or different formats, maybe print. For example, one of our most successful product lines now is pamphlets, which are very old fashioned really. Archbishop (John F.) Noll used to write pamphlets all the time and now we’ve brought them back. But because they’re concise, extremely flexible, it’s not a big commitment on the part of the person reading it. We put an extraordinary amount of effort into our pamphlets but the result is an easy-to-use tool. Our readership of pamphlets probably dwarfs everything else.
OSV’s 100 years

Our Sunday Visitor was first issued and distributed at parish churches on May 5, 1912. The then Father John F. Noll’s editorial in those 35,000 inaugural copies stated that “every week this Sunday Visitor will insist on going home with you from Mass and will instruct and entertain you all for the price of one penny a paper.”

Joseph White in “Worthy of the Gospel of Christ,” analyzed the early issues noting that Father Noll’s focus was in response to the anti-Catholic and socialistic propaganda that spewed from a publication The Menace. Founded in 1911, with a mission to attack the Catholic Church, The Menace bitterly assailed the Catholic Church, accusing its members of planning attacks on American freedom and liberty. The Menace did not prevail, disappearing some 80 years ago.

— Tom Castaldi, host of “Historia Nostra” heard on Redeemer Radio WLYV 1450 AM, provided this excerpt.

Archbishop John Francis Noll

‘Priest, journalist, apologist, catechist and publisher’

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Six months before the First Vatican Council to the threshold of change inspired by Vatican Council II. He lived during a period of unprecedented expansion and immigration in the country, when the American Church was growing exponentially. Catholics in America needed a sense of identity, a sense of self-confidence and pride. … A great churchman, Noll was always concerned with the welfare not only of his own diocese, but also of the Church at large. He stands today as the most outstanding Catholic publisher in America,” wrote Ann Ball in a “Preface,” who with Father Leon Hutton, authored “Champion of the Church: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Archbishop Noll” — Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2006.

“John Noll was a missionary at heart, whose influence extended through the printed word and his work as a bishop in the Catholic hierarchy. Through his leadership and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of hierarchy. Through his leadership and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of ship and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of ship and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of ship and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of ship and strength of character, he aspired to educate against religious bigotry, racism and prejudice. He fought anti-Catholicism in all its forms. He promoted the values of

Father John Noll’s patient

D uring the first years of Archbishop John F. Noll’s priestly service as an assistant pastor, the young priest was called to a mental hospital to administer last rites to a dying patient. There, he was directed to a woman who had been a mental patient of 23 years. As a patient, she had never experienced a lucid moment. Father Noll noticed her lips begin to move in prayer and for only a few moments she was clear of mind to make a private confession. When the nurse who had left the patient’s room returned she was astonished to see the woman extend her tongue to receive the Eucharist saying it was the first the patient had been willing to accept anything in days. Father Noll said that it was simply a case of the Lord having been good enough to restore to perfect consciousness a woman who during her life had loved Him and deserved to die in his loving embrace.

A National Shrine … a reality

B ishop Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1920, began building a national shrine honoring Mary’s Immaculate Conception. All progress came to a halt when the Great Depression followed by World War II descended upon the nation. Only the shrine’s crypt was finished, with the upper church put on hold. In 1946 then Bishop John F. Noll, National Catholic Welfare Conference administrative board member, was asked to help complete the project. Bishop Noll used the reach of Our Sunday Visitor newspaper as well as his influence among fellow bishops to pledge their support required to complete the Great Upper Church. The national response was overwhelming. In 1954 the project was completed thanks to Archbishop Noll’s efforts from here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend where he raised $7,000,000.

Holding a Family Together

O ne of the great lines ever to consume the American public’s awareness is: “The family that prays together stays together.” So basic, so simple, the call to families to pray the rosary together came from the great mind of Father Patrick Peyton. He brought his message to northern Indiana in the Holy Year of 1950 attracting large crowds that were promoted by Bishop John F. Noll. During the month of October that year, Father Peyton held rallies at Zollner Field in Fort Wayne, Notre Dame’s Stadium and Roosevelt High School Field in East Chicago. Collectively, 70,000 people came together, prayed the rosary and were asked for their pledge to recite it each day.

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national and international organization," Erlandson said. "He was really an amazing man and a great treasure for the diocese. And what pride the diocese can take in that one of their own created an enterprise that now is involved with the Vatican — we’ve published 16 books by Pope Benedict XVI — all of this has come from an idea he had in 1912 for a national Catholic newspaper."

While an apologist and teacher first and foremost, Father Noll was also a brilliant entrepreneur, and he soon built up a publishing empire," wrote Erlandson in an article titled "Toward a Second Century" published in The Priest, September 2012. "He was a prolific pamphleteer, the author of books and a preacher who was unafraid to address the issues of his day. He saw Protestant churches using offering envelopes and was the first to adopt the idea for the Catholic Church," he continued. "He was also an early adopter of new technologies. He owned one of the first radios in Huntington and also one of the first television sets. He traveled widely and was always on the lookout for new ideas that he could adopt or develop."

"Father John Noll, then pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Huntington, Indiana, with funds from his own pocket, purchased a printing press for $150,000. The 17-foot statue is being Indiana, who were spreading the worst kinds of lies about Catholicism," continued Bunson. "… Father Noll created the first in a series of pamphlets on Catholic teachings that he titled ‘Kind Words — From Your Pastor.’ Given the overwhelmingly favorable response, he began offering them to pastors in the area and soon across the country."

"… Father John Francis Noll, then pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Huntington, Indiana, where he was assigned in 1910, and hired a staff to help him," said Bunson. "… Noll realized that more Catholic publications were needed, … and in 1911, he helped found the Catholic Press Association to give technical and material support to Catholic publishers and publications. Next, on May 5, 1912, he officially launched a new national weekly newspaper, Our Sunday Visitor, with an initial print run of 35,000 and a determination to serve the Church by offering in each edition a strong, steady and authentic Catholic voice."

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Bishop Noll started a drive to build a bronze statue of Christ as “Light of the World,” in Washington D.C., using the reach of OSV, the campaign generated $150,000. The 17-foot statue is now at the front of the USCB. Erlandson said. "The greatest example furnished by Father Noll, and an objective of Our Sunday Visitor now as throughout its years, has been to summon Catholics — and priests — not to fear, to stand tall, and to speak out. After all, believers — and priests — have in their very faith the most empowering of understandings, and the best of blueprints. ‘Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will refresh you,’” wrote Msgr. Owen F. Campion in an article titled “Our Sunday Visitor at 100” in the September 2012 issue of The Priest, which he serves as editor along with his position as associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor. "The father of OSV was a priest, pastor, journalist, apologist, catechist and publisher. He was also a bishop and then an archbishop and is honored especially as one of the great pioneers in Catholic publishing,” Matthew E. Bunson wrote in The Priest, September 2012, in an article titled, “The Bish.” Bunson is editor of OSV’s Catholic Almanac and The Catholic Answer magazine.

"John Noll was born on Jan. 25, 1875, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and studied for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s of West Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ordained to the priesthood at the age of 23, he was named pastor of St. Patrick Church in Ligonier within a year and served his flock by walking or riding a horse."

"Within a short time after he started in active ministry, Father Noll discovered that there were very determined enemies of the Church across the country, includ-

Bishop John Francis Noll

Bishop Noll spent most of July at his home on Bishop Island. Although it was known as the cottage in Rome City, it was actually a large, comfortable home on Sylvan Lake that had been purchased by Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding and enlarged by Noll. Bishop Noll’s sister also owned a home on a nearby island and members of the large Noll family often enjoyed boating back and forth to visit.

Conference (the early form of today’s United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and used his role in the conference to help start the Catholic News Service and the Catholic Hour’ on NBC radio. In 1933, he helped to begin the Legion of Decency to resist the growing threat of pornography."

“Bishop Noll next led the national fund-raising campaign to complete work on the National Shrine (later Basilica) of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., using Our Sunday Visitor as a means of galvanizing donations. The shrine was dedicated on Nov. 20, 1959, and Noll was honored for his leadership with the title ‘Apostle of the Shrine.’"
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about renewing Catholics and recommitting Catholics to their faith, and from that you go out into the world. And that part will always be true and I cannot see that changing.

Do you measure all of the various devices you use to reach your audiences?

Erlanson: We do measure web traffic and sales, such as e-Books — we have 45 available. In terms of e-Books, up to this point, that’s been a question about workflow and technology because you have to make it available for the iPad, the Kindle and the Nook.

Do you see any of this technology being standardized eventually?

Erlanson: I hope so in one sense. There are a lot of issues in the technology including pricing and revenue sharing. I think we’re going to see some changes over time. It will be interesting to see if it’s a PC/Apple analogy or if it’s Beta/VHS analogy.

What’s interesting now is to see the battle between Amazon and Apple, and also seeing the battle between Google and Apple. For the next two to five years I think those will be kind of interesting battles to watch because it will have a lot of impact on us. On one hand, diversity makes it more complicated for us. On the other hand, if one dominates, what happens to competition? So the jury is out. Just like with the lawsuit between Samsung and iPhone, the consumer could end up losing, terribly!

How do you make it known when you introduce a new product?

Erlanson: That’s a really good question. We have four apps we’ve introduced in the last several months. We’re trying to use email and web channels as the primary source and we’ll do some space ads, and we do a lot with social media. In fact we have one person now whose full-time job is managing social media. Again, one more thing that completely did not exist at all in 2000.

Would OSV be considered a national or world-wide company?

Erlanson: We’re primarily national, but if you go into the bookstores near the Vatican you’ll find our books. We distribute in England, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, so our books circulate and the magazine goes to other places and into Canada, but the vast majority of our business is in the United States.

Now that’s just the editorial side and does not include the envelope business, correct?

Erlanson: Offering envelopes is another huge area, which is the United States again. We are the largest Catholic producer of Church offering envelopes. We do about 600 million envelopes a year. We have three shifts a day, five days a week.

Would you say that area is more predictable in terms of the future?

Erlanson: Yes. We’re phenomenally successful right now. Logistically, it’s extremely complicated. We’re mailing out envelopes to millions of people’s homes across the country and we have to time all those mailings so that the October envelopes come at the right time in September, for example. The technical expertise is actually phenomenal. In addition to that, we offer electronic funds transfer. Actually, there are three components to our company: there’s the Publishing Division, which includes Huntington and Orlando; Offertory Solutions in Youngstown, Ohio; and then there’s the OSV Institute.

Since you mentioned the Institute, let’s talk about OSV’s contributions to the diocese over the years. Any idea of what the total amount would be?

Erlanson: Not really, but when you look back at everything Archbishop Noll did, for example, you go the Basilica in Washington, D.C., and his statue is there, and his name is there because he was basically the one who funded that project. And I think that’s true throughout northern Indiana since his diocese extended all the way to Gary. The number of places he impacted included a number of churches during the Depression that were saved from foreclosure because he was using OSV funds to help pay the mortgages. No one kept any records of those things. But if you look at OSV contributions I’d say that with both Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy and Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades some of the biggest ones were the funds for MacDougal Chapel (now called St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Cathedral Square, Fort Wayne); the restorations of the cathedral and the chapel; we’ve contributed money to the University of St. Francis; and to purchase the (Archbishop Noll) Catholic Center. And what I think we should take pride in, if we take pride in anything, under Bishop D’Arcy’s leadership being able to fund Education for Ministry and the Master’s Program. We were able to help the diocese build up an entire cadre of well-educated high-school religion teachers, directors of religious education and catechists. And that is a very tangible way of handing down the faith. I think Archbishop Noll would have been most proud of that program.

Aren’t there a number of scholarships funded by OSV?

Erlanson: Yes, we’ve given more than a million dollars to each of the four (Catholic) high schools to pay for scholarships in two different ways. One was on behalf of Bishop D’Arcy and the other was to commemorate the memory of William Newell, vice chair of our board of directors. In looking at the last 10 years the number is about $16 million to all sorts of different programs in the diocese, including the Children’s Home, the St. Joseph School and Women’s Care Center. And we’ve done some work with the ACE and ECHO catechist programs at Notre Dame as well as a fair amount of funding for other Notre Dame projects. And most recently we provided some funds for Hispanic leadership meetings — the list goes on and on.

Anything you wish to add in conclusion?

Erlanson: Our Sunday Visitor will continue to function as a bridge, seeking to represent the fullness of the truth in its witness to society. That means following the lead of the Holy See and the bishops, and defending the teachings of the Church consistently and across the board. The unofficial motto of Our Sunday Visitor is “What the Church teaches and why.” Today, more than ever, it is important for Catholics and for society to see that the unity of Catholic teaching is hinged on the dignity of the human person and on the witness of Jesus Christ.

Greg Erlanson oversees the expansion of OSV’s parish resources web site, and the creation of its pamphlet and Catholic Parent Know How lines. Before being appointed to his current position as president and publisher of the OSV Publishing Division in 2000, he served as editor-and-chief at OSV since 1992. Erlanson joined OSV in 1989 as editor of the national weekly Our Sunday Visitor will continue to function as a bridge, seeking to represent the fullness of the truth in its witness to society. That means following the lead of the Holy See and the bishops, and defending the teachings of the Church consistently and across the board. The unofficial motto of Our Sunday Visitor is “What the Church teaches and why.” Today, more than ever, it is important for Catholics and for society to see that the unity of Catholic teaching is hinged on the dignity of the human person and on the witness of Jesus Christ.

Erlandson serves on the advisory board of the OSV Institute and is a member of the board of directors of Association of Catholic Publishers.
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With Jesus we achieve true potential

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mk 9:30-37

T he Book of Wisdom provides us with its first reading. This book is one of several in the Old Testament classified as “Wisdom Literature.” These books were written in several centuries before Christ by pious Jews to affirm the reasonableness of their ancient religion.

They felt the need to assert that the Jews were not the only surviving Fatima visionaries. The five blasphemies were revealed to Lucia (the only surviving Fatima visionary at the time) by Our Lord when He appeared to her in her convent’s chapel on the night of May 29-30, 1930. These five blasphemies include offenses made against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offenses made against Mary’s perpetual virginity, the third blasphemy, which is also the focus of this commentary, is those who blaspheme against Mary’s Divine Motherhood. Father Andrew Apostoli, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, wrote in his book, “Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope,” that those who refuse to accept Mary as the Mother of God are actually denying, though they might not realize it, that the Second Divine Person really became man in Jesus Christ. To deny that Mary is the Mother of God is to deny the Incarnation. Father Apostoli also writes that “...since Mary is the mother of Jesus, the Head of His Mystical Body, then she is also the spiritual mother of all His members, the Mother of the Church. Since Christ died to save all, Mary is also the Mother of Mankind. We see this truth when Jesus gave His Mother Mary to all of us as He hung upon the Cross. He said to her; ‘Woman, behold your son!’ Then He said to ‘the disciple whom He loved,’ St. John, who represented all of us at the foot of the cross, ‘Behold, your mother!’” — Jn 19:26-27.

The tools we need for peace, to save souls

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In “Treasure of Fatima,” Father Apostoli proposes some reasons for this blasphemy — most revolve around a dysfunctional relationship with Our Lady’s maternal nature. For example, people may fear rejection from Our Lady because of a lack of affection they received from their own mothers. Others may think the Blessed Mother’s love is conditional rather than realizing her love is never “hot or cold” or unpredictable. Victims of an abusive mother may also prevent one from developing a relationship with Our Blessed Mother.

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Deciding about dialysis

Patients and families sometimes struggle with the question of whether dialysis is “worth it.” A young woman wrote recently on a website addressing dialysis patients’ concerns, “My father has been on dialysis for three years, and he’s 68 years old. A few days ago he said he wanted to stop going because he was “sick of it.” We talked to him and told him that it would be fine if he did that, but now I’m thinking that maybe I shouldn’t have talked him out of it — this isn’t about me and my feelings. This is about what he has to deal with.”

When would discontinuing dialysis be a reasonable and morally acceptable choice? Could discontinuing dialysis ever be tantamount to suicide?

While every person is obligated to use ordinary (or proportionate) means to preserve their own life, no person is required to submit to a health care procedure that he or she has judged, with a free and informed conscience, to provide little hope of benefit or to impose significant risks and burdens.

Weighing benefits and burdens is at the heart of the question of starting, continuing or stopping dialysis. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has noted: “We have a duty to preserve our life and to use it for the glory of God, but the duty to preserve life is not absolute, for we may reject life-sustaining procedures that are insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome. Suicide and euthanasia are never morally acceptable courses of action.”

The benefits of the commonly used procedure known as hemodialysis (filtration of the blood) are well known, as kidney function declines, dialysis performs part of the work that healthy kidneys normally do, filtering toxins from the blood. Dialysis can serve as a bridge to a kidney transplant, which can offer the patient a new lease on life. Discontinuing dialysis during complete kidney failure usually means that the patient will die in a matter of days or weeks.

The burdens of dialysis vary from patient to patient. The procedure can be time-consuming, requiring visits to a dialysis center three times a week for three to four hours at a stretch, with additional time for transportation. One can also feel washed out the next day.

Other burdens may include sharp drops in blood pressure during or after the procedure. Fainting, vomiting, nausea, muscle cramps, temporary loss of vision, irritability and fatigue can occur. Some patients manifest abnormal heart rhythms from electrolyte imbalances, while others may experience allergic reactions or bleeding problems from the chemicals or blood-thinning medicines used during the dialysis.

Long-term dialysis can cause bone and joint pain from a deposit of various proteins known as amyloid in the hands, wrists, shoulders and neck. Cost may represent yet another burden, depending on the patient’s personal finances and insurance situation.

Still other burdens may include problems with the access point made for the dialysis — called a fistula — which usually occurs in the arm. This is a surgical connection made under the skin between an artery and a vein, allowing needles to access blood flow for dialysis. As many as 25 percent of hospital admissions among dialysis patients are due to problems with fistula malfunction, thrombosis, infection and access. Multiple surgeries may be required to assure that a fistula continues to function during the time it is used.

In sum, then, dialysis can prolong and save a patient’s life, but can also impose significant burdens. Depending on the various side effects and problems associated with the procedure, and depending on how minimal the benefits may be in light of other medical conditions the patient may be struggling with, it can become reasonable, in some cases, to discontinue dialysis.

The burdens of hemodialysis can sometimes be lessened by using a different kind of dialysis known as peritoneal dialysis, where the patient’s abdomen via a permanently positioned catheter and later drained. Peritoneal dialysis can be performed by the patient at home each night.

It’s not possible with the limited information we have to draw any moral conclusions about the case of the father who is “sick of it” and wants to stop dialysis. We need further details, such as: What is the reason for his request? Is he experiencing serious complications and significant burdens from dialysis? Does he have other medical problems besides kidney failure? Is he suffering from depression, for which he could be treated? We should never choose to bring about our own or another’s death by euthanasia, suicide or other means, but we may properly recognize, on a case by case, detail-dependent basis, that at a certain point in our struggle to stay alive, procedures like dialysis may become unduly burdensome treatments that are no longer obligatory. In these cases, it’s always wise to consult other clergy or other moral advisors trained in these often-difficult bioethical issues.

*Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.*

**Father Tad Pacholczyk**

**Making Sense of Bioethics**

**Father Tad Pacholczyk**

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**Son of Man Rise Afraid House Last of All His Arms**

**Kill Understand Came to Greatest Servant Receives Sent Me**

**September 23, 2012**

**Scripture Search**

**Gospel for September 23, 2012**

Mark 9:30-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a lesson in service and God’s ways. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

**Crossword**

**September 23 and 30, 2012**

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**Hope**

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stories of his love for her and treasures photos of their short time together. “I can’t mourn for my dad, the person who lived through her tears, “because I never knew him.”

But, she added that she mourns deeply the hole his death left in her life. She mourns the fact that she had no dad to accompany her to the father-daughter dances of her youth. She misses the relationship of trust and love that could be lost if he were alive. She misses the relation to the father-daughter dances of her youth. She misses the relation to the father-daughter dances of her youth.

Emily went on to admit that though there seems no logic to it, she feels guilty that she can’t mourn his loss as those who knew him do.

Emily’s sad but authentic admission of grief brought me to a new understanding of her grief journey. I have discovered that a child learns of death on his/her own cognitive level of understanding with the help of compassionate adults and acknowledgment of their developmental stage they reach brings a new and broader understanding, typically causing a different and sometimes more complex level of grief to surface for them to face, even years following a loss. Emily literally has lost her dad again and again as she entered each new life stage.

As I continue to witness my daughter’s unusual and complicated journey of grief I have seen her grow in compassion and grace. And as she tells me her ever-evolving story of loss, I am grateful to feel a new awareness taking place within me — and I hope within her as well.

So, look around you. Is there a child or young adult that needs a safe place to tell their story of grief with all its confusion and pain? A listening ear and a compassionate heart is all that’s needed. They will do the rest. Or perhaps you might need to tell your story and acknowledge a loss from long ago that has been swirling in the hidden recesses of your heart. A compassionate listener and accept the grace of healing. Together we can all find peace.

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CYO football Eagles off to a great start

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph, Fort Wayne/St. Elizabeth and Fort Wayne/St. Pius were among 16 CYO teams who opened their football seasons on Sept. 16. The much-improved CYO football Eagles off to a great start with a 3-1 record through the first four weeks of the regular season. In the preseason, Renninger was not sure if she would have the numbers to field a team, but the Twins added two sixth-graders to their roster of three seventh and three eighth graders to make enough.

“Eighth-grader Holly Green was thrilled to start the season off with a pair of wins. “I am looking very forward to working with this group to see just how much better they can become,” she said.

In the preseason, Renninger was working with this group to see just how much better they can become. “I am pleased by the overall effort of this team and the progress of our seventh graders and a lot of new Eagle players.”

He continued, “I believe the key is nobody quit and they all did their best. We will all continue the journey of CYO football.”

Led by their new coach, Mike Bradley, St. Vincent won a thriller over Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 16. The much-improved Panther squad was down 6-8 at the half, but put the game away late in the fourth quarter coming up with a huge 14-8 win over the Crusaders. St. Vincent improves to 4-1.

In the final matchup of the day, St. Joseph, Elkhart/Wayno/ St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) got by St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 24-6. Quarterback Blane Kleva threw for two touchdowns and over 180 yards in a hard-fought victory for the Knights. Peyton Howe kicked all three kicks and made all three field goals.

CYO volleyball

CYO volleyball also served another week of action. At St. Joseph, Decatur, the hosts topped St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 25-18, 25-4, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne/ St. Elizabeth 7 then beat the seventh-grade Commodores by scores of 25-11, 25-18. Also on Sunday, St. Therese downed Queen of Angels in two games, 25-4, 25-12. Finally, the combined Twins team from St. Louis Academy and St. Joseph, Monroeville improved to 2-0- in league play with a win over St. Mary/St. Joseph.

In her rookie season as head varsity coach, Theresa Renninger was thrilled to start the season off with a pair of wins. “I am looking very forward to working with this group to see just how much better they can become,” she said.

In the pre-season, Renninger was not sure if she would have the numbers to field a team, but the Twins added two sixth-graders to their roster of three seventh and three eighth graders to make enough.

“We are trying a new offense, a little more complicated than anything we have run before,” explained Renninger.

“Eighth-grader Holly Green, along with our setters, Grace Castleton and Erica Renninger are stepping up to provide leadership and the whole team has worked very hard at practice and is eager to learn,” she concluded.

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ICCI football Panthers earn victory over Saints

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — As fans swarmed the friendly surroundings of Marian High School’s Otolski Field, two unbeaten rivals squared off to get the early inside track for the league championship.

The purple-and-gold clad Mishawaka Catholic Saints boasted a potent running game anchored by big back Alexander Horvath, and the St. Anthony/ St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers were complimented by a balanced attack featuring their talented quarterback, Tony Carmola.

The Saints started with heavy doses of Horvath, but the Panthers countered with some outstanding open field tackles and eventually Tyler Kleva recovered a bobbled pitch setting up their first drive.

The Panthers put together runs by Charlie McFadden and Blake Benfield and receptions from Carmola to Andrew Burgess and Walter Ellis mixing and matching plays all the way down the field eventually settling the pigskin at the one. A handoff for Carmola to McFadden sealed the fate of the final drive and put the Panthers up, 6-0.

The rest of the half featured three solid drives by the Saints stalled by the stingy defense of the Panthers and the halftime buzzer. The alternate drives by the maroon-and-gold fashioned squad were ended by two interception, one in the endzone by Saint Deontre Nyengo.

The Panther’s Carmola started the second half by calling his own number and with outstanding affects terminating the drive with a 30-yard touchdown scamper and adding the two-point conversion making the score, 14-0.

The Saints had their third solid kickoff return by Nyengo to the 45, but the first play under center produced a botched snap and a recovery by Panther J.R. Haley.

After one incomplete pass the Panthers put the ball and the game in A.J. Gyanpoh’s hands and the tailback raced 48 yards to pay dirt. Carmola’s kick was good, putting the cats in the driver’s seat, 22-0.

The Saints would not quit but just as they got going, Skylar Bays picked off an Alex Morton pass to seal their fate.

Saint running back Julian Kueitjes did ruin the Panthers’ hope of a shutout as he streaked 33 yards for a late touchdown making the final, 22-6.

“I believe that our strength is our line, both on the offensive side and the defensive side. Our defense did a fantastic job today against the always well-coached
Notre Dame to join Atlantic Coast Conference

Football stays independent but brings five games annually to ACC

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame accepted an invitation Sept. 12 to become a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in all sports except football.

Most Notre Dame athletics programs have been members of the Big East Conference since 1995 after previously competing in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, North Star Conference and as independents. Jack Swarbrick, vice president and director of athletics at Notre Dame, said the university will work with the Big East and ACC on a timetable to transfer athletic membership.

“We have monitored the changing conference landscape for many months and have concluded that moving to the ACC is the best course of action for us,” Swarbrick said. “This will enable us to maintain our historic independence in football, join in the ACC’s non-BCS bowl package, and provide a new and extremely competitive home for our other sports.

“We are immensely grateful to the members of the Big East, which has been a wonderful home for us the past 17 years. We also think that the conference has a strong future under the leadership of its new commissioner, Mike Aresco.”

“The ACC was founded on the cornerstones of balancing academics, athletics and integrity,” said Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford. “Our partnership with Notre Dame only strengthens this long-standing commitment. Notre Dame enhances the ACC’s unique blend of public and private institutions that are international in scope. The collective alumni and fan bases cover the entire country with exception-alive alumni and fan bases cover the entire country with exceptional strength and vision by our Council of Presidents.”

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Says,” commented head coach Kevin Sandor. “Carmola is one heck of an athlete for us and in this league you are successful-ful when you put the ball in the hands of your athletes. The key for the rest of the season will be learning and getting better.”

“We played a typically Sandor coached team: fundamentally sound and always prepared,” commented Tony Violi, skipper for the Saints. “We have to get back to basics and will be stressing communication in practice this week. It’s not about putting the best 11 athletes on the field, it’s about putting a cohesive team out there.”

In other ICCL action the St. Matthew Blazers stopped the West Side Catholic Cardinals, 20-6, behind touchdown runs by Justin DeClark, Alex Guzman and Jack Tiller. Collin Daniels scored the lone TD for the Cardinals.

ICCL action continues on Sunday at Marian and Saint Joseph High School, and the schedule can be found on the website www.ICCLsports.org.

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CyO volleyball has good start with season openers

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In the first match-up, the defending champs St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel beat Most Precious Blood, 25-9, 25-7, St. Joseph.
Coach Joyce Dodane lists 15 players on her combined seventh-and-eighth-grade squad. After a third-place finish at the preseason tournament, the Squires are now 2-0 downing Queen of Angels, 25-18, 25-15 in their opener on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Dodane details, “We have a tough core group with strong passing and serving this year. Next up, St. Aloysius faced off against St. Therese. The Gators won 25-20, 25-9. They also have an impressive 2-0 record after an opening win over St. Mary-St. Joe.
St. Aloysius Coach Angie Frauenfelder reports that her team works very well together. ‘The girls really talk on the court and have played together a long time.’

Frauenfelder adds, “Serving is one of our strengths this season.”
In the final showdown, Queen of Angels beat St. Rose-St. Louis handily in the first game, 25-13, but the Twins came charging back to win the match 25-24, 15-6. A pleased Coach Theresa Reminger said, “I was very proud of the way the girls fought back and didn’t give up.”

CyO football

The St. Charles Cardinals remain the only undefeated team in the league after a 21-0 win over St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Sunday, Sept. 9. Now 4-0, the Cards were led by the efforts of Mike Hake who had over 100 total yards and a score. Carl Williams had two touchdowns in the victory, while Riley Miller, Bart Tippmann and Isaac Cornewell helped lead the stingy St. Charles defense to the shut-out. Coach Sam Talarico and the Cardinals will face the team from Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood/St. Jude in Week 5 action at the University of Saint. Francis.

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Reservations by Sept. 30 to (260) 602-6978 for information. Call Lori Wagner at (260) 602-6978 for information.

Cardinal Fest planned
Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will host Cardinal Fest Saturday, Sept. 22, at 4:30 p.m. with celebrant Father Joseph W. O'Keefe, 82, St. Jude.

Fish fry and salad bar
South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a fish fry and salad bar on Friday, Sept. 28, from 3-7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Adults and carry-outs are $9, children 5-12 are $4 and children under 5 free.

Catholic Women mothers' group
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Dillon Council 1014 will have a fish fry on Oct. 5, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus living rosary
Cassel Parish will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 22, with a softball tournament, concessions, silent auction, bingo, chicken dinner, beer tent and more. Call (260) 639-3748 for information.

Financial classes offered
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Fish fry announced
South Bend — A fish fry will be held Friday, Sept. 28, in the Our Lady of Hungary gym, 735 W. Calvert St., from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4.50 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Carry-out available.

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Clingfish supports school
Wabash — Tickets are now available for the Clingfish softball at St. Bernard School. Only 850 tickets will be sold at a price of $20 each. Cash prizes are $5,000, $1,000 and $500. The drawing will be held on Oct. 13. To purchase a ticket, call (260) 563-5746. Delivery is available.

Open house announced
South Bend — St. Paul’s Retirement Community will have an open house at the New Rehabilitation and Wellness Center Sanctuary at Holy Cross, 17475 Dugdale Dr., Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Their client orientation program and a light supper will be served. Reservations are required at (260) 435-3222.

Franciscan pet blessing
Mishawaka — A pet blessing is planned by the Franciscan Friars, Sisters, and Secular Franciscans in the south parking lot of Marian High School Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1-3:30 p.m.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 21, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3.50. Carry-out available.

Red Mass at Notre Dame
Notre Dame — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside at the Red Mass 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).

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Msgr. Bernard Galic will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Msgr. Galic is pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder.

Birds fly to annual fundraising event
South Bend — St. Rose Church will host the Harvest New Haven — St. Louis/Broome event on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 4:30 p.m. with breakfast followed by rosary. Call (260) 435-3222 for information.

New quarterly Catholic networking group forming
Fort Wayne — The Deaneey of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Assembly Room at St. Joseph Hospital. Cheryl Mowani, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the manager of the Thrift Store will be the guest speaker. Women of the diocese are encouraged to attend the meeting and learn more about the charitable society. For information call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

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Fort Wayne — The first meeting for a new Catholic networking group will be Friday, Oct. 19, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Center Garden Level. 915 S. Clinton St. Cost of $5 includes water and dessert. Bring a brown bag lunch, business cards and a friend. Free parking available in parking garage. For information call Tess Steffen at (260) 399-1457.

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The papal document, called an apostolic exhortation, denounced "religious fundamentalism" as the opposite extreme of the secularization that Pope Benedict has often criticized in the context of contemporary Western society.

Fundamentalism, which "afflicts all religious communities," thrives on "economic and political instability, a readiness on the part of some to manipulate others, and a defective understanding of religion," the pope wrote. "It wants to gain power, at times violently, over individual consciences, and over religion itself, for political reasons."

Many Christians in the Middle East have expressed growing alarm at the rise of Islamist extremism, especially since the so-called Arab Spring democracy movement has toppled or threatened secular regimes that guaranteed religious minorities the freedom to practice their faith.

In his speech at the document's signing, Pope Benedict observed that Sept. 14 was the feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, a celebration associated with the Emperor Constantine the Great, who in the year 313 granted religious freedom in the Roman Empire and was later baptized.

The pope urged Christians in the Middle East to "act concretely ... in a way like that of the Emperor Constantine, who could bear witness and bring Christians forth from discrimination to enable them openly and freely to live their faith in Christ crucified, dead and risen for the salvation of all."

While the pope signed the document in an atmosphere of interreligious harmony, with Orthodox, Muslim and Druze leaders in the attendance at the basilica, the same day brought an outburst of religiously inspired violence to Lebanon.

During a protest against the American-made anti-Muslim film that prompted demonstrations in Libya, Egypt and Yemen earlier in the week, a group attempted to storm a Lebanese government building in the northern city of Tripoli.

The resulting clashes left one person dead and 25 wounded, local media reported. According to Voice of Lebanon radio, Lebanese army troops were deployed to Tripoli to prevent further violence.

Mohammad Samak, the Muslim secretary-general of Lebanon's Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue, told Catholic News Service that the violence had nothing to do with the pope's visit.

"All Muslim leaders and Muslim organizations — political and religious — they are all welcoming the Holy Father and welcoming his visit," Samak said. "I hope his visit will give more credibility to what we have affirmed as the message of Lebanon — a country of conviviality between Christians and Muslims who are living peacefully and in harmony together for hundreds of years now."

Bishop Joseph Mouawad, vicar of Lebanon's Maronite Patriarchate, told CNS that the apostolic exhortation represents "a roadmap for Christians of the Middle East to live their renewal at all levels, especially at the level of communion."

The exhortation will also be a call to dialogue, he said, especially between Christians and Muslims. Chaldean Archbishop Louis Sako of Kirkuk, Iraq, said church leaders in each Middle East country must "work on how to translate the exhortation into real life in our communities and also in our Muslim and Christian relationships."