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Diocese prepares for Year of Faith

Year ushered in Oct. 11 with Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

BY SEAN MCBRIDE

FORT WAYNE — “The Year of Faith is a great opportunity for all of us to grow in our relationship with God and to rediscover the truth, beauty and power of the Catholic faith.” These words from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades sum up the much-anticipated time of spiritual renewal this year.

The Year of Faith begins on Thursday, Oct. 11, and ends on Nov. 24, 2013. The opening date coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and the ending date celebrates the feast of Christ the King.

The Year of Faith is an initiative promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI, and observed by the faith-

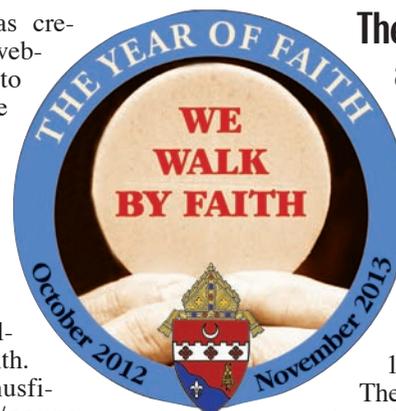
ful worldwide. In Pope Benedict XVI's beautiful Apostolic letter “Porta Fidei” published in 2011, he states “The ‘door of faith’ is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into His Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace.”

Many faith-building observances and initiatives are planned throughout the year, not only on a worldwide scale, but also at the diocesan and parish level.

A keen aspect of many initiatives include a heavy emphasis on the New Evangelization and using social media as a means of deepening and growing the faith of Catholics everywhere.

The Vatican has created a special website dedicated to following the pope throughout the Year of Faith, which also includes some key resource materials designed to increase knowledge of the faith. Visit www.annusfidei.va/content/novae-vangelizatio/en.html.

Closer to home, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has fully embraced the initiatives set forth by the Holy Father, and Bishop Rhoades, including:



The Opening and Closing Masses

The Year of Faith begins locally with the opening Mass, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and all are welcome.

The Year of Faith concludes with a Mass celebrating the feast of Christ the King on

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Our Sunday Visitor marks centennial anniversary with Mass of thanksgiving and rededication

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — With a spirit of thanksgiving and rededication, the board of directors and staff of *Our Sunday Visitor*, located in Huntington, celebrated their centennial anniversary of Friday, Sept. 28, at the Grand Wayne Center and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

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The day included a symposium featuring Cardinal Francis George of Chicago and nationally acclaimed speakers and authors Helen Alvaré and Scott Hahn. Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, was the featured speaker at a dinner that followed the Mass.

The celebration fell just prior to the opening of the Year of Faith, with its emphasis on the New Evangelization and begins Oct. 11.

“This anniversary is a way to give thanks from each of us as we are perceived as a company serving the Church for 100 years and to rededicate ourselves to the mission of the Church as articulated by Bishop (John F.) Noll — that is to help form Catholics in their faith, to inform them about the events in the world as seen through the eyes of the faith, and finally defend the Church when necessary,” Greg Erlandson, president of *Our Sunday Visitor* Publishing Division, told *Today's Catholic*.



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks of Archbishop John F. Noll, founder of *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington, during his homily at the Mass of thanksgiving and rededication in celebration of *Our Sunday Visitor's* centennial anniversary on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Eleven bishops and archbishops as well as priests from around the nation concelebrated the Mass. Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, also attended.

At the Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne celebrating the centennial and rededication to its mission, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who also serves as the chairman of the board of directors of *Our Sunday Visitor*, said, “It is very appropriate that we celebrate the centennial Mass of *Our Sunday Visitor* here in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where its venerable founder, John Francis Noll, was bap-

tized and received his first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Here, too, Father Noll was ordained a priest and a bishop. He was the fifth bishop of Fort Wayne and shepherded the diocese for 31 years, from 1925 until his death in 1956.”

Attending the Mass was Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago. Several

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Plenary Indulgence to be offered at the Opening Mass for the Year of Faith

FORT WAYNE — A special
papal blessing will be given
by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
on Oct. 11 in Fort Wayne's
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception, at the conclusion
of the Holy Mass to open the
Year of Faith in the Diocese of
Fort Wayne-South Bend.

This papal blessing, which a
diocesan bishop is permitted to
bestow in the name of the Holy
Father on three solemn occa-
sions each year, carries with
it a plenary indulgence for all
those who meet the usual con-
ditions (listed below).

An indulgence is defined by
the Catechism of the Catholic
Church (No. 1471) as "a remis-
sion before God of the tem-
poral punishment due to sins
whose guilt has already been
forgiven, which the faithful
Christian who is duly disposed
gains under certain prescribed
conditions through the action
of the Church which, as the
minister of redemption, dis-
penses and applies with author-
ity the treasury of the satisfac-
tions of Christ and the saints."

Through indulgences, the
infinite merits of Christ, as well
as the merits of the Blessed
Virgin Mary and the Saints, are
applied to our purification in
this life or in the life to come
(in purgatory).

A plenary indulgence
removes all of the temporal
punishment due to sins, and
may be applied to oneself or to
the souls of the deceased.

The conditions for obtaining
a plenary indulgence are:

- 1.) Being truly repentant
and receiving sacramental
absolution in the Sacrament of
Penance
- 2.) Reception of Holy
Communion
- 3.) Praying for the Holy
Father's intentions.
- 4.) Total detachment from
any inclination to sin, even
venial sins.

The first three actions may
be fulfilled within 20 days
before or after the offering of
the indulgence. However, it
is most appropriate if they are
all done on the same day the
indulgence is offered.



Dear Friends in Christ,

On October 11th, the Catholic Church throughout the world will begin the observance of *The Year of Faith*. This special year is a blessed opportunity to profess, rediscover, and celebrate the truth, beauty, and power of our Catholic faith.

All are cordially invited to the Mass opening the *Year of Faith* in our diocese on October 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

We have printed and distributed to parishes throughout our diocese prayer cards containing the Apostles' Creed on one side and the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love on the other. I invite all the faithful of our diocese to pray the Apostles' Creed daily during the *Year of Faith*, from October 11th, 2012, to November 24th, 2013. I invite families to recite this Creed together at mealtimes or another convenient time each day. I ask all Catholic school and religious education teachers to pray it with their classes. Let us profess our faith, the faith of the Apostles, with renewed fervor and with attention to the principal truths we embrace as Christians.

"To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe" (ccc #197)

I entrust this time of grace in our diocese to our patroness, Mary Immaculate, our pillar of faith. She accompanies us on our pilgrimage of faith and keeps us strong and steadfast in our faith in her Divine Son. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us during this *Year of Faith!*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend

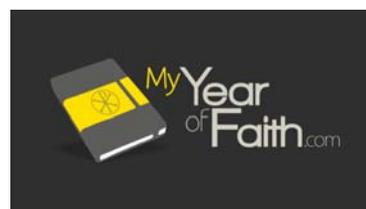
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Nov. 24, 2013. The Mass will be
celebrated by Bishop Rhoades
and take place in St. Matthew
Cathedral in South Bend.

Apostle's Creed Prayer Card

Bishop Rhoades has commis-
sioned the manufacture of prayer
cards for every family in the di-
ocese that wishes to have one. The
prayer cards contain the Apostles'
Creed, and other faith devotions
designed to be used every day,
and recited either as a family or
individually. The beautiful prayer
card is laminated, easily portable
and lends itself to daily use.



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THE APOSTLES' CREED

<p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;</p>	<p>he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.</p>
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The diocesan prayer cards for the
Year of Faith feature a five-century-
old tapestry entitled the "The
Miraculous Draught of Fishes." It
depicts the scene from Lk 5:1-11 —
the calling of the Apostles Peter,
James and John. Commissioned
in 1516 by Pope Leo X as part of a
series on the lives of Ss. Peter and
Paul, this tapestry was designed
by the great Renaissance master,
Raphael. Made of wool, silk, and
gold and silver thread, it was
woven in Belgium and delivered
to Rome in 1519. On extraordinary
occasions, it and three other sur-
viving tapestries from the same set
are still hung in the Sistine Chapel.

the diocese is an app, available
for iPhone and Android mobile
device users. This app, which
goes live Oct. 11, is titled "My
Year of Faith" and can be a daily
resource for users, and is cus-
tomizable for each individual. It
includes many features that lead
users to a deeper understanding
of their faith, an increased prayer
life, and reflections and thoughts
from nationally known bloggers
and writers — all with daily con-
tent updates. The list of contribu-
tors is a "who's who in Catholic
social media" including Lisa
Hendey, Brandon Vogt, Father
Leo Patalinghug, to name but a
few, and other popular Catholic
authors and speakers like Dr.
Greg Popack, as well as local
voices, like Bishop Rhoades. The
diocese anticipates this locally-
produced app to gain national
favor and recognition. The app
will be available at the iPhone
App Store. Links to the app as
well as the My Year of Faith
website can be found at the dioc-
esan website www.diocesefwsb.org
or access the site directly at
www.myyearoffaith.com. Those
who do not have smartphones
can follow the blog at www.myyearoffaith.com.

Special Mass speaks to value of people with disabilities



MARY GLOWASKI

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gathers with Mass servers after the Mass for those with disabilities on Sunday, Sept. 23, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. The diocese provided bus transportation for those who wished to attend from the Fort Wayne area.

BY DEB WAGNER

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Mass for those with disabilities, their families and caregivers on Sunday, Sept. 23, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. The purpose of the Mass was to celebrate the lives and the gifts of people with disabilities, and was sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries. A reception followed the Mass.

Throughout the celebration, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the immense value that people with disabilities bring to their parishes and to the diocese. Assisting at the special Mass were altar servers, proclaimers of the word, gift bearers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, choir members and a sign language interpreter — many of whom had visible disabilities.

“The Catholic Church professes the great and fundamental truth of the dignity of every human person created in God’s image, from the moment of conception to natural death,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. “We thank God for the precious gift of life and we proclaim that every person has the right to life and every person with a disability has the right to a dignified life.”

“The bishops of the United States have stated that ‘our defense of life and rejection of the culture of death requires that we acknowledge the dignity and positive contributions of our brothers and sisters with disabilities. We unequivocally oppose negative attitudes toward disability which often lead to abortion, medical rationing and euthanasia,’” Bishop Rhoades said. “How sad and appalling it is when the presence of handicapped conditions

is used as a rationale for abortion or for neglect after birth or for other offenses against the sacred gift of human life.”

Bishop Rhoades added that he agrees wholeheartedly with his brother bishops when they say that people with disabilities “bring with them a special insight into the meaning of life; for they live, more than the rest of us perhaps, in the shadow of the cross. And out of their experience they forge virtues like courage, patience, perseverance, compassion and sensitivity that should serve as an inspiration to all Christians.”

Many people with disabilities in attendance were even inspired by others with disabilities that made their debut in ministries during the Mass. For example, Tracy Rau from Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne proclaimed a reading she brailled after making her way to the ambo with the aid of her husband’s arm and the lead of her dog, Porter. Her husband, Bill, has a hearing impairment.

Lauren Zmirski from St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka who attended the celebration with her mother, Vicki Zmirski, thought it was nice to celebrate living with disabilities with others because “sometimes in your parish, you are the only one that is disabled.” Vicki thought the Mass gave “value and meaning to people with disabilities.”

Carolyn Faulstich with daughter, Amy, from St. Michael Parish in Plymouth felt that the designated Mass and effort to embrace the value and contributions of those with disabilities was a blessing — a sentiment that was echoed by many in attendance.

Bishop Rhoades said, “In our culture, there is a strong tendency to glorify things like physical bodies, health, material wealth, popularity, etc. Some will value

people not because of who they are as God’s children, but because of their physical attributes or other traits.”

“Sadly also, some are not valued because of weakness, infirmity or disability,” Bishop Rhoades added. “Such an attitude is contrary to the Gospel, contrary to our faith, contrary to the truth about human dignity. Jesus turns the all-too-human way of thinking of the disciples upside down. Jesus teaches the disciples the important lesson that to be first, to be great, is to be the servant, to take the last place. That’s the opposite of the common view that the first are those with the most influence, prestige and power. Jesus established a new ethic — to be great is to be the servant of all.”

“In this culture of death, we see the harm and neglect, even the killing of innocent human beings,” Bishop Rhoades said. “We witness injustice, prejudice and discrimination. As a people of life, as a Church built on Christ the cornerstone, we are called to respect and protect and defend life in all its stages and conditions. Our parishes and communities should be places of welcome, where loving concern is shown for all, where no one feels rejected, where each is able to participate in the Church’s life and mission according to his or her God-given talents and abilities. We are all the living stones, which make up the Church with Christ as the cornerstone. No stone should be rejected. To do so is to also reject the cornerstone, which is Christ.”

Traci Rau, who has also survived three bouts of cancer, said, “We don’t have disabilities. We have different abilities. People with disabilities are put on this earth to teach perseverance to live according to the path God has already planned for us.”



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 7, 5:15 p.m. — Vespers at Old College, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. — Allen County Right to Life Banquet, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Oct. 9 to Thursday, Oct. 11 — Priests’ Continuing Education Workshop, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Thursday, Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m. — Opening Mass for Year of Faith, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend
- Saturday, Oct. 13, 4 p.m. — Mass at Confirmation Rally, Wawasee Middle School, Syracuse

US Jesuit, French philosopher win Ratzinger Prize

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation, established to promote studies in theology and philosophy, will award one of its two major prizes this year to U.S. Jesuit Father Brian E. Daley, a patristics expert and professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame.

The other prize winner is Remi Brague, a French professor of the philosophy of European religions at Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich.

The two will receive their prize from Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican Oct. 20.

Announcing the recipients of the 50,000 euro (about \$64,620) cash prize, retired Italian Cardinal Camillo Ruini said that “unfortunately,” Father Daley, 72, is not as well known in Italy as Brague is.

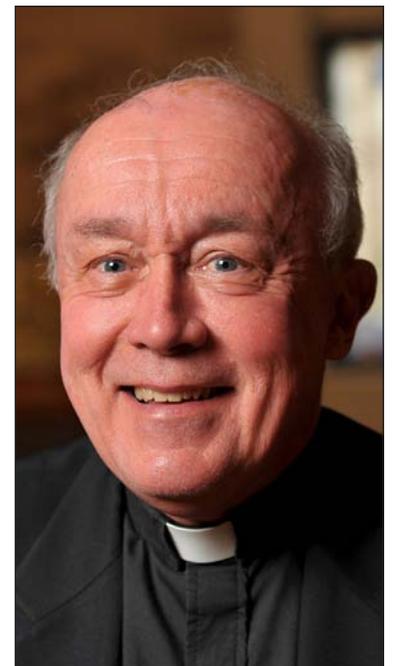
Calling Father Daley “a great historian of patristic theology,” Cardinal Ruini also said, “he has published an impressive — and I mean incredible — number of scientific articles on patristic theology, but also studies on the life and spirituality of the Society of Jesus, as well as on theological and ecumenical themes of current interest.”

In addition to teaching and writing, Father Daley serves as the executive secretary of the Catholic-Orthodox Consultation for North America.

The Jesuit is the author of “The Hope of the Early Church,” “On The Dormition of Mary: Early Patristic Homilies,” and “Gregory of Nazianzus,” a volume in the series “The Early Church Fathers.” He also was the English translator of Hans Urs von Balthasar’s “Cosmic Liturgy: the Universe According to Maximus the Confessor.”

Brague, the other prize winner, is a married father of four children who taught at the Sorbonne in Paris for 20 years, and moved to Munich in 2002. He has been a visiting professor at Pennsylvania State University, Boston College and Boston University.

His books include: “Eccentric Culture,” “The Wisdom of the



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Jesuit Father Brian Daley, a patristics expert and professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, has been awarded a major prize from the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation, for his work in theology.

World,” “The Law of God,” “The Legend of the Middle Ages,” and “On the God of the Christians.”

The Vatican foundation funding the prize, as well as scholarships for promising doctoral students, was established in 2010 with Pope Benedict’s approval and his designation of just more than \$3 million from royalties earned on his books (the rest of his royalties are given to charity).

The prize winners were chosen by the foundation’s scientific committee: Cardinal Ruini; Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state; Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes; Archbishop Luis Ladaria, secretary of the doctrinal congregation; and Archbishop Jean-Louis Brugues, archivist of the Vatican Secret Archives.

New Evangelization emphasized at OSV centennial anniversary celebration

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A symposium that drew *Our Sunday Visitor* staff and board members, area laity and priests and bishops from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and around the nation convened on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne to mark *Our Sunday Visitor's* centennial anniversary celebration. Keynote speakers featured were Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, and nationally acclaimed speakers and authors Helen Alvaré and Scott Hahn. Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* and editor of *The Priest*, acted as moderator.

As chair of the board of the directors, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades opened the symposium.

Cardinal Francis George spoke of the challenges between scientism and fundamentalism and called for the need for a new Catholic apologetics. When dialoging with others the cardinal encouraged a loving, humble and respectful response, even with the enemies of the Church.

Helen Alvaré, associate professor of law at George Mason University of Law, followed the cardinal with her talk on "Women, the Federal Government and Religious Freedom." Her fast paced and rational talk focused on the government confrontation of religious freedom in this nation. She has confidence that the U.S. courts and Constitution offer hope that expression of religious freedom will be protected. She said, "Now is a moment in time to have this conversation."

Professor of theology and Scripture at the Franciscan University of Steubenville Scott Hahn spoke on the "Bible, Eucharist and the New Evangelization." He said evangelization should be based in the Eucharist and added that Catholics proclaim a Eucharistic Christ. He noted, "The Church evangelizes every time we celebrate the Eucharist."

Following the symposium, a Mass of thanksgiving and rededication was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

At the dinner at the Grand Wayne Center following the Mass, Archbishop Claudio Celli, who has served since 2007 as the president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, was the featured speaker. The Italian prelate has also been selected by papal appointment to serve on the Congregation for Bishops and the Congregation for the New Evangelization.

In his address, he spoke of the New Evangelization as well as new media. He spoke of the revolution of communications that has created a vast cultural transformation in the last 25 years and how the new culture of communication requires that Catholic media rethink their approach.

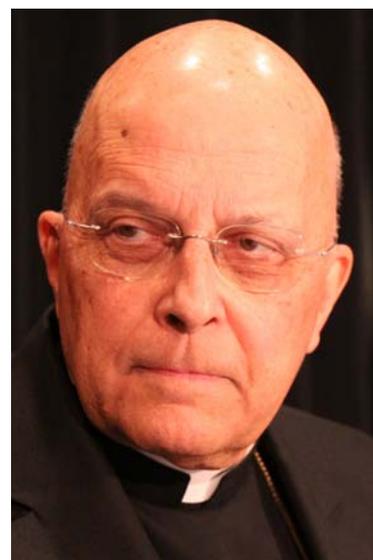
"We must not think of it as a 'virtual' space, which is somehow less important than the real world,"



HELEN ALVARE



SCOTT HAHN



CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE



ARCHBISHOP CLAUDIO CELLI

Archbishop Celli noted. "If the Church is not present in this space, if the Good News is not proclaimed 'digitally,' then we risk abandoning the many people for whom this is where they 'live': this is the forum in which they get their news and information, form and express their opinions, ask questions and engage in debate."

Another challenge, he said, "is to achieve the types of transformation in our communication style that will make our digital presence effective."

"I am convinced that a particular task for Catholic media is that of helping the Church to find a language appropriate to the new media environment created by the technologies and the social networks," Archbishop Celli said, adding, "... the most effective forms of digital discourse are those that engage people individually, that seek to respond to their specific questions and that attempt to dialogue."

"We need to be more attentive to our vocabulary. Much of our religious and ecclesial language is unintelligible even to believers. Many of our religious icons and symbols need to be explained for our contemporaries," he added. He pointed out that no one needed a degree in theology to understand the writings of Bishop Noll.

One of the critical motives for the foundation of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the archbishop noted, was a desire to defend the Church from unjust attacks. Archbishop Celli said, "As Catholics, we need never hesitate to

express ourselves forcibly, to correct error and condemn injustices; but we must always speak the truth in love."

Dignitaries gathered for the anniversary celebration, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, who told *Today's Catholic*, "It was an honor to be closely involved with *Our Sunday Visitor* for 25 years as chair of the board of directors. It was a learning experience, and I was especially enlightened by the men and women who served with me on the board. *OSV* has been an instrument of truth and a great blessing for the Church and for the diocese."

Bishop D'Arcy added, "As part of the *OSV* Institute, a granting organization, I could see firsthand the many great efforts, which received funds for these works of Christ."

Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* and served as master of ceremonies for the anniversary celebration, said, "One thing this is essential to the priesthood is to celebrate the Eucharist and to provide the sacraments to people."

"The other," he said, "is to proclaim the Word of the Lord and to apply the lessons of the Gospel to individuals and to situations in current life. Being at *Our Sunday Visitor* for 20 years has given me the opportunity to do this in a way that only the facilities of a national Catholic publication can provide."

Mark Weber contributed to this story.

Bishop Luers terminates employment of Matt Lindsay

FORT WAYNE — On Sunday, Sept. 16, Bishop Luers High School announced the termination of the employment of Matthew Lindsay, head football coach and athletic director. Lindsay had been placed on administrative leave of absence days earlier, on Sept. 13, due to the discovery of a large number of inappropriate video clips, none involving nudity, that were discovered on Lindsay's computer.

A statement released by the school and diocese on Sept. 19 noted: "According to our judgment, the apparent surreptitious taking of video clips of students and other persons of the type taken by Mr. Lindsay constituted a violation of our ethical standards and policies, and thus mandated the immediate dismissal of Mr. Lindsay."

Legal counsel for the diocese and school reported the matter to the Allen County Sheriff's Department, according to diocesan and school policy.

The press statement released by the diocese stated: "We do not know if the actions of Mr. Lindsay constitute a criminal offense. That is for the police to investigate and for law enforcement officials to evaluate."

The matter is now in the hands of law enforcement officials.

In the Sept. 19 statement, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades commented: "I know this matter has been the subject of much speculation in the media and in the community. Because of the concerns of all involved, we have tried to proceed carefully and honestly... My primary concern is the welfare of our students, the community of Bishop Luers High School, and the integrity of our actions. This whole affair has caused turmoil for many people. I ask for your prayers for the Bishop Luers community and for all involved in this very sad

affair."

Principal Mary Keefer told *Today's Catholic*, "The outpouring of support from our families and our extended community has been humbling."

In a communiqué to parents of Bishop Luers' students, Keefer said, "I have been overwhelmed with your kindnesses, your words of support, your willingness to trust the diocese and Bishop Luers High School. Throughout this entire week, not one of you called to ask, 'What happened?' You trusted the time that it took to sort out what truly did happen. Thank you for that. In situations like this it seems that anything that one does say is not enough for some and too much for others."

"My prayers this week have been for courage, wisdom and understanding," Keefer continued. The communiqué added: "All of you and each of your very precious children have been in my prayers. You have been in my thoughts because I truly do consider you a part of my family. I have thought of how very loyal each of you has been, how hard you work to send your children to Bishop Luers High School."

"Please know that our mission remains the same," Keefer said. "Decisions always have been made and will continue to be made based on what is best for our young people. They will continue to grow spiritually, academically and socially. They will mature and thrive with adults who care deeply about each one of them."

Last week, the law enforcement officers served a search warrant and seized evidence at the home of Lindsay. The Allen County Sheriff's Department was investigating whether the videos on Lindsay's computer warrant criminal charges. No charges had been filed as of press time.

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

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Bishop Rhoades celebrates Mass, welcomes Sisters to area

BY TIM JOHNSON

HUNTINGTON — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and welcomed the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist to their home at the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington on Monday, Sept. 24.

Twenty postulants as well as six novices are in formation at St. Felix. The sisters arrived Sept. 13 to the fanfare of students from Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools in Fort Wayne, the Tippmann family, which owns and maintains the Catholic Center, Capuchin Father Ron Rieder, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, and Father John Pfister, pastor of St. Mary Parish and several other diocesan well-wishers.

Bishop Rhoades was eager to greet the sisters, saying on Sept. 24, "I have been looking forward to celebrating this Mass today here at St. Felix Catholic Center

to extend a very warm welcome to you, my sisters in Christ. I feel that our diocese and I are richly blessed by your presence here, by your prayers, and by your witness to Christ in your consecrated life or in your formation for the consecrated life. I hope and pray that you feel at home here and that here you will grow in your love for the Lord and His Church."

Some of the order's leadership, including Mother Mary Assumpta Long, superior, and Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz were present at St. Felix for the Mass and luncheon that followed. Sister Amata Veritas will be the superior of the sisters in Huntington.

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, whose motherhouse is based in Ann Arbor, Mich., has experienced a growth in vocations. This growth has filled the motherhouse to capacity and the sisters will offer postulant formation training in Huntington while the order's missions expand in other regions of the country.



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets postulants at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington where the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist have recently located. Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass and welcomed the sisters to Huntington on Sept. 24.

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In his homily, Bishop Rhoades reflected upon the day's Gospel where Jesus tells a parable about a lamp.

"Reflecting on this parable made me think of the holy task of the Church in our day: the mission of the New Evangelization, as well as the upcoming Year of Faith," Bishop Rhoades said. "We are called to listen to the word of God, to embrace it, and to live it. Only then will our ministries and apostolates bear fruit. Only then will the New Evangelization come about. It begins in our own

hearts."

"I think of the new light that your congregation brings to the Church and to the world," Bishop Rhoades said. "Or I should say that the Holy Spirit brings through your congregation. Your charisma and your rule as Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist springs from the word of God and seeks to be an expression of it, as our Holy Father teaches."

"We need your witness of life, your witness to the radicalism of the Gospel," Bishop Rhoades

added. "The Church needs many lamps that are lit and not hidden, placed on lampstands, and not under the bed, so that the New Evangelization will bear fruit."

He said, "All this begins, of course, in your own hearts, indeed in all of our hearts. It begins with listening to God's word, believing it, embracing it and living it."

Father Rieder and Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick assisted Bishop Rhoades at the Mass.

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Judges order separate trials for papal butler, computer expert

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican tribunal determined the two suspects indicted for their parts in the VatiLeaks' scandal should be tried separately. During the opening session of the trial Sept. 29, the judges said the trial against Paolo Gabriele, the papal assistant charged with aggravated theft, was to continue Oct. 2. A separate trial for Claudio Sciarpelletti on charges of aiding and abetting Gabriele will be scheduled at a later date, they said. Giuseppe Dalla Torre, the presiding judge, said four more sessions "next week should be sufficient" for completing Gabriele's trial. Gabriele, a 46-year-old married father of three, was the first person to be questioned Oct. 2. No members of Gabriele's family were present for the trial's opening. Although under Vatican law a defendant is not obliged to appear in person, Gabriele — dressed in a light grey suit and tie — was present in the courtroom Sept. 29. Sciarpelletti, a computer technician in the Vatican Secretariat of State, was represented by his lawyer, who said his client fell ill unexpectedly because he felt too nervous. The trial's first session, in a small Vatican courtroom just to the southwest of the apse of St. Peter's Basilica, lasted two and a half hours, which included an 80-minute break during which the judges went behind closed doors to consider the motions and objections made by the defense lawyers as the trial opened. They decided: The court would exclude evidence from two interviews Domenico Giani, head of the Vatican police force, conducted with Gabriele while in custody because they were done without the presence of his lawyers; the court would exclude information gathered during a conversation between Giani and Msgr. Georg Ganswein, the pope's secretary, concerning how Gabriele allegedly obtained a check for 100,000 euro (almost \$123,000) and a nugget of what's presumed to be gold, which were reportedly found in Gabriele's possession.

Defending traditional marriage is prophetic, not reactionary, pope says

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Defending traditional marriage is not an expression of backward thinking, said Pope Benedict XVI, but of values essential to the future of humanity. "Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself," he said. The pope made his remarks Sept. 21 in a talk to French bishops visiting Rome to report on the status of their dioceses and meet with Vatican officials. Both France's incoming president, Francois Hollande, and Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault have promised to promote the legalization of same-sex marriage and of adoption by same-sex couples. If the measure passes, France would become the ninth European nation to

TRIAL OF POPE BENEDICT XVI'S FORMER BUTLER PAOLO GABRIELE OPENS AT VATICAN



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The trial of Pope Benedict XVI's former butler Paolo Gabriele, seated at right in grey suit, opens at the Vatican Sept. 29. Gabriele is accused of aggravated theft for stealing private documents from the desk of the pope and leaking them to a journalist.

recognize same-sex marriage. France legalized same-sex civil unions in 1999. The family, which is the foundation of society, "is threatened in many places by a faulty conception of human nature," the pope told the group of 32 bishops. How an individual is raised and the well-being of society are interdependent, he said. "Defending life and the family in society isn't retrograde, rather it's prophetic," he said, because it helps "promote those values that permit the full development of the human person."

Scripture scholar says Vatican II promoted access to Bible for all

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Second Vatican Council gave the Bible a central place in the life of the Church, a Scripture scholar said during a symposium at The Catholic University of America. In a talk on the council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Hellen Mardaga said Vatican II not only opened the door for scholars to study the Bible using the modern methods of historical criticism, but also enabled them to publish their findings and make them accessible to the Catholic public. Mardaga, an assistant professor of New Testament at Catholic University, said the constitution, known also as "Dei Verbum," invited the faithful to nourish their faith from the Scriptures, a sharp break from the 16th-century Council

of Trent, which taught that interpreting the Bible was a task reserved for bishops. Her Sept. 27 talk was part of university's symposium "Reform and Renewal: Vatican II After 50 Years." Mardaga contrasted Vatican II's teaching on revelation, including the Bible, with that of the First Vatican Council, held in 1869-70, and two papal encyclicals. Vatican II emphasized, she said, the Church's doctrines are not themselves divine revelation but rather, Christ himself is the sum total of revelation. The council's understanding of revelation is relational, she said. "It has to do with the relationship between the Father and the Son. It is in that interpersonal relationship that we Christians participate." Vatican I taught that faith is submission of one's intellect and will to God, Mardaga said, but for Vatican II, faith is a gift of oneself to God.

Catholic women urged to bring their voices to the public square

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (CNS) — When the National Council of Catholic Women chose "Be the Voice of Catholic Women" as the theme of its 2012 convention, the organization's members probably didn't foresee how relevant those six words would be in today's political and cultural environment. More than 540 women who attended the annual gathering Sept. 19-22 in Myrtle Beach heard speakers discuss how

vital it is to spread the message in the public square, especially when religious liberty is threatened by, among other things, the HHS mandate on contraception. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone of Charleston was the principal celebrant of the opening Mass Sept. 20. He was joined by more than 30 priests who are spiritual advisers for women's councils around the United States. The bishop praised the work that women do in the daily life of the Church, and said it is more necessary today than ever before. He urged attendees to not be discouraged by troubles at the national level or in their personal lives, and to turn to God for solutions and encouragement. "If we are willing to confront and not run away from problems, the presence of Christ will sustain us," Bishop Guglielmone said. "As we try to conquer the evils of our times, we need to remember we don't want to defeat people, we want to convert them. We want them to see the presence of Christ." Increased involvement also was encouraged by John Carr, a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and former executive director of the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, who gave the keynote address. "This is not a time for discouragement, but a time for increased engagement," he said. Carr said women play a vital role in spreading the Church's message, educating the culture about the sanctity of all human life, and standing up for the most vulnerable

in society, including the unborn, the elderly and disabled, poor people and immigrants.

French priest, founder of Oblates of St. Francis de Sales beatified

TROYES, France (CNS) — Cardinal Angel Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, presided over the Sept. 22 beatification of French Father Louis Brisson, founder of the Oblates and the Oblates Sisters of St. Francis de Sales. Some 2,500 people, including a dozen bishops and more than 200 priests, filled the Troyes Cathedral in France for the beatification Mass. Hundreds more watched the ceremony from the cathedral steps. Father Brisson was ordained a priest of the Troyes Diocese in 1840. The order he founded is known today as the DeSales Oblates. Addressing French-speaking pilgrims at Castel Gandolfo the next day, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Yesterday, I was spiritually united in the joy of the faithful of the Diocese of Troyes gathered for the beatification of Father Louis Brisson." The pope encouraged Catholics to follow the example of Blessed Brisson. "He used to say, 'I need God; it is a hunger which devours me.' Like him, learn to hunger for God and constantly turn to him with confidence." Cardinal Amato told Vatican Radio that Father Brisson's life and mission were marked by his familiarity with the teaching of St. Francis de Sales and by his concern for young people. In the mid-1800s, Troyes was a bustling city of factories, a mix of wealth and squalor. As a young priest, Father Brisson began workshops and opened hostels for young workers. Rather quickly, he founded the religious orders for women and for men, launching congregations that continue to run schools, colleges and parishes.

Marian expert says rosary key to evangelization, helping families

ROME (CNS) — As the Church is set to begin the Year of Faith and a synod on the New Evangelization, the rosary can play a key role in strengthening and spreading the word of God, said a leading American expert in Marian studies. "This Year of Faith is a call for evangelization, a new evangelization that's to start with ourselves" in reawakening one's love for Christ and then reaching out to those who have become distanced from the Church, said Holy Cross Father James Phalan, director of Family Rosary International. October is the month the Church dedicates to the rosary, and the world Synod of Bishops will start Oct. 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Benedict XVI entrusted the synod to Mary's intercession, and he has said the rosary can stimulate missionary activity by leading Christians to meditate on the life of Jesus. "During this Year of Faith we're to take up the rosary in our hands again," Father Phalan told Catholic News Service during a visit to Rome in mid-September.

Saint Joseph High School ranked as Top 50 Catholic school

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School announced that the school has once again been selected as a Top 50 Catholic High School in the nation, a distinction it has held since 2006. The National Catholic High School Honor Roll is a biennially published list of America's Top 50 Catholic high schools, judged on the criteria of academic excellence, Catholic identity and civic education. The Honor Roll is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in Catholic education.

The Catholic High School Honor Roll is now sponsored by the Cardinal Newman Society, beginning with the 2012-2013 Honor Roll. The Acton Institute, which has sponsored the Honor Roll since its inception, is turning the program over to the Cardinal Newman Society.

Father Robert Sirico, president and co-founder of the Acton Institute states, "It has been gratifying to see how the Catholic High School Honor Roll has grown to be a reliable standard for faithful Catholic education. In order to insure its continued growth, it seems logical to us that its mission be entrusted to a fine organization with a solid track record to take it to the next level."

Saint Joseph is extremely gratified to have earned this outstanding recognition, which is a direct reflection of the quality, integrity and commitment of the administration, faculty and staff.

Philip and Katherine Bail Personal Achievement Scholarship

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School senior Kayleigh Hutson has been awarded the Philip and Katherine Bail Personal Achievement Scholarship this year. The \$5,000 financial need-based academic scholarship is awarded annually to a rising senior at Bishop Luers High School who possesses outstanding moral character, strives to perform to the highest level of his/her God-given talents, and does not allow adversity to define or limit the constructive pursuit of his/her dreams.

Students, families invited to USF Fall Campus Visit Day

FORT WAYNE — High school students and their families are invited to visit the University of Saint Francis to learn more about its campus, courses, clubs and culture of learning at Fall Campus Visit Day on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. at the North Campus at 2702 Spring St., Fort Wayne.

During the event, visitors can choose from a variety of breakout sessions on specific study interests, and meet students and profes-

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ST. MARY SCHOOL SUPPORTS OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH



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September was Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and the students and staff of St. Mary's School in Avilla recently sported teal ribbons to show their support for close friends and family affected by this disease.

sors in those majors. Students yet unclear on a course of study can also attend a session to understand the availability of programs, standards for acceptance and begin the process of selecting a study area that might be right for them.

Tours will acquaint them with the logistics of the campus, including the location of academic and administrative buildings, dormitories, cafeteria, chapel and athletic facilities. Lunch and a mini-fair will allow visitors to experience the university's culinary service and mingle with student representatives of clubs, athletics, the alumni office and the study abroad program.

To register for Fall Campus Visit Day at the University of Saint Francis, email the visit coordinator at admiss@sf.edu, visit sf.edu/admissions or call (260) 399-7700, ext. 6309.

Summer edition of Church Life available

NOTRE DAME — The summer issue of *Church Life: A Journal for the New Evangelization* is now available at <http://icl.nd.edu>. In addition to reflections by its regular contributors, this issue includes articles on "Evangelizing with a Beautiful, Persuasive Invitation," by Josh and Stacey Noem; "Reawakening Wonder: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as Medicine for Moralistic Therapeutic Deism," by Katie Ball-Boruff and Kristen Hempstead McGann; and "The Flow of Grace," by Leonard DeLorenzo.

Church Life is an endeavor of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. Editor Timothy P. O'Malley, Ph.D., acting director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, explores the theological and pastoral roots of the new evangelization, with particular attention to catechesis, liturgy, adult theological education, a spirituality of vocation, and the formation of ordained and lay ministers. It regularly features articles by a number of prominent theologians.

Seventy attend Hispanic Youth Retreat

MILFORD — Youth from across the diocese attended the Hispanic Youth Retreat hosted by the Office for Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, which sponsors the camp every other year. This year's retreat was held Sept. 7-9 at Camp Mack in Milford.

Among the 70 participants, youth came from Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw; St. Joseph, LaGrange; San Juan Evangelista, Goshen; St. Adalbert, South Bend; St. Patrick, Ligonier; Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend; and St. Michael, Plymouth.

The theme was "God is in my Crib and Family." Humberto Delgado and Isela Hernandez were the main presenters. Holy Cross Father John Steele and Father Fernando Jimenez celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction, and Father Constantino Rocha celebrated the "Clausura" Mass.

Radio personality Father Albert Haase presents at St. Jude Parish

SOUTH BEND — Franciscan Father Albert Haase will be the guest presenter at the St. Jude Parish Mission, titled "Three Challenges in the Spiritual Life," on Oct. 8, 9 and 10 beginning at 7 p.m. in St. Jude Church.

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over 11 years, he is the author of five books on popular spirituality. He is the director of the International Institute for Clergy Formation based at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. He is also the co-host of "Spirit and Life," a radio show heard every weekend on the Relevant Radio Network, Baraga Broadcasting and The Presence Radio Network.

St. Jude Catholic Church is located one half mile south of the U.S. 20 bypass and one block east of U.S. 31 South on Johnson Road. For more information call the St. Jude Parish office at (574) 291-0570 or visit <http://www.stjudeparish.org>.

To learn more about Father Haase visit www.albertofm.org

Holy Cross College named a college of distinction

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has been named to the 2012-2013 list of Colleges of Distinction, created by col-

lege education professionals as a guide to recognize excellent schools, with qualifying aspects such as the success of its graduates, the quality of its teaching and the atmosphere of its campus. As a Colleges of Distinction, Holy Cross College is strongly focused on the relationship-based teaching of undergraduates with small classes sizes. Holy Cross College's residential community offers many opportunities for co-curricular involvement and leadership development in areas such as athletics, drama, hobbies, music, politics, religious life and service. Holy Cross College is a Catholic, four-year, co-educational, liberal arts institution founded in 1966 by the Brothers of Holy Cross. With a 13:1 faculty to student ratio, students find personal attention from professors who care about their success and development in mind, body and spirit.

For more information on Colleges of Distinction visit www.collegesofdistinction.com.

University of Saint Francis expands downtown presence with Chamber building purchase

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will expand its downtown Fort Wayne presence with the purchase of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce building at 826 Ewing St. as a home for its Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. A fall closing date is anticipated.

The purchase locates the business school near the USF Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St. The university purchased the former Scottish Rite Center in January as a performance hall and as a location for its Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) program.

"Locating the school of business near the USF Performing Arts Center supports the META program's downtown momentum," said Sister M. Elise Kriss, university president. "Since META intersects with business courses, locating the study centers near one another creates convenience for our students while partnering with the city to draw visitors to an enhanced downtown. The move also provides more space for the business school's other programs and opens up main campus space for the School of Arts and Sciences."

The chamber building has been for sale since 2010. The chamber is expected to remain in the building through the spring of 2013 while a search is undertaken for new office space in the downtown area.

"We certainly appreciate the historical significance of the Chamber building in so many of Fort Wayne's business dealings over the past 84 years," said Chamber President and CEO Mike Landram. "Selling the building to the University of Saint Francis is the best and highest use of the building in service to the business community."

STUDENTS RECEIVE THE ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUÉRIN AWARD



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Six Bishop Luers High School students were chosen by their theology teachers to receive the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Award. These students, who have expressed a love for the study of theology and the truth, are from left, James Franke of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, Kayleigh Hutson and Wesley Hutson of St. Therese Parish, Joseph Lewis, Corinne Zay of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington, and Criselda Huerta of St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne.

DACA workshop held for dreamers

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A collaborative effort to assist young immigrants with applications for DACA (Deferred Action for Children Arrivals) work authorizations was held at Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne, Friday, Sept. 14. The “Free DACA Clinic for Dreamers” workshop was sponsored by Catholic Charities, in association with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana (HLCNI), the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and the City of Fort Wayne.

Luz Ostrognai, immigration supervisor at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne, who organized the event, says this DACA immigration workshop, following on the heels of another held at St. Adalbert Church in South Bend recently, is the first of its kind in Fort Wayne. “It’s important that we advocate for these people,” she says.

DACA or Deferred Action for Children Arrivals refers to a process implemented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Aug. 15 in which youth who come to the United States as children, are not security risks and meet other requirements may be “considered for relief from removal from the country” and eligible to receive deferred action, reports the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website www.uscis.gov.

To be eligible an applicant must have come to the United States under the age of 16; have continuously resided in the United States



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Luz Ostrognai, standing far right, assists participants with applications for DACA work authorizations at Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne on Sept. 14. The “Free DACA Clinic for Dreamers” workshop was sponsored by Catholic Charities and hosted young immigrants who do not pose a security risk to apply for the authorizations.

for at least five years preceding June 15, 2012 and have been physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012; currently be in school, have graduated from high school, obtained a GED, or be an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; have no felony, significant misdemeanor or multiple misdemeanor convictions or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety; and not be above the age of 30.

Ostrognai says these young people are children who came into the country undocumented with their families or had visas that have expired. This new process to receive a work authorization will grant them permission to be in the country.

“The work authorization allows them to get a driver’s license, to work, attend school and live normal lives,” she reports, but warns it does not replace a green card, permanent residency or citizenship. The work

authorization must be reapplied for every two years.

Groups of local young people seeking assistance met at 8:30 a.m. for a specialized screening process for eligibility that was conducted by accredited local attorneys. Of the 100 participants screened on a first come, first served basis due to limited legal staff, those found eligible returned in the afternoon for an English-speaking presentation led by Ostrognai and Desiree Koger, attorney for the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. The presentation assisted the participants with DACA packet information and step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the forms necessary for application.

Ostrognai was pleased with the turn out and hopes that Catholic Charities and other organizations will continue to assist these young people as they strive to gain permanent residency and citizenship in the U.S.

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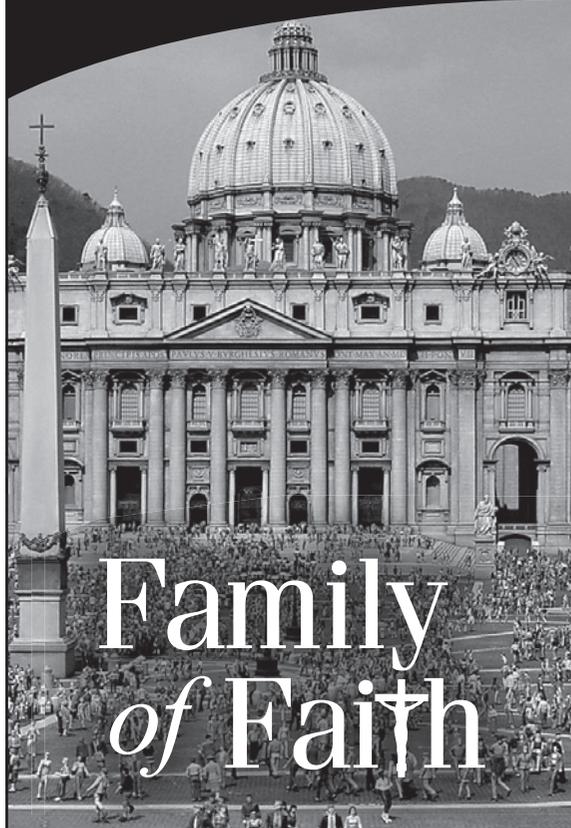
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BISHOP RHOADES BLESSES NEW REHAB CENTER



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the new Rehabilitation and Wellness Center Chapel at Sanctuary at Holy Cross in South Bend on Sunday, Sept. 16. Tours of the center, which opened Oct. 1, followed the Mass. The new center, located near Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, features 48 private suites and personalized therapy programs that may include physical, occupational, speech, therapeutic recreation and aqua therapy. Sanctuary at Holy Cross, affiliated with Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, is accepting reservations for rehabilitation. For more information call (574) 247-7500.

St. Michael celebrates with street fair

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — St. Michael Church celebrated its sesquicentennial feast day on Sept. 29 with an intercultural street fair and Mass. The event marked the 150th year of St. Michael's mission to the Catholic faithful of the area.

Jorge Mendoza, a parishioner of Mexican heritage, had a dream in which both Anglo and Hispanic church members would celebrate this anniversary with a religious event open to the entire community.

"The spark gathered momentum," Mendoza said, "when both Father William Kummer and Father Jimenez Eloy supported the idea of creating an outdoor event in honor of the occasion." He called it St. Michael Street Fair.

Mendoza's plan grew and scores of individuals volunteered their time, ideas and donations.

"I feel blessed," Mendoza said. "All the food, prizes, games and performances are donated by various good-hearted people of many faiths and I cannot thank them enough."

The mayor and City Council of Plymouth granted permission to block off Center Street outside



IDA CHIPMAN

Father William Kummer poses with St. Michael parishioner Jorge Mendoza, who was instrumental in organizing the church's sesquicentennial street fair celebration on Sept. 29.

St. Michael Church from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

At noon, Fathers Kummer and Eloy offered prayers, after which 150 blue and white balloons — St. Michael colors — were launched.

The afternoon event consisted of both authentic Hispanic and American foods for sale. Games for all ages, with raffles, corn hole and basketball tournaments, a dunk tank and hay rides were also available for all to enjoy.

A Hispanic-Indian dance performance and a Mexican folklore

dance were highlights of the day, along with a live band and songs by Quentin Flagg and Daniel del Real.

An Orlando deejay spun music for dancing until 6 p.m., when the fair concluded with a bilingual Mass inside the church.

Mendoza, whose efforts helped make the feast day a success, said, "My dream is that the event becomes a major hit and that more events like this will follow."



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New postulants from the diocese join Sisters of St. Francis

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka received two new postulants — Angela DeVreese and Patricia Roeder — on Sunday, Sept. 2.

DeVreese comes from Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, just a few miles from the motherhouse. She obtained a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Indiana University-South Bend. She first came to visit the convent for a Day of Reflection hosted by one of the sisters. A year later, she returned at the suggestion of her pastor, Father Daniel Scheidt, to more seriously discern if God was calling her to religious life.

Of the gift of her vocation DeVreese says, "There is nothing better than to be all His and to live in a place where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is perpetually adored!"

Roeder is a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Bristol. She graduated in May of 2012 from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She considered religious life for several



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From left, Father Robert Van Kempen, pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Bristol, is shown with parishioner Patricia Roeder and Queen of Peace, Mishawaka, parishioner Angela DeVreese with pastor Father Dan Scheidt. Roeder and DeVreese were received as new postulants with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka on Sept. 2.

years and eventually the question became "when" and not "if."

Roeder says, "Always listen to the Holy Spirit and make sure your will is in line with His."

She echoes St. Augustine with fondness when he said, "You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

SOUTH BEND FAITHFUL KICK OFF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



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Approximately 130 people gathered Sept. 26 for the kick-off event marking the 40 Days for Life campaign in South Bend. Held near the Woman's Pavilion abortion clinic on Ironwood Circle, Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, led prayer to inaugurate the 40-day campaign of prayer and fasting. The peaceful campaign is intended to raise awareness in the community and reach out to women considering abortion. Typically, women come to the clinic in crisis, believing abortion is their only choice. The 40 Days for Life campaign shows support for women to offer hope and help.

Scouts honored for studying the faith at diocesan camporee

BY JODI MAGALLANES

NOTRE DAME — Boy Scouts from across the diocese gathered in South Bend over the weekend to mark the culmination of weeks of study on the Catholic faith.

The youth camped out overnight on the campus of Holy Cross College Friday, and on Saturday attended Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. After the ceremony, several dozen of them received Scouting emblems signifying that they had learned about and reflected on the riches of the Catholic faith and Tradition.

At a 4 p.m. Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes at the University of Notre Dame Saturday, Bishop Rhoades spoke about Jesus' question to the disciples, "Who do you think that I am?" and asked the Scouts and the adults present the same question. The answer, he said, is one we give at every Mass — the Creed.

"We make that solemn profession of faith as Catholics. We believe that Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the Living God, is Christ," he told worshippers.

Faith is also living what we believe, which means living in friendship, he continued.

"That's why Scouting is so very important for you. Is Jesus your best friend? Having Jesus as our best friend means that we pray to Him, talk to Him, listen to Him, that we be faithful to attending Sunday Mass and that we have a relationship with Him every day and with the community that is His Church."

"Faith has to be lived and prac-



JODI MAGALLANES

Scouts from across the diocese gathered in South Bend Sept. 14-16 for a three-day Catholic Camporee and to receive religious emblems they had earned. On Saturday, they received the emblems after a Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

ticed. And so much of what you do as Scouts has to do with living your faith. You do good work, ... and true faith bears fruit in good works of charity," Bishop Rhoades said.

After Communion, Bishop Rhoades received and blessed emblems that had been earned by the Boy Scouts present. The Catholic religious medals and emblems program, the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts USA, Camp Fire USA and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting reinforces family and parish efforts to teach the faith. The youth are challenged to integrate the Scouting values of duty to God,

reverence and faithfulness into their everyday lives.

The emblems and awards that the students and the adults in their lives may earn are, for Boy Scouts: The Light of Christ program for grades 1 and 2; the Parvuli Dei program for grades 3-5; the Ad Altare Dei program for grades 7-12; the Pius XII program for grades 9 to college; the International Awareness Activity program for all ages; the Pope Paul VI special unit recognition; the Golden Bow Unit Recruitment Award; the Gold Medallion National Unit Recognition Award; the Bronze Pelican Medal, a diocesan adult

award; and the St. George Medal, a national recognition for adults.

Girl Scouts may pursue the Family of God program for ages 7-9; the I Live My Faith program for ages 9-11; the Marian Medal program for ages 12-15; the Spirit Alive program for Senior Scouts; the International Catholic Neighbor program for all ages; the Annual Bishop's Award, a diocesan award for outstanding troops; the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal, a diocesan adult award; and The St. Anne Medal, a national adult recognition.

In order to achieve the emblems, each Boy Scout studied numerous hours with an appointed counselor

who guided him in the correct teachings of the Church.

Adam Dumford, an eight-year-old Cub Scout from Fort Wayne, planned and led a family prayer service as a requirement for his Light of Christ emblem. His brothers Eric, a Tiger Scout, and John, a Cub Scout, received emblems as well. Some of the older Boy Scouts, like 14-year-old Andrew Scott of Granger, planned and participated in the Saturday program as part of their requirements.

The emblems may be obtained by Scouts of any faith who are willing to undergo the study required to complete them, Theresa Dirig, chairperson of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, said. Most, of course, are Catholic, although they belong to troops that meet at both public and Catholic schools or parishes.

In the past, Scouts living on the east side of the diocese organized a campout and ceremony to confer religious Scouting emblems, and the South Bend side of the diocese conducted a separate event. But this is the second year of a challenge from Bishop Rhoades to combine their efforts and create a unified event.

Some then opted to continue camping out until the following day. Just by attending the Camporee, the Scouts could earn another patch. While on the college's campus, they explored trails, enjoyed a campfire, heard from seminarians about the process of discerning a call to vocation, had the opportunity to join in a living rosary, and visit various stations set up on Saturday afternoon that featured other activities related to the faith.

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates weigh-in on the issues

Editor's note: In the next three weeks, the Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the Indiana Bishops, offers Hoosier Catholics a three-part series of articles profiling statewide-elected officials including the candidates for Indiana governor, U.S. Senate, and Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. In each article, the candidates were asked pertinent questions that relate to the office that they seek to hold. The questions and answers appear in their entirety below. The articles are to serve as a resource for Catholics.



TONY BENNETT

INDIANAPOLIS — The 2012 election brings opportunity for Catholics to shape public policy.

"The Catholic Church does not and cannot tell voters which candidates, or political party in which to vote," said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director. "Rather, the Church encourages people to form their consciences on basic Church moral teachings, fulfill their moral duty and exercise their right to vote."

"The Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction in cooperation with the governor and state lawmakers, drive education policy," said Tebbe. "Education has a far-reaching impact on families and children, and society as a whole and because of that, it is an important issue for the Church to address."

Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates Tony Bennett and Glenda Ritz share their responses to questions posed by the Indiana Catholic Conference on education issues and policy.

Responses from Tony Bennett

Question: The existence of quality educational opportunities is critical to the wellbeing of children and to the state. What role does the DOE have in ensuring that quality educational opportunities are available in urban and rural areas?

Bennett: "I believe we must elevate the academic achievement and career preparation of all Indiana students to be the best in the United States and on par with the most competitive countries in the world. Through the hard work of Hoosier students and educators

we have found success — and I'm pleased to report that by every measure, our students are achieving more today than they were four years ago.

Almost 86 percent of Indiana students graduated high school in 2011 — the highest mark in Indiana's history. Student test scores have improved by more than eight percentage points, and Indiana is second in the nation for student performance gains on advanced placement exams. We must continue to ensure that more quality educational opportunities are available to students in every area of the state."

Question: How do the Catholic and other non-public schools contribute to the common good and public instruction?

Bennett: "As an alumnus of Providence High School, Catholic education has had a profound impact on my life. This experience is a daily reminder for me that both nonpublic schools and Catholic schools are integral to the future success of Indiana."

"We are especially indebted to the multitude of great educators that serve in Catholic and non-public schools. There's nothing more critical than ensuring every Indiana classroom has a great teacher. Your system of schools serves students well by sharing this focus and priority."

Question: How should the State of Indiana protect and promote the right of parents to choose the most appropriate educational opportunity best suited to the needs of their children?

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Bennett: "One of the best ways to engage parents in education is through school choice. I want every parent to know that we're committed to providing families as many high quality school options as possible. We don't need more of a certain type of schools — we need more good schools, period."

"As Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction, I'm committed to promoting and protecting the right of parents to choose the school that best meets their child's needs."

Question: What is the proper relationship between the Superintendent or DOE and non-public schools?

Bennett: "I believe it's my job to make sure that we have the best education system in the United States for the public of Indiana. My definition of public is all 1.2 million Hoosier children. It is not limited exclusively to public schools; it is every child in the State of Indiana who receives an education."

"With that in mind, I do believe that decisions are best made at the local level. It is the state's job to set high expectations, provide a menu of best practices, explain the consequences for success and failure, and then get out of the way so local schools and educators can get the job done."

Responses from Glenda Ritz

(Editors' note: After repeated attempts to both Mrs. Ritz's campaign manager and the Indiana Democratic press staff, including a two-day extension on our deadline, Mrs. Ritz did not provide a response to the ICC questions.)

For more information on Glenda Ritz and her campaign platform see her web page www.ritz4ed.com.

Web sites

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidates' web pages.

Tony Bennett
www.tonybennett2012.com
Glenda Ritz www.ritz4ed.com

Resources

Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC): www.indianacc.org
United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB): Faithful Citizenship document <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

Laity needed to help combat culture of death

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — As election rhetoric heats up and people of faith pray for the culture of life to prevail, some area Catholics are combining prayer with action just yards away from a South Bend abortion clinic.

After receiving approval from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, a local group says it will build an adoration chapel next door to the abortion clinic on Ironwood Circle.

The new pro-life association, the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life, is dedicated to the service of the Gospel of life through witness and prayer. According to attorney Shawn Sullivan, who also directs the South Bend 40 Days for Life effort, the proposed Divine Mercy Chapel will be central to a hub of pro-life activities to occur directly adjacent to the abortion clinic. An adoption agency and other pro-life ministries will also set up shop.

"Imagine the difference our witness and sidewalk counseling will make being able to flank both sides of the abortion clinic, and inviting women considering abortion to consider the alternatives," says Sullivan. "And, imagine bringing Jesus ... or better put, Jesus coming to us ... to the front lines of the battle. We will have a piece of heaven at hell's gates to defeat the evil."

In his recent letter, Bishop Rhoades also announced his support of the fundraising efforts necessary to secure and renovate the building on Ironwood Circle.

"I have approved their request to have an adoration chapel in the building so the faithful can pray before the Blessed Sacrament at that location, especially for an end to abortion," Bishop Rhoades wrote.

Two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars is needed to buy the building and close the sale in early November. While he admits it is a challenging task, Sullivan remains optimistic as he now spends nearly every waking moment on fundraising efforts and prayer for this project.

"I did some research and found some startling facts," says Sullivan. "As the number of adoration chapels rises, the number of abortuaries decreases. There are about 675 of each right now. Other dioceses are doing the same thing."

"We are on the cusp of ultimate victory!" adds Sullivan. "This is a one-time opportunity to participate in what will ultimately be the end of the abortion industry in South Bend. Now is not the time to be timid or shrewd. Our world is crumbling. We must be a light for the world to see."

Bishop Rhoades, reiterating his support of the project, notes: "It is my hope and prayer that this apostolate, named in honor of Our Lord's great mercy, may flourish in our diocese and bear abundant fruits for the cause of life and its sanctity. May Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, intercede for this apostolate and for all who support its noble mission!"

Sullivan encourages those who wish to help to also ask family and friends to join the cause. Checks can be made out to "Flowers for Heaven Inc." or "40 Days for Life South Bend" (both 501(c)(3)'s and sent to 1717 East Wayne St., South Bend, IN 46615. Credit card donations can be made by going to www.40daysforlife.com/SouthBend. For information, call (574) 233-7860 or (574) 286-7860.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads a prayer in front of the abortion clinic, just a few feet away from where the proposed Divine Mercy Chapel will be located.

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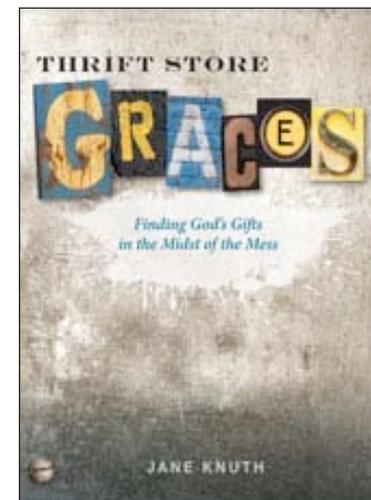
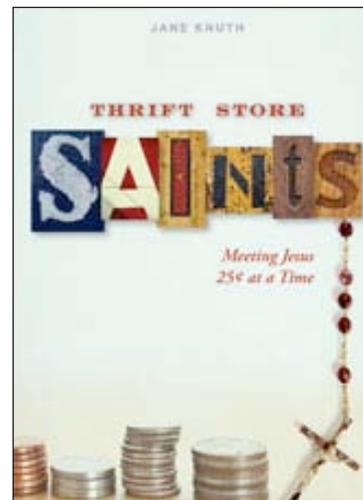
FORT WAYNE — Author Jane Knuth began her trek across country two years ago when Loyola Press published her first book "Thrift Store Saints."



JANE KNUTH

In March, Knuth's second book, titled "Thrift Store Graces: Finding God's Gifts in the Midst of the Mess" (Loyola Press, \$13.95) hit bookstore shelves and Knuth is on the road again. Knuth will visit St. Louis Besancon to talk on her books on Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. The St. Louis Besancon Rosary Sodality and the Besancon chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul are hosting this event.

Both books explore the spiritual growth Knuth has experienced as a volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in downtown Kalamazoo, Mich. "Thrift



Store Saints" won first place for "Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith" from the Catholic Press Association. Knuth also received the Bishops' Award from Hackett Catholic Central High School last year, in recognition of her work at St. Vincent's and the book that describes it.

When asked what she hopes readers gain from her books, Knuth says: "Hope. Hope for the poor and hope for themselves."

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Mother-daughter team fight for life, support adult stem cell research

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Beier and her daughter Anna have been in the fight of their lives. A year ago in August, a very active Anna, then 12-years-old, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a cancerous bone tumor, and began the arduous journey back to health. Now after months of painful chemotherapy, surgery and rehabilitation, Anna is cancer free.

The promise of health has brought a new awareness to this seventh-grade, homeschooled student and her mom, both of whom have developed a passion for life that now includes hope for others who face cancer. And with that hope comes an interest in ethical research methods and right to life issues.

Respect for all life began with Ruth's mother who was one of the first to pray outside the abortion facility in South Bend years ago. Her passion for pro-life issues was passed to Ruth, who has now instilled it in her own daughter.

Ruth says, "I believe in the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life from womb to the tomb. So many moral issues make sense when you understand the consistent teaching of the Church."

Among the many pro-life issues, including contraception and abortion, lies the controversy surrounding the use of embryonic stem cells, obtained only by destroying living human embryos, for research toward cures, therapies and treatments for the multitude of diseases the population



PROVIDED BY RUTH BEIER

Ruth and Anna Beier work together for ethical research for a cancer cure.

faces currently, including cancer. And after experiencing first hand the rigors of the present day treatment for osteosarcoma, a protocol decades old, the Beiers place their hope in the future of alternative stem-cell research to produce a

cure for it and many ailments, all framed in a firm belief in dignity for all life.

As a devout Catholic and parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Anna, along with her parents and four siblings, is

passionate about respecting life and says of her cancer treatment, "If getting better meant killing innocent babies, I would have never gone through with cancer treatment."

She believes there's more to respecting life than just rallying against abortion as well. "Being pro-life means more to me than just praying for a change. It means reaching out to others and making a change happen," she says. So she and her mom began to investigate ways they could make a difference in the ethical and moral cause for cures, especially with the use of adult stem cell and umbilical cord blood research.

Ruth's urgency to help find a cure for cancer due to her courageous daughter's experience continues still. She says, "Anna's cancer made me pray and think more specifically about organizations that I would like to support. ... Sadly, we know many other young people who are still fighting the good fight."

With over 300 nonprofit research foundations and academic centers that support embryonic stem-cell research, Ruth was thrilled when she heard about the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute based in Iowa.

"I immediately wanted to get involved because it is exactly what I believe our culture needs. ... We cannot hope to make true medical progress unless we hold onto the beliefs and practices that protect life at every stage, especially the most vulnerable and innocent life," she says, adding, "The road you take to get to your destination is just as important as where you are going. We can't use immoral methods to get to a moral end."

According to the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute's website www.jp2sri.org, the organization is a "nonprofit research institute whose mission is to advance research and education on stem research in a manner consistent with bioethics that recognizes

the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death."

An exciting new national gift campaign that began at the institute in July, with former GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum as official spokesman, titled Give Cures, hopes to raise funds from parish giving for advancement of ethical research and education.

Plans to open a cord blood bank where mothers can donate cord blood from their newborns as an alternative to embryonic stem-cell use, are also in the works. Ruth and Anna are spreading the word about this effort, supported by the bishops of Iowa and the Vatican, and hopes it is successful in funding ethical regenerative research.

Anna says, "Give Cures is offering a way to fight cancer in a moral way. And they have been having more success than research on aborted babies ever did. So if you want a cure for cancer, do it the more effective way. ... I think Give Cures is a great way to find answers because no one dies.

"I've been to hell and back and there was never a point where I didn't think life wasn't worth fighting for. So no matter how dark life may seem you should never think it's not worth saving. Babies aren't products to be used for medical research," she adds with passion.

Ruth says of this fight for all life, "Even though I believe with all my heart that Anna is cancer free, I still feel an obligation to do whatever I can to support finding a cure for cancer in an ethical way. I believe that research on adult stem cells being done at the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute will provide that breakthrough."

For more information on the Give Cures campaign visit givecures.org.

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship 2012

What the U.S. bishops' updated reflection on Catholic teaching and political life teach us

BY FRED EVERETT

In the "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" that was issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2004, we find the following paragraph highlighting the three most important areas in which Christians should be promoting human dignity in our day: "Promoting human dignity implies above all affirming the inviolability of the right to life, the first among all rights and the condition for all other rights of the person. Respect for personal dignity requires, moreover, that the religious dimension of the person be recognized. ... The effective recognition of the right to freedom of conscience and religious freedom is one of the highest goods and one of the most serious duties of every people that truly wishes to ensure the good of the individual and of society. In the present cultural context, there is a particularly urgent need to defend marriage and the family, which can be adequately met only if one is convinced of the unique and singular value of these two realities for an authentic development of human society" (553).

This passage has proven prophetic, particularly since all three are important issues in the 2012 general election. In their updated 2007 document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. bishops have included an introductory note that also lists these three foundational areas noted in the Vatican document. Throughout the document, the bishops have set out clearly how faithful Catholics should go about forming their consciences in preparation for the 2012 election.

The bishops start by reminding us that "the Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ. ... What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person and about the sacredness of every human life helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. ... Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square."

The bishops further underline that as Catholic citizens, "participation in political life is a moral obligation. ... As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest

group." The document points out that, "clergy and laity have complementary roles in public life." The clergy "have the primary responsibility to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching, to teach fundamental moral principles that help Catholics form their consciences correctly, to provide guidance on the moral dimensions of public decisions, and to encourage the faithful to carry out their responsibilities in political life." In doing this, the clergy are not to go about endorsing or opposing specific candidates. This, in fact, is the job of the laity who have formed their consciences in accord with fundamental moral principles. They should "become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and ... other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square."

The bishops go on to explain how a Catholic gains such a well-formed conscience: "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere 'feeling' about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil. ... The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God."

Such discernment requires that the faithful develop the virtue of prudence that enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively." Further, the bishops remind us that "a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good, it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. ... Aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of well-formed consciences, Catholics are called to make practical judgments regarding good and evil choices in the political arena."

The document reminds us that, "there are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed

to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others. It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed."

"Similarly, direct threats to the sanctity and dignity of human life, such as human cloning and destructive research on human embryos, are also intrinsically evil. These must always be opposed. Other direct assaults on innocent human life and violations of human dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. ... Blessed John Paul II explained the importance of being true to fundamental Church teachings: 'Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.'"

The bishops then go on to warn that "two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity." The first is "a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed." The second is "the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act. These are not optional concerns which can be dismissed."

Nevertheless, the "exercise of conscience (aided by prudence) begins with outright opposition to laws and other policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine funda-

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and respect for human life in all stages.

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"The gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message...it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity; as 'good news' to the people of every age and culture."

-Pope John Paul II

St. Patrick Church
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Respect for life

requires that science and technology

should always be at the service of man and his integral development.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity

of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life.

JOHN PAUL II, *Evangelium Vitae*

Sacred Heart Basilica
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TEACH

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mental moral principles cooperate with evil." The bishops are also aware that faithful citizens can hold the same principles, but differ in their prudential judgments in applying them. This would apply to such areas as "housing, health care, (and) immigration." In making decisions about how to vote, the bishops emphasize the importance of voting "according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods." They note that, "a Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or racism, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity."

The document makes the crucial

distinction that while "there may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons, voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil." In other words, there needs to be a "proportionate" evil effect that is being avoided.

The bishops conclude this series of reflections with a clear affirmation that citizens who do not make prudential judgments based upon fundamental moral principles are not only failing to promote the common good, they are also affecting their spiritual well-being and endangering their salvation. The document cites Pope Benedict who has stressed that "worship pleasing to God ... demands a public witness to our faith ... regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. These values are not negotiable."

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Protecting the most important habitat

BY LISA EVERETT

This past summer our family took a fascinating three-hour hike in a hard-to-access part of Arches National Park in Utah. The young female ranger who led the trek shared her considerable knowledge of the flora and fauna along the way, all the while cautioning the group to remain on the designated trail so as not to disturb the delicate soil crust which was the habitat of many microorganisms. Her passion to preserve the natural environment was certainly admirable, but I couldn't help thinking afterward how ironic it is that our society has become increasingly solicitous of the well-being of lower forms of life while running roughshod over the first and most critical habitat of the human being — her mother's womb.

During Respect Life month, we tend to focus on obvious beginning-of-life issues like surgical abortion, which is a clear "search and destroy" mission. It is hard to wrap our minds around the fact that more than 55 million children have been killed in our country in what should have been the safest place on the planet. But what may not be so apparent is that the fact that the most effective forms of contraception available today also disturb the "natural habitat" of a woman's womb and may actually cause an early abortion.

To understand how this happens, we first need a brief recap of the "facts of life."

When sperm meets egg in the upper portion of the fallopian tube near the ovary, fertilization occurs. What is properly called a "fertilized egg" exists for only about 24 hours, before the fusion of the pro-nuclei of the sperm and the egg. When this fusion is complete, a new, unique human being comes into existence at the one-cell or *zygote* stage — a stage that lasts only about an hour. Then the first cell division is completed and the new human being is now called an *embryo*. Cell division continues to take place as the embryo moves slowly down the fallopian tube toward the uterus. About six to 10 days after conception, the tiny human being — who by this time has more than 100 cells — reaches the uterus and submerges herself in the endometrium, or lining of the uterus, which has been made lush and thick for this purpose, like a shag carpet, by the ovarian hormones. This event is called *implantation* and it is critical to the survival of the new human being.

Morally speaking, we may not interrupt the development of an embryo or interfere with her implantation in any way, because to do so would cause a very early abortion. This means that any drug or device, whose mechanisms of action include interfering with the implantation of an embryo, are considered *abortifacient*. Many people do not realize that hormonal contraceptives, whatever their method of delivery, achieve their high degree of effectiveness in part by thinning the lining of the uterus to prevent implantation should preg-

nancy occur. Take, for example, the Mirena IUD. The FDA-approved patient information for this product contains the following description of how it works:

"Mirena may work in several ways. It may thicken your cervical mucus, thin the lining of your uterus, inhibit sperm movement and reduce sperm survival. Mirena may stop release of your egg from your ovary, but this is not the way it works in most cases. Most likely, these actions work together to prevent pregnancy. Mirena can cause your menstrual bleeding to be less by thinning the lining of the uterus." (www.drugs.com/pro/mirena.html)

Oral contraceptives (OCs), which are taken by an estimated 100 million women worldwide, can also have an abortifacient effect. The Food and Drug Administration-approved product information for OCs in the *Physicians' Desk Reference* states: "Although the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in the cervical mucus, which increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus, and changes in the endometrium, which reduce the likelihood of implantation."

That the thinning of the uterine lining does prevent implantation of an embryo has been documented through research done on clients undergoing *in vitro* fertilization, according to an article entitled "The Post-Fertilization Effects of Oral Contraceptives and their Relationship to Informed Consent,"



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"This is my body,
which will be given for you"
Luke 22:19



published in February 2000 in *Archives of Family Medicine*, a publication of the American Medical Association:

"Larger, more recent, and more technically sophisticated studies all concluded that endometrial thickness is related to the functional receptivity of the endometrium. Furthermore, when the endometrial lining becomes too thin, then implantation does not occur. The minimal endometrial thickness required to maintain a pregnancy in patients under-going in vitro fertilization has been reported, ranging from 5 mm to 9 mm to 13 mm, whereas the average endometrial thickness in women taking OCs is 1.1 mm."

Unlike the Pill, the "patch," Depo-Provera, Norplant, the Mirena IUD, and Plan B, among others, there is a way to plan our families that does not damage the delicate habitat in which new human life is meant to flourish.

Natural family planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for methods of family planning based on daily observation and interpretation of the biomarkers of fertility in a

woman's body. Unlike the outdated "rhythm method," modern methods of NFP are easy to learn and highly effective. Three decades ago, the World Health Organization conducted a prospective study of the ovulation method of NFP in five different countries, including Bangalore, India. Couples at this site were drawn from both urban and rural areas and were mostly illiterate or semilliterate. The method-failure rate was zero in Bangalore while the user-effectiveness of the method was 96 percent in over 7,514 cycles of observation. Due to the success of this study, the World Health Organization recommended that the ovulation method be used in India, one of the nations of the world, which truly suffers from overpopulation. More recently, according to a 2007 report published online in Europe's leading reproductive medicine journal *Human Reproduction*, researchers who conducted the largest prospective study of the sympto-thermal method of NFP found it as effective as oral contraceptives for avoiding pregnancy if used correctly.

To be unconditionally pro-life means to do what we can to protect the life of every person, no matter how small. This Respect Life Month, let us look honestly at how willing we are to protect the most important habitat on the planet, the one on which the very survival of our sons and daughters depends. To find a natural family planning class near you, visit www.diocese-fwsb.org/diocesan-offices/family-life-office/family-planning/.

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Abortion
cannot be a human right
...it is the very opposite.

-Cardinal Franz König

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God, author of all life,
bless, we pray, all unborn children
give them constant protection
and grant them a healthy birth
that is the sign of our rebirth one day
into the eternal rejoicing of heaven

Adapted from the rite of blessing of a child in the womb

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May our Respect Life prayers
invite the Holy Spirit to
visit those who mistakenly
believe that their support
of abortion is righteous.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
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It was you who created
My inmost self, and put
Me together in my
Mother's womb, for all
These mysteries I thank you,
For the wonder of myself, for
The wonder of your works.

Psalm 139, 13 - 14

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Before I formed
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I knew you.

-Jeremiah 1:5-



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I Vote Pro-Life First Campaign brought to IPFW

BY MICHELLE LANDRIGAN

FORT WAYNE — Fueled by the belief that the right to life is undeniably the most fundamental issue of the upcoming election, the national organization Students for Life of America has launched an I Vote Pro-Life First Campaign focused upon convincing voters of all ages that abortion is the qualifying issue this November.

The I Vote Pro-Life First Campaign seeks to encourage people across the nation to sign a pledge stating that they will never support or vote for a candidate that endorses the killing of pre-born children.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Students for Life of America's (SFLA) I Vote Pro-Life First Campaign came to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne as part of a nationwide campus tour week, conducted Sept. 16-22.

SFLA was brought onto campus by the student organiza-

tion IPFW Students for Life as a means of raising awareness of the importance of electing pro-life officials. In conjunction with IPFW Students for Life, Allen County Right to Life sponsored this event in an effort to spread the pro-life message to college students.

The rally brought in IPFW students and faculty, senior students from Bishop Dwenger High School and local community members.

Beginning the rally with a call to action, SFLA's field director Brendan O'Morchoe passionately encouraged all students and adults present to sign the I Vote Pro-Life First pledge. A line of speakers followed O'Morchoe, including a testimonial from Operation Outcry, Michelle Landrigan and Alicia Bigelow from IPFW Students for Life, Becky Rogness from Allen County Right to Life and Indiana Right to Life, Allen County Right to Life Executive Director Cathie Humbarger, Rock for Life's Eric Whittington, and well-known pro-life activist and



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speaker Jill Stanek.

Speakers called upon the young people to stand strong in their convictions. The speakers stressed the importance of determining and defending those beliefs and recognizing them as being nonnegotiable.

With approximately 3,300 abortions taking place each day in America alone, the speakers

Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne Students for Life brought Jill Stanek to campus on Sept. 19 as one of the speakers at the I Vote Pro-Life First rally. Stanek is best known as the registered nurse who worked at a hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill., and brought to the public's awareness that aborted babies still alive at the hospital were left to die without medical care.

emphasized that abortion rises to the forefront as the moral issue with the greatest and most grave consequences. Rally speakers called upon all present to not forget the magnitude of that number.

Arguing that voters must be promoters of a culture of life, the speakers asked all pro-life supporters to always be ready to show women in need that they are not alone, that abortion is not the only option, and that they want to help. Those present were told that to be a true pro-lifer, they must be willing to care for both women in crisis pregnancy situations and for the unborn.

Rally participants were asked

to embrace the mission to stop devaluing life and the culture of death gripping the American society. Citizens of all ages are encouraged to join thousands of others in signing the I Vote Pro-Life First pledge (www.ivotepro-lifefirst.com).

Katie Berghoff, from IPFW Students for Life, commented, "It is inexcusable for us to fail to defend the weak and most defenseless among us — I Vote Pro-Life First."



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Since 1973, over 50 million babies have died by abortion. It's time to stop the violence!

Pray to end abortion...
and begin emotional
and spiritual healing

St. Mary of the Assumption
DECATUR
and St. Joseph School

*"You formed my
inmost being;
you knit me in my
mother's womb."*

Psalm 119:13

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
NEW HAVEN, IN**



*Our bodies...
are shaped
to bear children,
and our lives are
a working out of
the processes of creation.
All our ambitions
and intelligence
are secondary
to that
great elemental point.*

Saint Augustine, 354 - 430

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I believe in God ...

Each Sunday, we stand and profess our faith in the Creed. Such a profession of faith when compared with the Scriptures seems devoid of drama. Yet, the Creed is not simply a rehearsal of abstract propositions. It is a proclamation of the wondrous deeds carried out by the Triune God, who is love. The Creed enacts the drama of the God who became flesh and dwelt among us, inviting us into the divine life handed on by the Church.

What does it mean to believe? In general, to believe is to commit oneself to a truth that exists beyond the visible or tangible alone. But belief in general is not necessarily a wise decision. To believe that Notre Dame is imminently poised to win a national championship may in fact go against reasonable expectation. Christians don't believe in general. We believe in a personal God, a God who is self-

giving love, a God known through the Scriptures and Tradition of the Church.

In American religion, we tend to perceive God as a cosmic therapist. God exists somewhere above us, generally cares about our lives, desires for us to be decent citizens, and gives us what we need to be happy. In fact, this is not the God we profess in the Creed (to the shock of my undergraduate students in particular).

The God we profess in the Creed is indeed all-knowing, all-powerful, existing beyond the contours of time and space. Yet, this super transcendent God bent down in love and created the world as pure gift, inviting human beings to have a share in divine life. This God did not give up on human beings, even after Adam and Eve violently rejected this gift of love, clothing them in garments of flesh and promised redemption. This God called Abraham and Sarah out

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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of their native land and promised them descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens, transforming their barrenness into fruitful joy. This is the God who saved His people through Joseph's sojourn into Egypt; who revealed His name to Moses in the burning bush, who liberated them from the slavery of the Egyptians, and tenderly fed them with manna in the desert; who bestowed the law as a sign of the covenant, and then remained patient as the people broke the

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Jaffa, Israel — Historical city in midst of modernity

Historically, Jaffa is an important Christian center. Jaffa (also known as Joppa, Japho or Yafo) is a natural harbor on Israel's west-central coast of the Mediterranean Sea. According to archeologists, it was inhabited as early as 7,500 B.C. While a letter dated 1440 B.C. mentions Joppa, the first biblical reference is in Joshua 20:46, where the city was assigned to the Danites. At that time the Promised Land was distributed to the Hebrews by tribe after the exodus and the 40 years of wandering in the desert.

Later, Joppa was the entry point for the cedars that King Hiram sent to King Solomon to be used to build the first temple in Jerusalem (2 Chr 2:16.) About two centuries later, Jonah set sail from Joppa as he ran from the Lord's command to prophesy to the people of Nineveh (Jonah 1:3). Ezra mentions that the cedars to rebuild the temple were sent to Joppa from Lebanon (Ezr 3:7).

While there are no specific references to Jesus being in Jaffa, there are 10 references in Acts (chapters nine to 11) identifying the early Church after the Ascension of Jesus.

While visiting Israel earlier this year I learned that Israel has changed hands 38 times in its known history. Jaffa is a good example of that legacy. The city has been controlled by Babylon, Phoenicia and Ancient Greece (when Alexander the Great was King.) This occupation led to control by Macedonia, the Maccabean rebels and the Romans.

Later, The Kingdom of Jerusalem took control of the city followed by England through the conquest of King Richard the Lionhearted, then Egypt and Syria. This takes us to the end of the 12th century. While that is only 10 changes there have been many more. However, we need to remember that God gave the land to His chosen people and subsequently, they have often controlled the area at various times throughout these changes.

In order to understand Jaffa in modernity, we first need to understand the development of Tel Aviv. Founded in 1909 by the Jews who lived in Jaffa the new city grew rapidly and merged with Jaffa in 1950. At that time — three years after the United Nations' resolution to declare Israeli statehood and two years after Israel declared independence, Tel Aviv took control of the administration of the newly united city. Combined they are now the second largest city in Israel.

While there are many sites to see in all sections of the city, the primary difference between the two sections is that Jaffa is the older, more historic section and Tel Aviv is the more cosmopolitan and it is "open" 24/7.

Today in Jaffa one of the

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



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great treats is the Basilica of St. Peter's, which includes a hospice. It overlooks the Jaffa port and a beautifully manicured landscape, including sculptures, gardens and an ancient cannon. It was built in 1654 over the site of a citadel built in the 13th century by Frederick II, a Roman emperor, and restored by Louis IX of France later in the same century. Since then it has been destroyed and rebuilt several times. The present church and attached hospice were completed in 1894 and renovated in 1903. It is now operated by the Franciscans.

Those visiting Jaffa may also be interested in the many other sites in the city. Some favorites are:

- The port of Jaffa. In addition to the history mentioned above the beautiful blue-green Mediterranean is breathtaking. The port is clean and perfect for an early morning walk or bike ride.
- The distinctive three story clock tower in central Jaffa was finished in 1903 to observe the 25th anniversary of the start of the reign of the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid II. He was the last emperor to maintain control over the Ottoman Empire.
- The house of Simon the Tanner (Acts Chapter 10) where Peter stayed on his trip to Joppa has two towers. One is the roof of the house and the other is a lighthouse that is still operated by the family that lives in this house.
- In the central city there are streets that have doors that are used as decorations on the side of the buildings. One such street leads to a pear shaped hanging planter.

One of my fondest memories of Israel is the incredible sculptures that are seen everywhere. Jaffa is no exception. The extended plaza outside the entrance of St. Peter's Church has a wide array of these artistic displays.

The best way to see Jaffa is a walking tour or a bus tour that takes tourists to the better known attractions. Another possibility is to bike the old city. Those who visit Jaffa will be charmed by the many sights and sounds. The diversity and contrast of the historic Jaffa in the context of the larger more contemporary Tel Aviv is delightful.

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We are all God's precious children



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:2-16

The Book of Genesis is the source of the first reading for this weekend. Among the first five books of the Bible, Genesis reveals great facts. God is the creator of all. He gives life.

God created humanity in the genders of male and female. God willed that the two genders compliment each other and live with each other. Marriage was, and is, the most perfect union of a man and woman.

Unfortunately, the Scriptures at times are accused of belittling women. Certainly, the Scriptures were all developed with varying cultures contexts, and to an extent they were influenced by these cultural contexts.

Both the Old and New Testaments are nothing less than revolutionary in their revelation that all humans, regardless of gender, possess equal dignity, because all are created by God and infused with an eternal soul.

Throughout the history of salvation, from Genesis to the last moment recorded in the New Testament, paganism was a factor. Among pagans, women were little better than animals. The dignity of women, equal to that of men, is the meaning of the story that Eve was created from Adam's rib.

This reading also is a powerful testament, indeed from very

ancient times, to the historic Jewish and Christian concept of marriage. It is a union, created by God, and never should it be defiled by exploitation, selfishness or insincerity. It is the union that blesses procreation and places it within the divine plan.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend offers us a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews. According to the reading, each person is created only "a little lower than the angels," although this condition will change. Humans who love God, and are faithful to God, one day will rejoice in the presence of God, just as the angels rejoice. The key is Jesus. Jesus loves all people as brothers and sisters. Those who are loyal to God respond to this great love.

St. Mark's Gospel provides the third reading. It is a familiar passage. The question centers upon the legality before God of divorce itself, not the grounds for divorce. Often it is assumed that this question put to Jesus opened an entirely new debate, and that in replying, Jesus set aside the Law of Moses.

Actually, the debate was vigorously underway even among those persons learned in the Mosaic tradition.

Jesus appeared in the role of the divinely constituted and divinely empowered representative of God the Father. He put the question in its proper context. Marriage is God's creation, created for a man and a woman to unite with each other ultimately in serving God.

In the same passage, though on another occasion, Jesus blesses the children. God is the author of life. The coming of each new generation continues the dignity of humanity, and the coming of each new generation proclaims the majesty and love of God.

Reflection

Fundamentally, these readings call us to divinely revealed truths so often and so outrageously ignored in the world. God, the Creator, is supreme. No one can follow a standard opposite God's will.

Since each human being is God's precious child, God's priceless masterpiece of creation, no one, and no society, has the right to demean or compromise this dignity. It especially is a powerful thought in the face of legalized abortion on demand and the movement to allow euthanasia.

Secondly, marriage comes from God. Children are indispensable in any concept of marriage drawn from Christian tradition.

The increasingly accepted option of divorce has clouded popular views of marriage. Years of accepting contraception has dulled for us the sense that children are God's gift and come from God.

We are called to see life, marriage and procreation in the light of God's will.

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Monday: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2, 7-10 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Porch sitting

Cracked and peeling old white wicker furniture waits for me on our front porch. My husband bought me the set years ago when we lived in a different house and frankly, lived a different life. Back then, I sat on the then new wicker rocker and swayed back and forth with my newborn daughter, smelling the freshly mown grass from the neighbor's yard and taking in the laughter of the young children who rode their bikes on our subdivision driveway.

I sat on that same furniture when I was reeling from a cancer diagnosis, and I sat there, months later, huddled in blankets on a cold October afternoon when I finished my last round of chemotherapy, relieved.

In the wicker chair I watched the rhythm of the lives around me press on. A middle-aged mother whose children had grown rode her bike past my house nearly every afternoon. A policeman neighbor returned from work in the morning after a long night's work. Children climbed off of a bright yellow school bus at 3 p.m. Their loud and joking manner, and their playful pushing and shoving one another made me crave both their energy and pine, if only for a moment, for a time in my life when the biggest decision was what snack to eat after school.

Today, the same wicker furniture, now flaking bits of white paint, decorates our porch in front of the country home in which we now live. The newborn who once rested in my arms in that rocker is now reading and writing and taking ballet lessons. The son whom I waved

away to college on that old front porch has been out of school for several years and lives in another state, a young adult, making his own life. I still sit in that same rocker. I shake my head, and take this all in.

Instead of watching a bustling neighborhood, I now see in my wicker chair God's majesty and glory in nature. A red tailed hawk has made our land his own, and daily I see him watch and wait for the little ground squirrels that pop their heads up in the field. I hear the gentle cooing of a mourning dove or observe a doe and her fawn prance across the dew-stricken, long grass. I watch the sun rise red over the neighbor's pond and while I do not formally pray on the porch — I have a

Sitting together on the porch, in the wicker, watching God's hand in the beauty around us, time flew. The relationship grew. Porch sitting is such a gift!

special place in the house where I like to do that — I do contemplate God there.

Last summer my second oldest son had graduated from college and was embarking on his career in a city far away. That summer he offered to do some chores before he left, to help his mama catch up on projects she wanted to accomplish. God bless him. Of course one

of the first projects I wanted done was to keep up the front porch and have the wicker furniture repaired and in top condition. Together we repainted the white railing surrounding the porch. Then he carefully and meticulously repaired the legs on my white wicker rocker, rewinding a bit of wicker that had come loose and gluing it, then nailing the leg back securely on.

In the early summer of this year, June to be exact, my oldest, college-aged daughter and I



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leisurely relaxed on that old wicker furniture together, often with a cup of steaming coffee in our mugs, catching up. She spent the last semester studying in Ireland and jumped immediately into her internship and work upon arriving home. Sitting together on the porch, in the wicker, watching God's hand in the beauty around us, time flew. The relationship grew. Porch sitting is such a gift!

Nearly every night in the warm weather, my husband and I also sit in the evenings on that same wicker furniture. We ponder love, life, our children, our God. ...

Every family needs a background canvas upon which to paint their life. Sitting on the white wicker is our background, our constant.

Every one needs a place to retreat to think during struggles and a place to laugh and hope and dream. That place for us is our front porch, in our wicker, where relationships are built and ideas explored. Jokes are told and stories of the day recounted. Hurts are soothed, accomplishments applauded, and life in its usual rhythm is seen and moves on.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. ..." — Eccl 3

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In professing our faith, we join with Mary, the very icon of the Church's faith, and proclaim "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38). Let all of my life, my joys, my sorrows, be taken up into the very life of God and become an offering of love for the world.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 7, 2012

Mark 10:2-16

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: about marriage and little ones. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DIVORCE	MOSES	COMMAND
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A tribute to Msgr. Raymond Balzer

BY FATHER DERRICK SNEYD

"A simple man. A holy man. A priest of God." That was Father Ray for the 40 years that I had known him. My first acquaintance with Father Ray was in 1972 when I was doing my postgraduate studies and serving as a curate at Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend. The first impression was the lasting impression of the man.

Within a short while I had come to know that Father Ray was an avid Notre Dame fan and he cheered the Irish for all he was worth! If they won, he was happy. If they were not the winners he would say, "They'll win the next game."

On one occasion I asked him how he managed to find a replacement for the Saturday evening Mass ... consistently! He said, "God provides!" and he meant it too. Well, now the Irish have a fan in the heavenly kingdom.

Father Ray's pastoral ministry was admirable for his kindness and the amazing ability to avoid conflicts. Now that's an art! Maybe a science! His devotion to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist gave him the strength and grace to withstand the administrative pressures of being a pastor. He's fortunate that he retired from administrative responsibilities several years ago. Shortly after he turned 75, I met him at Notre Dame

and a very pleasant conversation ensued. In bidding farewell, he said, "Love the Priesthood. It is His gift."

I am currently pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn. Father Ray's final assignment was in this very parish. The people had (and continue to have) a great appreciation and love for his gentleness. His most memorable contribution to this faith-filled community was the start of an Adoration Chapel. The Lord is with us in this chapel and the people faithfully spend an hour or even two in His Presence (Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.). And they remember Father Ray.

And as it always happens with the passing of years, pastors age and retire. Their names are remembered in the history of the parish. Father Ray will now be remembered as Msgr. Ray Balzer. The Church bestowed upon him this honorary title when his days of active ministry were over. Whatever the folks remember about the rest of us who have served this community, we can only hope that they would be kind to each one just as the then-Father Ray was kind to each of them.

May the soul of the good Msgr. Ray (Balzer) rest in peace. Amen.

Father Derrick Sneyd is the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

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law; who dwelt with Israel as they were exiled from the land; who promised the prophets a new law implanted in the human heart.

And who in the fullness of time revealed Himself in His Son; the Word that created heaven and earth reduced to the babbling speech of infancy. For in the Son, we come to know the depths of the Father's love, a divine love that gives itself even unto death. And such self-giving love is ultimately unconquerable. For on the third

day, the Son is resurrected from the dead — manifesting to humanity that violence and death are not the meaning of life. Love alone is.

And this very same love abides in the life of the Church, the body of Christ, the temple of the Holy Spirit. So when we stand up and profess, "I believe in God," we proclaim for the whole world to hear that God is love. And this very love, this logic of self-gift, is the fundamental reality of the universe. Such love, such self-gift transforms our lives.

So then, what a drama it is for us to say, "I believe in God." For we believe in nothing less than the transformation of our entire humanity through Christ.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS SOCCER TEAM WINS SAC TITLE The Bishop Luers boys' soccer team recently clinched the Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) title beating Snider, 5-0, on Sept. 24. The Knights were undefeated in conference play for 2012 finishing 7-0 helping them maintain a No. 2 (1-A) rating for the final week of the 1-A state polls released the same day. Bishop Luers swapped places with No. 4 ranked Evansville Mater Dei in the Week 5 Indiana Soccer Coaches Association votes on Sept. 10. The 2011 Sectional champs return four of their top scorers this season and their leading defender giving them high hopes for the 2012 postseason, which kicks off Oct. 1. — *Michelle Castleman*

Cardegles start cross-country season with a bang

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross-country action, the Cardegles of St. Jude and St. Charles started their 2012 season with a bang running in several races to date. Coach Dan Kaufman reports that his talented team is making good progress with 27 boys on the team and 21 girls on the roster. At the midway point, the boys' team has a record of 45-24 and the girls' have compiled a 22-39 start.

Running with a split squad, the team recently competed at the 42nd West Noble Invitational in Ligonier. The remainder of the team raced in the Huntington Catholic Invite where the girls finished second and the boys finished third to winners, St. Vincent.

At West Noble, the boys had a good performance finishing 14th out of 28 teams. The girls, who ran running a little shorthanded, finished 23rd.

Kaufman explained, "The meet included some of the best middle school runners from northern Indiana."

Individually, Abbey Brelage



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Cardegle Abbey Brelage with her trophy after running the second fastest girl's time in Cardegle history of 11:37 at the West Noble Invitational.

was the top Cardegle finisher at 11th with the second fastest time in Cardegle history of 11:37. Nick Kacprowicz came in 32nd with a time of 11:02, putting him 11th on the all-time Cardelge

runner list.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, in a rematch of sorts of the Huntington Catholic meet, the Cardegle boys and girls both took first place out of nine teams with a strong pack of runners in both races at the Lutheran Middle School Meet held at Concordia Seminary. The top seven boys were Kacprowicz, Tom Lonsway, Isaiah Wiseman, Matt Kochanski, Collin Cahill, Emmett Delaney and Sam Striker. The top seven girls were Brelage, Maggie Schroeder, Hannah Ewing, Korinne Ellert, Julia Eckrich, Anna Getty and Rachel Landstoffer.

Earlier in the season the team competed at Prairie Heights. The boys were second and the girls third. Brelage was the overall winner.

In other competition, the boys were ninth of 25 teams and the girls 15th of 22 at Indian Springs with Brelage landing seventh overall. Finally, both boys and girls won a three-way meet over middle school teams from Memorial Park and Towles.

The Cardegle Invitational is slated for Oct. 4 this season at Shoaff Park.

CYO Raiders come up with first win

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Week 6 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football action, the Raiders from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, came up with their first win over a tough group from Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood/St. Jude by a score of 25-6.

Pleased with his team's performance on Sunday, Sept. 23, Coach Chris Tippmann admits, "We are a very competitive group, we have been in every game but have not been able to come up with the 'W' until today's outing."

Under center, Jacob Birch threw for two touchdowns, one to Adam Yagodenski and the other to Henry Tippmann. Also, Tyler Roth scored on a reverse, while Zach Vachon rounded out the scoring. Vachon had over 200 yards rushing and had an interception and fumble recovery on the other side of the ball.

Defensively, tackle Charlie Perez also got a sack in the backfield for the Raiders in the win. The Raiders have a small group this

season — just six seventh graders and 18 eighth graders. "Everyone on the team did their job," concluded Tippmann about the winning game.

In other lineups, the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Eagles got by St. Vincent, 26-12. Touchdowns were scored by Chris Ferrell, Gareth Brouwer, while Brayton Goebel added a pair.

Coach Jim Carroll reported, "I was happy with the team's play and improvement, but we know there is still a long way to go. We'll just try to keep having fun and get better." Finally, St. Charles' record remained unblemished as they defeated the JAT Knights, 36-0, taking them to 5-0 on the year. Carl Williams took the opening kickoff back 80 yards for a score. Sam Taylor had two interceptions and returned one 83 yards for a touchdown. Mac Hippenhammer added a 66-yard interception return for another six points. Other highlights included Jack Pentenburg adding three extra-point attempts.

The Cardinal defense was led by Mike Hake, Riley Miller, Isaac

Cornewell, Zach McKenna and Bart Tippmann.

In Week 7, the final week of regular season play for Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football action, St. Charles' record remained unblemished with a win over the Raiders from St. John New Haven. This is the second consecutive season the Cardinals have remained undefeated in league play.

In the win, Riley Miller led the Cardinals with eight tackles, one interception for a touchdown and a big reception to start the game. Carl Williams added two rushing touchdowns and Jack Pentenburg and Eddie Morris both completed touchdown passes. The Cardinals offensive line of Zach Wolf, Bill Magda, Bart Tippmann, Jake

Vanek, Andrew Krouse, Isaac Cornewell and Reyer Howe led the St. Charles offense.

Email Michelle Castleman at mmcastleman@aol.com to see your scores and highlights in *Today's Catholic* next week.

Crusaders take their first loss to ICCL Blazers

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League hosted a battle that would shape the league championship as the undefeated Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders and their unblemished record squared off against an up-and-coming, one-loss St. Matthew (St. Jude, St. Michael, Our Lady of Hungry) Blazer team at Saint Joseph High School.

For the blue-clad Crusaders the opening drive would start as any textbook drive — strong running by a covey of runningbacks Danny Chimutu, Paul Murphy and Jake Rolinski, then peppering in passes by quarterback Tommy LaViolette.

The lesson would be short lived as a LaViolette pass on fourth down fell to the turf and the Blazers would start slow but get big runs by Cole Kaznia and Chris Scales.

The deadlock would be broken as Kaznia broke out of the scrum and bolted 12 yards to pay dirt giving the Blazers six points early in the second quarter.

The Crusaders again would start with a one-two punch of Murphy and Chimutu, until on a four and long, Blazer Adam Cseh had a big stop in the backfield creating yet another opportunity for the orange-and-black pack.

The Blazers looked like a clump

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Bishop Dwenger captures SAC cross-country title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School captured the Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) 2012 cross-country title at the Fort Wayne Plex on Sept. 29. The Saints were paced by four top 10 finishers.

Senior standout Luke Miller led the pack finishing third with a time of 16:35. Greg Tippmann was fifth, Jack Oberfell was seventh and Mark Berghoff placed tenth. Derek Goudemans ended up in the 16th spot, rounding out the scoring for Bishop Dwenger.

The Saints are looking forward

to a strong post-season run after coming up just short as a team in 2011 at the state meet.

Miller, Tippmann, Oberfell, Berghoff and Bishop Luers' Sean McManus were named 2012 all-conference recipients. McManus had a 13th place finish leading the Knights to an eighth-place team finish.

Both the Bishop Dwenger boys' and girls' teams won the junior varsity SAC meets. In varsity girls' action, Bishop Luers finished third and Bishop Dwenger fourth. The Saints' top-two finishers, Madison Busch (eighth) and Robin Schafer (10th) earned all-conference honors.

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moving the pigskin straight ahead with the occasional break out run from quarterback Justin DeClark and Kaznia and with 31 seconds left in the half, DeClark threw a left-handed strike to Kendall Ranges in the back of the end zone for a huge touchdown. Jack Tiller's points after kick was true making the score, 14-0, at intermission.

To start the second half the single wing attack of the Blazers chewed up yardage as well as almost seven minutes of clock until the defense of the Crusaders forced a turnover on downs.

The Crusaders were a little nicked up as Murphy and Rolinski nursed wounds on the sidelines and Chimutu ran gingerly on a banged up leg, but they still had hope to keep their perfect season alive until after a Nick Monnin sack forced another long play.

With 3:29 to play facing a fourth and 14, Crusader quarterback LaViolette lofted a deep pass that was intercepted by DeClark and the speedy defensive back raced 70 yards to put the game out of reach and the score, 20-0, in the record book.

"We had a little adversity this past couple of weeks with grades, but as a team we overcame and persevered," remarked Blazer head coach Ben Domonkos. "Our captains — DeClark, Kaznia and



RAY DERUCKI

Justin DeClark of the St. Matthew Blazers runs for a big gain against the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders.

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St. Anthony Panthers	3	0
St. Matthew Blazers	2	1
Holy Cross Crusaders	2	1
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	1	2
West Side Catholic Cardinals	0	4

Jorden Brown — really stepped up in practice and the team rallied around that positive influence."

"Blocking and tackling has always been the key to be successful in this league and today, we didn't do a great job of either," remarked Crusader skipper John Krzyzewski. "We have to do a better job at getting the little things done if we expect to compete, as for the St. Matthew's

team, they run a unique offense but their coaching staff has them running it extremely well."

In other ICCL action, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints defeated West Side Catholic, 18-6, behind runs by Alexander Horvath of 23 and six yards and a 34-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Alex Morton to Shawn Cameron. Courtney Rowell had the lone West Side score.

The last week of the regular season takes place Sunday at Saint Joseph and Marian high schools with the league championship still undecided. For a complete schedule go to the website www.icclsports.org.

MARIAN SOCCER HELPS WITH WALK



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The Marian High School, Mishawaka, soccer teams help the Annual Michiana Down Syndrome Buddy Walk at St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds Sept. 29. The students worked with children of all ages with Down syndrome engaging them in different activities such as dancing, ball and ring tossing, duck pond fishing and bubble blowing. Shannon Hendricks, a Marian High School soccer player, has a brother with Down syndrome named Brian. He is pictured in the back row with the group of Marian soccer players and is the team's biggest supporter.

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Men's smoker planned

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club will have a men's smoker night Saturday, Oct. 6, at Bishop Luers High School. Enjoy football, cigars, food, drinks and raffle. Tickets are \$25 per person, must be 21 to attend.

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen plans fundraiser

Fort Wayne — A fundraiser featuring the Junk Yard Band will be Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Mary's Church, 1101 S. Lafayette St., from 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or \$120 for a reserved table of 8. Music, dancing, 50/50, silent auction, cash bar and food available. Contact Dottie at (260) 705-1690, for information.

Women's fertility workshop offered

Huntington — A NaPro TECHNOLOGY introductory meeting about women's cycles and standardizing monthly record keeping is being presented Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10-11 a.m. at St. Jude Parish in the Parish Center Room C. Contact (260) 494-6444 or at chartdaily365@frontier.com.

Luncheon card party planned

South Bend — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Casimir Parish will have a plate lunch and dessert card party in the parish annex at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7. Tickets are \$5 from the parish office, 2505 W. Grace St. or by calling (574) 243-9836. Gentlemen are invited. Please bring your own cards.

Catholic Business Network plans meeting

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Oct. 5, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Bob Hartenstein from Redeemer Radio and a Benedictine Oblate. Refreshments will be provided by Redeemer Radio.

Rosary Society plans family rosary

Fort Wayne — The Most Precious Blood Parish Rosary Society will have a rummage and bake sale Oct. 4-6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mohr Hall. A family rosary will be Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. in the church, 1515 Barthold St. Eucharistic Adoration will be from 5-6 p.m.

Marian High School Homecoming Tailgate

Mishawaka — Marian Homecoming Tailgate will be Friday, Oct. 12, from 6-8 p.m. on the patio adjacent to the football field for food, fellowship and activities for children. Cost is \$5 per person over age 14. RSVP to rsvp@marianhs.org or call (574) 258-7676.

Bishop Luers announces Walk-A-Thon

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Walk-A-Thon will be Friday, Oct. 5. Students will accept donations towards their fundraising goal of \$46,000. If you would like to sponsor a student, or a checkpoint, call Jenny Andorfer at (260) 456-1261 or email janadorfer@bishoplusers.org.

Halloween trivia night planned

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a trivia night Friday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Participants can bring snacks to share and can wear a costume. \$200 prize to table with the top score. Other prizes, including one for best Halloween costume, will be awarded. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. Tickets are \$10 or \$100 for a table of 10. Call (574) 287-1700 to reserve a table.

St. Hedwig plans Polish Festival

South Bend — St. Hedwig will have a Polish Festival Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott St. A Polka Mass will be at 11 a.m. and continue with a piggy raffle, balloon art, games and a pastry booth. Polish fare will include kielbasa, chicken, noodles, sweet and sour cabbage, pierogi and golabki. Polka music provided by Tim Deka Orchestra.

Music Boosters host pancake breakfast

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger High School Music Booster Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, Oct. 6, from 7-11 a.m. in the Bishop Dwenger Cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by Bishop Dwenger music students. Proceeds support the Fine Arts of Bishop Dwenger High School.

Memorial Service for the Unborn

Fort Wayne — The 20th annual Memorial Service for the Unborn will be Sunday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. This non-denominational

service is for the hundreds of victims of abortion in Allen County. All are welcome to grieve for the children lost to abortion and pray for all who are suffering from the pain of abortion.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Rally to protect religious liberty planned

Fort Wayne — Defenders of religious liberty will have a rally to show respect and protect the First Amendment of the United States Constitution at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6, on the Allen County Courthouse Green. Speakers include Rep. Sue Ellspermann, Indiana House District 74; Sue Swayze, policy director, Indiana Right to Life; Fred Everett, director of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; and Pat Miller, vocal defender of religious freedom.

Trivia Night planned

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have a trivia night Saturday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. Questions begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per table, up to 10 people. Beverages available, costume contest, cash prizes. Contact Emily VanFossen at (260) 745-7999 or ejvan9@hotmail.com for information.

Mass of healing offered

Auburn — Immaculate Conception Church will offer a Mass of Healing and Anointing on Friday, Oct. 12, at noon. A complimentary lunch will be provided after the Mass in the parish hall. RSVP to Lisa Hess at office@iccauburn.com or (260) 925-3930.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Knights plan Open House

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have an open house Monday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. Families are welcome to visit.

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Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 11, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph County Right to Life.

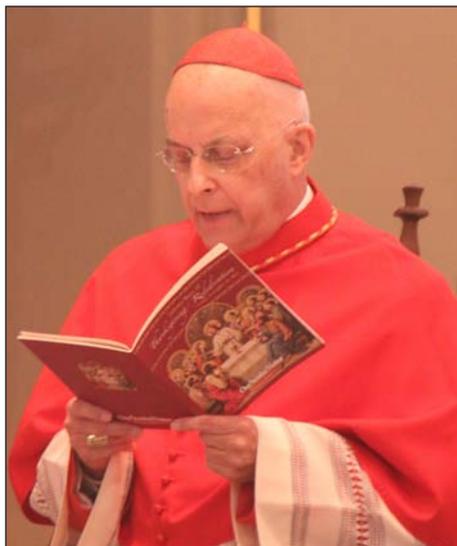
St. Anthony de Padua School eighth grade hosts annual spaghetti dinner

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School, located at the corner of Ironwood and Jefferson Blvd., will have a spaghetti dinner Friday, Oct. 5, from 4:40-7:30 p.m. in the school gym, featuring Papa Vito's sauce, salad dressing and bread. Beer, wine, beverages and dessert will also be available. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the

door. Tickets are \$6 per adult and \$5 for seniors and children age 12 and under. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2013.

School ball and auction planned

Wabash — The 21st annual St. Bernard School Ball and Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Legacy Hall of the Honeywell Center at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by the live auction. Entertainment provided by the band Small Town. Cash raffle tickets are also available for the drawing to be held that night. Only 850 tickets will be sold for cash prizes of \$5,000 and \$1,000. All proceeds provide scholarships and aid to the school. Call (260) 563-5746 for reservations and/or raffle tickets.



KAY COZAD

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, attended the Mass of thanksgiving and rededication at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, Sept. 28. Earlier in the afternoon he was a featured symposium speaker at the *Our Sunday Visitor* centennial celebration.

ment industry, but also from other sources whose radical secularism and relativism cannot tolerate the Church's proclamation of objective and universal truths and values."

"The Church's posture and attitude toward today's culture and world, of course, cannot be merely defensive," Bishop Rhoades said. "We are called to propose in a creative and dynamic way the truth of the Gospel, the word of God, as a response to the yearning for truth, meaning, and fulfillment that is in the heart of every person."

Bishop Rhoades said, "*Our Sunday Visitor* has been a shining example of the lay faithful exercising their prophetic role through the media in service to evangelization and continues to seek new ways of proclaiming the Gospel through traditional and new media."

In a letter conveying the congratulations of Pope Benedict XVI on the 100th anniversary of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, wrote, "As the universal Church engages in the work of the

New Evangelization, which reminds us of her perennial mission of leading all people to the fullness of life and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and on the threshold of the Year of Faith, the Holy Father is confident that *Our Sunday Visitor* will continue to respond with the same deep and zealous faith which has marked and inspired its efforts these past 100 years."

Bishop Rhoades offered a special blessing on the board members and staff of *Our Sunday Visitor* at the end of the Mass.

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bishops and priests from across the United States and Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, concelebrated.

"Today it is good to remember his extraordinary life and legacy, particularly his role as founder of *Our Sunday Visitor*, one of the largest Catholic publishing houses in the world," Bishop Rhoades said as he reflected upon the life of Bishop Noll.

"His first 14 years as a priest included ministry in a number of parishes, where he had already become known for his defense of the Catholic faith at a time of much anti-Catholic bigotry," Bishop Rhoades said. "He had already begun his life's work of explaining the truths of the Catholic faith with clarity to Catholics and Protestants alike. He did so in preaching and in writing."

Then Father Noll was recognized nationally as a Catholic publicist through the national magazine *The*

Parish Monthly. In 1912, he began a new newspaper named *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington.

"The immediate context was to defend the Church from the virulently anti-Catholic periodical called *The Menace*, a hate-filled publication that unleashed a wave of anti-Catholic bigotry around the country," Bishop Rhoades said. "*Our Sunday Visitor* was a weekly national newspaper that not only countered anti-Catholic lies and attacks, but also educated the faithful on the truths of the Catholic faith. The rest is history."

Today *Our Sunday Visitor* continues its mission in evangelization, "its mandate to spread the Gospel, and its service to the truth. This mission includes the defense of the faith. This aspect of the mission, prominent at the founding of *OSV* during a time of widespread anti-Catholic bigotry, cannot be neglected today," Bishop Rhoades said. "Anti-Catholicism has rightly been called 'the last acceptable prejudice,' and is seen today in the animosity toward the Catholic Church from various sources, most crudely perhaps in the influential entertain-

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