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MY YEAR OF FAITH goes live

BY DIANE FREEBY
SOUTH BEND — The Year of Faith officially kicked off Oct. 11, and now there’s an app for that!

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is answering Pope Benedict XVI’s call to use new media and technology, providing a blog and mobile app (available for iPhone and Android mobile device users) as part of an exciting faith-building initiative.

This app, which went live Oct. 11, is titled “My Year of Faith” and can be a daily, customizable resource for users. It includes many features that lead to a deeper understanding of the faith, an increased prayer life, and reflections and thoughts from nationally known bloggers and writers — all with daily content updates.

The list of contributors is a “who’s who” in Catholic social media, including blogger Lisa Hendey of CatholicMom.com, popular Catholic authors and speakers like Dr. Greg Popcak, as well as local voices, like Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Those who do not have smartphones can follow the blog at www.myyearoffaith.com.

According to Megan Oberhausen of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, the new media outreach serves two purposes.

“The first is catechesis,” says Oberhausen, “by offering a short reading every day to help people know and love their faith more deeply.”

“The second is evangelization, by helping Catholics share their faith with joy and enthusiasm and providing a place where others can encounter the love of Jesus Christ and the light and hope of the Gospel,” she adds. “It’s all about leading people to Jesus.”

Oberhausen serves as the point person for the project, which is a secretariat-wide endeavor. She approached Patrick Leinen and Little i Apps (the group that created the Confession App) about creating an app for the Year of Faith. Within a few months they developed technology to provide insightful writings from the Catholic community and allow users to interact socially while providing suggestions to foster spiritual growth.

“We loved the idea of reaching out to the larger Catholic community from our local diocese,” says Leinen. “We feel it is an incredible new approach that embraces the Church’s call for improved social media. What the bishop is doing is really cutting edge and incredible.”

Others are excited about contributing to the new app.

“As we anticipate the potential for personal renewal of faith and the impact this year will have upon our Church, I believe that a tool like this app will be the perfect spiritual companion for families like mine,” says Hendey. “The content will be instructive for Catholics, but will also provide us with the tools and motivation to share our faith with our loved ones and friends. In short, the

CHRIST is the answer to humanity’s questions

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To evangelize means to help people understand that God Himself has responded to their questions, and that His response — the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ — is available to them as well, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Our role in the New Evangelization is to cooperate with God,” the pope told the more than 260 cardinals, bishops and priests who are members of the world Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. “We can only let people know what God has done.”

In a 21-minute, off-the-cuff reflection during morning prayer at the synod’s opening session Oct. 8, Pope Benedict spoke of the importance of prayer in the Church’s push for a New Evangelization, the meaning of evangelization, and sharing the Gospel through both proclamation and charity.

The pope examined the use of the word “evangelizer,” the Greek term that is the root of the English word “evangelization,” and which is itself translated as “Gospel.”

In the Book of Isaiah, he noted, the Hebrew equivalent of the word describes “the voice that announces a victory, that announces good news, joy and happiness,” transmitting the message that “God has not forgotten His people,” and that He intervenes with power in history to save them.

In the New Testament, the pope said, “evangelium” is the good news of the incarnation of Christ, the coming of God’s Son into the world to save humanity.

For the people of Israel suffering under Roman rule, it was truly good news that God spoke to His people and came to live among them, the pope said. News of Jesus’ birth was the answer to those who questioned whether there really was a God; whether He knew His people and the circumstances of their lives; and whether He had any power to change their situation.

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LIVING ROSARY ORGANIZED

Pro Life advocates gathered at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, on Oct. 7, for a living rosary organized by Msgr. Dillon Council of the Knights of Columbus. The rosary and respect life are honored in the month of October.

MARK WEBER
The Year of Faith has begun

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On Thursday, October 11th, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, the Year of Faith began here in our diocese and throughout the world. Thanks to our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, we have this opportunity for a renewal, rediscovery, deepening, and celebration of the precious gift of our Catholic faith.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, faith is defined as “both a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God who invites his response, and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed. It is this revelation of God which the Church proposes for our belief, and which we profess in the Creed, celebrate in the sacraments, live by right conduct that fulfills the twofold commandment of charity…” and respond to in our prayer of faith. Faith is both a theological virtue given by God as grace, and an obligation which flows from the first commandment of God” (CCC 26, 142, 150, 1814, 1879).

The Year of Faith is a good time to take our faith to the next level. It is an opportunity to study the faith in order to deepen our understanding of what we profess in the Creed. You may wish to consider making a resolution to read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church, perhaps a few pages each day throughout the year. In the Apostolic Letter announcing the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict wrote:

“In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool. It is one of the most important fruits of the Second Vatican Council. … The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith that receives its systematic synthesis in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I encourage all Catholics in our diocese to have a copy of the Catechism in your homes. “It is a great compilation of Sacred Tradition and Church doctrine. It is filled with Scripture and the spiritual heritage of the saints of the Church, helping us to enter more deeply into the Christian mystery.”

Twenty years ago, Blessed John Paul II wrote that “In reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church we can perceive the wonderful unity of the mystery of God, his saving will, as well as the central place of Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, sent by the Father, made man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be our Savior. Having died and risen, Christ is always present in our Church, especially in the sacraments; he is the source of our faith, the model of Christian conduct, and the Teacher of our prayer.”

In the Catechism, we find the wealth of teaching that the Church has received, safeguarded, and handed on these past 2000 years. Blessed John Paul II promulgated this Catechism on October 11, 1992, on the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. What a gift it has been to millions of Catholics! Catechesis in the Church at all levels (adult, youth, and children) has improved tremendously in recent years, thanks to the gift of this excellent compendium of Catholic doctrine.

As important as knowledge of the faith is, we must also recognize that faith is also trusting obedience to God. It involves not only the assent of our intellect to revealed truth, but also the assent of our will, accepting the content of revelation as true. Faith consists in an intimate relationship with Christ. It involves trust in the Son of God who became man for our salvation.

During this Year of Faith, it is good not only to seek to grow in our understanding of the truths of our faith, but also to grow in our relationship with God. As Pope Benedict has said: “God is not far from us, he is not somewhere out in the universe, somewhere that none of us can go. He has pitched his tent among us: in Jesus he became one of us, flesh and blood just like us. This is his ‘tent.’ In Jesus, it is God who ‘camps’ in our midst.” As the Holy Father often says: Jesus is the Face of God. “The infinite beauty of God … shines on Christ’s Face.”

I hope that this Year of Faith is a year of grace for all the faithful of our diocese. I pray that it will be a time for all of us to grow in both our understanding of the truths of our faith and also, through prayer, in our friendship with the Lord and our trust in him. Let us keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2).

With our Holy Father, let us entrust this time of grace to the Mother of God, proclaimed ‘blessed because she believed’ (Luke 1:45).
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People today have the same questions, the pope said: “Is God a reality or not? Why is He silent?”

When Christians evangelize, they must remember that their “faith has content,” and that what they believe and seek to share with others is outlined in the creed, he said. They must use their intelligence to reflect on the tenets of their faith and use their mouths to proclaim it.

Because faith isn’t an abstract notion, Christians also must live their faith and share it with the world through acts of charity and love, the pope said.

“Being tepid is the greatest danger for Christians,” he said. “We pray that faith becomes like a fire in our mouths to proclaim it.”

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Christ Child Society finds new home for Coats for Kids

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At this year’s annual Mass and dinner with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to be held on Oct. 15, the Christ Child Society will celebrate a special milestone — 15 years as a chapter in Fort Wayne. Over their short tenure in Fort Wayne, the Christ Child Society has grown by leaps and bounds and multiplied their membership tenfold.

Bishop Rhoades was on hand Oct. 3 to bless a special endeavor — a new facility to house their “Coats for Kids” distribution project. Since its inception, Christ Child Society has given out brand new winter coats, hats and gloves each fall to youngsters in the Fort Wayne community who might otherwise go without.

Christ Child Society procured the old Sears building at Rudisill Plaza thanks to the generous efforts of Tippmann Properties, upgrading from both St. Paul’s, then Sacred Heart School, where they have been housed since the first coats were distributed in October 1998. The new space will be leased to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at a nominal charge and no rental fee will be passed on to the Christ Child Society.

The location is ideal and will serve the clients of the Christ Child Society well.

Bill Dotterweich, who has been instrumental to the ongoing success of the Christ Child Society, detailed, “The building is located conveniently on a bus route, has more than ample parking, full time security guards and large, clean lavatory facilities on both floors.”

There is much activity in the area with other tenants in the building that employ over 200 people. Family and Social Services Agencies are also under the same roof making it a familiar stop for the clients. The Christ Child Society is segregated from the rest of the well-maintained building with a separate street level entrance.

Coats for Kids is just one of the many ministries of the Christ Child Society. A relieved and grateful 2012 co-chair, Lynne Pollifrone, stated, “We are so blessed to have obtained this facility. It has taken a lot of hard work by everyone involved, but our first distribution day went very smoothly.”

Coats will be distributed again each Wednesday during the month of October. The project started humbly, giving out 93 coats the very first year. Over time, records kept on hand-written 5x7 index cards have been replaced by speedy check-ins on seven donated laptops and last year members gave out over 2,000 coats.

The other original ministry, which is at the heart of every Christ Child chapter, is Layettes for newborn infants in need at area hospitals and social service agencies. Also in 1998, Christ Child Society members added My Stuff Backpacks that contain personal items and school supplies for children in crisis situations to their list of undertakings with tutoring at Most Precious Blood and St. John, Fort Wayne, grade schools, provided since 2001. These ministries currently operate out of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

The Christ Child Society maintains a room at three different locations located within the Women’s Care Centers (WCC) in Fort Wayne known as the Crib Club. The rooms are stocked with infant care items for expectant and new mothers who are clients of the WCC. The women use coupons they have earned by attending prenatal check-ups and parenting classes to “shop” in the room. In addition, Christ Child Society has four different internal committees for their nearly 200 members to become involved including: event planning/fundraising, spiritual, communications and membership.

The Fort Wayne chapter came about after founding president, Peggy Dotterweich, ran into then National Christ Child Society president Kathleen Gibbons at a reception following the Notre Dame vs. Ohio State football game in 1995.

“She asked for help. It was that simple,” Dotterweich explained. Discussions, correspondence, visits and a request to then Bishop John M. D’Arcy followed over the next year. Finally, in April 1997, 18 charter members, who mostly came from the Orphans’ Guild, got the green light for the very first meeting.

Dotterweich continued, “Our chapter was one of the first to set up as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. If something were to happen to national, our chapter would always be there, no matter what.”

Fort Wayne is one of over 40 chapters of the National Christ Child Society across the country that provides services to at-risk children. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend also has a large chapter in South Bend. Founded in 1887 in Washington, D.C., by Merrick, volunteers continue to live out the legacy of their founder by sharing and expanding her vision of faith-in-action 125 years later.

For more information on volunteer or fundraising efforts of the Christ Child Society, visit www.christchildsocetyfw.org.
Rosary Novena for Life and Liberty begins


The novena is also intended for individuals and families to pray together, and the resources highlight the courageous witness of the many saints that the Church celebrates during the nine days — St. Teresa of Avila, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Luke the Evangelist, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Paul of the Cross — not to mention the American saints, including Kateri Tekakwitha, who will be canonized on Oct. 21.

"It would be a wonderful way to plunge right into the Year of Faith by asking Our Lady’s intercession for these important intentions of respect for human life and religious liberty, all while familiarizing ourselves and our children with these heroes and heroines of our faith who stood for these very values," notes Lisa Everett, codirector of the Office of Family Life.

This past spring, the bishops urged an intensification of prayer efforts for religious freedom in this country. With October being Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, it seems an appropriate time to ask for the Blessed Mother’s intercession for these intentions. Further, as the Year of Faith begins, these resources are provided to help the faithful learn more about the courageous forebears in the faith and to follow their example.

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Year of Faith will help us better know and more effectively share the riches of the Catholic Church. I can’t wait to begin using it!“

Oberhausen says she is most excited about the monthly interactive web challenges.

“For example, in December, we have a post on the history of the crèche or Nativity scene,” Oberhausen explains. “At the end of the post, we’ll ask our readers and followers to take a photo of their family’s Nativity scene and post to Facebook or Twitter with a link to the post. If you’re using the mobile app, you can do this right from your phone. It’s a fun little challenge, but it also is a way to practice the New Evangelization.”

“And if all our readers and followers are doing the challenge, imagine how many people will encounter those photos and links that day,” Oberhausen emphasizes. “It offers an opportunity for millions of people to see — and maybe check out — the blog. After that, it’s up to the Holy Spirit. But we’ve done our part. Each of us, in a real way, can share Jesus Christ through social media. And that’s the natural way, can share Jesus Christ through reaching.

“While the app is geared toward evangelization for all ages, diocesan Director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Cindy Black says the project is especially important for reaching youth and young adults and the ripple effect could be far-reaching.

“Young people have access to people that we do not, and thus are key in evangelizing their friends,” says Black. “When teens and college students witness to the joy of living their Catholic faith, it naturally attracts others who long for joy and peace. That is the most exciting thing — to think about the potential when putting out into the digital deep. It’s possible that a college student could post something on Facebook with a link and his or her friends across the country would read it and share and, it could spider around the world!”

Pope Benedict XVI says, “Without fear we must set sail on the digital sea, facing into the deep with the same passion that has governed the ship of the Church for 2,000 years.”

Oberhausen says that’s been her team’s motto throughout development of the app, especially when they felt overwhelmed by the scope of the project.

“Of course, the learning curve on a project like this is steep,” admits Oberhausen, “but all along the way the Lord made it clear that this was His will and He was going to provide. So what choice did we have but to step out in faith? In a way, for us, this last year has really been a ‘year of faith’ and now we’re getting to start celebrating the real thing with everyone else!”

The “My Year of Faith” app costs 99-cents and is available for iOS and Android. That includes tablets such as iPad and the Kindle Fire.

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Today’s Catholic Life
Vatican court finds papal butler guilty; sentences him to 18 months

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A three-judge panel of Vatican jurists found Paolo Gabriele, the papal butler, guilty of aggravated theft and sentenced him to 18 months in jail for his role in leaking private papal correspondence and other confidential documents.

The verdict was read Oct. 6 by Giuseppe Dalla Torre, president of the three-judge panel, just two hours after the fourth and final session of the trial.

Dalla Torre began reading the sentence with the formula, “In the name of His Holiness Benedict XVI, gloriously reigning, the tribunal of the Vatican court finds Gabriele guilty and sentenced him to 18 months in jail.

Before the verdict was issued, the court heard the closing arguments of Msgr. Georg Ganswein, the pope’s personal secretary, and six police officers proved he had, in fact, taken originals.

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The Knights of Columbus from the Indiana Jurisdiction gave over $1.9 million and $89,634 hours in personal service to charitable and benevolent activities in 2011, according to the organization’s Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

The figures were just released by the Knights of Columbus State Deputy Lawrence Fluhr. “These totals represent a remarkable outpouring of generosity not only in money but in personal commitment,” he said. “Knights of the State of Indiana.”

Fluhr said, “The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic lay organization with more than 1.8 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Poland and several other countries.

For Indiana Knights, contributions by members included $497,605 to youth activities, $1,244 million to church and community activities and $161,202 for pro-life activities.

Members also gave an additional $1,607 hours in service to sick or disabled members and their families. The survey showed 52,243 visits to the sick and bereaved by these knights and 6,444 blood donors.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, stated, “The order’s monetary contributions are noteworthy and commendable, but even more worthy of note is the record of personal service by members. This truly is charity in action.”

Immaculate Conception, Auburn, to hold parish mission

AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Church is host¬ing a parish mission entitled “Proclaiming Our Faith: Be Not Afraid” in celebration of the Year of Faith. The mission will take place Oct. 22-25 and will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening. A roll call of members from around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will preach about fearless, living faith. After the service, a social will be held in the parish hall.

The nightly schedule is as follows:

• Monday, Oct. 22 — “Martys and Modern Faith.” Msgr. Michael Heintz will explain that in our current world it is not only important to know the Church teachings but to act upon them. The evening will include time for questions and answer.
• Tuesday, Oct. 23 — “It Takes Faith to Reconcile.” Newly ordained Father Ben Muhlenkamp will discuss the importance of Reconciliation and the command, “Go and sin no more.” The sacrament will be offered at the end of the speaking. There will be no social event.
• Wednesday, Oct. 24 — “Family: Become What You Are.” Father Mark Gutterm, a son of the parish, will offer words of encouragement to families as they try to live out their faith in an increasingly secular world.
• Thursday, Oct. 25 — “The Strength to Proclaim Comes from Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.” Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, will offer Mass and discuss the struggle to live as people of faith while remembering that Christ has already won the battle and we witness it on the altar at each Mass.

The following groups are welcome to join any of the missions and be part of the celebration:
• Christ the King — Darden Road
• St. Matthew Cathedral — Grape Road
• Planned Parenthood — Grape Road
• Ironwood Road just south of 61
• St. Anthony Parish — Ironwood Road at East Jefferson Boulevard

Father Bill Sullivan, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart, and 1964 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, blessed the new Bishop Luers’ grotto, Maria’s Grotto, on Friday, Sept. 28. The blessing followed a Mass that marked Homecoming and included a procession of candles held by captains of sports and representatives from Key Club, National Honor Society, Path to Success and Student Council. Maria’s Grotto was donated by Dorothy Lenk whose grandchildren have been or currently are students at Bishop Luers. Plans were researched and developed with the assistance of Bill Stauffer, president of Renaissance Management Services, and Larry Gerig, president of Erie Heintz. The blessing was celebrated by Father Derrick Sneyd, the pastor of the school. The parish office can be reached at (260) 925-3930.

St. Joseph School to host Pumpkin Festival

GARRETT — St. Joseph School in Garrett will host their 26th annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The festival, hosted by the Home and School Association, will feature kid-friendly carnival games, bake sale, bounce house, cake walk, pop toss, face painting, a rolling video games semi-trailer and bingo.

A homemade beef and noodle dinner with mashed potatoes, green beans, drink and choice of homemade pie will be served in the lunchroom of Bennett Hall. A hot dog meal for children is also available. Dinner prices are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Local carryout is available by calling the school office prior to Friday, Oct. 19.

Raffle tickets are available and include cash prizes, two Notre Dame football tickets, Longaberger basket and a 31 Gifts large utility tote.

St. Joseph School is located at 301 W. Houston St. in Garrett.

Bishop Rhodes presents worldview on immigration at Ancilla College

DONALDSON — The clash of viewpoints over legal and illegal immigration in the U.S. change dramatically when viewed through a framework that emphasizes human life, work and family.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes said recently at Ancilla College.

Bishop Rhodes presented a coherent, Catholic-centered overview of the controversial topic as the first of this year’s long running Lampen Lecture series at Ancilla College.

Bishop Rhodes provided a brief look at Church teachings on work, family life and human rights before delving into the public debates about immigration.

“There are many stories of immigration in both the Old and New Testaments. The movements of people, starting with Exodus to the flight of the holy family to Egypt, are all immigrant stories still speaking to us today,” Bishop Rhodes said.

Bishop Rhodes spoke to a large group Oct. 2 bringing together the threads of Catholic Church teachings with principles of social justice and modern legislative attempts to reform immigration laws.

“This is an important issue of public policy that has moral implications in light of the principles of the dignity of the human person, justice and human solidarity. The U.S. bishops support comprehensive immigration reform that promotes true respect for law, protects the human rights and dignity of immigrants, keeps families together, and advances the common good,” Bishop Rhodes said.

The next Lampen Lecture is “Blessed Mary Catherine Kasper” by Sister Linda Volk, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, set for Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. in room 231 of Ancilla College. All Lampen Lectures are free and open to the public. Ancilla College, located two miles south of U.S. 30 near Plymouth, is a sponsored ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.
U.S. Senate candidates weigh-in on the issues

The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the public policy arm of the Indiana bishops, offers Hoosier Catholics a three-part series of articles profiling statewide-elected officials. 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.

INDIANAPOLIS — In a matter of weeks, nationwide millions of Catholics will enter the voting booth to cast their vote. According to the Official Catholic Directory by P.J. Kennedy & Sons approximately 700,000 Catholics reside in Indiana. These Hoosiers will have the opportunity to make their mark on the national canvas by electing several national office holders including one U.S. Senator from Indiana.

Three U.S. Senate candidates seek the office. Indiana State Treasurer Richard Mourdock is running on the Republican ticket; Congressman Joe Donnelly (D-IN), who is currently serving in the 2nd Congressional District, will run on the Democrat ticket; and Andrew Horning, who works in the cardiovascular healthcare industry, will run on the Libertarian ticket. All three candidates were invited to participate in the Catholic Conference election series. Below are their responses. The candidates appear in alphabetical order.

### Responses from Joe Donnelly

**Question:** What is your position in regard to protecting unborn human life from abortion and committing federal resources to ending abortion?

**Donnelly:** I believe human life is sacred, and I value it in all its forms. I oppose abortion, am pro-life, and believe that government policies should encourage life and make it easier for parents to adopt children.

**Question:** We hear much about the economy but what is to be done about the moral imperative of pervasive poverty. What would you do to address the problem of pervasive poverty: what policies/path/s do you offer to overcome it?

**Donnelly:** I often say that the best social program is a job for mom and dad, and that means giving Hoosier men and women the skills and education they need to compete while working with local businesses to provide them with the environment they need to grow. To that end, we need to make sure local educational institutions are teaching the skills employers need now.

**Question:** How would you balance the need for public policy to make something manageable, as it relates to the moral obligation of providing for the least?

**Donnelly:** We must get our fiscal house in order, which is why I have supported almost $2.4 trillion in spending cuts and have given back over $600,000 from my office budgets since coming to Congress. Yet we cannot balance our budgets on the backs of the least among us, seniors, students and veterans, like the budget my opponent Richard Mourdock supports.

**Question:** What is your position on legislation and regulations that forces health-care providers to provide, pay for or refer for services contrary to their conscience for moral or religious reasons?

**Donnelly:** There is a common sense solution that needs to be found, one that protects access to health services while also ensuring that religiously-affiliated institutions are not needed to act against their religious beliefs. Finding common ground can be achieved administratively. Religious institutions have the clear right to pursue this option through the courts as well. I am confident a solution can be found.

**Question:** What immigration policy would you pursue that would protect the human dignity of all persons?

**Donnelly:** Our country has a rich history of legal immigration, and to that end, I support those who travel to this country legally. I support bipartisan efforts to immigration reform as no one party gets it right 100 percent of the time. We will need to work together to fix the immigration system in our country.

**Question:** Do you support or oppose the overturning of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)?

**Donnelly:** I oppose overturning the Defense of Marriage Act. I believe that marriage is a union between a man and a woman as it is defined under both Indiana and federal law. I also believe that current Indiana and federal laws adequately address the issue of same sex-marriage and should remain in place.

**Responses from Andrew Horning**

**Question:** What is your position in regard to protecting unborn human life from abortion and committing federal resources to ending abortion?

**Horning:** I’ve been a fan of Ron Paul’s pro-life plan to remove abortion from the appellate jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court. Clarifying who gets constitutional rights (all humans), as Dr. Paul and others have proposed, is something I could get behind. Overturning Roe v Wade as law, of course, would be a no-brainer. And I’d likely support legislation to clarify certain interstate abortion/life issues that cross state lines (if a father has to pay child support if a child is born, why couldn’t he have some say over whether the child can live, for example … this issue often crosses state lines). But murder is, unless it does cross state lines, a state issue. There are other things related to this that should get more attention than just abortion, in my opinion. Since few of us have any stomach for impairing more people for more things, we need to think more about prevention. So I’d get behind proposals to reduce barriers to adoption, or reduce the disparity between reproductive and fiduciary rights between men, women and politics.

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**Mourdock:** We need a strong, three-track approach to chronic poverty: one that need to get this economy growing again. A strong, growing economy addresses so many critical needs within our society that it must remain our guidepost in terms of public policy. Second, we need to do all we can to incentivize contributions to charitable organizations that are well positioned to meet these challenges. Beyond that, I support safety net programs designed to meet the basic needs of those in our society who need and deserve our help the most. These include nutrition, housing, medical and mental health services, among others.

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**Mourdock:** We can stop the borrow-and-spend mentality that has dominated Washington for decades and we can put our fiscal house in order while compromising core services to those most in need. The core and largest aspects of federal budget should be the focus of our reforms, which will leave ample room for core services for those individuals with the least among us.

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Sister Toepp has a heart for educating the poor

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

SOUTH BEND — Michelle Toepp was always interested in working with poor children. “One reason I entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross was because it was an international congregation,” she said. “That was a pull for me. I also wanted to work with poor children and I knew that the congregation did that type of ministry since I taught with the sisters at Holy Cross Grade School in South Bend.”

Sister Michelle entered the congregation in 1984. After she made her first vows in 1987, she was sent to Los Angeles, Calif., to teach at St. Agnes, a grade school in the inner city staffed by the sisters. While living there, she earned a master’s degree in education and psychology with an emphasis on children. From Los Angeles she spent a year in Brazil having a multicultural experience.

“This was a chance for me to get to know our sisters and their ministries in another country and see if I was called to be a missionary,” said Sister Michelle. “And when I returned to the United States after that experience, I knew I wanted to live and minister in another country.”

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Sister Michelle got her wish to work with children. When she was in Monterrey she worked with approximately 250 children each year who came from the different chapels in the parish of La Luz, where Holy Cross men and women minister together. At San Ildefonso, where she has been for a year and a half, she has touched the lives of 50 more children. Her work with the children includes helping with homework, religious education, values and ecology. They also learn to play together, and learn about health and safety. She teaches the children discipline and responsibility, among other important lessons.

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• use our spiritual gifts, material resources and energy for the mission of the Church in society
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Bishop Rhoades offers challenges to those attending Notre Dame Red Mass

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The Red Mass at the University of Notre Dame Sept. 26 attracted professors and students from the Notre Dame Law School and Political Science Department, as well as local members of the legal profession and government officials. They all were offered many challenges to ponder by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who gave the homily and celebrated the Mass with several Holy Cross priests, all vested in red to depict the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Rhoades explained that the Red Mass, dating back to the 13th century, is a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, whose gifts are invoked upon people who serve in the legal professions. Like the legal professional who counsels and assists his clients, the Holy Spirit counsels and guides with His gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and right judgment.

“Lawyers and judges and civic officials and legal professionals need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their noble profession in society today, that they may be faithful to their duties not only to a civil society, but to God,” Bishop Rhoades said.

In his homily, the bishop reminded the congregation that God’s commandments are not just “a legal code or set of juridic regulations.” Rather, “His law is a gift and a grace,” meant not to coerce our will, but “to free us from things that compromise our dignity and enslave us in sin.”

Divine law is directly related to civil law, the bishop said, and he cited the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which calls natural law “the indispensible moral foundation for building the human community” that “provides the necessary basis for the civil law.” Natural law, the catechism explains, “expresses the dignity of the person and determines the basis for our fundamental rights and duties.”

Bishop Rhoades said it was important to stress God’s law in light of “a kind of cultural relativism” prevalent in society today, with “the legal destruction of innocent human life,” the “efforts to redefine the natural institution of marriage” and the “threats to our first liberty” of religious freedom.

Quoting from a 2002 Doctrinal Note from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Bishop Rhoades said that this cultural relativism “sanctions the decadence and disintegration of reason and the principles of the natural moral law.”

The result is that: “Citizens claim complete autonomy with regard to their moral choices, and lawmakers maintain that they are respecting this freedom of choice by enacting laws which ignore the principles of natural ethics and yield to ephemeral cultural and moral trends, as if every possible outlook on life were of equal value.”

This philosophy, he continued, damages democratic life, which must be based on certain ethical principles that are the foundation of society, including: the right to life and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death; the right to religious freedom; and the recognition that marriage is a “natural institution that is the original cell of social life and prior to the state.”

Bishop Rhoades stressed the duty of Catholics and good citizens to “uphold the ethical precepts that are rooted in human nature itself and belong to the natural moral law.” He acknowledged a “rightful autonomy” of the political/civil sphere from religion and the church, but said that there can be no autonomy from morality.

“We have the right and the duty to proclaim and defend moral truths concerning society, justice, freedom, respect for human life and the dignity of the human person,” he said.

Lay Catholics, including those in the legal professions, have a “special responsibility” in the public square to “proclaim and defend” those moral truths, the bishop said.

However, he continued, some Catholics are tempted to lead “two parallel lives,” one as a Catholic and the other in one’s secular occupation.

“Some Catholic politicians, as an example, claim to be personally opposed to abortion, yet are pro-choice in their political lives. This stance must be rejected,” he continued, because “we have a duty to live a Christian life that is morally coherent.”

The Red Mass was co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School and Political Science Department, as well as the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop’s committee on religious liberty. In the U.S. bishops’ statement, “Our First Most Cherished Liberty,” members of the committee expressed their gratitude for the gift of liberty, which is ours as Americans,” noted Garnett. “But they also noted the need to remain on guard against potential threats to that liberty.”

One such threat is the HHS mandate, the federal rule that requires most religious employers to provide coverage for FDA-approved contraceptives and some abortion-causing drugs. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the University of Notre Dame, have filed lawsuits challenging the legality of this rule.

“Religious freedom is a human right. It’s grounded in human dignity and it is essential for human flourishing,” Garnett said. “Every person, because he or she is a person, has the right to religious liberty.”

Garnett said this right — this freedom — should be recognized, protected and promoted in law and in policy.

“Religious freedom is sometimes inconvenient” for governments and for politicians, but it is crucially important to good government and stable politics,” Garnett said.

Garnett spoke of Pope Benedict XVI’s expression of his admiration for the American model of religious liberty and church-state liberty. Garnett said the pope, in his travels to America, seemed to praise America’s “positive concept of secularism,” in which government respects both the role of religious arguments and commitments in the public square and the important
Father Mark Gurtner, diocesan judicial vicar and pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne proclaims the Gospel at the Red Mass on Oct. 3 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Those in the legal profession joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who celebrated the Fort Wayne Red Mass. They were invited to attend a dinner and talk in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center after the Mass.

Rick Garnett, associate dean for faculty research and professor of law and concurrent professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, was the speaker at the dinner that followed the Red Mass on Oct. 3 in Fort Wayne. Garnett writes and speaks about religious freedom issues and constitutional law.

distinction between religious and political authorities.

Garnett spoke of how Thomas Jefferson regarded the religious-freedom guarantees enacted into law after the Revolution as a “fair” and “novel” experiment.

“Similarly, it was the confident hope of James Madison that America’s bold experiment in religious liberty … ‘promised a lustre to our country,’” Garnett said. “Madison believed that a specifically ‘American model’ of religious freedom was emerging, and that it would distinguish us, shape us and strengthen us.”

Madison and other leaders of the founding generation were keenly aware that they were attempting something new and great, something that would change — indeed, remake — the world. At the same time, they felt the weight of great responsibility.

Garnett noted that John Adams revealed as much when he wrote that “the people in America have now the best opportunity and the greatest trust in their hands, that Providence has ever committed to so small a number, since the transgression of the first pair; if they betray their trust, their guilt will merit … the indignant of heaven.”

“Today the American experiment in religious liberty is both vital and vulnerable,” Garnett said. “Our religious-freedom protections are robust, but incomplete. Our church-state arrangement is exemplary, yet confused. This much, though, seems clear: what was true at the founding remains true today, namely, that there are at work several different models, or ways of thinking about, the freedom of religion under and through law.

Religious freedom matters. “(The founding fathers) knew that unless our most sacred things are protected, then all our other freedoms — freedom of the press, speech, conscience, privacy — these other freedoms are vulnerable without the foundation of religious freedom,” Garnett said.

He spoke how religious freedom should be understood not just as freedom ‘from’ religion, or freedom ‘of’ religion, but also as freedom ‘for’ religion, which, Garnett said the latter is preferred.

“The first approach — freedom from religion — represents the neutrality and equal-treatment. Religion, on this view, is something that matters to many people, and so the law does not permit it to be singled out for special hostility or discrimination.

“It is recognized and accepted that religious believers and institutions are at work in society — sometimes doing good — and the stance of the law is even-handedness,” he said. “Because we are all entitled to express our views and to live in accord with our consciences, religious believers are so entitled, too. The law, it is thought, should be ‘religion-blind.’”

The third approach Garnett spoke about was the “freedom for religion.”

“Under this approach, the search for religious truth is not grudgingly accepted but is acknowledged as an important human activity,” Garnett said. “Religion is special and not just especially dangerous (in this view). The exercise of religion is seen as valuable and good and conducive to human flourishing, and worthy of accommodation. The idea under this model is not that the government should demand religious observances or establish religious orthodoxy — far from it; the idea, instead, that a political community committed to positive secular law can and should take note of the fact that people long for the transcendent and they are called to search for the truth, and for God.”

He said, in this model, the government takes special care to accommodate and facilitate religious exercise and respects the distinction between church and state. The government, he said, “avoids imposing unnecessary burdens on religion, it also looks for ways to lift such burdens when it can.”

The third approach, “freedom for religion,” represents the American experiment at its best, according to Garnett.

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How should Catholics prepare to vote
Five key principles to help voters discern important matters

BY RUSSELL SHAW

In 1831-1832 a 26-year-old Frenchman named Alexis de Tocqueville spent nine months touring the United States. He talked with people, observed events, soaked up impressions of the bustling young nation to share with the people back home. The result, his book called “Democracy in America,” is regarded even today as one of the shrewdest studies of American political and social life ever penned. This de Tocqueville’s account of the run-up to an American national election — a description as accurate in essentials now as when it was written: “The election becomes the greatest and, as it were, the only matter which occupies people’s minds. Then political factions redouble their enthusiasm, every possible phony passion that the imagination can conceive ... comes out into the light of day. The president, for his part, is absorbed in the task of securing re-election. ... But note — Catholics also need to be aware of a new situation confronting the Church in America that has serious implications for their voting. As a Church lawyer put it a while back with regard to some political candidates, the Church used to face the challenge of maintaining legal prohibitions of certain morally reprehensible things, in this new phase the Church must resist government cooption to cooperate with them. Notable current examples include abortion, contraception, embryonic stem-cell research and same-sex marriage. With this background in mind, the five principles are these.

1. Voting is a moral act — don’t vote frivolously or selfishly. Frivolous voting is illustrated in the case of a good Catholic woman who once confessed to me in some embarrassment that she’d cast her ballot for a particular candidate because she liked the photos she’d seen of his cat. She was a cat fancier, she explained, and resented all the attention paid to politicians’ dogs. Now she realized she’d made a mistake. An extreme case, no doubt. But it’s hardly uncommon for voters to be swayed by peripheral considerations like a candidate’s looks (bad is, I sometimes think), personal history (ethnic background, religious affiliation, etc.) or populist rhetoric rather than the substance of his or her policy positions and relevant experience.

2. Don’t compartmentalize politics and morality. “Those who would treat politics and morality apart will never understand the one or the other,” British statesman, author and editor John Morley (1838-1923) once said. And the Second Vatican Council famously declared: “One of the grave errors of our time is the dichotomy between the faith, which many profess and the practice of their daily lives. ... Let Christians ... be proud of the opportunity to carry out their earthly activity in such a way as to integrate human, domestic, professional, scientific and technical values.” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, No. 43).

3. Don’t absolutize politics, but don’t excessively relativize it either. Making politics the be all and end all of human life was a key component of 20th-century totalitarian systems such as Nazism and communism, with their secret police and thought control, gulags and concentration camps, all serving a single grand utopia. But it hasn’t vanished today. Pope Benedict XVI is right to warn against “the dictatorship of relativism” as a dangerous current reality. But so is an ancient tendency, found in some strains of Christian asceticism, to regard politics as having little or no real importance. The world is passing away, isn’t it, so what difference does politics make? Vatican II gave the final and definitive answer to that. What we do here and now, including political activity, has significance, the council taught; for in laboring on behalf of authentic goods — “human dignity, brotherly communion, and freedom” — we are helping build up the kingdom of God, which is “mysteriously present” even now and will be perfected when Christ comes again (see Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, No. 39). This may sound like heavy stuff for Joe Voter, but it’s a crucially Catholic doctrine that Catholic voters need — and deserve — to hear.

4. In speaking and acting on political questions, don’t let your passions take control. Politics is a highly emotional business; few things more readily rile up otherwise temperate and reasonable people than political arguments. Several years ago, during the question period after a talk I gave on an entirely different subject, I saw two Catholic men of my acquaintance nearly come to blows after one referred to supporters of legalized abortion as “baby killers.” My mistake. — legalized abortion is a great evil and should be ended. But violent rhetoric and name-calling is more likely to hurt than help. Thank goodness, these two men didn’t actually fight, but they parted on very bad terms while the other members of the audience went away shaking their heads. Political passions must be controlled by reason and moderation, not inflammatory words and incitement to violence.

5. Form your conscience through study and prayer, then vote on the basis of moral principle, especially the common good, and your honest judgment of which candidate or candidates will do the best job protecting and promoting it. De Tocqueville, Pope Benedict has said, “succeeds only to the extent that it is based on truth and a correct understanding of the human person.” Political leaders that try to manipulate on some other basis sooner or later end in tyranny and injustice, however carefully that may be concealed by deceptive nuances of words and the right and the choice. But even within this framework of principle, people disagree over what priority to give to particular issues in a particular election. The bishops don’t lay down a hard-and-fast rule, but “Forming Consciences” makes it clear that issues with a direct bearing upon the life and dignity of human persons necessarily come first. In that category are abortion, cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and end-of-life matters. And the modern assault on the sanctity of life requires that life issues be placed at the top of the list. Regarding the Church’s role, the bishops say its “obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society” is “a requirement of our faith” (No. 9). The Church doesn’t tell Catholics how to vote; but it has a right and a duty to remind us of the relevant moral principles.

Having described an American election, de Tocqueville’s “Democracy in America” adds this: “It is true that as soon as the result has been announced, this passion is dispelled, all returns to calm ... But should we not find it astonishing that such a storm should have arisen in the first place?” Astonishing — maybe. But that’s how the game gets played.
‘The Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.’

If “I believe” in a “God,” who is “Almighty,” who is “Creator of Heaven and Earth,” not an impersonal force but “Father,” then why is there evil? All of us armchair creators suspect we could have done better than God. We aren’t exactly sure how — after all, isn’t that God’s problem? But we feel we could have, if we were God.

Let’s ask the question another way. What kind of world is it in which love can exist? It would have to be a world in which there was the possibility — not the necessity, but the possibility — of evil, because there is no love without freedom. A universe without freedom is a universe without love. A universe without the genuine possibility of evil is a universe without love, and that eliminates not only human love, but even the Creator’s love, since only an unloving Creator would begrudge His creatures His own greatest glory, that is, love.

But all love has a cost, even in some mysterious way, for God. God shows us in the Cross what love cost Him. Where is His Almightiness on the Cross?

“Only faith can discern it when it is hid in perfect in working (CCC No. 268, cf. 2 Cor. 12.9). If the Cross is the “power of God” (1 Cor. 1.18) and Christ the “power and wisdom of God” (1 Cor. 1.24), then our contemplation of Creation must really begin as a contemplation of Christ, who, though He had amazing power, worked no miracle on the Cross. The miracles show us that He could have come down from the Cross. But it would have been a very cheap love if God Incarnate had suffered only until He thought it convenient, and then dazzled us by His miraculous descent. Evil would have triumphed, for it is ever the devil’s contention that there is no such thing as true love. True love gives everything. How “foolish” of God, the devil was thinking … but “the foolishness of God is wiser” (1 Cor. 1.25.) In the

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Spending time outside a linguistic empire


It’s an old joke that speaks for itself, but behind it there’s a long back story. We Americans are victims of our own success — with a bit of the credit going to our British forefathers.

By the 19th century the sun never set on the English language. And its world dominance came with the rise of America’s military and then economic power in the mid-20th century. It has turned us all into linguistic imperialists.

English is the mutt of European languages, having borrowed heavily from nearly every linguistic family on the continent. Its diversity of background has made it one of the most subtle, nuanced and difficult languages in the entire world.

English orthography, which has been settled for only a couple of centuries, nonetheless contains nearly as many exceptions as rules.

It is also perhaps the most entrepreneurial language. Unlike others — French, for example, whose purity is the law — English’s fluidity is established by an established authority — English vocabulary remains a virtual free-for-all, with thousands of new words simply invented and widely accepted every year. The same is true of English usage and even English grammar, whose evolution over short periods is shockingly fast.

Nearly every European learns English in school, so do many Asians, Africans and Latin Americans. It has become the language of commerce and world culture, much like Latin in medieval times and common Greek in the ancient world. It is the only approved language for pilots and air-traffic controllers to use when airlines take off and land in 157 countries around the world.

This has struck me during my visits to universities in Italy, Spain, Argentina and Chile and in receiving visitors from Taiwan, China, Ukraine and Poland. We almost always speak English to one another. Oddly, that’s why I come away from these visits feeling inadequate. How is it that the rest of the world speaks several languages, and we Americans know only our own? Our success as linguistic imperialists has moved other people to learn our language, and Americans feel almost no need to learn theirs.

The demand for foreign languages among our young people varies with the prominence of the countries where they are spoken. When I was young and the Cold War was hot, everyone

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TRUE WISDOM BRINGS WEALTH OF SPIRIT

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s reading, the Church presents a section from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Knowing what God has revealed, and living accordingly, represents the greatest wisdom.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. Asked what is essential to possessing eternal life, Jesus answers that the person truly wishing to have life must obey the Ten Commandments, the gift of God to the people of Israel through Moses.

Asked further, Jesus replied that a person must disregard the thirst for that thing so strong among humans, wealth, and in tum give to the poor.

The man asking the questions could not personally accept this last admonition. He could not remove himself from the belongings he had acquired.

It is easy to look at this man and judge him as foolish. Before rushing to condemn him, it is good to remember that all humans would be tempted to respond to Jesus as did the rich young man.

If the Cross is the ultimate in wisdom and control.

Realizing the true value of spiritual riches, and living in accord with this realization, is the greatest wisdom. Knowing that eternal life rests upon spiritual vitality characterizes the genuinely wise.

Even among persons professing Christianity, and indeed even among those wishing to be devout and good disciples, the lure of things, personal adulation, and of the comfortable can be very strong.

In these readings, the Church calls us to true wisdom. To confirm its teachings as wisdom, we need only to remember so many others who have found true wealth, the wealth of the spirit in loving God above everything.

LEADERS

Sunday: Wed 7:31 Ps 901217 Heb 4123 Mk 101730

Monday: Gal 422426 2731 —5 Ps 11317 Lk 112932

Tuesday: Gal 56 Ps 11941 43454748 Lk 113741

Wednesday: Gal 51825 Ps 116Lk 114246

Thursday: 2 Tim 41017 Ps 145101381718 Lk 1091

Friday: Eph 11114Ps 33124512 Lk 1217

Saturday: Eph 11523 Ps 827 Lk 12812

The other thing is that every college student should study a foreign language. Even better, everyone should spend a year of his or her academic career in a non-English-speaking country. There exists in the academic world a tension between the two goals of broadening students cultural horizons and preparing them for future careers. I cannot think of anything else that advances both goals so well as time spent outside our linguistic empire.
Vatican’s II’s golden anniversary

The Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, the most important Catholic event since the 16th-century Council of Trent, was solemnly opened by Pope John XXIII 50 years ago, on Oct. 11, 1962. Commentators ever since have taken that date as the beginning of the Catholic Church’s engagement with modern society and culture. In fact, however, the Church’s grappling with modernity began 84 years earlier, with the election of Pope Leo XIII on March 3, 1878. That date marks the beginning of the transition from the Catholicism of the Counter-Reformation to the Catholicism of the New Evangelization. And in that process of transition, Vatican II played a crucial, accelerating role.

Vatican II is sometimes imagined to be an example of ecclesiastical parthenogenesis: the Council just happened, absent significant antecedents, in a decisive rupture with the past. That, too, is a misconception. Leo XIII paved the way to Vatican II by initiating his reform of the Church’s philosophical and theological life, by sponsoring Catholic biblical and historical studies, and by defining the basic principles of Catholic social doctrine. The Leonine reform was intensified by the Catholic intellectual and liturgical renaissance of the mid-20th century, which shaped the early, reforming-years-pontificate of Pius XII, the most-cited source (after the Bible) in the documents of Vatican II, No Leo XIII, no Liturgical Movement, no Catholic Action, no revival of Thomistic philosophy, no rediscovery of the importance of history for theology, no Pius XII — no Vatican II.

John XXIII intended the Council to be a new experience of Pentecost for the Church, so that Catholicism could more effectively proclaim the message of God’s mercy and love. Yes, the Council opened the Church’s windows to the modern world. But the Council also challenged the modern world to open its own windows (and doors, and skylights) in order to rediscover the world of transcendent Truth and Love — the world of the supernatural, which is the really real world. The growing end of early 20th-century Catholicism is found in local churches that have embraced the Council’s evangelical intention and the Council’s teaching in full. Those who have done so have found both new understandings of Word and Sacrament, the twin pillars of Catholic life, and a new passion for evangelism.

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USF MEN PICKED FIFTH IN FIRST CROSSROADS LEAGUE PRESEASON BASKETBALL COACHES POLL

The University of Saint Francis has been chosen fifth in the 2012-13 Crossroad League men’s basketball coaches poll. USF finished 23-13 in 2011-12, fourth in the Mid-Central College Conference, but USF did finish runner-up in the MCC Tournament to Grace College. USF also advanced to the elite eight in the NAIA 32-team national championship tournament and was the last MCC team in the tournament. It was USF’s third consecutive ticket to the NAIA Division II Championship. USF Head Coach Chad LaCross and the Cougars have just completed the first week of preparation for the 2012-13 season.

ICCL Panthers defeat Crusaders

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — A fabled blue grey October sky fell over Father Bly Field as the Inter-City Catholic League title hung against the once boasted a balanced attack that featured their dynamic quarterback Tony Camola that had outscored their opponents, 68-30, and the Crusaders countered with a stingy defense that had shut-out two of their three opponents.

The Panthers hid very little on their first drive. They intended to use a power running game consisting of Camola, Blake Benfield and Charlie McFadden to impose their will on the Crusader defense front. The opening drive was ended with an exclamation point as McFadden dashed the final 10 yards to pay dirt and Carmola’s points after kick was true, giving the Panthers an 8-0 lead and the momentum.

The Crusaders would not be outdone as Paul Murphy returned the kickoff 40 yards and was the inspiration of the comeback bid. The white-clad squad pushed their way downfield countering backfield tackles by the likes of JR Haley with tough running of Hurley and Hunter West. The drive would be short lived as the Panthers held on downs at their own 30.

The Panthers again started up the machine and systematically marched down field highlighted by a Benfield 15-yard run, a Walter Ellis catch and a big fourth down and four rush where Carmola gained four yards and one-half-inch to the 22-yard line. The maroon-and-gold outfitted team leaned heavy on their prized quarter-back, and Carmola delivered as he had all season. On fourth and goal at the eight, Carmola swept right and scammed into the end zone making the score, 14-0, with just 1:37 left in the half.

The second half started off with the Crusaders driving the ball right down the field with another dose of Murphy and West, but a devastating miscue resulted in a fumble recovery by Panther Tyler Kleva.

The Panthers put together a 15-play backbreaking drive culminating by a one-yard Carmola plunge as time expired in the quarter making the score, 20-0.

The game was out of reach for the Crusaders who stayed the course and continued to battle, but to no avail. The Panther reserve Brandon Morehead squirted through a tiny seam and scored the final points of the game as the victorious cats ended the season with a perfect record and the title.

“The cold weather stalled our passing game and we relied heavily on our offensive line and they really produced today,” explained Panther head coach, Kevin Sandor. “It was ball control at its best for us. The leadership of Carmola, Haley and Kleva really put us in the position to win. I’m so proud of our kids.”

“We knew that we would have to play a perfect game to have a chance and the few errors we had, they capitalized on them,” remarked Crusader head coach John Krzyzewski. “I was extremely happy with the effort we gave. We never gave up. And we played hard until the very last snap. We will now get ready for the post-season.”

In other action, The St. Matthew Blazers claimed league second place honors as they downed Mishawaka Catholic, 21-8, behind touchdown runs of 40 and 30 yards by Cole Kanzia and another by Nick Monnin. Alexander Horvath had the lone score for the Saints.

The ICCL playoffs begin this weekend as the Mishawaka Catholic Saints take on West Side Catholic at Marian High School’s Otolski Field at 4 p.m.

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The Eagles are up for the challenge, but Carroll admits, “We still have a long way to go. The Cardinals are outstanding. They are rested, undefeated and clobbered us during the regular season.”

Email Michelle Castleman at mmcas- tleman@aol.com to see your scores and highlights in Today’s Catholic next week.

SAINT JOSEPH RECEIVES TROPHY

Saint Joseph High School was the winner of the Bishop’s All Sports Trophy for the 2011-2012 year. Students are shown holding the trophy, which was presented at the Marian vs. Saint Joseph varsity football game. Serra Club of South Bend President Stephen Elek, Jr., made the presentation of the trophy to Saint Joseph High School Principal Susan Richter.

Knights of Columbus 2013 March for Life Washington, D.C.

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CYO football playoffs begin round one

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) football playoffs got underway on Sunday, Oct. 7 at the University of Saint Francis, narrowing the field for second round action on Oct. 14. Holy Cross downed a tough group from St. Jude/Most Precious Blood/Queen of Angels, while St. Vincent rolled to a win in their initial round of postseason action knocking out a talented squad from St. John, New Haven.

In a battle of the fourth and fifth place seeds, No. 4 St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) defeated the JAT Knights, 36-6. Touchdowns were scored by Tyler Prince, Gareth Brouwer, Chance Ritchard, Alex Neher and Brayton Goebel. Zach Murphy contributed two points on a PAT.

A pleased Eagle Coach Jim Carroll explained, “Our kids had fun and everyone contributed.”

Because they earned the No. 1 seed, St. Charles received a first round bye and will face SJFW in the second wave of action, while St. Vincent will play Holy Cross.

TODAY’S CATHOLIC
Redeemer Radio AM 1450, 89.9 FM Fall Sharathon set Oct. 24-26

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio will broadcast live from their studios during the Redeemer Radio “Family of Faith” Fall Sharathon celebration, Oct. 24-26. Listeners will hear 36 hours of live radio broadcasts featuring over 30 area priests, and a wide variety of parishes and guests as they encourage listeners to pledge their support to Redeemer Radio.

Mr. Terry and Mrs. Terri Coonan, along with their family, Dolly, Coach and their children are the first chair family for this event. “Redeemer Radio with its faith-filled programming helps build strong Catholic families, parishes and local communities in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio” says Terry Coonan, member of the Sharathon chair family.

Funds from the “Family of Faith” Fall Sharathon make it possible for listener-supported Redeemer Radio to continue its mission to proclaim the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. The regional family of Redeemer Radio stations, AM 1450 and 89.9 FM serve the greater Fort Wayne area including Auburn, Waterloo and Angola in Indiana and northwest Ohio including Bryan, Edgerton, Hicksville and Montpelier.

2012 Fall Sharathon

Family of Faith
Listen & pledge at RedeemerRadio.com
Call 260-436-1450

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Redeemer Radio Fall 2012 Sharathon tax-deductible: ✔ Check ✔ Cash ✔ Pledge
✔ Monthly (circle) $100 / $50 / $25 or $   ✔ One-Time (circle) $1000 / $500 / $100 or $   
Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________________ Parish: ____________________________
Phone(s): ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please charge my (circle one): Visa / MasterCard / Discover (Sorry, we can’t accept AMEX)
Card Number: ___________________________ Expiration Date: ___________ 3 Digit Code: ___________
Mail to: Redeemer Radio, 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Wayne IN, 46815 260-436-1450

Please count my pledge during the ___________________________ Hour!

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LET THE ROSARY FLY

All eyes were on the sky as the parishioners of St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol gathered after their annual Oktoberfest Mass on Oct. 7. While the words to the hymn “Hail, Holy Queen” drifted heavenward, so did a balloon rosary. The rosary, constructed of blue, white and gold helium balloons, was released by dozens of children in honor of the feast of the Holy Rosary on Sunday, Oct. 7. Parishioner Dr. Hank Keller came up with the idea and, with the support of Father Bob VanKempen, pastor, the heaven-bound rosary became a reality. As festivities continued, parishioners could be seen taking one last peek at the sky as their balloon rosary drifted away.

Spain Pilgrimage

Plus...Fatima, Portugal & Lourdes, France

14 Days Departing April 9, 2013 from $2398*

Fly into Madrid (2 nights) to start your Catholic Pilgrimage. You’ll tour Madrid, the Royal Palace, and the Toledo Cathedral. Visit Segovia and Avila (1 night) with private Mass at St. Theresa Convent. Visit the Old and New Cathedrals in Salamanca with Mass; and Fatima, Portugal (2 nights) with sightseeing, time for personal devotions and Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Basilica. Experience Sunday Mass and tour at Bom Jesus Church and Shrine in Braga and tour Santiago de Compostela (2 nights) and visit sanctuaries, Bernadette’s House and Celebrate Mass at Chapel Lourdes - at the Grotto. Sightsee in Barcelona (2 nights) including the Cathedral, choir and Mass. Fly home Sunday, April 22, 2013. Includes daily breakfast and 11 dinners, English/Spanish speaking tour director throughout! Single room add $650. Your YMT chaplain, Fr. Frank Wittouck, SCJ is a former Army chaplain; was pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Houston, TX and currently ministers in prisons and in the Cypress Assistance Ministries. This will be his sixth trip as chaplain with YMT. *Price per person/double occupancy. Airfare is extra.

Group Leaders Travel Free!
Organize a group from your church on this or other YMT faith based packages.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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

50+ group plans fall harvest luncheon and card party
Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels 50+ Group will have a fall harvest luncheon and card party in our Msgr. Faber Activities Center Friday, Oct. 26, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are $8. Card games of your choice. For tickets contact Henrietta at (260) 482-1660.

Fall retreat for Year of Faith
Waterloo — St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 1098 County Road 39, will offer a fall retreat on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 1-4 p.m. Reconciliation will be available until 5 p.m. Guest speaker Meg Hanlon, head of the Theology Department at Bishop Luers High School, will be speaking on faith: what the Catholic Church teaches, and how to live it out in our lives. For information, or to register, call Elaine Matthews at (260) 837-7266, or Bobbie Charleswood at (260) 868-5661.

Luncheon card party
South Bend — The St. Anne Society of Our Lady of Hungary will have a luncheon card party Sunday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. in the school auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Donation of $5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

Public Rosary for our Nation
Warsaw — A public rosary for our nation will be Sunday, Oct. 14, on the southwest corner of Sacred Heart playground at noon. Rallies are planned across the nation. For more information call Ida at (574) 453-3143.

Rummage sale
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School will have a rummage sale Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 27, includes a bag sale from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information call Monica at (260) 639-6978. The school is also selling Gold Canyon candles through Nov. 1. Call (260) 639-3580 to place an order.

Lasagna dinner planned
Mishawaka — The Queen of Peace Music Ministry will have a lasagna dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5-7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Carry-out is available. All proceeds from the event will benefit the parish’s music program. Call Brad Todorovich for information or tickets at (574) 259-5427 ext. 132.

Cemetery announces fall clean up
South Bend — The Sacred Heart Cemetery at the corner of Western Ave. and Pine Rd. will conduct fall cleanup from Monday, Oct. 22, through Friday, Oct. 26. All summer decorations should be removed by this time.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “A Walk, with Franciscan Saints through Faith, Hope and Love.” Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is $20 and includes lunch. Register by Oct. 26 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Natural Family Planning to start
Fort Wayne — Natural Family Planning classes will be offered by the Couple to Couple League starting Sunday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. The course consists of three classes, one per month, as well as optional pre-menopause or postpartum classes as needed. To register contact the Shannons at (260) 489-1856 or mshannon11@frontier.com.

Shopping extravaganza
Monroeville — The St. Joseph School HASA will have a shopping extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monroeville Fire Station. Vendors on hand include Scentsy, 31 Bags, Longaberger, Gold Canyon, Tupperware and others. Handmade items will also be available. The Friends of St. Joseph will host a bake sale and lunch will be served by the Fire Dept. auxiliary.

Chili dinner sponsored by Booster Club
Fort Wayne — A chili dinner will be held Friday, Oct. 12, during the Bishop Luers vs. Bishop Dwenger game. Gates open at 6 p.m. Chili is $3.50 and hot dogs are $1.50.

To Kill a Mockingbird performed
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department will present “To Kill a Mockingbird” Oct. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $7. For tickets and information call Sue Mathias at (260) 456-1261.

Fall festival planned
Albion — Blessed Sacrament Parish will have a fall party Sunday, Oct. 14, from 4-8:30 p.m. A chili and hot dog supper, square dancing, horse rides, kids’ games and a beer exchange will be offered.

Holy Name Society fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Oct. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Adults $10, children under 5 free. The Holy Name Society will have a matinee show Sunday, Oct. 14, from 7-8 p.m. Euchre tournament and refreshments will be available.

Fish fry planned
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 12, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Prices are $8.50 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Carryouts are available for $8.50.

Fall play “Dearly Departed” performed
Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School’s Performing Arts Department will present “Dearly Departed” on Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. The matinee show will be Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the door are $6 for seniors and students, $8 for adults, and $10 for reserved seating in front.

Boo’zaar
Mishawaka — St. Joseph Church adult choir will host a holiday craft Boo’zaar on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 70 craft and gift item tables, bake sale, raffles, retired “Byer’s Choice” carolers and “Dept 56 Heritage Village” collectibles. One mini raffle chance for each nonperishable food item donated. Children are invited to dress in costume and “trick or treat.” For information call (574) 255-1757.

Parish will have a fall party
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REST IN PEACE

Fort Wayne
Catterina Iuston, 86, St. Bavo
Delphine J. Carlson, 88, Little Flower
Raymond S. Kujawa, 80, Corpus Christi
Walter Dudika, 88, St. Adalbert
Rita J. Kania, 77, St. Casimir
Betty A. Sebok, 98, St. Anthony de Padua
Wanda C. Fujawa, 87, Holy Family
Joan Huguenard, 81, Little Flower
Beatrice Lucille Recker, 95, Corpus Christi
Alice Karczewski, 96, St. Stanislaus

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Missionaries of Faith

Pray and Give Generously on
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October 21, 2012

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Your Faith & Girl Scouts

The new Girl Scouts My Promise, My Faith pin invites girls in grades K-12 to experience a faith journey through exploration of the Girl Scout Law and teachings from their faith. Adult volunteers partner with Catholic girls by guiding them through a personal faith journey and linking the national pin with the Catholic religious recognitions.

For more information, please contact:
Teena Weathersby-Hampton
Director of Mission Delivery
800.283.4812 ext. 132