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## 'We need this Year of Faith' Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades opens the Year of Faith

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades opened the Year of Faith at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Oct. 11 saying, "We need this Year of Faith. We need the New Evangelization. I would say that it is an urgent need. We need to offer the Gospel anew to people who do not know it very well or who have even moved away from the Church."

The faithful filled the cathedral to capacity for the Thursday evening Mass, many of whom were there to gain a special plenary indulgence that was offered. A combined high school choir from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers added to the beauty of the celebration.

"Today, 50 years since the opening of Vatican II and 20 years since the promulgation of the Catechism, we begin a Year of Faith," Bishop Rhoades said. "Pope Benedict XVI invites us all and Catholics throughout the world to a reflection and rediscovery of the faith. He invites us to discover anew the truth, power and beauty of the faith."

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the study of the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church as great sources of knowledge and inspiration for the faithful.

"The Catechism is, I believe, one of the greatest fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which John Paul II called the 'great grace bestowed on the Church in the 20th century,'" Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. "I encourage all to use the Catechism, to read, study and reflect on the faith that it explains."

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### NUN RECORDS DAY WITH IPAD



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A nun takes photos using an iPad before the start of a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Mass also opened the Year of Faith.



JOE ROMIE

Alan, Elle and Christy Gunkel recite the Apostles' Creed at the opening Mass for the Year of Faith at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 11.

## At anniversary Mass, pope recalls 'authentic spirit' of Vatican II

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the start of a special Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI called on Catholics to revive the "authentic spirit" of Vatican II by re-proposing the Church's ancient teachings to an increasingly Godless modern world.

The pope spoke at a special Mass in St. Peter's Square Oct. 11, half a century to the day after the opening ceremonies of Vatican II. About 400 bishops from around the world, including 15 of the 70 surviving members of the 1962-65 council, attended. Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury attended as special guests.

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The observances featured ceremonies recalling milestones of Vatican II, including the enthronement of a book of the Gospels used at the original gathering and a re-presentation of the council's final "messages" to various categories of lay Catholics, such as artists, workers and women.

Vatican II, Pope Benedict said, had been "animated by a desire ... to immerse itself anew in the Christian mystery so as to re-propose it fruitfully to contemporary man."

He noted that Blessed John XIII, in his speech at the opening of the council, called for both the safeguarding and the effective teaching of the "sacred deposit of Christian doctrine ... this certain and immutable doctrine, which is to be faithfully respected, (and) needs to be explored and presented in a way which responds to the needs our time."

"The council fathers wished to present the faith in a meaningful way," the pope said, "and if they opened themselves trustingly to

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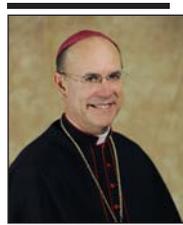
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# Three new American Saints



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, will canonize seven new saints, three of whom were American. During this Year of Faith, we can be inspired by the example of the saints, extraordinary witnesses to the faith.

Each of the three new American saints freely chose to embrace the radical demands of Christian discipleship, bringing the Gospel of God's love to the poor and the outcast.

## Saint Pedro Calungsod

Pedro Calungsod, a Filipino boy educated by Jesuits, at age 14 had already shown such zeal and ability as a catechist that missionaries invited him to go with them to the Mariana Islands. Pedro and Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores went to Guam, where they converted many Chamorros to Catholicism, including the wife of a village chief, Mata' pang. The pagan chief did not hide his hostility toward them and toward those who accepted the faith. At the wife's request, the missionaries went to baptize her newborn daughter. In his fury, Mata' pang goaded a villager into killing both missionaries. Saint Pedro Calungsod was only 17 or 18 at the time of his martyrdom.

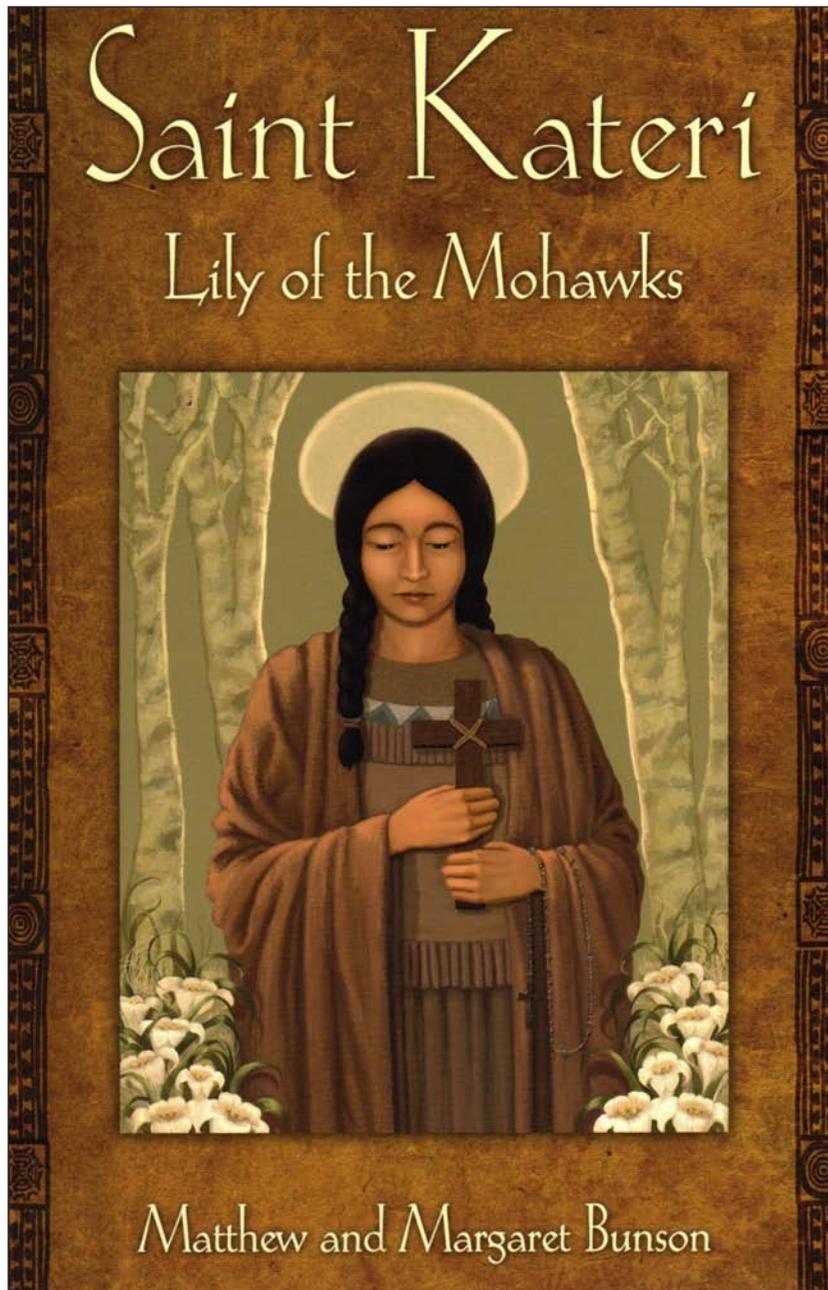
This saint and martyr is a great example for our catechists and our young people, an example of missionary fervor and courage. He reminds us that our youth also have an important role in the new evangelization.

## Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri Tekakwitha was four when smallpox swept through the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (now Auriesville, New York), killing her parents and baby brother. The disease left her severely pockmarked, half-blind and lame. When she was 11, missionaries were able to return to her village where three of their predecessors had been martyred. They instructed Kateri in the faith. Her uncle, in whose home she lived, strongly opposed her conversion and tried to force her into marriage. She desired instead to remain a virgin. Her uncle confined her to the village, and she was denied food for refusing to work on Sundays. A young Mohawk even threatened to kill her if she did not renounce her faith.

Kateri eventually escaped to the Mission of Saint Francis Xavier in Kahnawake, Quebec. There she was baptized and made a vow of chastity. For the remainder of her life, she devoted herself to prayer and acts of charity.

I attended Kateri Tekakwitha's beatification by Pope John Paul II in 1980 while I was a student in Rome. It was a beautiful event. I remember the many Native Americans who came for the beatification. On the day after the beatification Mass, I served as master of ceremonies at the Mass of Thanksgiving for Kateri's beati-



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"Saint Kateri: Lily of the Mohawks," written by Dr. Matthew and Margaret Bunson, is the most definitive biography of Kateri Tekakwitha, who will be canonized Oct. 21. Kateri Tekakwitha's faith and love for Christ in the face of overwhelming hostility and her own debilitating illnesses offers encouragement to seek grace to overcome challenges. She is a powerful role model for those joining the Church, young people striving for chastity, and anyone looking to deepen his or her own prayer life. She is also a shining example that God's call to holiness is truly universal and is heard by men and women in all walks of life and all ages.

fication celebrated by Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia in the chapel of the North American College.

A statue of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha has been ordered for the chapel of the new Saint Joseph High School in South Bend. This humble young virgin, who died at the age of 24, is an example for all of our young people, an example of faith, chastity, and courage.

## Saint Marianne Cope

Mother Marianne Cope, a Sister of Saint Francis, worked as a teacher and school principal in Syracuse, New York and later helped found and run Catholic hospitals in New York. In 1883, while serving as Superior General of her congregation, she accepted a plea from the King of Hawaii to care for females afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy). She and six sisters established one hospital, ran a second, cared for these women, and opened a home for their children on Oahu.

When the government forced these poor "outcasts" into exile on Molokai, Mother Marianne and her sisters accompanied them. She cared for the dying Father Damien (now Saint Damien) and founded a home for women and girls with Hansen's disease at the Molokai settlement. There she brought joy, hope, beauty and a sense of dignity into their lives — sewing dresses for them in the latest fashions, teaching

them the faith, as well as skills in embroidery and other arts. Pope Benedict has called her a "striking example of sanctity and heroic charity."

Saint Marianne Cope is also a wonderful example for us, particularly for religious sisters and those who serve in health care.

## Our New Saints

In these opening weeks of the Year of Faith, these new saints, extraordinary witnesses of faith, inspire us to live our faith through love of God and neighbor. They each had a deep personal relationship with God, a living faith. They teach us that the witness of holiness is at the heart of the New Evangelization.

It is important that during this Year of Faith we focus not only on knowing the content of our Catholic faith, but also on living it with conviction. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: *In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw people to the faith and to God* (CCC 2044).

May Saints Peter Calungsod, Kateri Tekakwitha, and Marianne Cope intercede for us that we may be faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus!

# FAITH

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He said the Year of Faith is a wonderful opportunity for all to grow in the knowledge of the precious gift of the Catholic faith.

Referencing the urgency for the need of the New Evangelization, Bishop Rhoades noted, "Only 25 percent of Catholics in our country attend Sunday Mass. There is a secularizing trend in our culture that fosters a mentality in which God is completely or partially left out of life and people's consciousness. Secularism has even entered the Christian life and is manifested in an attitude of relativism, especially regarding issues of morality."

"We need only think of the diminished respect for the sacred gift of human life and the terrible violations against the life and dignity of human beings created in God's image and likeness, the most vulnerable being those waiting to be born," Bishop Rhoades added. "We need only think of the relativism that seeks to justify the re-definition of marriage. There are so many cultural forces growing in our society today that are inimical to the faith we cherish."

Bishop Rhoades quoted Pope Benedict XVI, who in Erfurt, Germany, last year posed the question, "Does man need God, or can we live quite well without him?" Pope Benedict then said, "The more the world withdraws from God, the clearer it becomes that man in his hubris of power, in his emptiness of heart, and in his longing for satisfaction and happiness, increasingly loses his life. A thirst for the infinite is indelibly present in human beings. Man was created to have a relationship with God; we need Him."

Bishop Rhoades said this gets to the heart of the faith.

"Our faith is the Good News, the Gospel, not just any piece of good news, but 'the' Good News," Bishop Rhoades said. "It is the only answer to the insatiable thirst of the human heart. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a message of profound joy and of radiant truth. It is the power that transforms us, that even transforms the most difficult human experiences: suffering and even death. The fundamental truth is that God has opened His life to us! This is at the heart of our faith."

Faith is a gift of God, a grace, the bishop said. "Yet we are only able to experience this grace to the extent that we accept it within ourselves as a gift by which we seek to live. It consists not only of assent to the truths of revelation that we recite in the Creed, but also an intimate relationship with Christ, a real friendship based on loving the One who loved us first and gave His life for us."

Recitation of the Apostles' Creed will be a major part of the Year of Faith. Recited at the Mass by the those gathered, Bishop Rhoades has asked that the faithful, especially families, recite the prayer daily. He noted it is the most ancient creed.



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

"I believe Lord. I believe" were the words of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he began the opening Mass for Year of Faith on Oct. 11 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Rhoades prayed that the Lord would increase our faith and we will spread the faith to others.



A combined choir of students from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools led the music at the opening Mass for the Year of Faith at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 11.

The Lord commanded the apostles to go and make disciples of all nations.

"Jesus sent the apostles forth to proclaim the Gospel to every creature," Bishop Rhoades said. "This is our vocation as Christians."

"This mission never changes," Bishop Rhoades said. "The Gospel is perennial, for all time. It doesn't change. So what is 'new' when we speak of the New Evangelization? It's not the message. The message is 2,000 years old. What is needed is new passion, new ardor in the proclamation of the Gospel today."

The bishop said the faith should burn within us when we encounter Christ.

"When it does, it transforms us and radiates from us," he said. "It manifests itself in our words and deeds of love. It is seen in our joy. The Year of Faith is an invitation to all of us to experience anew the joy of life in Christ, especially through conversion, ongoing conversion, the New Evangelization of ourselves, our parishes and our communities."

"The popes have told us that we cannot evangelize unless we are first and continually evangelized ourselves," Bishop Rhoades said. "It means we need to be men and women of prayer, people who listen to the word of God, who walk the way of Christ. Then and only

then are we able to help others to know the beauty of the Gospel that gives life."

Chris VanGessel, who is in the process of selling her home in Fort Wayne and relocating to Indianapolis, told *Today's Catholic* she plans to make the year a time of reading the Gospels. "I plan to use the readings throughout the week," she said, "to use it for my prayer" and ask the question, "what does it challenge me to do?" and "how does it change me?"

At the end of the homily, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the faithful to grasp the hand of the Blessed Mother during this Year of Faith.

"She who was the first to see the face of God-made-man and helps us to contemplate the face of her Son, that joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious face that we contemplate when we pray the holy rosary," Bishop Rhoades said. "She is the woman of faith, the pillar of faith, who accompanies us as our spiritual mother during our pilgrimage of faith on this earth."

The bishop entrusted the Year of Faith to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the diocese.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. — Wedding Anniversaries Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m. — Dinner Meeting with Board of Catholic Cemeteries, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 24, 12 p.m. — Redeemer Radio Sharathon, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend
- Friday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Friday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. — Rosary at Cursillo Weekend, Episcopal Center, Syracuse
- Saturday, Oct. 27, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at Catechetical Institute Day, Wawasee Middle School, Syracuse

## Synod members focus on family as primary agents of evangelization

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal Vinko Puljic of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, said any evangelization he's done has always and only been a matter of building on the evangelization already begun within the family.

"My pastoral work is simply an addition to what the family has already built," he said Oct. 10 during a speech to the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization.

Credit for the flowering of new vocations also lies with the family because it is "the first school of faith and truly encourages a personal encounter with Christ."

Cardinal Puljic said that in his own life, as well as in his ministry as a bishop, he also recognizes the family as "the first seminary."

During the war in the Balkans in the 1990s, he said, half the Catholic families of Bosnia-Herzegovina were forced to flee, and "thanks to the games of local and international politicians," many still have been unable to return.

After the breakup of the communist Yugoslavia, he said, the newly independent countries adopted democracy, but that brought with it relativism and a weakened appreciation for the traditional family.

"The New Evangelization will succeed if it manages to restore the sanctity of marriage," on which the family is founded and graced to become a "domestic Church." Strong Catholic families become "the strong drivers" of parishes that are alive and active in evangelization, he said.

Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix of Quebec was even more personal than Cardinal Puljic in his Oct. 11 speech to the synod. The archbishop told the story of "Raymond and Bridget" who, 45 years ago, were involved in an "Encounter" celebration with thousands of other Catholics from Canada and the United States.

"They brought those things home, and their personal encoun-

ter with Jesus really changed their lives," the archbishop said. "If I'm here today, it's because that couple was my mother and father, who have just celebrated 56 years of marriage."

Vietnamese Bishop Joseph Vu Duy Thong of Phan Thiet told the synod Oct. 11 that priests and other pastoral workers must be particularly aware of the evangelization opportunities presented when families and friends gather at church. Particularly on the occasions of a wedding or a funeral, he said, Catholics who no longer practice their faith and people who may never even have been baptized will attend and could hear the Gospel.

Father Robert F. Prevost, prior general of the Augustinians, told the synod that portrayals of the modern family on television and in films present a huge challenge to the Catholic Church.

"Note, for example, how alternative families comprised of homosexual partners and their adopted children are so benignly and sympathetically portrayed on television programs and in cinema," he told synod members.

"The sympathy for anti-Christian lifestyle choices that the mass media fosters is so brilliantly and artfully engrained in the viewing public that when people hear the Christian message, it often inevitably seems ideological and emotionally cruel by contrast to the ostensible humanness of the anti-Christian perspective," he said.

If the New Evangelization is going to counter those notions, he said, Christian "pastors, preachers, teachers and catechists are going to have to become far more informed about the challenge of evangelizing in a world dominated by the mass media."

Father Prevost said the task is not impossible; even St. Augustine and the other fathers of the Church were used to preaching a message that went against contemporary cultural mores. They succeeded, he said, "because they were masters of the art of rhetoric."

# Vice presidential candidates outline abortion views in debate

DANVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — In a vice presidential debate full of tangling between Democratic Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the Republican candidate, the topic of abortion got the same treatment.

Both candidates are Catholic, a first in major-party history.

Biden, who supports keeping abortion legal, said Oct. 11: "I accept my Church's position on abortion" that "life begins at conception in the Church's judgment. I accept it in my personal life," before adding, "But I refuse to impose it on equally devout Christians and Muslims and Jews."

"You want to ask basically why I'm pro-life? It's not simply because of my Catholic faith," Ryan said. "That's a factor, of course. But it's also because of reason and science."

Ryan added, "The policy of a Romney administration will be to oppose abortions with the exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says Church teaching on "the moral evil of every procured abortion" remains "unchangeable." "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. ... The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation," it says.

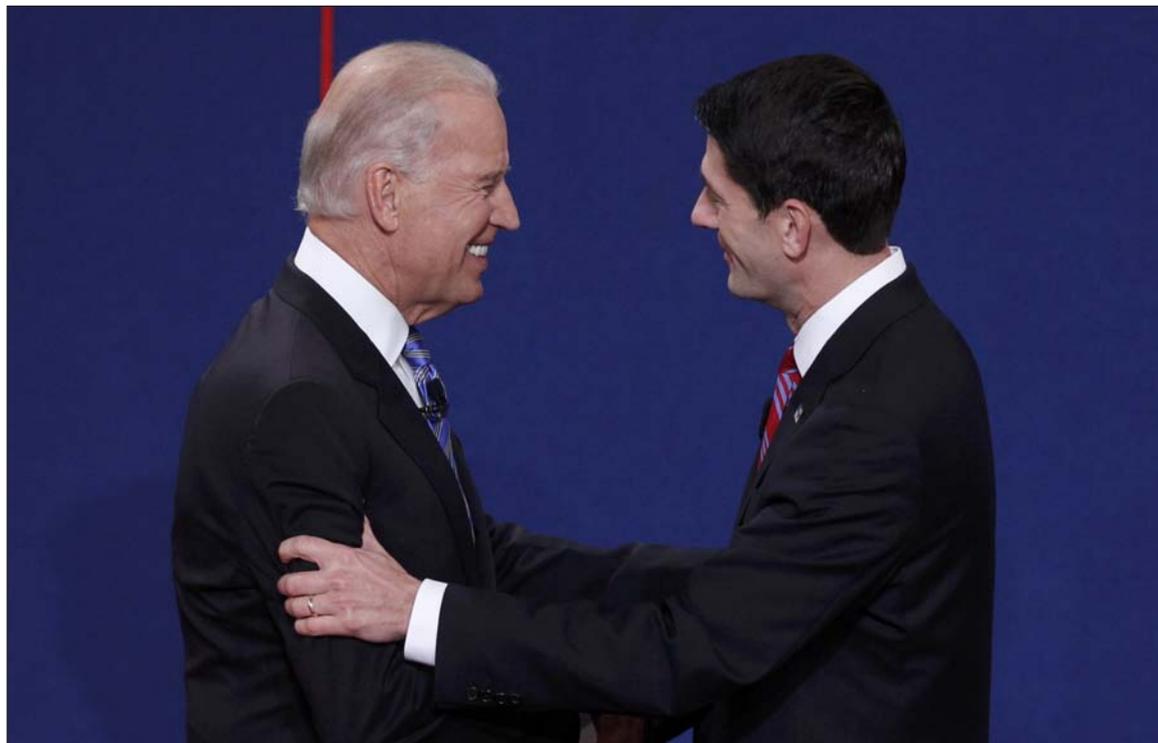
Speaking recently at the Red Masses at Notre Dame and Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addressed moral coherency.

"There is a temptation sometimes to lead two parallel lives: one's life as a Catholic and one's life as a lawyer, for example," Bishop Rhoades said in the Red Mass homilies. "Some Catholic politicians, for example, claim to be personally opposed to abortion, yet are pro-choice in their political lives. This stance must be rejected. We have a duty to live a Christian life that is morally coherent."

Biden said: "I do not believe that we have a right to tell other people that — women they can't control their body. It's a decision between them and their doctor. In my view and (that of) the Supreme Court, I'm not going to interfere with that."

Ryan, responding to a follow-up question from debate moderator Martha Raddatz of ABC News, said, "We don't think that unelected judges should make this decision; that people through their elected representatives in reaching a consensus in society through the democratic process should make this determination."

Biden replied, "The next president will get one or two Supreme Court nominees. That's how close (to being overturned) *Roe v. Wade* is. Just ask yourself, with Robert Bork being the chief adviser on the court for — for Mr. (Mitt) Romney (the



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**U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan shake hands during the U.S. vice presidential debate in Danville, Ky., Oct. 11. It is the first time in history that both major political parties have a Catholic seeking the vice presidency.**

## USCCB responds to inaccurate statement of fact on HHS Mandate made during vice presidential debate

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement, Oct. 12. Full text follows:

Last night, the following statement was made during the vice presidential debate regarding the decision of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to force virtually all employers to include sterilization and contraception, including drugs that may cause abortion, in the health insurance coverage they provide their employees:

"With regard to the assault on the Catholic Church, let me make it absolutely clear. No religious institution — Catholic or otherwise, including Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital — none has to either refer contraception, none has to pay for contraception, none has to be a vehicle to get contraception in any insurance policy they provide. That is a fact. That is a fact."

This is not a fact. The HHS mandate contains a narrow, four-part exemption for certain "religious employers." That exemption was made final in February and does not extend to "Catholic social services, Georgetown hospital, Mercy hospital, any hospital," or any other religious charity that offers its services to all, regardless of the faith of those served.

HHS has proposed an additional "accommodation" for religious organizations like these, which HHS itself describes as "non-exempt." That proposal does not even potentially relieve these organizations from the obligation "to pay for contraception" and "to be a vehicle to get contraception." They will have to serve as a vehicle, because they will still be forced to provide their employees with health coverage, and that coverage will still have to include sterilization, contraception and abortifacients. They will have to pay for these things, because the premiums that the organizations (and their employees) are required to pay will still be applied, along with other funds, to cover the cost of these drugs and surgeries.

USCCB continues to urge HHS, in the strongest possible terms, actually to eliminate the various infringements on religious freedom imposed by the mandate.

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Republican presidential candidate), who do you think he's likely to appoint? Do you think he's likely to appoint someone like (Justice Antonin) Scalia or someone else on the court far right that would ... outlaw abortion? I suspect that would happen."

Bork, an opponent of abortion, was a Ronald Reagan nominee to the Supreme Court, and became one of the rare nominees rejected by the Senate because of his views.

Responding to a question posed directly by Ryan, Biden said there was "no litmus test" on

abortion when President Barack Obama nominated Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan to the high court.

During the give-and-take on abortion, Biden and Ryan tangled on the federal Health and Human Services mandate that most religious employers provide free contraceptive coverage to employees.

"They're infringing upon our first freedom, the freedom of religion, by infringing on Catholic charities, Catholic Churches, Catholic hospitals," Ryan said.

"No religious institution, Catholic or otherwise, includ-

ing Catholic Social Services, Georgetown Hospital, Mercy Hospital, any hospital, none has to either refer contraception, none has to pay for contraception, none has to be a vehicle to get contraception in any insurance policy they provide," Biden replied. "That is a fact."

Biden's words drew criticism from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Oct. 12.

"That is not a fact," the USCCB said in an Oct. 12 statement, quoting from Biden's debate remarks but not attributing them to the vice president.

Catholic employers "will have to serve as a vehicle, because they will still be forced to provide their employees with health coverage, and that coverage will still have to include sterilization, contraception, and abortifacients," the USCCB statement said. "They will have to pay for these things, because the premiums that the organizations — and their employees — are required to pay will still be applied, along with other funds, to cover the cost of these drugs and surgeries."

The mandate's limited religious exemption applies only to those Catholic and other religious organizations that seek to inculcate their religious values and primarily employ and serve people of their own faith. Also there is no conscience clause for employers in the mandate.

More than a dozen lawsuits against the mandate were filed in May by more than 40 dioceses and Catholic organizations. Since then the other dioceses and Catholic entities have joined in those suits or filed their own. Another 10 suits have been brought by various Catholic and Protestant colleges, organizations or individual employers.

*The Washington Post's* Josh Hicks and N.C. Aizenman, part of the newspaper's Fact Checker team, said Biden "went a bit far" to say it was "a fact." "Biden was instrumental in brokering that accommodation in an effort to quell an outcry from Catholic leaders otherwise sympathetic to the Obama administration," they said.

The "accommodation" offers suggestions for ways religious employers could provide the mandated services without having to pay for them directly — by using a third-party payer.

In addition to complaints from religious groups that they could still wind up paying indirectly for contraceptive coverage, Hicks and Aizenman said, "the Obama administration said in March that it will come up with an accommodation for religiously affiliated employers that self-insure, but it has not yet decided how to handle that seven months later."

Earlier in the debate, Biden and Ryan squared off on the economy. Ryan, in his role as chairman of the House Budget Committee, drafted the last two budget bills to pass the GOP-led House; they went nowhere in the Democratic-controlled Senate. He also authored a plan, "The Path to Prosperity," which he said would cure U.S. economic ills.

The plan has been criticized by a wide cross-section of Catholics, including two committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, theologians, social justice advocates and college faculty members.

**Tim Johnson** contributed to this story.

# Pope presents Vatican II messages for laypeople to help change world

BY SARAH DELANEY  
AND CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a gesture recalling how the Second Vatican Council sought to enhance the connection between the Church and the world, Pope Benedict XVI handed out copies of the council's messages for laypeople in various walks of life.

At the end of the Mass in St. Peter's Square marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and the start of the Year of Faith, the pope gave out texts of the special messages that Pope Paul VI had composed for seven categories of the faithful; Pope Benedict chose contemporary representatives of those groups to receive the messages Oct. 11.

The symbolic gesture was meant not just to recall and commemorate an event from the past, but to "enter more deeply into the spiritual movement, which characterized Vatican II, to make it ours and to develop it according to its true meaning," the pope said in his homily.

The seven messages, initially presented by Pope Paul on Dec. 8, 1965, address the concerns and responsibilities of: political leaders; scientists and cultural figures; artists; women; workers; the poor, sick and suffering; and young people.

Pope Benedict gave the "Message to Politicians" to some members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, including ambassadors to the Vatican from each continent.

The message said that the only thing the Church asks of politicians is freedom — "the liberty to believe and to preach her faith, the freedom to love her God and serve Him, the freedom to live and to bring to men her message of life. Do not fear her."

It added: "Allow Christ to exercise His purifying action on society. Do not crucify Him anew."

Pope Benedict, who was standing and shook each person's hand, gave an Italian physicist, a German



Pope Benedict XVI gives a message to Robert Prybyla of Round Rock, Texas, during a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The pope presented copies of the council's messages — written by Pope Paul VI in 1965 — to a number of laypeople and religious in various walks of life. The Mass also opened the Year of Faith.

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philosopher and a German Biblicist copies of the "Message to the World of Culture and Science."

The message speaks of the clear possibility for "a deep understanding between real science and real faith, mutual servants of one another in the one truth. Do not stand in the way of this important meeting. Have confidence in faith, this great friend of intelligence."

James MacMillan, a Scottish composer; Italian sculptor Arnaldo Pomodoro; and two members of Italy's film industry accepted the

"Message to Artists."

The message said the world "needs beauty in order not to sink into despair." Artists are "the guardians of beauty" and should be free from fads and "strange or unbecoming expressions."

Kathryn Lopez, a U.S. journalist and editor-at-large of the *National Review Online*; Annalisa Minetti, an Italian 2012 Paralympic medalist in track; a Chinese nun who teaches theology; and others received the "Message to Women."

It said the current age is when

"the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved."

"Our technology runs the risk of becoming inhuman. Reconcile men with life and above all, we beseech you, watch carefully over the future of our race. Hold back the hand of man who, in a moment of folly, might attempt to destroy human civilization," it says.

Those receiving the "Message to Workers" included Luis Urzua

Iribarren, one of the 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for two months in 2010. The Church appreciates workers' service and virtues such as "courage, dedication, professional conscience, love of justice," the message says.

A doctor, nurse and woman who lost her daughter to a car accident received the "Message to all the Poor, Sick and Suffering." The pope descended the sacristy's stairs to greet and deliver the message to a woman seated in a wheelchair.

The message says Christ "took suffering upon Himself and this is enough to make you understand all its value."

"Know that you are not alone, separated, abandoned or useless. You have been called by Christ and are His living and transparent image," the message says.

Pope Paul's "Message to Young People" was received by young Catholics from Brazil, Congo, the Philippines, France and by Anna Fsadni from Sydney and Robert Prybyla from Round Rock, Texas.

The message called on young people to dedicate their energy to those in need. "Fight against all egoism. Refuse to give free course to the instincts of violence and hatred which beget wars and all their train of miseries. Be generous, pure, respectful and sincere, and build in enthusiasm a better world than your elders had."

Caroline Farey of the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England, who was attending the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization, was one of two catechists who received from Pope Benedict a special Year of Faith edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, told journalists Oct. 9 that men and women, some well-known and some not, were chosen from all over the world because "this is the Church we are addressing, like at the time of the council."

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# Defending life, liberty part of the New Evangelization, archbishop says

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At what is a critical time for American Catholics to stand up in defense of life and religious freedom, they must engage in the Church's New Evangelization effort, deepening their faith and sharing it in their everyday lives and in the public square, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said Oct. 14.

He made the comments in the homily at a Mass and Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

"If we want to turn back the powerful incursions of secularism against the dignity of human life and the freedom to practice our faith, then we must heed the call of Pope Benedict XVI to engage in the New Evangelization, to stand with Christ, to know our faith, to love our faith, (and) to share our faith," he said.

Archbishop Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, was the main celebrant at the Mass, which drew a standing room crowd of an estimated 5,500 to 6,000 people. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, was in attendance.

The Mass and pilgrimage are part of the U.S. bishops' annual Respect Life prayer campaign; each year October is designated as Respect Life Month by the U.S. Catholic Church. The liturgy concluded with Eucharistic Adoration and the launch of an Oct. 14-22 Rosary Novena for Life and Liberty.

"This afternoon, we speak with one voice as we raise our voices in supplication to God for the protection of our first and most cherished freedom, religious liberty and for the protection of all life, from conception to natural death," Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, shrine rector, told the congregation.

The overflow crowd filling the national shrine included families with babies in strollers, and senior citizens and people with disabilities in wheelchairs. People came from not only the Washington area but many other states as well.

The opening procession included a Knights of Columbus color guard of 120 men wearing white, gold, green, purple and blue plumed hats. During the Eucharistic Adoration and rosary novena, the diverse congregation crowding the pews and aisles knelt and prayed together for life and liberty.

As Mass opened, Archbishop Lori thanked people for coming from near and far "as a family of faith united in our defense of life and liberty."

In his homily, the archbishop warned that "for some time now, both life and liberty have been



A man holds a large U.S. flag before an Oct. 14 Mass and Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

under assault ... (by) a secularism that relentlessly seeks to marginalize the place of faith in our society." He also noted, "When man and woman are no longer perceived to be created in the image of God, then, sooner or later, their lives and their liberties become dispensable."

Archbishop Lori pointed out how, in the nearly 40 years since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand in its *Roe v. Wade* decision, more than 50 million unborn children have lost their lives through abortion.

The secularist assault on life, he said, can also be seen in efforts in the United States to legalize assisted suicide and to redefine marriage.

Archbishop Lori emphasized the key threat to life and liberty posed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' mandate requiring "most religious and private employers to fund and facilitate abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraception against their convictions if they engage in



Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore blesses children during an Oct. 14 Mass and Pilgrimage for Life and Liberty at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom, was the main celebrant of the Mass, which drew an estimated crowd of nearly 6,000 people.

hiring or offer services deemed by the government to be 'secular.'"

A narrow religious exemption applies only to those religious employers who seek to inculcate their religion and who primarily employ and serve people of their own faith.

The mandate is currently being challenged in courts around the country by Catholic dioceses and agencies and other religious individuals and groups.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori pointed out the irony in those advocating "freedom of choice" are trying to force people of faith to violate their religions' teachings. "Our 'right to choose' — our right to choose to practice the faith we profess, a right guaranteed by the First Amendment — seems to mean little or nothing to many who wield power."

The archbishop noted that many secular threats to religious liberty "seem to hinge on the Church's teaching with regard to the sanctity of life — whether it's the Church's teaching on the immorality of abortion, or the obligation of couples to be open to the God-given gift of human life, or marriage as between one man and one woman."

Archbishop Lori said the link between the God-given gifts of life and liberty was noted by Thomas Jefferson, who once said: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy but cannot disjoin them."

As the Year of Faith opens and as the country approaches a time of decision with its elections, Archbishop Lori called it a critical time for Catholics to engage in Pope Benedict's call to the New Evangelization.

"With Mary's prayers, we seek to have the fire of our faith rekindled — our faith in the person of Christ, our faith in all the Church believes and teaches, our confidence in the Church's teachings, and our courage in sharing those teachings, not just with family and friends, but in the public square, with our elected leaders, our appointed leaders and with those who influence public opinion."

He said it is wrong for Catholics to compartmentalize their faith, and as an example, he criticized Catholic elected officials "who say they are personally opposed to intrinsic evils like abortion, while doing everything in their power to promote them."

Archbishop Lori urged Catholics to take their faith to the public square and to the voting booth.

"As believers and as citizens, we must robustly engage in the political process by voting with a properly formed conscience and by continually letting our elected officials know that we expect them to protect the God-given rights of life and liberty," he said.

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## Dismas House hosts Forgiveness Breakfast

SOUTH BEND — Dismas House, a nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing, meals, programs and services to men and women recently released from incarceration, will host the Dismas Forgiveness Breakfast on Oct. 25 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 53995 Indiana State Route 933 in South Bend.

The event is open to all ages, and Dismas House encourages those who wish to attend to bring someone to forgive or seek forgiveness from.

To become a Forgiveness Sponsor purchase a \$250 reserved table of eight or for reservations to this free event call (574) 233-8522 or email [dissouthbend@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dissouthbend@sbcglobal.net), by Oct. 22. Donations will be accepted.

Dismas House has served close to 700 former offenders at 521 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, since 1986. For more information on Dismas House visit [www.dissouthbend.org](http://www.dissouthbend.org).

## Central Catholic Classes of 1938-42 reunite

FORT WAYNE — The Mallory Room in Hall's Guest House restaurant was the site of celebration for 17 Central Catholic High School alums from the charter classes of 1938-42, and their spouses, who gathered for a 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion luncheon on Sept. 15. Those in attendance, including class vice president Mary Jane Berghoff Whalen and secretary Rita Bobay Bastress, reminisced about days gone by, sang old familiar songs, and remembered class officers who had gone before them, including Tom Offerle and Dick Krouse. Two hundred-sixty students embodied the graduating class of 1942 at Central Catholic High School, which opened its doors in 1938. The school building that was located on Lewis and Clinton streets was demolished in 1985.

## USF staging first downtown musical with 'Will Rogers Follies'

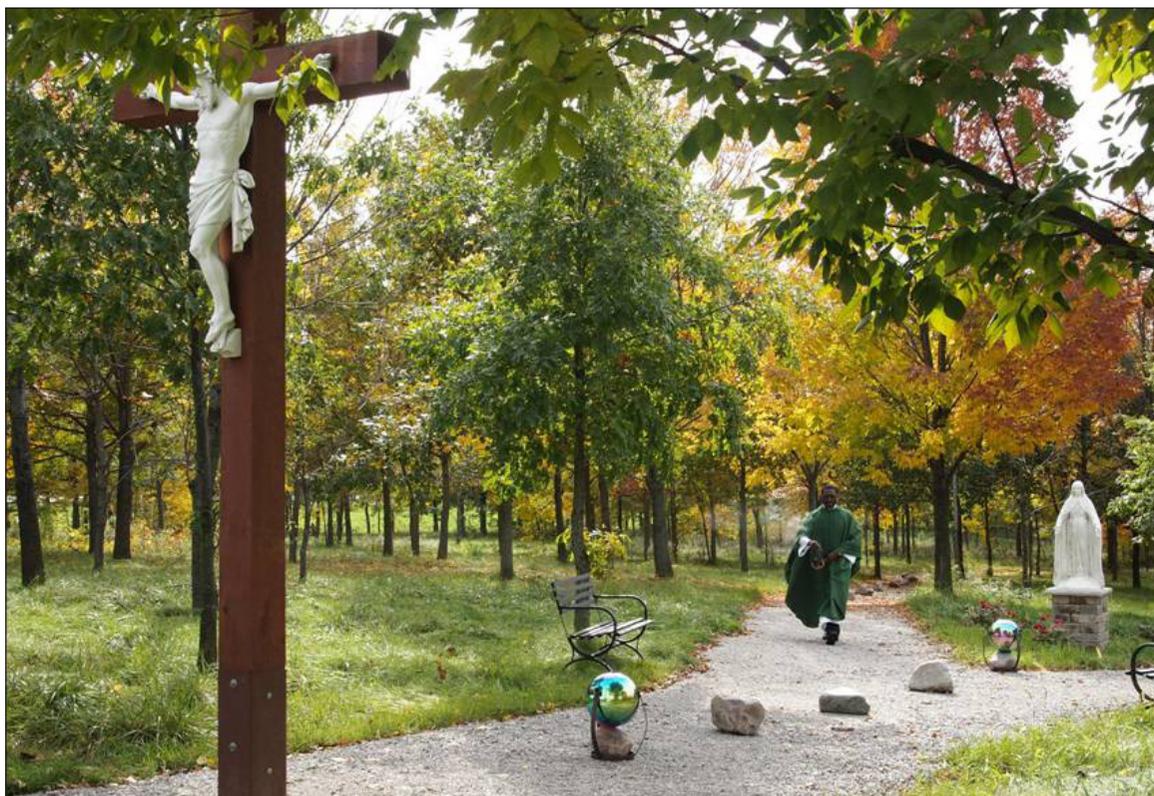
FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts will continue its theatrical performances in the new USF Performing Arts Center with "The Will Rogers Follies," the first musical in the downtown center, on Nov. 9-11 and 16-18.

The show will illustrate the life of Will Rogers, the comedian and headliner of the Ziegfeld Follies, through a series of Follies-like variety acts and lavish production numbers, directed by Leslie Beauchamp and Todd Frymier, with choreography by Abby Ehinger. Political satire will resonate in this time of political controversy.

Performances are Fridays through Sundays, with show times at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$15 for the general public and \$12 for senior citizens and children under 10. Group discounts are available. Doors will open 30 minutes before

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## BLUFFTON PARISH BLESSES ROSARY PATH



PROVIDED BY BEN WAGNER, ST. JOSEPH PARISH, BLUFFTON

St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton hosted their parish picnic, and Father Francis Chukwuma, pastor, blessed their new rosary path on Sunday, Oct. 7, the traditional feast day of the holy rosary. The rosary path was the final project of Robin Butler, daughter of Dave and Dr. Carol Butler of Bluffton, to earn the Gold Award, the highest award granted by the Girl Scouts of America. Members of St. Joseph Church and the Bluffton community and beyond supported the rosary path with donations. The path is located in the woods on the south side of the church and it serves the parishioners of St. Joseph and the community who desire a quiet location to meditate, pray the rosary, do some spiritual reading and take a quiet evening walk, explained Father Chukwuma.

show time for general seating in the USF Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry Street.

"The Will Rogers Follies" is produced by special arrangement with the Tams-Witmark Music Library. The book is by Peter Stone and the music composed and arranged by Cy Coleman, with lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. The production is made possible in part by the Marilyn and William Wunderlin Family Foundation.

## A tale of success in two cities and one county

NOTRE DAME — Jeff Rea brings his unique business success story to Holy Cross College Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., in Driscoll Auditorium on the campus for the next "Practical Lessons in Success" seminar.

Rea, as president/CEO of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, represents the economic interests of over 1,100 businesses and 85,000 plus employees. As mayor of Mishawaka for over six years, Rea knows how govern-

ment and business needs to work together to achieve positive results. The government, not-for-profit and business sectors function in three key areas: economic development, public policy and education. When these units coordinate efforts success is the outcome.

The presentation was originally scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24, however due to a schedule conflict it will now be held Oct. 23.

Holy Cross College seminars are free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception on campus.

## National Merit semi-finalists announced

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has announced that Sean McManus, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Parish and School, and Nancy McNamara, St. Mary Parish and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, qualified as National Merit semi-finalists based on their performance on their PSAT.

## Ancilla College launches Creative Commerce free workshop series

DONALDSON — Ancilla College will launch a series of free public workshops on planning, funding and building successful businesses titled "Creative Commerce" for entrepreneurs and business professionals designed to bring together business veterans with new business owners and entrepreneurs.

The series includes:

- Oct. 18 — "Things to Consider if You Are Thinking of Starting a New Business," with Alan D. Steele, business advisor for the North Central Indiana Small Business Development Center

- Oct. 25 — "You Can't Drive Through the Lake: Northern Indiana and Our Logistics Future." Speaker to be announced

- Nov. 1 — "How I Built My Business and What I Learned Along the Way." Speaker to be announced

- Nov. 8 — "The ABC's of Financing a New Business," with Tim Braun, Elevate Ventures; Dale Cramer, Lake City Bank;

and Tedd Schaffer, Business Development Corporation

- Nov. 15 — "Today's Healthcare Environment" with Al Gutierrez, chief executive officer, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

The workshops will be held in room 231 on the campus of Ancilla College. The series runs for six consecutive Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (EDT). Coffee and light refreshments will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Attendees will have access to presentations, online materials and links to important online sites and tools. The workshops and parking are free, but attendees are asked to register at [www.ancilla.edu](http://www.ancilla.edu).

## St. Joseph presents Catholic Citizenship talks

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, Christian Action Commission is presenting "Catholic Citizenship @ Corby's," a series of talks and discussions on being a faithful citizen.

The series will continue Monday, Oct. 22, with Patrick Griffin speaking on the topic, "Why the American Revolution Matters Today," and on Monday, Oct. 29, with Richard Garnett on the topic, "Faithful Citizenship and the First Amendment: What is the Role of Religion in American Public Life?"

The talks and discussions begin at 7:30 p.m. at Corby's Irish Pub, 441 E. LaSalle Ave., in South Bend. Joe Mittiga, the owner of Corby's and a parishioner at St. Joseph Church, provides the space and opens the kitchen to serve pizza and soda to the attendees.

For more information, contact Debi Haug at [dhaug@stjoeparish.com](mailto:dhaug@stjoeparish.com) or call (574) 234-3134, ext. 23.

## USF hosting state's only AMC test in November

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host the state's only American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 8 on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Doerner Family Center for Health Science Education.

First administered in 1950, the AMC 8's purpose is to increase interest in mathematics and science and develop problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for students in grades 5-8.

Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 40-minute tests will follow. A program will be available to parents during the tests, and the event will wrap up with awards.

The university will offer an optional one-hour AMC preparatory session in the Doerner building on Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. For additional practice materials, go to <http://amc.maa.org>. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at [cexner@sf.edu](mailto:cexner@sf.edu) or (260) 399-8067.

Contact USF Department of Mathematics Chair Dr. Victor Kutsenok at [vkutsenok@sf.edu](mailto:vkutsenok@sf.edu) or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8237; or School of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Matt Smith at [msmith@sf.edu](mailto:msmith@sf.edu) or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8105 for more information about the AMC.

# Gubernatorial candidates share their vision for Indiana

**T**he 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, which they seek to hold. The questions and answers appear below. The articles are to serve as a resource for Catholics.

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Let the Nov. 6, Election Day, countdown begin. With one televised gubernatorial debate under Hoosiers' belt, the Indiana electorate will enter the voting booth to cast their vote for a new governor.

Gubernatorial candidates Rupert Boneham, running on the Libertarian ticket; John Gregg, running on the Democrat ticket; and Mike Pence, running on the Republican ticket were invited to respond to a series of questions. The following are their responses. They appear in alphabetical order. Democratic candidate John Gregg declined to participate in the series.

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

**Rupert Boneham:** Tough topics demand honest answers, and nothing is more emotional than the discussion of human life. I believe that the issue of abortion has long been used to manipulate those on the left and right. While these emotions are real, promises of a solution aren't. In the public policy arena, we are at an impasse. As a result, we ought to stop dividing ourselves over this issue, and declare a ceasefire. We have important economic hurdles, and these times require us working together on the big issues of our day.

If pressed, we need to find a rational, common sense middle ground. All sides need to accept that abortion will never be eradicated. Abortion should never be used as a method of birth control, but the consequences of making it a black market procedure are too high. This is a deeply personal issue between families and the state should not use its moral judgment by interfering with this personal choice. My belief is that abortion should be safe, legal, rare and privately funded.

**Mike Pence:** A nation that will not stand for life will not stand for long. To renew our state and our nation, we must not relent until we restore the sanctity of life to the center of American law. I believe that ending an innocent unborn human life is morally wrong. But it is also morally wrong to take the taxpayer dollars of millions of pro-life Hoosiers and use them to support abortion providers.

I believe in the sanctity of life, the importance of family and faith, and in a culture of life where there is no such thing as an unwanted child. My vision is to make Indiana the state that works, and to do so will mean recognizing our present crisis

is not just economic and political, but moral. To renew our land, we must strengthen the institutions that nurture the character of our people, most especially the family. Where men and women can get enough work to support a family. Where childhood poverty is in decline and strong, healthy families are on the rise. Where every child is cherished and protected and nurtured by those who are responsible for their care.

## We hear much about the economy but what is to be done about the moral imperative of pervasive poverty. What policies would you pursue that protect the state's most vulnerable citizens?

**Rupert Boneham:** The state must develop and maintain an effective, efficient and compassionate social safety net. However, as someone that has worked as a youth mentor for over 20 years, I can attest to the fact that local charities and community groups are far more efficient and compassionate than bloated government bureaucracy.

I have also seen the negative impact government funding can have on nonprofits. When charities and community groups are tied to government rules and the whims of legislators, services and clients ultimately suffer.

As governor, I will work to champion local charities, community giving and volunteerism. I am my brother's keeper.

**Mike Pence:** The family is the underpinning of a child's success in life. To change the sad fact that one out of every five children in Indiana lives in poverty, we have to recognize and support the role of the family. Strong families will mean a strong economy. Decades of social science research show that one of the greatest causes of poverty and inequality is the number of children born to unmarried parents. Researchers agree that the best way to avoid poverty is to follow the three-part "success equation": graduate from high school, work full time or go to college, and get married before having children. Under my proposal to promote strong families and protect children, Indiana would be the first in the nation to make the success equation the basis of an anti-poverty strategy. More information on this policy and other proposals can be found at [www.RoadmapforIndiana.com](http://www.RoadmapforIndiana.com).

## Should the Affordable Care Act remain in effect, how would you protect Indiana residents from being forced to pay for insurance policies that provide for services, which are contrary to their conscience for moral or religious reasons?

**Rupert Boneham:** First, I would remind people that the two main services that are being talked about here are "elective termination of pregnancy" and the "birth control pill." For clarification, the mandates made by Health and Human Services (HHS) do not include a requirement for insurance policies to cover elective termination pregnancy. It is true that the "pill" is a



**RUPERT BONEHAM**

service required, under federal law, to be covered in insurance.

As an individual, I would remind you that you are not being required to use the "pill." Any doctor will also tell you that this particular medication is used for many things other than birth control. One example is its use to regulate hormones for young women with Cystic Poly Ovarian Syndrome.

As an employer, I would remind you that the private lives and medical decisions of your employees are absolutely none of your business. Even as a religious institution, it is not the place of any person or organization to make moral or medical decisions for another person.

**Mike Pence:** ObamaCare erodes the freedom of every Hoosier. It will increase the cost of health care and cripple job creation in our state. The cost of setting up a health-care exchange in Indiana could be at least \$50 million per year and will raise health care premiums. Further, the Affordable Care Act will raise taxes on Hoosier businesses and will cost jobs. There is too much uncertainty surrounding the Affordable Care Act for Indiana to even consider implementing our own exchange. The national debate is far from over and the regulatory, fiscal and legal implications have the potential to cost Hoosier taxpayers and employers millions. I believe Indiana should take no part in this deeply flawed health care bureaucracy. In response to Governor Daniels' request for insight regarding the Health Care Act, I have recommended that the state choose an essential benefits package that does not go beyond the current requirements of Indiana law and respects Hoosier values by not mandating abortion coverage. My full response to Governor Daniels can be found at [www.RoadmapforIndiana.com](http://www.RoadmapforIndiana.com).

## How do you provide for the health-care needs of those who cannot afford or do not have insurance because of being out of work or are not covered by employer?

**Rupert Boneham:** The Healthy Indiana Plan, started by Governor Daniels, has proven that we can provide low-cost quality health care for uninsured Hoosiers. This program provided top tier preventative, long-term and emergency services at little to no cost, while saving Indiana tax-

payers millions of dollars.

As governor, I will continue the two-year effort to have HHS grant a waiver to Indiana. This way, if our legislature chooses to expand Medicaid we can shift those funds to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan.

**Mike Pence:** I believe Indiana should resist efforts to implement the federal health-care law in Indiana and promote Hoosier solutions like the Healthy Indiana Plan. Under Governor Daniels' leadership, the Healthy Indiana Plan was adopted, giving Hoosier adults between 19 and 64 access to health care in a consumer-driven model that empowers health-care consumers to direct their own care. More than 40,000 Hoosiers have access to health care under the Healthy Indiana Plan. It serves as an innovative, consumer-driven model that will increase access to health care and drive down the cost. In addition, according to a recent survey, 94 percent of participants were satisfied with the program and 99 percent indicated that they would re-enroll. The Healthy Indiana Plan therefore empowers Hoosiers in a way that will increase access to health care and drive down the cost, and I believe it is the model that should serve as the starting point for all future discussions of health-care reform in Indiana.



**MIKE PENCE**

## What is your position on amending Indiana's Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman?

**Rupert Boneham:** Indiana should not add a ban on same-sex marriage to the state constitution. When we allow one group to be stripped of their rights to due process and equal treatment under the law we allow the security of everyone's inalienable rights to become tarnished and fragile.

The constitution and its protections of the individual and its restraint on government apply to each of us, without exception or qualification. We do not have one set of rights for one group and another set for the minority. You may not like the other group, but that's what makes our governing documents so awe-inspiring. They were designed to prevent the very notion that because someone is different in some way that they're

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without the same inalienable rights. Each of us is free to think, feel, preach and associate with whomever and however we want. But when it comes to the state, there can be no less than 100 percent equal treatment under the law for everyone.

As governor, I will preserve, defend and protect the Constitution of Indiana and of the United States on behalf of every Hoosier.

**Mike Pence:** I believe that marriage should be defined as the union between one man and one woman, and I will continue to support efforts to defend traditional marriage in Indiana. The issue of amending the Constitution is for the voters to decide.

## Several states have taken steps to discontinue the use of the death penalty; what is your position on the death penalty? Would you be in favor of eliminating it as part of the State's criminal punishment?

**Rupert Boneham:** There is a societal need to punish those that have committed serious crimes against the people and our property. As a society we have said that there are certain crimes that are so damaging to our community that they require stronger punishments. While I do agree with this notion, I believe it should not be within the government's authority to make moral judgments on who lives and who dies.

I would also like to point out that the focus of our current correctional system was supposed to be that of detention and rehabilitation. We are failing in the rehabilitation aspect. This in turn leads to career criminals and an escalation to becoming a violent offender.

As governor, I will close the revolving door on our criminal justice system and move to end the death penalty.

**Mike Pence:** I support the death penalty in accordance with Indiana criminal law.

## Indiana Gubernatorial Candidates web pages

**Rupert Boneham**, Libertarian  
[www.rupertforgovernor.com](http://www.rupertforgovernor.com)  
**John Gregg**, Democratic  
[www.greggforgovernor.com](http://www.greggforgovernor.com)  
**Mike Pence**, Republican  
[www.mikepence.com](http://www.mikepence.com)

## Additional Resources

Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC): [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org)  
United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB): Faithful Citizenship document [www.usccb.org/issues-and-](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-)

## ALLEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE HOSTS ANNUAL BANQUET



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offered the opening prayer and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo was the guest speaker at the Allen County Right to Life Banquet for Life held Oct. 8 at the Fort Wayne Grand Wayne Center. An auction held at the dinner brought in over \$27,000 total including over \$11,000 from Catholic hosts such as Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Father Engo, spiritual artist Mary Hilger and retired Bishop Dwenger High School Principal Fred Tone, shown above, right, with auctioneer Dennis Kruse at the podium, and chef Johnny Bojinoff, center. At the dinner, Cathie Humbarger, executive director of the Allen County Right to Life, announced that new abortion statistics demonstrate a 56 percent decrease in abortions in Allen County since 2006. In 2006, 658 babies were aborted and in 2011 the number decreased to 290 babies. She also announced that the Department of Justice declined to take action against Fort Wayne's abortion facility for its noncompliance with the federal law known as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Humbarger filed a personal complaint with the DOJ against the abortion facility in July.

## CHRISTIAN COMPOSER PERFORMS FOR ST. VINCENT STUDENTS



PROVIDED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

Christian music artist John Angotti and his band performs a two-hour outdoor Christian music concert on the grass outside St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24 for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and faculty of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne.

## Saint Joseph County Right to Life presents awards at annual banquet



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Saint Joseph County Right to Life President Tom Gill presents the Brother John Lavelle, CSC, Scholarship award to Margaret Stoyell-Mulholland, center, and Monica Murphy, two area students who inspire and lead other young people by their actions and words to defend the unborn.

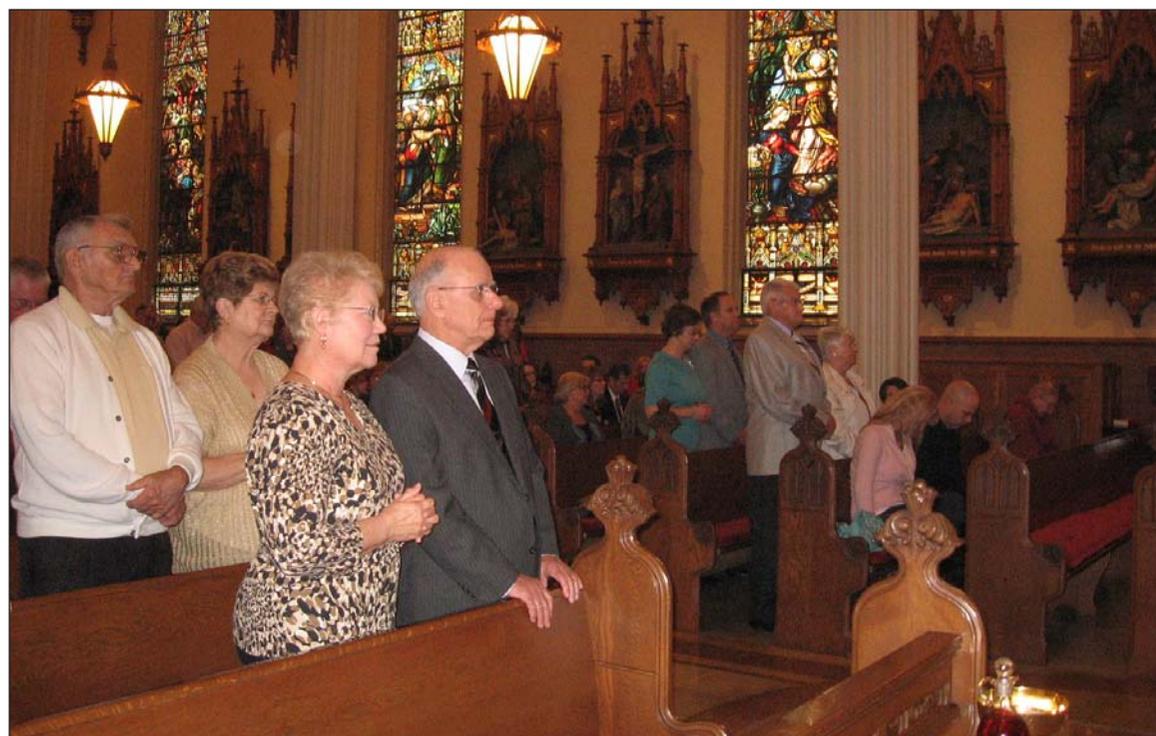
SOUTH BEND — Celebrating their annual benefit dinner earlier this month, Saint Joseph County Right to Life President Tom Gill presented the Brother John Lavelle, CSC, Scholarship award to two area students who inspire and lead other young people by their actions and words to defend the unborn.

Recipient Monica Murphy, a senior at Saint Mary's College, has been active in the pro-life cause since her days at Saint Joseph High School. In addition to praying at the local abortion clinic and attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Murphy recently started her own juvenile outreach program in South Bend called SHAPE to encourage young girls to live fulfilling lives. The other scholarship recipient, Margaret Stoyell-Mulholland, a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame, has also been passionately pro-life since high school where she was president of a group called Voices for Peace and Life. She currently serves as vice-president of operations for Notre Dame Right to Life.

The scholarship is named for the late Holy Cross Brother John Lavelle, who is remembered for his tireless pro-life efforts and is awarded annually by SJCRTL.

— Diane Freeby

## BISHOP BLESSES MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS



MARK WEBER

"You said 'Yes' to God and embarked on a holy journey together." With these words Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades congratulated and encouraged 39 couples who celebrated wedding anniversaries ranging from 25 to 65 years at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Oct. 14. Concluding his remarks, Bishop Rhoades returned to the journey theme, reminding the couples that in marriage, they met the One who is the source of their marriage, the Lord Jesus, and prayed that He in the Most Holy Eucharist would increase their love and strengthen them on their journey of holiness. After Mass the couples joined with family members and guests for a reception at St. Mary Church.

# St. Patrick Parish celebrates a century and a half o

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

ARCOLA — St. Patrick Catholic Church has been a landmark in the tiny village of Arcola for a century and a half, drawing Catholics from Fort Wayne and many smaller communities nearby. The church steeple can be seen for miles across the lush farmland, drawing the faithful to worship.

St. Patrick Parish dates back to 1845, when then-vicar general of the Fort Wayne diocese, Msgr. Julian Benoit, began holding services for area Catholics in the home of Victor Munier. This continued for many years until the parish was officially established in 1862 and placed under the care of Father P.J. Jadden, its first pastor. Father Henry Schafer and Father Theodore Van Der Poel followed in quick succession. Then parishioners build the first church and priest's residence on the grounds in 1868, and established nearby Calvary Cemetery that same year.

Father Theodore Wilken was appointed pastor in 1872, then Father Bartholomew Hartman in 1880, when the first school building was erected. At that time 75 families called St. Patrick's their home parish.

One early pastor who stands out in church history is Father Robert Pratt, who persuaded Sister M. Hyacintha Neurath, provincial of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, to bring her fellow sisters to teach the 39 students enrolled at the parish school. Father Pratt also laid the cornerstone for the present-day church, which was dedicated by Auxiliary Bishop John Guendling in 1899. Along with Father Wilkin and parish families, Father Pratt also donated money for the stained glass windows of the new edifice. Total cost of construction was \$10,934.

Several more pastors oversaw growth of the new church at a time when parish societies included Rosary Society for married women, Children of Mary for single women and St. Aloysius Society for single men. It is also reported that pew rent supported the church.

By the 1920s St. Patrick Church and rectory were supplied

with electricity. A parking lot was paved in 1936, an organ was installed in 1939 and the church was redecorated in 1941 at a cost of \$2,275. Parishioners celebrated St. Patrick's diamond jubilee the following year.

In 1951 Father Jacob Bick laid the cornerstone for a new school building to replace the original one, which was heated only by a wood stove and had no running water or restrooms. The cost of construction was \$36,150, added to a new convent for the sisters at a cost of \$17,500. But sadly, by 1969 the school had to be closed when the teaching nuns left the area and returned to their motherhouse.

Years passed as new pastors arrived, then left St. Patrick's. In the 1990s Father Eugene Koers was appointed just in time to oversee a huge renovation project. New paint, carpet, roofing and sound system were installed and the stained glass windows refurbished in order to celebrate 100 years in the church building first erected in 1899.

The year 2001 brought the arrival of Father Cyril Fernandes, on assignment to the parish from the Diocese of Jamshedpur, India, who began an eight-year stint at the rural church. An affable and engaging cleric, he drew many parishioners to the small country parish at a time when the city of Fort Wayne was growing steadily westward. Expansion became necessary once again as the parish population grew from 160 families to nearly 400.

A new rectory was built for him and future pastors, while ground was broken for a new parish hall. Officially opened and dedicated by then-Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 2007, the hall featured badly needed classrooms for religious education, parish offices, library space and conference rooms. An infant cry room and new restrooms were constructed in the adjoining hallway.

With Father Fernandes' reassignment in 2009, the Diocese of Jamshedpur once again provided a pastor for St. Patrick's. Now Father Alex Dodrai has joined the ranks of clergy who will provide spiritual leadership for the Catholic community of St. Patrick's, Arcola, into its next half century.



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St. Patrick, Arcola staff are, in front, Father Alex Dodrai, pastor; second row from left, Priscilla Van Allen, Gus Trahin; in back from left, Trebor Trahin, Patty Denihan, Jim Bottone and Jackie Butcher.



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## St. Patrick Parish is growing, thriving after 150 years

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

ARCOLA — The Catholic parish of St. Patrick in Arcola may have its roots in the mid-1800s, but its outlook is rosy and its population is growing well into the 21st century.

The parish will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28, when Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by a reception and dinner in the parish hall for parishioners, previous pastors and other invited guests.

Father Alex Dodrai, the most recent in a long line of pastors at the small rural church, calls it “a wonderful parish,” where “the people are very loving, very generous.” Indeed, it appears to be thriving, with a parish population of more than 400 families and activities for members of all ages.

Parishioner and church historian Jim Bottone speaks highly of their Knights of Columbus chapter, an 80-member organization, which supports several charities locally and around the state. One institution, which benefits from their generosity, is the Gibault School for court-appointed children in Terre Haute. The group also boasts “Support our Seminarians,” a project that provides funding not only for local priests-in-training but those in Father Dodrai’s home diocese in India as well. The K of C members also provide labor as needed for the church, recently completing a painting project. Bottone says, “We’re very much at father’s call.”

Many women in the parish are active in the long-standing Rosary Society. Father Dodrai calls it “a nice corps of older and younger women ... who do a very good job.” He acknowledges that the ladies run the parish’s most successful fundraiser, the annual fish fry. “People really enjoy our fish fry,” he says with a big smile.

Father Dodrai is also proud of the religious education program, with a current CCD

enrollment of 180 students and 28 volunteer catechists. Young parishioners are also active as altar servers. They are said to be very reverent and respectful due to the training of Nick Schortgen.

The parish is fortunate to have an active teen group, headed for years by Gus and Roxann Trahin, which recently took an

extensive religious trip to a Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City.

The music ministry is in good hands at St. Patrick’s. Each Sunday the parish enjoys the talent and dedication

of music director Trebor Trahin and the church choir. He follows on the heels of two women, Francie Strack and Rosina Harber, who together dedicated more than 60 years to organ duties at St. Patrick’s.

Those parishioners who are widowed find companionship with the Irish Loners, headed by Barb Brown. It is a social group that meets regularly for lunch and bingo.

“Manalive” appeals to men in the parish and Bible

study groups are open to all.

The generous spirit of St. Patrick’s is very much in evidence, says parish administrator Patty Denihan. She happily points out that the parish Confirmation class sponsors a Giving Tree each year at Christmas, which benefits the Women’s Care

Center. “We take carloads of items ... it’s so beautiful,” she says.

Another vital parish ministry is the food bank, supported entirely by parishioners,

which is open every day to those who need a little assistance. Though it’s not widely advertised, Bottone says, “Everybody in the community and parish knows it’s here.”

St. Patrick’s also reaches out to the elderly and those confined to nursing homes. Father Dodrai offers Mass each month at Renaissance Care Center near the church and spends each Monday visiting homebound parishioners.

The small burial ground originally established as Calvary Cemetery in 1868, now called St. Patrick’s Catholic Cemetery, still stands just a mile and a half from the church. It has been tended by the Bob Corbat and the Dave Williams families since its inception. Those two families along with other volunteers handle all mowing, maintenance and funeral duties. Denihan says it is an important ministry for the parish.

Priscilla Van Allen has acted as parish housekeeper for 30 years and kept the build-

ings spic and span and span as her parish ministry. Pastors over the years have expressed their gratitude for her conscientious attention and dedication.

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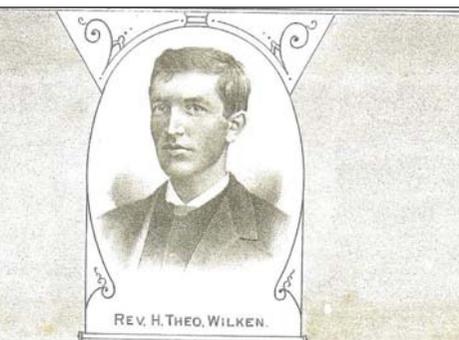
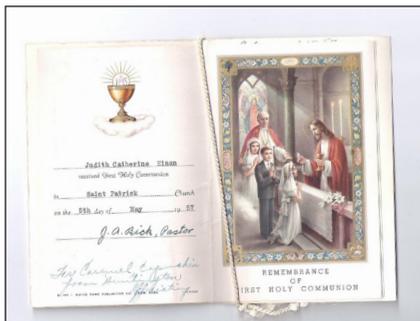
St. Patrick’s is a parish of willing volunteers. Father Dodrai calls it a “very homely parish,” referring to its home-like atmosphere. He says, “People are very cooperative and supportive.” Bottone, a conservative Catholic, recalls looking for a small parish when he joined, a place where he could be comfortable, “sit back and enjoy Mass” with a friendly, welcoming group of fellow parishioners.

Denihan, a lifelong parishioner, agrees that St. Patrick’s is a parish of volunteers. “We have what we have here because of the holy and wonderful priests.” But, she adds, “the priests come and go, the people don’t. ...” The people are the spiritual heart of the parish, “the center of it all.”



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ed top left is the ornate altar sanctuary of trick Parish. Above the church building sits g the cornfields of Arcola. Below, left, is the parish hall.



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## Rally for Religious Freedom rally set Oct. 27

SOUTH BEND — The Rally for Religious Freedom will take place Saturday, Oct. 27, in South Bend. *Today's Catholic* columnist Theresa Thomas will join Charles Rice, professor emeritus of law at the University of Notre Dame to share their thoughts on the threats posed to Catholics and

all Americans by the Affordable Health Care Act Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate.

The mandate, which requires all businesses to provide coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortifacient drugs, is recognized by many as a dangerous intrusion by the government into the lives of individual citizens and employers.

"We must not be afraid," says Thomas, a wife and mother of nine. "We must talk to our friends,

our neighbors, the bagger at the grocery store; our fellow teachers, union members, lawyers, architects, postal workers. No matter what our occupations are, no matter what country our ancestors emigrated from, we are in this together."

Many believe it to be not just a "Catholic issue" but an issue vital to the freedoms of all Americans.

"If Catholics are forced to go against their religious beliefs

today, Protestants will be targeted tomorrow," adds Thomas. "Jewish. Amish. You name it. Religious freedoms will be chipped away, little by little, and soon there will be no freedoms at all."

Rice is a long time pro-life, pro-family advocate and has written numerous books on these issues. His specialization is constitutional law and jurisprudence. Rice served in the United States Marine Corps and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps

Reserves. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He and his wife Mary have 10 children.

The upcoming rally will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Hunt Plaza directly in front of the Morris Performing Art Center, 211 North Michigan, between Colfax and LaSalle, South Bend. Parking is available on adjacent streets and there are parking garages on South Main Street. — *Diane Freeby*



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8:00 am	<b>Allen County Right to Life</b> Cathie Humbarger	<b>Franciscan Center</b> Sally Ley & Tony Ley	<b>Bishop Dwenger H.S.</b> Prin. Jason Schiffl
9:00 am	<b>Most Precious Blood</b> Fr. Joe Gaughan	<b>St. Aloysius</b> Parish, School & Knights	<b>Oratorians</b> Fr. Daniel & Fr. James <b>St. Paul</b> Fr. Gary Sigler
10:00 am	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Msgr. John Kuzmich, Fr. Andrew	<b>Tippmann Hour</b> All Pledges <u>Doubled</u>	<b>St. Joseph Brooklyn</b> Fr. Tim Wrozek
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1:00 pm	<b>Our Lady of Good Hope</b> Fr. Mark Gurtner	<b>St. Anthony of Padua</b> Fr. Fred Pasche, Fr. Bernie Zajdel	<b>St. Jude</b> Fr. Tom Shoemaker
2:00 pm	<b>St. Mary – Decatur</b> Fr. Dave Voors	<b>St. John – Fort Wayne</b> Fr. Cyril Fernandes	<b>St. Michael – Waterloo</b> Fr. David Carkenord
3:00 pm	<b>St. John – New Haven</b> Fr. James Seculoff	<b>Dominican Sisters</b> St. Felix, Huntington	<b>St. Charles Borromeo</b> Msgr. John Suelzer, Fr. Jacob
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6:00 pm	<b>Franciscan Brothers Minor</b> Fr. David Mary Engo	<b>High School Football Hour</b>	<b>Rekindle The Fire</b>

## Bishop Luers announces Distinguished Knights

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School Alumni Office has announced its Distinguished Knights for 2012-2013. The Alumni Office honors one graduate and an honorary alumnus — friend, faculty, former faculty, staff or benefactor — who have contributed outstanding and distinguished service to his or her chosen profession and community. These individuals live out the mission of Bishop Luers High School in his or her everyday life and contribute outstanding dedication, support and service to Bishop Luers.

Outstanding alumnus, Jim Saul, class of 1963, is the epitome of Bishop Luers Spirit. He has lived out the saying, "once a Knight, always a Knight." His strong faith, loyalty to Catholic education and a love of the south side of Fort Wayne makes him the perfect candidate for this award. Not only is Jim Saul a Bishop Luers grad, but he also sent nine children to Bishop Luers. He has volunteered his time in the athletic department, the music department and the development office. His son says that his father Jim is the quintessential Knight.

Honorary alumnus Diane Karst's dedication, support and service to Bishop Luers High School is evident in everything that she does. The school and her students are her number one priority. Karst not only works during the school year, but also during the summer to plan for the next year. She is active at her parish, and as Bishop Luers' assistant athletic director. Karst is humble about her skills and talents and always states that the staff and students make her better every day.

Karst and Saul were recognized during half time at the varsity football game Bishop Luers vs. Bishop Dwenger on Oct. 12.

## Prison Fellowship seeking mentors

FORT WAYNE — Faith Based Mentoring Ministries will present mentor training from Prison Fellowship facilitated by Jim Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Sweetwater Sound, 5501 U.S. Highway 30 West in Fort Wayne. A continental breakfast and coffee will be provided. For information, contact Tomi Cardin at (260) 446-2205, Bob Wearley at (260) 410-1592 or through email at faith-basedmentoring@gmail.com.

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# Local teens are Catholics on a mission

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A group of local teens and their moms are currently on a mission — working overtime to make their dream of serving on a mission trip to Central America a reality. Their focus is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jenn MacDonald, of St. Jude Parish, and Stacy Gill of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, are the forerunners of this dream, but say it all started with their children, most of whom are long-time friends, youth group buddies and some even siblings.

Brenna Gill, Stacy's daughter, recently read a riveting book about a high school-aged teen who discovered her calling to be a missionary while on a mission trip. As the book was shared among her friends David Landrigan, Katie Killen, Eddie Black, Michael McGovern, Katie, Emma and Drew MacDonald, and her brother A.J., the inspired teens formed the idea to serve on a mission trip of their own.

"The kids came to me," says Jenn MacDonald. "They really wanted to go." Her friend and fellow home-school mom, Stacy Gill, who has personal experience serving on mission trips, adds, "I want to see them do this."

After taking the initiative to compile months of area and on-line research, Gill found that there were no Catholic mission trips available, especially those who would welcome teens under



PROVIDED BY JENN MACDONALD

Pictured from left are mission teens Katie Killen, Brenna Gill, AJ Gill, Michael McGovern, Andrew MacDonald, Emma MacDonald and Kathryn MacDonald. Not pictured are David Landrigan and Eddie Black.

the age of 18. But through a series of divinely led communications, Gill received a prayer request for a Catholic family from Louisiana, who was moving to Costa Rica with their children to form a mission house. And that family became an answer to her prayer.

The Greg and Colleen Mitchell family, with their five living children, reside in Costa Rica where they serve the poor. The death of their son Bryce inspired them to form the Saint Bryce Foundation from which to serve.

As the Mitchell family evangelizes in Costa Rica they invite

groups to travel to the area for short-term mission trips on which participants assist in their evangelization and work efforts along with the opportunity to attend Mass, Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration and prayer time. Two priests, who minister in a large area that stretches to 40 outlying communities, are working to build 40 chapels, at the cost of \$3,000-\$4,000 each, one for each community where the remote indigenous people wish to gather for prayer, catechesis and fellowship.

Finding this opportunity was a treasure for this eager group and after receiving a blessing this

summer from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who met with the students, many of whom are home-schooled, and who offered a contribution toward their endeavor, they began in earnest to organize the mission's logistics, learn as much Spanish as possible, build a website and begin fundraising efforts. Initially the students began a letter-writing campaign and offered presentations to a few parishes as they sought support.

A car wash, garage sales, a sponsored trail hike, a booth at the Faith, Family and Fatherhood Festival and grant writing have kept the students busy and focused on their goal.

Gill says, "We had the fundraisers. They were successful because the kids worked together and they prepared them to be together in Costa Rica," where the living conditions are more primitive than they are used to in the states.

"There's no running water, no toilets," she says.

The students and moms, including Patrice Fox of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish and Dr. Tom McGovern of St. Patrick's, Arcola, will leave during Christmas break and arrive at a base camp where they will assist the Mitchell family and local villagers for 11 days with construction of a new chapel as well as evangelizing, especially to the area youth, taking meals to villagers and filling in where they are needed.

The faith-filled teens all agreed that this will be a life-changing trip for them and they are prepared to work hard. Though they don't know exactly what to expect, they are excited to be able to share their faith with others and have the opportunity to experience first hand how another culture lives. And they believe they will bring home a new appreciation for life in the U.S. as well as for their Catholic faith.

Emma MacDonald says she is looking forward to going and shares with the other teens "a deep desire to share the love of Christ with others." Her sister Katie says, "I love learning about the Truth and sharing it with others. I've thought about the people in Costa Rica who have never heard the Gospel. ... It makes me want to do something and give them the Truth that I really love."

These trailblazers hope that other teen groups will take up the challenge to spread the Gospel on foreign soil and agree with Jenn MacDonald when she says, "This is an opportunity for our diocese to open its heart on so many levels. ... We can be a witness to the universal Church. ... to bring Christ into their presence in some form."

For more information on the teens dedicated to spreading the love of Christ in Costa Rica or to donate to their efforts visit [www.catholicconamission.org](http://www.catholicconamission.org).

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# 'iBelieve' — reason for celebration at Confirmation rally

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — Sporting black T-shirts with the powerful phrase "iBelieve" printed in white on the front and symbols for the Year of the Faith on the back, almost 1,000 seventh and eighth graders from across the diocese spent the day preparing for their upcoming Confirmations at the diocesan rally.

The Confirmation rally was held Oct. 13 at Wawasee Middle School in Syracuse. The youth arrived at 8:30 a.m. and stayed until 5:30 p.m. The morning session included worship music by Popple and a keynote address by APeX Ministries — Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli. There was also a teen witness before lunch.

After lunch, students had an opportunity for 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration where they also learned "the best way to know Jesus is through Mary, His mother. She walked with Him, she knows Him better than anyone else. She helps us see her son is truly present in the Eucharist."

They also prayed a decade of the rosary and were told, "The rosary is an incredible prayer we have as a Church — it's a shortened version of the Gospels through Mary's eyes."

The emcee for the day, Lindsay Klinker, got the students on their feet and moving after that quiet prayerful time. Before leading them into a rousing round of Simon Says, she told the crowd, "We were face-to-face with God today — how awesome is that? The only thing more awesome is when we get to receive Him later in the Eucharist during Mass."

After entertaining the youth with



These young ladies from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart enjoy some fellowship while at the Confirmation rally on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Wawasee Middle School. From left are Mary Soptich, Franki Christian and Mariane Grace.

"At that moment I was in peace and found out later that was the moment she stepped into eternity."

BRAD FARMER OF APEX MINISTRIES

his juggling skills Brad Farmer of APeX told a personal story about his sister who was born with cerebral palsy.

"At a glance it didn't seem like she had a lot to offer the world with her broken body — but when you looked deeper — I believe I lived with a true-life saint, even if the world didn't see it," he said.

When Farmer was a senior and his sister was about 11, he said he felt compelled to get up early one Sunday morning. His sister was having a hard time breathing, and a tugging at Farmer's heart told him to tell his sister he loved her, to just be present.

She was rushed to the hospital and Farmer began praying what he



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades tells the young people that making God number one in their lives will bring them happiness. Almost 1,000 youth from 45 schools and parishes across the diocese were present at the rally.

called the "powerhouse of prayers — the rosary."

That morning Farmer related he was focused and lost in prayer and at one point he saw his sister, but she was running smoothly and fast.

"At that moment I was in peace and found out later that was the moment she stepped into eternity," Farmer said.

He said he told the story for two reasons — to let them know the power of prayer is real and to remind the rally participants not to judge themselves or others based on some false societal view of values, but to know, "the reality is this room is filled with powerful, incredible people — you all have a superpower mission for life."

Monterastelli and Farmer joked and juggled and related the story of the "Juggler of Notre Dame," who after a difficult life realized he too had a special and unique gift to offer the world.

The young people were impressed with the presenters. Mary Soptich of St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart said her favorite part of the day was "the juggling guy."

Robert Meyers, also of St. Thomas said he liked the storytelling and the food. When asked how he felt the rally would help prepare him for Confirmation, he said, "It teaches us to be good and believe

in God and Jesus."

A young lady from St. Anthony of Padua in Angola said, "There's a lot of spirit in this and a lot of fun. You can see and understand what God is trying to tell us." She believed the rally helped put her faith in everyday terms.

At Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the opening hymn was "Come Holy Ghost."

"When I walk down that aisle and hear that prayer — that beautiful ancient prayer — I like when it is sung with gusto," Bishop Rhoades said.

During the homily Bishop Rhoades said he appreciated the question the young man in the Gospel reading asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" because "everything we do should be to that purpose."

He said even though the young man observed the Commandments, Jesus knew he was too attached to his wealth, which is why he asked him to give it all away.

"Serving God should be our number one purpose in life. There's a very important sentence in that Gospel, 'he went away sad' and I bet the rest of his life he wasn't happy because money doesn't buy us happiness — the Lord does."

Bishop Rhoades told the students, "Without God's grace not one of us in this room — including me — could get to heaven. We receive the gifts of God's grace primarily through the sacraments."

Speaking of the words on the T-shirts, "I Believe," the bishop said he liked it and said, "Faith is more than words — it's also deeds. How we live, especially when it's tough, when we're rejected, when we're criticized. Those saints you'll choose were not afraid. They lived that grace and not just when it was easy, but they followed Him all the way to the cross."

He concluded by telling the youth, "Make this your number one priority in life your faith in God. You will never go away sad like the man in the Gospel, but instead you'll inherit everlasting life."

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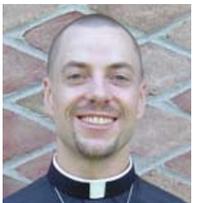
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## 'And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord'

What would Jesus do? This question, perhaps innocent enough, reveals a problem in American Christianity. Simply, we tend to treat Jesus solely as a model of human behavior, an example to be followed, a privileged teacher of moral truths and social action. While indeed we are to configure our lives according to the example of Jesus, to love the one who first loved us, we fail to understand the radical nature of this baptismal vocation unless we first understand who Jesus is.

Ironically, the name Jesus itself points toward the folly of perceiving Christ solely as an exemplar of human action. "Jesus means in Hebrew: 'God saves'" (CCC §430). In Jesus, the Father offers the definitive gift of salvation. God, already involved

in human history, dwells ever more intimately among us in the person of His Son, Jesus. Thus, Jesus' preaching, His healing, His time spent with His disciples and sinners alike, and His self-giving love upon the cross and subsequent Resurrection is the salvific work of the Triune God. To speak the name of Jesus is to already evoke the saving power of God among us, to offer a sacrifice of love from the depths of the heart.

Jesus is the Christ. Christ is not Jesus' last name. Rather, it is the Greek word for anointed one, a translation of the Hebrew word "messiah." In the first century, the messiah was expected as a powerful king, who would restore the splendor to the Temple cult and return a powerful monarchy to Israel; who would enact God's

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definitive and absolute reign in history. In Jesus, the true nature of messiahship, of history itself, is revealed. The Messiah is the one who comes to rule not upon the throne but upon the wood of the cross. History is not the domain of the powerful, the strong, but of the God who loves unto the end. And through Jesus' messianic rule, all are invited into

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## Be true to God, resist sin



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 29th Sunday in ordinary Time Mk 10:35-45

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Isaiah, precisely from its third and last part.

Isaiah on several occasions describes, or refers to, a loyal and devoted servant of God who endures outrageous insults and severe misfortunes. Yet this servant never desponds, nor does he ever rebel against these unhappy events as they come to him.

Furthermore, through, and from, these sufferings, good prevails. It prevails in his own faithfulness. And, the glory of God shines through all that happens.

While these verses were written many years before Christ, pious Christians always have seen in them a prefigurement of their gentle Savior, the innocent lamb of God, sinless and merciful, good and perfect, but the victim of viciousness and of the indifference of so many.

As its second reading for this weekend, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Typically throughout Hebrews, the reading is strong in its Old Testament imagery, especially in the symbolism of the ancient rituals of the Jewish temple.

In A.D. 70, the Romans destroyed the temple, as a retri-

sal after the Jews unsuccessfully attempted to revolt against Rome. The priests were killed or scattered. The old rituals came to an end. They have not yet been restored.

However, for the first two-thirds of the first century, these ceremonies, in which priests, a high priest, sacrifices, and victims of sacrifices, figured, the rites of the temple were familiar to young and old, great and small, among the Jews.

Hebrews is more than a chronicle of Jewish custom and history. It sees Jesus as the great high priest. The sacrifice is the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. He is the victim. His sacrifice affects true reconciliation with God.

The reading also reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, also was human as are we. He never sinned. He was tempted, however. He loves us. He understands us.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading.

In this reading, two Apostles approached Jesus. They are James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The forecasts by Jesus of the coming of a new kingdom to the world, namely the kingdom of God, have intrigued them. Yet they misunderstand the true meaning of the kingdom of God.

Presuming it has earthly properties, they want to have privileged places in this coming, glorious kingdom. They ask the Lord to give them these high places.

Jesus replies, reminding them that the path to the new kingdom will be neither swift nor smooth. To progress along this path, any disciple must identify with Christ in the fullness, abandoning self, self-interests and comfort to be like Jesus was, to sacrifice self, and indeed to give all of self in the sacrifice.

### Reflection

The Lord came into the world as the Redeemer. His mission was to redeem, or rescue, humanity from its own plight, a plight created by willful sin and voluntary rejection of God.

Sin had disordered and weakened human nature. In many cases, sin reigned supreme in the world.

To follow Christ with sincerity means the determination to be true to God despite human weaknesses pointing the other way, and it means resisting sin and its effects throughout earthly life.

These readings call us to face all these realities. We live in a material world. As disciples, we look to the spirit. We live in a world in which sin is strong, and sinners are many. It is a world with little love, and with little justice.

So, we must swim upstream. It will be difficult, accomplished only with God's help. But, if we ask for it, God's help will come. We can, and will, succeed in our purpose to be with God in the great new kingdom of peace and life.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:2-5 Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9

## Emergency or blessing? The power of silence

My dad and brother just returned from a fly-in fishing adventure in the Canadian wilderness — fly in, that is, because their outpost camp could only be accessed by floatplane, the sole cabin on a remote lake teeming with walleye. It was a week of primitive living — no electricity, no indoor toilets, no cell coverage, no television and solar panels that could power six bulbs.

They expected to find a short-range radio to use in case of emergency but learned, in its absence, an alert method closer to a smoke signal: Set a big wooden block in the shape of an "E" on the end of the dock. One side is green for minor emergencies; flip to the other side, which is orange, for serious issues. Then wait for a pilot to take note. Sometimes he'd fly by daily, but it could be a couple days before he'd make the rounds and swoop to your aid.

Vacationers have pulled out the Big E for a number of reasons, revealing varying definitions of emergency. One man had a heart attack. One lost a finger in a hunting accident. One ran out of hot sauce.

But the most fascinating reason to set out the Big E and end a trip early? The outpost camp was too quiet — they couldn't stand the silence. No highways, no neighbors and, being so far north, little wild-life, not even a chorus of birds.

One family from Chicago was spooked by the lack of noise. They couldn't sleep without the hum of a nearby train. Another group, two buddies who'd gone to grade school through college together, found the hush an impossible chasm to bridge. "We have nothing in common!" they told the pilot, confessing their plan to play the radio the entire drive home. Somehow they'd never before subjected their long friendship to silence.

My brother, meanwhile, relished the quiet, wanted to bottle it up. "I'm not sure you can hear that," Tony said while recording a video and panning over a lakeside sunset, "but that's absolute silence." He



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committed the scenes to heart and lens and later hashed them out on keyboard. "That far north, fall days make you feel you can touch the sky," Tony wrote. The guys found time for ample father-son discussion: reminiscing about the past, anticipating the future and delighting in their present fortune. But they also absorbed the silence, letting it wash over them and rewire their city circuits.

One of the perils of modern life is the way we've built noise into every process, and 20-somethings run the risk of forgetting how things used to be, back when we jogged without an iPod and drove without a talking GPS.

Last week I overheard an 86-year-old Sister of St. Joseph tell a 21-year-old communicators major about the silent retreats she'd made. The college student was positively stumped, fumbling over earnest questions. "What was the purpose of the silence? Did you find it beneficial?"

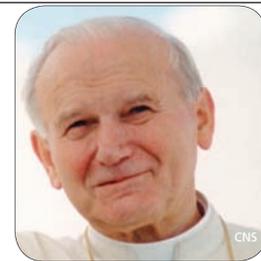
"Oh, yeah," the sister said, sharing wisdom that seemed wrapped in both her age and her religious vocation. "We don't have enough silence in our lives now. There's a lot to being quiet." A lot to it and a lot standing in its way. Silence isn't just the absence of noise, it's the absence of idle activity. It's being unoccupied, empty, attuned to the "still, small voice" of God that Elijah sought in the wind, the earthquake and the fire, and heard, finally, in the silence that followed.

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### Saint of the Week

#### Blessed John Paul II

1920-2005  
October 22



When this popular pope died, crowds in St. Peter's Square chanted "santo subito" ("sainthood now"). The Vatican heard, and the sainthood cause for the jet-setting pontiff who helped bring down European communism was put on the fast track; he was beatified in 2011. A Pole and former actor shaped by World War II and the Cold War, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 26-year pontificate, he evangelized on trips to 129 countries, upheld traditional church doctrine against dissent, connected with the world's youth, and named more than 450 new saints. He also modeled Christian values by forgiving his would-be assassin and living an increasingly frail old age in public.

# Ten principles of the spiritual life

1. "Spirituality" or being "spiritual" means nothing more (but also nothing less) than being animated and guided by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, which is received at Baptism. This is what St. Paul means by "living according to the Spirit" or being "spiritual." It does not necessarily mean some intense or idiosyncratic interiority.

2. Perhaps the most helpful way we can understand the spiritual life is to see our goal as the reformation by grace (particularly by the Holy Spirit, often called "uncreated" grace) of the image of God within us, wounded by original and actual sin. Grace purifies our intellect in knowing the truth and rectifies our will in loving the good.

3. Essential to spiritual health — maintaining the health and vigor of the Holy Spirit's life within us — are prayer, silence and nourishment through reading. All of these require dedication, discipline and the development of habit.

4. Prayer, according to Clement of Alexandria (+212) is "conversation with God" or, according to St. John of Damascus (+749), "the lifting of the heart and mind to God," or, according to St. Teresa of Avila (+1582), "nothing else than a close sharing between friends ... taking time to be alone with Him who loves us." All prayer begins with God's initiative: it is never merely the product of our efforts, but fruitful prayer does require our effort.

5. There are three "expressions" or types of prayer: vocal or verbal, meditative and contemplative. Verbal prayer uses words (e.g., form prayers, prayers in one's own words, the "Jesus prayer"); meditation engages the imagination as it ponders and considers the mysteries of the faith of the words of sacred Scripture (e.g., the rosary or *lectio divina*); contemplative prayer is the prayer of union, often wordless, achieved in silence and the gift of God to the soul,

involving an intense experience of God's presence to the soul.

6. Silence is an essential prerequisite to prayer and the spiritual life. It is imperative to cultivate times of silence within our daily life. Silence helps us to grow in self-awareness, which is essential to genuine growth (since pride is the absence of self-perspective induced by self-absorption). As we grow in self-awareness, two things happen: (a) we recognize our real poverty and (b) come to see our true identity in Christ.

7. Nourishment through solid spiritual reading is also essential. Pride of place belongs to the inspired text of sacred Scriptures. Scripture must be read Christologically: Christ is the key to unlocking the meaning of the Scriptures as a whole — including the Old Testament. He is the Word mediated through words. He is the lens through which all of the Scriptures are to be read. If you plan on reading the Scriptures, always start with the Gospels, which create the "lens" for the rest of the Bible. Small bits of Scripture each day over which we can mull or meditate are the basis. Also helpful is to read the Scriptures along with the whole Church: following the Lectionary cycle, we can follow the daily Mass readings and make them a source of real nourishment.

Another source of nourishment is the Liturgy of the Hours: the official prayer of the Universal Church. Comprised of psalms, canticles and passages from the Scriptures, it is designed to become the "hinge" or "pivot" and foundation of our daily prayer life. The cycle of Morning Prayer, called Lauds, and Evening Prayer, called Vespers, can structure and mold our day-to-day existence.

The lives and writings of the saints are also another excellent source of spiritual nourishment. The more we see ourselves as part of a living Tradition of spiritual practice, the more we can appropriate the best of it for



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ourselves.

8. All of these practices are predicated upon self-discipline: the ability to shut off the TV, computer, the cell phone, and the iPod, and set time aside every day for God. The secret is to start small and let it grow. All of these practices have to be in accord with one's state in life. A mother of seven cannot be expected to live like a Trappist; one has to discover what works for one's self, based upon the formula outlined above. Like everything else in life, balance is important.

9. These practices will be helpful only if you are striving to live fully the sacramental life of the Church, in particular through faithful and regular celebration of the Eucharist, which the Church teaches is the most effective thing we can do, and the regular celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

10. In the end, it is all about habit (not simply as repetitive behavior, but as a firm and reliable disposition of the will): inculcating good habits and rooting out bad habits, assisted all the while by grace. This is why regularity is more important than volume. It is more than mere willpower or self-discipline — that alone is insufficient because it means we are relying primarily upon our own efforts and not upon the grace of God.

Start small — be faithful — let God do the rest.

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who enters into our history and transfigures it, bestowing upon it a meaning we could never have found ourselves, a meaning that is love. He is the Lord who enters into our memories through rumination upon the Gospels. He is the Lord who comes to us in the breaking of the bread and in deeds of Eucharistic love.

So what would Jesus do? He would invite us to enter into His very life, to become sons and daughters transfigured by the gift of divine life.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 21, 2012

Mark 10:35-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: requesting more than they bargained for. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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## A golden opportunity

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

profess the faith with new conviction."

Lately I have been reflecting on what the Year of Faith, Oct. 11, 2012, to Nov. 24, 2013, which was proclaimed by our pope recently, can mean for those Catholics who seek to grow spiritually. It is similar to the purpose of the season of Lent, which is a time of renewal and conversion. The Year of Faith affords every Catholic the opportunity to focus on his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in what the Church teaches.

During this year it might be well to examine just how much you really know about the Church and what it teaches. Many of us recite the creed by heart but do not know or think very much about the words we profess.

We hear about the Vatican Council which opened 50 years ago on Oct. 11, but some, or should I say a great number of Catholics, have never really taken time to read or study any of its documents.

Hopefully, as Pope Benedict has said, this Year of Faith will stir up a "new impetus to the mission of the whole Church to lead men (and women) out of the desert in which they find themselves, to the place of life, of friendship with Jesus." He hopes it will "arouse in every believer the aspiration to learn what the Church really teaches and to

Our pope also reminds us that faith must be rooted in love. Faith without love is empty. Our faith should draw us to Jesus Christ and to His mission of building God's kingdom of love and justice He gave to His followers.

This is an important invitation for each of us to assess the state of our own faith and reflect on the way we live. We might ask ourselves these questions: How important is the Eucharist to me? Do I go to Mass only because it is an obligation? Do I have an active relationship with Jesus? Do I communicate with Him regularly? Are doing acts of charity part of the routine of my life? How much or what do I know about Church teaching?

Do most people know that I am a Catholic or a Christian? Do I ever express my faith in Jesus to others, especially the people who touch my daily life? Do I separate my religion from the rest of my life or is it integral to how I live?

This Year of Faith can be a time for each of us to renew and strengthen our faith. It can be a time of conversion if we are open to the Holy Spirit and cooperate with God's grace. If we participate fully in the activities offered, we will strengthen ourselves, our parish, our diocese and the entire Church.

I hope you take this golden opportunity.

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the kingdom of God. A kingdom where divine power is revealed in weakness, in self-gift, even death itself. To proclaim Jesus as Christ is to confess that history is not made by those who grab power and prestige at any cost. Real history is made by those who in freedom give themselves over to the Father through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God's politics is not our own but is carried out by those who take up their cross and follow Jesus.

Jesus is the only Son of God. Again, the title is important. Kings, prophets, Israel itself are known as "sons of God." Yet,

Jesus' sonship is unique. He is the "only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father from all ages" (Nicene Creed). Before there was time, before there was space, before history itself, the Father out of love begot the Son. The Son has received everything from the Father, and out of the depths of love, the Son gives himself back in an offering of Eucharistic love. Jesus is the Son of God, because he manifests this love for us. He invites us into this love in Baptism, such that we are taken up into this divine sonship, becoming children of the living God.

Jesus is our Lord. He is not like other lords: the lord of mammon, of sexual manipulation, of conspicuous consumption, of political violence. He is the Lord of the cosmos. He is the Lord,

# Sports

**MARIAN DEFEATS WESTVIEW IN REGIONAL FINAL** The Marian, Mishawaka, Knights' girls' soccer team claimed the Class 1-A Marian Regional soccer championship at Abro Stadium Saturday night with a 5-0 win over Westview. Marian (15-4-2) will face West Lafayette (12-4-1) in the Argos Semistate next Saturday at 10 a.m.

## Saints defeat ICCL Cardinals in opening round of playoffs

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — "To deliver with a great multitude or a small company." That would be the theme of the opening round of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) playoffs at Marian's Otolowski Field as the Mishawaka Catholic Saints' 40-plus players faced off against the 14-member squad of the West Side Catholic Cardinals.

The Saints would start the game off with a big charge highlighted by 43-yard and 34-yard scampers and bolts by Deontre Nyengo. The potential end-zone romps were halted magnificently, by the open-field tackles of Darius McKnight.

The drive would, however, sputter as on fourth and seven, Saints' quarterback Alex Morton's pass attempt fell harmlessly to the turf as the Cardinals would be forced to start in the shadows of their own goalposts.

The West Side squad would have little success on their inaugural drive being forced to punt after three plays of no yards. The great news is that the kick would sail over the Saints' would-be return man and take a favorable bounce to the 30.

The navy-and-columbia-laced Cardinals' defense would be as difficult to navigate as the Berring Strait in winter as runs

by Saints' Edgar Moralis, Alexander Horvath and Nyengo were stopped before they could get going, forcing a turnover on downs.

The West Side offense started to make some headway with the bruising attack of big backs Courtney Rowell and Jared Horban but came up empty with a completed pass from Collin Daniels to Jared Kazmierczak netted just seven yards on a fourth and 14.

With just 38 seconds left in the half the Saints went to the air, first with a screen pass and then a halfback pass from Horvath to Jacob Maxwell opening up the scoring as the 45-yard play broke the deadlock, 6-0.

The West Side team started the second half as they began the game with little success. The same could not be said of Horvath, who finally broke free out of the backfield and dashed 62 yards to paydirt, the kick after failed making the margin now, 12-0, Saints.

Horvath would put more points on the board with another 22-yard scamper into the end zone creating an 18-point cushion.

The Cardinals still had fight in them as they marched down the field with big runs again by the one-two punch of Horban and



Rowell and 20-yard competition but with fourth and 12 at the 22, Daniels' toss into the end zone landed just off the fingertips of the receiver finalizing the post-season for the team. The Saints won 18-0.

"I was a little upset at half time with my team. I said they were being pushed around and dominated in the trenches by the Cardinals," remarked Saint head coach Tony Violi. "I challenged them to play hard and they responded in the second half. We will have to play all four quarters against the regular season champion Panthers next Sunday."

"We played with heart which has been our strength all season. By far, this is the absolute best team I've been associated with when it comes to chemistry," explained Cardinal coach Giles Horban. "MC kept on coming at us. As a coach you wish for a better outcome, but I'm proud of the way our kids overcame and played."

The second round of the playoffs at Otolowski Field starting at 4 p.m. will see the St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers play the Mishawaka Catholic Saints followed by the St. Matthew Blazers and the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders.

## St. Charles continues winning streak in semifinal round of CYO football action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the semifinal round of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football postseason, St. Charles earned a third straight appearance in the title game with a convincing 42-20 victory over a very tough St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) squad. The Cardinal defense, led by Bart Tippmann, Riley Miller and Isaac Cornwell, were able to bottle up the impressive SJFW running game.

The St. Charles offense was led by Mac Hippenhammer, who had over 125 yards rushing and

two touchdowns. Carl Williams added three touchdowns and 100 all-purpose yards, while Mike Hake also added a score.

Coach Sam Talarico was very proud of the effort his team put forth to stop the Eagles and was especially pleased with his offensive line of Reyer Howe, Andrew Krouse and Bill Magda.

"They had their best game of the year. We were thrilled to pull out the win," said Talarico.



In other tournament action, St. Vincent ended a great season after a tough loss to Holy Cross. This will set up a rematch of the past two CYO championships.

To extend their win streak and claim the title, the undefeated Cardinals must snap a four-year Holy Cross championship run.

## Three new CYO volleyball champions named

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Three new champions were named in junior varsity Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball action at Queen of Angels gym on Sunday, Oct. 14. In the fifth-grade large school tournament, St. Vincent was defeated by the

Commodores from St. Joseph, Decatur. Next up, the St. Rose/St. Louis Twins downed Most Precious Blood in two games for the small school combined grades title. Finally, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth claimed the sixth-grade championship with a win over St. Joseph, Decatur. The varsity teams will kick off their CYO tournament at St. Charles this week.

### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS



St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth won the CYO sixth-grade championship.



St. Joseph, Decatur, won the fifth-grade CYO large school tournament.



The St. Rose-St. Louis Twins won the small school combined CYO title.

# Comic actor Kevin James wants to 'glorify God in every way'

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — He doesn't exactly advertise it, but the "king of Queens" is a Catholic family man.

Kevin James, who played Doug Heffernan for nine seasons on the CBS sitcom and has since branched out into movies, has no problem talking about his values and how it affects his career.

"I am involved in my faith, it becomes more and more — you know, it becomes a difficult, difficult position. You have a platform and you don't want to do anything that doesn't glorify God in every way," James told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Philadelphia.

"I can't play a priest in every film, either. You definitely want to have a positive message. I want to be able to sit and watch my movies with my children," added James, who is married with two daughters and one son. Having control over and writing the material, according to him, is a key to "be inspiring and (to) move people in a positive way."

James, 47, is promoting his upcoming film comedy, "Here Comes the Boom." In it, he plays a high school science teacher who once loved his work but has "lost his mojo," as he put it, but gets it back when budget cuts threaten the job of the music teacher (Henry Winkler), who never lost his love for teaching.

James' character even goes so



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**Kevin James is pictured in a scene from the movie "Here Comes the Boom." The Catholic actor, who played Doug Heffernan for nine seasons on the CBS sitcom "King of Queens" says he has no hesitation about discussing his faith and values and how that affects his career.**

far as to train to be a mixed martial arts fighter — which James did in real life to prepare for the movie — in the belief that even a loser's payday in such a bout will reap the bucks necessary to save the music program.

It's not that James admits to some road-to-Damascus moment that made his faith all the more relevant to him. "I was born and raised Catholic and absolutely love my faith and learn more and more about it all the time," he said. "It's nice to have that going into whatever you do, whatever part of life you take upon yourself."

It might have been, though, that James had his own lost-his-mojo moment. "I've been very guilty, a lot, of not knowing my faith too

much and just praying when I needed it when something bad happened in my life and not being thankful when things turned good," he told CNS. "The more I realized how important it is, the more I want to learn about it and do the right thing.

All good is from Him (God), and so I want to honor Him. It's honestly about learning more and instilling that in my kids and my friends, and those around me."

Even before he hit it big on the small screen with "The King of Queens," James

was known as a standup comic who worked clean — but not necessarily as a byproduct of his faith. "It was easier to get on television and it was more universal" than using coarse language, he said. "I saw people who were kind of filthy in the clubs and they were very, very funny (in) what they were doing. But you weren't going to be able to get on 'The Tonight Show.' I was selfish — I didn't want to have to change my material."

James has been in the public eye for 14 years, first with "The King of Queens" and a series of mostly hit film comedies including "Hitch," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," "Zookeeper" and "Grown-Ups" and its sequel. What if it all comes to an end?

"There's always that possibility," James replied. "It's His will, not mine. If it doesn't happen, I've definitely had a great run. I'll continue to do it, or find my path to something else. He's given me the platform to do it. It's great, yeah, I love it."

## "Here Comes the Boom" (Columbia)

Director Frank Coraci extols the Christian virtue of self-sacrifice through the unlikely yet inspiring tale of an ordinary man who goes to extraordinary lengths to help others. When the penny-pinching principal (Greg Germann) of a failing public high school threatens to eliminate its popular music program — and axe the beloved teacher (Henry Winkler) who runs it — a faculty colleague (Kevin James) pledges to raise the funds needed to save the activity. Having failed to do so by more conventional means, the onetime college wrestler becomes a mixed martial arts cage fighter. Despite being beaten to a pulp in each bout, he inspires his students and coworkers, especially the school nurse (Salma Hayek) who tenderly patches his wounds. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents.



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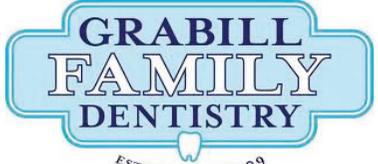


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## Healing Mass

Fort Wayne — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will sponsor a healing Mass Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Father Andrew Budzinski will celebrate for those grieving the loss of a child. For information contact Dorothy Schuerman at dschuerman@saintv.org or (260) 489-3537 ext. 207.

## Knights breakfast at Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Faber Activities Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Adults are \$6, children 6-12 are \$3 and a family is \$20.

## Knights plan breakfast, blood drive

Mishawaka — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. First St., will host a pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Mishawaka Catholic School Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8-11 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 5 to 10 years old and under 5 are free. The Knights will also have a blood drive with the South Bend Medical Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Council Hall bloodmobile from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. South Bend Medical Foundation will donate \$10 for each unit of blood collected to help support cancer services.

## Craft show, luncheon and bake sale

South Bend — The Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society will have a craft show, luncheon and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall, 63568 U.S. 31-S. Call (574) 291-3775 for information.

## Tailgate and trivia

Avilla — The St. Mary HASA will have a tailgate and trivia night Saturday, Oct. 20, in the St. Mary School gym. Tailgating starts at 6 p.m. with trivia at 7 p.m. Teams of 10 are \$10 per person. Teams are encouraged to create a theme with prizes awarded for the best theme. Call Michelle Myers at (260) 897-2562 for reservations and information. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary School students.

## Trunk or treat and chili supper

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a trunk or treat and chili supper on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5-8 p.m.

## St. Joseph holds bazaar and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish, located at 1910 Hale Ave., will hold a craft bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks and lunch available all day. Handicap accessible. For more information call the parish office at (260) 432-5113.

## Holy Cross College hosts Ghosts and Goblins kids' carnival

Notre Dame — Holy Cross College will host its annual Ghosts and Goblins Fest on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 6-8 p.m. Participants may dress in costume for games, crafts, a costume contest, a "Sorta-Spooky" haunted house, refreshments and prizes. Activities are family friendly and age 3-9 appropriate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free. The event will take place in the Pfeil Center, 54515 State Road 933 N.

## Craft bazaar looking for vendors

Avilla — St. Mary Parish will have a craft bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booth rental is \$20. Looking for new vendors and independent consultants. Contact Michelle Myers (260) 897-2562 or michelmyers77@gmail.com for information.

## Craft fair at St. Charles

Fort Wayne — The St. Charles Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 vendors as well as lunch will be available. St.

Charles is on the corner of Trier and Reed roads.

## Craft and candy fair

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a Rosary Society craft show, candy and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym. Raffle prize \$100. Food and drink available and door prizes every half hour. Wheelchair accessible.

## DCCW October meeting

Fort Wayne — The DCCW will meet Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the St. Joseph Hospital assembly room at 10 a.m. Catholic students from "Catholics On A Mission" will speak on their planned trip and mission to Costa Rica. Sweaters for the poor are also being collected.

## Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenweber dies

DETROIT — Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenweber died on Friday, Oct. 5, at the age of 95. The Funeral Mass was Oct. 9, at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. Brother Leo was invested as a Capuchin in 1940 and perpetually professed in 1944. He served the Province of St. Joseph as Father Solanus' secretary and in several roles throughout his Capuchin career. Brother Leo has served as the vice postulator for the Cause of Solanus Casey since 1974.

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Joseph M. Woods, 92, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

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Dora M. Pease, 74, St. Monica

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Martha Wegenka, 93, St. Patrick

## Joseph Milton Woods dies

FORT WAYNE — Joseph Milton Woods, active musician and educator, died Oct. 8, in Fort Wayne at 92.

Born in 1920, in Huntington, he was the son of the late Harry M. and Bertha (Becker) Woods. After earning several degrees Woods served as the music director of band, choral and orchestra at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, from 1946-1972. He was band director at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, from 1972 to 1980. While at Dwenger, he also served as assis-

tant principal and dean of students. He also served as musician in several parishes in the diocese, including Most Precious Blood, Queen of Angels and St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne. He was the director of music at St. Vincent de Paul Parish from 1957 until 1980, establishing the St. Vincent's Chorale.

He is survived by wife Betty and eight children, one brother and one sister, 23 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and extended family. Mass for Christian Burial was held on Oct. 12 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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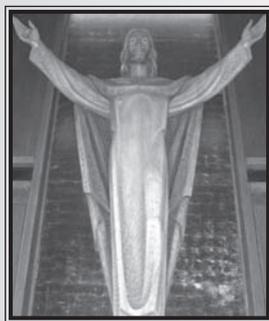
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Pilgrims wait for the start of a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11 to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Mass also opened the Year of Faith.



Pope Benedict XVI greets the faithful as he arrives to celebrate a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 11. The Mass marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also opened the Year of Faith.

## VATICAN

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dialogue with the modern world it is because they were certain of their faith, of the solid rock on which they stood."

One of the council fathers, retired Bishop William J. McNaughton of Inchon, Korea, traveled to the anniversary Mass from his home in Methuen, Mass. Speaking recently to Catholic News Service, he recalled the procession of more than 2,200 bishops into St. Peter's Basilica on the council's first day.

"Because television cameras from all over the world were taking pictures, all the lights were on in the basilica," said Bishop McNaughton, 85. "I thought I was at the gate of heaven."

The commemoration was less spectacular and less well-attended than the 1962 event.

"The many empty seats here, five minutes before the beginning of the Mass, show that we have many challenges, like decreasing interest in the Church," Capuchin Father William Henn, an American who teaches at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University, told CNS.

Pope Benedict's homily celebrated Vatican II but deplored much of what followed in its wake.

Many Catholics misunderstood or ignored the council's teachings under the influence of secular culture and "embraced uncritically the dominant mentality, placing in doubt the very foundations of the deposit of faith, which they sadly no longer felt able to accept as truths," he said. "Recent decades have seen the advance of a spiritual 'desertification.'"

Fifty years ago, history offered glimpses of a "life or a world

without God," he said. "Now we see it every day around us. This void has spread."

Yet, the pope said, a "thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life" is still evident in "innumerable signs," including the growing popularity of religious pilgrimages.

"How come so many people today feel the need to make these journeys?" he said. "Is it not because they find there, or at least intuit, the meaning of our existence in the world?"

Calling for a revival in the Church of the "yearning to announce Christ again to contemporary man," the pope stressed that any New Evangelization "needs to be built on a concrete and precise basis, and this basis is the documents of the Second Vatican Council."

He reaffirmed past statements rejecting any expansive notions of a "spirit of Vatican II" that might be used to justify innovations diverging from traditional doctrine.

"I have often insisted on the need to return, as it were, to the 'letter' of the council — that is to its texts — also to draw from them its authentic spirit," the pope said. "The true legacy of the council is to be found in them."

The pope also reiterated one of his most prominent teachings about Vatican II, that it must be understood in continuity with the Church's millennial traditions, not as a radical break with the past.

"The council did not formulate anything new in matters of faith, nor did it wish to replace what was ancient," he said. "Rather, it concerned itself with seeing that the same faith might continue to be lived in the present day, that it might remain a living faith in a world of change."

Contributing to this story was Sarah Delaney.

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