



# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Pope proclaims seven new saints, including St. Kateri, St. Marianne

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Proclaiming seven new saints — including St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Marianne Cope from North America — Pope Benedict XVI said they are examples to the world of total dedication to Christ and tireless service to others.

In a revised canonization rite Oct. 21, the pope prayed for guidance that the Church would not “err in a matter of such importance” as he used his authority to state that the seven are with God in heaven and can intercede for people on earth.

An estimated 80,000 pilgrims from the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Italy, Spain, Germany and Madagascar filled St. Peter’s Square for the canonization of the holy women and men who ministered among their people.

The pilgrims applauded the proclamation of the new saints, who included: Kateri, an American Indian who was born in the United States and died in Canada in 1680; Mother Marianne, a Sister of St. Joseph who traveled from Syracuse, N.Y., to Hawaii to care for people with Hansen’s disease and died in Molokai in 1918; and Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Philippine catechist who was martyred in Guam in 1672.

The other new saints are: French Jesuit Father Jacques Berthieu, martyred in Madagascar in 1896; Italian Father Giovanni Battista Piamarta, founder of religious orders, who died in 1913; Sister Carmen Salles



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The banners of seven new saints hang from the facade of St. Peter’s Basilica for a canonization Mass led by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Oct. 21. Among those canonized were two North Americans — St. Kateri Tekakwitha, an American Indian born in upstate New York who died in Canada in 1680, and St. Marianne Cope, who worked with leprosy patients on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.

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### MAGAZINE LAUNCHES FIRST WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER

Today’s Catholic Life, an exciting new lifestyle magazine created by the Secretariat of Communications and staff of Today’s Catholic newspaper, will begin distribution on the first weekend of November.



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## Pope names US archbishop serving at Vatican to Indianapolis Archdiocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, to be archbishop of Indianapolis.

The appointment was announced Oct. 18 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Tobin, 60, succeeds Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who resigned in September 2011 at age 73 for health reasons. He had headed the archdiocese for 19 years.

A native of Detroit, Archbishop Tobin is a member of the Redemptorist religious congregation. He has been secretary of the Vatican congregation since October 2010.

He will be installed as archbishop of Indianapolis during a special Mass Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. The date is the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of

the archdiocese.

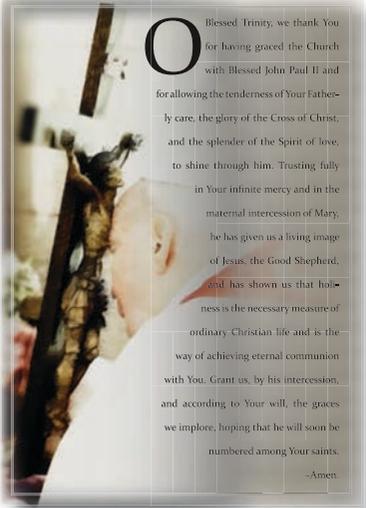
Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne has been serving as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese and will continue in that role until Archbishop Tobin’s installation.

Bishop Coyne introduced Indianapolis’ new shepherd at a news conference, but first paid tribute to Archbishop Buechlein, who was in attendance. The retired prelate, who is a Benedictine monk, lives at St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

“The archdiocese is a thriving and healthy Catholic community that serves not only our people but so many of the greater community of central and southern Indiana,” he said, which is “due in no small part to the vision and leadership of Archbishop Buechlein.”

Bishop Coyne said Archbishop Tobin “shared with me he really has a missionary’s

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O Blessed Trinity, we thank You for having graced the Church with Blessed John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of Your Fatherly care, the glory of the Cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Spirit of love, to shine through him. Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with You. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to Your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among Your saints. —Amen

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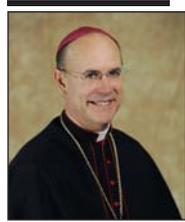
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# Duty to vote according to a well-formed conscience



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

**W**e are fast approaching election day. The news is filled with debate and commentary on the various candidates running for public office on the national, state, and local levels. We, as voters, are faced with important decisions that we will make when we enter the voting booth on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

How do we make our decisions on election day? The Church exhorts all Catholics to evaluate candidates and their positions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. The Church does not endorse particular parties or candidates. The Church insists, however, on the serious obligation of Catholics to vote according to their consciences, consciences that are well-formed in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church.

Conscience is not a mere "feeling." Some will say that they are acting according to their conscience, but they have not attempted to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. The formation of a good conscience is vitally important in our moral lives and decision-making, including our exercise of the right to vote.

The Bishops of the United States describe several elements in the formation of conscience:

1. "First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

2. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices.

3. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God." (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* #18)

Applied to voting, it is imperative that we discern carefully, according to a well-formed conscience that is in accord with Catholic teaching, our political choices. The virtue of prudence is important in this regard. "Prudence enables us 'to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it' (CCC 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively. Exercising this virtue often requires the courage to act in defense of moral principles when making decisions about how to build a society of justice and peace" (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* #19).

As we prepare to vote then, we are called to make our choices aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of a well-formed conscience. We should examine the candi-



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A man holding a rosary with the U.S. flag as a backdrop is silhouetted in this photo illustration. The U.S. bishops' document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," seeks to provide a blueprint on how Catholic social teaching should affect political participation by Catholics.

dates and their positions according to our moral principles. There are many issues to consider. Where do the candidates stand on the critical moral and social issues of our day?

It is important to recognize that not all issues are morally equivalent. The USCCB document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* recognizes the importance of many issues that are being debated today, yet insists that they are not all morally equivalent. It states that "the direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed" (#28). This teaching does not mean that we simply dismiss other issues related to human life and dignity. Church teaching on other issues should not be dismissed or ignored. Issues like health care, jobs, the economy, and immigration are important — Catholic teaching on these issues must be seriously considered. At the same time, the words of Blessed John Paul II still ring true today:

*Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination (Christifideles Laici, #38).*

As Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, I was one of the ten bishops who wrote and signed the new Introductory Note to the teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. In that Note, we again call upon Catholics to form their consciences in the light of their Catholic faith and to bring our moral principles to the debate and decisions about candidates and issues. We list some pressing national issues that our Episcopal Conference is focused on at this time, some involving opposition to intrinsic evils like abortion and others that raise serious moral questions:

1. "Continuing destruction of unborn children through abortion and other threats to the lives and dignity of others who are vulnerable, sick, or unwanted;

2. Renewed efforts to force Catholic ministries — in health care, education, and social services — to violate their consciences or stop serving those in need;

3. Intensifying efforts to redefine marriage and enact measures which undermine marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitful union of one man and one woman and a fundamental moral and social institution essential to the common good;

4. An economic crisis which has devastated lives and livelihoods, increasing national and global unemployment, poverty, and hunger; increasing deficits and debt and the duty to respond in ways which protect those who are poor and vulnerable as well as future generations;

5. The failure to repair a broken immigration system with comprehensive measures that promote true respect for law, protect the human rights and dignity of immigrants and refugees, recognize their contributions to our nation, keep families together, and advance the common good;

6. Wars, terror, and violence which raise serious moral questions on the use of force and its human and moral costs in a dangerous world, particularly the absence of justice, security, and peace in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East." (*Introductory Note*)

As Catholics, we have a serious duty to promote and protect human life and dignity, marriage and family, religious freedom, justice and peace in service to the common good. It is important that we think and pray very carefully before we cast our votes, remembering, as Saint Thomas More once said, that "man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality." We must reject the falsehood of relativism and the notion that there is no moral law rooted in the nature of the human person. Our judgments, including our voting choices, should be made according to prudence and a well-formed conscience. We must live and act in conformity with our faith, which is more important than party loyalties and self-interest. There should be a coherence between our faith and our life, as the Second Vatican Council taught. This includes a coherence between our faith and our political choices.

May the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, guide you in your choices on Election Day!

# Papal nuncio to speak at Nov. 4 Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral

Will offer keynote address at the Seeds of the Church conference

BY TIM JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, will preach the homily at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Sunday, Nov. 4. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Mass.

A nuncio is a Vatican diplomat with the rank of ambassador. He is responsible for diplomatic relations with the government, but also serves as the pope's representative to the Church in a given country, which includes responsibility for coordinating the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

Archbishop Vigano will also be a keynote speaker at the Seeds of the Church: Telling the Story of Today's Christian Martyrs conference at the University of Notre Dame from Nov. 4-6. John Allen, senior correspondent for *National Catholic Reporter* will also offer a keynote address.

The conference intends to raise consciousness inside and outside the Church regarding the widespread persecution of Christians around the world and to explore how the Church has responded and might respond vigorously and faithfully in the future.

The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will host the conference. The event, to be held at McKenna Hall, is open to the public. Registration is now under way and is required for all participants. Conference registration is free.

A complete list of speakers as well as registration information is available at <http://icl.nd.edu>.

Archbishop Vigano was named the apostolic nuncio to the United States on Oct. 19, 2011. Born in Varese, in Italy's far north, he was ordained a priest in 1968 for the Diocese of Pavia. He entered the Vatican's diplomatic service in 1973 and served at Vatican embassies in Iraq and in Great Britain before working in the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1978-89.

He was the Vatican's permanent observer at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, from 1989 to 1992, when Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and nuncio to Nigeria. Pope John Paul personally ordained him a bishop.

Archbishop Vigano — who speaks Italian, French, Spanish and English — was still serving as nuncio to Nigeria in 1997 when Pope John Paul visited the country.

Returning to the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1998, Archbishop Vigano coordinated the appointments of nuncios and papal representatives around the world.



CNS PHOTO/NANCY PHELAN WIECHEC

**Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, attends the opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Jan. 22.**



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In 1999, he led a five-man Vatican delegation to Iraq to try — unsuccessfully, it turned out — to make arrangements for Pope John Paul to visit. The pope had wanted to go to Ur, the city thought to be the birthplace of Abraham, as part of a biblical pilgrimage for the year 2000. At the time, Iraq was under an economic embargo by the West and Ur was under a no-fly zone being enforced by U.S. and British military.

In November 2010 the archbishop was called upon to represent the Vatican at the general assembly of Interpol, the international cooperative organization for police agencies. In his speech to the assembly, he highlighted the ongoing violence against Christians in Iraq, but also spoke more generally about the Vatican's conviction that the promotion of human rights is the best strategy for combating inequalities that lead to crime and terrorism.

**Catholic News Service** contributed to this story.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. — 150th Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick Church, Arcola
- Tuesday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m. — Mass and Dinner with Notre Dame Deans and Administration, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Holy Family School, South Bend
- Thursday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Women's Care Center, South Bend

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heart and never imagined he'd be called to serve as archbishop of Indiana. We are all very pleased you have been missioned to this great archdiocese."

In his remarks, Archbishop Tobin talked about faith as "the capacity to be surprised by God."

"Together we accept this mission. In the eyes of faith, we allow God to surprise us because we know that God is faithful," he said. "In all of my life as a priest and as a religious, I've been surprised by God," he continued. "Sometimes I've said, 'Are you sure you know what you're doing?' I've learned to just walk by faith, not always by sight."

He added, "One of the most serious responsibilities that I accept is in identifying and empowering the gifts of this archdiocese."

He described his appointment to lead the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as "a wonderful and daunting mission."

"I'm coming with a missionary's heart to learn where God is opening a door for the Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana."

Archbishop Tobin thanked Archbishop Buechlein "for what you did for this Church for 19 years, for your example as a bishop, first in Memphis, then in Indianapolis and now in retirement."

In March 2011 Archbishop Buechlein suffered a mild stroke. He had a series of other health problems before that. In 2009, he had shoulder replacement surgery and in 2010, he had surgery to remove a benign tumor from his stomach.

In 2008, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and underwent a successful course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Prior to his Vatican appointment, Archbishop Tobin was general consultant of the Redemptorists from 1991 to 1997 and superior general from 1997 to 2009. He was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the world Synod of Bishops in 1998, 1999 and 2001 and by Pope Benedict to the synods in 2005 and 2008.

Before going to Rome, then-Father Tobin was a parish priest in the inner city in Detroit and Chicago. As associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit from 1979 to 1984, Father Tobin was responsible for ministering to the Hispanic community. He was



CNS PHOTO/SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

**Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, a Vatican official, speaks during a press conference Oct. 18 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis after Pope Benedict XVI named him archbishop of Indianapolis.**

pastor of Holy Redeemer from 1984 to 1990, then was pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago from July 1990 until October 1991.

Born May 3, 1952, he is the oldest of 13 children. He was educated in Catholic schools. He studied at Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, Wis., where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1975. He also studied at Mount St. Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, N.Y., where he received a master's degree in religious education in 1977 and a master of divinity degree in 1979.

On Aug. 21, 1976, he professed perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists. He was ordained a priest June 1, 1978. He was ordained an archbishop Oct. 9, 2010, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome following his papal appointment in August of that year to be the secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Archbishop Tobin speaks several languages including Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and reads several other languages.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis serves nearly 228,000 Catholics in 147 parishes in 39 counties in central and southern Indiana. The archdiocese covers 13,757 square miles.

**Contributing to this story** was Sean Gallagher in Indianapolis.

## Couples celebrate wedding anniversaries in South Bend

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Fred and Katherine Kagel, married 50 years ago at St. Patrick Church in South Bend, were among the many couples who received a special anniversary blessing during Mass Oct. 21 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

In his homily, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades imagined how the couples might reflect back on their wedding day when, before God and His Church, they freely gave themselves to one another in Holy Matrimony.

"Through their mutual 'I do,' they said 'yes' to their vocation from God and embarked on a holy journey together," said Bishop Rhoades. "They did so with faith in God, recognizing marriage as a gift from our Creator, a natural blessing and gift from the Lord. They also did so with faith in Jesus Christ who elevated this natural institution to the status of a sacrament, which means that through it God communicates His grace."

Many of the couples echoed that sentiment, and when asked about the secret to a long and successful marriage, Fred Kagel didn't hesitate.

"Our faith!" he replied as his wife nodded in agreement. "Our faith just means everything to both of us!"

Bishop Rhoades, noting the special Year of Faith just underway, talked about Pope Benedict XVI's recent comments on the crisis of faith and how that affects marriages today.

"The Holy Father explained



DIANE FREEBY

**Fred and Katherine Kagel celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the wedding anniversary Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Oct. 21.**

that marriage is linked to faith," said Bishop Rhoades. "Marriage, as a union of faithful and indissoluble love, is based upon the grace that comes from God, who in Christ loved us with a faithful and unbreakable love, even to the cross. Our anniversary couples are witnesses to this truth. We must not be conformed to the distortions of

marriage in our culture today, but, as St. Paul teaches, judge what is God's will."

Celebrating 60 years of marriage, Peter and Wilma Veldman agreed that marriage is a journey.

"We've had our ups and downs," smiled Wilma, "but many more ups than downs!"

## Decatur parish, others, pleased with success of ARISE

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — All across the diocese, small faith-sharing groups are half way through the first season of the ARISE process.

Last winter, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades encouraged all parishes to participate in the program and 68 (or 85 percent) of parishes answered the call. Sessions for Season One began the week of Oct. 7 and will run for six weeks ending the week of Nov. 11.

In Decatur, members of St. Mary of the Assumption not only answered the call but said "yes" in mass numbers. Of the 1,300-plus families who belong to the Adams County parish, over 400 people are growing in their faith through ARISE.

Lori Miller, a member of the formation team at St. Mary's was thrilled with the overwhelming response. "We thought 300 participants would be a miracle," she told *Today's Catholic*.

Miller attributed the success of the program to the encouragement from both Bishop Rhoades and Father Dave Voors. "Father Dave pushed it (ARISE) and it was really emphasized that Bishop Rhoades wanted everyone to join," Miller said.

Miller and nine other teammates from her parish started preparing and meeting in February 2012. In September training workshops titled, "Small Community Leadership Formation" were held

at three different locations across the diocese with 634 total attending. The St. Mary's team rounded up over 40 leaders who had agreed to take on the role of facilitator for a small group and attended the session held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne. The enthusiastic members wore matching T-shirts and outnumbered all other parishes in attendance.

After their training, St. Mary's formed a record number of 38 groups ranging in size from three to 17 members which include two youth sessions and are offered on every single day of the week.

"It was important for us to accommodate everyone's schedule who had an interest. We did not want to turn anyone away," explained Miller.

Miller was especially moved by the joining of an older woman in the parish. "She originally said she did not think she needed ARISE at her age, but we convinced her that others may 'need' her. Then she talked her sister into it too and now they both love it," Miller said.

Other parishes are also offering rave reviews.

Kathy Coonrod, coordinator for St. Louis Besancon Parish added, "We were elated with our response from sign up Sunday. We have over 100 people meeting in 11 different groups."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton team member, Denise Meyer, who is part of a couples' group on Sunday nights echoed, "It is an awesome program."



PROVIDED BY ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur had a group of near 40 parishioners attend the ARISE Leaders Training session at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne on Thursday, Sept. 20. It was the largest group to turnout for the meeting. St. Mary's has a record number of 38 groups participating in the ARISE Bible study that started on Oct. 7. Father David Voors is pastor of St. Mary Parish.

## CHURCH MILITANT.TV

Internationally known Catholic speaker, Michael Voris of Church Militant.TV will be the featured speaker **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 AT THE LITTLE FLOWER MEN'S BREAKFAST.**

The event will start at 8:00 am with an optional Mass in the Little Flower Chapel at 54191 Ironwood Drive in South Bend. All men are invited for a buffet breakfast at 8:30 am in the Little Flower Parish Center.

Mr Voris, a University of Notre Dame graduate, received his Sacred Theology Baccalaureate (STB) from Sacred Heart Major Seminary/Angelicum in Rome. With a passion for saving souls,

Voris epitomizes what it means to be a member of the Catholic laity today -

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# White Mass celebrated at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

BY ANN CAREY

MISHAWAKA — Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center was the setting for a White Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. The White Mass recognizes the gifts of persons who work in the health care professions and takes its name from the white coats typically worn by medical personnel.

As Bishop Rhoades explained in his homily, Oct. 18 was chosen as the date for celebrating the White Mass because it is the feast of St. Luke, the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. St. Luke was a physician himself, as well as a prolific evangelist whose Gospel presents the most extensive biography of Jesus, the bishop noted.

"I thank you for your selfless devotion to others and for all the sacrifices you make as doctors, nurses, and health-care workers," Bishop Rhoades told the congregation. "Your profession is more than ordinary work. It is a holy mission, a manifestation of God's commandment to love one another as you assist, treat, comfort and cure the sick."

Bishop Rhoades particularly recognized the "witness to the sanctity of life" given by the medical professionals, whom he called "guardians of life."

"This is especially important



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the White Mass on the feast of St. Luke, Oct. 18, at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. He encouraged the caregivers for all the sacrifices they make and reminded them that by adhering to Catholic Church teachings, medical personnel may be criticized or even persecuted, as Jesus was.**

today when powerful movements of opinion, often supported by the media, are trying to influence the consciences of doctors and health-care professionals to induce you to lend your services in practices contrary to Christian and natural morality," he noted.

Bishop Rhoades cited efforts in several states to legalize physician-assisted suicide, and he reminded the

congregation that "physician-assisted suicide, like abortion, goes against the very mission of physicians," whose calling is to be "guardians of life, not to kill, but to cure, or when that is not possible, to comfort and assist through palliative care those who are in pain."

When health-care professionals treat a patient, the bishop said, they are not handling "inert material," but

rather a person like any other person, a "precious creature of God's love and omnipotence" with an eternal destiny. He encouraged the medical professionals to continue to be "generous defenders of life" who affirm the life and dignity of all patients, from infants in the womb to elderly near the end of life.

"Do not allow yourselves to be stained with behavior that is harmful to the sacred good of human life," Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades also offered an ominous warning: "To live your profession with integrity, consistent with the Church's moral teaching, might expose you to misunderstanding and criticism from others, maybe even discrimination. At such times, it is good to recall Christ's prophecy: 'If they persecuted me, they will persecute you.' Jesus reserved a special beatitude for those who are reviled and persecuted on His account. Perhaps you haven't experienced much of that yet, but if the culture of death continues to grow in our coun-

try, we can expect it."

Chris Karem, chief operating officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, told *Today's Catholic* that the medical center was honored to have Bishop Rhoades there to celebrate the White Mass for many reasons.

"We recognize the vital role that being a faith-based hospital plays," Karem said, and by having the bishop celebrate the White Mass there, "We wanted to show our recognition of the important role faith plays in our caregivers."

The faith-based component is important to many of patients, but also to the hospital staff, he continued, explaining that when he is on the patient floors, he often hears staff — housekeepers as well as caregivers — praying with patients or their families or simply offering words of encouragement.

Karem said the religious identity of the hospitals fosters the ability, courage and commitment of the staff to offer this kind of care.

The White Mass celebration there helped the hospital demonstrate to the staff how much their faith-based care of the patient is valued and appreciated, Karem said. And judging from comments he heard from staff after the Mass, he said that people appreciated the encouragement Bishop Rhoades gave to the caregivers in all the sacrifices they make.

What particularly resonated with him, Karem said, was the bishop's reminder that by adhering to Catholic Church teachings, medical personnel may be criticized or even persecuted, as Jesus was.

"The bishop told them to be steadfast and immovable in the practice of their profession consistent with their beliefs, so I think that's important," Karem said. "It makes me think of the Bible verse about being steadfast and immovable, always excelling in the works of the Lord because the works of the Lord will not be in vain."

"We were honored to have the bishop here celebrating the Mass; I look forward to it being an annual event," Karem said.

## TC LIFE

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Tim Johnson, editor of *Today's Catholic* newspaper, says the content of the new magazine is meaningful. "It offers some heartwarming stories not only from our staff but from our readers as well. It's an exciting new venture!"

A limited number of magazines will be distributed directly to 90 parishes, schools and universities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend six times each year. Subscriptions are also available at \$20 per year to ensure personal home delivery.

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*Today's Catholic Life* will publish six times per year, every two months beginning in November. The premiere issue will feature rich Christmas traditions and customs. The January issue follows with a must-see wedding guide. Pages of the March issue will offer a spring theme and celebrate Easter, gardening and health and vitality. The May issue will feature fun in the sun with an invigorating summer theme. July will present a back-to-school theme, with the September issue featuring a senior theme and

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## Obama, Romney take turns poking fun at each other at Al Smith dinner

NEW YORK (CNS) — As headlines for a glittering event that raised \$5 million for Catholic health-care programs in the Archdiocese of New York, President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney briefly suspended their vociferous campaign rhetoric to exchange humorous jibes Oct. 18 at the 67th annual dinner of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation. The host of the event, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, was seated on the four-tiered dais between the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees. They faced more than 1,640 formally attired donors who filled the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and its two balconies. By tradition, speakers poke fun at themselves, one another and various prominent guests, without inflicting wounds. This does not preclude delivering a serious message with a smile. Cardinal Dolan was criticized for inviting Obama because of his administration's mandate requiring most Catholic employers, like other employers, to provide free contraceptive coverage for employees over the Church's moral objections. The Church considers the mandate, currently being challenged in federal court, a threat to religious freedom. But the cardinal managed to land a few direct punches that were met with appreciative applause. He said the annual dinner shows the United States and the Catholic Church at their best. "Here we are in an atmosphere of civility and humor hosted, fittingly, by a Church that claims that joy is the infallible sign of God's presence," he said. "We are grateful to be people of faith and loyal Americans, loving a country which considers religious liberty our first and most cherished freedom, convinced that faith is not just limited to an hour of Sabbath worship, but affects everything we do or dare and dream."

## Vatican approves Oct. 22 as US memorial for Blessed John Paul II

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new liturgical memorial — Oct. 22 — has been approved for Blessed John Paul II by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The U.S. Conference for Catholic Bishops announced Oct. 19 that the congregation had approved the "optional memorial" for the late pope in the calendar for U.S. dioceses. The U.S. bishops last November approved the date for the memorial, which is the anniversary of his inauguration as pope in 1978. The Vatican congregation's approval was the final step to inclusion of the celebration in the liturgical calendar in the United States. An earlier decree of the congregation had approved the celebration of a Mass of thanksgiving for Blessed John Paul during the year following his May 11, 2011, beatification, at the designation of the diocesan bishop. The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar require the additional

# NEWS BRIEFS

## MAN SHOVELS MUD FROM GROTTTO AT LOURDES AFTER FLOODING FROM HEAVY RAINS



CNS PHOTO/CAROLINE BLUMBERG, REUTERS

A man shovels mud from the grotto at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southwestern France Oct. 21. Hundreds of pilgrims were evacuated the day before after heavy rains in the Pyrenees region flooded the shrine and its surrounding town.

approval process to inscribe a permanent observance on the calendar. The office of readings and the Mass propers already included prayers and readings for Blessed John Paul and are what would be used in celebrations of his feast. Blessed John Paul was pope for almost 27 years, traveling the world, helping bring about the end of communism in his native Poland and reaching out to other faiths. He opened new paths for the Church such as the celebration of World Youth Day and other forms of outreach to young people and oversaw the creation of a new Catechism of the Catholic Church and a new Code of Canon Law.

## Bishop calls US court's rejection of Defense of Marriage Act 'unjust'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. Catholic bishops' subcommittee on marriage described as "unjust and a great disappointment" the decision by a federal appeals court striking down part of the Defense of Marriage Act, which says marriage is a legal union of a man and a woman. "Redefining marriage never upholds the equal dignity of individuals because it contradicts basic human rights," said San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. He issued a statement Oct. 19 about a 2-1 ruling

handed down a day earlier by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, which said the federal marriage law was unconstitutional because it failed to give equal protection to New York spouses in same-sex marriages. It was the second appeals court ruling to find a key provision of the 1996 federal law unconstitutional. In May, the Boston-based 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of same-sex couples in Massachusetts, challenging what they argued was the discriminatory nature of the legislation. The Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, passed with bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. It defines marriage as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." The U.S. Supreme Court is expected this term to take up an appeal to rulings on the Defense of Marriage Act. There also is an appeal pending on California's Proposition 8, a 2008 voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage. In February of this year, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit affirmed a U.S. District Court judge's ruling that Prop 8 was unconstitutional. The panel and later the full court stayed the ruling pending appeal. On July 31, it was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In his statement, Archbishop Cordileone reiterated the Church's teaching that marriage "is and can only be the union of one man and one woman," and said this recognition "is grounded in our nature" and "obliges our consciences and laws."

## 'Pray the rosary, give that faith away,' priest urges crowd at rally

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The lilting sounds of "Ave Maria" competed against the sounds of traffic as hundreds of Catholics singing and praying the rosary in Spanish walked from St. Mary's Cathedral, past San Francisco's City Hall to the 2012 Rosary Rally. "Pray the rosary. Not just for yourself. We need to give that faith away," said speaker Father Mark Mary, a Franciscan Missionary of the Eternal Word and host of "Life on the Rock" on the Eternal Word Television Network. "We don't live alone; we don't believe alone," the priest said. "We need the faith of others." The Oct. 13 rosary rally at United Nations Plaza, in sight of City Hall, drew about 1,700 people, many coming from a special 9:30 a.m. Spanish Mass at the cathedral. Last year's rally drew a similar number, and commemorated the 50th anniversary of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton's famous 1961 rosary rally in Golden Gate Park. The priest, who coined the phrase "A family that prays together stays together," promoted the daily recitation of the rosary as a way to build family unity. This year's rally was timed to coincide with the Oct. 11 beginning of the Year of Faith. "I was here last year, I was so blessed," said Ben Rosado, one of the leaders of St. Benedict Young Adults Group at St. Thomas More Parish. "The Lord is here with

us and I just wanted to be part of it again. I love to be among my Catholic brothers and sisters. It's like holy ground when we're all here together," he told *Catholic San Francisco*, the archdiocesan newspaper.

## Nominees back access to contraceptives, but differ on how to provide it

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (CNS) — Both President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney backed women's access to contraceptives during the Oct. 16 town hall debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead. But the two presidential nominees differed on how to provide such access. "In my health care bill, I said insurance companies need to provide contraceptive coverage to everybody who's insured, because this is not just a health issue, it's an economic issue for women," said Obama, a Democrat. Romney, a Republican, said: "I don't believe that bureaucrats in Washington should tell someone whether they can use contraceptives or not, and I don't believe employers should tell someone whether they could have contraceptive care or not. Every woman in America should have access to contraceptives." The remarks came in response to a question posed by an undecided voter on how to address inequalities for women she sees in the workplace. Obama was referring to the health-care reform law, which requires all employers, including most religious employers, to cover the costs of contraceptives, including some that can cause abortions, and sterilizations in employee health plans.

## Ignorance of faith risks creating cafeteria Catholics, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ignorance of the faith puts Christians at risk of following a "do-it-yourself" religion, Pope Benedict XVI said. People need to become more familiar with the creed because it is there that the "Christian moral life is planted and ... one finds its foundation and justification," the pope said Oct. 17 at his weekly general audience. Before an estimated 20,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope began a new series of audience talks to accompany the Year of Faith, which marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. He said he hopes the series of instructional talks, which is expected to run until Nov. 24, 2013, will help people "strengthen or rediscover the joy of faith and realize that it isn't something foreign to or separate from everyday life, but is its soul." Pope Benedict said the widespread and dominant nature of today's secularism, individualism and relativism means that even Christians are not completely "immune from these dangers." Some of the negative effects include faith being lived "passively or in private, a refusal to learn about the faith, and the rift between faith and life," he said.

## 'A Harvest of Blessings' concert Nov. 3 at Victory Noll Center

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will present a night of entertainment, information and fellowship with "A Harvest of Blessings" on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The evening will begin with social time starting at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the O'Donnell Room at Victory Noll Center that includes hors d'oeuvres and drinks. At 8 p.m., the program moves to the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel for music from the Bishop Luers High School Chamber Ensemble and Minstrels, and song selections by Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Dessert will follow the concert.

The event will also provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to learn more about, and become involved with, Victory Noll Center and its ministry and mission of fostering spiritual growth and personal development in a welcoming environment, advocating social justice awareness and response, and nourishing people to live and share God's love in today's world. Of particular focus are those programs involving women veterans, the Matthew 25 Project and human-trafficking awareness.

Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington, is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.

Tickets for "A Harvest of Blessings" are \$25 per person. Those interested in attending must register by Oct. 27 by contacting Victory Noll Center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, by email at victorynollcenter@olvm.org, or online at [www.olvm.org/vncenter](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter).

## Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters announce leadership team

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters have announced their new leadership team following installation ceremonies at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll. Election of the team was held during General Chapter proceedings, which occur every four years. The term of the leadership team runs through 2016.

Team members are Sister Beatrice Haines, president; Sister Judith Turnock, vice-president; Sister Ginger Downey, general secretary; and Sister Leora Linenkugel, general treasurer.

Sister Beatrice Haines, a native of Goshen, enters her second term as president of the leadership team. She served as vice president from 1992-2000. She was also a member of the OLVM Council from 1977-84.

## Correction

In the Oct. 14 issue of *Today's Catholic* in "Local teens are Catholics on a mission," the correct website for Catholics on a Mission is <https://catholicsonmission.wordpress.com>.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## CATHOLIC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



JOE ROMIE

Hundreds of students from St. Charles and St. Vincent Schools in Fort Wayne prayed in front of the Fort Wayne abortion site on Inwood Drive on Oct. 18 for a demonstration in support of life. The students, above, were joined by Father Andrew Budzinski, second from left, parochial vicar at St. Vincent Parish, and Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar at St. Charles Parish. St. Charles students walked from their school to the prayer site where they met the St. Vincent students for 20 minutes of prayer. The student walk-in is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, an international prayer vigil that takes place at abortion facilities. This is the fifth year of the Fort Wayne 40 Days for Life.

## LADIES GUILD DONATES TO ST. MARTIN SOUP KITCHEN



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The Ladies Guild of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn presented food and a monetary donation to Bill Sobieski, director of St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett on Oct. 11. The donation will be used to purchase food and supplies for those in need. Pictured are members of the Ladies Guild and Bill Sobieski, far right.

## University of Saint Francis expands downtown presence with Chamber building purchase

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

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

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

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

"We certainly appreciate the historical significance of the Chamber building in so many of Fort Wayne's business dealings over the past 84 years," said Chamber President and CEO Mike Landram.

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PRE-K LEARNS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY



PHOTO PROVIDED BY CORINNE DETREMPE

Firefighters from the Notre Dame and Clay Township Fire Departments visited pre-k students at Christ the King School in South Bend during National Fire Prevention Week. The pre-k class, taught by Corinne DeTrempe, learned about fire safety and prevention, and how members of their family can practice fire safety all year long. Pre-k student Mary Kirsch enjoyed trying on the fire fighting gear.

# A modern day Job story

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Part of the human condition is experiencing loss and learning to grow from it. One Fort Wayne resident, Liz Sanders, knows well the trials and tribulations of learning to live with loss. Her modern day Job story, layered with multiple losses, begins at a very early age.

Born in New York, Sanders grew up in Chicago where her widowed mother raised Liz and her two sisters and brother after their father's death. Sanders was only a-year-and-a-half at the time of his death. "My dad's death probably impacted me more than I'm aware," reflects Sanders, adding that though her mom worked hard to give her children a male influence, she was decidedly raised in a "very female household."

Fortunately, Sanders says, their Catholic faith was of utmost importance. Both parents had been staunch Irish Catholics and saw to it that their children regularly and reverently participated in the sacraments and were educated in Catholic schools. "I went to Catholic grade school and an all-girls' Catholic high school," recalls Sanders. And though her mom was angry with God for the devastating losses in her life, "She still had a relationship with God even if she was angry," says Sanders. That witness of faith in the midst of trial helped form Sanders' own belief in a God of mercy.

Sanders met her beloved husband, Mark, at Marquette University while she pursued a degree in physical therapy. Mark, the strong, silent type, was an engineering major. They were married in 1965 and their lives began in earnest after moving to Fort Wayne with a job opportunity.

The happy couple raised five close-knit children, four boys



LIZ SANDERS

in four-and-a-half years and a daughter 10 years later, all of whom graduated from St. Jude Elementary and Bishop Dwenger High School. Liz was very active in their home parish of St. Jude as well as with the right-to-life movement. She worked as a physical therapist in between the years she stayed home with her children.

Sanders and her mom remained close as the children grew older. When her mom died in 1986, she says, "I had the feeling of devastating emptiness." But after the mourning came life again.

Fast forward a few years to the day in March of 1992 when her then 22-year-old son Eric was diagnosed, after months of ill health, with advanced leukemia. Sanders was as overwhelmed by the diagnosis as her son appeared to be, but took charge and immediately led him to be admitted for treatment. In the few moments when she was separated from him, her devastated son jumped from the hospital rooftop to his death.

"It was so shocking, so sudden," recalls a wistful Sanders, adding "That took a lot of adjustment." Now, 20 years after her son's death Sanders is still impacted by the loss. "It's a different thing with the loss of a child. People ask 'How many children do you have?' I have to say, 'Five.' I had to decide how I was going to acknowledge this person



PHOTO PROVIDED BY LIZ SANDERS

Pictured in this 1989 photo are from left in back, Nathaniel, Tony, Stephen and Eric, and in front, Liz, Virginia and Mark.

who was so important to me," she says.

With her son's death came a shift in faith for both Sanders and her husband. Mark, who had not participated in the sacraments for years, quietly began receiving Communion once again. Sanders, who says she found comfort in going through the motions of attending Mass and receiving the sacraments, now struggled with trust. She admits, "I didn't have any idea how angry I was at God. ... I couldn't say the 'Our Father' for a long time. I couldn't say the 'Thy will be done' part."

Despite her inability to recite the prayer, Sanders relied on a favorite Scripture verse found in Psalm 46. "'Be still and know that I am God' became my mantra and got me through the worst of Eric's death," she recalls. As her faith

sustained her months after Eric's death she says, "I made a decision. I could let this rule me or I could go on with life and be positive ... be me again." And with that significant choice she found light in the darkness of grief.

Then seven years after Eric's death, Sanders faced more devastation when Mark was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Initially, radiation worked, but five years later the cancer returned with a vengeance. After several rounds of chemotherapy Mark was out of options, but Liz recalls, "He was still going to fight it."

As she watched her husband deteriorate, Liz felt as if she were grieving anew and Psalm 46 resurfaced to sustain her. "It brings everything back when you have another loss," she says, but adds "God was really with us.

... He was with us every step of the way." Mark had been able to visit with all of his children the Christmas holiday before his death and was awake to speak with his daughter when she arrived at the hospital hours before he died.

After so many devastating losses Liz realized that she knew this kind of grief on an intimate basis. "I had no major argument with God over Mark," she says. "I knew what was coming and that I would get through it. ... I am so grateful that I had my faith after Mark died."

And faith is what sustained her most recently when her son Stephen suffered severe brain trauma among other injuries in a serious bicycling accident in Colorado. For the past several months she has been first at his bedside and then by his side as he rehabilitates back into life once more.

As one significant loss layered upon the next, Sanders has learned to respond to each in her own unique way, building her faith on the wisdom of her experience. Now back home, Sanders sees every day as a gift, and loss as part of life. Though she doesn't know what her future holds, she trusts that she will survive.

"Everyone has a story to tell," says Liz Sanders, a woman who knows well the trials of Job. "If we let it destroy us, we lose two things — the person we loved and ourselves. There is a way to get through and we do go on. ... I can't imagine not having family and God."

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# Those with chronic illnesses offered safe haven for spiritual support

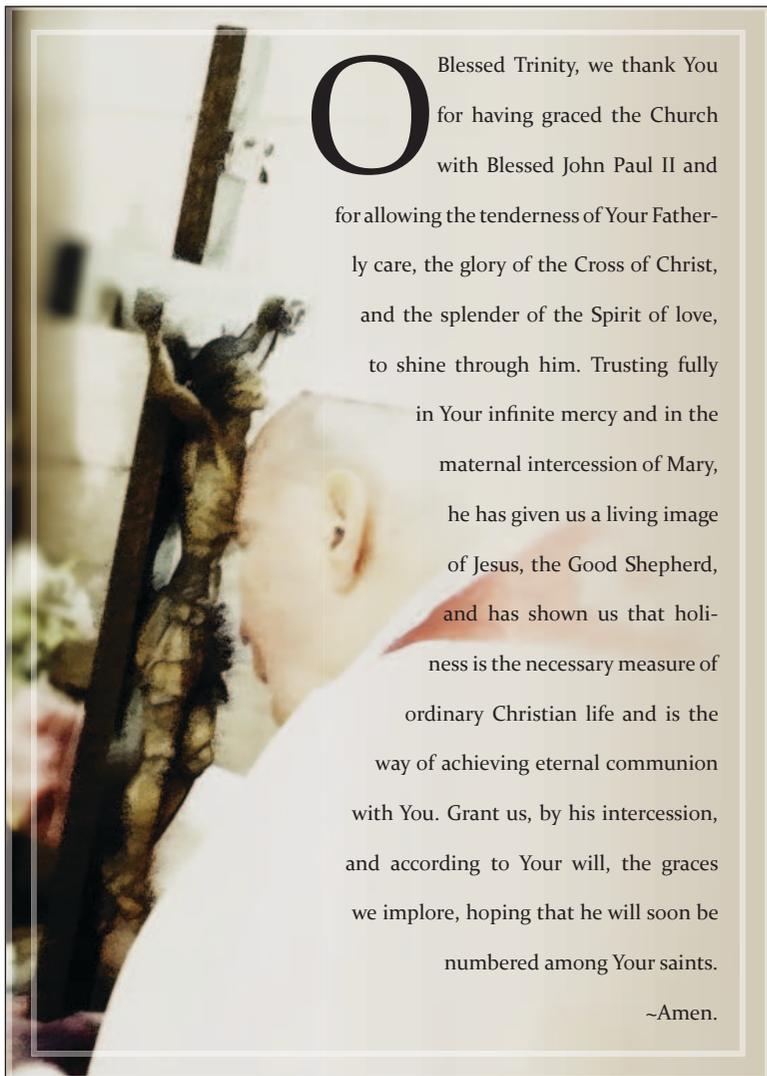
BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Facing the diagnosis of a chronic illness can be a devastating experience. Learning to live with the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges that accompany serious maladies from cancer to Crohn's Disease or HIV-AIDS requires self-awareness and support. To meet that need for support the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has established the Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering, a young adults' group that meets monthly for prayer, meditation and discussion.

This special ministry began in the heart of Ryan Guthrie who himself suffers from a chronic illness. His vision of providing an opportunity for young adults who live with serious illnesses to have a safe place to share their experience of suffering impacted Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Mary Glowaski, Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries.

"Bishop Rhoades was deeply touched by Ryan and his love and devotion to God," reports Glowaski, who herself was moved by Guthrie's simple vision rooted in the Gospel call to love and minister to one another. "The beauty of this is it's not complicated. We're just receiving people where they are and hoping they can find God, comfort and encouragement," she says.

The group's mission is to foster communion among those suffering from serious illness as they seek to "understand the gift of redemptive suffering" offered



**O** Blessed Trinity, we thank You for having graced the Church with Blessed John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of Your Fatherly care, the glory of the Cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Spirit of love, to shine through him. Trusting fully in Your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with You. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to Your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among Your saints.

~Amen.

through a participation in the passion of Christ. Each gathering opens and closes with prayer and includes Scripture and other readings and short meditations on redemptive suffering, followed by a discussion on applying the readings to every day life. In an

atmosphere of safety and confidentiality sharing personal life experiences of suffering allows the participants to go deeper into the mystery of the passion and death of Jesus Christ and their own willingness to find peace in suffering.

## Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering

A special ministry for those affected by HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Jude Parish Center-room C, 2130 Pemberton Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805. For more information contact Mary at (260) 399-1458, email [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org) or visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/specialministries](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/specialministries).

Living with a chronic illness can be very isolating says Glowaski, whose husband died of complications from a transplant after a long battle with Crohn's disease. "Dealing with chronic illness is a lonely experience," she says. "You keep asking God, 'What are You teaching me?'"

The experience has taught her to let go, hold life and loved ones loosely and focus on the simple things. "It is just this moment, this half day. Nothing is solid except God's love," she says knowingly.

For those dealing with chronic illness Glowaski encourages, "Generously forgive forgotten appointments, birthday wishes,

mistakes, short tempers." And for those supporting them she says, "The most important part of a person with a chronic illness is that they are someone with an illness — not THE illness. We must remember that that's only a part of them. Their goodness and gift-ness is still in there. ... They'll teach us what we need to know about them."

Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering began meeting in August and continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Church, is the group's spiritual director and consultant regarding the reception of the sacraments of healing among the group, including Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Guthrie facilitates the group, whose patron is Blessed John Paul II, an exemplary modern day model of redemptive suffering, and invites all young adults in the area who suffer from a serious illness to "come and see" what the group is all about.

Glowaski believes the Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering is spirit led to meet an important need and says, "We cannot take away someone's suffering — we are not meant to — but we can help carry this suffering."

Vince LaBarbera contributed to this story.

## MASS FOR POOR SOULS IN MISHAWAKA



The annual Rosary for the Poor Souls will be recited on Sunday, Nov. 4, in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Mishawaka at 2 p.m. The photo is from the rosary in 2011.

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# Vincent Village to host farm to table event Nov. 15

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Seeking to alleviate problems of the homeless, Vincent Village, Inc., a transitional shelter in Fort Wayne serving homeless families and children since 1989, is offering a farm to table dinner and auction event titled, "A Place at Our Table."

To be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6-10 p.m. during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week (Nov. 10-18), the unique culinary experience will feature locally sourced ingredients, some of northern Indiana's most noted chefs, and wine and beer pairings at Thermodyne Foodservice Products, Inc., 2300 Meyer Road, New Haven. All food and beverages are being generously provided by local vendors and prepared by local chefs.

The Vincent Village farm to table dinner/auction is believed to be the first of its scale in the Fort Wayne area. It will pair local and regional chefs with farms and purveyors of locally grown and sourced foods to provide a 15-course meal like no other. Wine, beer and seasonal drinks will enhance the culinary experience along with many interesting and new activities taking place during the evening.

"We at Parkview Field are excited with the opportunity to partner with Vincent Village and provide a benefit to a great

number of people and it's organization through this very unique farm to table event," said Scott H. Kammerer, executive chef/culinary director at Parkview Field. "Having the availability of products from local farms is exciting in that we know we are helping our community in several ways. All of the produce and the center of the plate items (veal, pork, beef, chicken and duck) are all from local farms."

"Another unique item for this event is the use of the Thermodyne test kitchens," said Kammerer. "We expect to prepare and serve one course every 10 minutes for the duration of the evening. All the courses will be served tapas style (small portions), which is designed to encourage conversation."

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained by calling Cynthia at (260) 456-4172 ext. 222 or emailing [crossberry@vincentvillage.org](mailto:crossberry@vincentvillage.org). For more information contact Barb A'Hearn at (260)-705-5235 or [barb.ahearn@gmail.com](mailto:barb.ahearn@gmail.com) or visit [www.vincentvillage.org](http://www.vincentvillage.org).

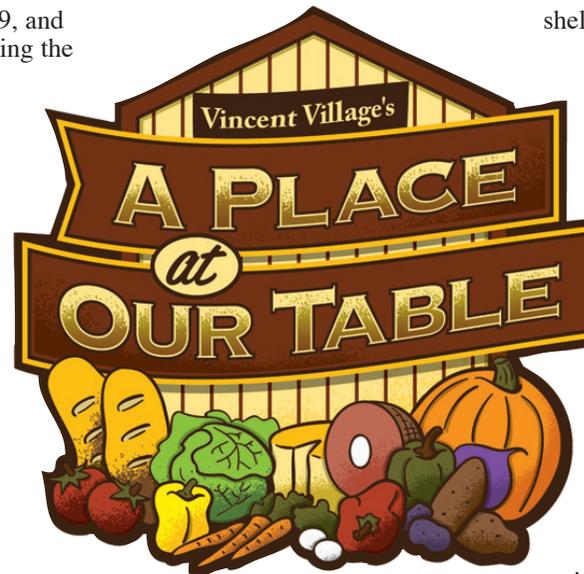
Located at 2827 Holton Ave., Vincent Village serves homeless families with children, providing shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing and supportive services as these families build strength and strive to become independent, productive members of the community.

Vincent Village opened as the Vincent House Transitional

Shelter on Dec. 19, 1989, and immediately began serving the needs of homeless families with children in a renovated convent belonging to St. Hyacinth Church. Since that time, Vincent House has served approximately 700 families and developed additional programs to meet the needs of homeless families with children.

A by-product of Vincent House's efforts to provide post-transitional affordable rental housing has been the transformation of the once disinvested, deteriorating neighborhood surrounding the original shelter. Vincent House purchased and renovated 32 vacant and abandoned single-family homes in the neighborhood to create an Affordable Housing Program. These furnished homes, occupied by "graduates" of the Vincent House Transitional Shelter Program, make up a friendly, supportive neighborhood community. To more accurately reflect this expanded role in housing and neighborhood revitalization, Vincent House, Inc. changed its name to Vincent Village, Inc. in 2008.

Vincent Village seeks to move each family it serves from homelessness to permanent affordable housing with its Pathways to Success Program. When a family enters the program, the adults in the family work with a case manager to develop an Action



shelter. There are no restrictions on family size or ages of children. Approximately 63 percent of the families served are single female-headed families, 28 percent are two-parent families and another 9 percent are single male-headed families. Nearly 68 percent of the people living in the shelter are children. Acceptance into the program is dependent on available space. Unfortunately, nearly 30 families a year needing shelter are turned away for lack of space.

"It is through the generosity of organizations, businesses and individuals that Vincent Village is able to serve homeless families," said Ann Helmke, executive director. The annual cost to support a family in the transitional shelter is approximately \$10,000, or \$833 per month, she related. "Seventy percent of our residents are children who deserve a safe, warm home and a secure future. An estimated 2,500 individuals are homeless or near homeless in Fort Wayne on any given day," Helmke continued. ("Near homeless" is defined as paying more than half the household's gross monthly income for rent).

The "A Place at Our Table" dinner/auction event is being held to help increase the capacity of the Vincent House Transitional Shelter, which serves an average of 35 families a year in a group-home setting, and has a long waiting list.

Plan for Self-sufficiency with at least three goals to improve their life skills. Success is essential for the family to afford and maintain permanent housing.

A fourth program, Youth Services for Homeless Children, serves an average of 120 homeless children each year from Vincent House, Vincent Village and other homeless programs. Services include tutoring, educational and enriching activities, referrals and coordination for services for special-needs children.

Strengthening families by keeping them together during the crisis of homelessness is the philosophy of Vincent Village — the only transitional shelter in Allen County serving two-parent families and single male-headed families without requiring the families to split up to access transitional

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# 'Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary'

St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote this confession of faith to the Christians of the Church in Ephesus as he was being taken by an armed guard to Rome in the first years of the second century to face his martyrdom. Although sorely harassed and literally surrounded by evil forces in the grip of the "prince of this world," he drew consolation and confidence from the silent power of the Incarnation. St. Ignatius understood his life to be so informed by the divine life of Christ that he described himself as a "bearer of God" or even as "borne by God."

As we proclaim in this article of the Creed the same truth of the Incarnation of God in the Person of Jesus Christ, we too bow before "the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Word" (CCC

No. 483). And in so doing we join with St. Ignatius in acknowledging the height and breadth, length and depth of what can be "accomplished in God's silence."

If we trace the simple arc of earthly time between Jesus Christ being "conceived by the Holy Spirit" and "born of the Virgin Mary," we enter the confines of the ordinary time of a pregnancy. This first period of any child's life is one of virtual hiddenness and silence.

In the liturgical rhythms of the Church, too, the solemnities of the Annunciation (March 25) and Christmas (Dec. 25) span exactly nine months. By this logic of the Incarnation, we can discern a certain Marian pattern to our own spiritual lives, namely that even before we can see Him or fully recognize His voice, Christ is silently present and active in us in innumerable hidden

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ways through the generations of the family of the Church.

Our subjective feelings toward this fact, of course, may range variously across those of any expectant mother: joy and hope, fear and anguish (perhaps accompanied by nausea!). But the fact remains that the Word has become flesh (Jn 1:14) and dwells among us, promising to be with us always until the

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# Key to life is trust in the Lord



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:46-52

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. A few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself. He was from Anathoth, a village only a few miles from Jerusalem, and he was the son of Hilkiah, a priest. He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

Being the son of a priest, he in all likelihood was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the importance of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, that molded the Hebrews into one distinctive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

The tradition was clear. The Hebrews did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky, or because they were clever. To the contrary, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his lifetime as threatening, or as awful, as the plight of his people centuries earlier in Egypt. He lived to see Babylonia completely overtake the Hebrew homeland, and he saw the coercion brought to bear upon his people by Babylon and other imperialistic

neighbors.

He addressed these threats, and the humiliation and destruction of being overtaken, with faith that the merciful God of the Exodus again would rescue the people. This weekend's reading is a powerful and expressive acclamation of God's power and goodness, and in the assurance that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading literarily is moving in its eloquence and feeling.

For its second reading, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and customs. Its author is unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century very well.

Supreme in Jewish cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life, in the first century was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses. The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Epistle to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity. Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, causing reconciliation and a new bonding after sin tore humanity away from God. St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartimeus, a blind man who begged by the roadside in Jericho. It is no wonder that Bartimeus had to beg in order to survive.

At the time of Jesus, persons with severe physical challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them.

Blindness, as all other bodily

difficulties, had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed nothing evil or heartless. Disease and incapacity were signs of a heartlessness that came from sin.

Thus, when Jesus healed, the effects and power of sin also were overcome.

The key to Bartimeus' being healed was his faith.

## Reflection

Jeremiah was hardly the only ancient Hebrew writer who concentrated on the mercy of God as seen in the Exodus. God's mercy is everlasting, because God is eternal and unchanging.

God is not forgiving and blessing in one instance, but punitive and angry in another.

Just as hardships and great worries troubled the ancient Hebrews long after they had left Egypt, so sadness and difficulties confront us today.

We cannot do everything ourselves, but the loving God of the Exodus, with us because of the reconciling death of Jesus, still comes to our aid. The key is that we, as Bartimeus, love God and trust in the Lord.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:** Eph 4:32 — 5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

**Friday:** Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 11:17-27

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef Lk 14:1, 7-11

# Parent loss stings at any age

It seems that in the general scheme of things there is a natural order to life and death. At least that's what we all tend to cling to. Those of us who are parents hope to die before our children, but not before our appointed time. But what of us adult children who experience the loss of our parents?

My dad died while on vacation at the relatively young age of 72. I never got to say all my heartfelt goodbyes to him before he died, though we spoke on the phone briefly before his departure. I was comforted to know my mom was with him when he died.

It was odd to know that my dad was gone and I prayed fervently for the repose of his soul and for my mom in her grief. And all the while I missed my dad, my mom remained a steadfast compass in my own grief. Three years later my mom died as well. I was blessed to be part of the group that cared for her after her stroke and was able to be with her as she drew her last breath.

The three months that she lay paralyzed and unable to speak, though painful for all, were bittersweet gifts to me as I was able to speak to her all that my heart held, something I had thought I would have time to do with my dad. And then one day she was gone. I recall in vivid detail the moments following my mom's death when my oldest sister, who stood near me with rivulets of tears marking her cheeks, keened, "Oh, gosh, now we're orphans!"

My five siblings and I were all in our 30s and well established each in our own adult lives. But in a way she was right. It doesn't matter when we lose our parents. There is a part of us that may feel a bit ungrounded or lost in the world that no longer holds our folks.

My siblings and I tried to honor each of our parents after their deaths with specifically planned visitations and Masses of Christian burial. And we were grateful to receive the loving support of church and community as we buried them those three years apart.

But I must admit the support for parent loss is not as long-lived as for some other losses, such as spousal loss or losing a child. And I believe it has to do with the natural cycle of life and death. All of us expect to lose our parents and our adult lives do go on after they're gone. But that doesn't make the loss any less painful.

In the first few months after my mom's death I found myself overcome on occasion with a deep longing and a little bit of fear — a longing to talk with my mom again about everyday life issues, as we always had, and fear that I would not navigate this life well without my home compass. In my heart of hearts I always assumed that she would be there. After all she was my mom!

I found that as I mourned my



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mom's death I had to grieve many associated losses as well. I lost my safe place to fall, my compass, my best friend and mentor. She had always been there to comfort me when I needed it, celebrate my victories, encourage me when I had lost hope and love me through it all.

When we lose our parents, we also lose the person who loves us like no other can.

Parents are, for us, a mirror reflecting the substance from which we identify ourselves first in life. They are our first-line cheerleaders and at their death we must rediscover who we are outside of their all-encompassing love.

Some of us may have unresolved issues concerning our relationship with either of our parents. Of course it's beneficial to work through any issues with our loved ones face to face. However, it's never too late to forgive any wrongs you feel burdened by, even after death. I believe my folks did the best they could with what they knew.

My family of origin dynamic changed quite a bit after my folks had died. Our parents' home was the central gathering place for holidays and special events. The "clan clearinghouse," my mom would say. Since our parents' deaths, my siblings and I have tried to make a special effort to host family get-togethers and we've found new reasons and places to make memories together now that our parents are gone.

And though we still feel our parents' absence we have learned to share stories of the past when we can to keep them alive in our hearts. Through the shared tears and laughter we have come to understand that our parents raised us to believe in the beauty of life, both earthly and heavenly. They would want us to be true to family and enjoy life while we can.

As I recall my cherished memories of my parents, I am encouraged by the traits I value in each of them and hope that I, too, will live the legacy of character and virtue they have left in their wake. Their memory will forever be a mainstay in my heart.

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# Getting down from assisted-suicide ledge

Several states are considering legislative measures to let physicians prescribe (but not administer) a lethal dose of a toxic drug to their patients, thereby assisting their patients to commit suicide. This is known as physician-assisted suicide. Advocates of this practice assure us that this can be a good choice for someone who is dying, or who wants to die.

If physician-assisted suicide really represents a "good choice," we need to ask: why should only physicians be able to participate? Why should only physicians be allowed to undermine public trust of their profession through these kinds of death-dealing activities?

Why not include police, for example? If a sick person expresses a wish to die, the police could be notified, and an officer would arrive bearing a suitable firearm. He would load it with bullets, cock the gun, and place it on the bedside stand of the sick patient. After giving instruction on the best way to angle the barrel, the officer would depart, and the patient could then pick the device up and shoot himself — "police-assisted suicide."

Besides physician-assisted suicide and police-assisted suicide, "military-assisted suicide" could be offered as well. Members of the armed forces would bring in a standard-issue hand grenade upon request, explaining to the sick patient how to remove the pin properly and how to place the device so as to achieve the most rapid, painless and destructive death.

The assisted-suicide paradigm would readily admit other creative approaches as well — society could sanction "assisted drownings" where lifeguards could be asked to assist those wishing to die by providing them millstones to take them to the bottom of lakes and oceans.

But if a lifeguard helped people drown, would you want him watching your family at the beach?

It is troubling how many individuals fail to grasp the radical absurdity of allowing physician-assisted suicide. Suicide is no joking matter. Regardless of how it transpires, it is a catastrophe for those who end their own lives, for their loved ones left behind and for society more broadly.

Some people may decide that their lives are no longer worth living, but our society has always recognized that decision to be a tragedy and a mistake; that's why high bridges have signs encouraging suicidal individuals to seek help rather than jump. Suicide hotlines are open 24 hours a day because we seek to prevent as many deaths as we can. We treat as heroes those who walk along bridges or climb tall buildings and try to talk people down.

Commentator Greg Pfundstein stresses how this sound and consistent cultural message is flatly contradicted when we allow physicians to prescribe lethal drugs so people can kill themselves — it is like replacing the suicide intervention signs on bridges with signs that state, "Ask your physician if jumping is right for you." Simply put, such jumping is never a "good thing," and it is only our own foolhardiness that lets us feign it could be, whether physician-assisted or otherwise.

I remember reading a letter to the editor in the local paper of a small town many years ago. The woman wrote about the death of her grandparents — well educated, intelligent and seemingly in control of their faculties — who had tragically committed suicide together by drinking a deadly substance. They were elderly and struggling with various ailments.

Her first-hand perspective was unflinching: "It took me years to forgive my grandparents after they committed suicide. I was so angry at what they had done to me and my family. I felt betrayed. I felt nauseated. At some fundamental level I just couldn't believe it had really



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happened, and I couldn't believe that they didn't reach out to us for help. I thought the pain would never go away. The idea that suicide could ever be a good thing is a total crock and a lie. It leaves behind deep scars and immeasurable pain on the part of family and friends. We don't have the right to take our own lives because we didn't give ourselves life."

I'm reminded of the words of the mayor of one of our great cities, who declared: "The crime rate isn't so bad if you just don't count the murders." Assisted suicide, similarly, isn't so bad if you just don't count the victims: the many broken individuals, broken families and broken hearts.

A friend of mine in Canada has struggled with multiple sclerosis for many years. He often speaks out against assisted suicide. Recently, he sent me a picture of himself taken with his smiling grandchildren, one sitting on each arm of his wheelchair. Below the picture he wrote, "If I had opted for assisted suicide back in the mid-1980s when I first developed MS, and it seemed life as I knew it was over, look what I would have missed. I had no idea that one day I would be head over heels in love with grandchildren! Never give up on life."

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who came forth from her virgin womb did so ultimately to emerge more triumphantly alive from the "new tomb" (cf. Jn 19:41), which had threatened the muteness of death's finality.

The surprising "last word" of the Incarnation is therefore thankfully the Risen life of Christ and our participation in it. All that descends into the Lord's humanity will ascend into His divinity: "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (Col 3:1-4).

No one knows better than Our Blessed Lady that the "hidden life of Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life," including those which involve facing the inevitable prospect of

dying (cf. CCC No. 533). This pregnant silence of faith always proclaims in time the "greatness of the Lord" (cf. Lk 1:46). It is the hidden power of every Christian's radical public witness in the arena of the world, even amidst the murderous roar of crowds and beasts.

We rejoice with the saints of every age that Christ allows canonical Creeds, venerable letters (and perhaps even a homemade poem like the one below) to bear something of the Marian mystery of His Incarnation, by which we are all borne:

Our Lady did respond gratefully in beatitude, beyond our dumb-flummoxed, asinine ingratitude: She vowed that the unspeakable Word in the beginning be allowed as the unspeaking Flesh of our thanksgiving. Translated pro nobis fresh upon quiet mangled sod, silence remains — even late proclaimed — the first language of God.

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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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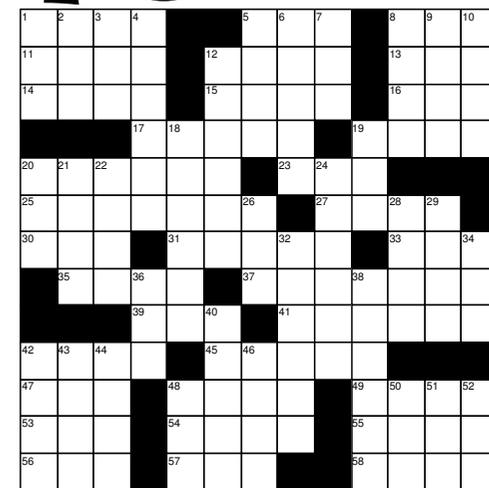
Indeed, because Jesus Christ in the Incarnation has committed Himself so completely and irrevocably for us ("pro nobis"), we can, like St. Paul, be "convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39).

This conviction most certainly comes at a price: The Lord's redemptive death is the final mysterious silence of God mentioned by St. Ignatius. The mother of Jesus receives the eternal life-giving Holy Spirit as the dying breath of her Son (cf. Jn 19:25-30). Facing his own death, the wise Bishop of Antioch knew with Mary's faith that the One

# The CrossWord

Oct. 21 and 28, 2012

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57 Central Daylight Time  
58 Type of exercise



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 and Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

## ACROSS

- 1 Italian "pope"
- 5 Easter food
- 8 Friend
- 11 Spanish cheers
- 12 Templar seaport
- 13 Winter hazard
- 14 Shortest gospel
- 15 Peter's transportation
- 16 Santa helper
- 17 French dollar
- 19 Very dry wine
- 20 Bartimaeus did (2 wd)
- 23 East southeast
- 25 Send for again
- 27 Not to be worshipped

- 30 Wild ox
- 31 Worn
- 33 Medical practitioner
- 35 God does with justice
- 37 (2 wd) His will shall be accomplished
- 39 Internal Revenue Service
- 41 Rewards
- 42 James' brother
- 45 Latin chalice
- 47 Self's pride
- 48 Canal
- 49 Chancery
- 53 Sin
- 54 Descendants
- 55 Docile

## DOWN

- 1 Type of small dog
- 2 Wing
- 3 \_\_\_ diem
- 4 "Whatever you \_\_\_ in my name" (2 wd)
- 5 Economics abbr.
- 6 God's goodness
- 7 Garner
- 8 Wharf
- 9 Civil liberties group
- 10 Opposite right hand
- 12 One who reduces
- 18 Ship's steering mechanism
- 19 Mattress
- 20 God hears the poor's
- 21 Stack of paper
- 22 "My \_\_\_ is easy"
- 24 Stringy
- 26 Gnawer
- 28 Incense's is distinctive
- 29 "\_\_\_ it over"
- 32 Large water mammals
- 34 Money savers
- 36 Can metal
- 38 Slackness
- 40 Young fish
- 42 WWII vehicle
- 43 Giant
- 44 Unicorn has one
- 46 Am not
- 48 Computer out
- 50 Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
- 51 Madagascar franc (abbr.)
- 52 Affirmative

Answer Key can be found on page 15

# Sports

**DWENGER CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM HEADS TO STATE COMPETITION** The Bishop Dwenger cross-country team earned a trip to the IHSAA state championships to be held in Terre Haute after a third-place team placing at semistate and a second-place regional finish. At the regional meet, five runners — Greg Tippmann, Matt Klein, Jack Obergfell, Mark Berghoff and Zack McIntyre — set personal bests.

— Michelle Castleman

## ICCL Blazers, Panthers propel to championship game

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — And then there were two.

The Inter-City Catholic League boasted full stands and great weather as the final four teams competed for the right to play in the finals this Sunday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. on Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School.

First things first. In order to play in the finals the St. Matthew Blazers (Our Lady of Hungary, St. Jude) would face a traditional power in the Crusaders of Holy Cross/Christ the King. It would turn out to be an epic battle of wills.

The Crusaders would start the game off with little fanfare as their balanced attack was stopped cold by the Blazers' defense.

The black-and-orange-clad Blazers would however ride the wave of the single wing formation with runs by Chris Scales, Justin DeClark, Cole Kazina and Nick Monnin, which moved the ball methodically in a clump down the field.

The Blazers would capitalize on their game plan as Monnin following his offensive line into the end zone with 2:26 remaining in the opening stanza, followed by a points after kick by Jack Tiller, making the score, 8-0.

Gutsy runs by the Crusaders' Danny Chimutu and powerful back Paul Murphy had difficulty piercing the Blazer defense on their second possession, turning the ball over on downs and giving the ball back at the St. Matthew 49-yard line.

Unlike many of the Blazers' drives, this one would be short lived as Kazina burst around the end and dashed the 51 yards needed for a score and a 16-0 lead.

The Crusaders would however claw their way back into the contest as Hunter West broke out of the pack and scampered all the way down to the 10 being brought down by a touchdown saving tackle by Scales.

Then it was gut check time as the Crusader line banged and bulled the Blazers the final 10 yards as Murphy pin-balled his way to paydirt. Duran Ramos'



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**Mishawaka Catholic Saint Alexander Horvath is tackled by St. Anthony's Walter Ellis.**

kick found its mark making the contest a one score margin, 16-8.

The only drive of merit left in the first half was ended as Crusader defensive back Nick Riboni picked off Blazer quarterback DeClark at the eight-yard line changing the momentum going into the break.

The second half would be all Blazers as the offensive line of Vinnie Gerstbauer, Ryan Quinn, Joe Cline, Evan Sandefur, Bransen Bonnell and Jordan Brown bat-

tled against a Crusader defense that made every snap its own war of wills.

The Blazers inched their way down the field on a 20-plus play drive that not only took the entire third quarter but the five-and-a-half minutes of the fourth. Finally on a fourth down at the one-foot line, St. Matthew busted through for the backbreaking score.

"It was death by paper cut," remarked long-time defensive coordinator of the Crusaders, Steve Pajkowski.

The Crusader offense touched the ball for the very first time and the last time, with just 2:20 left in the game, ending their hopes and propelling the Blazers into the championship game.

"We approached the second half with the idea that we could control the ball for most of the third quarter, but 13 and a half

minutes really took a load off of our defense," remarked Blazer head coach, Ben Domonkos.

"The Holy Cross/Christ the King team really fought us every step of the way."

"They run that offense very well. It was Navy football at its best. I congratulate them on the well-deserved victory. They are going to be hard to stop," commented Crusader head coach John Krzyzewski. "I was happy that our kids didn't quit, it was just not meant to be this year."

The undefeated regular season champion St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers dispatched last season's champion, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 22-6, behind touchdown runs by Tony Carmola, Blake Benefiel and Sean Rattigan. The Saints' lone score came on a touchdown strike from Bryce Tomasi to Ike Branson.

The championship game will be a match up that was coincidentally the very first contest of the season in which the Panthers got by the Blazers, 20-12.

"Our team is excited. We feel like we are a different team than we were in week one," explained Domonkos. "We will need a good week of practice to counter the very talented Panther team."

"St. Matthew will be a tough matchup, we definitely will have to play disciplined and with purpose," commented Panther head coach Kevin Sandor. "We will have to play our brand of football, get back to basics and be error free on Sunday."

## Varsity volleyball champions

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) postseason volleyball play, three new champions were crowned on Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Charles' Hession Center in hard-fought battles.

The Raiders from New Haven earned the title for the Green League (seventh grade) by beating St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 25-23, 25-18. The two teams tied for the regular season league bragging rights both turning in a 4-1 record, while St. Charles finished 3-2 coming in runner-up.

In the small school league, the defending champs from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel finished with a perfect record of 6-0 to earn the No. 1 seed but were eliminated in the semifinals by a tough group from Queen of Angels.

Queen of Angels went on to face St. Rose/St. Louis in the championship. The Twins, who were co-runner-ups during the season with St. Aloysius, got

by both St. Mary/St. Joseph and Most Precious Blood on their road to the finals.

When playing for the medals, Queen of Angels continued their postseason run with a first game win over St. Rose-St. Louis, 25-23. However, the Twins dug deep and came back to win 25-18, 15-8.



"We have come a long way this season from not knowing if we had enough to make a team in August to winning the championship,"

commented a pleased Coach Theresa Renninger.

The Twins brought up three sixth graders to add to their roster of three seventh and three eighth graders.

"I am very proud of how the girls worked together as a team and held it together in close games," concluded Renninger.

In the final edge-of-your seat contest, St. Joseph, Decatur, finally earned a title after settling as runner-up the last three years to St. Charles for the White League (large school) medals. According

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Nick Gray, right, of the Serra Club of Fort Wayne presents the Bishop's Trophy on Oct. 16 to the winner of the Bishop Dwenger vs. Bishop Luers football game on Oct. 12. Bishop Luers High School is this year's recipient. Above, Gray is shown with Bishop Luers football captains, from left, Will Nolan, Jarmar'Quay Brooks, Jaylon Smith and Aaron LaMaster.

# Saint Joseph, Marian girls' soccer teams head to state finals

BY CHUCK FREEBY

## SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA

— At the beginning of the season, both Saint Joseph High School girls' soccer coach Johan Kuitse and Marian girls' soccer coach Djamel Charmat set an expectation for their squads of going to state.

Expectations have been met.

Both the Indians and Knights will carry the diocesan banner to Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis this weekend, after both teams captured semistate titles Saturday night.

Saint Joseph defended its home turf of Father Bly Field with wins over second-ranked Hamilton Southeastern (2-1 in overtime) and Crown Point (4-0) to capture the Class 2-A semistate. Marian went to Argos for the Class 1-A semistate, eliminating West Lafayette (4-1) and Bishop Luers in the championship game (4-1).

It didn't come easily for the Indians in the morning session, as Catherine Raster needed to score a goal off the keeper's hands with 30 seconds remaining in overtime to knock off Hamilton Southeastern.

Saint Joseph carried that

momentum into the evening session, blitzing Crown Point with three goals in less than five minutes. Freshman Sam Kambol started the scoring, taking a Rachel Staud pass and blasting it by Bulldog goalie Meghan Morasan to make it 1-0. Two minutes later, Raster scored the first of her two goals of the night off a beautiful pass from Maddie Turner. Once Staud bumped home a goal off an Emily Rompola free kick in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute, the route was on and the Tribe could pack their bags for Indy.

"It's amazing to be going back to state," said Raster, who was a part of the Indians' state championship team in 2010. "It was a great feeling to win that year and I want to experience it again."

Marian was dominant in its two semistate wins. The morning game was all about Shannon Hendricks. The Marian sophomore tallied two goals and two assists in the win over West Lafayette. Marian's defense held the Red Devils to just one shot on goal.

Bishop Luers provided a sterner test in the championship game. After Brittany Payne scored for Marian in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute, Bishop

Luers' star Mayson Whitman responded with a rocket from 20 yards out to tie the game just two minutes later.

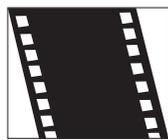
That's when the Veldman girls took over for Marian. Senior Gabby Veldman scored the go-ahead goal in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute, finishing a feed from Margaret Hartnagel. Veldman's sophomore sister, D.J., then scored the last two goals — both off feeds from the ever-present Hendricks — to send Marian to state for the second straight season.

"They did the job," beamed Charmat afterwards. "They took care of business."

Now Marian will look to avenge last year's loss to Providence, as they face the Pioneers in a rematch of the 1-A Championship game at 1 p.m. Saturday. Providence won last year's clash on penalty kicks.

"We're going to win state," exuded D.J. Veldman "It's my sister's senior year, and I'm going to win it for her."

Meanwhile, St. Joe squares off with Evansville Memorial for the Class 2-A championship at 6 p.m. The two teams have a history, as the Indians prevailed 2-1 to win the 1998 state title.



## MOVIE CAPSULES

**NEW YORK (CNS)** — Following are capsule reviews by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### "Frankenweenie" (Disney)

After his beloved pet dog is killed in an accident, a socially isolated but scientifically gifted boy (voice of Charlie Tahan) uses stock monster-movie methods to bring the pooch back to life. His subsequent efforts to conceal his breakthrough from his parents (voices of Catherine O'Hara and Martin Short) and from his peers (voiced, among others, by Atticus Shaffer and James Hiroyuki Liao) go awry, however. And when his schoolmates try to emulate his feat, the results are temporarily disastrous. Director Tim Burton's skillful 3-D animated spoof of horror

conventions might scare small fry, but will delight their older siblings and amuse parents as well. Mild scatological humor and some science-fiction hokum. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

### "Pitch Perfect" (Universal)

Campus musical in which a college student (Anna Kendrick) joins an all-female a cappella group that's on track to compete in an annual competition. Along the way to the singing showdown, she clashes with the ensemble's traditionally minded leader (Anna Camp) and finds romance with a fellow music lover (Skylar Astin), despite his membership in a rival all-male band of warblers. Though director Jason Moore's multi-melody romp maintains a generally pleasing tone, some salty language and a lax outlook on premarital

sexuality bar recommendation for youngsters. Implied nonmarital relationships, adult themes and references, including aberrant sexuality, a few uses of profanity, occasional crude and crass language, an obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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to assistant coach Amy Bebout, the Cardinals and Commodores have traded wins back and forth every time they met all four years of their CYO careers with the Cardinals winning the tournament in fifth, sixth and seventh grades. This season, Decatur won in two games at the pre-season tournament, but the Cardinals beat the Commodores in three games during the regular season to earn the league title and No. 1 seed. However, for the 2012 championship, it was the Commodores turn and they had to come from behind to do it. The green team squeaked out a victory in the first game, 25-23, but the Cardinals dominated in the second game and won, 25-14, setting up a short game to decide the winner. Just when it looked like St. Charles had it in the bag with a 12-6 lead,

Decatur got a side out. Taylor Bebout came alive at the net and Maddi Strickler served eight in a row lifting the Commodores to a 15-12 victory.

"Her (Strickler's) serves went over keeping them (the Cardinals) on defense. We got free balls and could play our offense," explained Coach Mike Wilder. Nicknamed the "six pack attack" because they had no bench, Strickler and her teammates, Bebout, Morgan Ellsworth, Madison Macklin, Lynae McDonald and Lizah Okoniewski were forced to play every position. "Some of our girls had never played front row and others were not typically back row players before this year," detailed Wilder. "It was a total team effort. They did a great job."

On their way to the championship, Decatur beat St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, in the first round then had a scare from a talented St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth squad in the semi-finals who took the Commodores to three games.

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS



The Green League CYO volleyball champions were St. John the Baptist, New Haven.



The Blue League CYO volleyball champions were St. Rose-St. Louis.



The White League CYO champions were St. Joseph, Decatur.

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**Bishop Luers hosts eighth-grade visits**  
Fort Wayne — Eighth-grade students are invited to Bishop Luers High School with their feeder school on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Students will tour the school, be introduced to the faculty and listen to a short presentation. Non-feeder school students should contact Jenny Andorfer at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3141 to schedule a visit.

**Henry Keefer Merit Scholarship Exam**  
Fort Wayne — On Saturday, Nov. 10, the Henry Keefer Merit Scholarship Exam will be given to any eighth-grade students interested in competing for a total of \$10,000 dollars in scholarship money to attend Bishop Luers High School. Pre-registration cost is \$10. Arrive at the school at 7:45 a.m., exam begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

**Bishop Luers open house**  
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have an open house on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For information, call the admissions office at (260) 456-1261.

**CRAFT FAIRS**  
**Annual Holiday Bazaar**  
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 craft vendors, bake sale including a Piggy Raffle and refreshments. Raffle tickets on sale Oct. 8 through Nov. 10 at the parish office. Grand prize \$975.

**Craft, candy and bake sale**  
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 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 school gym. A raffle and door prizes every half hour. Hand crocheted afghan, handmade ceramic Christmas tree and much more food and drink at a nominal cost. Wheelchair accessible.

**St. Paul's annual holiday and craft fair with spaghetti lunch**  
South Bend — Shop local crafters and vendors Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaghetti lunch for \$5 benefits the Mission Committee of Sanctuary at St. Paul's. Free admission. Call (574) 299-2250 for more information.

**Bake and rummage sale**  
South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday will offer \$1 a bag sale.

**Holiday craft bazaar planned**  
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish, corner of East Jefferson and Ironwood, will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

**FOOD FUNDRAISERS**  
**Knights plan fish fry**  
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 2, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

**Knights of Columbus host fish fry**  
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charitable organizations.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**  
Mishawaka — Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W.

First St., will have a spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 2, from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 10, under 5 are free. Carry-outs available.

**St. Louis Besancon ham and turkey fundraising dinner**  
New Haven — The St. Louis Besancon community will have a ham and turkey dinner Sunday Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children 4 and under are free. The big raffle, country craft store, a silent auction, quilt raffle and more will be offered. St. Louis Besancon is located at 15535 Lincoln Highway East (three miles east of US 30 and I-469).

**Catholic Business Network to meet**  
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will

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meet Friday, Nov. 3, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed by guest speakers from Catholics on a Mission in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments will be provided.

**Third Order of Carmel forming**  
Fort Wayne — The local community of the Third Order of Carmel will begin first year formation in the new year. The charism is one of prayer and community. For information visit [www.fwtoc.org](http://www.fwtoc.org). Meetings are the second Saturday of the month from 8-10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. Contact Nancy Simmonds at (260) 417-1540 for details.

**Divine Liturgy celebrated in Fort Wayne**  
Fort Wayne — St. Andrew the

Apostle Eastern Catholic Mission will celebrate the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Sundays, Nov. 11 and 25 and Dec. 2 and 16. They assemble under the mutual blessing of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and Bishop Richard Seminack of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago — honoring the reality of Catholic unity in diversity.

**Parkview Regional Medical Center Mass**  
Fort Wayne — Weekly Masses are celebrated in the Chapel of Parkview Regional Medical Center, 11109 Parkview Plaza Dr., each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at noon for patients, family members and staff of the hospital.

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# SAINTS

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Barangueras, founder of a Spanish religious order, who died in 1911; and Anna Schaffer, a lay German woman, who died in 1925.

In his homily at Mass following the canonization, Pope Benedict prayed that the example of the new saints would “speak today to the whole Church” and that their intercession would strengthen the Church in its mission to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

The pope also spoke about each new saint individually, giving a short biographical outline and highlighting a special characteristic of each for Catholics today.

Pope Benedict called St. Kateri the “protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint,” and he entrusted to her “the renewal of the faith in the First Nations and in all of North America.”

The daughter of a Mohawk father and Algonquin Christian mother, St. Kateri was “faithful to the traditions of her people,” but also faithful to the Christianity she embraced at age 20. “May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are,” the pope said.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, who is of American Indian descent, told Catholic News Service, “I think many young people today are embarrassed about embracing the Catholic faith because they live in a secular culture that’s hostile toward religious experience.”

St. Kateri also “grew up in a place where there was great hostility toward Christianity,” Archbishop Chaput said, but she resisted all efforts to turn her away from her faith, “so in some ways she would be a model of fidelity in the face of persecution on religious freedom grounds.”

Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix of Quebec told CNS that the canonization of the first aboriginal of North America is “huge for us.” St. Kateri, he said, is an excellent model for young people of “living a simple life, faithful to the Lord in the midst of hostility.”

St. Kateri’s life and canonization show that “saints don’t have to do extraordinary things, they just have to love,” Archbishop Lacroix said.

Francine Merasty, 32, a Cree who lives in Pelican Narrows, Sask., said, “Kateri inspires me because she’s an aboriginal woman. According to sociologists, aboriginal women are at the lowest (social) strata, and for the Church to raise up to the communion of saints an aboriginal woman is so awesome and wonderful.”

Jake Finkbonner, the 12-year-old boy from Washington state whose healing was accepted as the miracle needed for St. Kateri’s canonization, received Communion from the pope during the Mass. Jake’s parents and two little sisters did as well.

Speaking about St. Marianne of Molokai in his homily, Pope Benedict said that a time when very little could be done to treat people with Hansen’s disease, commonly



CNS PHOTOS/PAUL HARING

Above, Sharon Smith, center, presents a relic of St. Marianne Cope, and Sister Kateri Mitchell, a member of the Mohawk nation, right, carries a relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha during the canonization of seven new saints. Smith’s cure from a near fatal infection in 2005 was the miracle needed for the canonization of Blessed Marianne. St. Kateri, a young Mohawk-Algonquin woman born in upstate New York, is regarded as the first Native American saint.

At left, a woman holds a banner honoring St. Kateri Tekakwitha as pilgrims gather for a canonization Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Oct. 21.

called leprosy, “Marianne Cope showed the highest love, courage and enthusiasm.”

“She is a shining example of the tradition of Catholic nursing sisters and of the spirit of her beloved St. Francis,” the pope said.

Leading a group of Hawaiian pilgrims, including nine patient-residents from Kalaupapa, where St. Marianne ministered, Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva said St. Marianne is “an inspiration for those who care for those most in need, which is what all Christians are called to do. Now, with universal veneration, she can inspire people around the world.”

With thousands of Philippine pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Benedict praised St. Pedro, a catechist who accompanied Jesuit priests to the Mariana Islands in 1668. Despite hostility from some of the natives, he “displayed deep faith and charity and continued to catechize his many converts, giving witness to Christ by a life of purity and dedication to the Gospel.”

The pope prayed that “the example and courageous witness” of St. Pedro would “inspire the dear people of the Philippines to announce the kingdom bravely and to win souls for God.”

Pope Benedict also cited St. Anna Schaffer who was working as a maid to earn the money for the dowry needed to enter a convent when an accident occurred and she “received incurable burns” which kept her bedridden the rest of her life, the pope said. In time, she came to see her pain and suffering as a way to unite herself with Christ through prayer, he said.

“May her apostolate of prayer and suffering, of sacrifice and expiation, be a shining example for believers in her homeland, and may her intercession strengthen the Christian hospice movement in its beneficial activity,” the pope said.

**Contributing to this story** was Francis X. Rocca.

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