

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

St. Patrick Parish journey of faith endures through a century and a half

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

ARCOLA — The tones of “Panis Angelicus” rang out over the congregation of St. Patrick Church as parishioners awaited the appearance of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, celebrant of the anniversary Mass Oct. 28 commemorating the sesquicentennial of the founding of the parish in 1862. Members of the parish Knights of Columbus council, dressed in full regalia, preceded the bishop down the aisle of the small rural church, which was beautifully decorated and filled to capacity for the event.

In his homily Bishop Rhoades referenced the Year of Faith, which has just begun for Catholics worldwide and spoke of the deep faith of the founders of St. Patrick Parish 150 years ago.

“It is appropriate that today we remember our ancestors in the faith, including the devout Catholics who built this parish, who sacrificed so much that the faith would be handed down to their children and grandchildren, to successive generations of Catholics here in Arcola. It is our duty to continue their legacy,” he reminded them.

In celebrating the past, he said we must look to the present and the future. “A truly vibrant parish is an evangelizing community, one that spreads the faith. ...” If it is authentic, he said, faith is a living thing, a grace, a gift by which we live. It involves our whole being, our thoughts and affections, our relationships and decisions, our daily work and activities, indeed our whole life. Each succeeding generation, like we ourselves and our ancestors, must take the journey of faith, he told them.

Following Mass, the congregation gathered in the parish hall for a reception, a meal, conversation and reminiscences.

Pastor Father Alex Dodrai welcomed all those in attendance on “an historic occasion in the life of St. Patrick’s, Arcola.” He warmly recognized parishioners important in that history, the Corbat and Wilhelm families, the Gus Nagy family, Rosina Harber and the

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JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the sesquicentennial of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, on Oct. 28. He spoke of the deep faith of the founders of St. Patrick Parish 150 years ago. A dinner and special presentation was held after the Mass in the parish hall.

Pope to synod: Foster ‘missionary dynamism’ and ‘pastoral creativity’

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Winning converts to the Church, ministering better to practicing Catholics and bringing lapsed members back into the fold are all parts of the multifaceted effort known as the “New Evangelization,” Pope Benedict XVI told a group of bishops and other Church leaders from around the world.

The pope made his remarks Oct. 28 during his homily at a Mass marking the

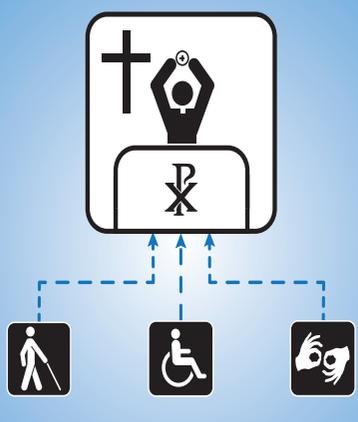
end of the world Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. The three-week gathering, which brought more than 260 bishops and religious superiors to the Vatican, along with dozens of official observers and experts, discussed how the Church can revive and spread the faith in increasingly secular societies.

Pope Benedict underscored “three pastoral themes” that he said had emerged from the talks.

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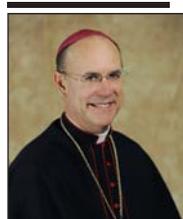
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The Doctrine of Purgatory



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On All Souls' Day (November 2) and indeed throughout the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection" (*Eucharistic Prayer II*). We remember especially the Holy Souls in purgatory.

In this Year of Faith, we are called to grow in our understanding of the truths of our Catholic faith. One such truth is the doctrine of purgatory. This teaching is rooted in ancient Christian tradition, yet it is not accepted by all Christians. It is important that we seek to understand the doctrine of purgatory and what the Church means when it teaches about the existence of purgatory.

The word "purgatory" comes from the Latin *purgare*, which means "to purify" or "to purge."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes purgatory as a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven (1031; cf. 1472).

Jesus declared in the Beatitudes: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God* (Matthew 5:8). In order to see God face to face in heaven (the beatific vision), our hearts need to be totally purified. This purification can begin on earth, but, if we die without this purification being complete, this will occur in purgatory, a condition of existence in which every trace of attachment to evil is eliminated and every imperfection of the soul corrected.

Throughout Church history, there has been much speculation about purgatory. A saint from the sixteenth century, Catherine of Genoa, is well-known for her vision of purgatory. Pope Benedict XVI explains that (unlike many others), "Catherine did not see purgatory as a scene in the bowels of the earth: for her it is not an exterior but rather an interior fire. This is purgatory: an inner fire."

"The soul," Saint Catherine says, "presents itself to God still bound to the desires and suffering that derive from sin and this makes it impossible for it to enjoy the beatific vision of God." Catherine asserts that God is so pure and holy that a soul stained by sin cannot be in the presence of the divine majesty. Pope Benedict continues: "We too feel how distant we are, how full we are of so many things that we cannot see God. The soul is aware of the immense love and perfect justice of God and consequently suffers for having failed to respond in a correct and perfect way to this love; and love for God itself becomes a flame, love itself cleanses it from the residue of sin."

I think the words of Saint Catherine of Genoa and of our Holy Father help us to understand better the doctrine of purgatory.



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The painting offers an artist's rendition of purgatory.

It is a state or condition in which God's love permeates one's heart, a fire or light that purifies. This fire is also painful since it brings awareness of our sins, our offenses against God who loves us so much. I think of the pain we experience when we hurt someone we love.

Now what about prayers and sacrifices for the Holy Souls in purgatory? From her earliest beginnings, the Church has prayed for the deceased, especially the Eucharistic Sacrifice. This has always been the practice of the Church. And the Church believes as she prays (recall the famous maxim *lex orandi, lex credendi*: "the law of prayer is the law of faith").

This reminds us of the important doctrine of the communion of saints. We profess in the Apostles' Creed that we believe in "the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints." This communion of the Church includes the saints who dwell in the glory of heaven, those who have died and are being purified in purgatory, and those disciples of Jesus who are still pilgrims on earth.

We are all united to Christ and to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. The saints in heaven intercede for us. As we live in communion with one another on earth, we also live in communion with the saints in heaven. And we live in communion with the faithful departed who are undergoing purification. We help them with our prayers and they intercede for us as well. We are all part of the one family of God.

Blessed John Paul II wrote about purgatory and the communion of saints as follows: *Those who find themselves in the state of purification are united both with the blessed who already enjoy the fullness of eternal life, and with us on this earth on our way toward the Father's house. Just as in their earthly life believers are united in the one Mystical Body, so after death those*

who live in a state of purification experience the same ecclesial solidarity which works through prayer, prayers for suffrage and love for their other brothers and sisters in the faith. Purification is lived in the essential bond created between those live in this world and those who enjoy eternal beatitude.

I encourage all to pray for the dead in a special way during this month of November, for our deceased loved ones and for all the Holy Souls experiencing the trial and suffering of purgatory because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. They await the eternal joy of the beatific vision. Let us recognize our solidarity with them by entrusting them to the Lord in our prayers and sacrifices. I especially encourage the holy practice of offering Mass intentions for the deceased, an act of true charity and love.



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. All are welcome.

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“Ordinary pastoral ministry ... must be more animated by the fire of the Spirit, so as to inflame the hearts of the faithful,” he said, stressing the importance of the sacrament of Confession, and the necessity of “appropriate catechesis” in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

The pope also called for a “new missionary dynamism” to “proclaim the message of salvation to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ.”

“There are still many regions in Africa, Asia and Oceania whose inhabitants await with lively expectation, sometimes without being fully aware of it, the first proclamation of the Gospel,” the pope said. And as a result of migration driven by globalization, he added, the “first proclamation is needed even in countries that were evangelized long ago.”

Finally, the pope spoke of the need to persuade lapsed Catholics, “especially in the most secular countries,” to “encounter Jesus Christ anew, rediscover the joy of faith and return to religious practice in the community of the faithful.”

This effort, in particular, calls for “pastoral creativity” and use of a “new language attuned to the different world cultures,” he said. As an example of such innovation, the pope mentioned the Vatican’s “Courtyard of the Gentiles” project, which promotes dialogue between religious believers and agnostics.

Referring to the day’s reading from the Gospel of St. Mark, the pope invoked Bartimaeus — the blind man who miraculously received his sight back from Jesus



CNS PHOTO/STEFANO SPAZIANI, POOL

Pope Benedict XVI celebrates the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 28.

and then joined him as one of the disciples — as a model for Christians in countries “where the light of faith has grown dim.”

“New evangelizers are like that,” Pope Benedict said, “people who have had the experience of being healed by God, through Jesus Christ.”

The day before the closing Mass, at the synod’s last working session Oct. 27, Pope Benedict thanked the participants for their work, including the final propositions that will eventually serve as the basis for a document of the pope’s own reflections on the New Evangelization.

At that same meeting, the pope said that he had decided to make two administrative changes relevant to the New Evangelization. Responsibility for seminaries will shift from the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education to the Congregation for the Clergy, he said; and responsibility for catechesis will shift from the latter office to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

The pope also congratulated the

six bishops, four of them members of the synod, whom he will induct into the College of Cardinals Nov. 24. He said he had named the new cardinals-designate, none of whom hails from Europe, as a sign of “the universality of the Church, showing that the Church is a Church of all peoples, (and) speaks in all languages ... not a Church of one continent, but a universal Church.”

One of the cardinals-designate, Philippine Archbishop Luis Tagle of Manila, was also one of 15 new members of the ordinary council of the general secretariat of the Synod of Bishops announced Oct. 26.

The new council members, who will oversee the international gatherings of bishops periodically held at the Vatican, include two U.S. bishops: Cardinals Donald W. Wuerl of Washington and Timothy M. Dolan of New York. Others included Cardinals Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, Austria; Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; and George Pell of Sydney.

Pope names six new cardinals, including US Archbishop Harvey

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI surprised pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square Oct. 24 by announcing he would create six new cardinals, including 63-year-old U.S. Archbishop James M. Harvey, prefect of the Papal Household, in late November.

The pope said the consistory to create the new cardinals, who come from six countries, would take place Nov. 24, the feast of Christ the King.

The new cardinals also will include: Lebanon’s Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai, 72; Archbishop Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal, 53, head of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; Nigerian Archbishop John Olorunfemi Okafor of Abuja, 68; Colombian Archbishop Ruben Salazar Gomez of Bogota, 70; and Philippine Archbishop Luis Tagle of Manila, 55.

Pope Benedict made the announcement at the end of his weekly general audience, which was attended by about 20,000 pil-



U.S. Archbishop James M. Harvey

grims. As is usual, Cardinal-designate Harvey was seated next to the pope during the audience. While he did not visibly react when his name was announced, the new cardinal-designate smiled

and had a brief moment with the pope before returning to his normal duties of helping lead important guests up to the pope.

The pope said he was naming Cardinal-designate Harvey the new archpriest of Rome’s Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Telling the crowd that he had the “great joy” of announcing new cardinals, Pope Benedict said cardinals have “the task of helping the successor of Peter in his ministry” of strengthening people’s faith and promoting the unity of the Church.

The late-November consistory will bring the total number of cardinals to 211 and the number of cardi-

nals under age 80 to 120. Until they reach their 80th birthdays, cardinals are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

Cardinal-designate Harvey has worked at the Vatican for 30 years. Born in Milwaukee Oct. 20, 1949, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

He entered the Vatican’s diplomatic corps and spent two years as a Vatican diplomat in the Dominican Republic before being transferred to the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1982. In 1997, he was named assessor of the secretariat, a rank similar to that of an undersecretary at a Vatican congregation, and in 1998 Pope John Paul II named him prefect of the Papal Household, the office responsible for organizing papal audiences, including those with heads of state.

When Cardinal-designate Harvey becomes a cardinal, the United States will have 19 cardinals, 11 of whom will be under 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a pope.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. — Mass at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sunday, Nov. 4, 9 p.m. — Mass at Duncan Hall, University of Notre Dame
- Sunday, Nov. 4, through Tuesday, Nov. 6 — “Seeds of Faith” Conference, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m. — Meeting of Deacon Formation Policy Board, Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, 12:05 p.m. — Memorial Mass for Deceased Clergy, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Thursday, Nov. 8, 5:15 p.m. — Mass for Conference of Center for Ethics and Culture, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Administrative Committee, Baltimore, Md.

Pope gives Ratzinger Theology Prize to American, French scholars

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI bestowed the 2012 Ratzinger Prize for Theology on an American expert on the early Church fathers and a French scholar of religious philosophy.

U.S. Jesuit Father Brian E. Daley and Remi Brague received the award from the pope at a ceremony in the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace Oct. 20.

Pope Benedict noted that the two men have studied in fields “decisive for the Church in our times”: ecumenism and relations with other religions.

The scholars are “exemplary for the transmission of knowledge that unites science and wisdom, scientific rigor and passion for man, so that man might discover the ‘art of living,’” the pope said.

Father Daley, a professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, has written extensively about the development of Christian doctrine in late antiquity and the early Middle Ages. The pope commended his work for demonstrating the unity of Christianity, with favorable consequences for relations between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

Brague, an authority on medieval Islamic and Jewish philosophy, is a professor of Arabic and religious philosophy at Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich.

The Ratzinger prize is sponsored by the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation, founded in 2010 to promote the writings of the former Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict, and financed by sale of his works.



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Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with U.S. Jesuit Father Brian E. Daley during an awards ceremony at the Vatican Oct. 20. Father Daley, a patristics expert and professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, was awarded a major prize in theology through the Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI) Vatican Foundation.

Catechists learn more about Year of Faith

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — Catechists from around the diocese joined together Saturday, Oct. 27, at Wawasee Middle School in Syracuse for the annual Catechetical Institute Day to increase their knowledge of the faith.

Keynote Speaker for the event was Dr. Edward Sri, nationally known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. He is the professor of Scripture and theology at the Augustine Institute in Denver, founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and he resides with his wife Elizabeth and six children in Littleton, Colo.

Sri told the attendees that he just returned from Rome Friday night where he was filming for his new RCIA curriculum. He said the Year of Faith is not just another “year” promoted by the Church, but is “the biggest thing since Jubilee 2000.”

Sri told the group, “Pope Benedict said, ‘Our world faces an urgent crisis of faith.’” He added, “There is an increasing intolerance of Christians and we’re in a time when the secular world wants us to be kind and tolerant to everyone except Catholics.”

The pope, Sri said, offered a three-fold plan — Doctrinal Awareness: studying more to feed our minds; Spiritual Renewal — personal prayer; and Witness — modern man doesn’t listen to teachers, but to witnesses.

Sri suggested during this Year of Faith using Mary as a model. “She had to face moments of crisis, confusion and discernment just like me and you.”

Sri acted out an analogy of his daughter learning to walk — wanting to let go and take a step but then becoming fearful and reaching back to cling to the chair while he urged her on.

“Our Heavenly Father is calling us in that way — to follow Him. He doesn’t always tell us where the path is, but He’s saying, ‘Come on, you can do it — take ownership of your sins, trust Me, let go of those things you’re clinging on to.’”

He urged attendees to put themselves in the mindset of Mary, a young teenager, who when she was told, “the Lord is with you,” knew that meant God was calling her on a mission that the future of Israel was dependent upon.

“Sometimes we sense a prompting to do something and we may sense that’s a calling of the Lord. But it may be difficult or scary ... many of us close the door. That’s one of the moments when God is prompting us, ‘Come on, take that step. You can do it. I’m here,’” he said. “Many of us see our life as our own and we fit God into it, Mary knew our lives are meant to be a gift back to God.”



DENISE FEDOROW

Dr. Edward Sri, keynote speaker for the Oct. 27 Catechetical Institute Day, held a workshop on RCIA in the new Evangelization. Sri is developing a new RCIA curriculum that will be released in the spring.

Mother Theodore Guerin Award

The recipient of this year’s Mother Theodore Guerin Award is Daniel DeLagrange of St. Mary Parish in Huntington. According to Christina Emilian, Office of Catechesis, DeLagrange has been a director of religious education at St. Mary’s for 20 years and an active member of the parish for over 25 years. His pastor said that DeLagrange enables him to do his ministry well and he is a valuable asset to the parish. DeLagrange was unable to be present at the Catechetical Institute Day where the award is presented.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for the catechists with Father Terrence Coonan, parochial vicar of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, and Deacon John Tugman of St. Pius X. St. Pius’ choir and bell choir provided the music for Mass.

In his homily Bishop Rhoades told the catechists, “It is a special joy to be with you today, just a few weeks into the Year of Faith. ... I think of your important role in this mission and I thank you for all you do as catechists to serve the Church in transmitting the faith to our children, young people and adults.”

He continued, “You would not be catechists if you were not men and women of faith, men and women who have encountered the Lord and experienced the truth, beauty and joy of this encounter. You have also opened your minds and hearts to receive the Lord’s gifts for the work of evangelization and catechesis. Everything we do is centered on helping people encounter Christ.”

During the catechetical day, attendees had three sessions of workshops to choose from on a variety of topics, including,

“Climb Aboard the Year of Faith through Scripture,” “Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church,” “Fundamentals of Morality: What’s Morality Based on?” “Prayer and Growth in Faith,” with Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, and “RCIA for the New Evangelization,” with Sri.

Sri spoke on the New Evangelization, saying historically the Church felt there were two groups to evangelize — the non-baptized around the world and people who were fervent in their faith and had a strong Christian outlook. He said in the modernized Church they recognized there is a different situation and that most people don’t fit either category. He said there is a large population of the baptized who consider themselves Christian, attend Mass, may be involved in ministries, but they have not had that conversion moment where they surrender their lives to God.

“They may be highly intelligent in other areas but have a second-grade lunchbox understanding of their Catholic faith. So it is this new situation that creates the need for a new evangelization.”

Sri said the most complicated thing the Church does is the RCIA program with several stages to the process. “So when people come with questions, know that it is the Holy Spirit that brought them here and we can call on the Holy Spirit to get them to the next stage. Let them ask questions and show them there’s reasonableness to the Catholic faith,” he said.

Dr. Edward Sri is the general editor of Symbolon RCIA, a new RCIA curriculum coming in April 2013. He also is the general editor of *Opening the Word*, a journey through the Sunday Mass readings. Sample videos are available at www.openingtheword.org

Seminarians evangelize at Ball State University

BY VALERIE CARNEVALE

MUNCIE — A group of seminarians got a head start on the Year of Faith with a mission trip to Ball State University this month. Thirty men traveled to the university campus in Muncie to put on a three-day outreach event Oct. 8-10.

The men, most of whom are studying at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., call themselves the New Evangelization Club. The trip was the fourth for the club, but the first time they traveled to Ball State.

“We chose Ball State for a few reasons,” said Stephen Duquaine, a seminarian from the Diocese of Lafayette who led the trip. “There are seminarians going to Mount St. Mary’s from dioceses nearby. We knew that seminarians would have an extra incentive to come on this trip if they knew they could make a trip home for a few days after the mission. We also thought about the great potential for conversions here. Our diocese is only 8 percent Catholic, so there are many people who need to hear about the truth of the Catholic faith. We also choose college campuses with FOCUS missionaries because they do much of the follow-up work with the men and women who express interest in learning more about Catholicism.”

FOCUS, or Fellowship of Catholic University Students, has four missionaries at Ball State.

The club is in its early stages, being only two years old. “The idea behind it is the call of Pope John Paul II and the Church for a rebirth of the New Evangelization; for Catholics to understand their faith and go out and spread the Gospel, because we live in a world now that is quickly losing that message and we need to bring that back,” said Jonathan Norton, a seminarian from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Participating in the club is above and beyond what the seminarians do as part of their official formation. The group had training for four weeks prior to making the trip, where they covered how to share their personal testimony and how to engage strangers in conversation. It was Duquaine’s role to make sure the seminarians were prepared and ready for their mission. “In our culture today, the idea of talking to somebody about God is so foreign that seminarians are very apprehensive to do that,” said Duquaine. “One of my biggest jobs was convincing my brother seminarians that this is a worthy activity, sharing the Gospel message with others.”

The seminarians were hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish, which also serves as the Newman Center for Catholic Students. Eleven resident parishioners volunteered to host the seminarians and groups of parishioners volunteered to coordinate meals. “It’s been a real blessing to see how the seminarians are able to affect the lives of our resident parishioners and get to know them,



PHOTO BY VALERIE CARNEVALE

Seminarians from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary assist with a Eucharistic Procession at Ball State University in Muncie.

in addition to the work that they’re doing on campus,” said Sarah Striebich, the campus minister at St. Francis.

The group arrived in Muncie with an agenda for their three-day trip. The schedule included Mass, Adoration, a Eucharistic Procession and two days evangelizing on campus. In addition, with the help of the Campus Ministry team at St. Francis, they hosted an event titled “Why Catholic.” The event, geared toward students, featured testimonies from Catholic students and an open forum where their peers could ask questions about the Catholic faith.

With Ball State’s permission, the seminarians set up a tent on a busy street corner and offered Adoration during the day. A sign, challenging passerby to “COME PRAY,” could be seen down the main thoroughfare of campus.

The seminarians worked in pairs when approaching students to engage them in conversation. A pair of seminarians was scheduled to pray at the Adoration tent every hour, with many students from the Newman Center stopping by in between classes to join them before the Blessed Sacrament. Many people walking by the tent were curious and stopped to ask what it was all about.

David Huneck, a seminarian from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, had a unique experience from his fellow seminarians. As a former Ball State student, the trip was a homecoming of sorts. “It’s like a redemption, really,” said Huneck, who was involved in the Newman Center during his time at Ball State. “I hung out at the Newman Center and I felt comfortable there, so I didn’t really reach out to other people who needed to hear the Gospel. It’s like I’m getting a second chance now.”

The exercise was not without its challenges, though. For some of the seminarians, it was their first time participating in any kind of



PHOTO BY VALERIE CARNEVALE

Seminarian David Huneck, who studying for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., is shown with the clipboard at a recent FOCUS mission at Ball State University. The missionaries do much of the follow-up work with the men and women who express interest in learning more about Catholicism. Pat Hake is on the left, and Father Brian Doerr of the Lafayette diocese is at the right.

evangelization. "It's humbling to approach someone and reveal to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Huneck. "It's hard to do that in five minutes." The men focused on a peaceful, loving approach to discussing their faith, which was well received by the students they talked to. As they stood next to the tent, the seminarians traded stories about conversations they'd had with students throughout the day. Almost all the stories were positive and encouraging.

One of the goals of the outreach was to get students who were interested in returning to the Catholic faith involved in the Newman Center. The seminarians collected names and contact info of interested

students and at the end of the outreach, turned those contacts over to the FOCUS missionaries to follow up on. Huneck proudly shared his clipboard, where three students' names and contact info were written. "Coming here and getting even one person who wants to come back to the Catholic Church makes the trip worth it," Huneck said.

Valerie Carnevale is a correspondent with *The Catholic Moment*, newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana.

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Francie Strack family. All received a statue of St. Patrick and Father Dodrai's heartfelt praise for their years of service. "One thing has not changed — the heart of St. Patrick's Parish," he said.

Parishioner Jim Battone spoke briefly about his and Dani Tippmann's research into parish history and noted that the level of faith and commitment shown by their forebearers is still present today. Alex Pursley explained his and Phoebe Diamentes' efforts to track down information on former pastors. "I helped a little," she said modestly.

One former pastor, Father Cyril Fernandes, was in attendance and recounted the extensive construction project undertaken during his tenure, which resulted in a new rectory and parish hall. "You see how God works" in the growth of a parish, he said with affection.

Long-time parishioner Mary Ellen Rice was effusive in her praise of that building program, calling Father Cyril the "gel" that made it successful. And "we're debt-free," she proclaimed proudly. Gus Trahin, a parishioner since birth, recalled his education at St. Patrick School, where a classroom contained four grades and the nuns maintained strict control. When those students went on to high school they were always among the top scholars, he pointed out.

The Tim Loomis family seemed to be enjoying the day's



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presents a St. Patrick statue to Gus and Catherine Nagy at the parish's sesquicentennial celebration and dinner following Mass on Oct. 28.

festivities. He was a member of St. Patrick's as a young child, then rejoined with his own family after moving here from Michigan several years ago. "It's a wonderful parish," he declared.

Bishop Rhoades' closing remarks at Mass seemed especially appropriate as the program

wrapped up just before dinner. He recalled the founders of St. Patrick Parish as committed Catholics who took joy in believing and passing on their faith. And he commended those present for being a testament to that commitment, calling them "a wonderful faith community."

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Synod members propose ways to promote evangelization

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Members of the Synod of Bishops recommended the Vatican establish a commission to monitor religious freedom, develop guidelines for training evangelizers and ensure there is a church in every diocese where Confession is always available.

At the end of the three-week world Synod of Bishops on New Evangelization, members of the gathering approved 58 propositions to give to the pope; although synod rules say the proposals are secret, Pope Benedict authorized their publication Oct. 27.

The propositions were designed as recommendations for the pope to use in a post-synodal apostolic exhortation. Many of the propositions described current challenges and opportunities that the Church faces in sharing the Gospel, strengthening the faith and reaching out to lapsed Catholics.

Other propositions asked Pope Benedict or individual bishops to consider undertaking concrete projects, including:

- Establishing a Vatican commission to monitor religious freedom around the world, denounce attacks on religious freedom and promote a broader understanding of its importance as a basic human right.

The propositions said, “The proclamation of the good news in different contexts of the world — marked



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Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles walks in procession as he leaves the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 28.

by the process of globalization and secularism — places different challenges before the Church: at times in outright religious persecution, at other times in a widespread indifference, interference, restriction or harassment.”

During the synod discussions,

bishops in different parts of the world described different relationships with Muslim neighbors, ranging from situations in which Christian minorities experience serious discrimination to cases of Catholics and Muslims working together to address social problems.

The synod propositions encouraged Catholics “to persevere and to intensify their relations with Muslims” in accordance with the teaching of the Second Vatican Council.

- Developing a “pastoral plan of initial proclamation” that would outline steps to help ensure that once people hear the Gospel, they are led to conversion and faith and are educated in Church teaching. It also should describe the “qualities and guidelines for the formation of Catholic evangelizers today.”

- Asking that every diocese establish a parish or shrine dedicated “in a permanent way” to the administration of the sacrament of Penance, ensuring “priests are always present, allowing God’s mercy to be experienced by all the faithful.”

“The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the privileged place to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness,” it is a place of healing and strength, and it is the sacrament that can bring people back into full communion with the Church, the synod members said.

As they did in the synod hall, synod members used several propositions to emphasize the importance

of the family as the place where life and love are first given, where people are introduced to the faith and where they learn to live according to Gospel values.

The Church’s New Evangelization efforts must help strengthen families and must try “to address significant pastoral problems around marriage: the case of divorced and remarried (Catholics), the situation of their children, the fate of abandoned spouses, the couples who live together without marriage and the trend in society to redefine marriage,” synod members said.

Recognizing an increase in secularism around the world, synod members said that in many ways Christians are living “in a situation similar to that of the first Christians,” who were small minorities in cultures indifferent or even hostile to Christianity.

Still, synod members said, “the world is God’s creation and manifests His love.” Even if Christians are just a little flock, they are called to “bear witness to the Gospel message of salvation” and “to be salt and light of a new world.”

The propositions emphasized that while the primary task of the Church is to bring people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a relationship lived and nourished in the Church, part of reaching out to others and witnessing to the Gospel involves serving the poor and sick, working for justice and protecting the environment.

Synod members praised the members of religious orders, who have been on the frontlines of evangelization for centuries, as well as the activities of new movements and communities. But they stressed the importance of all members of a diocese coordinating their work with the local bishop, and they insisted on the key role of parishes as the places where most Catholics learn about and practice their faith.

The propositions described the liturgy as “the primary and most powerful expression of the New Evangelization” and a manifestation of God’s love for humanity.

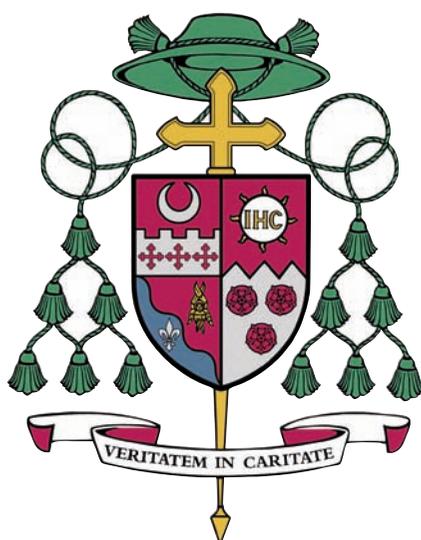
“Evangelization in the Church calls for a liturgy that lifts the hearts of men and women to God,” synod members said.

During synod discussions, several bishops spoke about the importance of the Church learning the particular language and culture of social media and new technology to share the Gospel with people who increasingly spend their time online.

In the propositions, they said Catholics should be trained “to transmit faithfully the content of the faith and of Christian morality” through the media, but they insisted that no technical talent or online presence could take the place of “the testimony of life” lived in accordance with the Gospel.

Synod members described young Catholics not primarily as objects of evangelization, but as evangelizers, especially of their peers.

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Madrigal Dinners to celebrate anniversary with fresh elements

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Department of Music will present its 40th annual Madrigal Dinners, a Renaissance-style holiday banquet and performance celebration. The merry feast includes entertainment provided by colorfully attired singers, instrumentalists, jugglers, a jester and a lord of the manor. Performances will be held in the North Lounge of Regina Hall on Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Ticket information is available at moreaucenter.com or by calling the box office (574) 284-4626.

To commemorate the anniversary, this year's Madrigal Dinners will revive former program elements and introduce many fresh ones. Dancers are once again part of the show, after a 20-year absence. Dance faculty member Laurie Lowery created the new choreography based on notated steps (Labanotation) and dances from the period.

Students in the costume shop are hard at work cutting patterns and sewing elaborate period costumes for the dancers.

Student and faculty actors are going over the lines of the new script, written by theatre faculty member Susan Baxter.

Theatre students studying set design are busy creating a new set, which will further transform the residence hall lounge into a medieval castle. It's the culmination of two semesters of work in theatre faculty member Michaela Duffy's courses.

"The new set expands the backdrop that has traditionally surrounded the performers to now cover the entire room," Duffy explained. "We are also adding more lighting sources, including a fireplace, which was a design feature all the students were excited about."

Melissa Bialko, professional specialist in costume design, is leading the costume project. "We do research for every project, but to varying degrees, as sometimes we're already very familiar with a historical era. For the Madrigals, I did some period research from books and the Internet, first researching court dance of the time. Then, I started to look at some images of what people would have worn. For the Madrigals, we are accurate in silhouettes from about a span of 300 years, but the intent is to be more festive and create a cohesive holiday look."

Together these new additions will provide an exciting look to the Madrigal Dinners, yet preserve the spirit and tradition of the holiday celebration. Nancy Menk, professor of music, director of choral activities, and the Mary Lou Judd Leighton Chair in Music, has conducted the Madrigals for 29 years.

"The atmosphere at the Madrigal Dinners is always so festive that it's easy to see why so many continue to make this a

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PROFESSION HELD FOR ORDER OF FRANCISCANS SECULAR



PROVIDED BY JAN SCHER

Rich Cain became a professed member of the St. Charles Fraternity, Order of Franciscans Secular, on Sunday, Sept. 23. The profession Mass and ceremony were officiated by Conventual Franciscan Father Philip Schneider at St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake. The St. Charles Fraternity and congregation hosted a luncheon after the Mass and service. Those celebrating in the Franciscan spirit were Dorothy Ward and Alice Williamson, seated; and from left, Joann Arendt, Karen Amstutz, fraternity treasurer Arlene Lewis, fraternity minister Barb Braley, newly-professed member Rich Cain, Jackie Didier, Nancy Steinhof, fraternity vice-minister Marcyle Voigt, fraternity advisor Franciscan Sister Mary Govert, Jan Scher and fraternity formation director Katie Herendeen.

part of their annual holiday celebrations. At every performance, when I step into the hall and see the beautiful candlelit setting and the looks of anticipation on our patrons' faces, I feel really proud of what we have offered to our community for 40 years," Menk said.

Accompanying the entertainment is a holiday feast prepared by Dining Services (Sodexo). The meal includes prime rib (Cornish hen for the matinee), roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, Waldorf salad, wassail, and cheesecake with flaming cherries. Children and vegetarian menus are available upon request.

Adam Baker earns Eagle Scout rank

FORT WAYNE — Adam Baker, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and a junior at Bishop Luers High School, recently received his Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. This comes during the centennial celebration of the Eagle Scout award, which is given to young



ADAM BAKER

men under the age of 18 who demonstrate leadership, service, and outdoor skills, as well as exemplifying the values of Scouting in their daily lives.

Baker, who has been involved in Scouting for 10 years, is a part of Troop 300 in Fort Wayne.

His Eagle Project was replacing the flag pole at St Joseph's and also landscaping work around the front of the rectory and school entrance.

He thanked his parents, Craig and Karen Baker, and leaders of Troop 300 at his Eagle Court of Honor including Theresa Dirig, Steve Chandler, Don Snyder, Tom Katen, Mark Hellinger, Brian Frecker and Gregg Rice for their help in his project and Scouting.

Voris speaks at Knights of Columbus

SOUTH BEND — Michael Voris will speak at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall at Washington and Hill streets in South Bend on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 9 a.m. Men and women are invited.

Teacher grants available for USF Best Practices Showcase projects

FORT WAYNE — Indiana K-12 teachers with innovative ways to involve children in reading are encouraged to apply for literacy grants of up to \$250 from the Northeast Literacy Council. Teachers awarded literacy grants will share the projects at the Best Practices Showcase at the University of Saint Francis (USF) on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

Three literacy grants will be awarded. Applications for the award can be picked up at the USF Department of Education in Pope John Paul II Center, Room 313, or by contacting Nancy Hanke at nhanke@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8405. The applications can also be printed at sf.edu/sf/education/community/northeast-literacy-council. Applications can be mailed to Hanke at USF Department of Education, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Applications are due by Nov. 20. Award recipients will be announced on Dec. 7, and awards will be distributed after the annual USF Best Practices Showcase, at which school educators share practices in 50-minute workshops.

Change in Little Flower Men's Breakfast

SOUTH BEND — Michael Voris will not be speaking at the Little Flower Men's Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 3, as previously noted in advertising. However, the breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. with an optional Mass in the Little Flower Chapel at 54191 Ironwood Dr. in South Bend.

MYERS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT HONORS DWENGER CHAMPS



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James Myers, Eagle Scout of Troop 20 in Fort Wayne and 2012 graduate of Bishop Dwenger, completed the new state championship sign for Bishop Dwenger High School on Washington Center Road. The Eagle Scout project was dedicated and blessed by Father James Seculoff on Sunday, Aug. 5. Pictured, from left, are D.J. Manning, Spencer Gordon, Alan Bell, James Myers, Dave Manning, Andy Johns, Simon Gordon, Matthew Gillett, Dana Cuney, Jason Schiffl, Tom Niezer, Terry Hollenbaugh, Brian Gillett, with Katie Burns, Andy Myers, Joe Houser seated in front.

Thomas, Rice defend religious freedom at South Bend rally

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — “Those who do not stand up when their neighbors’ rights are being trampled on will soon find that their own are threatened.”

Theresa Thomas both applauded and exhorted the crowd gathered outside on a crisp, sunny Saturday in South Bend, emphasizing the importance of standing up for religious freedom in the face of current attempts by the government to impose restrictions.

About 200 people gathered on the plaza in front of the Morris Civic Center for the Rally for Religious Freedom on Oct. 27, a day of prayer and peaceful protest of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate.

“The current administration and its agencies have refused to properly respect and accommodate the faith and convictions of millions of Americans,” said Thomas. “They are forcing Catholics and others to go against their consciences and pay for contraceptive devices and

abortifacient drugs.”

Thomas, a columnist for *Today's Catholic*, is a wife and mother of nine. She has been active in speaking up for religious liberty and says the HHS mandate violates the consciences of millions of Americans who are being ignored. If it is not overturned, the mandate will be fully in place by 2014.

“Government officials and agencies do not care that Catholics and others object to being forced to pay for contraceptives and abortifacient drugs,” continued Thomas, ignoring the lone protestor who attempted to disrupt the rally by shouting through a bullhorn. “They do not care that this HHS decree violates consciences and goes against a 2,000-year tradition of faith. This is not just a Catholic issue. This is a general religious and moral issue.”

A variety of faiths were represented at Saturday’s rally. Opening prayer was provided by Father Camillo Tirabassi, a retired pastor who resides at Holy Family Parish in South Bend. He was joined by



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Father Jim Rosselli, a Western Rite Orthodox priest from LaPorte and Pastor Steve Sumrall of Christ’s Chapel in South Bend.

Before his opening prayer, Father Tirabassi read a letter of welcome from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The bishop wrote: “The free exercise of religion guaranteed by our Constitution necessarily includes the right to refuse to participate in activities that one considers morally wrong. Until recently our nation has always respected that right. The HHS mandate represents a dangerous and dramatic departure from our centuries-old tradition, for it would force almost all religious employers, whether institutions or individuals to facilitate practices they consider gravely immoral.”

Bishop Rhoades also quoted Pope Benedict XVI: “Religious freedom is the pinnacle of all other freedoms. It is a sacred and

inalienable right.”

Dr. Charles E. Rice, professor emeritus of law at the University of Notre Dame, specializes in constitutional law and jurisprudence. He referred to St. Thomas Aquinas who said an unjust law is no law at all.

“When the state commands citizens to obey a law that would force them to do what God has prohibited,” quoted Rice, “then that law must be disobeyed.”

Rice also drew upon the recent movie and companion book “For Greater Glory,” reflecting on the persecution of the Catholic Church in 1920’s Mexico. Then, religious liberty was fiercely attacked by the anti-clerical Mexican government. Rice referred to a passage in the book telling of a meeting between Mexican President Plutarco Calles and Bishop Pasqual Díaz of Tabasco. The bishop appealed to Calles for freedom of conscience to which Calles replied, “The

law is above the dictates of conscience.” Rice then said that this is exactly what is going on with the Obama Administration’s insistence on compliance to the HHS Mandate.

Rice concluded his comments with a reminder of the importance of prayer and mentioned Our Lady’s intercessory role in the 1571 Battle of Lepanto in which the outnumbered Christian fleet defeated the navy of the Muslim Turks.

Prayer was woven throughout the rally as the three religious leaders stood shoulder to shoulder and lead the crowd in praying Psalm 63.

Rally captain Tom Uebbing encouraged everyone to stand up for religious liberty by witnessing through word, deed and prayer.

“The government that claims authority over the consciences of men and women is a tyrannical government,” said Uebbing, “and there is nothing in principle that government cannot force its citizens to do.”

Thomas asked God’s protection and said the faithful must recognize that the HHS mandate is a dangerous intrusion into the lives of individual citizens and employers.

“We must teach our children the authentic story of America’s history, our family’s own personal history, and the long-standing tradition of freedom for all,” said Thomas. “We must talk and live sacrifice. We must talk and live honor. We must talk and live respect for one another. We must talk and live our faith, not just our individual religious faiths but demonstrate that we have faith in each other. We must vote our consciences. And when this election is over, whatever the outcome, we must continue to press on.”

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Gabriell Jones, Tiana and Tania Wilson of Marian High School and Annie Johnson of Saint Joseph High School were awarded the James and Virginia Buchanan St. Augustine Church Founding Member Scholarships of \$500 each Oct. 21 by Alfred Guillaume, chairman of the education committee for the South Bend parish. In the photo, from left, are Gabriell Jones, Annie Johnson, Alfred Guillaume, Tiana and Tania Wilson and Holy Cross Father Leonard Collins, pastor.

Jane Sandor extends a welcome to those with disabilities

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Helping everyone open the doors of their hearts and the Church is the mantra that Jane Sandor brings to her new role as a catechetical associate for the Office of Catechesis and Special Ministries. She will play a key role in the development of catechesis, retreats and accommodations for those with disabilities.

"I am delighted to have Jane with us in the Office of Catechesis, and I am excited about being able to help make the teachings of the Church accessible to more and more people," said Deacon Jim Tighe, director of the Office of Catechesis.

Sandor has spent her professional career as a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne for 11 years, principal of St. Aloysius School, Yoder, for two years, and principal of St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, for five years.

"When I think of disabilities I firmly believe I'm the one who is

disabled because I don't understand the world through those who may be disabled in a variety of ways," Sandor told *Today's Catholic*. "So it's a learning experience for me, and it's a way for me to better understand what I'm being called to do."

Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, said, Sandor brings "compassion and appreciation that the gifts someone has — that's the first thing that Jane sees. It's not the struggles that they have. She has an innate ability to assess and figure out how to help someone capitalize on those gifts. She's a teacher. She sees the gift first and foremost."

Working with students' disabilities was an "interesting transformation in my career," Sandor said. When she first started teaching, she had little understanding of special needs children. "But as I journeyed through my education, I realized that every child has a right to learn — they're just going to learn in a different way. And it was my job as a teacher to find that way that that



TIM JOHNSON

Jane Sandor is the new catechetical associate for the Office of Catechesis and Special Ministries. She will be working with ministries for those with disabilities.

child could learn," Sandor said.

"Her educational background is invaluable, whether it is working with high school theology departments, or directors of religious education and catechists on the parish level," Glowaski said.

"It's a unique opportunity for us to bridge both the catechetical and the pastoral ministry when we serve the disabled and their families," Glowaski noted.

Glowaski said that Sandor would be dedicated in helping the diocese find those who are disabled and look into resources available to them.

Sandor hopes to work with the faith formation-religious education programs in the parishes and help them understand the needs of children or adults with disabilities. She plans to bridge the materials within the resource rooms of the schools and the religious education programs.

"That is the gift of having Jane as an educator," Glowaski said. "She brings a credibility and knowledge that is unquestioned. She understands from a teacher's perspective their struggles — she gets it."

Sandor said she wants to help parishes see what they already have and perhaps work it in a better way.

"I firmly believe every parish and every school has so much more than what they realize they have," Sandor said. "And we just need to help them find it."

This model is called the appreciative inquiry model. "We know that a great deal is being done and right," Glowaski said. "So how can we build on that and extend that a little bit further? And it may be a challenge. It may be a stretch. But it's already there."

"A good percentage of what we can do is well within the realm of

saving a parking space or having a special meal or making sure that we have an interpreter," Glowaski said.

These simple accommodations can make a great difference. For example, Sandor said for the Catechetical Institute Day hosted by the Office of Catechesis on Oct. 27, one participant noted they had difficulty walking. Sandor arranged a parking space close to the building for the participant. "I called her yesterday and she was just totally overwhelmed that somebody from the diocese would call and be concerned about that and be willing to help her with that," Sandor said.

On Nov. 10, Sandor is attending the Deaf Festival at the Allen County Fairgrounds to work on getting a message from the diocese out to all people, that "we have a disabilities ministry and it is our goal to embrace people to help them and help ourselves walk this journey together," she said.

The diocesan-sponsored day of reflection for the deaf will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Father Mike Depcik, one of 10 priests in the world who is deaf and celebrates Mass through sign language, will direct the retreat. Father Depcik will be available for confessions and celebration of the Mass. The cost for the retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. To register, contact Sandor at jsandor@diocesefwsb.org.

Glowaski wished to express that the ministry is in the learning stages; they have missed some things, "but have found those who are disabled to be incredibly gracious."

"I think that they are glad that they finally have a voice," Sandor added.

"They matter to us," Glowaski noted.



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Seeing, serving God in all people

BY KAY COZAD

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is currently in a unique position to form meaningful ministries for the disabled throughout the area with the on going collaboration between the offices of Evangelization and Special Ministries, Catechesis and Catholic schools. Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, knows there's much to be done, but before any ministries can be put into place, she says, "We have to have a relationship with the disabled and their families."

The current emphasis in special ministries is on finding those Catholics with disabilities within the diocese and building a relationship with them.

Recently a board of advisors has been formed to steer this endeavor that includes Dr. Mark Myers, the superintendent of Catholic schools, members with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities and others, who help bring the lived experience of being disabled to the mix. Jane Sandor is the newest member of the board and is working closely with special ministries. She comes to the post as a strong advocate with a background in education and offers a vast array of skills.

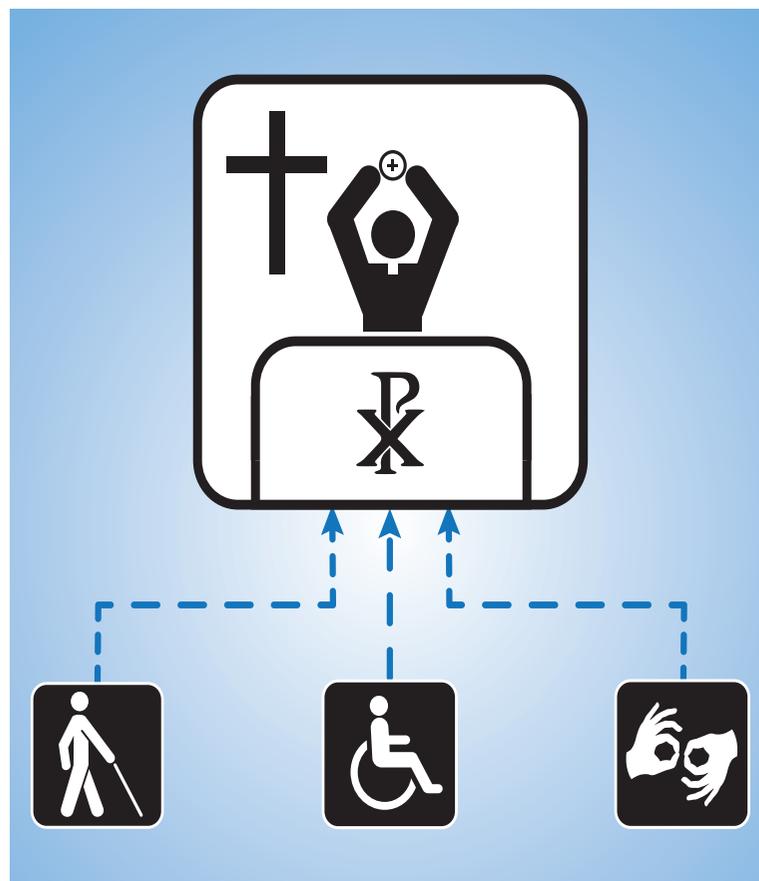
Glowaski says of this team of educators, social workers, pastoral ministers and disabled, "There is a fullness to the approach that is exciting. ... We have a unique opportunity to look at someone

we're serving and approach them with a much fuller understanding of what they need and assess what they can bring to the Church."

"God's grace is fundamental in these ministries. It's about seeing God in one another and serving God in one another. And the disabled and their families do that in such profound ways," says Glowaski.

Finding the Catholics with disabilities in the diocese has been an ongoing challenge, says Glowaski, but the advisory board is assisting the diocesan offices in their search. The offices are also working with the community agencies that serve the disabled. Glowaski has been pleased with the collaboration. "We have found every one of the agencies to be encouraging, open and willing to communicate the things we're doing to those they serve," she says.

Two surveys were conducted within parishes across the diocese to determine the presence and



needs of those with disabilities and the resources that are currently available. That has laid the groundwork for this special ministry's formation.

The first big public venture occurred recently when a special Mass for the Disabled was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Over 100 faithful were in attendance, many of whom spoke of it as a "transformational experience" and "very

powerful."

As each event is presented the diocese learns more about how to meet the needs of the disabled within the Church. Glowaski reports a glitch in the accessibility to restrooms at the recent Mass, but says, "The most powerful thing we learned is something we take for granted — how difficult and how much work it is to be disabled."

Now she says, they can ask the important questions including "Who is not at the table?"

The long-term vision this diocese holds for special ministries is that eventually it will not be needed. "We won't be thinking of including the disabled, because they will already be included," says Glowaski hopefully. And that must begin at the parish level.

"We encourage a deeper vision at parishes, to have awareness — and we form ministries and events at parishes and at the diocesan level. We know we

must make it as easy as possible to come and bring their gifts, and experience community," Glowaski reports. The recent Mass was not only for the disabled but also to expose interested others. "We want to change hearts," notes Glowaski.

Another event that offers meaningful community is the upcoming Day of Reflection for the Deaf on Nov. 17 at the John Paul II Center in South Bend. Father Mike Depcik, who is deaf, will communicate with sign language throughout the day.

A sign language interpreter has been involved in several special Masses celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Glowaski notes that even if there are no sign language communicators at these Masses, the presence of the interpreter is witness that there could be a need.

On a broader scale, the diocesan offices have worked diligently to change all registration forms for future diocesan events to include special accommodations wording. And as these accommodations are met, with the foresight of the disabled Catholics themselves, the diocese and parish communities will provide a meaningful, prayerful, passionate ministry for the disabled throughout the diocese.

The most important thing to note says Glowaski is "It's not that they are disabled, but they are a part of who we are and when they're not with us we're not whole."

Faith, academics and community bloom with special education program

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Preliminary results of the success of the new initiative to address the needs of children with disabilities within the diocesan school system are in and they are encouraging. St. Louis Besancon School staff has seen tremendous growth in faith development, academics and an even more closely knit school community where students and staff share a mutual care and concern for each other.

The program, which was created in response to the concerns of area parents of children with special needs and is intended to serve students kindergarten through eighth grade, was implemented in August at St. Louis Besancon, when seven new students were welcomed. These students had previously been enrolled in a public school and eligible for the Indiana School Voucher.

St. Louis Besancon Principal Cheryl Klinker, who has 14 years of experience with special needs programs, has overseen the program from the start. "Catholic families not already enrolled in a Catholic school were asked to apply to the program.

The application process included current teacher input and documents describing the educational needs of the students. In some instances visits were made to the students' current schools," she reports.

Implementation of the program has required new specially trained personnel including special education/resource teacher Amanda Arnold and teaching assistant Tiffany Smith. Beverly Thompson is a teaching assistant as well, but has been provided by East Allen County Schools. Rita Brueggeman is the veteran teaching assistant who works with the special education department.

Klinker says of the funding for the program, "The diocese provided us with a budget for the program and all the families also pay tuition."

The needs of the seven new students served by this program range from mild to moderate disabilities, says Klinker, including Down syndrome, autism, emotional and cognitive disabilities. Each of the seven students is fully integrated into the regular education classroom with the support of the resource personnel. The students also have the opportunity to work in the resource room, which is currently part of the dual-

purpose library space, for specific skill development.

Special education teacher Amanda Arnold says she not only works to meet the academic, social skills and behavioral needs of the students, but also works with the general education teachers each week to support them with any classroom issues. And she says of her duties, "I also run interventions for general education students who are struggling but do not yet have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan)."

She adds thoughtfully, "I also think my biggest role is advocate. I am here to advocate for these students, parents and teachers."

Preparation for the reception of these special students was school-wide and the student body and staff have adapted well. "Teachers read books to the students and discussed student concerns in class. But mostly students simply take their classmates by the hand and show them the way without even thinking, just because it is the right thing to do. They seem to have an innate understanding that we are all children of the same God," reports Klinker.

Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic Schools, is pleased with

the success of the program and says, "This program has been extremely successful because we have welcomed children with special needs who have contributed greatly to the spiritual and Catholic identity of our school community at St. Louis Besancon."

Klinker agrees and reports that the parents of students in the program "can't believe the growth their students have made in such a short time." She believes that the Christ-like acceptance of these students by all school personnel, teachers and students has made the difference.

"They all make it their personal mission that each student in their classroom reaches their potential. The current students are empowered to assist their peers in not only academics, but assure that each student has assimilated into the culture of St. Louis Academy behaviorally and socially," she says, adding that some of the seven new students come from self-contained special education classroom and have benefitted from the inclusion model. "We have truly seen the benefits of full inclusion where struggling students want to imitate and model the behavior of their typical peers."

Arnold agrees that students learn

from each other, and says they all benefit from the gifts each brings to the school. "The students are able to be in a school that teaches them their faith and they are surrounded by kind, loving and patient students and teachers. But, most importantly, I think these special needs students are helping every student, parent and teacher in this school by the way they show us God's love."

Dr. Myers is hopeful that in the coming years more Catholic students with special needs will attend Catholic schools across the diocese. His hope is to continue ongoing teacher and staff training and to replicate the model St. Louis Besancon finds so successful. Additionally, he hopes to expand the program to include early intervention with "stroller club" support groups for parents of young children in need of special services as early as six months of age.

For more information about this initiative for children with disabilities contact Cheryl Klinker at (260) 749-5815, the Catholic Schools office at (260) 422-4611 or visit www.diocesefwsb.org.

'Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died and was buried; He descended into hell'

These words of the Creed bring us to the very heart of the faith: the *Paschal Mystery*. From the Greek word *pascha*, which is a rough transliteration of the Hebrew *pesach*, or "Passover," this term both harkens back to the Exodus as an anticipation of the saving Passover of Jesus and became the way Christians identified the Mystery which constitutes their very identity.

It is important to clarify this term. Rather than being merely a puzzle to be solved or a problem to be analyzed, the theological term *Mystery* means a reality whose depth, breadth and texture are such that it cannot be simply or easily categorized,

defined, or conceptualized without doing damage to the reality itself. More precisely, this comes to refer (St. Paul first uses it in this sense in both Ephesians and Colossians) to God's saving plan for His creation revealed, enacted and embodied in His Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. The "Paschal Mystery" then refers to the death and resurrection of Christ as the full revelation of God's saving plan for His creation.

It might seem curious that, of all the various details of Jesus's death, the Creed makes the point of mentioning Pontius Pilate by name; none of Jesus's disciples garner a mention, nor do any other characters from the Gospel except His own mother.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

There is good reason such detail is included. Around the time Christianity began to spread, various movements (themselves perhaps even offshoots of the Christian faith) broadly called "gnostic" also rose as competing versions of Jesus' legacy.

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True disciples live by God's law of love



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 12:28b-34

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of the first reading. One among the first five books of the Bible, Deuteronomy contains for Jews the basic rule of life, as it is the basic revelation of God about life.

Moses is central in these books. He led the Hebrews from Egypt, where they had been enslaved and oppressed, and guided them across the stark Sinai Peninsula to the Promised Land.

He led them not because they had chosen him, or because he somehow had assumed the role of leadership, but rather because God commissioned him.

Not only did Moses lead the Chosen People to their own land, the land God had promised them and reserved for them, but also he taught them how to live according to God's law. Again, the teachings of Moses were not merely the thoughts of Moses himself, but the very words of God conveyed to humanity by Moses.

In this reading, Moses, speaking for God, reveals the central reality of existence. God, the creator, is everything. Moses, still speaking for God, further reveals that God is one. God is a person.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend offers us a selection from the Epistle to the

Hebrews.

The loveliest and most powerful symbols and understandings of God and virtue in the ancient Hebrew tradition gleam in the verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The exact circumstances of its composition are unknown, but obviously it was first intended for an audience very aware of the traditions and beliefs of Judaism at the time of Jesus.

For the ancient Jews, from the time that Aaron, the brother of Moses, served as high priest, the central figure in Jewish society was the high priest. The high priest's role extended far beyond officiating at religious ceremonies. He represented God. He also spoke for the people in acknowledging God as supreme.

This epistle sees Jesus as the great, eternal high priest. While the memory of Caiaphas, and other high priests, was less than lustrous among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great high priest envisioned by Hebrews is holy and perfect.

Jesus is the great high priest of Calvary. As a human, the Lord represented all humanity. As God, the sacrifice of Jesus was perfect.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. A scribe, an expert in Jewish religion, asked Jesus to capsule the Commandments. It was an understandable question. Jewish law, all seen as emanating from God, had 613 precepts!

In responding, Jesus drew upon two divine statutes well known to the audience, one from Deuteronomy, the other from Leviticus. This mere technique situated the Lord in the tradition of revelation and defined that Jesus was no imposter. He was God's spokesman.

Reflection

The Church is moving forward to the Feast of Christ the King, celebrated only a few weeks hence. In this feast, the Church will conclude its year and close its yearlong lesson, given us in part each of the 52 Sundays when we hear God's Word and pray.

As it approaches this end of the year, the Church, a good teacher, summarizes its teachings.

This is the summary. God is everything. Departing from God, disobeying God, brings chaos and doom. God guides us to life, as God guided the Hebrews to freedom.

He sent Jesus as our teacher and leader, as once Moses came to the Hebrews. The teachings of Jesus are simple but profound: Love God above everything, and love others as self.

In the Gospel reading, the common word is "love." It is instructive in and of itself. If God is love, and if true disciples live by God's law, then they will love God and all others.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1-3
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26-32
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4,
13-14 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3,
5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1-2,
5-6, 8-9 Lk 16:9-15

The special life of a parish priest

I thank God that the first nine years of my priesthood was spent in a large, sprawling parish on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. There were 3,500 families at that time. An elementary school and a small all-girls high school. St. Mary of the Sea, Beverly, Mass. I can never forget it.

A Catholic parish is unique and filled with joy for a priest. In all my years as a bishop, nothing encouraged me more than being with a priest and his parishioners for Mass and Confessions, for the sacrament of Confirmation, or whatever the pastor organized. Even now in retirement, I have great joy in helping out some of our parish priests.

So, I was on my way south on a lovely late summer afternoon to offer a weekday 6 p.m. Mass for Father David Voors — as fine a parish priest as I have known. Father Dave was taking his mother on a drive through Michigan, and I was privileged to celebrate the 6 p.m. Mass so his people would have a Mass on that day. Drawing close to Decatur, the cell phone rang in my car. An anxious voice said, "Bishop D'Arcy is supposed to be at St. Mary's for Mass and I am trying to reach him."

"That's me," I said.

"Oh, Bishop, this is Deacon Jerry Kohrman and the people are waiting for you and some people want to go to Confession before Mass."

"I am just passing Central Soya, Jerry, and I will be there in plenty of time."

"Well, they want to go to Confession before Mass."

"That's not in the contract," I mumbled to myself with a touch of mischievousness. "I will be glad to hear their Confessions after Mass." So, I celebrated 6 p.m. Mass. As always in Decatur, there are more people at Mass than you expect. (Decatur is a place where people go to church, whether it be to one of the famous Penance Services in Advent or Lent when the church is full, or for Sunday or daily Mass.)

After Mass, and a short homily and Confessions, Bertie Shrader, a parishioner who initiated the emergency call, asked if I would go with her to visit a man who was dying. Of course, a priest must never hesitate after such an invitation. So Bertie rode with me.

"It is on your way home," she said. "Don't worry, I will get someone there to drive me back to the church. There will be plenty of people there."

She was right. The home was just off Route 27, and there were cars everywhere. When I entered the home, there must have been 15 people there. Joseph Wilder was stretched out in the living room. Joseph and Ruth had nine children, and it seemed they were all there, along with their spouses and one grandchild.



GUEST COMMENTARY

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

"Bishop, it is incurable," Joseph told me. I did what every priest would do — I prayed. I made Acts of Faith, Hope and Love with Joseph. We recited the Act of Contrition. The whole family said the prayers with me. I encouraged him, and he told me he was ready to go. Father David Voors had given him the Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Communion and the sacrament of Penance a few days earlier. A man dying with his wonderful wife, children and grandchildren all around him. A serious cancer that involves suffering. A retired bishop filling in as a parish priest.

As I returned alone to Fort Wayne, I gave thanks to God that I was a priest. I was reminded of a question that I posed once to Pope John Paul II at an ad limina visit. "Do you have a word for our priests when I return?"

He replied, "Tell your priests that the great day for the pope was not the day he was made a bishop and not the day he was made a pope, but the day he was ordained a priest and could say Mass for the people."

So, for a few hours on a lovely summer evening, I was the parish priest at St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur.

While this was an unusual experience for me since I left St. Mary's, Beverly, Mass., a half century ago, events like that happen for a parish priest almost every day. When you see a priest who is happy and joyful, that is the reason. He can never doubt that his life has meaning. He is with people in their most important moments. It also reminded me of the words of Walker Percy, a favorite author of mine, who I met once at Notre Dame when he received the Laetare Medal. He said in an interview and later in a book he wrote, "My hero is the parish priest." Mine too.

The next morning Deacon Kohrman called my office with the news that later that night Joseph Wilder had died. What a privilege to have ministered to him in his final hours and to help him prepare to meet Christ our Savior.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, is a retired bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and resides in Fort Wayne.

Message of Fatima has relevance today

Think of it: Our Blessed Mother came down from heaven to deliver a message that can save souls and bring peace to the world. The apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima are timeless treasures that are completely deserving of our time and attention. At the time of these apparitions in Fatima, World War I was in full swing and the threat of atheistic communism loomed on the horizon.

Since it has been 95 years since these Church-approved apparitions, some say her message is no longer relevant. However, recent events in the Middle East as well as stunning developments in our own country's culture of death prove its relevance in the 21st century. Blessed Pope John Paul II said, "The message of Fatima is more important now than ever."

During the July 13, 1917 apparition, Our Lady showed the three shepherd children a vision of hell. Lucia described it by saying, "the rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear." Our Blessed Mother said many souls can be saved through acts of reparation — specifically, she said that she will return to ask for the "Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays." In 1925, when Lucia was living at a Dorothean convent in Spain,

Our Lady kept her promise and appeared to her along with the Child Jesus. It was the Child Jesus who spoke first: "Have compassion on the heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them." The Most Holy Virgin continued with, "You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Furthermore, in 1930, Our Lord appeared to Lucia and explained why the number five is significant. "There are five ways in which people offend, and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." This commentary shall discuss the fourth blasphemy — "those who try publicly to implant in the children's hearts indifference, contempt and even hate against this Immaculate Mother."

Father Andrew Apostoli wrote in his book, "Fatima for Today," that Mary "has a right to the love and affection of all her children, while they in turn have a right to her love and care. Reparation is needed whenever this relationship is deliberately harmed. ... Reparation is also needed for those parents who from their own personal prejudices do not allow their children to learn about God or Our Lady or to practice any religious devotion. We must pray not only for such parents, but also for the children who have been

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MARIAM SCHMITZ

deprived of the opportunity to grow close to God."

The Gospel recounts Jesus' response when the Apostles wanted to stop children from approaching Jesus thinking they would be an annoyance. Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me. Do not hinder them. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." And He laid His hand on their heads. ... (Mt 19: 14-15)

Father Apostoli also writes that those who identify themselves as "feminists" reject Our Lady's true feminism. Specifically, her role of mother "is rejected because it contradicts their desire for pleasure without responsibility, for which reason they are such determined advocates of abortion. ... In their attempts to spread their agenda, they seek to poison the minds and hearts of young people against the Mother of God. ... The consequence is much like breathing in badly polluted air: it will eventually make one sick." What a tragic development in our culture. Let us focus on putting her triumphant message into action.

Father Andrew Apostoli's "Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope" can be purchased from Ignatius Press by visiting www.ignatius.com.

rooted in concrete human lives and events: in short, the center of human (and cosmic) history is the man Jesus who, because He's not merely man, gives meaning to all history, to all reality, and whose self-gift on the cross on a hill outside of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago gives life to all. This is what has been called the "scandal of particularity," an idea dear to Pope Benedict, that God has chosen particular moments, places and individuals in human history to work out His saving plan, His Mystery.

When we profess that Jesus, at His death, "descended into hell," we must not imagine that Jesus paid a visit to the realm of the damned to sort things out with Satan. Rather, the phrase used in the Creed, *ad inferos* (or *ad infera*) refers not to the state of existence of those who have irrevocably turned from God (for hell is not a "place," but an identity, a mode of being, just as heaven is less a locale than

an actualization of our identity in Christ), but rather to what the Greeks called *Hades* or the Old Testament *Sheol*, the region of the dead.

As the theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar emphasized, Jesus's solidarity with humanity is such that He even experiences the dregs of death — the Lord does not bypass death but enters into it fully and freely; yet death cannot contain Him who is Life, a life He shares freely with all the righteous who had lived since the foundation of the world.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 4, 2012
Mark 12:28b-34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a trick that brought a scribe close to the kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SCRIBES	FIRST	JESUS
O ISRAEL	THE LORD	SHALL
HEART	SOUL	STRENGTH
SECOND	NEIGHBOR	GREATER
TEACHER	HE IS ONE	NO OTHER
BURNT	OFFERINGS	SACRIFICES
NOT FAR	NO ONE DARED	QUESTIONS

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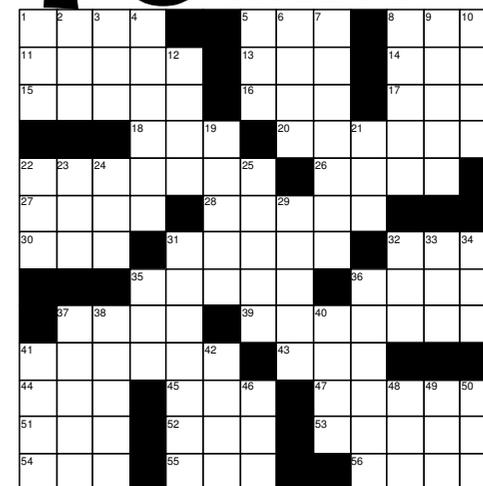
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Gnosticism had little use for the messiness history, as it viewed embodiment (and the entire spatio-temporal order) as a condition from which its adherents hoped to escape by gaining the secret teaching (*gnosis*) of Jesus, imparted and accessible only to the few. The fact that Pilate's name is included indicates how seriously the Church takes human history (the arena not from which we are saved, but through which we are saved; this is, after all, the very basis of the sacramental system) and to make clear that at the heart of Christian faith is not a teaching (secret or otherwise) or an idea, but rather an event, a life lived and freely given on our behalf.

Far from mere myth or fable (and the Gnostics concocted some doozies), Christian faith is

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34 and 1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

ACROSS

- 1 Jesus stretched out on cross
- 5 Pop (pl.)
- 8 State Bureau of Investigation
- 11 O. Henry's "___ Kid"
- 13 Canine registry (abbr.)
- 14 St. Joan of ___
- 15 Incite (2 wd)
- 16 Computer directory command
- 17 Popular papal name
- 18 North American Indian
- 20 Hebrew first month, alt.spelling

- 22 Race beach
- 26 Rosary part
- 27 Mined metals
- 28 Indian lodge
- 30 Terminal abbr.
- 31 Our High Priest
- 32 Brainpower
- 35 Rebound
- 36 Egyptian sacred bird
- 37 Lion evangelist
- 39 Edible white root
- 41 Citizen of Libya
- 43 Title of respect
- 44 Vane direction
- 45 Arbiter
- 47 Restaurants
- 51 Harden

- 52 # of widow's coins
- 53 Love with your whole ___
- 54 South southeast
- 55 They did with loaves and fish
- 56 Soil

DOWN

- 1 Whiz
- 2 Cheat
- 3 Chinese flavoring
- 4 Reconnoiters
- 5 Tablet
- 6 Similar
- 7 Questioned Jesus
- 8 Popular condiment
- 9 Elijah asked widow for
- 10 Holy picture
- 12 "For ___ you this day"
- 19 Go into sanctuary
- 21 Bishop's turf
- 22 Stag's mate
- 23 Blessed ___ thou"
- 24 Congressional vote
- 25 Fable writer
- 29 Mountain lions
- 31 Indonesia capital
- 32 West by north
- 33 Papal three
- 34 Cooking measurement
- 35 Voice in wilderness
- 36 "Hear, O ___"
- 37 Wartime hidden bombs
- 38 White poplar
- 40 Contributed largely to Temple
- 41 Not arms
- 42 Salamander
- 46 Enemy
- 48 Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
- 49 Epoch
- 50 Short-term memory

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

LADY COUGARS 25 IN NAIA PRESEASON POLL The University of Saint Francis women's basketball team started out its season Oct. 31 as the No. 25 team in the 2012-13 NAIA Division II Top 25 preseason ratings released on Tuesday, Oct. 23. USF, which finished 19-13 overall in 2011-12, plays its first eight games on the road starting at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. The Lady Cougars jump into Crossroads League play on Nov. 20 at Huntington University at 7 p.m. USF will play its first game at Hutzell Athletic Center on Nov. 28 against Spring Arbor (Mich.) at 7 p.m. USF only plays one more home game in 2012 against Urbana University at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Marian wins state, Saint Joseph finishes as runner-up

BY CHUCK FREEBY

INDIANAPOLIS — A year ago, Marian's girls soccer team lost the state championship game on penalty kicks. The Knights left nothing to chance in 2012.

Saturday, Djamel Charvat's squad dominated from start to finish, defeating Providence, 2-0, to win the Indiana Class 1-A girls' soccer crown. For Marian, it's the first girls' soccer championship in the school's history.

"Last year, we had the talent, but we just didn't have the confidence," said sophomore D.J. Veldman. "We wanted to come back and redeem ourselves and show we belonged here and we did that."

In fact, Veldman and her Marian teammates wasted little time delivering that message. The sophomore sensation took a Shannon Hendricks pass from the top of the box, and fired a shot to the left of Providence goalkeeper Autumn Meyer to give the Knights a 1-0 lead.

"That first goal gave us momentum," admitted Charvat afterwards. "But Devin Smith helped us keep that momentum. She was excellent in net today."

Indeed, the junior goalkeeper came up big in the 22nd minute. Providence's Jordan Reger had a clean shot off a corner kick, but Smith made a diving save. A minute later, Smith's best friend, the crossbar, came up with a stop on Kacey Wallace's shot to preserve the 1-0 cushion.

Marian was able to change the field and take advantage soon after that. Hendricks took a direct kick from the top of the circle and fired a laser into the net to make it 2-0.

Marian overcame an injury-riddled start to the season, winning 18 of their last 19 to finish the campaign, 18-4-2.

The news was not as good for Saint Joseph. Johan Kuitse's young Indians squad lost to Evansville Memorial, 3-1, in the Class 2-A state championship game.

Saint Joseph had an early opportunity to take the lead,



MARIE DOUGLAS

The Mishawaka Marian Lady Knights are the Indiana Class 1-A girls' soccer Champions.



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The Saint Joseph High School girls' soccer team lost to Evansville Memorial, 3-1, in the Class 2-A state championship game.

but Maddy Turner's shot sailed just wide. Evansville Memorial dictated the action after that, outshooting the Indians, 15-2, in the first half. The southerners finally got on the scoreboard 30 minutes in when Gracie Lachowecki put a crossing pass on the foot of Kristen Parker for a 1-0 lead.

Lachowecki's booming leg came through for Evansville with just 30 seconds remaining before half. The Miami, Fla.-bound senior netted her 42nd goal of the season with a booming blast from the 22-yard mark over the head of keeper Cat Edmonds.

Seven minutes into the second

half, Saint Joseph looked to get back in the game. Turner used her powerful leg to drill a shot from 25 yards away into the upper left-hand corner of the net to make it a 2-1 contest.

It never got any closer. With 11 minutes remaining in regulation, Olivia Shafer connected on a diving header past Edmonds to account for the final score.

"Our four seniors set some high standards for a very young team," remarked Kuitse of his squad that finished 21-3. "We lose some great talent, but we won't change our expectations."

CYO Holy Cross Crusaders crowned football leader

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop D'Arcy Stadium at the University of Saint Francis was the site of the 2012 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football championship games Sunday, Oct. 21.

In the varsity contest, the Holy Cross Crusaders were once again crowned this year's winner when they defeated the previously unbeaten Cardinals from St. Charles, 24-14. For the third straight season, the Crusaders avenged an 8-6 regular season loss to the Cardinals by beating them in the championship game.

After many seasons of practice games against the multi-school Lutheran team, the CYO approved Holy Cross joining the league in May of 2003 according to Ava Meyer's official records. However, as part of the original agreement, Holy Cross would not be allowed to participate in the annual diocesan games with South Bend after the league tournament should they be declared the winners or runner-ups who are typically bestowed the honor.

Therefore, for 2012 the CYO league will be represented in the games against the South Bend teams on Nov. 4 by St. Charles and St. Vincent.

Holy Cross blazed out to a 24-0 lead in the first quarter and then held on to win. The Cardinals scored on an incredible 78-yard reception by Carl Williams and an 18-yard catch by Jake Pease.

The St. Charles defense was led by Nick Houk who had a big interception to breathe some life into the Cardinals in the fourth quarter. In 2012, St. Charles extended their regular season winning streak to 19 games not falling since August 2010.

Coach Sam Talarico concluded, "We had a great year. Holy Cross is very well coached, their players are disciplined and they are fundamentally sound. At the end of the day, Holy Cross made plays and we didn't. Most big games are decided by who tackles and blocks the best. Holy Cross did those things much better than us on Sunday and they deserved to win. CYO games are very short and if you get down 16-0 to a good team, it is a tough mountain to climb. Our kids did not give up, but the initial deficit proved too much to overcome against a great program like Holy Cross."



Junior varsity

First up on Sunday in the junior varsity CYO championship game, the

tables were turned with the St. Charles Cardinals winning a hard-fought victory over the Holy Cross Crusaders by a score of 18-6. The Cardinals finished a perfect season with a 10-0 record.

Holy Cross opened the game with a long, methodical drive against the Cardinals to take a 6-0 lead. But St. Charles answered on the ensuing possession, capped by a touchdown pass from Jared Lee to Spencer Cater on fourth and long. These two hard-hitting teams continued to trade blows the remainder of the first half and went into the break with the score tied, 6-6.

According to Coach Shane Lee, St. Charles opened the second half with a scoring drive led by several tenacious runs from tailback T.J. Tippmann, who capped the drive with a touchdown run to take a 12-6 lead. The Cardinals' defense made several key adjustments in the second half and was able to keep a well-coached and athletic Crusader squad out of the end zone.

The Cardinals got another touchdown run from Tippmann late in the half to seal the victory.

The St. Charles running attack was set up by a fantastic performance from an undersized Cardinal offensive line (Joe Tippmann, Tristan Krohn, Charlie Howe, Jarrett Straesse, Blake Scheer, Garrett Seibert and Jacob Ford).

The defense was led by its linebackers (T.J. Tippmann, Alec Bunt and Lee) with key contributions from the D-line (including first time nose tackle Michael Garrett, Joe Tippmann, Howe, Sean O'Sullivan, Andrew Sordelet and Drew Aguirre). The Cardinals' defensive secondary was under constant pressure from a formidable Crusader passing attack, but were up to the challenge. The secondary was led by Collin Quinlan, Cater, Travis Tippmann and Owen Potosky.

A pleased Coach Lee concluded, "The awards ceremony was held at midfield following the game and both teams exhibited exemplary sportsmanship, as would be expected following a CYO contest."

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Panthers take ICCL football championship

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Two teams met at Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School to determine who would be the 2012 Inter-City Catholic League Champions; one featured an orange-and-black clad pack courtesy of the single wing formation and the other a new undefeated juggernaut boasting the Player of the Year, Tony Carmola.

The St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers had gone through the season unscathed but the upstart St. Matthew (St. Jude/Our lady of Hungary) Blazers had been riding a four-game winning streak and a much improved and confident squad.

At the beginning of the week, the Panther skipper, Kevin Sandor, had been focused on error-free football and getting back to basics. On the opening kick, it looked as if things would

go awry as the Blazers hopped on their own kick off to start the game with a turnover.

The Blazers would however not be able to capitalize on the miscue as penalties struck and they were forced to go away from their strength and unsuccessfully put the ball in the air.

The Panthers then proceeded to do just as the coach ordered. They got back to basics, and behind the diligent running game and the offensive line of Tyler Kleva, Matt Forsey, JR Haley, Michael Godfrey, Myron Henderson and Nick LaFountain, they marched the ball meticulously down the field.

During the drive, big set-up runs with Charlie McFadden and Carmola, a three-yard dive-off tackle Blake Benifiel, and Carmola's points after kick opened the scoring, 8-0, Panthers.

The Blazers counterpunched by marching down the field with runs by Cole Kaznia, Nick



RAY DERUKI

St. Anthony's Cory Incandela catches a 23-yard touchdown pass over St. Matthew defender Chris Scales.

Monnin and quarterback Justin DeClark. They got their final push using the smash-mouth technique, pushing the pile 19 yards as Alex Guzman crossed the plane. Evan Sandefur tacked on the points after and the game was knotted at eight.

The suspense in the bleachers was thrilling as the fans knew that the Blazers would just need to hold the Panthers until the second stanza where they would have first possession and a 13-and-a-half-minute drive taken from the previous week's action.

The Panther quarterback had

other ideas. After it looked as though the stingy Blazer defense would hold, with just more than three minutes left in the half, Carmola burst through a hole and dashed 59 yards to paydirt. He added the kick making the score, 16-8.

The Panther defense then stopped the Blazer attack dead in its tracks and took over on downs with just under two minutes to go in the half.

In those final two minutes, Carmola threw, rushed and guided the maroon-and-gold-clad squad down the gridiron finally

lofting a 23-yard pinpoint perfect pass down and into the hands of Corey Incandela for a backbreaking score and a 24-8 halftime margin.

The much anticipated opening drive of the second half by the Blazers did not turn the tide, as on fourth down and only the fifth play of the scrum, St. Anthony's Haley stopped Guzman and the hopes of the trailing squad.

The Panthers again relied heavily on their playmaker Carmola. He again delivered by finding Benifiel in the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown and sealing the fate of the St. Matthew team, 32-8.

The Blazers tacked on a late score highlighted by a 55-yard run by DeClark and a 15-yard mush pit TD rush by Monnin making the final margin, 32-14, Panthers.

After the game, Carmola said, "I knew that our offensive line could come through for us, and the team has worked hard and given so much effort this season."

"To win a championship in the ICCL, you not only need a good team but you always seem to have a special player," remarked Sandor. "I'm very proud of this squad. I think we played well as a team and Carmola added the final touches."

"We just weren't on schedule. When we are, we are a tough team, but St. Anthony exposed us and turned us into a one dimensional team," explained head coach, Ben Domonkos. "I'm proud of how our kids developed throughout the season and how hard they played every down. St. Anthony's has a great club."

The ICCL plays host at Father Bly Field this weekend to its counterparts from the Fort Wayne CYO League; as the St. Matthew Blazers face off against the St. Vincent Panthers at 1 p.m. and the St. Anthony team plays the Cardinals of St. Charles at 3 p.m.

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CRAFT FAIRS

Kris Kringle craft show

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will have a Kris Kringle craft show Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eighty-eight juried crafters, hayride, shuttle, food drive, bake sale, raffle and lunch available.

Snowflake Bazaar

Huntington — St. Mary Parish Rosary Sodality's annual Snowflake Bazaar will be held in the gym, 903 N. Jefferson St., Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 4, after the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Bake sale, crafts, raffle, lunch (Saturday only) — soups, sandwiches and homemade apple dumplings.

Music Boosters plan craft show

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters craft show will be Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Nelson's Chicken will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Fancy Fair at St. Gaspar

Rome City — The St. Gaspar Rosary Sodality will have a fancy fair cookie bar Saturday, Nov. 3, at the church on State Road 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A craft bazaar and cookies as well as lunch will be offered. Call Ginny Roesler at (260) 854-4888 for information.

Craft bazaar

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. The Altar and Rosary Society will be holding a raffle for various items from local merchants. The eighth-grade class will be selling lunch.

Craft fair at St. Charles

Fort Wayne — The St. Charles Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 vendors as well as lunch will be available. St. Charles is on the corner of Trier and Reed roads.

Craft and candy fair

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a Rosary Society craft show, candy and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym. Raffle prize

\$100. Food and drink available and door prizes every half hour. Wheelchair accessible.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Orphan Hosting Program Planned

Fort Wayne — Parents interested in hosting Filipino children next summer or exploring other adoption opportunities are invited to an orientation by Hand In Hand International Adoptions on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at The Chapel Community Room, room 90, door 9, 2505 W. Hamilton Rd. S. Meet a family who recently hosted and adopted a Catholic child from the Philippines. See www.KidsWait.org for information.

Women's fertility workshop offered

Fort Wayne — Learn what every woman has the right to know to be a healthier woman, have a healthier marriage, and for a healthier family on Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in the Mother Teresa Room from 9:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP required to Theresa Schortgen (260) 494-6444 or email chardaily365@frontier.com for information.

Introduction to Vincentian spirituality

South Bend — A mini-retreat for current and prospective members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be Saturday morning, Nov. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Holy Family School cafeteria, 56405 Mayflower Rd. Contact Peter Boyle at (574) 234-6000, ext. 12108 or Peter.Boyle@svdpsb.org. Advance registration helpful, but walk-ins welcome.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father William Kummer will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

St. Michael Women's Retreat

Plymouth — The second annual St. Michael Women's Retreat will be Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Columbus Dr. Mary Glowaski with Evangelization and Special Ministries for the diocese will speak on the topic "Forgiving and Loving." Registration is \$15, which includes lunch, and is needed by Nov. 18. Forms are available at St. Michael Church or rectory or by calling (574) 936-6065 or (574) 936-9791.

Dwenger plans Open House

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will have an open house Thursday, Nov. 8, from 6:30-8 p.m. for all current fifth-through eighth-grade students, transfer students and their families. Students and parents are able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators, in addition to touring the school with a current Bishop Dwenger student.

Sponsor a family for the holidays

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for individuals, families or groups to help spread some Christmas cheer. Help by adopting one of 1,000 families this holiday season. For more information on the program or to adopt a family, contact Christy Rowing (574) 234-6000 ext. 12110 or Christy.rowing@svdpsb.org.

FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Nov. 8, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club hosts "Fawn Liebowitz"

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club and the Performing Arts Department will host "Fawn Liebowitz," Saturday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$300 for a reserved table of 10. Must be 21 to attend. Call (260) 456-1261 ext. 3020.

Heather's Closet Sale Event

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host Joni Kuhn from The Center of Non Violence Wednesday, Nov. 14, in room 104 at 6 p.m. to discuss Heather's

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Bremen's Catholic Men's Club to host turkey-shrimp stag

Bremen — The Catholic Men's Club will host a turkey-shrimp stag Thursday, Nov. 8, at St. Isadore Hall, corner of Maryland and Bike St., at 6 p.m. Grand prize \$1,000. Donation \$40. Must be 21.

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.

Cheeseball sale supports right to life

Plymouth — A cheeseball sale will begin Nov. 1 sponsored by Marshall County Right to Life. Frozen cheeseballs come in mild,

mild without onion, low fat, bacon and onion sharp and bleu cheese at \$7 each. Call (574) 936-9582 to place an order.

Fish fry

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will host a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Price is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12; all carry-outs are \$8.50. Bring two or more non-perishable food items and save \$1 off your dinner price. The Knights will also host a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 11, after 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Proceeds will benefit seminarian Chris Sindelar.

Annual fall festival planned

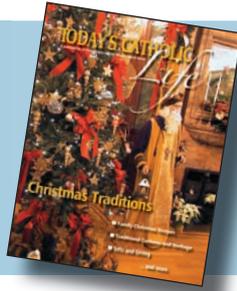
South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 11. Chicken dinner served from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults \$9, children (5-12) \$4, children under 5 eat free. Call (574) 287-9551 for tickets. Music begins at 2 p.m. provided by the Tim Deka Trio. Games of chance, raffles, prizes and pastry booth offered.

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