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.

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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The Doctrine of Purgatory

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

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 (1051; 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 state of purification is needed before one is able to enter the joy of heaven. However, purgatory is not eternal punishment.

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.

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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.
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.

**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 intention was 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 Basilio Cleemis Thottunkal, 53, head of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; Nigerian Archbishop John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan of Abuja, 69; 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 pilgrims. 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 archbishop 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 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 1987, 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.

**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 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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“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 Confirmation, 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.”

“There are still many regions in Africa, Asia and Oceania whose inhabitants await with lively expectation the moment when their Church will be able to proclaim the Gospel, the faith which promotes dialogue between 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 Schoenborn of Vienna, Austria; Peter Turkson, president of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; and George Pell of Sydney.

**Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with U.S. Jesuit Father Brian E. Daly during an awards ceremony at the Vatican Oct. 20. Father Daly, 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.**

**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.
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 Mission — 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 forward.

“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.”

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.

“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 historical-ly the Church felt there were two things 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 modern-ized Church they recognized there is a different situation and that most people don’t fit either category.

They may be highly intelli-gent in other areas but have a second-grade lunchbox understand-ing of their Catholic faith. So it is this new situation that creates the need for a new evangelization,” Sri said.

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 evangeliza-tion 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,

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 thought that would be the best opportunity to spread the word to people there and 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 mis-sionaries because they do much of the follow-up work with 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.

“We need to bring that back," 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.

Resident parishioners volunteered to host the seminarians and groups of parishioners volunteered to coordi-nate 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, in addition to the work that they’re doing on campus,” said Sarah Kennedy, the campus minister at St. Francis.

The group arrived in Muncie with an agenda for their three-day trip. They 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 passersby 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 experi-ence 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
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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 forebears is still present today. Alex Parsley explained his and Phoebe Diamantes’ 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 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.”

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

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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 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 meroocenter.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 and dances from the period.

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 Steinhofer, fraternity vice-minister Mareycle Voigt, fraternity advisor Franciscan Sister Mary Govert, Jan Scher and fraternity formation director Katie Herendeen.

PROFESSION HELD FOR ORDER OF FRANCISCANS SECULAR

Myers Eagle Scout project honors Dwenger Champs

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 rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. This comes during the centennial celebration of the Eagle Scout award, which is given to young 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 Mellinger, Brian Frecker and Gregg Rice for their help in his project and Scouting.

Myers Eagle Scout Project

PROVIDED BY BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

FORT WAYNE — Michael Voris will speak at the Knights of Columbus 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 Schiffli, Tom Niezer, Terry Hollenbaugh, Brian Gillett, with Katie Burns, Andy Myers, Joe Houser seated in front.

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 project 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 Hankee at nhanke@sf.edu or (260) 399-7800, ext. 8405. The applications can also be printed at sf.edu/education/community/northeast-literacy-council. Applications can be mailed to Hankee 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.

PROVIDED BY JAN SCHER

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 Schiffli, Tom Niezer, Terry Hollenbaugh, Brian Gillett, with Katie Burns, Andy Myers, Joe Houser seated in front.
pay for contraceptive devices and are forcing Catholics and others to Americans,” said Thomas. “They 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 Father Jim Roselli, 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.”

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“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.”

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“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.”

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.

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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 help make 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 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 stage; 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.
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 ongoing 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. 

Jim Sandoor 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 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 some 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 seeing ourselves 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 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 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 visibility to rest-rooms 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 disabled, because they will already be included,” says Glowaski hopefully. And that must begin at the parish level.

“We encourage parishes to have 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.

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 diocesan parish and community 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 accepted by 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 programs, has overseen the program with 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. During the first year, when seven new students were welcomed. These students had previously been enrolled in a public school and eligible for aiding from the Indiana Special Education Program. St. Louis Besancon Principal Cheryl Klinker, who has 14 years of experience with special needs children, took 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 to get a better understanding of the students.

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 joined by East Allen County School District. Ria Bruggeman is the veteran teaching assistant who works with the special education department.

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

By the end 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 and their parents.”

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 classmate 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 school community. St. Louis Academy behaviorally and socially,” she says, adding that some of the seven new students come from self-contained special education classrooms and have benefited 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 child brings to the school. “The students are able to be in a school that teaches them their faith and they are surrounded by friendly and caring Catholic 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 follows. Additionally, he hopes to expand the program to include early intervention with “stroller club” support groups for parents of 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 word 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 of Easter, 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 to 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’ death, the Creed makes the point of mentioning Pontius Pilot by name; none of Jesus’ disciples garner a mention, nor do any other characters from the Gospel except His own mother.

The special life of 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 first time.”

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 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.”

BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

Bend and resides in Fort Wayne.

The next morning Deacon Jerry Kohlmann called my office with the news that later that night Joseph Wilder had died. What a privilege it has to minister 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

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shall discuss the fourth blasp-
phemy — “those who try publicly
to implant in the children’s hearts
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hate against this Immaculate
Mother.”

Father Andrew Apostoli wrote
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 relation-
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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
deprieved of the opportunity to
grow close to God.”

The message of Fatima is more
valuable now than ever. They
are “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
appearances, some may say their
message is no longer relevant.
However, recent events in the
Middle East as well as sudden
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
appearance, Our Lady showed the
death to God of children: a vision
of hell. Lucia described how
people fell to the ground, then
rose up into the air by the flames
that issued from within themselves
together with great clouds of
smoke, now falling to earth 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
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continued with, “You, at least
try to console me and say that I
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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 con-
secutive months, shall confess,
receive Holy Communion, recite
two decades of the rosary, and
keep me company for 15 min-
utes while meditating on the 15
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intention of making reparation to
me.”

Father Apostoli also writes that
those who identify themselves
as “feminists” reject Our Lady’s true
feminism. Specifically, her role
is such that “she is rejected because
contradicts their desire for plea-
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Sports

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 Charmat’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 Charmat afterwards. “But Devin Smith helped us keep that momentum. She was excellent in net today.”

Indeed, the junior goalkeeper helped us keep that momentum. We wanted to come back in the game. Turner used her

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 21-3. “We high standards for a very young squad that finished 21-3. “We

but Maddy Turner’s shot sailed just wide. Evansville Memorial dictated the action after that, out-shooting the Indians, 15-2, in the first half. The southerners finally got on the scoreboard 30 minutes in when Gracie Lachowecki put a diving header past Edmonds to make it 1-0.

Veldman took a direct serve the 1-0 cushion. Minute later, Smith’s best friend, a crossing pass on the foot of submenu

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 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.”

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

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

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 Huntingdon 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.

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 school’s practice games against the multi-school Lutheran team, the CYO approved Holy Cross joining the league in May 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 the best.

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 opened 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 game. Seibert and Jacob Ford.

The defense made several key adjustments in the second half and was able to keep a well-coached and athletic Crusader squad out from the end zone.

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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 Strasseis, Blake Scheer, Garrett Seibert and Jacob Ford).

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

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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 Seibert on fourth and 6. 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 from the end zone.

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The viewing party will be held at the Hutzell Athletic Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Sunday at 6 p.m. The games are broadcast on the CYO Broadcast Network.

TODAY’S CATHOLIC

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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 Panthers 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 LuFountain, 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 Benifield, and Carmola’s points after kick opened the scoring, 8-0, Panthers.

The Panthers counteredup by marching down the field with runs by Cole Kaznia, Nick 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 tackled on the points after and the game was knotted at zero.

The suspense in the bleachers was thrilling as the fans knew that the Panthers 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 scoring highlighted by a 55-yard 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.
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, face paint, 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.

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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 chartdaily365@frontier.com for information.

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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) 246-6000 ext. 12110 or Christy.rowing@svdp.org.

FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus 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.

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

South Bend — 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

Bremen — A cheeseball sale will be Nov. 1 sponsored by Marshall County Right to Life. Frozen cheeseballs come in mild, mild without onion, low fat, bacon and onion sharp and blue cheese at $7 each. Call (574) 936-9582 to place an order.

Fish fry

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 451 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 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Proceeds will benefit seminarian Chris Sinderler.

Annual fall festival planned

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Saturday, Nov. 11. Children 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 Deko Trio. Games of chance, raffles, prizes and pastry booth offered.

Rest in Peace

Fort Wayne — Francile Firestone, 93, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Beryl J. Palumbo, 84, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Grace Roggeman, 86, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wendy R. Carpenter, 86, Queen of Peace

Notre Dame

South Bend — John Franklin Gulick, 66, Holy Family

Priscilla T. Makowski, 101, St. Hedwig

Cecilia Salinas, 75, St. Adalbert

Barbara Szabo, 89, Our Lad of Hungary

Edward A. Sidorowicz, 89, St. Casimir

Julius N. Farkas, 99, Corpus Christi

Stella A. Nieszgodski, 96, St. Adalbert

Louise M. Slusser, 80, St. John the Baptist

Alice M. Smudzinski, 82, St. Adalbert

MaryAnn J. Gostola, 88, St. Jude

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Dan Whelan

Fort Wayne

Rev. Tony Sternecker

St. John the Evangelist

Fort Wayne

Nov. 11

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Edward Epelting

Parkview Medical Center

Rev. Chuck Herman

Holy Family

South Bend

Nov. 18

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Robert D’Souza

St. Jude

Fort Wayne

Rev. Daryl Rybicki

Corpus Christi

South Bend

Nov. 25

Christ the King

Msgr. John Suerber

St. Charles

Fort Wayne

Rev. Leonard Chrobok

St. Hedwig

South Bend

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