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BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — "Christ truly is present in that sacred place and that is the reason why Saint Joseph High School exists."

Principal Susan Richter echoed words said by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he blessed the high school's newly-finished chapel and dedicated its altar during a special Mass last Wednesday, Nov. 28, in South Bend.

The Chapel of Saint Joseph is considered by many to be the crowning touch on a building completed just in time for the current school year. While students flowed through the doors of the new Saint Joseph High School at the end of August, construction workers continued work on the school's chapel, located in the heart of campus.

"Finally we have the school's soul," smiled Saint Joseph High School chaplain, Father Terry Coonan. "It's built at the center of campus for a reason. Now it feels like home!"

Richter, like many in attendance, showed emotion as she gathered her thoughts after Mass. "I said when the students came into the building it would become our home, but now we truly are home because we have this at the

center and the heart of our school. Our students can begin using it and we can have Mass there daily. They can go in and pray and worship."

Because the chapel seats about 100 people, a group of students, parents, teachers and staff represented the Saint Joseph family at the blessing. Many gasped as they entered the religious artwork and classical architecture.

"I feel like I am in Rome," commented diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Mark Myers. Others commented on the beauty of the Nativity mural, painted by artist and Saint Joseph parent Ruth Stroik. The mural hangs just behind the altar and under the crucifix. Paintings of the Annunciation and the angel appearing to Joseph in a dream hang to the left and right of the crucifix, with the tabernacle in the center. Six stained glass windows, each depicting a scene from the life of St. Joseph, line the sides of the chapel. In the back are statues of St.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the new Chapel of Saint Joseph at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend on Nov. 28.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades anoints the altar with Chrism oil during the dedication Mass.

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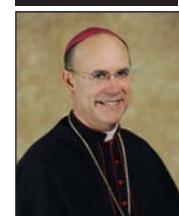
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Our Lady of Guadalupe and the New Evangelization



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Next Wednesday, December 12th, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast recalls the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico from December 9 to 12, 1531 to the native convert, Juan Diego. We rejoice that the Mother of God appeared on our continent, inspiring the great evangelization of millions of people.

The event at Tepeyac occurred just twelve years after the conquest of the Aztec Indians by Hernando Cortez and the Spanish conquistadors. The Indian peoples were devastated by the conquest. Many believed that their existence as a people had come to an end. In the midst of their suffering, the Mother of God came to them. She appeared to Juan Diego and spoke to him in his native tongue. She appeared as a beautiful Indian woman, enveloped by the rays of the sun and standing on the moon, with stars adorning her mantle.

With great tenderness and a mother's love, Mary brought hope and comfort to Juan Diego, and through him, to all the suffering Indian people. She revealed to them that God is a God of love, mercy, and compassion. She also revealed to them their God-given dignity as a people. Her appearances to Juan Diego marked a turning point in the history of America, the true beginning of the evangelization of America.

The Guadalupe event continues to have great meaning for us today. In the midst of life's difficulties, in times of sadness, sorrow, disappointments, and even desperation, we know that, through Mary, we can experience the loving, healing, and saving power of God. In the midst of great darkness, Juan Diego and the Aztec people experienced the light of God's grace and new life through Our Lady of Guadalupe. She gave them new hope and strength to continue forward.

The Mother of God illuminated the darkness of Juan Diego during the darkest night of his soul, transforming his agony into the joy of new life. Mary's presence in our lives does the same. We experience the tenderness, kindness, and compassion of God through Our Lady, Our Mother, who assists us with her presence and her prayers. She visited her cousin Elizabeth to help her in her old age after Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist. She visited Juan Diego to help him and his people. She visits us to help us in our life's journey. One of the great titles of Our Lady is "Our Mother of Perpetual Help." As a loving mother, she always seeks to help her children in need.

In this Year of Faith and this age of the new evangelization, it is good for us to look to Mary. The Bishops of Mexico have pointed out that "the Guadalupe event meant the beginning of evangelization with a vitality that surpassed all expectations.



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A woman lays her hand on a traveling missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a visit by the replica to St. Louis Church in Pittsford, N.Y., Oct. 28. The digital image is a reproduction of the image left on the tilma of St. Juan Diego in present-day Mexico City in 1531.

Christ's message, through his Mother, took up the central elements of the indigenous culture, purified them and gave them the definitive sense of salvation."

Pope Benedict XVI said the following: "The Virgin Mary, who did not communicate to the world an idea but Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is an unparalleled model of evangelization." She helps to make us all aware that we are called to be missionaries, to be witnesses to the faith in our everyday lives. She precedes us on the path to holiness. She helps us to teach the truth proclaimed by her Son and to spread the love which is the first and greatest commandment and the first fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Mary entered deeply into the hearts of the people of Mexico and all America when she appeared to Juan Diego. Many of our homes, especially those of our Hispanic brothers and sisters, have the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is the first image I see when I get up every morning in my bedroom. When I look upon the tenderness of Mary's face, I recall her words to Saint Juan Diego: *Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?* What a great way to begin the day, knowing that the Blessed Mother is with us!

Also on a personal level, I have special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego since I was ordained a bishop on the feast of Saint Juan Diego, December 9th, 2004. The Old Testament book of Sirach states that "God is glorified by the humble." Juan Diego, like the Virgin Mary herself, was one of the humble through whom God was glorified. They are examples for us of the virtue of humility. They teach us that humble faith expressed in the Beatitude of Jesus: "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

We celebrate the feast of Our Lady

of Guadalupe in the midst of the season of Advent. We prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas. Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman..." The Son of God came into the world at Bethlehem, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel." The Son conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary entered the world! It is indeed significant that the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared as a pregnant woman.

The main message we proclaim in all our efforts for the new evangelization is that God has entered human history. He has called us to share in his divine life. The Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary to obtain this divine adoption for us. He came to redeem us from sin and to make us his children. We are now heirs to eternal life.

We are called in the new evangelization to proclaim the saving message of Christ with new vigor and energy. We must proclaim the Gospel of life and speak out with prophetic force against the culture of death. We proclaim life with dignity for all! We must proclaim the sanctity of marriage and the family, ensuring that our children are raised in the Church's faith and in love of the Gospel. We must always be evangelized and converted anew ourselves if we are to be authentic missionaries in our society today. Advent is a time to be renewed in our faith, purified of our sins, and spiritually prepared to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

In union with Mary, our mission is to proclaim and witness with courage and joy to the hope of humanity, the Lord Jesus Christ. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of Evangelization, intercede for us! May she help us to become more holy, disciples in love with her Son, directing our lives completely to God!



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André Bessette, the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be canonized, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha who was canonized this past October.

"I thought those were two beautiful selections to perfectly go with the Saint Joseph High School tradition, honoring the Holy Cross brothers and sisters, remembering everything they've done," said Richter. "They're the ones that started this school and were here for so long. They will always remain a part of this school."

With the lights dimmed, Bishop Rhoades was joined by Father Coonan, Father Camillo Tirabassi, Father Walter Bly and Holy Cross Father John DeRiso of nearby St. Joseph Parish. A blue-robed student choir and two violinists set the happy tone with the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" as Bishop Rhoades prepared to sprinkle holy water throughout the chapel.

"The beauty of this chapel is it will inspire so many to prayer, to experience God's presence and love in our hearts," proclaimed Bishop Rhoades. "We see St. Joseph, the patron of this school, adoring the newborn Baby Jesus in the arms of His mother, Mary. I think when someone comes into this chapel to pray, they come to do what Joseph did — to adore Him, the Lord Jesus. We see that so appropriately depicted above the tabernacle, where Jesus will be present in the Blessed Sacrament. 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!'"

The main part of the liturgy was the dedication of the altar, which is a sign of Christ Himself. Following his homily, Bishop Rhoades placed a first-class relic of St. André Bessette in the altar. The relic is a piece of cloth with the saint's blood upon it.

Bishop Rhoades then removed his chasuble and rolled up his sleeves to anoint the altar by pouring Chrism oil and applying it by hand across the entire marble altar top. After replacing his vestments, Bishop Rhoades removed his mitre and began the incensation of the altar. Father Coonan incensed the rest of the chapel as the people reverently made the sign of the cross.

Built into the walls of the nave are six arched stained glass windows, created by Conrad Schmitt Studios. Ordered chronologically, the windows depict scenes in the life of St. Joseph: the betrothal of Joseph and Mary, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the flight into Egypt, the finding of the Jesus in the Temple, a depiction of Joseph teaching carpentry to Jesus, and the death of St. Joseph.

Richter, student body president Charlie Hoye, school board president Matt Edmonds and theology teacher Josh Swaim then approached the altar to wipe it dry in preparation for the lighting of the altar. Campus ministers Holy Cross Sister Ann Therese McAndrew, Tami Goy and Lauren Walatka brought up the linen, candles and crucifix to properly set the altar. An altar server handed Bishop Rhoades a candle.

"Light of Christ shine on this altar and be reflected by those who share at this table," said Bishop Rhoades as he passed the candle to Father Coonan who then lit the remaining altar candles. The Liturgy of the Eucharist began as light flooded the chapel.

Earlier in the Mass, Saint Joseph faculty members Jeanette McKew and Joseph Wisniewski proclaimed the Word, siblings senior Madeline and junior Liam Maher played violin and junior Christy Bythrow sang the responsorial psalm.

"It was an incredibly beautiful ceremony," smiled parent Trish Maher following the blessing and



dedication. "You could just feel the grace of the Holy Spirit. It brings tears to my eyes! When you send your children to Catholic school you're, of course, hoping their spirituality grows and matures with them. To have a place like this to come for times of prayer at any point during their day, or to have times when classes can come for Adoration or they can share in liturgy here ... it's beyond my expectations and dreams."

"It's still registering that I got to witness something that's going to be remembered in Saint Joseph history," said freshman choir member Lexi Duddleson. "I've been coming here now for a few months and the school has been becoming more and more my home."

"I think the artwork is really powerful and shows St. Joseph and the beauty of the Catholic faith," added classmate Abby Kagel. "I have a feeling I'll probably come here often!"



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m. — Mass at Saint Patrick Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12:05 p.m. — Mass and Blessing, Performing Arts Center of University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne



Presbyteral Council members appointed

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced that the following priests have been elected or appointed as members of the Presbyteral Council, with terms beginning Jan. 1, 2013 and ending Dec. 31, 2015:

- Rev. Andrew Budzinski
- Rev. Wilson Corzo
- Rev. Cyril Fernandes
- Rev. Terry Fisher
- Rev. Jason Freiburger
- Rev. Joseph Gaughan
- Rev. Thomas Lemos, CSC
- Rev. Jacob Runyon
- Rev. James Shafer
- Rev. William Sullivan
- Rev. David Voors
- Rev. Timothy Wrozek
- Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte — ex officio
- Rev. Mark Gurtner — ex officio

Confirmation schedule addition

St. Patrick, South Bend, will join Holy Family Parish for Confirmation on April 27, 2013.

Chapel of Saint Joseph draws attention to detail

BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated a solemn Mass to bless the new chapel at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend on Nov. 28.

Titled after the school's patron, the Chapel of Saint Joseph is an almost entirely freestanding structure that is located at the center of the new campus (which opened in August of 2012), across from the gymnasium and the library. Considered the heart of a school with enrollment of around 900, the chapel is intended to house the celebration of Mass (including Masses for athletic teams prior to competitions) and private prayer by students, faculty and staff. A rich catechetical tool, the chapel is also a place that can assist in the teaching of theology.

The vision for the chapel was articulated by Bishop Rhoades, and its remarkable array of sacred artwork was executed by a number of different artisans over the last year and a half. CSO Architects, which designed the high school, worked

together with design consultant Duncan Stroik to create this wonderful chapel, appropriately inaugurated in time for Advent.

Upon entering the chapel and moving past the sacristy and the confessional, one enters the nave, which seats 88. Immediately, one's eyes are drawn to the central arch of the sanctuary, as well as to the altar and tabernacle. Continuing through the nave of the chapel, the worshiper finds stone floors, oak pews and a vaulted and wood-trussed ceiling above — all constructed to reflect a noble simplicity.

Built into the walls of the nave are six arched stained glass windows, created by Conrad Schmitt Studios. Ordered chronologically, the windows depict scenes in the life of St. Joseph: the betrothal of Joseph and Mary, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the flight into Egypt, the finding of the Jesus in the Temple, a depiction of Joseph teaching carpentry to Jesus, and the death of St. Joseph. Each window features a corresponding title and Scriptural citation below it.

A wooden altar rail denotes the

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Cardinal O'Brien meets seminarians, students during Holy Land visit

BY JUDITH SUDILOVSKY

BEIT JALLA, West Bank (CNS) — After a morning of visits to Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity and a local Catholic parish, U.S. Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien was overcome with emotion during his meeting with seminarians at the Latin Patriarchate seminary.

"I can't think of a more encouraging moment than this," he told the young men who had gathered in their common room to greet him.

The cardinal, grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, said that, having served as a seminary rector for 12 years, he was "well aware of the work and sacrifices involved in creating the goodness I see here."

"What better place to be formed than here?" he said. "There is a lot of energy in this room, and I am grateful and enriched by your presence and young enthusiasm."

He said the seminary was a "hopeful sign."

Though Jesus' formation was very different than the young seminarians, the base of "selfless, dispossessive love of people" was the same, he added.

"Dispossessive love is unique for Christians and should be unique for priests," he said. "You are going to set the standards for our good people for selfless love. You will make saints in this area."

The cardinal, a former archbishop of Baltimore whom Pope Benedict named to lead the chivalric order in August 2011, arrived in the Holy Land Nov. 26 for a weeklong pilgrimage. His itinerary included Jerusalem; Bethlehem, where he inaugurated the education department of Bethlehem University, which is supported by the knights; Nazareth, Israel, and the neighboring village of Rameh, where he was to inaugurate the parish



CNS PHOTO/HEIDI LEVINE

Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem, left, and U.S. Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, center, walk toward the entrance of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City of Jerusalem Nov. 27. Cardinal O'Brien was making his first visit to the Holy Land as grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, a chivalric order that supports Church institutions and Christians in the Holy Land.

school. He was also scheduled to visit Catholic parishes and holy sites in Jordan before returning to Rome.

On Nov. 27, Cardinal O'Brien was greeted by Franciscan Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, custos of the Holy Land, and Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal during his visit to Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher — his first visit as grand master.

At the Church of the Nativity Nov. 28, Franciscan Father Stephane Milovitch, rector of the adjacent St. Catherine Church, led the cardinal through the holy site, recounting its history and archaeology. In a private moment, Cardinal O'Brien kneeled at the silver star in the grotto marking the spot traditionally believed to be where Jesus was born.

Pilgrims prayed and sang "Silent Night" in Italian. The cardinal lit candles in front of the Altar of Our Lady Mary in St. Catherine Church.

At kindergarten classes in Beit Sahour's Our Lady of Fatima Parish School, children were busy gluing cotton balls on pictures of Santa Claus, and another class sang an Arabic Christmas carol for the cardinal. He asked the students if they liked coming to school.

"Yes!" was the resounding response.

Afterward, Cardinal O'Brien said he was certain that Jesus also "looked down on (the children) as brothers and sisters who were born in the same place as He was and are experiencing a lot of the same things as He was."

In a meeting with teachers from the school, the cardinal said that though at times they may feel alone, there were people abroad "with awareness, concern and prayer" for them who knew how important their work was.

"You have a lot of friends all over the world. There are 60 different countries represented in our Knights of the Holy Sepulcher who are all dedicated to the work you are doing, and they make great sacrifices to keep the schools open, the parishes strong and keep them growing," he said.

Father Iyad Twal, parish priest, noted that although any visit from a cardinal to the parish was a sign of solidarity, the visit of Cardinal O'Brien as grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher was specifically significant because the order is "practically a part of the patriarchate."

"It is a visit of a father to his children," said Father Twal.

Cardinal O'Brien told Catholic

News Service that the Church does "a world of good ... (planting) seeds for the future."

Pondering the future of the children he had visited, the cardinal said: "It could be tragic and it could be joyful and peaceful. It is up to us to make it the latter."

He said he had come out of his visit "more informed and inspired" and hoped he would be able to better speak from his first-hand experience about the work carried out by the order.

"We need to have a greater presence with the native Christians. Christian presence has to be encouraged," he said, and the Christians abroad need to show by their presence the need to address the pressing issues facing the Church.

Having come to the Holy Land just a week after an Egyptian-brokered cease-fire between Hamas and Israeli took hold, Cardinal O'Brien said the violence would continue unless the "rights of all people are addressed, including those in the West Bank."

Diocesan members inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEACON JIM FITZPATRICK

Recently invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis were Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend; Dr. Thomas and Sally McGovern of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola; Hubert Kuzmich of Christ the King Parish, South Bend; and Tom and Phyllis Blee of St. Vincent Parish, Fort Wayne. Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem recently traveled to Indianapolis to meet with the North Central Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and to invest more than 60 new members. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and for all the activities and initiatives, which are necessary to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The contributions made by its members throughout the world are therefore the patriarchate's institutions' main source of funding. All of the order's lieutenancies arrange formal pilgrimages, in the course of which members do not simply view and explore the holy sites, but also have the opportunity to meet the people whom they are supporting and assure them that they are not forgotten. In the photo, taken at the investiture, are members, from left, Phyllis Blee, Sally McGovern, Karen Fitzpatrick, Patriarch Fouad Twal, Dr. Thomas McGovern, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, Duncan Stroik, Tom Blee and Hugh Kuzmich.

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With @Pontifex, pope reaches out to new kind of followers

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To celebrate the launch of his new Twitter account, Pope Benedict XVI will tweet the answers to a handful of questions from his followers.

The pope's rare question-and-answer exchange on the social media site shows the Church doesn't just want to teach the truth, but also to listen to others, said Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The archbishop and other Vatican officials spoke at a news conference Dec. 3 to reveal the pope's new Twitter account @Pontifex.

Starting Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the pope will send messages in eight languages, including Arabic, from eight different Twitter accounts. @Pontifex is the English feed while the other language accounts use an extension of the main handle. For example, the Spanish feed is @Pontifex_es.

The handle "Pontifex" was chosen because it means "pope and bridge builder," said Greg Burke, media adviser for the Vatican's Secretariat of State. The name suggests "reaching out" and bringing unity not just of Catholics "but all men and women of good will," he said.

Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the communications council, said the pontifex name also "refers to the office more than the person," that is, it highlights the leader of the Church



This is a screen capture of Pope Benedict XVI's newly created Twitter account. The pope will begin tweeting Dec. 12 using the handle @Pontifex.

and the Catholic faithful.

A more practical consideration was that numerous permutations of the name Pope Benedict XVI were already taken by other people not affiliated with the pope, whereas the handle "Pontifex" was available.

Using a handle that wasn't already taken meant the Vatican didn't have to "go around and get people to vacate the space," the monsignor said.

The pope's first tweets from the new accounts will be responses to four or five questions about the Catholic faith sent to the pope on Twitter via the hashtag #askpontifex, he said.

The very first question came in during the news conference announcing the initiative. It was in Spanish and asked: "What is the core of the message of the Gospel

and how can we help to share it?" he said.

While it's expected people will send questions that are off-topic — like one asking who will win an upcoming sports match — only questions dealing with the Catholic faith will get serious consideration, said Burke.

The pope will personally send the inaugural tweets around noon Dec. 12 at the end of his general audience.

The Q&A exchange will be offered just that one time, and the rest of the papal news feeds will be excerpts from his general audience talks, Angelus addresses or other important speeches, Burke said.

Each tweet will be crafted by a Vatican official and the pope will review and approve each one before it is sent from the Vatican

Secretariat of State's offices, he said.

The papal tweets will be posted with some regularity but won't be too frequent given the time constraints of the pope and that each tweet needs his approval, Msgr. Tighe said.

Even though he won't be physically sending the tweets, the messages "are pearls of wisdom coming from the heart of the pope's teaching and coming from his own mind and ideas," he said.

When asked whether the tweets will carry the weight of papal infallibility, Archbishop Celli said the tweets "aren't positions taken on dogma," however, they will be excerpts from his teachings and are a part of the papal magisterium.

To avoid making people feel left out or underappreciated for not being followed by the pope, the pope's accounts won't follow anyone else on Twitter, except the other @Pontifex language accounts, Burke said.

The pope's presence isn't to amass a fan club, but to encourage all the other Catholics who are present and active online, Msgr. Tighe said. Even though the pope won't be using the site to retweet, follow others or comment, his presence is meant to "encourage them to engage in debate and discussion" with their fans and followers.

The Vatican isn't afraid of the likelihood of insults or criticism being aimed at the pope on Twitter, both Burke and Msgr. Tighe said.

"It's a free market of ideas and that's good," said Burke.

The monsignor added it would

be worse to have kept the pope out of the Twittersphere out of fear of engagement and then to leave that space "vacant."

Claire Diaz-Ortiz, manager of social innovation for Twitter, told Catholic News Service that before the account was made public, @Pontifex had 11 followers. Within an hour of its unveiling, it had more than 14,000 followers, she said, which was "a pretty great feat" considering the figure snowballed from the Tweets of the pontifical council, Vatican Radio and fewer than 100 reporters at the Vatican news conference.

Diaz-Ortiz said she works with "high profile" religious leaders and started helping the Vatican in the spring of 2012 expand its presence by opening a papal account.

"The thing we see with religion and what makes it so interesting," she said, "is that their engagement levels are really through the roof."

She said if you were to compare the number of followers an "average pastor" has to the number "an L.A. film star has, you see that engagement per number of followers is so much higher for a religious leader."

"What that tells us is that this is the kind of material that people on Twitter want to connect with and want to hear about more," she said.

She said Christian leaders have repeatedly pointed out "how many Bible verses are really less than 140 characters" to begin with, and the "positive messages of spirituality" in the Gospels already make a nice fit for the Twitter format.

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beginning of the elevated sanctuary, which is covered with a marble tile floor. The sanctuary terminates in a well-defined, gold-colored apse, from which hangs a crucifix.

The wood altar features a gold rendering of the school emblem — a cross with blossoming lilies (the lily being a particular symbol of St. Joseph). During the dedication of the altar, Bishop Rhoades deposited a first class relic of St. André Bessette beneath the marble mensa.

On the walls alongside the apse are two new murals, also made by Conrad Schmitt Studios. The painting on the left depicts the Annunciation to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel. On the right is the Annunciation to St. Joseph, whereby an Angel reassured Joseph in a dream that Mary had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and he should therefore not fear to take her into his home.

Written on the cornice above the two murals are the Scriptural quotes from Luke 1:38 and Matthew

1:24 respectively: "Let it be done to me according to your word," and "Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him."

Located within the apse is the central piece of art — a reredos with an oil painting of the Nativity, executed and donated by Ruth Stroik of South Bend. Stroik studied art at Yale and Indiana University, and also taught at the college level for several years.

She was honored to offer her time and talents for a chapel at the high school where she and her husband Duncan have sent three of their six children thus far.

The reredos portrays a tender scene of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph caring for the Infant Jesus in the manger, surrounded by vigilant livestock. Lambs lead the beholder towards the Infant, drawn to the divine light radiating from Him. Wrapped around the

apse above the painting is the passage from St. John's Gospel that speaks of the great mystery of the Incarnation: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

In front of the painting rests a refurbished tabernacle that was donated by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. A visual connection is made between the Eucharistic Lord reserved in the tabernacle and the Christ Child, upon whom St. Joseph lovingly gazes in adoration.

When leaving the chapel, five-foot statues of St. André Bessette and St. Kateri Tekakwitha (both recently canonized) can be seen in niches in the back wall. Both statues were hand-carved and hand-painted in Italy. St. André was a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross, who provided the land upon which the original Saint Joseph's High School stood. His statue depicts him holding a miniature version of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The oratory's construction was made possible by St. André, and it remains the largest shrine dedicated

to St. Joseph in the world.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American saint, and a worthy example of sanctity for young people today. Her presence also acknowledges the historical importance of the Native Americans in northern Indiana. Known as "The Lily of the Mohawks," St. Kateri is depicted with a bouquet of lilies.

It is hoped that this new Chapel of Saint Joseph will be a place of

prayer and contemplation for many future generations of students, who are encouraged to look to the spouse of Mary and foster father of Our Lord as a noble model of devotion and holiness.

Brian MacMichael is the director of the Office of Worship, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



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Use of Louisiana state funds for school vouchers ruled unconstitutional

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) — Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal called it “wrong-headed” and a “travesty” that a state judge ruled Nov. 30 that a voucher program passed by the Legislature last spring is unconstitutional. State District Judge Tim Kelley said the state cannot use funds set aside for public education to pay for children in failing schools to attend nonpublic schools. The Legislature passed the program — known formally as the Louisiana Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program — during its 2012 legislative session, held from March to June. Kelley’s decision is a “travesty for parents across Louisiana who want nothing more than for their children to have an equal opportunity at receiving a great education,” Jindal said. “That opportunity is a chance that every child deserves, and we will continue the fight to give it to them,” he continued. “The opinion sadly ignores the rights of families who do not have the means necessary to escape failing schools. This ruling changes nothing for the students currently in the program. All along, we expected this to be decided by the Louisiana Supreme Court.” Jindal vowed to appeal the ruling handed down by Kelley in a 39-page decision following a three-day trial. The suit was filed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, Louisiana Association of Educators and the Louisiana School Boards Association, and 143 local school boards against the state Department of Education and the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Currently, more than 4,900 Louisiana children attending 117 nonpublic schools receive state-issued tuition vouchers.

Judges in ‘Vatileaks’ case say computer tech was hard to believe

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Explaining why they found a Vatican computer technician guilty of aiding and abetting the papal butler who stole private papal correspondence, Vatican judges said they found much of his testimony hard to believe. The Vatican court Nov. 10 found Claudio Sciarpelletti, 48, a computer technician in the Vatican Secretariat of State, guilty of obstructing the investigation into the leak of Vatican documents. The court gave Sciarpelletti a two-month suspended jail sentence. As is the normal practice at the Vatican and in Italy, the judges released a detailed explanation of their findings and of their sentence weeks after the verdict was delivered. The 11-page explanation of the Sciarpelletti decision was published Dec. 1, the same day that Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, announced that Sciarpelletti’s lawyer had dropped his request for an appeal of the guilty verdict. Neither the defense nor the court contested that a file folder with a sealed envelope, marked with the butler’s name and containing papers

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POPE PETS LION CUB DURING AUDIENCE



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Pope Benedict XVI pets a lion cub during an audience with circus performers and music bands in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Dec. 1

related to the leaked documents, was found in Sciarpelletti’s desk at the Secretariat of State. However, the judges’ described Sciarpelletti’s trial testimony and his earlier statements to investigators as to how he had obtained the envelope and whether he knew what was in it as “not credible” and “not truthful.” Questioned in May, Sciarpelletti originally told investigators the butler, Paolo Gabriele, gave him the envelope. The next day, he said it came from his superior, Msgr. Carlo Maria Polvani. At the trial, he admitted changing his story, saying he’d had the envelope so long he couldn’t remember where it came from.

Fund offers matching grants helping West Virginia’s poor

WHEELING, W.Va. (CNS) — A new matching grant fund established by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston aims to help address “the grief and anguish of the poor among us,” especially the children living in poverty, said Bishop Michael J. Bransfield. Announcing the fund at a Nov. 29 news conference, he said it will provide matching grants for parishes, schools and agencies in the diocese that wish to implement local programs and outreach to address issues he identified in a pastoral letter he issued in early November. The fund was established, the bishop said, to help new and existing ministries meet the needs of the poor

in communities across the state. Pastoral guidelines for the fund will be distributed in December by a grant committee. “It is my hope to speak to the grief and anguish of the poor among us, especially the experience of our children and families in poverty, and offer to them a compassionate message of joy and hope,” Bishop Bransfield said. “At the same time, I want to invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to join me in compassionate care for the poor and continual solicitude on their behalf,” he added. He spoke about his pastoral letter, titled “Setting Children Free: Loosening the Bonds of Poverty in West Virginia,” and the issues he covered in the document, his fourth pastoral since he became bishop of the statewide diocese.

In West Bank, Palestinians celebrate UN vote

JERUSALEM (CNS) — In the West Bank, church bells rang at the midnight announcement that the U.N. General Assembly had voted to grant Palestinians observer status. Young and old Catholic Palestinians joined others in Ramallah, where the announcement was celebrated into the wee hours of the morning. “We were very happy when this announcement was made,” said Father Firas Aridah, whose Jifna village parish is five miles from Ramallah. “We saw that our dignity may be hurt, but it will be healed. We are not abandoned. People are with us. We have rights just like

everyone else, and we can live in calm and peace.” At last, he told Catholic News Service Nov. 30, Palestinians were seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Father Aridah said Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ U.N. victory, just weeks after clashes between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, was very important for the Palestinian leader, demonstrating that he could unite his people without resorting to violence. “Gaza was celebrating with us. Everyone can now look to President Abbas as the one who will unify Gaza and the West Bank, and they know that he did not use guns (to achieve the vote), he used diplomacy and peaceful demonstrations,” said Father Aridah. In a Nov. 30 statement, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which includes churches in Israel and the Palestinian territories, described the U.N. vote as “an incentive for peace” that marked a “significant shift to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinians.” The patriarchate congratulated Abbas, calling him a “moderate man and a man of peace.”

Creating ordinariate for Anglicans makes for a complex first year

BALTIMORE (CNS) — The slide-show on important events of the first months of the U.S. ordinariate for former Episcopalians who have become Catholic was one indication of its unusual characteristics. The

photos of ordinations featured the priests’ wives and children, for one thing. One photo showed a father-son pair of new Catholic priests. Another picture showed an unidentified bishop, apparently ordaining a priest, with a cartoonlike dialogue bubble asking, “What have I done?” For a presentation at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ annual fall general assembly led by a member of the conference, about activities within a dioceselike entity, it was rather an extraordinary moment. Hesitant chuckles were replaced by warm laughter as the bishops realized this was something a little different, in fact, a lot different. Msgr. Jeffrey Steenson, who heads the ordinariate established by the Vatican this year, took to the podium Nov. 12 to explain to the bishops the ins and outs of setting up what is officially known as the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. The former bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande who became a Catholic in 2007, Msgr. Steenson is both the only nonbishop in the USCCB and its only married member. He is a full voting member of the conference and his authority includes nearly everything a bishop does. But because he is married, he cannot be ordained a bishop and he may not ordain priests. Pope Benedict XVI’s 2009 apostolic constitution “*Anglicanorum coetibus*” provided for the establishment of ordinariates for former Anglicans who join the Catholic Church while retaining some of their Anglican traditions, spirituality and prayer.

New York Archdiocese announces 26 schools ‘at risk of closure’

NEW YORK (CNS) — The New York Archdiocese has announced that 26 of the 159 regional, parish and archdiocesan elementary schools are at risk of closing next June. In addition, St. Agnes Boys High School in Manhattan also is at risk of closing at the end of the current school year. The Nov. 26 announcement of “at risk” schools comes two years after the archdiocese closed 20 schools as part of a reconfiguration plan. A decision about the future of Catholic schools on New York’s Staten Island has been postponed until January while the region continues to struggle with the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Archdiocesan officials are meeting with local pastors, principals, administrators and elected officials for in-depth discussions on how to best serve the needs of school families. In a Nov. 28 posting on his blog, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan described the announcement of school closings as “very somber news. I dread this! I’d rather be opening new schools, not closing some,” he said in his blog, “The Gospel in the Digital Age.” Children, teachers, parents and parishes love their schools and “fight hard to make them work.” The cardinal explained that “these tough decisions were long in coming, after over a year of study, discussion, consultation and debate by priests, parents and experts close to the scene.”

Nutcracker performance set at USF Performing Arts Center

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis presents the New American Youth Ballet in "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at the USF Performing Arts Center, formerly the Scottish Rite Auditorium, located at 431 W. Berry St. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling (260) 471-7848.

Christmas at Loretto to ring in the holiday season

NOTRE DAME — The South Bend Chamber Singers, an ensemble-in-residence at Saint Mary's College, presents Christmas at Loretto as part of its 24th concert season, featuring local cellist Carol Bullock Russell. The annual event will take place at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on the Saint Mary's campus on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. For a campus map, visit <http://www3.saintmarys.edu/campus-map>.

The South Bend Chamber Singers ensemble is comprised of approximately 30 members from throughout north central Indiana and southwestern Michigan. The Christmas at Loretto program includes beautiful music nearly all of which is by living composers. Nancy Menk, music professor, and Mary Lou and Judd Leighton, Chair in Music at Saint Mary's College, serve as conductor and music director of the South Bend Chamber Singers.

Ticket information can be found at moreaucenter.com under "Music" (<http://www3.saintmarys.edu/tickets/christmas-loretto-0>) Tickets may be purchased in advance on the website or by calling (574) 284-4626. Tickets will be available at the door until sold out.

Bishop Luers received donation towards technology improvements

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School is the recipient of a donation made by the Angela and Dick Weber Charitable Foundation Fund. The Webers sent all three of their daughters to Bishop Luers High School in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Dick Weber believes in the value of raising his family in the Catholic faith. To him prayer and faith are very important and he stated that Bishop Luers High School is a great school with a great staff.

The generous donation made by the Angela and Dick Weber Charitable Foundation Fund will go towards technology upgrades in five classrooms with the following teachers: Karen Marciano, Spanish; Carrie Bubb, English and French; Jeanine Skordos, social studies; Leo Procise, biology; and Mercedes Montesino, Spanish. These teachers will all receive a new projector and Smart Board to

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ST. THOMAS YOUNG VINCENTIANS DECORATE FLOAT



ANNE RICE

The Young Vincentians of St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart decorated a float and participated in the Elkhart Winterfest Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1. The parade theme was "Big City Bright Lights." The Young Vincentians are a group of students from grades 5-8 that are bright lights in the community.

enhance their teaching.

Jeanine Skordos's plan for the Smart Board and projector in her geography course is to use Google Earth to give the students real time visuals of the area they are studying. Google Earth is a program that can be manipulated from the Smart Board to allow students the ability to see different views of areas being studied. They will be able to use more project-based learning skills in all subject areas.

When asked what she would like to say about her new classroom upgrades Skordos said, "We are very appreciative of any help we are given. While we work hard to prepare our students for life, it is much easier with the help of our generous donors."

USF lecture series on Vatican Council II continues

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will continue its recognition of the 50-year anniversary of Vatican Council II with the next lecture in a series focused on the topic. "An Eastern Christian Assessment of Vatican II" will be presented by Dr. Adam DeVille, assistant professor of theology, on Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in the North Campus auditorium.

Vatican Council II ushered in many changes to the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, many supposedly borrowed from the

Orthodox Christian East. DeVille will examine Orthodox influence on the council and Church in the areas of liturgy, ecclesiology and ecumenism, analyzing both the benefits and damages brought about by these changes.

The Department of Philosophy and Theology sponsors the free public lecture. For more information, contact Angie Springer at aspringer@sf.edu or (260) 399-8066.

Crèches on display at Archabbey Library

ST. MEINRAD — An exhibit of Christmas crèches from around the world will be on display in the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library, St. Meinrad, from Dec. 7 through Jan. 10.

The display features crèches from the monastery collection, as well as from the Catherine A. Smith Nativity Collection, which was donated to St. Meinrad in 2002 in memory of Charles Patrick ("Pat") Smith.

Smith began collecting Nativity sets in 1971, purchasing many during her extensive travels throughout the world. She donated the collection to St. Meinrad in memory of her brother, who studied for the priesthood at St. Meinrad and later served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The crèches selected for display

represent a variety of styles and media, including porcelain, wood, glazed tile, glass, cloth, stone, metals and ceramic.

The exhibit will also include artwork depicting the Nativity from the children of St. Meinrad Parish.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For library hours, call (812) 357-6401 or (800) 987-7311, or visit the Archabbey Library's website: www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/hours/

The library will be closed Dec. 22-25 and Dec. 29-Jan. 1. All times are Central time.

Visitors may wish to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to view the exhibit.

USF fourth nationally in NAIA Champions of Character program

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has earned a fourth-place ranking in a field of 221 schools in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Champions of Character Five-Star Institution program.

USF earned a score of 91 of 100 on the Champions of Character Scorecard, which measures each institution's commitment to the NAIA program. Points were earned in five areas: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion.

Montana Tech was first with a perfect score of 100. Rounding out the top five were Carroll College, Mont., with 96; Paul Quinn College, Tex., with 91; USF; and Xavier University, La., with 91.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MASS AND BREAKFAST



PROVIDED BY CHERYL MOWAN

The Fort Wayne District Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society held their Annual Mass and Breakfast on Dec. 1. St. Vincent de Paul Society National President Sheila Gilbert, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, and Cheryl Mowan, St. Vincent de Paul Society president for the eastern half of the diocese, presented Top Hat Awards to exemplary Vincentians Mary Gillig, Carolyn Hakes, Donna Dragan and Kim Wyatt. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne hosted the festive event.

'We are all called to tell people about Jesus'

Bishop Rhoades asks St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel students to be followers of Christ

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In his continued journey to visit each and every school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass with the students of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Friday, Nov. 30, before touring the classrooms and joining them for lunch.

On the feast day of St. Andrew, the bishop's homily outlined the similarities of the first Apostles to his current role as a successor. Bishop Rhoades singled out one young man with the first name of Andrew and detailed how his patron was crucified on a cross, but because he did not feel he was worthy to be killed the same way as Jesus, St. Andrew died on an X-shaped cross. Bishop Rhoades quizzed students on the names of the first Twelve, then carefully explained, "Like the Apostles, we are all called to tell people about Jesus."

Finally, the bishop posed a challenging question to the student body, "Do people see you as a follower of Christ?" A fitting recessional hymn was chosen by the student-led choir titled, "Go Make a Difference."

For their special day with Bishop Rhoades, students and staff donned spirit-wear labeled "Follow the Leader" created by the Home and School Association — a parent group brought back just this year. After a picture with all 130 students in the gymnasium, Bishop Rhoades spent time with each grade from pre-K to eighth in their classrooms, as is his routine.

He asked what each group was studying in religion and found that the sacraments, the history of Moses and the Old Testament and the season of Advent are among some of the topics being covered. He learned things like — each grade has adopted a classroom saint in honor of the Year of Faith, the junior high grades are departmentalized and St. Joseph School offers both accelerated reading and math programs.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the eighth-graders to stay close to the Holy Spirit as they prepare for Confirmation. He role-played how a bishop ordains a new priest with fifth grader, Derek Schaadt, and said the Act of Contrition with the nine second-grade boys preparing to make their first Reconciliation.

Bishop Rhoades was quite impressed with the new addition of Smart Boards for each of the 10 rooms and the state-of-the-

art computer lab on campus. He shared different stories in the different rooms but created a special bond with the seventh grade in particular, because that was the year he first felt he was being called to the priesthood, and because they had chosen St. Nicholas as their classroom saint.

His story about how he developed a devotion to St. Nicholas after a close call in southern Italy while he was traveling by train across Europe captivated his audience. Bishop Rhoades deviated from his travel plans to visit the tomb of St. Nicholas or else he could have been one of the 85 killed later in the day when the train was bombed by terrorists.

After signing an autograph requested by Calvin Dornseif, Bishop Rhoades joined students in the cafeteria for a baked potato bar before heading back to his afternoon meetings.

Principal Louise Schultheis, who came to St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in 2008, and Holy Cross Father Cornelius Ryan, administrator of St. Joseph Parish, led the tour from room to room and the bishop was able to meet each of the staff members of the school. Through the halls of St. Joseph, teachers range from new to tenured. Four of the teachers have over 20 years at St. Joseph, while others are alumni of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel and have returned to their alma mater for their careers.

Backgrounds and experience vary, but it is evident each has a common devotion to their beloved school and share the rich tradition of their Catholic faith with their students in a parish deep in history, tradition and family.

First-grade teacher Carol Sarasen has over 30 years in Catholic education and doubles in the music department. Each spring she provides an opportunity for students to be part of an elaborate musical production and her Christmas program is a beautiful tradition with its Nativity scene in the large wooden stable and angelic songs. The school brought back a band program this fall and the drummers made their debut at the morning Mass.

In his fifth year with the junior high students, Brett Rupright, who attended St. Joseph School himself, said it is a joy to teach in a Catholic school, especially Hessen Cassel. "Students want to be here and we have the strong support of our parents to help them succeed." Rupright has also played a dual role at the school as a basketball coach.

Both the boys' and girls' athletic teams have traditionally dominated the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league in recent years on the courts boasting numerous Blue League titles.

The school is blessed with involved parents like Roselyn Knapke, the mother of six who attend or attended St. Joseph. Knapke has nephews on both sides of the family who attend the school, and both she and her husband are graduates. On the day of the visit, she was serving as a substitute teacher for the fifth graders and can also be found in various other day-to-day roles or on the bench coaching.

Founded in 1851, the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish is located at I-469 and U.S. Highway 27 south near Fort Wayne.

In 1868 the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ set up a convent and a school. The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart went on to serve the school for over a century, from 1877 to 1988.

A new two-story brick building for 100 students was completed in 1879 with the newer, larger setting constructed in 1961. Three classrooms were added in 1992 and a soccer field and baseball diamond was added in 1994. In 2004, bleacher seats were restored and a new scoreboard and floor were installed in the Activity Center.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades talks with students during his homily at St. Joseph Church. Cross Father Cornelius Ryan, administrator, watches from the sanctuary.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades demonstrates an ordination to the priesthood with Derek Schaadt, a student in Pat Wyss's fifth-grade class.



The St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School student body assembles with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and presents a T-shirt that reads "Follow the Leader," the theme for this academic year.

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-Hessen Cassel in rural Fort Wayne. Holy



A third-grade student from Judy Prince's class prays the Apostles' Creed. The prayer is being emphasized during this Year of Faith.



Pre-school students in Sara Bear's class pray with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



Choir students in fifth through seventh grades sing from the loft at the all-school Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades signs an autograph for Calvin Dornseif, a fifth-grade student.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses in front of the St. Joseph statue with Principal Louise Schultheis, left, and Holy Cross Father Cornelius Ryan, administrator, right.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins fourth-grade students for lunch.



The exterior of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School is shown above.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe: A mother for all

BY JODI MAGALLANES

Father Virgilio Elizondo is a leading national authority on the history and influence of Mary's apparition in Mexico in 1521. He spoke with *Today's Catholic* recently about the ongoing influence of the Mexican-American icon, whose feast day is Dec. 12.

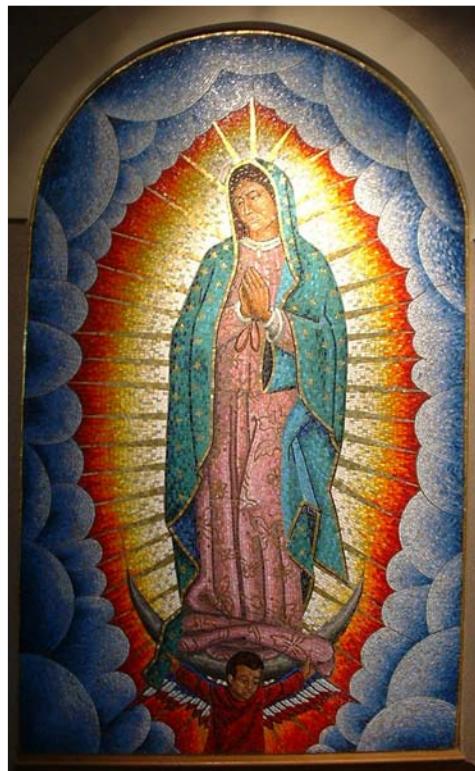
Today's Catholic: Father Elizondo, in your opinion, to what current demographic does Our Lady of Guadalupe appeal the most?

Father Elizondo: I don't think her relevance can be confined to any one age group or another. She still endures. She still calls all of her children to see her at her temple. "Am I not here who is your Mother?" she said. A mother is there for all of her children, of any age and no matter what country they find themselves in.

Today's Catholic: Does Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to be relevant to Mexicans and to Mexican-Americans?

Father Elizondo: Oh absolutely, but she's more and more relevant to Anglos and all the inhabitants of this land as well. Ever since Pope John Paul II declared her the mother of all of America — really, even before that became official — her influence and recognition have grown beyond the borders of one, two, even three countries, from Alaska to Chile.

But if you go into any Mexican place of business you'll find a huge icon of her with a big Mexican flag underneath it. Mexicans revere Our Lady for the great love she shows to them, but it even goes beyond that.



Today's Catholic: Do you feel that political, economic or other pressures which exist today threaten her message, either in the U.S. or Mexico?

Father Elizondo: Not really. The teenage spirit of rebellion is alive and well, and that creates a great deal of conflict for our young people in both countries. But look at the tattoos they wear on their bodies, and how often they are of Our Lady. They look toward her from a young age. On her feast day they offer her dances and music and flowers.

It's a natural growth process, to act out. But deep down they are still Guadalupanas.

Today's Catholic: In 2010, the *National Catholic Register* suggested that one purpose of Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance and her words to Juan Diego was to legitimize the status of Mexican Indians and integrate them into the Church. Do you agree with that opinion?

Father Elizondo: She's not that much of a political figure, although plenty of people do take up her image in times of struggle. But I really think she rises above that.

It could be that because the circumstances of her appearance were so uplifting that people want to relate it to modern-day social activism. The whole Indian population of the Mexico City area was very oppressed at the time, and her message of love and of legitimacy were more uplifting than anything else the people were experiencing. You can see why people now could relate to it again.

Cesar Chavez walked behind her when he campaigned for migrant worker rights. She lifts people up, and encourages them to vote for dignity and for justice.

Today's Catholic: As a matter of fact, you said back in 1977, in a draft of "Liturgy and Cultural Religious Traditions": "This (OLOG) tradition has come to stand for the dignity, identity, unity personal and collective, emancipation

and the liberation movement of the Mexican people" both in Mexico and the U.S. What effort do you think will carry her banner now?

Father Elizondo: I think there are various ways in which people are struggling. She is ever sensitive to the pro-life movement, because she's a mother. She's literally the mother of many.

A visit to her temple is an acceptance of a new way of life. It's not just a building in Mexico City. It's a symbol of a life and a country without borders, without fences. The dream is for a land where all of her children can play and can live together. I think that's in the making, the way you see her celebrations nowadays. They celebrate her in New York, in France, in Canada, everywhere. I think that shows the inclusion that people crave. We're already becoming a people that are one people, that are made up of all the people of the Earth. And she comes to all of us, equally.

She continues to attract people. It's just that her message is so relevant. People who feel alone, people who feel burdened, it's her tenderness as a mother that's very, very life giving. People can bring their own problems with them when they visit her, when they come to celebrate her feast day — because she's not about one issue, she's about faith. She's like the Gospel in Native American terms. In an age where we're bombarded with messages of all kinds, hers is simply that she loves us and that we can come to her. She continues to be the great gift of God to all the people who inhabit this land.

Calendar of events for parishes celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Joseph Church, 2213 Brooklyn, Fort Wayne, schedule of events:

- The Mañanitas service will be held Dec. 12 at 5 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner in the hall.

St. Patrick Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne, schedule of events:

- Novena will be held from Dec. 3 to Dec. 10 in the church at 7 p.m.

- A Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be celebrated Sunday, Dec. 9, at 12:30 p.m.

- After Mass, there will be a procession. The faithful will walk towards the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where Bishop Rhoades will be waiting. An image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be presented to the bishop, just as Juan Diego did. From the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the faithful will return to St. Patrick where there will be traditional dances, a raffle and a food sale.

The route is a total of two miles. Those who cannot or do not want to participate in the procession are asked to park on the street so that the route will not be blocked for others participating in the procession. Those joining the procession are asked to meet at St. Patrick Church at 2:15 p.m.

- The Mañanitas will be held Dec. 11, with the novena and songs to Our Lady being prayed in church at 10 p.m.

- On Dec. 12, Mañanitas will be held at midnight followed by Mass at 6 p.m.

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'I believe in ... the holy catholic Church'

We can sometimes forget that the Church is something we "believe" in. This must mean that the Church is more than the sum of its visible parts. We don't say, "I believe in Amtrack," or in other commonly visible things, unless we are using the expression "believe in" to mean "give a vote of confidence." "I believe in you," when spoken to a son or daughter who is an athlete, means, "I have confidence you will succeed." Nor is the expression used of the Church as we use it of someone who may not exist, such as, "I believe in Santa Claus." The Church obviously exists.

When we say, "I believe ... in the holy catholic Church," we are saying we believe that the visible society or group that we see is not all there is to the Church. Membership in the Church is not defined by talent,

skill, nationality, race or sex. It is not defined by mental or physical ability, nor is one disqualified by disability, mental or physical. It is not a matter of age.

The mystery of the Church is that it is a visible society of human beings that is not defined as a group by any of the human qualifications, achievements or accomplishments that define all other visible social groups. The Church is not even defined by the moral virtue of her members, for then we would be placing our faith in something that is purely human. What group of people has enough virtue to be declared the Church of Jesus Christ? Who would decide who was virtuous enough?

It is the love of Christ that creates the Church and is her fundamental identity. The wonder of the Church is that she is a visible society defined by

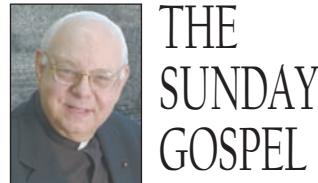
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something invisible, something we are not capable of producing on our own. The bond among members of the Church that makes them the Church is the self-giving, sacrificial love of Christ, poured out on the Cross and made truly present in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Members of the Church are not just members of a club that has certain human qualifications for membership, but members of *Christ Himself*,

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Give ourselves to God for peace



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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2nd Sunday in Advent Lk 3:1-6

The Book of Baruch provides the first reading for this Second Sunday of Advent. Baruch is not one of the Major Prophets. It is relatively brief, certainly when the long books of Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah are considered.

It also is among the books once called by almost all Protestants scholars the Apocrypha. Baruch does not appear in the King James Version of the Bible.

Certain issues led to its omission from this revered Protestant translation. At one time it was presumed to have been written originally in Greek. The thinking was that no authentic Scripture could have been composed in any language other than Hebrew. Actually, scholars now believe that Baruch first was written in Hebrew, but that only Greek translations survive.

For Catholics, however, most important is the fact that Christians from early times venerated Baruch as part of the Bible, and the Church officially long has recognized it as such.

In any case, when Baruch was written great problems beset God's people. A most severe trial was that many of the people were living outside the Holy Land. No happy choice caused this displacement. Political oppression or poverty forced the people to go elsewhere.

This book encouraged the suffering, exiled people, reassuring them that God would not forsake them, and that God's justice and mercy will prevail over all.

The Epistle to the Philippians furnishes the next lesson. Written to the Christians of Philippi, an important city in the ancient Roman Empire, the epistle urges the Philippians loyal to the Lord to be steadfast in their faith, come what may, until the second coming of Jesus.

As so often found elsewhere in the New Testament, this reading strongly states that one day, but at a time unknown, Jesus will come again in triumph and judgment.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading.

This reading centers upon Jesus, although John the Baptist is quite evident in the reading. Carefully constructed, the Gospel presents the coming of Jesus as extraordinarily, indeed uniquely, important in the course of human affairs.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus, and he saw in the Lord's coming this momentous entry of God and God's mercy into human existence. Thus, John urged the people to prepare themselves to receive the Lord. Essential in this preparation was the personal rejection of sin.

John was a prophet and a holy man. In the Jewish mind, holiness, more than anything, gave persons special wisdom. John could be trusted. He spoke the truth.

To emphasize the importance of what was occurring, this Gospel takes pains in setting the presence of John, and the future coming of Christ, at an exact moment in history, namely when Tiberius was emperor, Pilate was his governor in Palestine, and so on.

Finally, Jesus came as God's

Reflection

When Baruch was written, times were bad for the Jews. When Philippians and the Gospel of Luke were written, times were hard for Christians. Circumstances differed, but the last condition of misery and hopelessness was the same.

On this second Sunday of Advent, times are hard for many. The economy still is anemic. Many still suffer the effects of Hurricane Sandy in the East. The results of sin still torment everyone.

All will be right; joy and peace will prevail, if we admit Jesus into our lives. We must be genuine. We must invite the Lord into our lives sincerely, by renouncing our sins, and by giving ourselves totally to God. John the Baptist calls us as he called people in his generation.

READINGS

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13ab Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:10-13

The dark age of science

There is an ancient human desire to pin the blame on someone — anyone — when things go wrong. In the Dark Ages, some Christian Europeans blamed Jews for the Black Death, or the plague. As late as the 17th century, suspected witches were executed to mitigate real and perceived evils in New England communities.

Today, it's scientists who are taking the fall.

In the Italian city of L'Aquila, in the forested region of Abruzzo, earthquakes are common. They have been for hundreds of years. Big ones struck in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. Thousands died in the earthquake of 1703. The city is built on an ancient lake bed, and the soil structure amplifies seismic waves.

In 2009, a few small tremors caused locals to worry that a much bigger quake was coming. Government scientists from Italy's National Commission for the Forecast and Prevention of Major Risks were called in to weigh the risks. After studying the situation, the scientists downplayed the possibility of a big quake, arguing that there was "no danger," and that locals should "remain alert, without panicking."

As the attorney for scientist Franco Barberi later explained to *The Wall Street Journal*, the tremors did not necessarily signify an unusually risky situation. "In a very high percentage of 980 out of 1,000 cases, seismic tremors don't evolve into a destructive quake," he said. "That doesn't mean that in one of Italy's most seismic areas there won't be a strong earthquake."

When a big quake did hit, in the early morning of April 6, 2009, it registered 6.3 on the Richter scale. It killed 308 people and injured 1,500. The scientists were not just blamed. They were hauled into court, convicted and given six-year prison sentences for manslaughter. The judge went beyond the four-year sentences the prosecutors had sought.

Scientists have never been able to predict earthquakes. Nor is it clear that a warning would have been all that helpful, unless everyone agreed to abandon the town until a quake occurred — if it ever did. (After all, no one could



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have known when the quake would hit.)

This verdict cuts against what we rightfully refer to in university life as academic freedom. It was a scientific judgment based on experience and observation, with which many other scientists agreed.

In the late 17th century, the Salem witch trials appealed to false popular superstitions among a relatively uneducated populace. Puritanical magistrates and ministers whipped up panic and warned of a supernatural, satanic inspiration in their midst.

Their efforts elicited false accusations and confessions of witchcraft from among their flock. Within a few years, the absurdity of it became clear, and the credibility of those religious leaders was destroyed. As historian George Lincoln Burr put it centuries later, "The Salem witchcraft was the rock on which the theocracy shattered."

This ruling in L'Aquila is not an exact parallel, but it represents an abuse of science not unlike the Puritans' abuse of faith. And it will have the same damaging effect on science, as seismologists and other scientists in Italy avoid making public judgments — or (perhaps more likely, and worse) begin exaggerating risks on purpose, lest they face criminal charges later. When the warnings are real, no one will know.

We rightly criticize religious fundamentalists who reject observed scientific truths on doctrinal grounds. But just as they harm the faith of believers, one can also harm the conduct of science by placing inordinate faith in its ability to give answers where it cannot.

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Saint of the Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe

16th century
December 12



Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak, in December, to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus-cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide.

Sacred language for sacred acts

It was just about a year ago that U.S. parishes began using the new translations of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal — an implementation process that seems to have gone far more smoothly than some anticipated. Wrinkles remain to be ironed out: there are precious few decent musical settings for the revised Ordinary of the Mass; the occasional celebrant (not infrequently with "S.J." after his name) feels compelled to share his winsome personality with the congregation by freelancing the priestly greetings and prayers of Mass. Some of the new texts themselves could have used another editorial rinsing, in my judgment. But in the main, the new translations are an immense improvement and seem to have been received as such.

Why that's the case is

explained with clarity and scholarly insight in a new book by Oratorian Father Uwe Michael Lang, "The Voice of the Church at Prayer: Reflections on Liturgy and Language" (Ignatius Press).

From the days of Christian antiquity, Father Lang explains, liturgical language — the language of the Church at its formal public prayer — has always been understood to be different: different from the language of the marketplace or public square; different from the language of the home. Liturgical language, at its best, is multivalent; it does many things at once.

It is a language of instruction, teaching Christians to grasp the truths embodied in their prayers.

It is a language of delight, attracting us to those truths through the beauty, even charm, of the prayed words and their arrangement.

It is a language of persuasion and encouragement, urging us to

conform our lives to the truths we lift up in prayer and spurring us to greater efforts to imitate Christ and the saints.

It is not, to illustrate the point along the via negativa, the kind of language found in the old Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday of the Year ("Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world...") or in the old Post-Communion prayer for the 30th Sunday of the Year ("May our celebration have an effect in our lives.").

The language of the liturgy is also a language meant to elevate us, to lift us out of the quotidian and the ordinary. We don't "speak" at Holy Mass the way we talk at the local mall, and for a good reason: the liturgy is our privileged participation in the liturgy of saints and angels around

the Throne of Grace, and the way we address the Lord, and each other, in those circumstances ought to reflect the awesome character of our baptismal dignity. The Latin used in shaping the Canon, the Prefaces and the Collects of the Roman Rite in the classic

period of its formation was not, Father Lang writes, "the ordinary idiom of the people." Rather, it was "a highly stylized language" consciously intended to give expression to a unique religious experience — an experience of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

In the post-Vatican II period, Polish translators followed the classic understanding of liturgical Latin and deliberately adopted a high, literary Polish for rendering the Missal of 1970 into their native language. English translators did exactly the opposite, stripping the Latin of its distinctive sacral vocabulary and images, and flattening out the rhythms of liturgical Latin. The results were not happy: Collects



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that informed God of what God presumably already knew (about God's doings or our needs), and then made anodyne requisites of the Most High; Eucharistic Prayers that eliminated sacral words and biblical images; post-Communion prayers that, like the nonsense cited above, sounded like requests made to a therapist or dentist.

The Poles made the right choice, and whatever else can be said about post-conciliar Catholicism in Poland, it never slogged through the worst of the liturgical translation wars. The bad choices made by English translators decades ago, often for reasons of populist ideology and dumbed-down theology, have now been largely rectified by the new translations, which take seriously the modern scholarship about liturgy and rhetoric Father Lang so helpfully summarizes in his book.

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members of His Body. The closest human analogy to this is the union of husband and wife, whose mutual love forms such a close union that they are members of each other, "one flesh," though they remain separate individuals. Just as the identity of husband and wife is defined by the self-giving love that mutually creates each other as spouses, so the Church is defined by the self-giving love of Christ, before any merit or

achievement on the part of the Church or any member of the Church. To say that the Church is the "spouse" or "bride" of Christ is to say that Christ's love is what creates the Church, binding the members into one flesh, one Body, one Christ.

This love of Christ is mediated to us "sacramentally," that is, "mysteriously" (but effectively!) in the sacraments, above all, the Eucharist. The eucharistic body is the one formed by the sacrifice of Christ, and not by the virtues or qualifications of the members thus bound. The Church is therefore both "holy," because constituted by the love of Christ, and always

in need of purification, because those bound are not perfected, but are being purified by the sacrificial love that makes them one. Encountering the Church, in faith, is always mysteriously encountering this love. Such is the beauty of the mystery of the Church in which "we believe."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for December 9, 2012

Luke 3:1-6

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle C: the historical setting of John the Baptist. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

REIGN	CAESAR	JUDEA
TETRARCH	GALILEE	HIS BROTHER
ABILENE	PRIESTHOOD	ANNAS
WORD	JOHN	SON OF
ZECHARIAH	THE JORDAN	BAPTISM
REPENTANCE	WRITTEN	BOOK
VOICE	PREPARE	SMOOTH

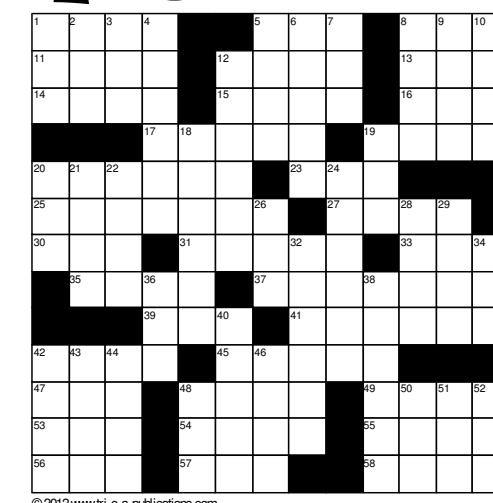
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The CrossWord

Dec. 2, 9 and
16, 2012



Based on these Scripture Readings: Jer 33:14-18;
1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 and Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6 and Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 10-18

ACROSS

- 1 Chaff will burn in
- 5 One of these
- 8 Expression of surprise
- 11 Jesus rode this "___ of an ass"
- 12 Opera solo
- 13 Sun's name
- 14 Opposed
- 15 Ship floor
- 16 Shade tree
- 17 Tribe of ___
- 19 These are coming, says the Lord
- 20 Spirit's non-word prayers
- 23 Terminal abbr.
- 25 Should (2 wd)
- 27 Wallop
- 30 New Jersey neighbor
- 31 ___ of Israel
- 33 Dynamic ___
- 35 ___ vu
- 37 God's title
- 39 Veneration
- 41 Disciples did the Risen Lord
- 42 Will fail to give light
- 45 Capital of Japan
- 47 Loose gown worn at Mass
- 48 Be angry
- 49 Heavy fall sound
- 53 Chief exec.officer
- 54 A fox's hole (2 wd)
- 55 Restfulness
- 56 Garden tool
- 57 # of Commandments
- 58 Name means "little king"
- DOWN
- 1 Future Farmers of America (abbr.)
- 2 Charged particle
- 3 Lab animal
- 4 O.T. prophet
- 5 Bishop's see
- 6 Statue site
- 7 Shaggy Nepal cattle
- 8 At sea
- 9 Sanctified
- 10 Given to poor
- 12 Amends (2 wd)
- 18 Freeze
- 19 Morse code "T"
- 20 ___ the Father Almighty
- 21 Regretted
- 22 Stare at
- 24 Textured clothing
- 26 Excommunicated
- 28 Incense fragrance
- 29 holy and unblemished
- 32 Powers of heaven will be
- 34 Unpaired
- 36 Epiphany month
- 38 Raider
- 40 Composition
- 42 Speed
- 43 Margarine
- 44 Band instrument
- 46 Sign
- 48 Overweight
- 50 Straw
- 51 North American nation
- 52 Fox hole

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

St. Joseph Squires score a win at beginning of CYO girls' basketball

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The defending Blue League Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) champs got off to a good start this season as the 2012-2013 CYO season kicked off on Saturday, Dec. 1. St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel downed non-conference powerhouse, St. Vincent 8, in overtime by a score of 28-26.

Coach Maria Parsenow was very pleased with her team's performance, "Our defense was strong all day. It was a great team effort, but Monica Scott had an especially outstanding game and was very aggressive on both ends of the court for us."

Kathryn Knapke led the Squires with 14 points and Scott added 10 in the victory.



Parsenow summarized, "St. Vincent was a tough team, but our girls never gave up. The game was back and forth with an exciting finish."

She and her sister, Mallory Merz list 10 on their combined roster with two seventh graders and the rest eighth graders. They hope to build confidence offensively this season and become successful running their plays, while preparing their team to play at the next level.

The Squires finished runner-up at the pre-season Queen of Angels tournament over the Thanksgiving break and will face the Raiders from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, next weekend.

Painter makes a difference on and off the football field

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Former St. John, New Haven, Raider standout, Weston Painter capped off a stellar high school career leading Fort Wayne Snider to the Indiana Class 5-A state championship finals on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The No. 4 Panthers fell to Lawrence Central, 39-14, but not before the 6 foot-3 inch, 285 pound defensive tackle persevered through an ACL injury and was able to log one more tackle at Lucas Oil Stadium. About five plays into the game, Painter's knee brace shifted and he tore his meniscus side-lining him for more surgery and nine months of physical therapy.

Despite several painful recoveries and other adversities over the years, the seventh of 10

children has always relied on his Catholic faith to lead him in the right direction. "It has helped me become a better leader on and off the field. I walk by faith and not by sight," he says.

Painter has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to continue his football career at Indiana State University next fall.

USF'S 'DOUBLE-TROUBLE' KOHNE CL PLAYER OF THE WEEK University of Saint Francis forward Scott Kohne has been named the Crossroads League men's basketball Player of the Week after the 6-foot-7 forward averaged 22.5 points per game, 14 rebounds per game, and added 2.5 blocks to lead USF to a 1-0 start in the league. Kohne, a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne is averaging a double double (scoring-rebounding) in seven games this season for the 5-2 Cougars and leads three categories — scoring (23.6), rebounding (12.1) and blocked shots per game (1.9). He has double doubles in four consecutive games and six of seven games so far this season.

ICCL teams launch basketball season

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA

— The Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) kicked off another boys' basketball campaign thanks to the gracious hospitality of Saint Joseph and Marian high schools and the efforts of the many coaches, players and volunteers that make up the 13-team consortium.

The St. Matthew Blazers started the season off with a bang as they dropped the Holy Cross Crusaders, 36-16, behind Justin DeClark's 14-point output. Elliot Zynowitz netted 12 for the Crusaders.

Mishawaka Catholic shunned the Falcons of St. Jude, 33-14, as Alexander Horvath scored 13 for the victorious Saints.

Christ the King slipped by the Holy Family Trojans as the duo of Danny O'Neil and Tommy Lavoie scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Lucas Kansczuzweski's 12, was not enough for the West Siders.

St. Thomas outscored every team in the league on Sunday as 61 more than took care of the Panthers of St. Anthony. Tyler Bickel led all scores with 16 in the loss. The Spartans were led by Gunner Sadoway's 12 and Shawn Cameron's 11 point efforts.

The Lions from St. Pius X started their season off with an impressive victory over the Cougars of Corpus Christi, 58-20. Tony Carmola netted 14 and Trenton Stoner added 13 for the victors.

The fierce Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary outpaced the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 44-32. The day's high scorer was Luke Kasznia's 20-point effort in the loss. Davonte Newbill scored 12 for the Bulldogs.

Action takes place this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday. Complete scores, standings and schedules can be found on the web site www.icclsports.org.

ST. ALOYSIUS TEAM TAKES CHRIST THE KING BOWL



CAYLA SORG

A flag football team from St. Aloysisus, Yoder, made a clean sweep to claim the Christ the King Bowl championship on Sunday, Dec. 2. Eight teams from the area played in the two-day competition held this year at St. Aloysisus. The players took part in Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, had the opportunity to receive Reconciliation, and heard talks on the Year of Faith. Sunday concluded with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. On the St. Aloysisus, newcomer team to the bowl this year, are: front row, James Brames, Daniel Rodenbeck, Nick Wyss and Kyle Sorg; back row, Eric Sorg, Logan Sorg, Tyler Sorg, Josh Sorg and Blaine Sorg.

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'On the Road Again' with bishop

FORT WAYNE — If you are a teen or young adult, or if you know someone who is, please read on. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is leading a Year of Faith pilgrimage following in the footsteps of some North American Saints, including the newly canonized Saints Kateri Tekakwitha and Marianne Cope, Saint Andre Bessette and Venerable Solanus Casey.

"As we discover more about the incredible lives of these souls and more, we will learn more about how God is calling us in our own particular ways," says Nate Proulx from the Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries.

Young pilgrims from across the diocese will journey by charter bus to the shrines and churches dedicated to some of the most *ordinary* people, who became *extraordinary* by God's grace. Bishop Rhoades, priests and adult leaders will offer reflections and lead prayers encouraging all pilgrims to become saints.

Thomas Zehr, seminarian from Our Lady of Good Hope, reflected on last year's pilgrimage with Bishop Rhoades: "His example of leadership, enthusiasm and holiness was definitely evident in the time we spent together. His ability to not



only talk to an enormous gathering of strangers, but to be able to relate to each person one on one is really a gift."

Pilgrimages also foster Christian community, as Taya Ashley, a Ball State University student from St. Mary in Decatur, witnessed, "I was injured at the beginning of the trip and the help, support and prayers of everyone was amazing."

The pilgrimage is open to high school youth ages 16-18 and all young adults ages 18-39. Young adults can register at any time. High school teens must register through parish group leaders.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is offering four, half-price scholarships for teens and young adults for the Year of Faith Pilgrimage. Serious applicants can apply for a drawing that would reduce the cost of their trip to \$625, which is half of the trip cost of \$1,250.

The gift-giving season of Christmas is approaching and this trip would make a life-changing gift for a young Catholic child, grandchild, or godchild.

Additional information is available at www.diocesefwsb.org/pilgrimage2013.

•Scholarship Application•

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Parish: _____ Date of birth: _____

In July of 2013, I will be: in High School(____) a young adult(____)

Student? Yes () No ()

If Yes, Name of School: _____

CHRIST THE KING HOSTS DODGEBALL



HEATHER COYNE

Christ the King in South Bend hosted "Dodgeball in December." Fifty parishioners attended the inaugural event sponsored by The FAM — Christ the King's new family outreach group initiated for the Year of Faith.

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Fort Wayne — A Christmas networking meet and greet will be Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Brookside Mansion on the University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring St. Cost of \$10 includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and soda. Cash bar available. A portion of proceeds will benefit the Women's Care Center. RSVP to Tess Steffen at (260) 399-1457, tsteffen@diocesefwsb.org by Dec. 7.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Quiet Waiting." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Dec. 14 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Mass and concert to honor Mary

South Bend — St. Jude Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd., will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary with Mass and a concert with the University of Notre Dame Chorale on Saturday, Dec. 8. Mass will start at 4:30 p.m. with the concert following at 6 p.m. in the church. Concert repertoire will include works from Handel's "Messiah," Monteverdi, Mozart, Wagner, Barber and more. Free will offering will be accepted. For information contact the parish office at (574) 291-0570.

Additional showing of "A Night with St. Augustine"

Notre Dame — An additional night has been added for the viewing of "A Night with St. Augustine," Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. in Geddes Hall. Tickets are \$7, include pizza, mini-lecture, movie and \$5 cash-back at door. Call (574) 631-1379 for tickets.

Marian devotional ceiling fresco to be dedicated at Queen of Peace

Mishawaka — A dedication Mass for a Marian devotional ceiling fresco by local artist Christopher Stackowicz at Queen of Peace Church, 4508 Vistula Rd., will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Father James C. Fahey, CSC, dies

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father James C. Fahey died Nov. 30 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. He was 83. Father Fahey was ordained to the priesthood in 1956 and served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as associate pastor at Christ the King, St. Hedwig and St. Adalbert parishes. Funeral Mass was at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in South Bend.

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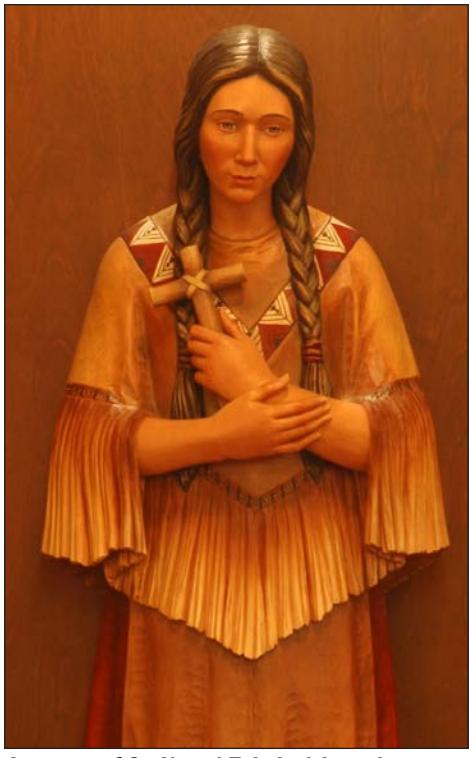


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A statue of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who was canonized Oct. 21, is displayed in the Chapel of Saint Joseph.



St. Andre Bessette, a Holy Cross brother and saint known for his love for St. Joseph, is shown in the new Chapel of Saint Joseph.



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A relic of St. Andre Bessette is placed in the altar by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Mass of dedication and blessing on Nov. 28.



The Saint Joseph Choir and musicians gather for a photo after the Mass of dedication on Nov. 28.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets the faithful after the Mass of dedication and blessing of the Chapel of Saint Joseph on Nov. 28.

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