SOUTH BEND — “Roe v. Wade is a legal fiction made up out of whole cloth,” Holy Cross Father John Patrick Riley declared. He preached the homily at the prayer service, which was part of the Jan. 20 annual South Bend area Knights of Columbus Right to Life march and program.

Father Riley said that abortion is not a matter of the arguments made back and forth about freedom of choice, constitutional law, legislation or appointing the right judges. “It’s a matter of life and death. It’s about the simple acceptance of life or the toleration of killing, pure and simple,” he said.

He explained that it is a spiritual battle, a struggle against selfishness and sin or the acceptance of life in faith. He noted that Pharaoh ordered the extermination of newborn Hebrew males to protect himself from a perceived threat to his power. Herod did likewise in ordering the slaughter of the Holy Innocents. Father Riley held up Mary as the perfect model of the acceptance of life in faith.

And Lamb’s favorite thing to say is the “Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most positive, and the most powerful, life affirming, life changing message in the universe.”

The message, Lamb said, is tailor-made for issues of life and death, for pain and suffering, for issues of regret and grief and guilt.

“Christians have a positive and powerful message ‘To Speak’— the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” Lamb shared with Today’s Catholic. “It is tailor-made for the life issues.”

“We need ‘To Speak’ it to one another in the church so that more will see that these issues are

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “If you do have something to say, if you have something to say that is positive, if you have something to say that is powerful, that is filled with hope, if you have something to say that affirms life, that changes life, then it is not time to be silent, then it truly is — time to speak.” Those were the words that Dr. Jim Lamb, executive director of the National Lutherans for Life and keynote speaker at the Allen County Right to Life’s 39th annual Fort Wayne March for Life and rally marking the 40th anniversary of legalized abortion.

“And we as the Christian church have such a message. It is the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” Lamb added.

Right to life participants march through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne as witnesses for life at the 39th annual Allen County Right to Life rally and march on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Right-to-life rally speaker says it is ‘time to speak’
Celebrating Catholic Schools

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoadES

Next week is the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, beginning Sunday, January 27th. It is a time to celebrate the blessings of Catholic education and to renew our commitment to this important mission of the Church: the education of our children and young people in the Catholic faith and the Christian moral life.

I am very proud of the Catholic schools in our diocese and their educational success: our fine parochial and parochial private schools, our four diocesan high schools, and our 41 parish or inter-parochial elementary schools.

Last week, I had the joy of celebrating Mass by making a pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger High School. It was a great day. I was edified by the wonderful school spirit and the very tangible Catholic atmospheric of the school. Visiting various theology classes, I viewed at least first-hand the excellent catechetical formation our young people are receiving. It is perhaps most impressed by the conversations I had with students, particularly the very impressive Senior Class representatives with whom I enjoyed lunch. We spoke on a variety of topics. One of the young men intends to enter the seminary next year. They all manifested an enthusiasm for their Catholic faith and the school with renewed hope for the future of the Church.

Catholic education began in our diocese in the 1840’s and has grown and flourished through the years. It began when a French missionary priest, Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, along with six Holy Cross brothers arrived at Notre Dame du Lac. They began a humble school in a two-story structure they built in 1843 that still stands on the campus of the University of Notre Dame and is now called “Old College.” It now houses the Holy Cross undergraduate seminarians at Notre Dame. In that first Catholic school of our diocese, boys of grade and high school age received a Catholic education, as did young men of college age, the first students of the University of Notre Dame.

The Congregation of Holy Cross also provided the first teachers for Catholic schools in Fort Wayne, in late 1843. Father Benoit arrived here in 1857 and the diocese saw the need to establish Catholic schools throughout the diocese in the 1850’s and after. When our first Bishop, John Henry Luers, arrived here in 1857 and the diocese was established, there were ten Catholic schools. By 1864, there were 33 Catholic schools. Today our Catholic schools are primarily staffed by lay teachers, men and women of faith and commitment who continue the holy mission of Catholic education.

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In the beginning, there were many attacks on Catholic schools during that time of much anti-Catholic bigotry in Indiana and in other areas of the United States. The bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful saw the need to establish Catholic schools to hand on the faith in a culture often inimical to Catholicism. In the 19th century, Catholic schools were a top priority of the Church in our country. At the first Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1852, the U.S. bishops urged the foundation of Catholic schools, urging Catholics to “make every sacrifice which may be necessary for this object.”

Catholic schools remain a priority for us in 2013. Though we live in very different historical circumstances from those of the 19th century, we face new challenges in light of the growing secularism and relativism of our culture. I believe our Catholic schools are needed today as much as they were needed 150-160 years ago.

In our diocese today, we have 17,010 students attending the five Catholic colleges and universities in our diocese. We have 3,185 students in our four diocesan high schools. We have 10,220 students in our Catholic elementary schools. Many sacrifices have been made, and continue to be made, so that our children and young people have the opportunity for an excellent education that includes formation in the Catholic faith, strong moral values, and prayer.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity not only to celebrate our Catholic schools, but also to renew our commitment to the Catholic mission and academic excellence of our schools. Catholic education, if it is worthy of the name, must be centered in the person of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools should be known for their witness to the Gospel, led by educators who are committed to the teachings of the Church and the moral demands of the Christian life. The Catholic school should be a genuine community of faith, faith that is lived in loving service of others. The Catholic school curriculum should integrate faith, culture, and life. In sum, Catholic schools must be “Catholic” in deed as well as in title.

In 2008, during his apostolic visit to Washington, DC, Pope Benedict XVI said to Catholic educators: “Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the good news. First and foremost, every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the Living God, who in Jesus Christ, reveals his transforming love and truth.”

In this age of the new evangelization and in this Year of Faith, I wish to state that our Catholic schools, when faithful to their mission, play a critical and irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. I thank all the principals, teachers, administrators, and staffs of our Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication. I thank our priests, school board members, and benefactors for their commitment to our schools. I thank Dr. Mark Myers, our superintendent of schools, and the staff of our diocesan Catholic Schools Office for their leadership. And I thank our parents who make many sacrifices to provide for the Catholic education of their children.

May the Lord bless our Catholic school communities with renewed faith and ardor for their holy mission! Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us.
Deacon: Rev. King’s civil rights advocacy marked by faith, hope, love
By Steve Euvino
GARY, Ind. (CNS) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. may have been a reluctant leader, “but he was willing to put himself out there,” said Deacon Melvin R. Tardy Jr.

He was “the right person for the moment” in the civil rights movement, said the deacon, an academic adviser at the University of Notre Dame. What separated Rev. King from other contemporaries was faith, hope, and love, he added.

Deacon Tardy made the comments at the Gary Diocese’s sixth annual King tribute Jan. 13 at Holy Angels Cathedral.

Rev. King, the product of a long line of pastors, was a gifted orator, yet down to earth, and his audience “felt what he felt,” the deacon said. Using what then was the fairly new medium of television, Rev. King not only touched his audience with a sense of right and wrong, but he also walked the walk.

Following the example of Gandhi, Rev. King used nonviolent direct action, Deacon Tardy said, to protest yet remain true to his beliefs. “He used civil disobedience to call people to crisis,” the deacon said. “He became a prophetic witness.”

Rev. King believed the kingdom of God was “something we can have today,” Deacon Tardy said, and “he had that sense that innocent suffering can be redemptive,” turning enemies into friends.

Rev. King also embraced agape — to love one another “as Jesus loved” — and he believed that “I will love this person because God loves this person,” the deacon noted.

The civil rights leaders also loved the United States, and his dream was “deeply rooted in the American dream,” he continued.

Faith, hope, and love, the deacon continued, made Rev. King a “game changer for this country.” His hope “impacted people of all backgrounds.”

An academic adviser in Notre Dame’s “First Year of Studies,” Deacon Tardy is an author, artist, musician and teacher. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 2011 for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Formerly assistant director of the university’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions, he also works with student athletes, diversity programs and disability services at Notre Dame.

Recalling how the university’s recent quest for a national championship in football ended in defeat to Alabama, Deacon Tardy said that if the game were played in 1950, things would have been much different. Stadium seating, public transportation, lodging, water fountains and medical care weren’t as well-segregated. Alabama would not have had any African-American student athletes, as the first black student was admitted there in 1956, Notre Dame’s first African-American graduate came in 1947.

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Engage the imagination to introduce nonbelievers to Jesus Christ, says speaker
By Ann Carey
NOTRE DAME — The United States is more religious than Western Europe, but many people here are nonbelievers, and the best way to reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ is by engaging their imagination.

This was the message delivered by Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe in a lecture at the University of Notre Dame Jan. 17 before a standing-room-only audience of students, faculty, staff and local residents. Father Radcliffe is a former master general of the worldwide Dominican order, and when he is not on the lecture circuit he resides with his local Dominican community at Blackfriars, Oxford, England.

Father Radcliffe engaged his audience immediately by displaying a ready sense of humor and an unusual command of amusing anecdotes. Yet, he challenged the audience, too, by asking them to find creative ways to introduce nonbelievers to Jesus Christ and His teachings.

The Dominican priest recounted seeing the atheist Richard Dawkins recently debate Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Archbishop Williams spoke beautifully, he said, but Dawkins, “couldn’t get it” and seemed incapable of entering the Christian imagination of Rowan Williams.

By contrast, Father Radcliffe told about attending the film “Of Gods and Men” when it played at Oxford to a mainly secular audience. The film recounts the 1996 decision of French Trappist monks to stay at their monastery in Algeria during the civil war there to keep ministering to the local people who depend on them. The monks knew they would be killed by Islamic extremists if they stayed, but they opted to stay away and were rewarded.

Father Radcliffe observed that once the Oxford audience of nonbelievers saw the “paradoxical vision” of giving God’s love, “a love that cannot ever be defeated.”

The audience was touched by the film because it was about particular people, he said.

“This is the scandal of particularity. From the beginning, saints have touched the Christian imagination because they have taken the risk of being particular people, the people God created them to be.”

On the other hand, he said, celebrities often give the illusion of being real people but really are just made-up images. People may try to imitate celebrities with the hope they will be real too, but that is a delusion, for: “Virtue is the hard work of becoming someone, shedding the generic, pre-fabricated identities of the marketing age.”

Father Radcliffe said that often people are not interested in religion because it is abstract, and people want to meet God face-to-face.

“What we have to offer to people is some sense of the proximity of God. Emmanuel, God with us,” he said.

The future vitality of Christianity, he continued, depends upon recovering a “sense of the beauty of doctrine,” and “we share our faith by helping people get caught up in the story of death and Resurrection.”

Transmitting the faith, he continued, is much more than saying what others have said, for the “mythology of orthodoxy” occurs when we share our faith and transmit the Good News. The spark of the Gospel is often transmitted when the hearer makes some new sense of it that the transmitter may not have intended, he explained.

Often a generation will look upon the next generation with fear that young are trying to undo what the previous generation has done, he continued.

“But actually the transmission of faith happens precisely when you hand it on, and something new will happen. What you have to do is enter the imaginative journey of another generation.”

Father Radcliffe gave the example of Pope John Paul II, who as a young Polish bishop successfully opposed communism by “the drama of a poetry of resistance” that enriched the imagination of the Polish people so that they could imagine a different world than the difficult one in which they lived.

“If we are to touch the imagination of our contemporaries, we need to be involved with the most creative artists of our time,” Father Radcliffe said, using the examples of great artists and composers of the past and how they have enriched the Church so much.

In today’s world, the story of the faith needs to be told by not only artists and composers but also by the most imaginative bloggers, filmmakers, television writers, novelists, etc., Father Radcliffe said.

His lecture at Notre Dame was sponsored by the university’s Institute for Church Life. While he was in South Bend, Father Radcliffe also spoke at the Sunday night Vespers service at St. Matthew’s Cathedral Jan. 13.
Roe v. Wade at 40: What now?

By Frederick W. Everett

Forty years provides us with a fitting period in which to look back and see from where we have come, where we are now, and where we are going. Forty years ago this very week, the Supreme Court of United States handed down its infamous Roe v. Wade decision that shook the nation then and rolls our political debate to this day. It was a 7-2 decision that boldly asserted that the Constitution of the United States implicitly provides a right to privacy that also implicitly includes a right to abortion at any stage of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.

Despite the fact that abortion is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution, seven justices decided to impose their own values and beliefs upon the people of this country by using the judicial system in a way that it was never intended to function. While there is no evidence to suggest that these justices did not believe that they were serving a greater good, it was not the first nor would it be the last time that those bearing the public trust would justify their actions by that great lie that sometimes good ends justify dishonest means.

Of course, the imposition of a regime of abortion on demand upon all 50 states was not a greater good. America has changed in the past 40 years and not altogether for the better. While the Church’s identity and mission have become clearer and stronger in this period, the culture has become more secular and materialistic. Once we might have thought that were the Supreme Court decision to be overturned, abortion would surely go back to being largely restricted. Today, were the decision to be reversed, it would likely be very few, if any, states that would restrict the practice only to those cases where the life of the mother was at stake. According to national polls, just a fifth of the public would now support that position.

The fact is that a majority of Americans have come to embrace the practice of abortion to varying degrees. Some want to limit it to the hard cases of rape, incest and fetal deformity. Others want to expand it to the entire first trimester — where the great majority of abortions occur. More than a fifth of our fellow Americans want to limit it to any reason and at any stage of pregnancy — including during the birth of a child.

To put an idea of where we are heading as a nation, it is helpful to look at the values and beliefs of our young adults. While surveys over the past few years show indications of a growing pro-life sentiment among young adults — a designation that in fact makes them the most pro-life age group — other trends are not so positive.

Did those seven justices realize the magnitude of the horror that they had imposed upon our country? Is it possible that they truly believed that they were serving a greater good? Not everyone would agree that these justices did not believe that they were serving a greater good, it was not the first nor would it be the last time that those bearing the public trust would justify their actions by that great lie that sometimes good ends justify dishonest means.

Roe v. Wade find itself in the dustbin of history. It was not legal in cases of fetal deformity. It was not even legal in cases of rape or incest. Abortion was widely recognized not as a routine medical procedure, but only as a last resort in cases of necessity. America has changed in the past 40 years and not altogether for the better. While the Church’s identity and mission have become clearer and stronger in this period, the culture has become more secular and materialistic. Once we might have thought that were the Supreme Court decision to be overturned, abortion would surely go back to being largely restricted. Today, were the decision to be reversed, it would likely be very few, if any, states that would restrict the practice only to those cases where the life of the mother was at stake. According to national polls, just a fifth of the public would now support that position.

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In a number of recent ground-breaking studies, young adults have been shown to be particularly ambivalent about imposing their values on others. Most do not believe that there are objective right and wrong actions that apply to everyone. Even among those who believe that objective right and wrong do exist, they often feel ambivalent about imposing their own values and beliefs on others, especially those from other cultures. Today’s young people, as a whole, are characterized by a very individualistic and relativistic morality, by a consumerist approach to life that minimizes the importance of helping others, and by a reluctance to become involved in political and civic affairs. Such attitudes do not bode well for the future of our nation, let alone the future of the pro-life movement.

To begin to formulate an answer to what we need to do now, we need to recognize that abortion is but a symptom of a larger and much deeper problem. The increasingly widespread acceptance of abortion is not simply the ability to do and get what we want is a perverse idea of freedom. True freedom, as Blessed John Paul II wrote in his great encyclical, “Evangelium vitae”**: “To seek the deepest roots of the struggle between the ‘culture of life’ and the ‘culture of death,’ we cannot restrict ourselves to the perversive idea of freedom mentioned above. We have to go to the heart of the tragedy being experienced by modern man: the eclipse of the sense of God and of man, typi- cal of a social and cultural climate dominated by secularism, which, with its ubiquitous tentacles, succeeds at times in putting Christian communities themselves to the test. Those who are not allowed themselves to be influenced by this climate easily fall into a sad vicious circle: when the sense of God is lost, there is also a tendency to lose the sense of man, of his dignity and his life; in turn, the systematic violation of the moral law, especially in the serious matter of respect for human life and its dignity, produces a kind of progressive darkening of the capacity to discern God’s living and saving presence.”

Despite the pro-life movement’s successes in providing direct services and saving lives through excellent agencies such as the Women’s Care Center; despite the passage of numerous state laws and regulations limiting the evil effects of abortion; and despite the reduction in the numbers of abortion clinics and of total annual abortions; there are still over a million unborn children killed each year in our country.

Undoing Roe v. Wade will not be possible. We will allow the climate to be the norm of our country. Once only the culture begins to turn back to God will the political process become reversed. We can only hope that it will open to a civil dialogue marked by truth and love. Only a New Evangelization of our nation will be able to change the hearts of our young so as to embrace a culture of life. Only when we return to God and His commandments will Roe v. Wade find itself in the dustbin of history.

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School choice expansion on the horizon at state capitol

INDIANAapolis — Over 9,000 Hoosier children gained access to a nonpublic school of their parent’s choice for the 2012-2013 school year — an opportunity they would not have otherwise had, “an opportunity the Church supports as a matter of social justice, parental rights and good public policy,” said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, who serves as the public policy spokesperson for the Catholic Church in Indiana.

“Not only does the Church place a high priority on the issue of supporting school choice expansion, but school choice expansion is expected to get significant attention this year,” said Tebbe.

Tebbe expects lawmakers to improve access for families seeking a school choice voucher. “The predominant social norm in contemporary school choice scholarship law is that a significant number of children must attend a public school for at least two semesters before they could be eligible for a voucher,” said Tebbe.

“This provision basically knocks out many current Catholic school families from receiving a voucher even when they meet the income requirements to get a voucher,” said Tebbe. “This is an obstacle that at least two lawmakers are trying to change.”

In the Senate, Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Bremen, has authored a bill to grant voucher eligibility to siblings of current voucher recipients. Yoder’s proposal, Senate Bill 184, received a hearing mid-January in the Senate Education Committee. Yoder told lawmakers during the recent hearing that he wants to provide school choice for entire families so siblings can attend the same school. Yoder said he believes if one child is having success in the nonpublic school, the siblings in that family should not be required to try the public school first as current law requires.

The Senate panel heard two hours of testimony on the bill from school choice advocates and opponents. Advocates including Tebbe, who testified in support of the bill, expressed members of the Senate panel that the Church supports the bill primarily because it helps parents be better engaged in their children’s education.

“It is counterintuitive and counterproductive to require children to be in two different school systems, as one requirement of gaining access to a voucher,” said Tebbe.

School choice advocate, John Elsner, executive director of the Indiana Nonpublic School Association (INPEA), said that it's best for siblings to be in the same school and other voucher programs across the country have a sibling provision. Tebbe expects to move this year.

The governor's support will be place a high priority on the issue of school choice expansion proposal, which includes an increase in the tax credit from $1,000-$3,000 for unreimbursed school related expenses; a preschool scholarship tax credit program; eligibility inclusion for special needs children, children in foster care, military families and inclusion of siblings who currently receive school scholarships; (a provision in SB 184) and an inclusion for current nonpublic school families that meet the income requirements.

Tebbe said, “Another important aspect to consider is that HB 1003 contains portions of Gov. Mike Pence’s school choice initiative namely the automatic voucher inclusion of military families, special education students and children in foster care. The governor’s support will be helpful in getting the bill passed.”

Lindsey Brown, executive director of School Choice Indiana, said she hears positive feedback on a daily basis from families who receive vouchers. “These families are so grateful to have the opportunity to find a better fit for their child,” said Brown. “Many families comment about the individualized attention their child gets, the faith-based components of these schools and the family-friendly environment present.”

The School Scholarship Act, the most comprehensive school voucher program in the country, passed in 2011, allows income eligible families to receive a partial scholarship to use to pay tuition at a nonpublic school of the families choice. At last count by the Indiana Department of Education, that number doubled from last year from roughly 3,000 to over 9,000 for the 2012-2013 school year. According to the national organization, which tracks school choice, Alliance for School Choice, this school year, approximately 150,000 children nationwide are benefiting from 16 school choice programs in nine states and the District of Columbia.
Federal court panel dismisses ACLU challenge of USCCB trafficking grant

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A federal appeals court panel dismissed an American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts legal challenge to a contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, saying the case had become moot because the contract had expired.

In a unanimous ruling Jan. 15, the three-judge panel of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals also vacated an earlier ruling by District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns upholding the ACLU’s claim that the contract violate
d the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. “It’s good that the decision is vacated,” attorney Henry C. Dinger, representing the USCCB, told Catholic News Service Jan. 16.

The decision leaves unanswered the larger question of whether the Catholic Bishops’ contract solely as an interested asso-
ciation of taxpayers,” she added.

Citing conscience laws, Illinois judge halts contraceptive mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) The Catholic owners of an Illinois health services consulting company have won a temporary restraining order against the state’s contraceptive mandate.

Judge Terence M. Sheen of the DuPage County Circuit Court grant-
ed the order Jan. 15 to Christopher and Mary Anne Yep and their com-
pány, United HealthCare of Illinois, say-
ing Illinois’ conscience laws take
precedence over the state mandate that the health insurance they provide to their employees must cover abor-
tion, sterilizations and contracep-
tives. “The unique thing about this order is that it’s the first recognition by an Illinois court that the state’s contraception mandate may be pre-
empted by our religious freedom and conscience laws,” said attor-
ey Peter Brenn, executive director of the Thomas More Society, the Chicago-based public interest law
firm representing the Yeps, who are Catholic.

In a parallel case, the Yeps and Truane won a preliminary injunction Jan. 4 in U.S. District

Court for the Northern District of Illinois against the Department of Health and Human Services’ contra-
ceptive mandate. Brenn told Catholic News Service Jan. 17 that the Yeps were pleased with Sheen’s decision, which cited conscience protections

Archbishop Aquila offers prayer for healing at theater reopening

AURORA, Colo. (CNS) — The path to peace requires rejecting vio-
lence and giving to God the desire for vengeance, hatred, bitterness and anger, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, of Denver said during a ceremony marking the reopening of a movie theater, the site of a chaotic mass shooting in July. Archbishop Aquila recalled the 70 victims of a gunman, including the 12 who died and 58
who were injured in the July 20 incident, quoting Blessed John Paul II after he was shot in 1981. “The redemption of the world,” he said, “is rooted in suffering,” the arch-
bishop said. The archbishop was one of several clergy and public
officials to speak during what organi-
zers called a “special evening of
remembrance and reopening” Jan. 17 at the Century Aurora 16 the-
er. Archbishop Aquila closed the

ceremony with a reflection and a prayer that called for healing and
the community to unify to pre-
vent violence and live in peace. “In
suffering, and in the love of God,
dawn breaks before us. We are here
tonight with one another to remem-
ber, to celebrate the lives of those
we’ve lost and to support those who were wounded and continue to heal.

We are here to stand together in
mourning, in suffering, and we stand together in redemption,” he said.

Everyone, even atheists, has human desire to know who God is, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The desire to see and know God is innate in everyone, even nonbelievers, Pope Benedict XVI said.

But it’s especially

important that people don’t just seek God when they need Him but
make room for Him throughout their busy lives, he said during his weekly general audience in the Vatican’s Paul VI hall Jan. 16. At the end of the audience, the pope also greeted U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, a Catholic. The brief encounter came during the so-called “baciromano,” the moment when the pope offers a select group of prelates and special guests a brief handshake one-by-
one rather than a private audience. The pope spoke at length with the former CIA director, who was smil-

ing and gently holding both of the
pope’s hands, and gave him one of
the medallions reserved for special guests. Panetta said later that the pope told him, “Thank you for help-
ing to protect the world.” Panetta
said he replied, “Pray for me.”

Panetta, who was stepping down as Pentagon chief, was in Rome as part of a Europe-wide tour to meet with European defense ministers to
discuss the conflicts in Afghanistan and Mali.

Nearly 7,000 Catholic schools will have chance to see televised Mass

WASHINGTON (CNS) — About 7,000 Catholic schools across the country will have the opportunity to tune in to the second annual televis-
ed Mass celebrating National Catholic Schools Week when it airs
live Jan. 29 on the Eternal Word
Television Network. “We thought it was a wonderful way for all of us to open the new academic year,” said John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America.

The university is sponsoring the Mass of the Holy Spirit with the
Dominican House of Studies in asso-
ciation with the National Catholic Educational Association. It will be celebrated in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the Nativity of the Immaculate Conception in

Washington. EWTN’s broadcast
begins at 12:10 p.m. (Eastern time).

Dominican Father Brian Martin
Mulcahy, prior provincial, will be the celebrant and will deliver the
text.

NCEA President Karen Ristau praised advances in technol-
y that allowed students from many different schools to come together in a Mass that will serve as a power-
ful reminder of the ties that bind us together as Christ-centered places of
learning.”

Two Americans receive new assignments as Vatican diplomats

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI gave new assignments in mid-January to two U.S.

archbishops serving as Vatican ambas-
dors. Archbishop Joseph S. Marino, a native of Birmingham, Ala., who will be 60 Jan. 23, was named the Vatican’s first nuncio to Malaysia, as well as nuncio to East Timor and apostolic delegate in Brunei. Archbishop Charles D. Balvo, a 61-year-old native of Brooklyn, was named nuncio to Kenya and titular archbishop of Mosia, as observer at the U.N. Environment Program and its Agency for Human Settlements, both based in Nairobi. Archbishop Marino moves from Brunei, where he has been nun-
cio since 2008, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia’s capital. The Vatican and Malaysia announced the establish-
ment of full diplomatic relations in
mid-2011. Almost 60 percent of Malaysia’s 29 million residents are Muslim and almost 5 percent are Catholic. By contrast, just to 98 percent of the
1.1 million people of East Timor are Catholic. Archbishop Balvo moves from Kenya just over 3 percent of the
population. In neighboring Brunei, which has a population of about 408,000 people, about 67 percent are Muslim and

Pope names successor to head of Church in Ireland

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Eamon Martin as coadjutor archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland, mak-
ing him the designated successor to Cardinal Sean Brady as the head of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Vatican announced the appointment Jan. 18. After serv-
ing as vicar general of the Diocese of Derry, Northern Ireland, last year Archbishop-designate Martin became its diocesan administra-
tor, following the retirement of Bishop Seamus Hegarty. In brief remarks to the media in Armagh, Archbishop-designate Martin said, “There is no substitute for the Pope in the Church, because that the message of Christ, in all its
richness, is presented in ways which
engage a new generation. This is a need for a mature relationship
between Church and society, in both
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Dominican Father Brian Martin
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Two Americans receive new assignments as Vatican diplomats

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI gave new assignments in mid-January to two U.S.

archbishops serving as Vatican ambas-
dors. Archbishop Joseph S. Marino, a native of Birmingham, Ala., who will be 60 Jan. 23, was named the Vatican’s first nuncio to Malaysia, as well as nuncio to East Timor and apostolic delegate in Brunei. Archbishop Charles D. Balvo, a 61-year-old native of Brooklyn, was named nuncio to Kenya and titular archbishop of Mosia, as observer at the U.N. Environment Program and its Agency for Human Settlements, both based in Nairobi. Archbishop Marino moves from Brunei, where he has been nun-
cio since 2008, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia’s capital. The Vatican and Malaysia announced the establish-
ment of full diplomatic relations in
mid-2011. Almost 60 percent of Malaysia’s 29 million residents are Muslim and almost 5 percent are Catholic. By contrast, just to 98 percent of the
1.1 million people of East Timor are Catholic. Archbishop Balvo moves from Kenya just over 3 percent of the
population. In neighboring Brunei, which has a population of about 408,000 people, about 67 percent are Muslim and

Pope names successor to head of Church in Ireland

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Eamon Martin as coadjutor archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland, mak-
ing him the designated successor to Cardinal Sean Brady as the head of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Vatican announced the appointment Jan. 18. After serv-
ing as vicar general of the Diocese of Derry, Northern Ireland, last year Archbishop-designate Martin became its diocesan administra-
tor, following the retirement of Bishop Seamus Hegarty. In brief remarks to the media in Armagh, Archbishop-designate Martin said, “There is no substitute for the Pope in the Church, because that the message of Christ, in all its
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Catholics Returning Home series offered

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, will conduct an ongoing series called Catholics Returning Home on six consecutive Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Living Well Center beginning Feb. 7. These sessions are for nonpracticing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

There will be informal sharing and update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Shirley at (574) 465-1808 or Bill at (574) 267-3860.

Bishop Luers Show Choir Minstrels recognized

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School Show Choir, Minstrels, earned Grand Champion at the Twin Lakes Show Choir Invitational in Monticello. The Minstrels also received Best Band, Best Visuals and Best Vocals in the invitational.

Hudson Fairchild, freshman, was recognized as Dynamic Performer, Anna Stachofsky, junior, and Stephen Stachofsky, senior, was recognized as Best Female and Male Vocalist in a Show respectively.

Following the first month of invitational competitions, Bishop Luers Minstrels were listed as No. 1 in the nation by http://showchoir-ranking.webs.com.

K of C and Hannah's House offer spaghetti dinner

MISHAWAKA — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878 and the board and staff of Hannah’s House will begin a year-long celebration of Hannah House’s 20th anniversary of serving pregnant women and their babies in Mishawaka with an “all-you-can-eat” spaghetti supper on Feb. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at 114 W. 1st Street in Mishawaka. Adult tickets are $8, children 5-12 are $5, and children under 5 eat free.

For the benefit of Hannah’s House moms and their babies, guests are invited to bring a donation of household paper products, bath, laundry and dishwashing soaps, household cleaning products, baby wipes, gift cards for Martin’s, baby shampoos, toothpaste and soaps, etc. Items will be collected at the entrance to Council 1878.

Photographer lecturing at USF on work and career

FORT WAYNE — Internationally renowned photographer Greg Gorman will present his work and career highlights as part of the closer Look lecture series at the University of Saint Francis on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by Canon Explorers of Light. It is free and open to the public.

Gorman will discuss his career as an analog photographer and his transition to digital photography. He will present a slide show of imagery spanning his 40-plus-year career in tandem with the lecture. The slide show will include excerpts from his award-winning motion picture campaigns, a commercial body of work, “We the People,” and images from his two most recent books, “Framed” and “In Their Youth.”

He will also introduce the work of his two forthcoming book projects and discuss the pursuit of his passion for wine and education. For more on Gorman’s work, visit www.gormanphotography.com.

Students recognized in math competition

FORT WAYNE — Two Fort Wayne Catholic school students received top honors at the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 8 Middle School Math Competition hosted by the University of Saint Francis.

Kevin LaMaster from St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne earned the gold award for the overall highest score. In addition to taking the top spot, LaMaster made the national Distinguished Honor Roll for ranking in the top 1 percent of scores in the United States. Krystka Bugajski from St. Charles Catholic School in Fort Wayne earned the award for the highest score for grades 5 and 6.

The competition, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, is given worldwide. Over 119,000 students participated in the United States.

The University of Saint Francis will host the state’s only American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12 for high school students in grades 9-12 on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Pope John Paul II Center. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 75-minute test will follow. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event will wrap up with awards. Depending upon scores, students may have a chance to advance to national-level competition.

An optional two-hour preparatory session will be offered in the Pope John Paul II Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. For additional practice materials go to: amc.maa.org. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at cexner@sfd.edu or (260) 399-8067.

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EDUCACION PARA EL MINISTERIO OFFERS SPANISH COURSE

EDUCACION PARA EL MINISTERIO offers a six week course on “Christology and the Trinity,” with instructor Holy Cross Father J. Steele. The course is offered to the Hispanic community in Spanish on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Marian High School in Mishawaka. For more information please contact the diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office at (574) 259-9994, ext. 217.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS PROMOTE PRO-LIFE INITIATIVES

In remembrance of the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, religious education classes at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol held their second annual pro-life March. Greeted with rousing applause, the pro-life marchers processed solemnly through the halls of the education center, through the adult education area, around Annunciation Hall, and finally through the high school classroom as they remembered the almost 50 million babies who have lost their lives through abortion since 1973.
FORT WAYNE — In an unscheduled question-and-answer session with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the students at Bishop Dwenger High School received a rare and special gift. It came just before the final blessing at the first all-school Mass of the new year on Monday morning, Jan. 14. Bishop Rhoades stepped down from the altar area, took the microphone and opened the floor to questions from the Saints.

Jason Schiffli, who was named principal in 2004, told students before dismissal from the gymnasium back to the classrooms they were just given a treasure.

“We are running about an hour behind and will have to skip third period today,” he said, “but it is okay. This was a great opportunity to get to know your bishop on a personal level. Growing up, I only knew Bishop John D’Arcy as the head of our diocese. It was not until my administrative years that I had the privilege to get to know him on a personal level.”

Schiffli was also pleased with the students’ behavior. “The bishop is always impressed with our reverence here at Bishop Dwenger, but it is good to have some fun, loosen up and be flexible, too,” Schiffli added.

And have some fun they did. Bishop Rhoades shared all about his recent vacation to Florida, his front row seats for the bowl game and how he was able to play tennis for four days straight in the warm sunshine. Then for nearly one hour, students asked Bishop Rhoades questions about everything from his favorite prayers to his favorite sports teams.

The topics ranged from light-hearted stories about old high school sweetheart to his most moving spiritual experiences and his deep discernment and call to the priesthood. Bishop Rhoades seemed in no rush and was thoroughly enjoying his leave from the office, which he referred to as “just like a vacation day,” spending time in one of his favorite ways — with the young people of the diocese.

Bishop Rhoades opened Mass asking students to join him in the Hail Mary for Bishop D’Arcy. He updated them on the bishop emeritus’ battle with cancer and assured them he has spoken often with the former shepherd of the diocese. Bishop Rhoades asked all to pray for a special intention — that Bishop D’Arcy will have the strength after his radiation treatments to be able to return to the Fort Wayne area.

Bishop Rhoades’ homily for the Saints centered around the beginning of Mark’s Gospel where Jesus began His public ministry and performs His first miracle, casting out the demon from the man with the unclean spirit. Bishop Rhoades explained how it made perfect sense that the Son of God who came to destroy all evil immediately be assaulted by the devil and went on to share his own experiences with exorcisms.

The bishop told about the many signs of a possessed person and how careful he must be when making the determination to warrant an exorcism. Although he has never executed one personally, Bishop Rhoades has had the duty of assigning priests to perform exorcisms and captivated his audience with the details of removing the infestation of a demon from a couple’s home as a young priest in Harrisburg.

“It was bizarre to see furniture moving and windows opening for unexplainable reasons,” Bishop Rhoades explained. He went on with his story that after researching they discovered the previous owners were drug dealers involved in satanic rituals.

Next, the bishop shared his own personal spiritual reality when he felt the incomprehensible urge to get off of a train. He was 22 years old. After visiting relatives in Greece, he and a buddy planned a trip via the Eurail traveling up from the boot of Italy to Austria in August 1980 while in the seminary. Early in their well-planned journey, Bishop Rhoades insisted they change their course and get off at the first stop in Bari to visit the tomb of St. Nicholas.

“Something unexplainable came over me. It was very uncharacteristic for me to stray from a schedule, but I knew we had to get off that train,” he described. The tourists spent the day in Bari praying at the tomb and found a youth hostile for the night. The next morning they read the headlines of the Bologna massacre — terrorists bombed their very train at the next stop and 85 were killed.

He summed up his message warning the teenagers to always be aware of the spiritual beings among us — both angels and demons — “Be attentive to your spiritual lives. We all have temptations, but Christ’s power is greater than any of our weaknesses. Keep in the state of grace. Keep in close friendship with God. Receive the sacraments often so that you can receive His joy even in your times of trial. Form the habit of daily prayer and Satan will have no power over you.”

In his final remarks at Mass, Bishop Rhoades commended the choir for their fine performance. “When I closed my eyes and listened to you sing, I felt as if I was at St. Peter’s Basilica, not a high school gymnasium,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the Saints to add to the 17,000 recorded on-site chapel visits and continue their great contributions to the vocations of the diocese. He was pleased to learn that 43 percent of the current seminarians are Bishop Dwenger graduates. And he challenged them to be on fire with their faith during this Year of Faith.

The rest of the day was slightly abbreviated but Bishop Rhoades was able to visit three different classrooms. In Tom Kenny’s Sacred Scripture class Bishop Rhoades told seniors how much he loved the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

“We begin our journey to the promised land through our Baptism. Keep studying Scripture all your lives,” he said.

Bishop Rhoades found seniors in Greg Bercaw’s ecumenism class currently studying an article he wrote for Today’s Catholic newspaper. He told them about his international efforts and leadership role in dialogues with other faiths. The bishop encouraged the students to always work towards Christian unity, and said, “Build on what you have in common and never be satisfied that there is division among Christians.”

In his final drop in, he stressed the importance of always standing up for the truth to the juniors in Jessica Hayes’ morality class.

After a decade of the rosary and before meal prayer with a group of students in the chapel, the student council reserved a special spot for the bishop at their lunch table as they tried to sway him to start a Twitter account during their conversation.

Ben Evans, senior member of the student council and stand-out wrestler weighing in 182 pounds, marveled, “I enjoyed the question-and-answer session and being able to get to know the bishop a little better.”

Students then presented the bishop with a gigantic paper prayer chain. A similar set of colorful links is being mailed to Bishop D’Arcy.

Bishop Rhoades ended his visit meeting with the campus ministry and theology teachers and a one-on-one with Principal Schiffli.

“It has been a great day. The students always look forward to the bishop’s visit,” summarized Amy Johns, assistant principal-director of curriculum and tour guide for the day.
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n a development that will require thought and planning by school leaders, late last fall, Pope Benedict XVI wrote a decree to create a pontifical academy to reintroduce and enhance Latin studies in Catholic schools, seminaries and universities. According to Nicole Winfield of the Associated Press, the pope wrote the decree and founding statutes in Latin as one of the premises for the New Evangelization. The decree specifically calls for the reintroduction of Latin in Catholic middle schools. After the announcement was public, educators, researchers, curriculum experts and scholars worldwide shared concrete and convincing research and data to show Latin not only contributes greatly to the formation of the child’s faith, but is critical for development in all phases of teaching and learning, particularly in the k-12 Catholic school environment.

Researchers have found a litany of residual benefits for learners of Latin. Winfield reports the pope has reintroduced the study of Latin himself in numerous Vatican celebrations and events; the faithful of Vatican City have heard the Gospel in Latin frequently since 2005. Catholic scholars and lay educators who recalled Latin is a universal language and represents the universal Church, thus contributing to strengthening and solidify a strong and present Catholic identity. Regrettably, some Catholic schools in America have reduced the number of Latin classes and course offerings over the last 10 years. As Indiana lawmakers evaluate strategies and methods to help children improve academic skills, Catholics educated in parish schools 50 years ago understand Latin helps immensely with English grammar as well as all disciplines and subjects. Jessica Cafaret reports during the last decade the number of students completing the national Latin exam has increased from 30,000 students to 135,000 students.

Renowned educator and author Dorothy Sayers speaks directly about the effects of teaching and learning Latin: “I will say at once, quite firmly, that the best grounding for education is the Latin grammar. I say this not because Latin is traditional and medieval, but simply because even a rudimentary knowledge of Latin cuts down the labor and pains of learning almost any other subject by at least 50 percent.”

N.S. Gill, a Latinist and freelance writer reports our English grammar rules are rooted in Latin; the “Latin grammar” system guides the learner’s thinking about his own vernacular language as well as any new language acquired, such as Spanish or Italian. Students of Latin have the foundation to become prolific writers — a critical skill that seems to have been greatly compromised today. Technological limitations of texting and e-mail frequently restrict proper English word usage among children.

Marsha Jordan, former high school biology teacher and associate superintendent reminds us that many students who have studied Latin for 50 percent of English vocabulary and comprehension, define reading achievement in terms of pronunciation as well.

What can schools do?

Parents and Catholic educators could begin discussions about the pope’s decree and how to strengthen our present Latin programs. Typical school fund drives and events could be redirected to commit additional resources to support Latin instructors and teachers.

Schools may have active, registered parish members who could volunteer to tutor children or teach Latin.

The Catholic School’s personnel office is ready to help identify, recruit and refer capable teachers of Latin. The reintroduction of Latin Clubs offering theater or presentiations would contribute toward making the study of Latin more widespread. Father Romano Nicolini, an Italian priest who is encouraging more Latin courses in Catholic middle schools notes, “Latin teaches us to respect for beautiful things and it also teaches us to value our roots.”

We can encourage our children to attend a Latin Mass and have discussions related to content introduced in the daily Latin school curriculum. Parents can reinforce the applications of learning the language of our faith.

This much is clear: Changing the curriculum requires effort by many stakeholders working within the school; however, engaging traditional Catholic teaching methods known to be effective pedagogy while implementing Pope Benedict’s decree, opens new and exciting opportunities for our children, parents and grandparents to show respect for beautiful things and value our Catholic roots at the family dinner table.

DR. MARK MYERS

Dr. Mark Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
African adventure

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — The scene is a sandy beach on the African coast: palm trees, a cyan-colored sea and rolling surf drumming the phrase, “far from Indiana … far from Indiana.”

That is where 20-year-old Kristopher Andorfer, a 2010 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, found himself last May facing the results of his decision to volunteer for a program called Teach on the Beach, an international charitable concept designed to educate impoverished children in Ghana, Africa — a coastal nation independent since 1957 and about the size of Oregon.

Andorfer was one of 18 Bishop Luers students who volunteered for the Ghana trip directed by Megan Ryan, Bishop Luers faculty member and mission coordinator. Ryan, Andorfer and Ross Barrientos spent three months in Ghana; the others were there for a three-week session.

The beach scene is the pretty part of the picture, which changes to gritty black and white when the third world living conditions emerge and the idealistic urge to educate is reduced to just that, since schools there have no paper, pens, text or items generally associated with the classroom. Such are the conditions in Busua, a village of 500 in Ghana, where Teach on the Beach, now in its fifth year, slowly grows with continued hope and determination.

Since the Ghanaian schools do not even meet the primitive standard, volunteers such as Kris Andorfer teach in an improved structure, which could only be compared to a small renovated hotel called the Beach House. The session is called an “After School Program” and provides the classroom necessities so lacking in the government schools.

It is slow going. Andorfer taught kindergarten to youngsters who as infants had never seen an alphabet block or coloring book or any learning toy so taken for granted in other cultures. After his three months there, where the official language is English, he was thrilled that his students had advanced from learning the alphabet to using words and phrases.

Personally, Kris Andorfer handled the culture shock of moving from the comforts of home in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne to a Third World existence as though he were well padded.

Considering that in his village, there was no fresh water on tap, only water in sealed bags, a menu of rice served three times daily, squadrons of bugs and flies, part-time electricity, shared quarters next to the classroom, and a bout with malaria, one could understand why Andorfer would say that it was an enriching experience but in the future he would just mail a check to charity. But no, he didn’t want to leave Ghana, and returned only at the urging of his parents. He wants to go back! He wants to go back to Ghana, but first, he has accepted at Bishop Luers High School a position as director of a newly-organized men’s choir and plans to return to college to pursue studies which will equip him for a leadership position in a charity such as the one that brought him face to face with beautiful, wondering children destined for illiteracy in a culture where success is seen as being a taxi driver.

What galvanizes such sacrifice? What motivates students to sign up for a steady diet of rice, occasional bathing, bugs everywhere, and the possibility of malaria to work in a school system which would be overrated as primitive? Is it because he or she believes there is an outside chance that one flies thousands of miles and delivers a spark switching apathy to appreciation for learning and thereby teaching and leading others to see new horizons of personal and cultural fulfillment? A handful of students may provide a handful of answers, but the final shake out would probably be “Luers Spirit.”

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Catholic School Student Council members gather to grow in leadership and faith

BY KIM MAUCH

GRANGER — St. Pius X School in Granger held the first-ever Student Council Conference on Saturday, Dec. 15. Complete with a continental breakfast, keynote speakers, break-out sessions and a few games, students from various area Catholic schools including St. Matthew, Christ the King, Queen of Peace, St. Joseph Grade School, St. Pius X and Marian High School had the opportunity to share ideas, make new friends and build community.

“We think the idea for the Student Council Conference is the first of its kind. We wanted to give area Catholic school student leaders the opportunity to meet one another, talk about how they serve and lead their schools and form new friendships,” said Kim Mauch, student council advisor.

The conference was designed for students serving in a leadership position at the elementary and middle school level. High school student council members from Marian High School served as keynote speakers for the event. “We wanted these young leaders to learn how student government works at the next level — high school,” said Shirley Koloszar, student council advisor.

The day’s agenda began with a prayer, a welcome and continental breakfast. After the keynote presentation, students rotated to break-out sessions to discuss four topics: the campaigning and voting process, Catholic Schools Week, special events and curricular opportunities and stewardship and service.

This event was made possible by a grant from Teacher’s Credit Union and sponsored by Jamba Juice, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Yesterday’s Food and Spirit Restaurant, Chipotle, Einstein Bagels, Dairy Queen of Granger, Mancino’s in Granger and Urban Swirl in Granger.

Students from South Bend Catholic schools participated in a Student Council Conference at St. Pius X School in Granger. Kim Mauch, coordinator of the event, hopes to extend an invitation to Fort Wayne and other diocesan Catholic schools for the next conference.
Complete education of students’ talents honored at Mishawaka Catholic

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Since its opening in the fall of 2011, Mishawaka Catholic School has established its own unique niche within the Catholic education community.

The three campuses that are part of the school include: St. Bavo for students in early childhood through second grade, St. Joseph for third through fifth grade, and St. Monica for sixth through eighth grade. Mishawaka Catholic principal Vikki Wojcik notes that programs have been developed for each campus and intercampus that emphasizes the complete education of the student.

“A complete education has to include the arts, because for so many children this is where they find their giftedness. This is sometimes where they find their talent. If they don’t have the opportunity to go deeply into the arts, they may never know the giftedness they have,” says Wojcik.

In addition to core subjects of math and English taught at the St. Monica campus, several elective programs have been developed that include art, African drumming, theater, school newspaper, robotics, sign language, Latin and Spanish.

The “You Can Lend a Hand” fundraising campaign supports Catholic schools throughout northern Indiana, western Michigan and southeastern Michigan. This year’s local area winner is Mishawaka Catholic sixth-grader and art student Raymond Burniston.

Burniston’s artwork, above, was Quality Dining’s coupon book tracking poster from the upcoming Lend a Hand fundraising campaign.

Each year, Quality Dining Inc. sponsors a contest for its “You Can Lend a Hand” coupon book sales tracking poster for all area schools. The “You Can Lend a Hand” fundraising campaign supports Catholic schools throughout northern Indiana, western Michigan and southeastern Michigan. This year’s local area winner is Mishawaka Catholic sixth-grader and art student Raymond Burniston. Burniston’s artwork, above, was Quality Dining’s coupon book tracking poster from the upcoming Lend a Hand fundraising campaign.

During one of the “Minds in Motion” activities at the St. Bavo campus, students practice depth perception by stepping over blocks without looking down. Mishawaka Catholic Principal Vikki Wojcik observes the activity.

because it is something you have thought about or taking the newspaper class because you commit your writing for everyone to see, are responsible risks we hope our students develop,” says Wojcik.

For the young students at the St. Bavo campus, the program “Minds in Motion” is being taught by physical education teacher Jacque Welsh. The approximate four-minute instruction integrates physical and mental activity among stations that are rotated on a weekly basis.

“The program helps with balance, bilateral brain function and strengthening the muscles in their eyes,” says Welsh. “One station helps with ocular control so they are more fluid in their reading. Stepping over boxes at another station helps with depth perception without looking down to the ground. And the puppy dog crawl helps to organize both hemispheres of the brain because it is a cross integrated exercise.”

Welsh explains that these exercises stimulate the vestibular system of a child. Without that stimulation, the brain has diffi-
Wojcik adds that studies indicate the program aids students who have trouble reading.

Spanish is offered in grades kindergarten through fifth grade through an award-winning, DVD-based program that “was specifically designed for classroom teachers who do not speak Spanish,” notes Wojcik. “Rather than having the classroom teacher deliver the instruction, we have a facilitator go from classroom to classroom using the program to instruct students in grades K-5 twice weekly,” she says.

The Catholic faith is incorporated in catechesis at each grade level within the three campuses. But Wojcik emphasizes that faith goes beyond a religion class. “What is particularly wonderful in our Catholic schools is that they can see the connection of their faith and how it permeates our entire environment, and how it is a thread in their life and every subject that we teach. Religion goes throughout all of our curriculum,” she says.

One of the intercampus activities Wojcik is most proud of is the school’s faith family program, which includes all students from each of the three campuses. Faith family groups consist of one student each from kindergarten through eighth grade. Every month there is a faith family activity with Mass for all grade groups first thing in the morning. The monthly activity travels from campus to campus. Activities for faith families have included sharing Bible lessons and card making, and in the spring a joint Seder meal with other faith families.

Wojcik concludes that faith families bring the school community closer together and “gives the eighth-grade students a chance to experience leadership.”
Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. During the week, schools and parishes focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and Catholic education’s contributions to our Church, our communities and our nation. The week builds community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools.

Schools typically celebrate National Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. Individual dioceses and local Catholic elementary and secondary schools develop and promote their own CSW activities each year.

The Catholic University of America will commemorate Catholic Schools Week during the Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29. The Mass will be broadcast live by EWTN.

Often schools will celebrate the parish family on Sunday (this year, Jan. 27); the community on Monday (Jan. 28); students on Tuesday (Jan. 29); and religious and clergy on Thursday (Jan. 31). In addition, schools often set aside time during the week to honor grandparents.

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Area school winners

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Jennifer Howe, St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart
Julie Yeakey, St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart
Beth Novy, St. Joseph School, Garrett
Sister Colleen Bauer, SSND, St. John the Evangelist School, Goshen
Suzanne Closurdo, St. Pius X School, Granger
Michelle Kindle, Huntington Catholic School, Huntington
Caroline Schulz, Marian High School, Mishawaka
Gabriella Byall, Queen of Peace School, Mishawaka
Alice Rumschlag, St. John the Baptist School, New Haven
Joan Bultemeier, St. Joseph School, Monroeville
Jena Dreibelbis, St. Michael School, Plymouth
Michelle Story, St. Bernard School, Wabash
Patti Faroh, Sacred Heart School, Warsaw
Priscilla Harless, St. Aloysius School, Yoder
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“We are happy to offer this scholarship to assist our local students, as well as to honor Bishop Rhoades as our beloved local ordinary and friend of Holy Cross College,” says Holy Cross Brother John Paige, president of Holy Cross College.

The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the student maintains a grade point average of 2.5 or above. Over the course of a four-year college career, the total benefit could total up to $14,000. This scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for young men and women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to continue in Catholic higher education in the Holy Cross tradition. Bishop Rhoades states, “I am grateful for the strong and close collaboration between Holy Cross College and our diocese.”

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Lk 1:14-14, 4:14-21

The Book of Nehemiah furnishes the first reading for this weekend. As is the case in all the Old Testament books, this book has as its chief concern the reinforcement of the people’s fidelity to God. In this reading, Ezra, who was a priest, called together men, women and children old enough to comprehend. He admonished this gathering to listen carefully to the Scripture.

After hearing the reading of the Scriptures, the people in this audience affirmed their faith. Ezra continued by interpreting what he had read.

Finally, Ezra and Nehemiah called the people to rejoice. God had spoken to them. God was guiding them.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to Corinthians provides the next reading. Always in reading the epistles to the Corinthians it is important to consider the atmosphere in which the Christians of Corinth lived. Corinth was an important commercial center and meeting point, a very large city.

Even in the empire, in which vice and greed reigned supreme, the inhabitants of Corinth had the reputation of being exceedingly licentious.

The atmosphere was this. In many respects, the evils in this atmosphere were contagious, drawing to them many Christians. Paul mentions this fact in these two epistles.

Paul constantly had to call the Corinthian Christians away from the temptations the pagan environment surrounding them pressed upon them.

He also had to contend with the competitiveness among the Christians. They vied with each other, even in the Church. They quarreled with each other. Thus, they schemed against each other. They gossiped about each other.

In this reading, Paul insists that all the actions are right in the Body of Christ. However, the body has many members. Each has a vocation. There is no place for competition.

Finally, St. Luke’s Gospel supplies the last reading. Midway in this reading, the Gospel directly addresses Theophilus, using the honorific “Your Excellency.” Luke’s Gospel seemingly was written for one person and to one person.

Scholars debate if this person had the name of Theophilus, or was it the Gospel’s title, since “Theophilus” in Greek means “friend of God.” In any case, the person apparently enjoyed some prestige, hence the use of the honorific “Your Excellency.”

In this reading, Jesus appears in the synagogue of Nazareth to explain the mission of salvation. It is clear, Salvation, a gift from God to people who had lost all by sin, was unfolding in Jesus.

God’s mercy is everlasting. Humans are not left to their doom. Jesus reads from Isaiah, the prophet, who called people in times long past to be renewed in God’s mercy.

Reflection

The Church has celebrated Christmas, the feast of the birth of Jesus, and the feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord, and of the Baptism of the Lord. In the lessons of these great liturgical events, the Church has introduced us to Jesus. It has identified Jesus. He is the son of Mary, therefore human. He was the Son of God. He was the Redeemer.

Now the Church begins to tell us about salvation. It comes only from Jesus. To know it, humans must repent.

First Corinthians sets the stage. If we have accepted Christ into our hearts, we belong to God. Each of us has a personal vocation, because each of us is part of Christ, if we truly are true to the Gospel. God provides for us in our individual vocations.

Union with Christ is the only hope. The congregation’s amazement at hearing Jesus in the synagogue is a good reminder that the Lord also has advice humans need to reach eternal life. The people that day saw that salvation was fulfilled in the Lord. This acknowledgement is the beginning of the faith that all must possess if they truly unite with Jesus.

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Are you listening?

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

W e all must discover God’s call, His plan for our life. It is a great responsibility. We all go through this discovery in one way or another.

Each of us has a unique call — one only we can answer. Discovering our primary call from God isn’t easy. Unfortunately no one can do it for us. We have hard work to find out the best way to live out our Christian lives. It takes prayer and reflection that includes serious discernment.

When I did campus and vocation ministry, often I was asked how a person gets to know God’s will for his or her life. I often gave answers, but there are some things that can help us discover where God might be leading us.

First and foremost, it is important to remember that God calls everyone. You have a vocation. You received your most important call at Baptism. In that primary sacrament of our faith, we became members of Christ’s body, the Church and were called to help bring about the reign of God in this world. It is not a role reserved for religious brothers and sisters or ordained ministers. Through Baptism each Christian shares in the priesthood of Christ and in His mission to reveal God’s love to the world.

The challenge is to discern, or to figure out, how God wants you to help carry out His mission and to best use the gifts He has given you.

The majority of Christians have a relationship to the Sacrament of Marriage. They have a call to marriage and parenthood. Others are called by God to live the single, ordained or consecrated life as a religious brother or sister.

One of the best ways to discover what God asks of you is to listen to the deepest desire of your heart. For instance, most persons have a deep longing to share their lives with one special person and to raise a family. Often, a person has a passion to give their entire lives to the Lord through prayer, community and service. Some are conflicted. They feel a pull between marriage and a Church vocation. Actually many of the same qualities are needed in both vocations.

There are many ways God’s call is revealed. One primary way is through prayer, taking quality time to actively listen to God. Another way is to listen to others who might already be doing what you think and you should take them seriously.

In high school one of the teachers asked me what my plans were after graduation. She suggested I consider religious life. At first it was a shock, but then I began to seriously reflect and pray about that possibility for a few years.

I often wonder what my life would be like today had I ignored her or didn’t really believe it was a possibility for me.

There are some things you can do to make the good choice. One way is to start by listing the pros and cons of a decision, pray about them and listen to the ones that speak to you the most and give you a clear sense of peace. During a class at a Catholic high school at Boston College I remember one of my professors saying that the deepest desire of our hearts is usually God’s desire for us, too.

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Finally, once I saw a videotape about community life that I have always remembered. The presenter offered this advice: She said the key to discovering your vocation in life is to discern which lifestyle will make you happy, healthy and holy. To be happy really means having inner joy and peace. A spiritually healthy life is one that enables you to proclaim your gift and gives you the desire to give into the person God wants you to be. A holy life is one that gives God a primary place in your life.

My prayer for each of us is that we will discover our best way to live happy, healthy and holy Christian lives as we strive to live the Gospel.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, works for the Sisters of the Holy Cross communications department.

READINGS


Saint of the Week

John Bosco

1815-1888

January 31

Born to a poor family in Italy, this patron saint of editors and laborers is regarded as one of the great social saints. Ordained a priest in 1841, he was sent to study theology in Turin, where he became a magnet for neglected youths during a turbulent period of rapid industrialization and revolutionary politics. Don Bosco, who once hoped to become a foreign missionary, founded the Salesians in 1854. The order sheltered more than 800 orphan boys, then opened workshops for shoemakers, tailors, bookbinders and other trades. Don Bosco was also a prolific writer, and co-founded a women’s congregation to work among girls. When he died, more than 40,000 people in Turin filed past his coffin to show their love and respect.
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n his acute analysis of the character and institutions of the United States, “Democracy in America,” Alexis de Tocqueville, a 19th-century French liberal, stressed the importance of what we call “civil society.” American democracy, Tocqueville understood, the importance of what we call the 19th-century French liberal, stressed the mind and heart, and what moral Tocqueville called the habits of citizenship? Where do we learn what women capable of being democratic turns all those 2-year-old tyrants loudly) that he or she get what he or she wants — now. Who, or what, turns all those 2-year-old tyrants into democrats: mature men and women capable of being democratic citizens? Where do we learn what Tocqueville called the habits of mind and heart, and what moral philosophers from Aristotle to John Paul II have called the virtues, that are necessary for the machinery of democracy to work well? We learn them first in the family, which is the fundamental, irreplaceable institution of civil society. We also learn those habits of heart and mind in friendships and in school, in clubs and sports and in religious communities. Men and women who, later in life, take responsibility for making government work first learned how to do so, not from the state, but from the civil society institutions in which they grow up. Adults who take the responsibilities of citizenship seriously did not learn their sense of civic obligation from a governmental agency: they learned to be responsible and civil and tolerant, flexible but principled, in more humane schools: the free, voluntary associations that Tocqueville and John Paul II celebrated.

Democracy means, among many other things, that the government is not everything; thus Mussolini’s definition of totalitarianism (“Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state”) is the absolute antithesis of democracy — indeed, the very antithesis of freedom. Throughout history, just states (whether democratic or not) have understood that there are limits to their powers: there are certain things that just states simply cannot do.

With rare exceptions, the just state cannot interfere in the doctor-patient relationship or the lawyer-client relationship; it can never interfere in the priest-penitent relationship; it ought cannot interfere in the doctor-patient relationship; it can never interfere in the doctor-patient relationship or the lawyer-client relationship; it can never interfere in the priest-penitent relationship; it ought to debate and adjustment (save in obvious cases like abuse); it cannot interfere in the doctor-patient relationship; it can never interfere in the doctor-patient relationship or the lawyer-client relationship; it can never interfere in the priest-penitent relationship; it ought not to become pregnant — for example, a woman who is pregnant is “health care.” It is frequently made in the midst of conditions, the Pill is only treating to become pregnant — for example, a woman who is pregnant is “health care.” It is frequently made in the midst of conditions, the Pill is only treating

The marriage debate II: what states really can’t do
LADY COUGARS WIN AGAIN! The ninth-ranked University of Saint Francis Lady Cougars won over Grace College in a game of survival from the Lady Cougars’ perspective. The Crossroads League win for USF improves its record to 18-2 overall, 7-1 in conference play and left the Lady Cougars in sole possession of second place.

St. Anthony, Holy Cross battle on the hardwood floor

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Size is measured in various ways. In a matchup between the Panthers of St. Anthony and the Crusaders of Holy Cross the yardstick wasn’t used to quantify formidability, it measured the strength of will and heart.

The large in stature players traded blows one by one in the first quarter and found no leader as the teams battled one by one in the first quarter and found no leader as the Crusaders inched themselves as Elliott Zyniewicz’s magical shot created a euphoric energy as his teammates batted his way into the locker room as if to have won the Super Bowl.

The refreshed and focused Holy Cross team came out of the intermission with purpose and scored the next six out of eight points taking the lead by one at the end of the third.

Crusader Mason Drajer knocked down a tough shot but two free throws by the Panthers’ Chris Riley followed by a big bucket by Gabriel Martinez put their team back on top by one, 16-15.

With 2:44 remaining it would become a free throw shooting contest as the Crusaders inched themselves back into the lead one charity shot per possession for three straight.

Despite the best efforts of the Panthers, the Crusaders finished the job off from the line as Noah Gutierrez made three of four from down the stretch making the final, 24-20, and giving them their fifth victory of the season.

“We blew big leads in both the Thanksgiving and Christmas tournaments to St. Anthony and I think the kids handled the pressure at the end of the game much better,” explained Crusader Head Coach Jason Ball.

“Zyniewicz (who ended the game as high scorer with eight) really sparked our team and turned the contest around because of his heart, soul and energy.”

There were 10 other contests during the weekend as the mighty St. Pius X Lions dispatched Holy Cross, 57-10, and Our Lady of Hungary, 57-25. Trenton Stoner, Tony Carmola, Reese Jackowiak and Brian Gansky all had double-digit performances for the northeast juggernaut.

Christ the King stayed on top of their convincing victories over the Mishawaka Catholic Saints over Corpus Christi, 44-18, to add to their convincing victories over the two-day stanza.

The other big winners were the Blizers of St. Matthew as they pounced on the Falcons of St. Jude and then proceeded to finish off the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 49-17. The ICCL resumes play at both Saint Joseph and Marian high schools this weekend. A full list of times and dates are available on their website www.icclsports.com.

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**Presenter:** Mary Glowaski

Mary has served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in different capacities for more than 25 years including as pastoral associate of St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Currently, Mary is the Division Director (Secretary) for the Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries for the diocese.

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St. John plans Parish Mission
Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist will have a Parish Mission from 7-8 p.m. each evening beginning Sunday, February 24 with the topic faith. On Monday, Feb. 25, the topic will be prayer. On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the topic will be Reconciliation, (sacrament available). On Wednesday, Feb. 27, will be the closing Mass with Bishop Rhodes and the topic Eucharist. The mission is handicap accessible and there will be adult-supervised child-care (infant through fourth grade). Transportation is available throughout the rectory by calling (260) 744-4393. A break-out session on Monday is specifically for youth (grades 6-8). Refreshments available each evening after the presentation.

St. Adalbert open house
South Bend — St. Adalbert Catholic School will host an open house on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 2-4 p.m. in the school at 519 S. Olive St. Information about the school and refreshments will be offered in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Trivia night planned
South Bend — Saint Joseph High School Athletic Association will have a Trivia Night Saturday, Jan. 26, in the school gym. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the game will begin at 7 p.m. A table of 10 is $100 — $50 goes to the sport of your choice. Bring your own food and enjoy a cash bar. Special Guest MC is Holy Cross Father Michael Mathews. Email Kevin Drayer at kdrayer@yahoo.com or call (574) 229-7999 to reserve a table.

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Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child planned
South Bend — The diocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Memorial Mass for parents, grandparents and families who have lost a child, including through miscarriage and abortion, on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral. Msgr. Michael Heintz will preside and preach, and there will be a light reception following.

Catholic Business Network Group
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Feb. 1, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral by guest speaker Pam Leach of St. Vincent’s American Heritage Girls. Refreshments will be provided by the The American Heritage Girls, and presented by Andy Duly.

Fish fry announced
South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fifth annual IOOF Fish Fry on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Holy Family Parish Center 5405 Mayflower Rd., from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are adults $8, children 5-12 $4. Carry-out available.

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St. Joseph School plans breakfast
Decatur — St. Joseph School will have a breakfast Sunday, Jan. 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are $5.50 for adults and $3 for children. Call (260) 615-0967 for information.

Theology on Tap Winter Series
South Bend — Theology on Tap’s Winter Series, a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith, will begin on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at The Backstage Grill. On Jan. 29: “Living as Neighbors” — Connie Mick; Feb. 5: “Living Out Loud: Witnessing to the Faith” — Father Jacob Runyon; Feb. 12: “Living Jesus, Medit. Gras Party.” Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/tot for more information.

NFP classes offered
Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer classes on Natural Family Planning, with optional classes for either post-partum or premenopausal starting Sunday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or email mshannon1@frontier.com.

Early Baroque music to be performed
Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium, together with The American Heritage Girls, will perform J.S. Bach’s “St. Matthew Passion” with excerpts of “Magnificat” and “Eyes, Behold, the Bridegroom.” Tickets are $40. For more information, visit www.bachcollegium.org.

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CrossWord
Lamb spoke of the political stone — to vote our convictions. He spoke of the activist stone, the service stone, the education and the witness and prayer stones all to take down the giant.

“It wasn’t the stone the defeated Goliath, noted Lamb, for David used Goliath’s own sword for the defeat of the giant.”

“And to defeat this giant of death, we’re going to need a sword, not just stones — and for that we have a sword — the Word of God,” Lamb said. “Take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God” to combat the giant of death.

The Knights of Columbus led march participants to the E. Ross Adair Federal Building where those in attendance heard the heart-wrenching testimonies of those who experienced the harm of abortion and told their stories through the Silent No More Awareness Cassette.

Other rally participants included Rep. Marlin Stutzman (Ind.-3), clergy from the Shepherds United coalition, musicians Katelyn Cresse and Jonah Baker, Allen County Right to Life, Ecolife Executive Director Cathie Humbarger, Sen. Dan Coats’ District Director Paul Lagernann, Allen County Right to Life President Dr. Peter Sciar, Rev. Charles Howard of Southern Heights Baptist Church, Father Jacob Meyer of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

“The pope also warned that moral relativism at work in politics and governments has led to the undermining of the inviolable dignity of the human person such that democracy, contradicting its own principles, effectively moves toward a form of totalitarianism.”

Everett concluded. “What the pro-life movement most needs is an outreach of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life, described how the Life Center, located next to the South Bend abortion business, came to be a reality at the South Bend Right to Life program on Jan. 20. The Life Center, located next to the South Bend abortion business, will hold an adoption chapel and offices for St. Joseph County Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, Rachel’s Vineyard (post abortion forgiveness and healing) and Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency.

Sullivan described his response in faith to a seemingly impossible quest when all efforts to find a building near the South Bend abortion business had failed. In a sudden and unexpected turn of events, the owner of the building next door to the abortion business, who had already entered into an agreement to sell it to another party, gave Sullivan 40 days to come up with the money for the purchase. The deadline was All Saints Day, which Sullivan took as a certain sign against all human odds that his effort would be successful. The improbable did happen.

Exterior remodeling has been completed and features two A-framed roofs, each topped by a Celtic cross. The Life Center is an outreach of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in the Service of Human Life, which Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has approved. Sullivan is the moderator.