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Statement of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Death of Bishop John M. D'Arcy

FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Today our beloved Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy died in the peace of Christ. I am filled with deep sadness at the death of a dear friend and brother bishop. We mourn the death of a good shepherd after the heart of Christ, a bishop who loved the Lord and his people with all his heart. We are comforted at this time by our faith in the Resurrection. As we share the pain of loss, Our Lord's promise of eternal life gives us joy and hope.

Bishop D'Arcy faced death as he also lived his life: with deep faith and trust in God. He offered his prayers and sufferings this past month for the people he loved and served with joy and faithfulness these past 28 years in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

I thank the faithful of our diocese for the many prayers offered for Bishop D'Arcy in his final days. Your loving and prayerful support brought him much joy and comfort. I thank Maureen Schott, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Dr. Joseph Muhler and the other doctors, nurses and hospice care workers who assisted Bishop D'Arcy with such great care in his final days.

On behalf of the priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and lay faithful of our diocese, I extend heartfelt condolences to Bishop D'Arcy's beloved sisters, Sister Anne D'Arcy, a Sister of Saint Joseph, and Mrs. Joan Sheridan and her family.

I invite all to join me in prayer for our deceased shepherd that God may bring Bishop D'Arcy to everlasting peace and rest. The Lord has called him home. May the Lord welcome him among the saints in glory!

+ Kevin C. Rhoades



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U.S. Bishops offer pastoral exhortation on Reconciliation

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

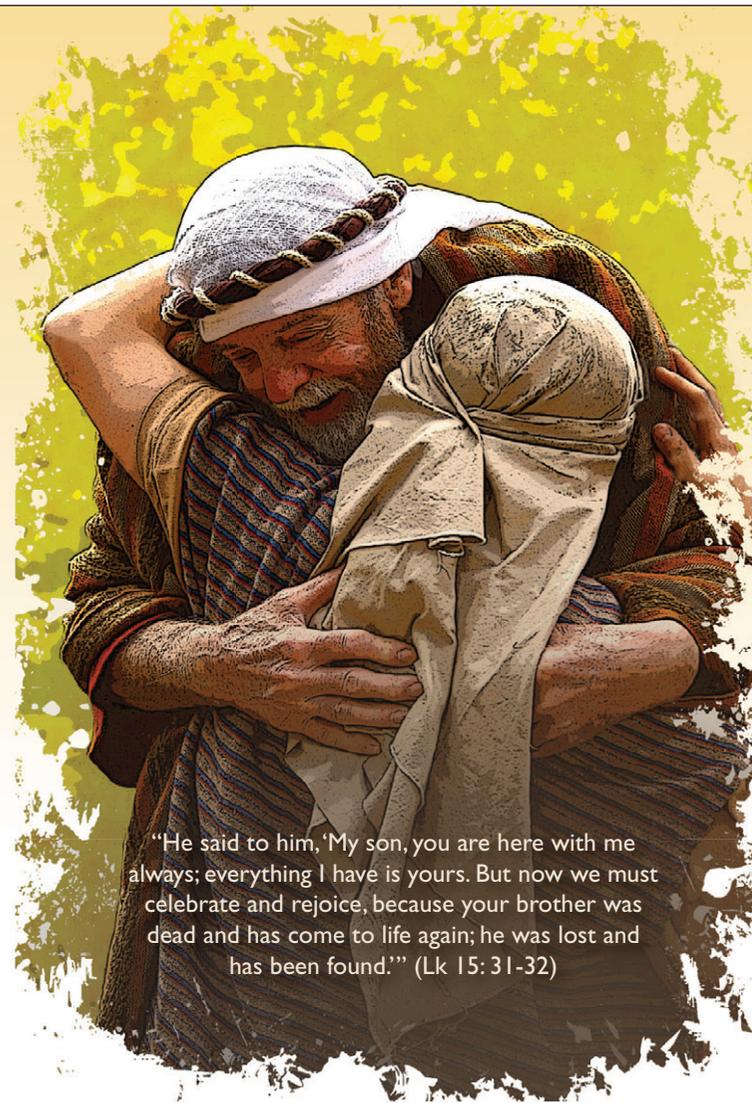
of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to

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"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

Fasting and abstinence during Lent

Abstinence from eating meat is obligatory for all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting is obligatory for all Catholics from ages 18 to 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of the fast means that only one full meal may be eaten. Two smaller meals are permitted, but they should not equal one full meal.

The fourth precept of the Church states: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this precept "ensures the times of asceticism and penance, which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart."

Bishop John M. D'Arcy dies at 80

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who served as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from May 1, 1985 through Jan. 13, 2010, died at his home in Fort Wayne on the morning of Feb. 3. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in late December while visiting his family in Boston. He returned to Fort Wayne in January for care.

Since his retirement in 2010, Bishop D'Arcy has served as bishop-emeritus. He has assisted at parishes, conferred the sacrament of Confirmation, and enjoyed providing retreats and missions and assisting as chaplain of Bishop Luers High School.

The son of Irish immigrants, Bishop D'Arcy was born Aug. 18, 1932. He began preparation for the priesthood in September of 1949 at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. He was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 2, 1957 for the Archdiocese of Boston. He studied in Rome at the Angelicum from 1965 to 1968 and received his doctorate in spiritual theology in 1968. He served as spiritual director and professor of spiritual theology at Saint John's Seminary from 1968 to 1985.

Bishop D'Arcy was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Boston on Feb. 11, 1975 and was appointed Vicar for Spiritual Development for the archdiocese at the same time. He continued to serve as a spiritual director at Saint John's Seminary. Bishop D'Arcy directed the Office of Spiritual Development, which was established by the late Humberto Cardinal Medeiros in 1975.

On July 21, 1981, Bishop D'Arcy was appointed regional bishop for the northern area of the Archdiocese of Boston, known as the Lowell Region. Bishop D'Arcy continued as Vicar for Spiritual Development and continued to direct the archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Development.

On Feb. 26, 1985, Bishop D'Arcy was appointed eighth Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



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and was installed on May 1, 1985.

Bishop D'Arcy has established many significant diocesan initiatives in the areas of spirituality, catechesis, education, ecumenism and social services outreach as follows:

- Women's Care Center, Fort Wayne, organized and operational in renovated facility
- Vincent House for homeless founded — has grown from single home to encompass homes in central city to foster independence of families served
- Annual Bishop's Appeal organized — 21st appeal in 2007 was considered most successful endeavor of its kind in nation, moneys support parish and diocesan projects
- A \$3.6 million renovation/restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, 1998

- Initiated Eucharistic Congress at University of Notre Dame, 2000

- Legacy of Faith capital campaign, 2004-2005 — creating endowments of more than \$48.5 million for construction of new Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine, and related Hispanic ministries, Warsaw; Catholic Charities services to the poor; schools' endowment fund; and improved retirement program for priests

- Initiated live Sunday television Masses, Fort Wayne and South Bend, 1986

- Wrote major article on relationship between Catholic universities and bishops — especially relating to the requirements of the mandatum for Catholic theologians

- Undertook ecumenical dialogues with Methodist, Evangelical

Lutheran and Jewish leaders.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop D'Arcy established the Office of Spiritual Development, the Office for Hispanic Ministry and the Office of Catechesis. He called for an expansion of campus ministry/young adult programming and initiated annual youth and young adult retreats and retreats for disabled. He established diocesan office buildings in both South Bend and downtown Fort Wayne. Bishop D'Arcy established the position of archivist to preserve diocesan and parish history as well as documents. He made an independent status for diocesan newspaper, *Today's Catholic*. With the help of Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Bishop D'Arcy commissioned a history of diocese called "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Several building projects took place under Bishop D'Arcy's leadership. New church projects included St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne, 1989; St. Pius, Granger, 1989; Blessed Sacrament, Albion, 1990; St. Mary, Fort Wayne, following destruction of church by fire, 1996 (established St. Mary's Heritage Fund to assist parishes/programs in need); Holy Family, South Bend, 1997; St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, 1998; St. Therese, Fort Wayne, 1999; and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw, 1999. Under his leadership, several schools and parishes renovated and expanded across the diocese. All four diocesan high schools held capital campaigns to improve their facilities.

Bishop D'Arcy is survived by two sisters: Sister Anne D'Arcy, a Sister of St. Joseph; and Joan (and Hugh) Sheridan. He is also survived by several nephews, one niece, grandnieces and grandnephews and brother-in-law Vito Caprio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Moran-D'Arcy and Michael John and sister, Mary Caprio.

Today's Catholic will honor Bishop D'Arcy with a special tribute section in the Feb. 17 issue of the newspaper.

Arrangements are the following:

Wednesday Feb. 6

- Reception of the body and Morning Prayer at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, will begin at 10 a.m. Visitation will be held throughout the day. Rosary will begin at 5 p.m. A Mass of Transferal celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

- Reception of the body and Morning Prayer at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, will begin at 10 a.m., with visitation throughout the day. Rosary will begin at 5 p.m. Evening Prayer is scheduled at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

- Visitation of the body will take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

- A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon. A reception will follow at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. The Rite of Committal will be conducted privately in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Preferred memorials for Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy

- The Seminary Education Fund
- The Priests' Pension Fund
- The Bishop D'Arcy Catholic Education Fund
- Any one of the four diocesan high schools, which include Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers in Fort Wayne; Marian in Mishawaka; and Saint Joseph in South Bend
- Women's Care Center
- Christ Child Society
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne
- St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion to be celebrated in diocesan cathedrals

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates will be celebrated in the cathedrals of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend during the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent.

These rites will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., and in St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

Catechumens are those unbaptized people who will be entering the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of initiation —

Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil on the night of March 30. Candidates are those who are already baptized and are now preparing to complete their initiation or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The catechumens and candidates come from parishes throughout the diocese. During the liturgy, each catechumen and candidate, as well as his or her godparent or sponsor, will be presented for recognition to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. All together, around 600

catechumens and candidates — along with their godparents, sponsors, families and guests — are expected to attend the liturgies.

The catechumens inscribe their names within the "Book of the Elect," which will be presented for Bishop Rhoades to sign during the Rite of Election, in an event called the Enrollment of Names. After participating in the Rite of Election, the catechumens will be referred to as the "elect," because they will have been officially declared ready to receive the Easter sacraments this year.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. — Mass for Vietnamese Community and celebration of Lunar New Year, Saint Patrick Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7 a.m. — Catholic Business Breakfast, Performing Arts Center of University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Priest Personnel Board, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Feb. 13, 12:05 p.m. — Ash Wednesday Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Deacon Community Board, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Friday, Feb. 15 — Pastoral Visit to Seminarians at Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio
- Saturday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. — Rite of Election, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

HHS issues proposed exemptions from contraceptive coverage

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Exemptions from the requirement to provide contraceptive coverage under the Affordable Care Act will be simplified to include many more types of religious institutions and accommodate the needs of self-insured Church entities that say they must keep a clear financial and functional wall between themselves and the provision of contraceptives.

A new set of proposed rules announced Feb. 1 by the Department of Health and Human Services attempt to accommodate objections raised by Catholic institutions, among others, that said the previous rules would force them to stop providing employee health insurance because the federal requirement to include contraceptive coverage violates their religious beliefs.

The Affordable Care Act includes coverage of contraceptives in all insurance plans. Under what has become known as the contraceptive mandate, the early version of proposed rules for this part of the nationwide health care program mandated all employers provide free coverage of contraceptives for their workers.

The first version of proposed rules for this coverage exempted only religious organizations whose main purpose is the inculcation of faith and who employ and serve members of the faith. A later "accommodation" said non-

exempt organizations could do this through third-party insurers.

The expansion would cover religious higher education institutions, health care providers and charitable agencies that do not discriminate on the basis of religion as to whom they serve or employ.

The new proposed rules specify that no exemption will be given to "for-profit, secular employers." Some for-profit entities such as Christian-owned toy retailer Hobby Lobby have sued the federal government over the contraceptive mandate, saying that it violates the religious beliefs of the owners and the faith-based company outlook, and so they should be entitled to a religious exemption.

A brief statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said the conference welcomed "the opportunity to study the proposed regulations closely. We look forward to issuing a more detailed statement later." The Catholic Health Association, which represents Catholic hospitals and health care agencies, also declined to comment on the changes until they were studied.

Others were quick to praise the proposed new rules for addressing the objections of Catholic and other entities, while some found fault with them, saying they would not resolve their objections.

The same day the proposed rules were released they were published in the Federal Register,



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The headquarters of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is seen in Washington in this file photo. The department Feb. 1 issued revised regulations related to the contraception mandate and religious concerns under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. U.S. bishops had lambasted the mandate as violating religious freedom.

opening a 60-day period for public comment. The rules are expected to be finalized this summer. Institutions are required to provide the coverage by August.

At a teleconference about the changes, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, deputy director of policy and regulation in the HHS Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, said no nonprofit religious institution — including churches, universities, hospitals and charities — will have to "arrange, contract, pay for or refer for" contraception insurance for employees or students who want it.

Even in the case of self-insured religious entities — which includes many dioceses and colleges — employees or insured students who want contraceptive coverage will be able to arrange it through outside insurance companies, at no cost to

themselves and without financial or even administrative support of the faith-based institution, Brooks-LaSure said.

"The eligible organization would have no role in contracting, arranging, paying, or referring for this separate contraceptive coverage," the proposal says. "Such coverage would be offered at no charge to plan participants and beneficiaries, that is, the issuer would provide benefits for such contraceptive services without the imposition of any cost sharing requirement (such as a co-payment, co-insurance, or a deductible), premium, fee or other charge."

The proposal includes several possible ways of arranging such insurance for employees of self-insured organizations.

Brooks-LaSure said that insurers will be able to provide the coverage at no cost to the indi-

vidual because of the financial savings realized from preventing unwanted or unplanned pregnancies versus paying the costs associated with pregnancy, labor and delivery.

The new proposed rules for exempt religious organizations said that in order to clarify what kinds of organizations may qualify for the exemption, HHS is eliminating the first three prongs of the original four-pronged definition of qualifying religious organizations and clarifying the application of the fourth.

"Under this proposal, an employer that is organized and operates as a nonprofit entity and referred to in (defined sections off the tax code) would be considered a religious employer for purposes of the religious employer exemption," the rules proposal said.

For this purpose, eligible organizations may include "trusts and unincorporated associations, as well as nonprofit, not-for-profit, non-stock, public benefit and similar types of corporations," it said.

HHS said that by eliminating the first three prongs of the definition of exempt entities, "there no longer would be any question as to whether group health plans of houses of worship that provide educational, charitable or social services to their communities qualify for the exemption."

The 80 pages of details include a discussion of the 200,000 public comments HHS received on the preliminary rules, giving examples of some of the situations presented for consideration in applying the rules.

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Bill to remove roadblock for undocumented college students on the docket

INDIANAPOLIS — Promising college students have come to Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) with a problem: a law passed in 2011 has brought their pursuits of a college degree to a screeching halt.

Former Indiana University student, Victoria Hickman, is one of an estimated 3,000 college students affected by the law. Hickman, with a 4.0 grade point average and only a year away from a college degree, had her college education abruptly cut short over a year ago when she was required to pay out-of-state tuition because of a 2011 law, which prohibits undocumented students who reside in Indiana from getting in-state tuition.

Leising, author of Senate Bill 207, would like to change this especially for students seeking higher education who were already enrolled in a higher education program when the law passed.

Leising is not alone. The Indiana Catholic Conference, the official public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Indiana, also supports the effort. "We are supportive of efforts to help undocumented college students complete their college education," said Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director.

"These college students are working hard to provide for themselves and should be able to do so. They and their families are paying sales, property and income taxes. In that way, they are supporting the state and its institutions and programs," said Tebbe.

Tuition for Hickman, now at almost three times what she was paying when she entered college, made it impossible for her to return. Leising said the last time she saw Hickman, she was waiting tables at a restaurant, and unsure if or when she would return to school.

Leising's proposal, SB 207, would grandfather college students like Victoria who were already enrolled in college when the law changed.

"Federal law makes it illegal for principals or superintendents to inquire about the legal status of a child in K-12 grade," said Leising. "Many students have no idea they are not legal residents until they go to get a driver's license or apply for college and are denied in-state tuition."

In 2011, the Indiana General Assembly passed a law to prohibit undocumented immigrants from receiving in-state tuition. It stipulated that students must be lawfully present to qualify for in-state tuition rates. The Indiana Catholic Conference opposed the legislation.

"Until July 2011, high school graduates entering college could get in-state tuition even if they did not have legal status," said Leising. "Students like Victoria are funding 100 percent of the tuition by their hard work and hard work of their family.

Undocumented immigrants are not able to get financial assistance for college.

"The young people I have talked to were brought to this country when they were in pre-school," said Leising. "They have attended school from grades K-12 and know of no other country but America. They would be extremely displaced if they went back to their home country," said Leising.

"The truth is we are throwing a road block in front of them because they can't afford the out-of-state tuition. These kids also do not qualify for any kind of state student assistance," said Leising.

"These kids all want to be legal," said Leising. "One young person came to see me with her immigration attorney. The immigration attorney told me that there are young adults who are in their early 20s that might have to wait up to 20 years to achieve legal

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status because they have aged out of the system."

Angela Smith Jones, of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce has been working with Leising to address this issue said, "The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce supports this legislation because it goes directly to the workforce issue. We do not want to restrict our strong pipeline of skilled workers."

Jones said, "Employment openings exist in Indiana that require highly-skilled workers, but Indiana lacks enough highly-skilled people to fill them. A

highly-skilled workforce benefits the entire community. These college students should not be penalized through no fault of their own," said Jones. "They were brought here as children."

Another reality Jones hopes lawmakers will consider is the potential brain drain Indiana could face as a result if Leising's bill isn't passed. "We talk about the brain drain problem in Indiana where highly-educated students go elsewhere to live once they are educated," said Jones. "These hard-working, bright college students will leave Indiana and go to a neighboring state to receive their education and likely stay there if they can't get in-state tuition here." Jones said those who have been tracking the numbers estimate there could be upwards of 5,000 college students currently affected by this law and that number is only going to grow.

Jones believes that the national

bipartisan effort aimed at addressing comprehensive immigration on the federal level is likely to have a positive impact on getting SB 207 passed. Leising is also optimistic that her bill can pass this year if she can just get her fellow Republican lawmakers to schedule it for a hearing.

Web Resources

Indiana Catholic Conference
www.indianacc.org

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States. www.faithfulcitizenship.org

To explore the ICC's electronic public policy tool and join the ICC legislative network go to the ICC Web page at www.indianacc.org and click "Legislative Action Center."

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Once more into the immigration law process: a familiar road

WASHINGTON (CNS) — They've been down this road before — trying to pass a far-reaching reform of the U.S. immigration system. The last time Congress passed a substantial immigration reform law in 1986, then-Father Nicholas DiMarzio, as director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. Catholic bishops, was a part of coalition-building among interest groups such as the National Council of La Raza and the AFL-CIO. "It was a whole different political scene," said now-Bishop DiMarzio of Brooklyn, N.Y. "Bipartisanship was possible. I don't know how it's going to work this time." In the mid-1980s, the problem of millions of immigrants being in the country without permission to be here was a relatively new issue, he told Catholic News Service. The situation affected around 5 million people in perhaps 10 states, mostly along the Mexican border plus New York, Florida and Illinois. Today, an estimated 11 million people lack legal immigration status and they live throughout the country. The list of states with the fastest-growing populations of immigrants includes Tennessee, North Carolina, Arkansas, Delaware and Wyoming. The past history of the kind of coalition-building it took to pass previous immigration legislation may bear lessons for today as Congress launches what may be the best chance for comprehensive reforms since the era of the Iran-Contra Affair and the initial public stock offering for Microsoft.

Legal and medical experts, activists address effects of 40 years of Roe

WASHINGTON (CNS) — To Gerard Bradley, leading constitutional scholar and professor at the University of Notre Dame's law school, "abortion is the greatest civil rights issue of our time." Bradley was one of several speakers from the legal and medical fields who joined activists at the National Press Club in Washington for a conference on "The Future of Roe: Women, Health and Law in the Obama Era," sponsored by Americans United for Life. Ed Whelan, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, called the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 the "Dred Scott of our age," referring to the 19th-century Supreme Court decision that declared blacks to be noncitizens and made slavery legal in all territories. The Jan. 24 event at the press club was one of several events held in Washington to mark the 40th anniversary of legalized abortion. With its Roe decision, and its decision in the companion case Doe v. Bolton, the court legalized abortion virtually on demand. In that era, the pro-life movement that had developed alongside the movement supporting legalized abortion was completely caught off guard by the "immediate escalation of abortions" that followed the court decision, explained Laura Garcia, a philoso-

NUNS HOLD CANDLES AS POPE CELEBRATES MASS AT VATICAN



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Nuns hold candles as Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Mass to mark the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 2.

phy professor at Jesuit-run Boston College and a veteran in the pro-life movement. The rate "more than doubled in six years," she said.

Media blitz can help youths find Gospel in digital deluge, speaker says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The best way the Church can be heard and seen amid the deluge of the information age is to launch a media blitz of simple answers to life's deepest questions, a young Catholic journalist told a Vatican news conference. "People always say it should be quality over quantity; perhaps this was true once upon a time, but today quantity is necessary," said Alessio Antonielli, who works for the Conventual Franciscan-run *San Francesco Review* magazine in Assisi. "The Church is full of quality" with its rich 2,000-year history of writings and teachings, but "the problem is no one reads them; and today if you aren't present in certain channels, it's like you don't even exist," he said Jan. 31, the feast of St. John Bosco, father and teacher of young people. Antonielli was one of a number of speakers presenting details about the Pontifical Council for Culture's plenary assembly

Feb. 6-9. He and Faraso Mihaja Bemahazaka, a university student from Madagascar, were invited to attend the assembly to help the council's members and advisers explore this year's topic of emerging youth cultures and how the Church can better respond pastorally. Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, the council's president, said often it seems young people are disconnected from the real world around them, with eyes glued to smartphones and ears muffled by headphones. "In a certain sense they have put up a shield of self-exclusion" not only against "the unbearable social, political and religious difficulties we adults have created," but also because "we have excluded them with our corruption and hypocrisy, precarious employment, unemployment and alienation," he said.

Faith is genuine only if coupled with charity for others, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Faith and charity can never be separated nor opposed to each other, just as faith by itself isn't genuine without charity, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Faith is knowing the truth and adhering to it; charity is 'walking' in the truth," the pope said in his annual message for Lent, which in 2013 begins Feb. 13 for Latin-rite

Catholics. "Faith is genuine only if crowned by charity." The text of the pope's message was released by the Vatican Feb. 1. "It would be too one-sided to place a strong emphasis on the priority and decisiveness of faith and to undervalue and almost despise concrete works of charity, reducing them to a vague humanitarianism," Pope Benedict said. "It is equally unhelpful to overstate the primacy of charity and the activity it generates, as if works could take the place of faith." At a news conference to present the message, Guinean Cardinal Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, which promotes Catholic charitable giving, told reporters, that insisting on the indissoluble link between faith and charity is like "hitting a raw nerve." The cardinal said the pope's message underscores how misguided it is to see faith as an abstract, intellectual endeavor and charity as the concrete or practical side of the Church, or to favor one over the other. "It's convenient for many, inside and outside" the Church, to see it as divorced from the real world, "inebriated from the scent of candles, busy putting the sacristy in order, focused on obscure theological debates and clerical quarrels rather than on the integral human person Christ spoke to," the cardinal said.

New cardinals get their assignments to Roman Curia

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two months after receiving their red hats, the six newest members of the College of Cardinals have received their assignments as members of Vatican congregations, councils and offices — one of the clearest ways they help Pope Benedict XVI govern the universal Church. While keeping their main jobs, the new assignments allow the cardinals to bring their experience and perspective to bear on the discussions and decisions of the central Church offices that assist the pope. Creating the new cardinals Nov. 24, Pope Benedict had told them: "Particularly through the work you do for the dicasteries of the Roman Curia, you will be my valued co-workers, first and foremost in my apostolic ministry for the fullness of catholicity, as pastor of the whole flock of Christ and prime guarantor of its doctrine, discipline and morals." The assignments announced by the Vatican Jan. 31 included: For U.S. Cardinal James M. Harvey, arch-priest of Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, membership on the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and on the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, which oversees Vatican property and investments; Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, head of the Maronite Catholic Church, was named a member of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

Use of new media essential to proclaiming the good news, prelate says

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — The next archbishop of Portland uses modern social media in the cause of proclaiming Jesus. On Jan. 29, Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Alexander K. Sample of Marquette, Mich., to head the Archdiocese of Portland, succeeding Archbishop John G. Vlazny, who is retiring. Now-Archbishop Sample maintains a Facebook page. And he kicked off the Year of Faith by tweeting throughout a 1,000-mile trip across Michigan's far northern Upper Peninsula. The prelate — tall and slim at 52 — made an even longer journey the last week of January to appear before the media for the announcement that he'd been named spiritual leader of the 415,000 Catholics of western Oregon. "It is my prayer and hope that together we can gaze on the face of Jesus Christ and show forth His light to the generations of the new millennium," he said. The Mass of installation is planned for April 2. The new archbishop, who seems happy about his assignment, had been to Oregon once before — a boyhood salmon fishing trip to the mouth of the Columbia River. He caught nothing then. "Now I am brought here as a fisher of men," he said. "Hopefully, I'll be more successful at that."

Tips for those long absent from Confession

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned” — even if they get that far — there are millions of Catholics who don’t exactly know what to say next.

This is especially true for Catholics who have not gone to Confession in years, or even decades.

Despite parishes and dioceses inviting inactive Catholics to return to Church at Lent, with the sacrament of Reconciliation as an incentive, it is likely Catholics are afraid, bewildered or even intimidated at the prospect of returning to the confessional after such a long period away from it.

A rote recitation of sins doesn’t seem quite right. Laundry lists, as some priests call them, are out. In fact, one advises, even devising a game plan before returning to the confessional is out.

“Just come. Don’t prepare. We’ll do it in there. I’ll help you with this. At the end of it, you’re going to think about things we didn’t cover. You can come again,” said Msgr. Richard Lavalley, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Winoski, Vt. “The more complicated it becomes, the worse it becomes. They (penitents) don’t know what to make of it and they become ashamed.”

The motivations for wanting to go back to Confession can be many, said Jesuit Father Jake Empeur, a priest since 1965 and a parochial vicar at St. Matthew Parish in San Antonio.

“It could be because of health issues. It could be because their conscience moves them to finally be able to participate in the Church and the liturgy and Communion and things like that,” he said. “People get married. Sometimes it’s someone’s first Communion, sometimes it’s a wedding. It’s all sorts of different reasons.”

And what they have on their mind — and want to get off their chest — can vary as well, Father Empeur told Catholic News Service.

A few things stand out, he said. “Being in an irregular marriage, they gave up believing in God when they were in their early 20s and now they’re thinking about that. Each case is really, truly different,” he said, adding he tells penitents to focus on “what they came to say” because it “gives me further questioning on what I need to do (as a priest): whether or not they’re married, personal relationships, issues in their life, whatever it might be.”

“They don’t talk about a lot of non-sins, small things and so forth,” Father Empeur continued. “They have a couple of major things, relating to marriage — they got married outside the Church, they had a bad experience with a priest, or so forth. Sometimes they’ll talk about taking drugs, adultery, perhaps, or sleeping around. Things like that might come up in the course (of a



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHERITZ

Father Thomas Fusco, pastor at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Syosset, N.Y., listens to a penitent's Confession during a Catholic men's conference at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville, N.Y., in 2012.

Confession) — not the grocery list for things that happen more frequently.”

Msgr. Lavalley said he tells penitents, “If you’re holding back because you’re afraid or you’re frightened or you don’t know what to do or how to say it, say ‘Our Lady sent me.’ I can’t tell you how many times that’s worked.”

He recalled the time one man came into the Reconciliation room telling him, “I’m supposed to tell you somebody sent me, but I can’t remember who it was.” He added he told the man it was Our Lady, and that “she sent me, too.”

Msgr. Lavalley said he’s told penitents, “I don’t bite, I don’t kick, I don’t yell and I don’t faint. So let’s start. Can I help you by going through the Commandments? ... Is it easier for you to say yes or no with me?” And in doing that, he added, “I get what I need.”

Father Empeur said he asks penitents whether they pray. “Usually they’ll say something like their evening prayers before they go

to bed, or they pray before meals. Usually they have not been going to Mass: ‘I say the rosary’ or things like that.

“Then you can talk about participation in the Eucharist. So you have to kind of instruct them, helping them along,” he explained. “Encourage them. ‘Are you going to be more involved in the Church? Are you going to go to Mass? Are you going to go to Confession once in a while?’”

“What’s prominent? What is most outstanding in their mind? ... They have something on their minds. That’s why they’re coming in the first place. Usually I find my questions have to do with their relationships or to talk about their spiritual life a little bit. After all, that’s the purpose of all this. I can’t say I’ve had two identical Confessions.”

Msgr. Lavalley, ordained in 1964, still remembers a confession from his first year as a priest. He was hearing confessions from students at the parish grade school, and one boy was among the last to be brought in.

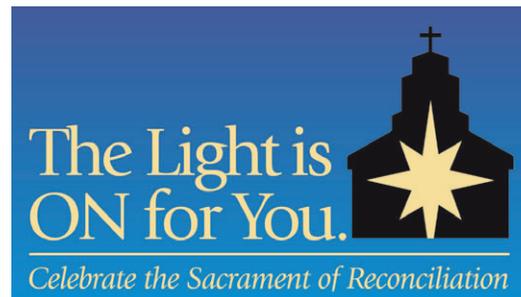
“This kid’s behind the screen. He’s not talking to me. He’s just breathing. ‘Do you want to go to Confession?’ (No response.) ‘Do you want to tell me what your sins are?’ ‘No.’ ‘Why?’ ‘Because you know what my sins are.’ ‘How?’ ‘Because I did them before.’”

Just like that boy, Msgr. Lavalley told CNS, penitents are habitual sinners. “Everyone’s a habitual sinner, and so am I,” he said. “It’s not about sin, it’s about mercy and about God’s love.”

Msgr. Lavalley remembers himself as a grade schooler making comparisons among the priests in his parish about which ones handed out sterner or lighter penances.

But he recalled one experience with a priest that “made me the confessor that I am. He was so kind and so wonderful, and I never forgot the penance he gave me. He said, ‘Can you say the name of Jesus once? I’ll say it for you.’ And he did it without sarcasm.

“That changed my life.”



Initiative invites Catholics to Reconciliation

BY TIM JOHNSON

Pope Benedict XVI has said “the New Evangelization begins in the confessional.” With the Lenten penitential season approaching, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has designated Wednesday, March 6, from 6-8 p.m., “as the date and time for all the churches of our diocese to be open for prayer and am asking all our priests to hear individual confessions during that two-hour time period,” he wrote in a letter to priests.

The campaign is called “The Light Is On For You,” and is endorsed by the U.S. bishops.

“The Light Is On For You is an invitation to all Catholics of a diocese to stop in church for prayer and the opportunity for Confession,” Bishop Rhoades said. The program began in the Archdiocese of Washington and has been adopted by other dioceses with much success. With this program, all parishes in a diocese open their churches on a particular evening for Confessions.

The U.S. Bishops have issued a pastoral exhortation — see page 2 — encouraging the faithful to avail themselves to the sacrament of Penance during Lent of 2013.

The March 6 date will be a “concerted diocesan effort to highlight the sacrament of Penance,” Bishop Rhoades said. “It is not meant to replace Penance services or other regularly scheduled Confession times.”

Confession times from the parishes across the diocese can be found in a guide here on pages 8-9. Some parishes were still in the process of determining times for Lenten Penance services and other Confessional offerings. *Today’s*

Catholic encourages penitents to also check parish bulletins and parish websites for updates.

Materials for The Light Is On For You include a short guide to Reconciliation. This includes some of the following information.

What is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and His Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and His Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

- **Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- **Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them — aloud — to the priest.
- **Penance:** an important part of our healing is the “penance” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.
- **Absolution:** the priest speaks the words by which “God, the Father of Mercies” reconciles a

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1122 S. Clinton St.

Confessions available on Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and Saturdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Most Precious Blood

1515 Barthold St.

Confessions available Monday-Friday following the 8:15 a.m. Mass; Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, 6-8 p.m.; March 18, 7 p.m., Parish Reconciliation Service.

Our Lady of Good Hope

7215 Saint Joe Rd.

Confessions available Friday, 9:30-10 a.m., Saturday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.; March 18, 7-9 p.m.; Parish Lenten Penance Service with eight priests available.

Queen of Angels

1500 W. State Blvd.

Confessions available Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-6:50 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Holy Week: Monday, March 25, 6:30-6:50 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, 5:30-6 p.m.; Friday, March 29, 2:30-4 p.m.

Sacred Heart

4643 Gaywood Dr.

Confessions available Wednesday, 5-6 p.m., Friday, 5:30-6 p.m. and Saturday 8:30-9 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo

4916 Trier Rd.

Confessions available Saturdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, 6-8:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10700 Aboite Center Road

Confessions available Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and by appointment. A joint Lenten Reconciliation Service with St. Joseph Church, Fort Wayne, will be Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

St. Henry

2929 Paulding Rd.

Confessions available on Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; March 6 Confessions heard 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.

St. John the Baptist

4525 Arlington Ave.

Confessions available every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Parish Lenten Service is Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph

2213 Brooklyn

Confessions available on

Saturdays at 9 a.m. and by appointment. A joint Lenten Reconciliation Service with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

11337 Old U.S. HWY 27 S

Confessions available on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and on the first Saturdays starting at 7:30 a.m. Consult parish bulletin for penance service.

St. Jude

2155 Randallia

Confessions available Monday through Saturday, 7:45-8 a.m.; Saturday, 9-10:30 a.m.; Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

St. Mary

1101 South Lafayette St.

A Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 6 from 6-8 p.m. and Confessions by appointment.

St. Patrick

2120 S. Harrison St.

Confessions available Thursdays (in Spanish or English) from 7-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m. in English; Sundays, 8-8:45 a.m. in English; and Sundays from 10-10:25 a.m. in Vietnamese.

St. Peter

518 E. DeWald St.

Confessions available every Saturday from 3-3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

St. Therese

2304 Lower Huntington Rd.

Confessions available after weekday Masses and on Saturday at 4 p.m. Parish Lenten Penance Service is Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

1502 East Wallen Rd.

Confessions available during the entire year, Saturday mornings, 8:45-10 a.m. and most Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Please confirm with the parish by checking the bulletin or parish website, www.saintv.org about Wednesday evening Confessions. On Wednesday, March 6, Reconciliation will begin at 6 p.m.

South Bend area

St. Matthew Cathedral

1701 Miami St.

Confessions available Monday through Saturday following the 7 a.m. Mass and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Christ the King

52473 S.R. 933

Confessions available weekly on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. Extra Lenten Confession times on

Wednesdays beginning Feb. 20 through March 27 from 6-6:30 p.m.

Corpus Christi

2822 Corpus Christi Dr.

Confessions available weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m.; Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and by appointment.

Holy Cross

1050 Wilber

Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 19 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Confessions are offered every Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church.

Holy Family

56405 Mayflower Rd.

Confessions available Wednesdays from 6-6:30 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30-7 p.m.

Our Lady of Hungary

829 W. Calvert St.

Confessions available Saturdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.; Holy Week, Wednesday, March 27, 5-5:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, 5-5:30 p.m.; Holy Saturday, 1-2 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus

63568 U.S. 31 South, (Lakeville)

Confessions on Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, and a Penance Service with St. Jude on Tuesday, March 12, at St. Jude, South Bend.

St. Adalbert

2505 W. Grace St.

Confessions available every Saturday immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass and "The Light Is On for You" on Wednesday, March 6, 6-9 p.m.

St. Anthony de Padua

2114 E. Jefferson Blvd.

Confessions weekly on Tuesdays from 6-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-9:30 a.m., and Saturdays from 3:30-4 p.m. A Lenten Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

St. Augustine

1501 W. Washington St.

Confessions available between Masses on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or by appointment.

St. Casimir

1308 W. Dunham St.

See Confession schedule for St. Adalbert Parish.

St. Hedwig

331 S. Scott St.

Confessions Monday through Friday at the St. Hedwig rectory, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday, at St. Hedwig Church, 3-4 p.m. or by appointment by calling (574) 287-8932.

St. John the Baptist

3526 St. Johns Way

Confessions available Monday through Friday, 7-7:30 a.m., and Saturday, 7-7:30 a.m., 8-8:30 a.m. and 4-4:45 p.m.

St. Joseph

226 N. Hill St.

Confessions available Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; March 6, 6-8 p.m.; and communal penance service will be offered during Lent. Priests available to hear Confessions at any time by request.

St. Jude

19704 Johnson Rd.

Confessions available Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Parish Lenten Penance Service held March 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

St. Patrick

309 S. Taylor

Confessions available Monday through Friday at the St. Hedwig rectory, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday, at St. Hedwig Church, 3-4 p.m. or by appointment by calling (574) 287-8932.

St. Stanislaus

415 N. Brookfield St.

Confessions available Saturdays 8:45-9:45 a.m.

St. Therese, Little Flower

54191 Ironwood Rd.

Confessions available on Fridays of Lent from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by Mass at noon.

Area parishes

Albion

Blessed Sacrament

2290 N. State Road 9

Consult parish bulletin for Confession times.

Angola

St. Anthony of Padua

700 W. Maumee St.

Confessions for the Lenten season will be Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. and March 6 from 6-8 p.m.

Arcola

St. Patrick

12305 Arcola Rd.

Confessions available Fridays from 6-7 p.m. In February Confessions on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. and in March Confessions on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.

Auburn

Immaculate Conception

500 East Seventh St.

Confessions available Saturdays, Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 4-4:45 p.m. March 6, 6 p.m. till finished.

Avilla

St. Mary of the Assumption

228 N. Main St.

The church will be open Wednesday, March 6, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for individual/personal prayer and on Thursday, March 7, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Mass at 7:15 a.m. and Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 6:30 p.m.

Bluffton

St. Joseph

1300 N. Main St.

Confessions available Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. and at 4 p.m. on Saturdays before the 5 p.m. Mass.

Bremen

St. Dominic

803 W. Bike St.

Confessions available Saturdays 3-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Bristol

St. Mary of the Annunciation

411 W. Vistula St.

Confessions available daily Monday through Saturday from 8:30-8:45 a.m. (before Mass) and Saturday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. During Lent Confessions from March 18-21 at 10-11 a.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Churubusco

St. John Bosco

216 N. Main St.

Confessions available March 6 from 6-8 p.m. There will also be a Mass at 7 p.m. on March 6 with Confessions both before and after. St. John Bosco Parish mission planned March 18, 19 and 20, at 7 p.m. each evening. Tuesday, March 19, will be on Reconciliation and priests will be available for Confession. Lenten penitential service to be determined. Confessions on Good Friday. St. John's Confessions will begin at noon on Friday, March 29, with the Good Friday service at 1 p.m. Confessions after the service if necessary.

At Immaculate Conception on Friday, March 29, Confessions at 4 p.m. with the Good Friday service following at 5 p.m. and Confessions afterwards if necessary. Confessions by appointment by calling the rectory at (260) 693-9578.

Columbia City

St. Paul of the Cross
315 S. Line St.

Confessions Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.; Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30-10 a.m., 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Culver

St. Mary of the Lake
124 College Ave.

Consult parish bulletin for Confession times.

Decatur

St. Mary of the Assumption
414 Madison St.

Confessions are Sunday, 12:15 p.m. until finished; Monday, 5:30 p.m. until finished, 8:30 p.m. until finished; Saturday, 5:15 p.m. until finished. There will be a Lenten Penance Liturgy on March 19 at 7 p.m. and additional times during Holy Week.

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Immaculate Conception
700 E and 400 S

See the schedule for St. John Bosco in Churubusco. Lenten Penance Service to be determined. At Immaculate Conception on Friday, March 29, Confessions at 4 p.m. with the Good Friday service following at 5 p.m. and Confessions afterwards if necessary. Confessions by appointment by calling the rectory at (260) 693-9578.

Elkhart

St. Thomas the Apostle
1405 N. Main St.

Confessions available Monday, 8-9 a.m.; Thursday, 4-5 p.m.; Saturdays from 9-10 a.m.; and from 4-5 p.m. on the Thursday before First Friday.

St. Vincent de Paul
1108 S. Main St.

Confessions available Saturdays, 8:30-9 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parish Penance Service.

Garrett

St. Joseph
300 W. Houston St.

Consult parish bulletin for Confession times.

Geneva

St. Mary of the Presentation
5790 E 1100 S

Confessions heard on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Goshen

St. John the Evangelist
109 W. Monroe St.

Confessions available during the Lenten season every Tuesday and Friday at 6:30-7 p.m.; Holy Week will be Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March

27, and Thursday, March 28, from 1-3 p.m.; Spanish Penance Service March 15 at 6 p.m.; Lenten Penance Service March 24 at 3 p.m.

Granger

St. Pius X
52553 Fir Road

Confessions available March 6, 6-9 p.m.; March 25, 3-5 p.m.; March 26, 3-5 p.m.; March 27, 3-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.; March 28, 3-5 p.m., 9 p.m. to midnight; March 29, 3-6 p.m., 8-10 p.m.; Parish Penance Service, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Huntington

St. Mary
903 N. Jefferson St.

Confessions available Mondays 5:30-5:50 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30-7:50 a.m.; and Saturday, 4-4:45 p.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul
860 Cherry St.

Confessions one-half hour before all Masses all year except on Sunday, and Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Masses — Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Kendallville

Immaculate Conception
319 E. Diamond St.

Confessions available during Lent, Mondays and Wednesdays following morning Mass approximately 9:30 to finish; Saturdays all year from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., 3:30-4:20 p.m.

LaGrange

St. Joseph
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Ligonier

St. Patrick
300 Ravine Park Dr.

Confessions available anytime before or after the following Mass times: Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Spanish; Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in English; Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Spanish with Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays 5 p.m. in English. Bilingual Penance Service is on March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Mishawaka

Queen of Peace
4508 Vistula Road

Confessions available Saturday, 3:30-5 p.m.

St. Bavo
502 West Seventh St.

Confessions available Saturdays of Lent from 9-10 a.m. Other times by appointment.

St. Joseph
225 S. Mill St.

Confessions available Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Wednesday evenings from 5-5:25 p.m. before Mass. Penance Service will be at St. Monica on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a combined Mishawaka Service in Lent. Other times will be published in the bulletin and the website.

St. Monica
222 W. Mishawaka Ave.

Confessions available Feb. 15 from 11-11:50 a.m.; Feb. 16 at 9 a.m.; Feb. 23 from 11-11:50 a.m.; Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.; March 1 from 11-11:50 a.m.; March 2 at 9 a.m., 4:30-5:10 p.m., and after 5:30 p.m. Mass; March 6 from 6-8 p.m.; March 8 from 11-11:50 a.m.; March 9 at 9 a.m., 4:30-5:10 p.m., and after 5:30 p.m. Mass; March 15 from 11-11:50 a.m.; March 16 at 9 a.m., 4:30-5:10 p.m. and after 5:30 p.m. Mass; March 21-Mishawaka Area Penance Service at St. Monica at 6:30 p.m.; March 22 from 11-11:50 a.m.; March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 consult bulletin for times.

Monroeville

St. Rose of Lima
206 Summit St.

Confessions available on Saturdays from 4-4:45 p.m., before weekday 8 a.m. Mass and after weekday Mass by request. Fridays of Lent Confessions will be heard after the Way of the Cross; March 6 from 6-8 p.m.; and a Lenten Penance Service will be held March 14 at 7 p.m.

New Carlisle

St. Stanislaus Kostka
55756 Tulip Road

Confessions available Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays 3-3:45 p.m. and anytime on request. Holy Week Confessions will be held Monday March 25, 11 a.m. to noon; Tuesday March 26, 11 a.m. to noon, and 5:30-7 p.m.; Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m. to noon and 5:30-7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m.; Good Friday, March 29, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

New Haven

St. John the Baptist
943 Powers St.

Confessions available during Lent on Thursdays from 4:45-6:45 p.m., weekdays from 6:30-7:10 a.m., and Saturdays from 3-4:45 p.m.

St. Louis, Besancon
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Confessions available Fridays (from Feb. 15 through March 22) from 7-8 p.m., and Wednesday, March 6, 6-8 p.m.

Nix Settlement

St. Catherine of Alexandria
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Confessions available on Sundays from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and

by appointment. During Lent, Saturday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. during Mission Week.

North Manchester

St. Robert Bellarmine
1203 State Road 114 East

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Notre Dame

Sacred Heart
104 The Presbytery

Confessions in the weeks of Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4 will be available in the basilica Monday through Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m., 4:45-5:15 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11-11:30 a.m., 4:45-5:15 p.m. Crypt Confessions on Saturday 10-11 a.m. During spring break, March 11-16, basilica Confessions Monday through Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m. and Crypt Confessions on Friday, 11-11:30 a.m. and Saturday, 10-11 a.m. Week of March 18-23, basilica Confessions Monday through Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m., 4:45-5:15 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m., and Friday, 11-11:30 a.m., 4:45-5:15 p.m. Parish Crypt Confessions on Saturday from 10-11 a.m. Week of March 25-30, Holy Week, basilica Confessions, Monday through Wednesday, 11-11:30 a.m., 4:45-5:15 p.m., 7-7:30 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Good Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Holy Saturday, 12-1 p.m., 3-5 p.m. Parish Crypt Confessions: Good Friday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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St. Francis Xavier
408 W. Catholic St.

Confession available every Saturday, 3-4 p.m.; Lenten Mondays at 7 p.m.; Penance service called Pizza, Ping-Pong and Penance on Saturday, March 23, 12-3 p.m.

Plymouth

St. Michael
612 N. Walnut St.

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Roanoke

St. Joseph
641 N. Main St.

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Rome City

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Syracuse

St. Martin de Porres
6941 E. Waco Dr.

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Wabash

St. Bernard
207 North Cass Street

Confessions available Saturdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m., and Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. until finished.

Walkerton

St. Patrick
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Confessions available Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, from 6-8 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 19, 7-8 p.m. only.

Warsaw

Our Lady of Guadalupe
225 Gilliam Dr.

Consult parish bulletin for Confession times.

Sacred Heart
125 N. Harrison

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St. Michael the Archangel
1098 County Road 39

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St. Aloysius
14623 Bluffton Rd.

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St. Thomas the Apostle is Elkhart County's largest Catholic

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — From high academic standards and extracurricular activities to a strong sense of Catholic identity and community, St. Thomas has a lot to offer.

The principal, Christopher Kolakovich has a long history at the school — he's been principal for three years, but taught in the building for 11 years and also attended St. Thomas.

The largest of the three Catholic elementary schools in Elkhart County, there are about 381 students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades. The school was built in 1950 and completed a renovation project in 2010, adding four classrooms, a student health center, teacher's lounge and a "more identifiable grand entrance."

Academically, Kolakovich said they strive to offer instruction tailored to meet each student's needs. For example, for fifth through eighth grades they have the ALEKS computer program to support math curriculum, which comes with a program for each individual's math needs, helping to move them forward.

For kindergarten through third grades the school offers a Minds and Motion program, a parent-volunteer run program with a lot of exercise and physical play.

"It stresses balance, motor skills and visual tracking and research has shown it helps students concentrate better and be more focused," Kolakovich explained.

For extracurricular activities St. Thomas has fall and spring sports teams. Their mascot is the Spartans. Students in seventh and eighth grades host clinics in volleyball and basketball for younger students.

The school offers beginning and advanced bands, a middle school choir and middle school bell choir.

St. Thomas partners with Premier Arts Theatre Company to involve students in drama productions. They also work with third through eighth-grade students to produce a musical. The students pay a fee, audition and rehearse with the theatre company and the all-student musical is held at The Lerner Theatre.

"They do a quality job with our students and

they get to be on a real stage — it's definitely a unique extracurricular," Kolakovich said.

Community service is a big focus at St. Thomas — each grade level has a special project. For example, kindergartners collect clothes for The Christ Child, fourth graders had a bake sale for the Elkhart County Humane Society and eighth graders participated in a "seed to feed" program and picked potatoes and brought them to a local food pantry.

Building on community and Catholic identity, St. Thomas has "school family" groups — led by an eighth grader and consisting of students of all grade levels, they have special programs for the school family groups, usually tied to the liturgical season. They offer Advent prayer services and Holy Thursday Seder meals for the groups.

But according to Kolakovich, the biggest strength is the people.

"The students first of all — we have a great group of kids who treat each other with respect, ... take education seriously and appreciate being in a Catholic school — where they can talk about God and pray," he said.

He went on to praise the dedicated staff, who feel they have a vocation and embrace their Catholic identity, the parent volunteers, who are so service minded, and their pastor.

"Father Bill (Sullivan) is a big supporter of the school. He really cares about the school and likes to greet the kids when they arrive and when they're dismissed," Kolakovich added.

St. Thomas offers a "daily dose of faith" that helps keep students grounded.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks at an all-school Mass about St. John Bosco during his homily.

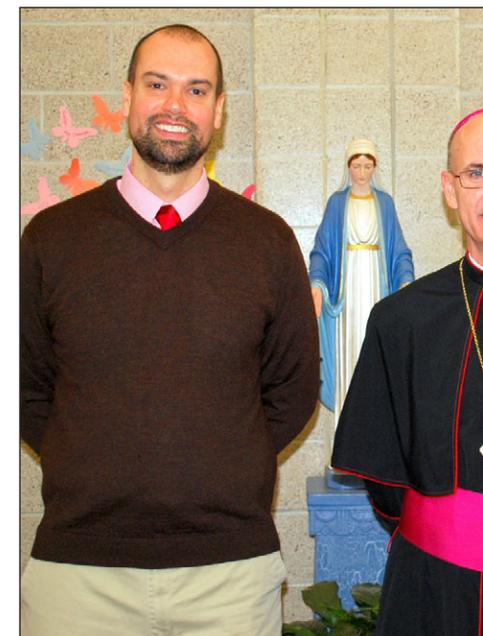


Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with inquisitive St. Thomas School kindergartners during his visit to the school.



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St. Thomas the Apostle School seventh-grade students celebrate pajama day during Catholic Schools Week.



St. Thomas School Principal Chris Kolakovich, Father Bill Sullivan, right, join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



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PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD



The exterior of St. Thomas the Apostle School

St. Thomas the Apostle School

1331 N. Main St.
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Pastor – Father Bill Sullivan
Principal – Christopher Kolakovich

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Drawing children to Jesus is reason for Catholic schools

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

ELKHART — The Savior, a saint, students and snow were in the mix as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and visited St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart on Jan. 31.

On the memorial day of St. John Bosco, Bishop Rhoades explained the background of the saint to a

large congregation filled with students, teachers, administrators, parents and parishioners. Bosco was an Italian parish priest, who worked with poor young boys to offer them an education that incorporated spiritual guidance and catechetical teaching.

In 1859, some of these same boys became a part of a group started by Bosco called the Salesians, who encouraged education and mission work. Bosco later formed a group for women called the Salesian Sisters that encompassed the same values as the original group.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of Jesus' love for children by referring to the Gospel of Matthew when Christ said, "Let the children come to me," and "Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Bishop Rhoades explained that drawing children to Jesus is the number one reason for Catholic schools.

"A Catholic school should not only be a school of academics or athletics, but also a school of holiness," Bishop Rhoades emphasized.

During his visit to school classrooms, Bishop Rhoades encountered many faith questions from students. In the kindergarten class, the bishop asked the students "If I am a shepherd, who are the sheep?" After one student replied, "We are," another student said, "But we don't look anything like sheep!"

The first grade class impressed Bishop Rhoades when he asked them what they were studying in religion and a student answered that they were studying St. Thomas

Aquinas. "That's the first time I have ever had a first-grade class tell me they are studying St. Thomas Aquinas!" Bishop Rhoades remarked.

After learning that fifth graders were studying the seven sacraments of the Church, Bishop Rhoades asked a volunteer to come to the front of the class so that the bishop could show the students the outward signs of the sacrament of Holy Orders for a priest's ordination. He asked a young man to kneel so that he could demonstrate the laying on of hands, and then later showed how the anointing of the priest's hands with sacred chrism oil is done.

One of the biggest surprises and highlights for Bishop Rhoades during his classroom visits came when the seventh grade, under the leadership of teacher Mary Lucchese, recited the "Our Father" prayer in Latin.

Father Bill Sullivan, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, offered his reflections on Catholic education.

"As the bishop was saying earlier today, the reason for our school is the person of Jesus Christ. When a child is brought to the waters of Baptism, we think of one of the Gospel passages where Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' The parents believe that the relationship is not only to be nurtured in the home, but on a daily basis in their education," said Father Sullivan.

"Our schools are very blessed with academics, and I believe that has been proven time and time again. But when we touch the spiritual life of a child, it is part of who a person is as well," said Father Sullivan.



left, and St. Thomas Pastor Father Bill Sullivan on his school visit on Jan. 31.

Families are invited to bring a blanket and a picnic for St. Thomas the Apostle "Picnic in the Park" day during Catholic Schools Week.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades receives a spiritual bouquet from a kindergarten student.

Bishop Rhoades encourages Luers' Knights to stay close to God

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In his three-part homily, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades left students at Fort Wayne's Bishop Luers High School with some very important thoughts during National Catholic Schools Week as he celebrated Mass Tuesday morning, Jan. 29.

First he updated them on Bishop John D'Arcy's, bishop emeritus, health condition and asked for their daily prayers as their former chaplain battles an aggressive cancer. He assured them of Bishop D'Arcy's deep love for his Bishop Luers family and how dear to his heart they are.

Next, he helped them to understand the Letter to the Hebrews from the first reading, explaining that no animal sacrifices could ever do what the ultimate sacrifice the Son of God did once and for all, when He offered Himself bringing about reconciliation, peace and salvation. "This is what the Mass is for us today," said Bishop Rhoades.

Finally, he challenged the Knights to say the Our Father every morning when they wake up and mean what they say when they recite "Thy will be done." He referenced the passage from the Gospel, "My mother and my brothers are whoever does the will of God."

And Bishop Rhoades told students to ask themselves when discerning important decisions, "What would God want me to do? What is the loving thing to do? For doing His will is the

only true way to bring us joy and peace in our lives."

He continued, "We must know His will, so we can do His will."

Bishop Rhoades gave a personal example from his own life when in college he was up on a mountain praying to know if God was leading him to the priesthood. After much inner struggle and unrest, he was flooded with a peace about going to the seminary — a peace that has lasted now for 30 years.

Before his final blessing, Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude for the beautiful Luers choir, Mass participants and his concelebrants — Fathers Dan Durkin and Ben Muhlenkamp.

Then Bishop Rhoades continued his tradition, which began with his first visit to Bishop Luers, a question-and-answer session with the student body.

The first student carried on another tradition, asking for a hug, while others went on to inquire about the bishop's favorite Bible story, Super Bowl predictions and his take on this year's March for Life. The bishop shared that he has been in Washington D.C. each year since he was in high school and though in frigid weather this year, his favorite part of the event was walking together, united as a joyful, courageous witness of the sacredness of life.

The bishop was encouraged by students to start a Twitter account and was taught the meaning of the acronym YOLO (You only live once). Word had spread from his session at Bishop Dwenger, so the bishop narrated the story



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at Bishop Luers High School and then answers questions from students.

At left, Bishop Rhoades lights a candle at the grotto.



Below, a student gets a hug from Bishop Rhoades.



of his close encounter with death when he felt the strong urge to get off the train in Bari, Italy, which was later bombed by terrorists at the next stop, killing 85 passengers.

After telling about the first car he owned and his intramural football days, Bishop Rhoades agreed to sing along to the school fight song if students would in turn sing the recessional hymn with the same gusto.

After Mass, the bishop proceeded to the cafeteria, then spent time in the hallways with young and old alike, visiting with one of his tour guides for the day, young sophomore Joseph Lewis and health teacher, John Sorg, who is in his 50th year at Bishop Luers. Lewis detailed, "I was called to the office and asked to greet the bishop at the door upon his arrival. Of course, I said 'yes!'"

The bishop lit a candle in the beautiful grotto before stopping by Tyler McAtee's morality class. There he quoted one of his favorites from Blessed Pope John Paul II, "Authentic freedom is not to do what we want, but what we ought."

The bishop guaranteed the group of juniors, "The truth will always set you free."

In Meg Hanlon's Catholic social teaching course, the bishop

was interested to learn the seniors were studying the four cardinal virtues — prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. He stressed the importance of the relationship between charity and justice while suggesting students let the Gospels be their "Book of Life" as they head to college.

"Stay close to God and surround yourself with good friends, those who share your morals," he said. The annual visit culminated with a meeting of the theology instructors and campus ministry staff and finally, a one-on-one with longtime Principal Mary Keefer.

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Annual You Can Lend a Hand coupon book fundraiser begins

MISHAWAKA — The 31st annual You Can Lend a Hand fundraiser kicked off its coupon book sale this week. The annual campaign, sponsored by Quality Dining, Inc., serves as one of the main fundraising efforts for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Coupon books are sold for \$3 through March 1, by Catholic school students in the Fort Wayne and South Bend areas.

The South Bend You Can Lend a Hand coupon book contains coupons for free items from Burger King, Chili's and Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen restaurants and offers for the South Bend Silver Hawk, Compton Family Ice Arena and the Kroc Center. Each book has 18 coupons and is valued at \$90.

The Fort Wayne You Can Lend a Hand book contains coupons for free items from Burger King and Chili's restaurants, ticket offers for the Fort Wayne Mad Ants and Komets and free skate admission and rental at the Lutheran Health SportsCenter. Each book has 18 coupons and is valued at \$100.

To help promote the campaign, several area Catholic elementary school students participated in the recording of a radio commercial now playing on local radio stations.

The You Can Lend a Hand program has raised over \$8.9 million for Catholic schools in Indiana and southwest Michigan since its launch in 1982. The past fundraising profits have been used to improve the educational environment of the participating schools, including improvements to classroom and playground equipment, computer software, tuition assistance, library books and capital improvements.

'Ignited, enter the fire!' youth retreat scheduled

FORT WAYNE — Youth throughout the diocese are invited to attend a retreat experience like no other. "Ignited," a retreat specifically for high school teens, will be held March 8-10 at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, diocesan high schools and various parishes, this retreat is designed to bring hundreds of high school teens together before the Eucharist for conversion through music, talks, sharing and prayer.

Visit www.ignitedretreat.com for retreat information and registration. Teens won't want to miss this epic weekend!

Prayer support is very important for the success of this retreat. Please pray for the teens who will be attending and all those who are involved in preparing for Ignited.

RSVP with the number of people who will be praying to Kathleen Fogarty, fogartykd@frontier.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MONROEVILLE STUDENTS RALLY FOR SCHOOL CHOICE



BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In addition to National Catholic Schools Week, parents, students and staff from St. Joseph School and community leaders hosted Painting Monroeville Yellow celebrating National School Choice Week. On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 29, Principal Stanley Liponoga led students, donned in yellow scarves, through the streets of town, spreading the word of school choice and showing support for effective education alternatives for all children. The participants marched from their current school on Mulberry Street to what they hope to be their future facility for the 2013-2014 school year in the former Monroeville Elementary building. There they chose to pop, rather than release, yellow air-filled balloons. Participants raised awareness about private, public and parochial School Choice options. Principal Liponoga stressed, "Parents need to be aware that they have a choice in the State of Indiana. Indiana is leading the way in education reform and it benefits all parents to be able to send their children to the school that is best suited for their education."

St. Augustine Year of Faith speaker asks 'Why be Catholic?'

SOUTH BEND — Dynamic nationally-renown speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers of EWTN will speak at St. Augustine Parish (1501 W. Washington St., South Bend) on the topic "Why Be Catholic?" on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 12:30-2 p.m.

The Notre Dame alumnus will tackle questions like: "Why listen to a Church that makes all of these rules that inhibit my freedom?" and "What's the big deal about being Catholic and why does it matter?" He'll also touch on Divine Revelation and the sacraments.

Although his presentation is free, support is welcome via publication sales and a freewill offering. His presentation will follow St. Augustine's 10:30 a.m. Gospel Choir Mass and an optional pancake breakfast (\$4 admission).

Alliance for Catholic Education to celebrate 20 years with campaign, bus tour

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) is planning a cross-country celebration of Catholic schools that will mark ACE's 20 years of service to underserved children and to the Church's mission of educating hearts and minds.

"Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Schools" is the message that will literally roll out from the Notre Dame campus this fall, when ACE leaders, faculty and staff will travel by bus to events in nearly 50 cities, advancing their mission to sustain, strengthen and transform Catholic schools.

Spanning the 2013-14 academic year, the bus tour will be part of a 20th anniversary campaign highlighting the contributions that Catholic schools make to the rich education landscape in America and to society generally. An ACE-

themed bus will visit communities where ACE has been privileged to send forth faith-filled teachers and school leaders as well as enter into a variety of innovative partnerships since it was founded in 1993 by Holy Cross Fathers Timothy Scully and Sean McGraw.

An array of events are scheduled at Notre Dame and across the country with a specially outfitted tour bus, provided by a generous benefactor that will bring a Notre Dame presence to cities big and small. The bus tour will come home to the Notre Dame campus for events on the weekend of the Notre Dame-Navy football game in early November to commemorate the first ACE recruiting meeting, on Nov. 4, 1993. Those students constituted the "ACE 1" cohort and began their preparation for teaching following their graduation from Notre Dame, in the summer of 1994. The "ACE 20" cohort, consisting of about 90 graduates competitively selected from colleges and universities across the United States, begins its two-year formation experience

this summer.

Segments of the bus tour will continue in spring 2014, and the broader celebration will culminate that summer.

Evening of reflection for medical personnel offered

FORT WAYNE — An evening of reflection for physicians, nurses and other health care workers will be held Friday, March 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 S. Fairfield Ave., in Fort Wayne. The program, sponsored by Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Physicians Guild of Northeast Indiana, will feature Father James Bromwich of the Sons of St. Philip Neri, and chaplain of the Northeast Indiana Catholic Physicians Guild, and includes Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, homily, quiet prayer and petitions — focused on the mission and work of all health care workers. Spouses are welcome.

Woo to speak at Holy Cross College spring business seminar series

NOTRE DAME — Prominent business and community leaders once again bring their success stories to Holy Cross College and the Michiana community. The "Practical Lessons in Success" series highlights community service, finance and government service in a varied program for this spring. The series is free and open to the public.

"The series, after a successful fall program, expands into new areas to provide new perspectives on successful community leaders," notes Brother John Paige, president of Holy Cross College.

"We're fortunate to be able to expand our efforts to national interests as well as local success stories. "Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, leads the series on Feb. 13.

'40 Days for Life' campaign begins Feb. 13

SOUTH BEND — People of all faiths are invited to join in prayer and fasting along with peaceful vigil and community outreach during the 40 Days for Life campaign, which begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, and ends March 24. Prayer will be held at the Prayer Peninsula next to the abortion facility on Ironwood Circle, particularly on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Fridays from noon until 6 p.m., the times when abortions take place. An average 13 innocent babies are aborted per week.

The newly-acquired building on the opposite side of the abortion facility known as the Life Center currently houses the St. Joseph County Right to Life organization and will have the Divine Mercy Chapel completed soon for indoor extended prayer, classrooms for Natural Family Planning, offices for counseling for pre abortive and post-abortive counseling, and the Holy Family Adoption Agency.

Bishop celebrates World Marriage Day Mass

BY DENISE FEDOROW

BRISTOL — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for World Marriage Day at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol on Saturday, Feb. 2.

"It's a pleasure to be back here at St. Mary's in Bristol. It's so beautiful, especially in the snow!" Bishop Rhoades said. He added his thanks to the organizers from the World Wide Marriage Encounter group for inviting him.

The bishop offered up prayers for "strength of marriage in our country and society, and I ask God's special blessing upon all the married couples here and around the world."

Bishop Rhoades also shared with the congregation that Bishop John M. D'Arcy's, bishop emeritus, 56th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood was that day.

World Wide Marriage Encounter is a marriage enrichment program with the emphasis on communication between husband and wife offering a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage.

A young priest in Spain, Father Gabriel Calvo began the program in 1952 when he started offering conferences for married couples. In 1967 a couple and a priest presented the weekend to seven couples and four priests at the University of Notre Dame. By the summer of 1968, 50 couples and 29 priests were presenting weekends all over the U.S.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades said he was delighted that the second reading was St. Paul's hymn to charity in the first letter to the Corinthians — "perfect for World Marriage Day. It is the most popular reading chosen by couples for their wedding ceremonies."

The bishop said to fully grasp the meaning of St. Paul's hymn to love, we must look at the original Greek used — there are several words for love in Greek.

Bishop Rhoades told the congregation that he didn't learn the Greek in seminary but instead learned it as a teen from Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

"It was late 1960s, early '70s and I was watching one of his TV

shows and he spoke of each of the forms of love," he said.

"Eros" is romantic or sexual love, "philia" means the love of friendship "brotherly love," "storge" is parental love, and, lastly, "agape" is the love that Paul is speaking of. Agape means a totally benevolent love, one not tainted by selfishness.

"It is love just for the sake of loving, not seeking any reward or return of the love. The other kinds of love can seek a return or can be tainted by selfishness. It is the word the New Testament uses for God's love for us, the love that is seen and revealed in Jesus' self-gift on the cross."

"When one thinks of St. Paul's description of agape love, one may think it is extremely idealistic. All the traits of love listed by St. Paul are seen in Jesus. So to take on those traits is to imitate Christ, to become more like Him. We shouldn't consider St. Paul's description of love as so idealistic that it is beyond us, but it is not something we can attain on our own power," he said. "Agape love is God's gift to us. How else could we love our enemies as Jesus commands us?"

"If you love someone with agape, you will never cease to love them. That is why the Church seals a couple's love with Christ's Divine love (agape love) in the sacrament of Marriage. With this love, we experience the peace of Jesus at the deepest level of our souls. This is divine love. It doesn't destroy romantic or friendship love, but it purifies, protects and empowers these human forms of love."

The bishop thanked the married couples present and reminded them that it is important that they renew the "yes" of their wedding every day, relying on the strength that comes from the sacrament.

"The vocation to love is a wonderful thing, the only force that can truly transform the world. Your family becomes a true domestic Church when Christ is at the center of your marriage and when His love animates your relationship," Bishop Rhoades said.

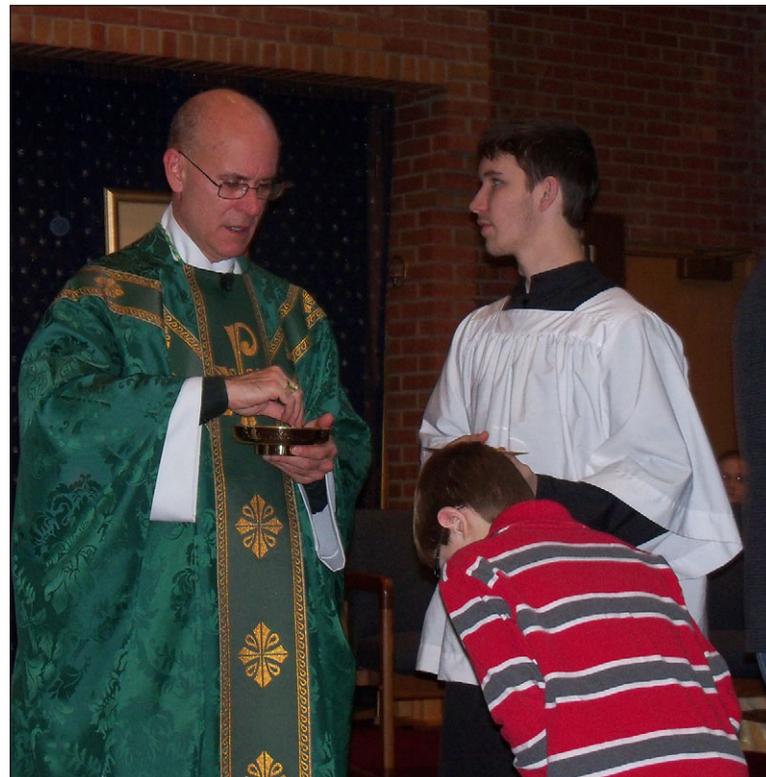
After the Mass the bishop joined about 30 couples at Das Dutchman Essenhaus for dinner. Two of those couples were Steve

Upcoming local weekends will be held in Elkhart March 8-10 and in Fort Wayne April 12-14. Contact Greg and Norma Germann at (574) 287-6432.

and Jan Zavodny, parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne, and Tony and Janine Brown of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne.

The Browns have been involved in Worldwide Marriage Encounter since 1996, "and it was truly life-changing experience," Tony said. The Browns are presenters and are training the Zavodnys to be presenters, too.

The Zavodnys have been involved since 1998 and wish "to try and help couples enrich their marriages — you can always make a good marriage better," Jan said.



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A young man receives Holy Communion from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Mary the Annunciation, Bristol. The bishop celebrated Mass at St. Mary's on Feb. 2 — World Marriage Day.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses in front of statues of the Holy Family at St. Mary the Annunciation, Bristol, with two couples involved in the World Wide Marriage Encounter program. From left are Steve Zavodny and his wife Jan, Bishop Rhoades, Janine Brown and her husband Tony. The couples are both from Fort Wayne.

Defend traditional family, rights of others, archbishop says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the Catholic Church opposes legal sanctions against homosexuality and favors legal protections for unmarried people living together, it must defend traditional marriage for the good of society, said the president of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, council president, said the Catholic Church affirms "the equal dignity of every child of God. No one lacks

the dignity of being a child of God, so that is untouchable."

While the Church opposes recognizing gay unions as "marriage," he said, it affirms the full dignity of homosexual men and women. "If a country outlawed homosexuality, I would work to overturn it," he said, adding that he believed there are still "20 or 25 countries" that define homosexuality as a crime.

Archbishop Paglia also called for greater efforts to ensure legal protection and inheritance rights for people who are living together, but not married. "To promote justice and to protect the weak," he said, legal means must be found to guarantee rights

and regulate inheritance.

"But do not call it marriage," he said.

As an increasing number of states and nations move toward recognizing same-sex unions, he said Western societies "risk making decisions, which can have consequences" that people haven't thought about.

"Will the words 'mother' and 'father' disappear from our vocabulary in favor of 'Parent A' and 'Parent B'?" he asked, referring to gay couples and their children. "With millions of only children, will the words 'brother' and 'sister' still have any meaning?"

Meeting journalists at the Vatican Feb. 4, Archbishop Paglia presented several of his council's planned activities for 2013, including coordination of the Oct. 26-27 international Pilgrimage of Families to the Vatican for the Year of Faith.

While the formal enrollment process for the pilgrimage hasn't opened, he said families interested in participating can send an email to roma2013@family.va to request more information.

Archbishop Paglia said those interested in the good of the human person should rejoice over one of the key evolutions in the understanding of marriage over the cen-

turies: the recognition that the union must be based on love between the spouses.

However, he said, "the family is not just about affection." Marriage and true family life also must include the potential to generate new life, to educate children as good human beings and good citizens and to care for the weak.

"Democracy needs solid and stable families," he said. The sharing, caring and sacrificing people learn in their families are what spurs them to extend their defense of the rights of others to the social and political realm, and to protect and care for weaker members of society.

The order of perfection, charity

Those who desire to grow in sanctity in accord with their baptismal vocation to holiness of life often imagine their progress in terms of what might be called the order of perfection: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect," Jesus clearly taught (Mt 5:48). And certainly from one perspective, this is both faithful to the Gospel and noble in intention.

However, the inherent perils of seeing one's progress in terms of the order of perfection are twofold: first, in this age (as Augustine reminds us) we will battle sin and temptation until we draw our last breath, and we will ultimately be unable to reach the kind of perfection to which we are called (if by that we mean an actualized and abiding sinlessness); that will be the gift bestowed upon us in the age to come; second, we can unwittingly begin to envision our progress in terms of fulfilling obligations, checking boxes, completing a

list of imagined accomplishments. And, at the end of each day, it will be painfully obvious that we have not made nearly the progress we would like.

Frustration and despondency (the bane of the spiritual life, what the Catholic spiritual tradition often calls "acedie") can often attend such an examination of conscience, and we can drive ourselves into a kind of perfectionism, which simply induces further frustration, because the perfection we rather unrealistically desire seems always to elude our grasp.

It might be more fruitful to change our model or paradigm of the progress we desire. Perhaps rather than operating within the order of perfection, we might consider re-envisioning our life in terms of the order of charity. Now, it should be made immediately clear that we are actually speaking of the same life, the same desire, the same progress.

GUEST COMMENTARY

MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

However, in changing the paradigm, in re-crafting the way we conceive of the progress we desire, by recalibrating the standard from the goal or end as perfection to charity as the end, we may find it much easier to make progress without the angst of a kind of works-righteousness perfectionism that can dog us as we make our way toward heaven.

If we stop thinking of "perfection" as the goal and begin to see charity, the love of God poured into

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God calls us to the work of salvation



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 5:1-11

The Book of Isaiah is the source of the first reading this weekend. Written before the Babylonian conquest, this prophecy was composed when, relatively speaking, and with some qualification, the southern kingdom of the Hebrews was tranquil and prosperous.

Nevertheless, Isaiah felt that he was called by God to confront the people about their infidelity to God or at least their lukewarmness in responding to their role as God's special people. The story, told in this reading, conveys by its drama and bluntness the totality required in Isaiah's willingness to answer the divine calling to be a prophet.

Here, in this reading, Isaiah displays the fervor and power that are typical of the writing in all three sections of this ancient book.

Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the next reading. Paul recalls the death of Jesus and then the Lord's Resurrection, giving the details that Peter, whom Paul calls "Cephas," using the Greek term, saw Jesus after the Resurrection, that James saw Jesus, and that even 500 of those who believed in the Gospel saw the risen Lord. The reading also is

autobiographical. Paul declares that he himself is an Apostle, having been called by the Lord. However, he calls himself "least" among the Apostles, since he, unlike the others, once persecuted Christ living in the community of Christians.

Still, God called him. Unrestrained by this sense of personal unworthiness, Paul wholeheartedly responds to this calling. He is God's instrument. Through him, God works the plan of redemption and mercy.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. This particular passage shows the fine literary hand at work in the composition of the Gospel of Luke, and by extension the other Gospels. Here Luke uses the Gospel of Mark as a source, but then he adds details drawn from a source also used by John.

Of course, Jesus is the central figure in the story. But, the next most important figure is Peter. A fisherman, along with his brother, Andrew, both of them living in Capernaum, Peter was in his boat on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus embarked. The Lord began to preach to the people assembled on the shore.

Then Jesus told Peter to row into deeper water and lower the nets into the water. Peter mildly protests, saying that he and his associates have been fishing all night, but with no success.

Nonetheless, Peter does as told. The result is that the nets are so filled with fish that Peter and his companions have difficulty in pulling the nets aboard.

Humbly, aware of the Lord's power, Peter confesses his own sinfulness. Jesus sweeps beyond this admission, recognizing Peter's faith instead, and calling Peter thereafter to fish for souls.

Reflection

For weeks, actually since Christmas, the Church has been introducing us, as it were, to Jesus. The great feasts of the Epiphany and of the Baptism of the Lord told us about Jesus.

Now, subtly but firmly, the Church urges us to respond to this entry of Jesus into our consciousness. How shall we respond?

The Church answers the question by putting before us three great figures in the tradition of holiness, Isaiah, followed by Paul, and then finally Peter.

Each manifests his unworthiness to be a part of the great and divine mission of salvation. Yet, fully realizing this unworthiness, God calls them each to a particular task.

Each person who hears the word of Christ, and is healed and strengthened by Christ's life in grace, has a holy task. Each believer has a role to play in the work of salvation, beginning with his or her personal salvation. Everyone is unworthy. Nevertheless, God calls us and will give us all that truly is needed to be a disciple.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday:
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 2 Cor
5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32

CRS Rice Bowl

GUEST COMMENTARY

MELISSA WHEELER

"For Lent, For Life. What you give up for Lent changes lives." This is the theme that sets the stage for Lenten commitments to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. During this Year of Faith, we are asked to renew our spirituality and deepen our faith in Christ. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl gives us all a beautiful opportunity to pray, fast and give alms in ways that can change lives.

Prayer: We pray for others in the global Church. We reflect on what type of person God calls us to be, and we ask for His guidance in living up to our potential.

Fasting: We fast, or give things up, as a reminder to remove things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with God. Fasting also reminds us of those who experience hunger.

Giving: We give alms with a spirit of generosity to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbors.

Rice Bowl is a tradition of CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States and is active in more than 100 countries worldwide helping more than 100 million of the world's poorest people. Five of these countries are highlighted throughout Lent.

- **Week one:** Improving agriculture in Burkina Faso

- **Week two:** Stopping tuberculosis in East Timor

- **Week three:** Early childhood education in Lesotho

- **Week four:** Fostering savings in the Dominican Republic

- **Week five:** Providing clean water in Pakistan

During week six of Lent, Rice Bowl highlights the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., and the work they have done helping those in need with contributions from CRS Rice Bowl. Seventy-five percent of contributions help the poor and vulnerable outside our country, while 25 percent of contributions address local hunger and poverty issues within our diocese.

CRS Rice Bowl is a great opportunity to learn more about Catholic social teaching by focusing on themes each week of Lent.

- **Week one:** Option for the poor. We have the obligation to reach out to those most in need.

- **Week two:** Community and participation. How we participate in our families and communities, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

- **Week three:** Rights and responsibilities. We must take responsibility to protect the rights of all people.

- **Week four:** Dignity of work and rights of workers. The opportunity to work and earn a living is a right of all people.

- **Week five:** Care for God's creation. Through protecting the

environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given to us.

All of us can actively participate in CRS Rice Bowl. Priests, parish and school leaders, individuals and families can incorporate the four components of the program — prayer, fasting, learning and giving — into their Lenten observances. This year CRS has developed new resources to engage us in their work throughout Lent.

Families and individuals, please take a free Rice Bowl when they are offered in your parish. Each Rice Bowl comes with a spiritual guide that provides weekly activities for you and your family to connect your fasting and almsgiving to the stories of our brothers and sisters in need. You can also try some recipes from the featured countries and participate in Rice Bowl online by registering at crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org (Spanish) to receive weekly reflections via email. The website provides an online giving option.

Parish resources offered include homily notes, bulletin announcements, Prayers of the Faithful, Stations of the Cross, Lenten soup supper activities and more, to bring the program into all aspects of the parish Lenten observance.

Schools and religious education programs resources include lesson plans for grades 1-12, videos and additional online resources to use in the classroom.

To order free materials for CRS Rice Bowl, visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org, or call (800) 222-0025. Resources are available in both English and Spanish. For more information about Catholic Relief Services and the CRS Rice Bowl program contact Melissa Wheeler at mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com or (260) 496-4700, ext. 323.

The marriage debate III — The nature of things

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago is, arguably, the most intellectually accomplished bishop in the history of the American episcopate. Earlier this year, when the Illinois legislature began to consider changing state law to “accommodate those of the same sex who wish to ‘marry’ one another” (as the cardinal put it), Professor Dr. George gave the readers of his column in the Chicago archdiocesan newspaper a lesson in metaphysics—and, I suspect, a high-voltage intellectual jolt:

“Sexual relations between a man and a woman are naturally and necessarily different from sexual relations between same-sex partners. This truth is part of the common sense of the human race. It was true before the existence of either Church or State, and it will continue to be true when there is no State of Illinois and no United States of America. A proposal to change this truth about marriage in civil law is less a threat to religion than it is an affront to human reason and the common good of society. It means we are all to pretend to accept something we know is physically impossible. The Legislature might just as well repeal the law of gravity.”

The crucial term here is “naturally.” And if people were shocked by the cardinal’s suggestion that a same-sex “marriage” law would be as fatuous as a statute repealing the law of gravity, it’s because our philosophically-challenged culture has lost any grip on what “nature” means, beyond that physical world we venerate through such civic rituals as recycling.

There is little sense of the given-

ness of things, in the 21st-century postmodern West. And where there is no culturally-affirmed conviction that some realities simply are, there will be a parallel intuition that everything is fungible, plastic, malleable: anything can be changed by an act of will. The legal ne plus ultra of this cultural phenomenon came in 2007, when the Spanish government allowed Juan to become Juanita on his/her national identity card by simply declaring (absent any surgical alteration) that he was now she. Cardinal George was suggesting, correctly in my view, that same-sex “marriage” is the same, essentially incoherent denial of givenness manifest in Spain’s Law 3/2007.

In his Christmas address to the Roman Curia last December, Pope Benedict XVI raised similar issues. We deplore the “manipulation of nature” today “where our environment is concerned,” the pope noted; but when it comes to human affairs, human “nature” has become a matter of our “choice.” Which means that we no longer experience ourselves as unique composites of matter and spirit. The “matter” of our humanness is mere ephemera; we are merely, as Pope Benedict put it, “spirit and will.”

Who are the big losers, the pope asked, when societies and cultures lose their grip on the reality that “man and women are complementary versions of what it means to be human?” The family is certainly a loser: for if there is no “duality of man and women” that is accepted as the Way Things Are, than “neither is the family any longer a reality” established by anything other than our willfulness.

frame of reference, so to speak, will make us better or more devout folks in itself, but rather we will keep first things first: love is the measure. And since love is a gift, we need only ask if from Him. He is more generous than we realize, and this liberates us from the nonsensical effort of trying to manufacture it from within by a sheer act of our own will.

If sin (also following Augustine) is less a “something” in us, and more an “absence,” distortion, or damage of some good within or about us, and further if our focus becomes deepening charity within us, the gift of divine charity fills us, including the crevices hewn in us by sin, those “absences” carved out by disordered self-love, and by the power of charity’s own “presence” and energy force out (or rather, fill in) all that is dark and shadowy and correct all that is distorted and disordered.

In short, the more we are filled with divine charity, the less “room,” so to speak, there will be for sin in us. So rather than imagining our conversion or purification principally as a matter of “rooting out” or removing this or that vice, sin or disordered desire, perhaps we might do better to imagine conversion as the increase in us of charity. (And it is precisely this which marks, according



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

The biggest losers, though, are children, the pope argued. If children are simply a lifestyle choice in a “family” that is nothing other than a willed arrangement for mutual convenience, children lose their rightful place and their rightful dignity. Citing the chief rabbi of France, Gilles Bernheim, Benedict argued that children are, in this bizarre new world, no longer the subject of rights. Rather, “the child has become an object to which people have a right and which they have a right to obtain.” The freedom to be creative, which finds its most awesome expression in procreation, has been reduced to the freedom to create myself, however I imagine myself to be.

The marriage debate is thus about more than the legal definition of marriage, although that is serious enough. It’s a debate about whether there are any givens in the human condition, or whether willfulness and self-assertion trump reality at every point. If they do, what happens to democracies built on self-evident truths?

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to a clarifying document produced by the International Theological Commission in 1991 under the leadership of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, the experience of purgatory — an increase in the capacity to love is what purgation looks like; if you doubt this assertion, think for a moment about how hard it is to pray for the good of someone whom you cannot stand. There’s the proof that growing in charity can at times be painful.)

In our desire to live each moment of the day animated by divine charity we will of course also fall short; the change in our paradigm will not result in our necessarily being more “perfect,” but it will perhaps better orient us on the way. By paying greater attention to charity at work in and through us, and fretting less about our own relative perfection (which can come to be viewed as a commodity we manage), we can be liberated from false hopes rooted in our own accomplishments, the freer to accept and then extend to others the divine charity, the love God has revealed to us fully and completely in Jesus, His Son.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 10, 2013

Luke 5: 1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the message of the full net of fish. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

STANDING
FISHERMEN
PUT OUT
SPEAKING
ALL NIGHT
PETER
JAMES

THE LAKE
NET
SAT DOWN
SIMON
PARTNERS
KNEES
SONS

GENNESARET
ASKED
TAUGHT
THE DEEP
BOAT
SINFUL
FOLLOWED

AT HIS KNEES

N A N A S P E A K I N G
P G E L L A T S I M O N
E P E T E R A S T E N I
E J O N K T O K N J O D
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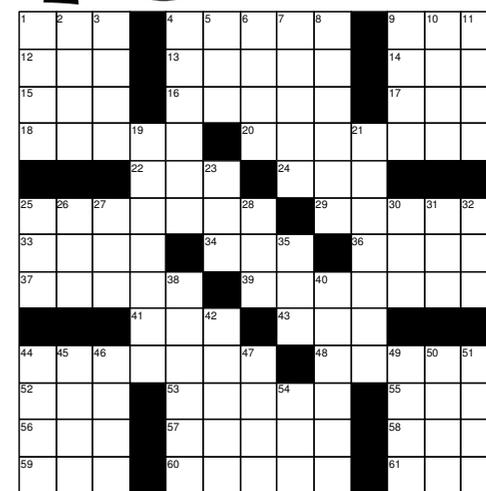
our hearts by the Holy Spirit, as the operative virtue in our sanctification, immediately this should shift our frame of reference from ourselves and our meager abilities to what God has already given us in Christ, His Son, and desires to share ever more fully with us. No doubt the degree to which we grow in charity is indeed the degree to which we grow in perfection, but casting our progress in terms of charity makes us realize that it is Christ living in us, principally (but not exclusively) in and through the sacramental life, who engenders His charity within us; it will become less and less about ourselves and our achievements (or, more often, bumbings and failings).

If we spring from bed each morning with the desire to love as God loves, to live each moment of the day animated by divine charity (and of course all charity is divine in that it begins with God’s gift, grace, rather than merely our self-discipline and willpower), we might find ourselves making better progress. Not, of course, that simply shifting our

The CrossWord

February 3 and 10, 2013

60 Does on Seventh Day
61 “_ and you shall receive”



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30 and Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

ACROSS

- 1 Bible’s terebinth
- 4 Anxiety
- 9 Scottish prefix
- 12 Abraham did to Isaac
- 13 Jesus’ spoke graciously
- 14 Spanish “one”
- 15 _ and downs
- 16 Lazy person
- 17 Central nervous system
- 18 Abraham’s son
- 20 Jeremiah
- 22 Tree fruit
- 24 Compass point
- 25 Find Lot’s wife here
- 29 Wipe off

- 33 Volcano
- 34 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 36 Hello! (Ital.)
- 37 ___ State University
- 39 Moving to
- 41 Thai
- 43 Zero
- 44 Lands of an estate
- 48 Rationalism
- 52 Flurry
- 53 Type of dance
- 55 Jesus had to, for us
- 56 Extra
- 57 Given by Creator
- 58 East northeast
- 59 Did at Last Supper

DOWN

- 1 Decorative needle case
- 2 Angel touched ember to
- 3 Plateau
- 4 Legal “Friend of”
- 5 Cain fled here
- 6 Swig
- 7 The Father often painted as
- 8 God was seated on
- 9 A lot of 52 Across
- 10 Mary’s mother
- 11 Purchase amount
- 19 Moderate tempo (music)
- 21 Tightly woven cotton
- 23 Beverage
- 25 “Send down your Spirit like the _-fall”
- 26 Airport abbr.
- 27 Whichever
- 28 Actor does
- 30 Sky
- 31 As the Sorrowful Mother is
- 32 Aurora
- 35 Joseph’s boy
- 38 Paschal holiday
- 40 Many women were in Israel
- 42 Silly
- 44 Information
- 45 Rewrite
- 46 Pout
- 47 Ceases
- 49 Belief
- 50 Christ died for our ___
- 51 Shall inherit the earth
- 54 Received

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER WRESTLING TEAM HOSTS CYO WRESTLING CAMP The Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Team will host a CYO Wrestling Camp March 4-15 and conclude with the CYO/South Bend tournament held at Marian High School on Saturday, March 16. All boys in grades 1-8 are welcome to participate. Camp for grades 1-4 will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and grades 5-8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Registration will be on the first night, March 4, at Bishop Dwenger. Cost is \$20 payable to John Tone. Please contact John Tone for information at (260) 496-4701 or jtone2@comcast.net.

St. Vincent wins Gold league matchup

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Superbowl was not the only big game played over the week-end. The eighth-grade boys' teams from St. Vincent and St. Charles matched up in a classic Gold League Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) "battle of the unbeaten."

Like each time they have met over the past four years, the game proved to be a defensive showdown. The two teams have gone head to head several times since the fifth grade. This time it was St. Vincent who came out on top by a score of 29-20. Final league standings and tournament seedings will be determined after next weekend when the Cardinals face St. Joseph, Decatur, and St. Vincent squares off against St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth in the last week of the CYO regular season.

In girls' seventh-grade action, Coach Steve Pepe's Raiders remained unbeaten in league play as St. John, New Haven, downed St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 32-24, while the Panthers from St. Vincent won two close ones over

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and St. Joseph, Decatur, last week, 32-31 and 29-25.

In the victory over St. John, Fort Wayne, Kennedy O'Boyle scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds as the Panthers came from behind in the fourth quarter. Winnie O'Brien chipped in five steals and four assists, while Victoria Cooper added three assists and eight boards.

In the St. Joseph, Decatur, matchup, St. Vincent guard Brooke Kumfer had her best game of the season with eight points and five rebounds. Kumfer nailed two clutch free throws late in the fourth to seal the victory. O'Boyle added nine points, 12 rebounds and a season-high seven steals for the Panthers. The Panthers are now 10-10 and will face the Raiders in their final regular season game this weekend.

At the free throw line, Grand

Knight, Bruce Cadwell, St. Vincent Council 11353, reported winners from the Knights of Columbus district contest on Sunday, Feb. 3. Advancing to the regional competition in the

boys' group will be Joseph Sarrazine (10) from St. Vincent, Will Oberley (13) from St. Louis Academy and Ben Reidy (11), Bobby Lomow (13) and Luke Reidy (14), all from St. John, New Haven.

For the girls' division, Maggie Castleman (10) and Grace Castleman (13) from St. Louis Academy, Lucy Wagner (11) from St. Vincent and Tina Kindler (12) from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, will move on. Top shooters for both boys and girls were the 13 year olds with Castleman making 16-25 and Lomow sinking 19-25.



In final week of regular season, ICCL's Lions look towards coveted crown

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — The final weekend of the Inter-City Catholic League season had a school trying to earn their first ever varsity basketball championship and another focused on being the spoiler.

The Lions of St. Pius X were holding on to the league tiebreaker as they squared off against a west side foe, the Trojans of Holy Family at Saint Joseph High School.

The Lions had treated the league like opposing gladiators in the coliseum as they devoured their schedule with the exception of a hiccup in week two against St. Matthew. Since then it has been all green and gold.

The Holy Family contingency had been a promising team that would fight and scrape against all comers. They also boasted a couple of solid big men in Will Jeffers and Mark Mayfield.

The game started off with the meticulous offense of the Lions

and the stingy defensive press that set the stage for a 14-5 first quarter. The Trojans had their opportunities, but the basket seemed to shrink a couple of sizes every time the ball was shot in its direction.

The Lions of St. Pius not only assembled a trio of formidable post players in Trent Stoner, Walter Ellis and Brian Gursky, but during the second stanza, the three point shooters of Tony Carmola, Zack Lattimer and Reece Jackowiak threw it in from beyond the arch and stretched the lead to 32-13 heading to intermission.

Opening of the second half would not be good for the Trojans as their coach under his breath commented, "sleepwalking is one word, no hyphen," as the Lions aggressive play pushed the margin to 29 points within the first two-and-a-half minutes.

A Trojan time out, a wake up call, gutsy play and a 10-2 run of



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Pope calls for protection of life, greater investment in families

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for greater investment in families and protecting life.

As the Italian Catholic Church marked Day for Life Feb. 3, the pope used his Sunday Angelus address to echo the Italian bishops' call "to invest in life and the family, also as an effective response" to the current economic crisis.

He greeted the Berlin-based Movement for Life and praised the European-wide initiative, "One of Us," "so that Europe may always be a place where every human being is protected in his dignity."

The "One of Us" movement is collecting signatures in EU countries to push the European Commission to propose legal protections of human life from conception to its natural end.

The pope also greeted the faculty of the University of Rome's college of medicine, encouraging them, especially professors of obstetrics and gynecology, "to

educate health workers in the culture of life."

He said Jesus came to the world, not to build or achieve human consensus, but "to testify to the truth."

"The true prophet doesn't obey anyone else but God and puts himself at the service of truth, ready to pay personally," he said.

He said Jesus was a prophet of love and truth, which are "two names for the same thing, two names of God."

— Carol Glatz

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their own powered by forward Justin Groves cut the margin to 47-26 with just six minutes standing between St. Pius X and the coveted crown.

Despite the tough and hard-nosed play of the Trojans, the Lions stayed true to their game plan and fundamentally closed out the game, 53-38, placing them on top of the league entering the tournament.

"We have been focusing our practices on working hard playing together as a team," commented St. Pius X head coach, Brian Stawski. "I think that we have a number of kids that can play high school basketball and we are working through some motion offense to get them ready for that level."

"As for the ICCL tournament, there are some very good teams in the league and you can't take anyone for granted," added Stawski. "Christ the King, St. Matthew and St. Thomas are just a few that are very dangerous and have put together nice seasons."

Christ the King was looking for the upset of St. Pius (the Lions held the head to head tie breaker) as they closed out their season with an identical record by dispatching Queen of Peace, 40-27, behind the double-digit scoring efforts of Michael Minion and Hunter West.

St. Thomas upended St. Joseph, 44-42, on Saturday and completed the weekend sweep by more than doubling the Falcons of St. Jude, 49-21.

Holy Cross was not as fortunate as they played three games losing to Mishawaka Catholic, 37-25, Corpus Christi, 40-22, and then their finale, 39-8, versus the Eagles of St. Joseph.

Justin DeClark led the Blazers of St. Matthew with 11 points and a 31-22 victory over the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary.

Brad Powers and the Cougars of Corpus Christi knocked off the Panthers of St. Anthony, 49-28, to close out the regular season.

A complete post-season schedule will be posted on the web site at www.icclsports.org.

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Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Celebration
South Bend — St. Augustine Parish will have a Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday celebration Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Community Room, 1501 W. Washington St., from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 4-10. Call Pat at (574) 259-8156 or Nora at (574) 234-3502. Door prizes. Menu will include gumbo, dirty rice, jambalaya and other New Orleans cuisine.

Notre Dame Smoker planned
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Notre Dame Smoker will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food, drinks, casino and Notre Dame Players will be present. Admission is \$20 presale or \$25 day of event. Stag only. Tickets available at door.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have pancake breakfasts Sunday, Feb. 10, and March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$6, children 6-10 \$3.

Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 15, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Knights plan fish fries
Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have fish fries Friday, Feb. 15, March 8 and 22, from 4-7 p.m. in the St. Pius X gymnasium. Adults \$8, children 6-11 \$4 and children under 6 free.

Movie 'October Baby' to be shown
Elkhart — The movie "October Baby," will be shown Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave. Free and sponsored by Holy Innocents of Elkhart County and Knights of Columbus. Snacks provided.

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Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter on the Year of Faith is planned for Sunday, Feb. 10, at 7:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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sinner to Himself through the merits of the Cross.

A guide to make a good Confession is located at right.

How to make a good Confession

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation.

We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We seek healing and forgiveness through repentance and a resolve to sin no more.

Then we review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words, and actions for that which did not conform to God's command to love him and one another through his laws and the laws of his Church.

This is called an examination of conscience.

To make an examination of conscience:

- Begin with a prayer asking for God's help.
- Review your life with the help of some questions, which are based on the Ten Commandments
- Tell God how truly sorry you are for your sins.
- Make a firm resolution not to sin again.

The Light Is On For You materials provide the following examination of conscience.



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Father Rob Trujillo of Epiphany Church in Lake City, Fla., hears a young man's confession during a pro-life gathering at the Verizon Center in Washington in 2012.

Examination of conscience

Recall your sins. Prayerfully ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's and the Church's commandments.

Do I pray to God every day? Have I thanked God for His gifts to me?

Did I put my faith in danger through readings contrary to Catholic teachings or involvement in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices: palm reading or fortune-telling?

Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?

Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?

Did I disobey my parents and lawful superiors in important matters?

Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful?

Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?

Did I consent to, recommend, advise or actively take part in an abortion?

Did I willfully look at pornography, entertain impure thoughts, or engage in impure conversations or actions? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?

Was I unfaithful to my spouse? Did I engage in sexual activity outside of marriage?

Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest and just in my business relations?

Have I been responsive to the needs of the poor and respected the dignity of others?

Did I tell lies? Did I sin by calumny, or detraction, of others? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?

How to Go to Confession...

1 PREPARATION:
Before going to Confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you — in your thoughts, words and actions — neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

2 GREETING:
The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:
Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin with these or similar words:

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (give days, months, or years) since my last Confession."

4 CONFESSION:
Confess all your sins to the priest.

If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

5 PENANCE:
The priest will propose an act of penance.

The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION:
After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

7 ABSOLUTION:
The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."

8 PRAISE:
The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).

9 DISMISSAL:
The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

MARIAN PROCESSION AT YOUTH RETREAT



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Seventy-five teens gathered at Fort Wayne's Our Lady of the Angels Oratory on Dec. 1 as part of a teen retreat titled, "Fatima's Call to Youth." The day included First Saturday devotions, talks about the Fatima message and a Marian procession. The event was organized by the Franciscan Brothers Minor and the Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

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