Mourners pay tribute to beloved Bishop D’Arcy

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne was overflowing with family, friends, dignitaries, Catholics and non-Catholics alike from across the area mourning the death of the man who had shepherded them in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for nearly 25 years as bishop. The noon Funeral Mass for Bishop John M. D’Arcy on Feb. 8 was the culmination of the three-day funeral service event for the beloved bishop that began in South Bend on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at St. Matthew Cathedral.

Bishop D’Arcy, who was diagnosed with a rare form of lung/brain cancer over the Christmas holiday in his hometown of Brighton, Mass., at the age of 80, died Feb. 3, the 56th anniversary of his first Mass.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the funeral Mass of Bishop John M. D’Arcy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Feb. 8.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Saying he no longer has the strength to exercise ministry over the universal Church, Pope Benedict XVI announced Feb. 11 that he would be resigning at the end of the month after an eight-year pontificate.

“Af¬ter having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry,” the pope told cardinals gathered for an ordinary public consistory to approve the canonization of new saints.

Pope Benedict, who was elected pope in April 2005, will be the first pope to resign in more than 600 years. Even though the announcement had caught almost everybody by surprise, it was not a snap decision, but rather one that “had matured over the past few months,” Father Lombardi said.

The pope made his announce¬ment in Latin from a pre-written text during a morning ordinary public consistory where a large number of cardinals were present.

When he delivered his announcement, the pope seemed “composed, concentrated” and read “in a solemn manner” in keeping with the importance of what he was saying, Father Lombardi said.

Fulfilling the canonical require¬ment, Pope Benedict solemnly declared to the cardinals, “Well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter, entrusted to me by the cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00

BY CAROL GLATZ AND CINDY WOODEN

Pope Benedict XVI to resign
‘A man of God, a holy bishop’

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

(By Remarks of Bishop Rhoades at Funeral Mass of Bishop John M. D’Arcy)

I’m going to follow my beloved predecessor’s example. At this point after Bishop D’Arcy’s death, it’s often hard to give up and say “you’re now getting two homilies for the price of one!” This really isn’t a second homily. Monsignor Heintz already preached a beautiful homily. Thank you, Monsignor Mike! On behalf of the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and sincere sympathy, our love and prayers, to Bishop D’Arcy’s sisters, Sister Anne and Joan, Joan’s husband Hugh and their children Darcy, John, and Adam, and Bishop D’Arcy’s niece Jacinta. Sister Anne and Joan, 28 years ago your brother left home to follow the Lord’s call to serve as a shepherd here in Indiana. We are so very thankful for this gift from the Lord and for the loving sacrifice this required of your family and of Bishop D’Arcy’s many friends in Boston. We pray that you and your family will now reunite with your beloved parents and sister Mary in the communion of saints in heaven.

I wish to extend deep gratitude to the communities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the tremendous outpouring of love, support, and prayers during these days. I thank the bishops who are here today; your presence brings us much consolation. I thank all the priests who are concelebrating this Mass, many ordained by Bishop D’Arcy, the many religious sisters and brothers, our deacons and seminarians, and all our wonderful lay people here to pray for our beloved Bishop Emeritus.

I wish to extend particular gratitude to Mother and Deacon Schott, Bishop D’Arcy’s administrative assistant, who took such beautiful care of Bishop D’Arcy during these final weeks of his life and served him and our diocese with such great devotion for many years. And to Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, who faithfully served for many years as Bishop D’Arcy’s liturgical master of ceremonies.

I wish to share with you now a message I received this week from the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone:

The Holy Father was saddened to learn of the death of the Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy, Bishop Emeritus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and he sends prayerful condolences to all the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese. He joins those gathered for the solemn funeral rite in commending Bishop D’Arcy’s soul to our Heavenly Father’s merciful love. Mindful of the deceased’s long and devoted ministry as priest and bishop, His Holiness prays that the bishop’s memory will inspire the community he served to respond even more generously to the call to proclaim the Gospel through lives of faithful discipleship. As a pledge of spiritual strength and comfort, the Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all who mourn in the hope of resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. We will all miss Bishop D’Arcy. He touched all of us in manifold ways. Personally, I will deeply miss Bishop D’Arcy’s friendship, his wise counsel, and his generous help in ministering throughout our diocese during his retirement. When I first came to Fort Wayne three years ago, Bishop D’Arcy shared many things with me. At one point, he shared with me his avid support for the Boston Red Sox. I will never forget the look on his face when I told him rather sheepishly that I was a New York Yankees fan. I thought: there goes our relationship! But after the initial shock that his successor was a Yankees fan, he welcomed me with the warmest kindness.

In his homily, Monsignor Heintz mentioned Bishop D’Arcy’s fondness for writing memos. I received many of the past three years! Bishop D’Arcy kindly shared with me his insights on various diocesan matters, on parishes, schools, etc. He was eager to help me to get to know the diocese. A week before he died, Bishop D’Arcy sent me a three-page memo on Bishop Luers High School since he knew I was visiting there the next day. I couldn’t believe it, a week before he died Bishop D’Arcy was still writing memos! But it showed his loving concern for the flock that had been entrusted to his pastoral care continued until the end.

When a priest is ordained a bishop, he receives three symbols of his episcopal office after his head is anointed with the holy chrism: a ring, a miter, and a crosier. Msgr. Heintz spoke about the bishop’s ring. The ordaining bishop places the ring on the newly ordained bishop’s ring finger of the right hand and says: “Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church.” Bishop D’Arcy’s fidelity to his spouse, the Church, was unfailing. He loved the people of this diocese with all his heart and poured out his life in self-giving service of his spouse, in imitation of Jesus, the Bridegroom who gave his life for His Bride, the Church. During these past several weeks, Bishop D’Arcy told me often he was offering his prayers and sufferings for the people of our diocese.

At an episcopal ordination, the ordaining bishop gives the crosier to the newly ordained bishop and says: “Receive the crosier, the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock in which the holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God.” With courage and love, Bishop D’Arcy kept watch as a good shepherd over this flock in the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He sought the glory of God and the salvation of souls. He was unfazed to teach the saving truth of the Gospel. He made decisions prayerfully, not seeking personal popularity, but seeking to do the will of God.

The ordaining bishop also places the miter on the head of the newly ordained bishop, saying: “Receive the miter, and may the splendor of holiness shine forth in you, so that when the chief shepherd appears you may deserve to receive from him an unfading crown of glory.” Bishop D’Arcy was truly “a man of God,” a holy bishop. May he now receive from the Lord, not another miter, but an unfading crown of glory among the saints in heaven!

I wish to conclude with words that Bishop D’Arcy would often say at the end of a funeral homily: “Safe home, John, safe home.”
On the announcement of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI

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Early this morning, we heard the news that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, will resign from his duties as Pope on February 28th. In prayer, our Holy Father discerned that due to his “advanced age” and “diminished strength,” he has freely decided to resign and to serve the Church in the future “through a life dedicated to prayer.”

The Church and the world have been greatly blessed by the extraordinary ministry and beautiful teachings of Pope Benedict these past nearly eight years. In His providential care, the Lord blessed us with a great shepherd. Amid the sadness of today’s news, I am also filled with gratitude for the faithful and fruitful ministry of our beloved Holy Father. I invite all to pray for Pope Benedict, that the Lord will bless him during these days and bestow upon him His abundant grace and peace.

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But most of all, I also pray for the Cardinals as they prepare in the coming weeks to meet in Conclave for the election of a new Successor to the Apostle Peter. I repeat the words of our Holy Father in today’s announcement: “let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and impulse his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff.”

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Pope Benedict XVI’s resignation announcement

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican’s English translation of Pope Benedict XVI’s resignation remarks, delivered in Latin, during an ordinary public consistory to approve the canonization of new saints Feb. 11.

Dear brothers,

I have convoked you to this consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but with less prayer and suffering. However, in today’s world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of bishop of Rome, successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a conclave to elect the new supreme pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

Dear brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the holy Church to the care of our supreme pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and impulse his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the cardinal fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff.

Since I was no longer capable of carrying out my duties, I had the serious obligation to resign. The option of a pope to resign is explicitly written into the Code of Canon Law. It says: “A pope may step down, but stipulates that the decision must be made freely and ‘duly manifested.’ No one needs to formally accept a pope’s resignation for it to be valid.

The last pope to resign was Pope Gregory XII in 1415. Pope Benedict XVI long said it would be appropriate for a pope to resign for the good of the Church if the pontiff felt he were unable to physically bear the burden of the papacy. In his book-length interview, “The Light of the World,” with German journalist Peter Seewald, the pope said, “If a pope clearly realizes that he is no longer physically and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office, then he has a right and, under some circumstances, also an obligation to resign.”

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Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

• Sunday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m. — Rite of Election, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
• Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
• Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5:05 p.m. — Mass and Dinner at Moreau Seminary, University of Notre Dame
• Wednesday, Feb. 20, noon — Luncheon Meeting with Priests of South Bend, St. Hedwig, South Bend
• Thursday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
• Friday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Marian High School, Maysville
• Friday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. — Enshrinement of Relic of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka
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STATEMENT OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

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welcoming in all attendance and offering his gratitude for the many priests and bishops, and dignitaries including U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, several state senators, Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, university presidents including Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, school principals, our Sunday Visitor board members and ecumenical church leaders who came to celebrate the life of Bishop D’Arcy.

As the Mass commenced on that overcast Friday, the sun came out and blazed a beam on the altar of the cathedral just as Bishop Rhodes incensed it, as if the heavens were opening to the celebration. Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, was the homilist for the Funeral Mass. He spoke about how Bishop D’Arcy celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of the Presentation Church in Brighton, Mass., “the church where he had been brought by his immigrant parents for Baptism, where he was plunged into the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising, a mystery that every celebration of the Eucharist makes present and tangible,” Msgr. Heintz said.

“This central act of his daily life as a priest was to format his every duty and pastoral task. Whether at St Mary, Star of the Sea in Beverly, his first assignment, or as a spiritual director at St John’s Seminary in Brighton, as auxiliary and regional bishop in Lowell and, beginning in 1985, as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the center of his priestly life was the Mass, that unparalleled encounter with Christ in Word and Sacrament, the basic contours of which were first manifest to Cleophas and his unnamed companion on the road to Emmaus: a discourse, an opening up the Scriptures, and the breaking of the bread. For two millennia, the triad of dialogue, Word and Eucharist has comprised the pattern of Catholic worship.

Msgr. Heintz recalled the intimate moments Bishop D’Arcy found to be with God. “Prayer, daily, intimate conversation and communion with the Lord Jesus, the heart of the life of any believer, was central to Bishop’s preaching, his work, and his spirituality, and his devotion to spiritual development and parish mission work. How many times, at the end of a long day, would he leave from his office to this beautiful cathedral, he restored, to spend some quiet moments in prayer, alone, in silence, finding here the presence of One of whom he knew loved him, both solace and strength? At the core of his priestly heart was the intimate dialogue with Christ that is the Liturgy.”

He shared a personal encounter with Bishop D’Arcy in his final hours. “On Friday, when I was privileged to celebrate Mass with him at his home, while in his bed, he clutched a crucifix, and numerous times brought it to his lips, renewing his faith, expressing the intimacy he shared with his Crucified Lord. I could only think of St. Paul’s words to the Galatians, now preached by Bishop D’Arcy in a wordless act of love and devotion: ‘I have been crucified with Christ; the life I now live is no longer my own; Christ lives in me.’ That Word became flesh before my eyes, as I witnessed the profound love with which Bishop D’Arcy was bearing his own pain and suffering, and offering it, or more correctly, offering himself, for all of us: for the bishop, priests and people he loved so deeply, so steadfastly.”

He said, ‘But exercising to the end the 'numinous prophetic’ entrusted to the successors of the Apostles, even from his sickbed, Bishop was teaching us, like Blessed John Paul II, the meaning of the Mass, the meaning of our Baptism; he was teaching us how to die. A priest of Jesus Christ to the end, he offered himself back to God and he died with the same love and generosity with which he exercised his ministry.’

After 28 years of serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a priest himself, Msgr. Heintz had observed, “two fundamental traits of his character ... First, he had a profound understanding of and reverence for the office of bishop - rooted in his deep and obvious love for the priesthood — as a sacred, indeed spousal, trust. And second, he was simultaneously and almost singularly devoid of pretense about or ambition for that office.”

He added with a chuckle, “He loved muffins. Maureen would call and say, ‘Bishop would like to see you; he will stop by this morning at such and such a time; and he would love a cup of coffee and a muffin.” And I would hang up and think to myself, ‘Well sure, Bishop. I’ll run right out and pick a couple fresh ones off the muffin tree.’”

Msgr. Heintz spoke of how bishop was “genuinely interested in every person he met: he had an incredible memory for detail and a command of names. He began every discourse with the same three words: ‘Sorry I’m late.’ And he was always the last to leave any gathering or reception; the last car to wheel out of the parking lot after any event was a black Chrysler, in whose trunk could be found, at any particular moment, a collection of mitters and a crozier, CDs of Irish music, the Confirmation Ritual, a baseball glove, several baseball hats, a volume or two of the breviary, tennis shoes and a hockey stick (this trunk was the perfect blend of EWTN and ESPN).”

Bishop D’Arcy began his priestly life with a first Mass, celebrated on Feb. 3, 1957. And on Feb. 3, 2013, his earthly life came to an end, when he entered fully into the death of Christ, an act of faith, hope and love that he had anticipated and experienced countless times before, not only personally at the altar, a life and a priesthood now, as it were, come full circle.

It is our prayer that John Michael D’Arcy, a priest forever and a successor of the apostles, is now reunited with his parents and a successor of the apostles, is now reunited with his parents and and his Red Sox, this was now his home. He knew he was dying, and he wanted to come home, to die in his home. He knew he was dying, and he wanted to come home, to die in his home. He knew he was dying, and he wanted to come home, to die in his home. He knew he was dying, and he wanted to come home, to die in his home.

Our Lady of Victory Noll Sister Mary Jo Nelson had a great respect for Bishop D’Arcy’s intense care of his diocese and added, “I liked him a lot and knew he loved the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We talked about the trips he must have made between here and South Bend!”

March 18, 2013, was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception said of the bishop who had become her spiritual director. “He was a saint.”

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On the lighter side on life Msgr. Heintz emphasized that the good bishop had “not only a deep Irish faith, but also a quick Irish wit. At one gathering, a rather enthusiastic speaker proclaimed, ‘I’ve never met a priest I didn’t like,’ and Bishop answered, ‘I haven’t met ‘em all yet.’ He had boundless pastoral energy driven by truly admirable pastoral charity. He was a priest with a gift of presence and he helped regularly with Mass and Confessions as a chaplain at Bishop Luers High School, and also in home. When the Bishop, just down the street from his house. Even when he disagreed with someone ... he always loved the per- formers, the composers, the writers, the directors, the performers, the composers, the writers, the directors.

He added, “As each of us here has no doubt witnessed, he regularly and repeatedly placed the good of the work entrusted to his care before his own comfort, desires or personal interest, and in that he has truly been a model, not only for his flock, but perhaps especially for us who are priests.”

Bishop D’Arcy, said Msgr. Heintz, lived a spousal love for his diocese with “every fiber of his being.” And “as much as he dearly loved Brighton, his dear sisters, Anne and Joan, his beloved nephews and nieces, his back porch, his Red Sox, this was now his home. He knew he was dying, and he wanted to come home, to die in the arms of his spouse, here in Fort Wayne, with and among the people for whom he had laid down his life,” he said.

Concluding his homily Msgr. Heintz said revealing that Bishop D’Arcy began his priestly life with a first Mass, celebrated on Feb. 3, 1957. And on Feb. 3, 2013, his earthly life came to an end, when he entered fully into the death of Christ, an act of faith, hope and love that he had anticipated and experienced countless times before, not only personally at the altar, a life and a priesthood now, as it were, come full circle.

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The Rite of Committal was conducted privately with the family in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.
South Bend honors Bishop D’Arcy

BY DIANE FREUBY

SOUTH BEND — Hundreds filled the pews at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend Wednesday night to pray for the man who led the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for nearly 25 years, Bishop John M. D’Arcy. The day began with reception of the body and Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. Msgr. William Schooler, co-director of the Office of Family Life and long-time friend of Bishop D’Arcy, held back tears as she read from Sacred Scripture.

Msgr. Schooler said, “As we spend this week remembering him and entrusting him to the Lord’s eternal life, we give thanks to God for the ways and time in which he truly poured out himself out of love for us. He knew that the work was with him through those years. He knew that the Lord was with him in his final illness. We pray for him, asking the Father to recognize the ways in which he poured himself out, especially in union with the Lord’s perfect Sacrifice.”

Following Mass, Bishop Rhoades addressed the people, thanking them on behalf of Bishop D’Arcy, a father figure to many and in later years, a grandfather figure. Yet he never lost sight of his mission in life. “I remember the day Bishop D’Arcy told me he was a priest, said Rybicki. “He took that vocation seriously. He never felt worthy of the call, but simply felt that he was given the chance to do it to the best of his ability and be a true shepherd and a true pastor. I think everything boils down to one thing: a good example...”

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Farewell to Bishop John M. D’Arcy

BY VINCE LABARBERA AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The second day of the three-day funeral service for Bishop John M. D’Arcy began in Fort Wayne on Feb. 7 with the reception of the body and Morning Prayer from the Office of the Dead at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Family, friends, diocesan employees and others gathered in reverence during the Rite of Reception as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the oaken casket with holy water at the entrance of the cathedral. Auxiliary Bishop Peter Uglietto from the Archdiocese of Boston was in attendance.

The casket was solemnly escorted to the front of the cathedral by captains of the Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools’ football teams as the Rite of Reception continued.

The rich traditional service was replete with hymns of homecoming and the congregational turn taking recitation of Psalms and the Canticle: The Song of Heseokiah. Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, spoke of Bishop D’Arcy, following a reading from sacred Scripture. He spoke of how Bishop D’Arcy came in 1985 to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and was the bishop who accepted him into the seminary.

He was sent to St. John Seminary in Boston where Bishop D’Arcy had attended. “He was a bit of a celebrity there,” said Father Shoemaker.

He reminded the congregation that Bishop D’Arcy was well read, reading about the saints and his favorite Pope John Paul. And he said, “His was a simple faith. He looked upon Jesus, trusted Him that He would take care of us. That’s the faith that he brought to the diocese.” In farewell, Father Shoemaker offered, “Thank you Bishop D’Arcy, we love you.”

Following the recitation of the Canticle of Zechariah, the intercessions and the Lord’s Prayer, Bishop Rhoades offered a blessing and closing prayer.

The words of the psalms were a source of faith and hope, as light and life in the face of the darkness of death. Both new and old friends of Bishop D’Arcy gathered to give thanks to God for the blessings received by and through the beloved bishop and to ask God’s mercy on his soul. Each mourner had his/her own special memory of Bishop D’Arcy expressed in manifold ways:

“I’ve sung in many churches in the diocese,” said Tim Didier, “and oftentimes Bishop D’Arcy was there celebrating the liturgy. We grew close. I guess he liked my singing.”

“He confirmed my son, who later served Mass for him,” recalled Karen (Noll) Schafbuch. “I loved the way he strived to learn Spanish and minister to the Hispanic community,” added Edith Roman-DeJesus.

Following the Psalmody and a reading from the Gospel of Matthew — “The Sermon on the Mount” — Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne — near to Bishop D’Arcy’s residence gave a meaningful homily.

“Bishop D’Arcy always introduced himself at the parish as the associate pastor when he came to celebrate weekend and weekday Masses. He introduced me as his pastor,” he said.

“Death always is a very painful time and we ask why the person whom we love dies. Death always scares us and makes us aware of facing our own death,” related Father Fernandes. “But he knew he was enjoying his priestly ministry again. He was a man who continually lived his faith in whatever capacity God called him. He took special delight at my parish in talking to the schoolchildren in a grandfatherly way, teaching them prayers. "He always showed genuine concern, not only for all the people but also the clergy whom he supervised, asking them to make sure they took a day off every week.

“Bishop D’Arcy was a man who continually lived his faith. He proclaimed the Gospel with his life to all he encountered. Throughout his life he met many challenges. He was a dedicated priest, an excellent teacher, a wise administrator and a loving shepherd to his flock. He enjoyed being with the people, being kind to them, urging them to prayer and teaching them with pastoral care. And through all those roles he showed us his unshakable faith in God. He lived his life in the beatitudes and in the new Spirit of the kingdom of God,” Father Fernandes said.

He concluded, “Goodbye Bishop D’Arcy. Goodbye my associate pastor. Goodbye my dear friend. We will miss you, but our faith assures us that we will be one day face to face in the kingdom of Heaven.”

“Bishop John D’Arcy: May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, Jerusalem.”

Mourners pay their respects to Bishop John M. D’Arcy during visitation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Feb. 7.

Mary Ellen Moss, receptionist at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, offers a memorial for Bishop John M. D’Arcy.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers sympathy to Joan Sheridan, sister of Bishop John M. D’Arcy.

Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the Rite of Reception as Bishop D’Arcy began in Fort Wayne in 1985 to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and was the bishop who accepted him into the seminary.
Bishop D’Arcy’s body committed in crypt of cathedral

BY JOE ROMIE

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, assisted by Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, led the Rite of Committal entombing the body of Bishop John M. D’Arcy in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception late in the afternoon of Feb. 8.

From the other tombs in the crypt, it was concluded that the last time a body had been added to the cathedral’s crypt was in 1924. With Bishop D’Arcy’s committal, only one more tomb of nine will remain unoccupied in the current configuration of the crypt.

Bishop D’Arcy’s casket had been placed in an open slot in the wall, with about two feet’ length of the casket resting outside for the service. Care had been taken to orient the body with the head nearest to the wall opening where a headstone will eventually be installed.

The private Rite of Committal included Bishop Rhoades, Msgr. Schulte, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, family of Bishop D’Arcy, Maureen Schott and the funeral director.

The rite included prayers, reading from Scripture, intercessions and sprinkling the casket with holy water. Near the conclusion of the rite, Bishop Rhoades offered an Irish blessing to those present.

After the committal service, the cathedral engineering firm, Schenkel and Sons, pushed the casket into its slot in the wall, about a foot recessed from the front wall surface. The Schenkel associates proceeded to add internal wood framing and a temporary plywood panel to the front opening. The perimeter of the opening was sealed.

Short-term plans for the front of the wall slot include the placement of Bishop D’Arcy’s coat of arms, which had been displayed during the funeral events. Long-term plans for the front of the wall include placing a stone or marble block with Bishop D’Arcy’s name and important dates from his life. It will be manufactured and set into the wall at the opening, similar to the headstones for the other tombs.

Archbishop Alfred Hughes recalls his good friend, Bishop D’Arcy

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — They were friends for 63 years, supportive of one another through good times and struggles. Bishop John M. D’Arcy and Archbishop Alfred Hughes, bishop emeritus of New Orleans, became friends when the archbishop entered seminary college in September of 1950. Bishop D’Arcy was a year ahead of the archbishop, but their friendship developed when they both served as spiritual directors at St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass.

Both friends became bishops and would get together every time they would return home to Boston — at Christmastime, summers — and at bishops’ meetings.

Archbishop Hughes spoke with Today’s Catholic in an interview at the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel after the Funeral Mass of Bishop D’Arcy on Feb. 8 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

He recalled their Dec. 28 lunchcheon in Boston.

“It was the first day that Bishop (D’Arcy) had a symptom of the disease that he ultimately died of,” noted Archbishop Hughes. “He had double vision that morning. It was a few days later, when it persisted, that he called his doctor to tell him to go get tests.”

The archbishop quipped, “When the diagnosis was made (Bishop D’Arcy) told his sisters, ‘I was a healthy man until I had lunch with Al Hughes.’”

Archbishop Hughes described Bishop D’Arcy as “a man’s man. He was just a wonderful human being. He was very manly. He wanted to make sure that candidates were accepted in the seminary were manly.”

The archbishop mentioned Bishop D’Arcy’s great interest in sports, especially his love for the Boston Red Sox. “He was elated in 2004 and then again in 2007 when they won the (World Series) Championship,” Archbishop Hughes noted. “He loved Notre Dame football.”

Archbishop Hughes said Bishop D’Arcy “treated women with great respect and drew them into very collaborative relationships, whether it was as he served as regional bishop in Boston or here in Fort Wayne-South Bend.”

Archbishop Hughes spoke of Bishop D’Arcy as a “man of great faith.”

“(Bishop D’Arcy) always built upon the faith he grew up with in his home,” Archbishop Hughes said. “His parents were deeply Catholic and devotional people. He absorbed that as growing up.”

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“I remember him once remarking the fact that Pope John Paul II commented that more important than his ordination as a bishop or appointment as archbishop for his election as pope was the day he celebrated his first Mass,” Archbishop Hughes said.

Archbishop Hughes highlighted Bishop D’Arcy’s commitment to the priesthood and his appreciation of religious life and the Priesthood. He had a deep appreciation for religious life and wanted to promote it.

Bishop D’Arcy “gave himself to seeking the salvation and sanctification of those that he served,” Archbishop Hughes said. “He saw that at the heart of his ministry as a bishop. It’s why he wanted to promote spiritual development in the parishes. It’s why he was delighted to be able in retirement to move out among the parishes and continue preaching and offer sacramental ministry.”

Bishop D’Arcy had a great commitment to the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and wanted to do anything to help people really appreciate that sacrament.”

The friends would share their joys as well as their struggles.

“He went through a great deal with the University of Notre Dame,” Archbishop Hughes said. Bishop D’Arcy had worked closely with the University of Notre Dame, “and his efforts to strengthen the theology department bore extraordinary fruit,” Archbishop Hughes noted. “I think Dr. John Cavadini brought to the theology of Notre Dame a very responsible way of teaching, not only the undergraduates, but the graduate candidates as well.”

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“I really came to appreciate that the strength of conviction and his desire to do the right thing even when it was not always that popular and when it was going to experience opposition of resistance,” Archbishop Hughes said. “He was a model for that kind of courage.”

“I personally have to say that he was a source of great inspiration to me,” Archbishop Hughes added. “He loved the Lord. He loved the Church, and he loved the priesthood.”

When Bishop D’Arcy was retiring, he told Archbishop Hughes, “You know what I am going to miss the most is the good that you can do as a bishop.”

That good — those privileges — according to the archbishop included making sure that there was good religious education being offered, that there was a good family life office, that there were good chaplains in the high schools, that there were good candidates being prepared to be priests and the good of promoting young women to enter religious life.

Archbishop Hughes said that Bishop D’Arcy found it difficult to let go when he moved into retirement.

“But in our conversations together, he came to appreciate the possibility of continuing his espousal commitment to the Church here in Fort Wayne focusing now all his energies on the spiritual dimension of priestly and episcopal ministry,” Archbishop Hughes said. “Once he was able to realize that a whole new life in retirement opened up for him, I thank God for that and I thank God for the witness that he gave.”
US Church leaders express surprise, admiration for pope’s decision

BY KAY COZAD AND CAROL ZIMMERMANN

FORT WAYNE, WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Catholic Church leaders who awoke to the news of Pope Benedict XVI’s announcement that he will retire at the end of February said they were surprised by the news but admired the pontiff’s courage and humility for making the decision.

In a press conference held in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades read his statement on the pope’s resignation to the local media, saying, “Amid the sadness of today’s news, I am also filled with gratitude for the faithful and fruitful ministry of our beloved Holy Father.”

During the conference Bishop Rhoades, who received information on the pope via text, invited all the faithful to pray for not only Pope Benedict in his retirement but also the College of Cardinals who will meet in conclave for the election of the new successor to the Apostle Peter.

Bishop Rhoades shared memories of the several times he met with Pope Benedict. “There was a certain awe — he was the successor of St. Peter. I was struck by his gentleness. He is a gentle man and soft spoken. Very warm and kind.”

As a newly appointed young bishop in 2005, Bishop Rhoades said he was very encouraging to him. “I saw him as a spiritual father,” he said.

He also expressed his sadness at the pope’s announcement, saying, “Every week I read his homilies and some of his speeches, which were very helpful to me … I trust in the Holy Father’s discernment … He knows what’s best for the Church.” And to the faithful he exhorted, “Trust in the Lord. … I invite the people to offer their prayers and sacrifices for the Church in this transition.”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a statement that the pope’s announcement “is but another sign of his great care for the Church.”

“The Holy Father brought the tender heart of a pastor, the incisive mind of a scholar and the confidence of a soul united with his God in all he did,” the cardinal said, adding: “We are sad that he will be resigning but grateful for his eight years of selfless leadership as successor of St. Peter.

“The occasion of his resignation stands as an important moment in our lives as citizens of the world. Our experience impels us to thank God for the gift of Pope Benedict,” he continued.

“Our hope impels us to pray that the College of Cardinals under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit choose a worthy successor to meet the challenges present in today’s world.”

Cardinal Dolan was interviewed on the NBC’s “Today” show early Feb. 11 where he said he was “as startled as the rest of you” about the news.

Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl was similarly talking about the pope’s decision on local news radio WTOP before 8 a.m.

“The cardinal said he was “very much surprised” by the announcement, noting that he had seen the pope less than a month ago and there was no indication of a possible resignation.

He said he was “just stunned” when he heard the news in the morning and when he “got a call very early from Rome confirming this.”

What does not surprise the cardinal, though, is that the pope was able to make such a decision.

“I don’t think we should be surprised,” he said, that when the pope realized he didn’t “have the strength to continue” his role he had “the humility and courage” to act on it.

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans also expressed his “great deal of admiration” for the pope, said he appreciated the pontiff’s “recognition of the health issues he is facing” and admired “his humility in asking the cardinals to come together in prayer to select his successor.”

In Chicago, Cardinal Francis E. George echoed his fellow U.S. prelates in saying the pontiff always has put “the will of God for the good of the Church before everything” and “that same resoluteness of purpose” is evident in his decision to resign.

Pope Benedict “has taught with clarity and charity what God has revealed to the world in Christ; he has handed on the apostolic faith; he has loved all of God’s people with all his heart,” the cardinal said in a statement. “He has now shown great courage in deciding, after prayer and soul-searching, to resign his office.”

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit said that he, “like most of my fellow Catholics, woke up to the very surprising news” that the pope was resigning.

The surprise, he noted, was followed by sadness — a sense of grief at losing his fatherly care for all us, bishops, clergy and faithful.

“We have come to love him very much and will miss him.”

The archbishop likened the news to what many people experience in their families when they witness a parent “grow old and decline in ability.”

“That is the sense we bring to this announcement. Our spiritual father has determined, by the best light given to him in prayer, that for the good of us all he must lay down his office,” he added.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., said he, too, was surprised “along with the rest of the world” about the resignation and was “touched by his humble admission of the strength necessary to carry on this ministry of Christ.”

“This is a decision that reflects Pope Benedict’s stewardship of his office and is a sign of his deep humility,” he said.

Pope Benedict’s resignation will set in motion period of transition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the surprise resignation of Pope Benedict XVI is a first for the Church in centuries, it also leads to a complicated period of transition that ends in the election of a new pope.

Regulated by ancient traditions and recent rules, the period between popes — known by the Latin term “interregnum” — will begin exactly at 8 p.m. Rome time Feb. 28, a date and time Pope Benedict stipulated in a declaration he made Feb. 11 for when the See of Rome and the See of St. Peter will be vacant.

Normally the interregnum begins with a pope’s death and is followed by a period of mourning.

This time the pope will resign from his papal ministry and lead a short period of prayer and reflection at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, before moving to a monastery at the Vatican.

The rules governing the interregnum are matters of Church law, not dogma.

The apostolic constitution “Universi Dominici Gregis” confirms that as long as the Holy See is vacant, the universal Church is governed by the College of Cardinals, which cannot, however, make decisions normally reserved to the pope. Such matters must be postponed until the new pope is elected.

Until there is a pope, the Roman Curia — the Vatican’s network of administrative offices — loses most of its cardinal supervisors and cannot handle any new business.

The College of Cardinals is to deal solely with “ordinary business and matters which cannot be postponed.” At present, there are 209 cardinals, and all of them are asked to meet in Rome to help administer the transition period.

The College of Cardinals does this through two structures: a general congregation, in which all the cardinals are to meet daily; and a particular four-member congregation, consisting of the chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, and a rotating team of three cardinal assistants.

Only those cardinals under age 80 will be eligible to vote in the coming conclave. Cardinals who are age 80 or over by the time the “sede vacante” begins Feb. 28 are excluded from the closed door proceedings. There will be 117 cardinal-electors on that date.

Cardinal Bertone is to administer the goods and temporal rights of the Holy See until the election of a new pope.

Meanwhile, the dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, is charged with making preparations for a conclave to elect a new pope, and the cardinals must set the time for the conclave to start.

The word conclave comes from Latin, meaning literally “with key,” and reflects the previous tradition of locking the cardinals in an area where they would spend day and night until the new pope’s election.

On the day set for entry into the conclave, the cardinal-electors assemble in St. Peter’s Basilica to attend morning Mass. In the afternoon, they walk in procession to the Sistine Chapel, located just to the north of St. Peter’s.

The voting may begin that afternoon with one ballot; on following days, normally two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon.

A television reporter does a standup in front of St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 11 after the announcement that Pope Benedict XVI will resign Feb. 28. The 85-year-old pontiff said he no longer has the energy to exercise his ministry over the universal Church.

A pope is elected when he obtains a two-thirds majority, reflecting a change Pope Benedict established in 2007 that effectively ended a more complicated procedure introduced by Blessed John Paul.

According to the new rule, the two-thirds-majority rule cannot be set aside even when cardinal-electors are at an impasse.

If the cardinals are deadlocked after 13 days, the cardinals pause for a day of prayer, reflection and dialogue, then move to runoff ballots between the two leading candidates. A papal election will continue to require a majority of two-thirds of the voting cardinals.

After each morning and afternoon round of voting, the ballots are burned.

By tradition but not by rule, they are burned with special chemicals to produce the black smoke signifying an inconclusive vote, or white smoke if a new pope was elected. Due to confusion in the past as people in St. Peter’s Square tried to determine what color smoke was coming out of the Sistine Chapel smokestack, the basilica’s bell is also rung.
POPE BENEDICT'S RESIGNATION SEEMS ALMOST PREDICTABLE

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As much as he astonished the world when he announced his resignation Feb. 11, Pope Benedict XVI’s decision seems almost predictable in hindsight. Given his previous statements on the subject and his recent signs of aging, one may suppose that people should have seen it coming.

The real mystery now is not why Pope Benedict chose to step down, it is how this almost-unprecedented action will affect the papacy and the Church.

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NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — A federal judge in Baton Rouge issued a stay of execution Feb. 7 for death-row inmate Christopher Sepulvado, who had been scheduled to be executed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13. The seven Catholic bishops of Louisiana had urged that the inmate be given a life sentence without possibility of parole. U.S. District Judge James Brady imposed the stay because the Louisiana Department of Corrections, whose personnel would administer a lethal injection of pentobarbital, did not provide a written protocol of its “single-drug” method. His ruling could be appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. At a prayer service at the Notre Dame Seminary chapel in New Orleans Feb. 6, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans told 150 laypeople and seminarians that while he was pleased to hear of the stay, Sepulvado’s fate appeared to rest on “technicalities. The execution of Christopher Sepulvado by the state has been postponed because of some technicalities regarding the drug and the information about the drug that will be used to put him to sleep — to do execution of his “life,”” Archbishop Aymond said. “We ask God to speak loudly and clearly. We as Catholics cannot accept and can never accept the death penalty. Sepulvado, 69, was convicted 20 years ago in the horrific death of his 6-year-old stepson, Wesley Allen Mercer, who was tortured in the days leading up to his death. Sepulvado has spent the past 20 years on death row.

Catholics, four Reformed bodies reaffirm common agreement on Baptism

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and four Protestant denominations in the Reformed tradition have publicly affirmed in effect since the Second Vatican Council that recognizes the validity of each other’s baptisms. The four Protestant bodies are the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Church in America and the United Church of Christ. The signing took place Jan. 29 at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, Texas, during a prayer service at the opening of the annual meeting of the ecumenical association Christian Churches Together, which includes over 40 Christian denominations and groups. It marked the first time the Catholic Church in the United States has ever signed on to such an agreement, although Catholic bishops and conferences elsewhere in the world have done so. The USCCB in Washington announced the signing Feb. 1 and released the text of the agreement. The signing in Austin comes amid a trend that has developed over the past 20 or so years to introduce nontraditional baptismal rites in which Protestant pastors, and sometimes priests, use a formula other than the traditional Trinitarian formula of “Father, Son and Holy Spirit,” according to the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. A common example of this nontraditional formula is “Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer,” which the Catholic Church cannot accept as the proper form of Baptism.

Legal path uncertain for for-profits fighting HHS mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The latest round of proposed federal rules covering religious institutions that want an exemption from the requirement to provide contraceptive coverage in health insurance make it clear that there’s no inclination at the Department of Health and Human Services to accommodate for-profit secular corporations the same way nonprofits including Catholic dioceses, universities and the Eternal Word Television Network. Of those cases awaits decisions. About a dozen rulings or pending action by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Feb. 6 that final decisions on which of the Brussels deanery’s 108 churches to decommission would also reflect community needs.
Around the Diocese

BISHOP CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR AT ST. PATRICK

Firecrackers, gongs and cymbals and a large choir expressed sounds of joy celebrating the arrival of the Lunar New Year at St. Patrick Parish, spiritual home of Vietnamese Catholics in Fort Wayne. In remarks translated into Vietnamese, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke of his admiration for the strong faith of the Vietnamese, even in the face of the Church’s persecution in Vietnam. Following Mass, Bishop Rhoades posed for pictures and enjoyed Vietnamese food and conversation with those celebrating the year of the serpent.

Knights name family of the month

MISHAWAKA — The Knights of Columbus Supreme Office has chosen the family of Norm and Jeannie Burggraf of Queen of Peace Council located in Mishawaka as a recipient of the Family of the Month. The Burggraf’s were nominated by the local council and selected from many nominees throughout the 72 jurisdictions of the order based upon their service to Church and community exemplifying the principles of charity, unity and fraternity of the Knights of Columbus.

Lampen Lecture series: Saint as teacher

DONALDSON — Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Plymouth, came back to Ancilla on Wednesday, Feb. 6, for his third Lampen Lecture with his excellent presentation on “Saint as Teacher.” He explored the life and influence of three great thinkers and philosophers of the Catholic Church: St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Robert Bellarmine and Blessed John Newman. Each was highly intellectual and brilliant. Thomas Aquinas dedicated his life in the search for truth through faith and reason. Robert Bellarmine loved to study and said that in finding the truth one is led to God. John Newman explored the benefits of a liberal education in his great writing “The Idea of a University.”

FATHER FRED LINK HONORED AT LUERS’ HOMECOMING

Franciscan Father Fred Link visits with Bishop Luers alumna Deb Wagner and a friend during Winter Homecoming on Friday, Feb. 1. Father Fred was recognized for his achievements in his years as a principal at Bishop Luers during halftime of the boys’ basketball game. He directed the Minstrel Show Choir and Minstrel alumni in a special performance of “Minstrel Song.”

Jason Evert, chastity speaker, addresses diocesan teens

FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND — Jason Evert, internationally renowned chastity speaker, is coming to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Evert’s talks are titled “Romance without Regret.” In his seminar, which has been delivered to more than one million teens on five continents, Evert reveals the compelling vision of God’s plan for human sexuality and present an uplifting case for practicing the virtue of chastity.

By addressing the issues that teens struggle with most, such as sexual pressure, pornography, modesty and starting over, Evert offers encouragement for teens to maintain their purity or begin again if they’ve made mistakes in the past.

His speaking engagements include: Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross College (free and open to the public); Thursday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. at Marian High School in Mishawaka; Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph High School; Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at University of Saint Francis North Auditorium (free and open to the public); and Friday, March 8, at 12 p.m. at Bishop Dwenger High School.

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Local advisors earn membership in Million Dollar Round Table

PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS — Outstanding product knowledge and client service have enabled Phillip J. Stackowicz and Keith C Praski of the Knights of Columbus, John J Stackowicz Agency in South Bend, to earn membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).

MDRT is the Premier Association of Financial Professionals. Founded in 1927, MDRT is an international, independent association of nearly 33,000, or less than one percent, of the world’s best life insurance and financial services professionals. With membership from 77 nations and territories, MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of sales excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.
SOUTH BEND — The Catholic All Schools Mass, a celebration always near and dear to Bishop John M. D’Arcy, deceased bishop emeritus, brought children from the South Bend area together at Notre Dame’s Joyce Center Feb. 5. Along with their teachers and 18 concelebrating priests, they joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in prayer, remembering the man who served as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for nearly 25 years.

“That sadness is also mixed with joy,” said Bishop Rhoades, “because we know Bishop D’Arcy was such a good and holy bishop. So we also have that joyful hope that the Lord Jesus welcomes him into the Communion of Saints in heaven.”

Bishop Rhoades welcomed the area grade schools along with students from Saint Joseph and Marian high schools who served as altar servers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Three schools from the Kalamazoo diocese were also on hand.

The All Schools Mass is traditionally a time to celebrate religious vocations. In his homily, Bishop Rhoades explained that the word “vocation” is from the Latin “vocare,” which means “calling.”

“A vocation is a calling from God,” said Bishop Rhoades.

“God has a loving plan for every one of us and it’s up to us to try to figure out what that plan is.”

That is done in prayer, and by listening. A common vocation is being called by God to be His disciple.

“Following Jesus Christ is the most important thing we do,” said Bishop Rhoades, going on to explain another level of vocations called “state in life.” Many are called to the vocation of marriage.

“It’s not too early to think about if God might be calling you to be a husband or a wife, a father or a mother,” smiled Bishop Rhoades. “It’s a very holy vocation and we need good, strong, holy marriages, because the family is the Church of the home, the domestic Church.”

Another state in life is God’s call to men for the priesthood. Bishop Rhoades turned and pointed to his brother priests on the altar.

“You see, our priests up here answered the call to give their whole lives in service to God and the Church as priests of Jesus Christ,” he continued. “And what a beautiful vocation that is, to continue the ministry of Jesus on earth, to preach the Gospel, to celebrate the sacraments and to lead and shepherd God’s people like Jesus did.”

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the boys and young men to pray and ask God if He is asking them to share in the mission of His Son as priests of the Church, pointing out the two deacons now preparing for ordination to the priesthood after a period of discernment and formation.

Eric Murillo, a seventh grader at St. Adalbert School in South Bend, said he is open to that calling.

“I think Jesus has kind of shown me some signs,” said Murillo. “I’m not sure but maybe He wants me to be a priest. Then the teacher asked me if I wanted to be an altar server and maybe that was not just a coincidence.”

Bishop Rhoades said others may be called to be consecrated religious brothers or sisters.

“That’s another beautiful vocation,” said Bishop Rhoades. “Men and women called to follow Jesus in a very close way, in poverty, chastity and obedience. Making those vows and giving their lives totally to imitating Jesus who was poor, chaste and obedient.”

The Mass readings reflected two different answers to God’s call, with Samuel in the Old Testament and the rich young man described in the Gospel. Samuel didn’t know his vocation but heard God’s call while he was sleeping. He opened his mind and his heart and said, “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” In the other vocation story, the young man chose worldly riches and didn’t say “yes” to God’s call.

“Jesus had a special vocation for this young man … Jesus wanted him to follow Him completely, but the young man was too attached to his material things,” explained Bishop Rhoades. “If he had followed Jesus he would have been happy and joyful the rest of his life. He thought he would only be happy and fulfilled if he kept all his possessions. He made money more important than his faith.”

Bishop Rhoades told the children he hoped their response will be like Samuel and not like the rich young man because it is in doing what God calls each to do that great joy, peace and happiness is found.

Braille Wilkins, a sixth grader at Holy Cross School in South Bend, summed it up: “Everyone has a job to do. If you pray, you can find that job!”

“We should always ask God for help,” added her classmate, Elizabeth Mellor, “and God will help us. God is calling us to do something and we need to go do it!”

Prayers were offered throughout the Mass for Bishop D’Arcy, a man remembered well by the older children for his encouragement of vocations.

“It was really touching,” said St. Adalbert seventh-grader Jesus Ortiz. “I felt really sad about Bishop D’Arcy passing away, but it was nice we were able to pray for him at Mass.”

“I always remember the vocations prayer he would teach us,” added Saint Joseph High School senior Therese Taylor. “I would go home and pray it, asking the Lord to teach me my vocation in life.”
Schools from the South Bend area of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and three schools from the Kalamazoo Diocese gathered for an All-Schools Mass Feb. 5 at the Joyce Athletic Center at the University of Notre Dame. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass.
Lack of faith can hurt marriage, may affect validity, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A lack of faith in God can damage marriage, even to the point of affecting its validity, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Faith in God, sustained by divine grace, is therefore a very important element for living in mutual dedication and conjugal fidelity,” he said.

The pope said he was not suggesting there was a simple, automatic link “between the lack of faith and the invalidity of marriage.”

Rather, he hoped “to draw attention to how such a lack may, although not necessarily, also hurt the goods of marriage,” given that referring to God’s plan “is inherent in the covenant of marriage.”

The pope made his comments Jan. 26 during a meeting with members of the Roman Rota, a Vatican-based tribunal that deals mainly with marriage cases.

The current crisis of faith has brought with it a state of crisis for the Christian vision of marriage as an indissoluble bond between a man and a woman, the pope said.

“The indissoluble covenant between man and woman does not require, for the purpose of sacramentality, the personal faith of those to be married,” he said.

What is required, as the minimum condition, is the intention of doing what the Church does” when it declares a marriage is a sacrament.

While the question of intent should not be confused with the question of the individuals’ personal faith, “it is not always possible to completely separate them,” he said.

The pope quoted Blessed John Paul II’s speech to the Vatican court in 2003 in which he said, “an attitude on the part of those getting married that does not take into account the supernatural dimension of marriage can render it null and void only if it undercuts its validity on the natural level on which the sacramental sign itself takes place.”

“The Catholic Church has always recognized marriages between the non-baptized that become a Christian sacrament through the baptism of the spouses,” and it does not doubt “the validity of the marriage of a Catholic with a non-baptized person if it is celebrated with the necessary dispensation,” the late pope had said.

Pope Benedict said such considerations need further reflection, especially in a secularized culture that puts little faith in a marriage.

“Faith without charity, which is love, ‘bears no fruit,’ while charity without faith which is a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that they cannot be the other to set out along its respective path,” the pope said, citing his 2011 apostolic letter “Porta Fidei” (“The Door of Faith”).

In addition to the three goods of procreation, marital fidelity and its indissolubility, “one must not exclude the possibility of cases in which, exactly because of the absence of faith, the good of the spouses ends up compromised and, therefore, there is a lack of consent,” the pope said.

It’s not the first time Pope Benedict has called for a closer reflection on the impact of an absence of faith in determining marriage annulments.

During an unscripted question-and-answer session with priests in northern Italy in 2005, the pope noted the problem of people who married in the Church not being able to prove that they were believers but because they wanted a traditional ceremony.

He said that when he was prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he asked several bishops’ conferences and experts to study the problem, which in effect was “a sacrament celebrated without faith.”

He said he had thought that the Church marriage could be considered invalid because the faith of the couple celebrating the sacrament was lacking. “But from the discussions we had, I understood that the problem was very difficult and that further study was necessary, he said.
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Sons of Philip Neri place emphasis on family, New Evangelization

BY TM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — St. Philip Neri was a 16th-century saint who founded The Congregation of the Oratory. The saint was known for his missionary and evangelization work in Rome, care for the sick, emphasis on family and encouragement of “Just do good. Just do good. Be joyful.”

That is the spirit that Father James Bromwich and Father Daniel Whelan, known as the Sons of St. Philip Neri, brought to Fort Wayne last spring and continue to pursue. The Sons of St. Philip Neri is a private association of the faithful with a juridical personality with intentions of someday becoming an oratory recognized by the pope.

There are eight oratories throughout the United States, with communities in formation in Fort Wayne and Cincinnati.

“We’re not an oratory yet,” emphasized Father James, the association’s moderator, “but only happen when Rome says you are an oratory.”

In August, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades issued a decree and approved them “officially as a community to be working toward an oratory,” noted Father James.

Both priests were ordained diocesan priests for the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky. Father James was ordained in 2003, Father Daniel in 2004.

Father Daniel, who is the treasurer of the association, said both priests loved being diocesan priests and parish life.

“Independent of each other, both of us felt as we were called to something more — not that we were unhappy,” said Father Daniel.

“There was this push to do something more, and maybe in a different way,” added Father James, who felt, at first, that maybe it was a call for him to join a religious community.

“As we researched it, researched St. Philip Neri, and visited oratories in New Jersey and Pittsburgh, and talked to a couple others by phone,” Father James said, “we realized ‘this is it!’”

Father James explained that the oratory is like a cross — blessed John Henry Newman was an Oratorian — and he called it a bridge between religious life and diocesan priesthood.

Father Daniel said the Sons of St. Philip Neri models the religious life aspects.

“We live in community,” he said. “We pray every evening in what’s called an ‘oratory.’ We pray vespers together. We meditate on Scripture. We eat a meal together.”

“Thursday nights are our family time together where we have recreation,” Father Browich said. “That is supposed to be modeling for the laity in a certain respect. We hear a lot today that families should be eating and praying together. Well, we do.”

“We wanted to make sure that there was a strong emphasis on family,” Father Daniel added. “Families are under great attack right now. When we came across the oratory and what St. Philip said about the oratory: ‘We are a family. We live the community of men living in the oratory and praying together, eating together and supporting one another, so that the inner-life within that community would be a key.’

“The Sons of St. Philip Neri have many apostolic works in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Both Father James and Father Daniel share chaplaincy work at St. Joseph Hospital.

“They both believe that a college presence is important as well. Father Daniel is the chaplain of the Newman Catholic Fellowship at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. Father James is an adjunct professor at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Father James also founded the Neri Institute that does research — using the tools from natural law, Catholic moral and natural philosophy and produces papers, film and radio documentaries that promote the dignity of life. These findings are shared with legislators and the media. They also incorporate new media such as blogs and Twitter to share their message. The institute draws college students in a role of research and scholars as interns, fellows and volunteers. More information may be found at www.sonsofphilip.com.

“Oratorians can do things different,” noted Father Daniel.

“Everybody comes with their own gifts and they contribute as much as other fathers too,” Father Daniel said. “There is great opportunity for variety and ministry.”

Oratorians serve the “family” as priests and brothers. When accepted, new men serve a “guestship” to discern if the life is right for them, and then a novitate. After one year, those interested then attend a novitiate and attend seminary, and those interested in religious life as a brother continue their novitate and studies.

For more information about the Sons of St. Philip Neri, their apostolate and the Secular Oratory, visit www.sonsofphilip.com.

Indiana House expected to pass school choice expansion, Church supports expansion

INDIANAPOLIS — When Karinya Chrisler learned her son could receive a school scholarship voucher to attend the school of his choice, she was “surprised and elated,” because she “never qualifies for anything.”

Chrisler, who supports a new school choice expansion bill, testified before the House Select Committee on Education during a Feb. 5 hearing, said she made the decision to search for another school for her son, because the school Chrisler’s son was attending was not meeting his needs.

Chrisler told the House panel that her son, Nicholas, who now attends St. John of Arc in Indianapolis, with a school voucher scholarship, is thriving. Chrisler says her son Nicholas is “bright, happy and safe.”

Chrisler, who is not Catholic, told the House panel, “I wanted the morals and values that St. John of Arc teaches for my son too.”

A bill expanding school choice options for more Hoosier families is one step closer to becoming a reality as the Indiana House of Representatives moves toward passing it. The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) supports the expansion.

Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, author of the school choice bill, HB 1003, outlined the details of his proposal before the House panel.

He explained that HB 1003 provides access to school choice options for nonpublic school families who meet the income guidelines. Current law requires children to attend a public school for two semesters prior receiving a school scholarship voucher. However, HB 1003 removes this obstacle for current nonpublic school families and also for students who are considered underprivileged who could receive a choice voucher to attend a nonpublic school provided the family meets income guidelines.

“In House Bill 1003, we are creating a preschool education tax credit program. We are now creating a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) for the exclusive use of public school to help with early childhood development,” said Behning. Those who wish to donate to an SGO will get tax credits for their donations.

Behning’s plan also raises the scholarship cap for elementary school tuition. The scholarship cap for elementary school tuition is currently $4,500 per year per child.

“Under HB 1003, we are increasing the scholarship cap to $5,500 the first year, and $6,500 the second year,” said Behning.

“House Bill 1003 contains the provisions outlined by Gov. Pence, which provides access to a school choice voucher for children of military families, special needs children, adopted children and children in foster care. We are adding an income cap at 300 percent of free and reduced lunch for these categories.”

Under the plan, the family income threshold is much higher for these children in one of the four new categories. The family income cap could be nearly $130,000 and still be able to use a school scholarship to send their child to the school of the parent’s choice. “To truly have a special education voucher we also need all the special education dollars to follow the student to the nonpublic school,” said Behning.

The House panel heard several hours of testimony on the bill from school choice advocates and opponents. Advocates including Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, who testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Catholic Church said, “The Church supports HB 1003 primarily because it provides the opportunity for parents to decide what’s in the best interest of their children and provides a more level playing field between families who have resources to make a choice and families who do not. We have been educating children in Indiana for a long, long time from all socio-economic groups and in doing so believe we are contributing to the common good,” said Tebbe.

Mary McCoy, principal of St. Philip Neri Catholic School in Indianapolis, also testified in support of the bill thanked lawmakers for passing the original scholarship legislation because it is helping many parents choose a quality education for their children. McCoy called the new school choice expansion legislation “win-win situation,” for students and families especially being underfunded.

Opponents of HB 1003 including public school advocates raised concerns about the drain of money from the public school and going to the nonpublic school. John O’Neal, Indiana State Teachers’ Association (ISTA) testified against the legislation, saying the measure will divert the funding stream from public schools to nonpublic schools. O’Neal also raised questions whether Indiana could afford an expansion. Salary Sloan, representing the Indiana Federation of Teachers, testified in opposition to the bill, expressed concerns about what kind of impact the legislation would have on public schools that are currently underfunded.

HB 1003 passed the House Select Committee on Education and is headed to the House Ways and Means Committee for lawmakers to reevaluate the local impact the plan could have on the state.
SOUTH BEND — “Duc in Altum” may not be the most popular Latin phrase in today’s culture. However, that expression, which means “put out into the deep,” was the message of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Saturday’s Rekindle the Fire Diocesan Men’s Conference at Century Center.

Over 1,100 men from a variety of states, but primarily the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, attended a Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades to conclude the day’s activities.

The New Evangelization was a constant theme from the day’s speakers, echoed in Bishop Rhoades’ homily. “I wish to encourage you this evening, first and foremost, to be men of prayer, to set your gaze firmly on the face of the Lord Jesus,” exhorted the bishop. “We are called to help others to see the true face of God in Jesus Christ – isn’t that what evangelization is all about? But first we need to gaze on that face.”

Bishop Rhoades continued his encouragement, saying “Catholic men who pray, who enter into the knowledge of Jesus and friendship with Him, who witness to Him in the family, in the workplace, in the parish and in the world: what a tremendous force for the New Evangelization!”

Best-selling author Matthew Kelly was one of the keynote speakers, challenging his audience to be “game changers” in 2013 by doing something transformational. “Jesus was a radical,” noted Kelly. “His teachings were radical 2,000 years ago and they are radical today. God wants to turn your life upside-down, which turns out to be right-side-up.”

Kelly encouraged the men to choose one of three options:

- Read the Gospel 15 minutes a day over and over for a whole year
- Go to Confession once a month for a year
- Use a Mass journal to find one way in the Mass you can be a better person each week for a year

In his second session, Kelly encouraged the men to be “dynamic Catholics,” saying research has found dynamic Catholics are people who pray, study the faith, practice generosity and evangelize. Unfortunately, that only comprises 7 percent of American Catholics. While Kelly notes most Catholics haven’t been taught to do many of these — if any — they aren’t beyond anyone’s reach.

“What would happen to your parish if each person there prayed 10 minutes a day, read five pages of a good Catholic book each day, gave 1 percent more in the offering and did one thing to evangelize each week?” asked Kelly. “It’s doable.”

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers riveted the crowd with his entertaining and energetic address. The University of Notre Dame alumnus challenged men to become more active as the spiritual heads of their households. “When the serpent was tricking Eve, Adam just stood there and did nothing,” chided Burke-Sivers. “Our job is to be the chief servants of our wives and children. Give an example of Christ in the way you treat your wife and children.”

He also cited statistics that reveal twice as many young adults continue to practice the faith when their father attends Mass with them while they are young.

Deacon Burke-Sivers gripped a rosary made of bullets and shells that he was given by a member of special forces in Afghanistan. As he clutched it, the deacon warned that Satan is still working in the world today, and still trying to break up families.

“Use the rosary as a weapon against Satan,” he roared. “We have to make ourselves harder targets. The two best weapons we have are the rosary and adoration. If you’re struggling with issues, that’s okay. Growth comes through struggling. To win the struggle, we must be men of prayer.”

Franciscan Father David Mary Engo also addressed the crowd, noting these are challenging times for Catholic men. “We need to stand in the face of great opportunity and believe in what the Church teaches in how we live our lives every day,” remarked Father Engo. “The New Evangelization has to begin with us allowing the faith to take hold of our lives.”

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers addresses the men on Feb. 9 in South Bend.

“Father Engo advised the men they could do this by understanding Christ’s love for them and developing a love for everyone, praying for people encountered throughout the day and listening for openings to speak the faith. The message was hammered home once more in the closing words of Bishop Rhoades’ homily.

“If the New Evangelization is going to bear fruit, it must be rooted in Christ, our relationship with Him and our faithful witness to Him,” remarked Bishop Rhoades. “So my brothers, let us all heed the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel: ‘Put out into the deep’ and ‘Do not be afraid.’”
Dismas House: Helping residents with jobs, clothes, food, a warm bed

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — “Regina asked bishop if he would pray with her at the end of the evening so they went into my office and prayed together. He blessed her and then she turned to him and said it was time for her to pray for him,” said Maria Kaczmarek, executive director of Dismas House of South Bend about a memorable moment during a recent visit by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for dinner.

Kaczmarek met the bishop over the summer at the National Black Catholic Conference in Indianapolis where she invited him for dinner. There was an opening in Bishop Rhoades’ schedule recently and he was able to break bread with residents of Dismas House. Dinner was provided by volunteers from Christ the King Parish.

“Dismas House is a transitional home for men and women returning from incarceration. We have been in operation since 1986. In a family setting, our residents receive the support and programs they need to successfully reenter the community as productive citizens. On average we serve 14 residents with an average stay of six months. Residents learn to live, work and learn together as they create a positive living environment. Ideally the residents share the house with area college students,” said Kaczmarek. “Leah Coming, a senior from Notre Dame, just completed her stay with us.”

Four nights a week, Monday through Thursday, they have volunteers come to the house to prepare the evening meal then dine with the residents. “I always remind people if Jesus was walking the earth today he would be at Dismas House breaking bread with our residents,” said Kaczmarek.

Residents were honored by Bishop Rhoades’ visit and made an extra effort to dress up for the event.

“It was just a really nice evening,” said Kaczmarek. “The bishop was really great with the residents. I think God was present here.”

Father Jack Hickey founded Dismas House in 1974 in Nashville along with a group of students as part of the Vanderbilt Prison Project. According to their website, seven houses owe their origins to Dismas. The program has been recognized nationally for its success and has been used as a model for similar organizations throughout the U.S. and overseas.

South Bend has 13 residents with the capacity for 18. The name Dismas is the “repentant” or “good thief” crucified with Christ on Calvary and offers a testament to the power of forgiveness. “If you want to really help people not reoffend their basic needs have to be met,” said Kaczmarek. That is what Dismas House does for their residents. They help people get a job, give them clothes, food and a warm bed to sleep in at night. There is a television room, computers available, tutoring from Notre Dame students, workshops and support groups for those with substance abuse. All residents are required to do volunteer work within the community. “We want them to be able to move forward and become upstanding members of the community.”

Dismas House is always in need of supplies like clothing, fresh vegetables, personal hygiene items, offsite activity tickets, car donations for residents to get to jobs, bus passes, haircuts, dental services and bedding. They also appreciate the chance for community members to join them for dinner or to volunteer their time at the house.

For more information about getting involved contact Dismas House of South Bend at (574) 233-8522 or by email at dismassouthbend@sbcglobal.net.

Photos provided by Dismas House of South Bend

Pictured is Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades having dinner with residents at Dismas House of South Bend.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades tours Dismas House of South Bend on a pastoral visit Wednesday, Jan. 30.
Ethical wills embrace Catholic life

In the story, “A Good Day for Soup,” Barbara, a 48-year-old successful businesswoman, found herself weary with day-to-day life demands. She began reflecting on simpler times when she was a young girl. Her Gram would stand in her kitchen, endlessly stirring a pot of soup, and sharing her wisdom on life’s lessons. Almost smelting the aroma, Barbara decided to turn off her cell phone and make soup. That is when she found her grandmother’s legacy—a note taped under the lid of Gram’s soup pot with loving words from the past.

“My darling Barbara, I know you will find this many years from now... remember how much I loved you, for I’ll be with the angels then... you were always so much in a hurry to grow up... when it’s time for you to slow down, take out your Gram’s old soup pot and make your house a home... Love is forever... Gram.”

Gram’s note is often termed an ethical or spiritual will as it communicates one’s wisdom, life lessons and stories from generations to generations. Gram shared that soup comforts the soul and encouraged Barbara to take time in her busy life to nourish her emotional well-being.

Most ethical wills are written at the end of life as an aid to estate planning, in health care and hospital settings as a spiritual healing tool. Whereas a last will and testament transfers one’s valuables to loved ones, an ethical will passes down one’s values. The origin for the ethical will came from Genesis 49:1-33 when a dying Jacob gathered his sons together to offer them his blessing. Another example is found in John 15:18, where Jesus taught His disciples after the Last Supper.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy understood the importance of ethical wills. However, as he shared with me during lunch in Fort Wayne on Jan. 20, 2012, his focus was on the concept of a Catholic spiritual will. Since Bishop D’Arcy believed in having an estate plan, he valued the design of a written spiritual will as a healing tool. Whereas a last will and testament is composed for another opportunity, most ethical wills are written for this life and the life after death.

First Sunday of Lent

Lk 4:1-13

The Book of Deuteronomy provides the first reading for this first Sunday of Lent. Deuteronomy looks to the days when the Hebrews were fleeing from Egyptian slavery and making an uncertain way across the treacherous Sinai Peninsula.

Even so, Deuteronomy is not a story of doom and gloom. It is hopeful. All will be well for God’s people if they simply love God and follow the commandments. God had already proved to be merciful and protective. He would not change.

The decision to obey God, however, and truly be of God’s faithful people rest solely with the people themselves.

For its second reading this weekend, the Church invites us with a reading from Paul’s powerful Epistle to the Romans. The Apostle wrote this epistle, or letter, to the Christians living in Rome, the imperial capital and the center of the Mediterranean world in the first century AD.

The desert seems like a story of defeat—yet it is the battleground where the grace of God reveals itself for glory, the false invincibility of sin.

The first to hear this reading from Romans, and the reading from Luke, also were in flight from sin and death. They were weak. We are weak, because selfishness attracts us. They could not see. Neither can we.

God alone gives strength and insight. Lent gives us the opportunity to strengthen our own resolves to resist sin, to be with God, and in God to find our way.

Holiness requires discipline, focus.

Missgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Gospel

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The desert seems like a strange place to commence new spiritual awareness. However, following His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus embarks on a journey to this dry lonely place of temptation because the desert is the battleground where the grace and gifts of Baptism and the presence of the Holy Spirit are essential. In Sunday’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus begins His mission by facing a series of temptations: the lure of appetites, the desire for glory, the false invincibility that comes with pride.

In your prayer this week, ask Jesus to show you the areas that most tempt you to follow your own agenda over God’s plan for you. Ask for the grace to break the hold these temptations have over you. Make this the work of your Lenten fast.

Learn

In the face of extreme loss and daily suffering, despair can be a great temptation, especially during the lean season. Burkina Faso, a small farming country, can typically feed their families for only about seven or eight months because the income.

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READINGS


Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jn 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 15-16 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Saint of the Week

Anne Line

c. 1565-1601

February 27

Anne is one of three laywomen among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. Anne Heigham and her brother were disowned by their Protestant father for converting to Catholicism. She married another disinherited convert, Roger Line, who died in exile in Flanders in 1594. Left penniless and always in poor health, Anne began working with Jesuits in London, where she organized and operated safe houses for priests and embroidered vestments. She took voluntary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Within one month, February 1601, she was arrested, tried at the Old Bailey, convicted of hiding a priest, and hanged at Tyburn. Anne is a patron of the childless, widows and converts.
Reputation and the Hall of Fame

Not one baseball player was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. It was a shutout, the only one in 40 years. Perhaps it was to be expected. There was little appetite for celebration when so many of the newly eligible candidates were tarnished by the steroid scandal of the last decade.

"After what has been written and said over the last few years I’m not overly surprised," tweeted pitcher Roger Clemens, who, along with Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds, was among those turned down.

I found myself thinking of Cassio, whose drunkenness cost him his job as Othello’s chief lieutenant: "Reputation, reputation! O, I have lost my reputation! I have lost the immortal part of myself, and what remains is baseless."

In sports, reputation really is everything. Dopers, who spent years enjoying terrific reputations, based on achievements, we now see as tainted. They have fallen in our esteem and mark our memories of their glory days.

The summer of 1998, when Sosa and Mark McGwire duelled to set a new single-season home run record, seems like a bad 3-D movie with styrofoam monsters and heroes with lifts in their shoes. Lance Armstrong’s story of surviving cancer and winning the Tour de France seven times has lost its ability to inspire. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Perhaps a man’s character was like a tree, and his reputation like its shadow. The shadow of what we think of it, the tree is the real thing." The dopers’ problem was that they lost sight of the real point. The reputation and adulation that come with victory are only worth having for those who earn them. Those who pursue them unworthily are just chasing shadows.

That’s why the opprobrium that the dopers now face is deserved punishment. The pursuit of fame is no crime. But it’s wrong and pointless to gain it by cheating. It is a shame that those who cheat may, even briefly, eclipse players such as baseball great Hank Aaron, who won our admiration honestly.

In a good sport, reputation is a desirable thing, but the downfall of these sports heroes helps put it in proper perspective. Reputation is only a shadow. Character is the real thing. Consider the case of St. Jeanne Jugan, who founded the Little Sisters of the Poor. She lived a life of heroic virtue, caring for hundreds of elderly poor people and founding an order that still does that work today.

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An Alaskan cruise, a path to priesthood

Matthew Beartth was 17 when he set out on an Alaskan cruise that changed the course of his life and led him to the seminary. Today the 20-year-old college junior loves to recount that northern voyage.

Matthew didn’t have a passport when his family decided to take an Alaska cruise the August before his senior year. It was a time when an onslaught of questions was beginning to come from every direction. What college are you going to attend? What kind of career are you planning? He didn’t know the answers.

As a young boy, he’d considered being an astronaut or an NFL punter. Now the Burnsville, Minn., teen was thinking practical: a business degree from a college where he’d have good odds of meeting a nice Catholic girl.

"It was definitely assuming marriage," Matthew told me.

The Alaskan landscape stunned him — souring mountains, calving glaciers, glowing reflection. He saw brown bears snatching salmon and whales engaged in bubble netting, a feeding technique in which a dozen humpbacks surfaced with mouths full of hopping fish. To Matthew, it was all a vibrant reflection of the Creator.

The cruise also provided a close encounter with college sports — providing him time to study the Gospel of Matthew and glean new insights.

An Alaskan cruise, a path to priesthood.

A young priest from another Minnesota diocese with a magnetic personality, enough athleticism to complete an Ironman and movie-star looks — dark hair and dark tan, caring blue eyes and dimples.

"He’s ripped," Matthew said.

Here was a man who could’ve scored any job or wooed any woman and he chose to sacrifice it all for Priesthood. And he wasn’t just coping or content. He was happy. He had chosen this vocation above others, recognizing its nobility, adventure and joy.

Matthew was intrigued.

He could see there was no ego at work; Father Mike drew people in only to point them to Christ. He made deft references to "The Simpsons," "Twilight" and Miley Cyrus in his homilies, yet when it came time for consecration, he demonstrated a reverence Matthew had never before witnessed. "He celebrates the Mass as if he was in heaven," Matthew said. "It’s as if he’s talking to God — and you know he is.

The teenager resolved right then and there, that no matter what vocation he pursued, he would lead the same life — totally centered on Christ, directing others to Him. After seeing such an amazing example, why aim any lower.

"I knew I could live an excellent life," he said.

Back home, Matthew downloaded all of Father Mike’s homilies onto his iPod and quickly devoured them. Senior year started, bringing other changes. He cut back on pizza and dessert and redid his public speaking, shedding 30 pounds over the course of the school year. He began praying a decade of the rosary every day, logging it in a notebook he kept by his bed. He wanted to be a better man.

Time passed, and faith remained the center of Matthew’s life. A year ago he decided to enter St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He met Father Mike at his parents’ cabin up north, where the two men had a heart-to-heart talk in the garage about priesthood. Now half way through his first year as a seminarian, Matthew still keeps in touch with his mentor, texting back and forth and getting together when Father Mike is in town.

"God placed him in my life for a reason," Matthew said.
CYO lady Twins capture title, Rams capture boys’ title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — The St. Rose-St. Louis Twins captured the girls’ 2013 fifth-sixth grade Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) tournament crown on Monday evening, Feb. 4, but not without a fierce battle from the young, runner-up, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. After a fairly uneventful, 2-2 first quarter, the Squires’ Madeline Rauner went on a scoring rampage hitting not one, but three three-pointers in a row in final minutes of the second quarter to take a 15-10 lead into the locker room.

Down at half time, Twins Coach Jerry Feasby admitted there was not much his team could do (about the scoring surge), but encouraged them, “Keep playing as hard as you can. Push the ball up the floor, look for good shots and get back on defense.” The Twins did as instructed, re-gained the lead and were able to hold off the scrappy Squires to pull off a 29-19 victory.

In the win, Abby Sheehan and Lillie Platter scored a bucket each, Taylor Zelt added four and Maggie Castelman had seven points for the Twins, while teammate Nevaeh Feasby led all scorers with 14. Rauner finished with 11 points for Hessen Cassel. Feasby and his assistant, Corey Cheesman, were very pleased with their team’s performance and set three goals at the beginning of the season: have fun, improve their skills and win the CYO. “The girls put in a lot of hard work and dedication this year. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun doing it,” summarized Feasby.

In the boys’ contest, the Twins from St. Rose-St. Louis also made it to the championship game, but it was Huntington Catholic who came out on top by a score of 45-23, thanks to the amazing sharp shooting of Gage Swada. Swada scored 33 points in the contest, which included eight treys. Martin Harold added 12 for Huntington, while Dirk Herschberger led the Twins with eight points.

This marks the second year in a row the Rams have claimed the top spot. In their opener, they got by a tough squad from St. Therese, 49-45, and in the semi-finals Huntington defeated Queen of Angels, 44-30. St. Rose-St. Louis Coach Mike Hoffman explained, “Huntington played outstanding basketball and were led by a couple of very talented guards. Their frenetic pace was ultimately too much to overcome.”

He continued, “It was quite an end to the season. Although we got outplayed by a superior team in the championship, it was a great joy to see this group of 11 young men come together from the beginning of the end of the season and carry a three-game win streak into the tournament. Everyday in practice we (Hoffman and Coach Mindy Castle) pushed them and they responded willingly. The leaders of the team led like mature young men and the lesser-experienced players wanted to learn every day. Even though our record did not show it in the won/loss column our season was quite a success in terms of team play, learning the game and how to play, and how to be your brother’s keeper.”

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ICCL teams look forward to finals competition

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — Saint Joseph and Marian high schools played host to the Inter-City Catholic League’s version of March Madness as all 13 teams fought it out at Marian High School at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Saturday’s contests had the following results: Queen of Peace won its first game of the season against St. Jude and then were displaced by the Eagles of St. Joseph; Corpus Christi topped Holy Cross; the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic slugged past St. Anthony; and finally, the Trojans of Holy Family defeated Our Lady of Hungary.

The second round league championship game, St. Pius X faced off against a confident and much-improved Corpus Christi team that lost by 38 points in week one to the Lions. Corpus Christi battled to a tie at intermission, however, the Lions sprinted out of the locker room and never looked back as they prevailed, 52-31, behind Tony Cannella’s 10. Alex Francoeur paced the Cougars with 11.

The Lions will face St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Sunday, Feb. 10, with the winner advancing to the conference championship.

February 17, 2013

Sports

NOTED HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYERS TO CONTINUE TO COLLEGE LEVEL

Three Bishop Luers High School soccer players recently signed letters of intent to continue their careers at the college level. Forward Adam Perolio will be playing for Concordia University-Chicago next fall. Midfielder Jacob Murphy has been enlisted by the Jaguars soccer program at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis while Brenden Gonzales, also a midfielder, will continue at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. All three young men were first team all-conference selections in Fort Wayne’s Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) and led the Knights to both a 2012 SAC title and IHSAA sectional crown.

The Huntington Catholic fifth-and-sixth-grade boys’ basketball teams are CYO Champions for the second year in a row. They defeated the Twins of St. Rose/St. Louis, 45-23, in the championship game. In team photo are the following: front row, from left, Dylan Hasty, Reid Johnson, Nicolas Mickley and Martin Harold; middle row, Samuel Mickley, Justin Albertson, Graham Scher and Gage Swada; and in back, Coach Rich Swada.
WASHINGTON (CNS) — It took the combined clout of an actress best known for playing an angel and her big-ratings executive-producer husband, but Roma Downey and Mark Burnett have pulled off the making of a 10-hour miniseries, “The Bible,” that gets its premiere Sunday, March 3, on the History cable channel.

The miniseries runs 8-10 p.m. Eastern time each Sunday in March through March 31, Easter Sunday.

Downey’s career role was playing the angel Monica for nine seasons in the TV drama “Touched by an Angel.” Husband Burnett, whose U.S. TV hits include “Survivor,” “The Voice,” “The Apprentice,” “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?” and “Shark Tank,” added his Hollywood muscle.

“He doesn’t take no for an answer. When he hears ‘no,’ he just thinks of a new opportunity. When it was a tough sell, he just persevered,” Downey said of her husband. “He’s just like (St.) Paul, very courageous.”

Unlike other biblical films and TV miniseries, “The Bible” splits its 10 hours evenly between the Old and New Testaments.

Another difference, according to Burnett: “For example, in a lot of other biblical films, it looks like a lot of the disciples, Jesus, the Romans, stepped right out of the movies. Not a speck of dust on them. And the lighting didn’t feel real.”

He surmised that such films were made “over the years (by) people with great hearts for service and faith, but with very little budget and very little experience, and sometimes the result isn’t optimal, and it’s not the best movie or show. ... History Channel provided us with a great budget, and I knew we wanted to make this emotionally connective, and very real for today’s audiences.”

Burnett and Downey were interviewed by Catholic News Service prior to an invitation-only screening Feb. 5 in Washington.

“We had a very great and warm reception,” Downey said, adding she had told the bishops that, while growing up in Derry, in Northern Ireland, “I went to a convent school and was educated by the Sisters of Mercy; the girls fondly named them the ‘Sisters of No Mercy,’ and it got a big laugh in the room.”

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Roma Downey portrays Mary in a scene from the television miniseries “The Bible.” Downey and her husband, Mark Burnett, produced the miniseries that will run on cable’s History Channel 8-10 p.m. Eastern time each Sunday in March through March 31, Easter Sunday.

The day before, they were in Dallas, showing a 45-minute grouping of miniseries scenes to about 60 U.S. Catholic bishops.

Downey singled out Cardinal (Donald W.) Wuerl (of Washington), who has been a great supporter and adviser to us for the last year or so,” said Downey. She and Burnett added later there were about 40 theological and biblical advisers who helped before and during filming.

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Fish fry
Walkerton — St. Patrick Church, 807 Tyler St., will host a fish fry on Friday, March 1, from 4-30-7 p.m. Dinners are $8 for adults, $4 for children 6-10 years, and children under 6 are free. Drive-thru carryouts are available. Fish prepared by Tyner IOOF Lodge.

Fish fry
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a fish and tenderloin fry Friday, Feb. 15, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Louis Besancon Hall, four miles east of US 30 and the I-469 interchange on Lincoln Highway East (Old Highway 30). Tickets are $8.50 for adults, $4.50 for children 6-11 and children 5 and under free. Carry-out available.

Holy Name Society Lenten fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a Lenten fish fry Friday, Feb. 15, from 4-7 p.m. Adults $7.50, children 5-12 $4 and children under 5 free.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 22, from 4-30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope. Adults $8, children (6-12) $5, and 5 and under are free.

Jonah fish fry at Christ the King
South Bend — Christ the King Parish, 52473 State Route 933, will have a fish fry on Friday, March 1, from 4-7 p.m. Adults $9, children $5. Fish, coleslaw, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Mac and cheese available for children. Dine in or drive-through.

Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 6153 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 22, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3. Chicken strips for $8 and shrimp for $8.50 will be available.

Lenten retreat
South Bend — St. Jude Rosary Sodality will have a Lenten Retreat “Walking Through the Valley,” on Saturday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Oaks at South Paw Farm, 16232 Roosevelt Rd., Mishawaka. Guest speaker is Jim Murphy. Cost is $25 per person which includes lunch and snacks. Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Jude Church, 19704 Johnson Rd. is followed by the retreat at The Oaks at 9 a.m. RSVP to the St. Jude Parish Office at (574) 291-0570.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Downes Syndrome Association of NE Indiana.

Café con Brio at St. Henry’s
Fort Wayne — Enjoy refreshments, entertainment and visit with friends Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Parish Center, 5711 St. Henry Rd., Fort Wayne. Café con Brio at St. Henry’s is sponsored by the St. Henry’s Sodality and the St. Henry’s Conceptionist Association of NE Indiana. The theme for the day is “Our Lady of Good Hope.” Santa will benefit the Downs Syndrome Association of NE Indiana. The cost of the day is $20 and includes lunch. Register by Feb. 22 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallinan at (574) 259-5427.

Holy Family Vegas Night
South Bend — Holy Family Parish will have a Vegas night Saturday, March 2, from 6-11 p.m. in the parish center. Food and refreshments are free. Must be 21 and admission is $8 at the door.

Catholic trivia night planned
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary will have a Catholic trivia night Saturday, Feb. 16, at Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. $10 per person, bring snacks to share with your table. Drinks available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the O.L.H Youth Group. Call the Pastoral Center at (574) 287-1700 to reserve a table.

Trivia Night! and silent auction
Notre Dame — Trivia Night and silent auction to benefit the scholarship fund of the Saint Mary’s College South Bend Alumnae Club will be Saturday, March 9, in the Student Center Lounge at 6 p.m. for dinner and silent auction and trivia from 7-10 p.m. Cash bar. $200 first prize. $150 for 10-person team includes dinner. Reservations needed by Feb. 28 to Erin at (574) 339-4929 or vsecki@gmail.com.

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