Beatification of Mother Maria Theresa Bonzel closer with miracle decree

Mother Maria Theresa Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, whose motherhouse is in Mishawaka, will be beatified Nov. 10 in Paderborn, Germany.

MISHAWAKA — Pope Francis approved his first decrees from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on March 27, and among them was a “Decree of Miracle,” acknowledging a miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Mother Maria Theresa Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

This miraculous cure of a young boy from Colorado Springs, Colo. — who is now a young adult — paves the way towards her beatification, which is scheduled to take place on Nov. 10 in Paderborn, Germany.

Mother Theresa was born Regina Christine Wilhelmine Bonzel on Sept. 17, 1830, in Olpe, Germany. The girl born into a wealthy family had an early desire to follow Christ, according to records provided by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. It’s believed she was formed by an intensive prayer life, a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a love of St. Francis of Assisi. She entered the Third Order Secular Franciscans in 1850, and became a consecrated religious in 1859. Her service to the poor did not go unnoticed, and Bishop Konrad Martin asked her to form a congregation devoted to that cause. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Olpe was approved by the Church on July 20, 1863.

Sister Rose Agnes, former superior and longtime archivist at the Mishawaka provincial house, believes Mother Theresia’s devotion to the Eucharist is one of her most heroic virtues, giving her the grace to minister in other areas like education and healthcare.

“She wanted the contemplative life, and that’s why she started the perpetual adoration,” says Sister Rose Agnes. “She did that from the beginning, with eight sisters. Day and night! And works of mercy. She looked...
Come Holy Spirit!

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

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We continue our spiritual journey through the season of Easter. This coming Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter, we will hear another of the appearances of the risen Jesus to the disciples, the third such appearance according to the evangelist, Saint John. This one takes place not in Jerusalem, but back in Galilee, where our Lord’s public ministry began. It is at a familiar site, the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. We remember that it was there that Jesus originally called most of his apostles who were fishermen on that sea.

Hearing this Sunday’s Gospel, we naturally remember a similar miracle at the Sea of Galilee earlier in Jesus’ ministry. We read about it in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 5. Like the miracle in this Sunday’s Gospel, there is a miraculous catch of fish after the apostles had spent all night fishing, but catching nothing. Jesus told Peter to put out into the deep, to let down the nets for a catch. And they caught a great number of fish. It was after that miracle that Jesus had told Peter that he would be a fisher of men.

Now, after the resurrection, Peter and the disciples are again out fishing through the night without success. Jesus appears to them from the shore. They don’t recognize Him. He tells them to cast the net over the right side of the boat. They catch so many fish that they couldn’t pull the net into the boat; they had to drag it to the shore. It was at that moment, the moment of the miracle, that the beloved disciple recognized Jesus and said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” It is interesting that it was the beloved disciple who was the first to recognize Jesus. On Easter Sunday morning, he was also the first to believe in the resurrection when he saw the empty tomb. It is significant that the one who loves the most is the first to believe and to recognize the risen Jesus.

What does this miraculous catch of fish mean? Well, if we think back to the first miraculous catch, when Jesus told Peter that he would become a fisher of men, the meaning becomes clear. It symbolizes the Church’s mission to gather people into His Church. The Fathers and Doctors of the Church often dwell on the mystical meaning of this episode, seeing the boat as the Church, whose unity is symbolized by the net which is not torn. The sea is the world. Peter in the boat stands for the supreme authority in the Church.

But what about the fish? The evangelist tells us that they caught 153 fish. This is a symbolic number and there are dozens of possible interpretations of the number 153. Saint Augustine says the number is a great mystery. Saint Jerome tells us that Greek zoologists had identified 153 different species of fish, so the number represents all the peoples of the world, of every nation. There is no question — the fish represent people, the elect, from every people and nation, who come into the Church, at the invitation of Jesus, through the ministry of the apostles and their successors who are indeed “fishers of men.”

Through the centuries, since the resurrection of Jesus, the Church has grown. There are now over a billion Catholics in the world. The embrace of the Church is universal, as universal as the love of God in Jesus Christ. Today we are called to be fishers of men, to bring people to Christ, to welcome them to His Church. Our mission is one of evangelization in the world, in the great sea where there are multitudes of fish. We carry out this mission from the boat which is the Church, with Saint Peter’s successor, Pope Francis, at the helm, and with the bishops, the successors of the apostles, at his side. But the mission belongs to the whole Church, to all of you. It is the mission of bearing witness to the Lord Jesus and to His resurrection from the dead.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear of the Church’s wonderful evangelizing work in the early decades of our history. In this Sunday’s first reading, we hear of Peter and the apostles being brought before the Sanhedrin for questioning. They had been preaching the resurrection. They were warned not to speak any more about Jesus. But they courageously replied to the high priest: “We must obey God rather than men.” They explained that they were His witnesses, as is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit enlivened their apostolic commitment and sustained them in their trials. The Holy Spirit enlightened them in their decisions and assured the effectiveness of their mission. The Holy Spirit gave them courage to witness to their faith in Christ, even when it entailed suffering, and even martyrdom.

My brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen the Church in her mission. I am reminded of this truth during these weeks of celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation throughout our diocese, as our young people receive an increase of the gifts of the Holy Spirit through this beautiful sacrament. They receive the special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as witnesses of the Risen Lord. We rejoice with them as they are more firmly united to Christ and His Church through Confirmation. Let us pray for them during this holy season of Easter.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and continue to bestow His gifts upon the Church in our diocese and throughout the world!
Evangelium Vitae Medal awarded to the Sisters of Life

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Mother Agnes Mary Donovan and her religious community, the Sisters of Life, received the 2013 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal at a banquet at the University of Notre Dame April 3. The medal was inspired by Pope John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical “Evangelium Vitae” (“The Gospel of Life”).

The Sisters of Life became the third recipient of the annual award that was established in 2010 to honor individuals for their service to the Gospel of Life. The sisters are a relatively new religious community, having been founded in 1991 by Cardinal John O’Connor of New York.

They profess the usual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but also take a fourth vow to protect the right to life of every innocent person, ‘one of the pillars on which every civil society stands.’ Through their daily gestures of openness, sacrifice and unselfish care, you and the Sisters of Life have heroically worked with compassion and joy to foster and sustain the ‘unconditional respect for the right to life of every innocent person,’ ‘one of the pillars on which every civil society stands.’

“In an age when the sanctity of life from its earliest to its final days is assaulted, you and the Sisters of Life have heroically worked with compassion and joy to foster and sustain the ‘unconditional respect for the right to life of every innocent person,’ ‘one of the pillars on which every civil society stands.’ Through your daily gestures of openness, sacrifice and unselfish care, you and the Sisters of Life have heroically worked with compassion and joy to foster and sustain the ‘unconditional respect for the right to life of every innocent person,’ ‘one of the pillars on which every civil society stands.’

In her acceptance remarks, Mother Agnes Mary said that even though “Evangelium Vitae was issued after the foundation of the Sisters of Life, the sisters consider it their ‘magna carta.’” Thus, “An award in its name is of very special meaning to us.”

Mother Agnes Mary noted that every human person is a reflection of the Divine image, the “summit of creation and life and love.” She said that Cardinal O’Connor would tell the sisters that the reason for their existence was to give a sign to others that every human being is sacred and very special.

“There is a lie at the heart of the culture of death that stifles hope and stamps out the light,” she continued. “To be pro-life is to offer to others the hope we receive in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to protect the new life that is possible for every person, no matter what the past contains.”

Speaking about the power of maternal love in a culture that is “starving for authentic maternal love,” Mother Agnes said that “Each person is capable of greatness, of heroic love, of living beauty.”

Furthermore, “This capacity for greatness is never threatened by motherhood, even in the most inconvenient or trying circumstances. For it is through maternal love, whether spiritual or physical, that this potential for greatness is often set free.”

Mother Agnes Mary told the story of a young woman who was scheduled to undergo an abortion but was counseled by the sisters and by two other mothers and by two other mothers, the sisters were helping. She eventually decided to give birth to her child and then she, herself, joined in counseling other women with a crisis pregnancy, explaining that being a mother had changed everything for her.

“This is the power of maternal love: the power to protect a woman from tragedy, and the power to save the life of her child with the grace of God,” Mother Mary Agnes observed.

In his homily at the Mass that preceded the award banquet, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke about how happy he was that the University of Notre Dame bestowed the Evangelium Vitae Medal every year. The medal, he said, demonstrates the importance of a commitment to the sanctity of human life. He also praised the Sisters of Life for their dedication to women and their babies, and he called their founder, Cardinal O’Connor, “a champion of life.”

The Gospel for April 3 was Luke’s recounting of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but not recognizing Him until He broke bread with them in the evening.

“This Gospel has so much to teach us,” Bishop Rhoades said. “The Lord walks beside us on our journey of life. He is with us in times of disappointment and sadness. He is alive and ever present in our midst.”

Thus, he observed, “In the pro-life movement we encounter disappointment, but can never lose hope because the Lord walks beside us. To be a Christian is to walk with the Lord and let our eyes be opened to the word of God and to the presence of the Lord in the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist.”

The Evangelium Vitae Medal is sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture and made possible by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life. The 2011 and first recipient was Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2012 the medal was awarded to pro-life leader and law professor Helen Alvare. The 2014 winner will be announced on Respect Life Sunday this coming October and the medal presented in the spring of 2014.

Allowing over-counter sale of contraceptives to all ages ‘simply wrong’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — An April 5 decision by a New York federal judge to lift age limits on purchases of over-the-counter emergency contraceptives should be “appealed and overturned,” according to an official of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

“No public health consideration justifies the unjustifiable distribution of such drugs to children,” said Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the USCCB’s Secretariat for Pro Life Activities.

“Many studies have shown that wider access to ‘emergency contraception’ among young people does not reduce pregnancy or abortion rates, but can contribute to higher rates of sexually transmitted disease,” she said in a statement.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn, N.Y., said that within 30 days, the Food and Drug Administration must make emergency contraceptives available to women of all ages.

Korman said the case wasn’t about the potential misuse by 11-year-olds of the contraceptives.
Through pope’s embrace, 8-year-old boy touches the world

By Rick Snizek

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — By Easter Monday, it would be the shot seen around the world.

But a day earlier, Christiana Gondreau could not have imagined that a chance encounter she and her 8-year-old son, Dominic, had with Pope Francis in the middle of St. Peter’s Square following his first Easter Mass would touch the hearts of so many around the globe.

While making his way in the popemobile through a sea of faithful estimated at 250,000, the newly elected pontiff smiled and waved as he offered Easter greetings to those gathered.

At one point in his second journey around the square, on the way to delivering his Easter message “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world), the white Mercedes transporting the pope stopped. He reached over to greet Dominic after transporting the pope stopped. He also spoke to the boy before gently placing the child back into his mother’s arms.

“The pope definitely was whispering to him, but there’s no way of knowing what he said. Is it a secret?” Gondreau said in a telephone interview from Rome with the Rhode Island Catholic, newspaper of the Providence Diocese.

She is certain, however, that the meeting was divinely inspired, and serves as a message that God shows favor to all His little ones.

“I do believe that it was a kiss from heaven, to say this child is loved and I know him,” Gondreau said.

As the pope moved on through the crowd, camera shutters continued to click on Dominic as those in attendance quickly realized they were witnessing a very moving moment.

“Your son is here to show others how to love,” Gondreau said to one woman shouted out to her from the crowd after the pope departed.

Others asked her for her email, promising to send photos they had captured of the pope and her son.

She would be asked for interviews by news organizations from around the world.

“I was just speechless. Lucas and I started crying,” Paul Gondreau said. “It seems the pope was captivated by Dominic.”

He likened the tender moment between pope and child to an encounter of a modern Francis with a modern Dominic, referring to an historic encounter tradition holds once occurred between St. Francis and St. Dominic.

For Lucas, an altar server back home who since arriving in Rome has already experienced the honor of serving Mass at the subterranean tomb of St. Peter beneath the Vatican basilica, witnessing the pope stop to greet his younger brother was something he’ll never forget.

“It was so touching to see my brother being picked up and held by the pope,” he said. “You could see on (Dominic’s) face how happy he was.”

The professor, along with his family of seven, is living in Rome this semester as he teaches a course on the New Testament and the Eternal City.

Together, they’ve been there for momentous events in the life of the Church, from the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI to the election and installation of Pope Francis. But the kindness shown to Dominic by Pope Francis will be the most enduring part of their experience together.

Paul Gondreau believes no one shares in God’s cross more intimately than the disabled, and that he extends his hand over the weak and the vulnerable so that they may serve as models of inspiration.

“No one plans to have a special needs child,” he said. “They are a tremendous blessing.”

He describes Dominic as “cognitively normal,” meaning he understands what is going on around him and can speak some words and some simple sentences, but that his limitations are purely physical.

“God has touched our family all our lives, now, He has touched the whole world with Dominic,” he added.

The Gondreaus’ eldest child, daughter Alena Maria, 16, has been using technology to keep family and friends back home up to date on all the exciting events unfolding around them in Vatican City.

“I didn’t think that in being here all this would happen,” Alena Maria said.

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Coalition promotes immigration reform; repeal of laws targeting undocumented at Indianapolis forum

INDIANAPOLIS — A grassroots alliance of faith groups, law enforcement and business leaders have reached a consensus supporting immigration reform including a repeal of the resident tuition rate ban for undocumented college students.

The local forum and national campaign, called “Bibles, Badges and Business,” a project of the National Immigration Network, held on April 3, a forum at the Marion County Central Library in Indianapolis.

Participants who came to the forum heard from distinguished panelists from the business, faith and agricultural communities who discussed the effects a broken immigration system has on the immigrant community at large and Indiana’s future economy.

Mike Murphy, former Indiana state representative and senior vice president, Hiros & Company, who moderated the panel discussion described Indiana’s recent legislative history impacting the undocumented as “unHoosierish.” Murphy, a Republican, vehemently opposed anti-immigration legislation during his 12-year tenure as a member of the Indiana General Assembly.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller encouraged panelists and participants to continue working on immigration reform saying, “Keep up your efforts and make sure the voices of Hoosiers are heard in Washington,” as Congress returns to Washington from their Easter recess. Zoeller, has been a voice for reasonable immigration reform signing on to the Indiana compact in 2010 during a press conference at the Statehouse with Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel Buechlein and other members of the faith, human services and business communities.

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, a panelist at the forum said, “The Catholic Church has been asking the federal government for at least 20 years for comprehensive immigration reform. The immigration issue affects all of us. It comes down to a moral and humanitarian issue.”

He noted that current policies and practices prohibit the undocumented, many who are working toward legal citizenship, from fully participating in society. “From a legal status, they are aliens. But they are not aliens to our human family,” said Tebbe. Megan Ritter, public policy director for the Indiana Farm Bureau said, “We face a labor shortage in the agricultural sector and the current system is broken.” Laws that create a barrier to education “create an underclass that doesn’t need to be there.”

Mike O’Connor, director of state government affairs for Eli Lilly and Company said, “Businesses don’t like to take positions on controversial issues,” but that Lilly executives decided the issue was too important to remain on the sidelines.

Murphy emphasized that the sentiment on immigration reform is changing saying, “What a difference getting whipped in a national election makes.” While Murphy noted the immigration reform conversions may not be all that authentic, said even in matters of faith “death bed” conversions still count. And Murphy indicated these “death bed” conversions among Republicans may be instrumental in getting meaningful reform passed.

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“I historically, we have benefited from immigrants’ ingenuity, their innovations, and their different thought processes,” said O’Connor. “We want to welcome these great minds. As a community, we need to make sure the welcome mat is out.”

Angela Smith Jones, public policy director for the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, said, “Employment openings exist in Indiana that require highly-skilled workers, but Indiana lacks enough highly-skilled people to fill them. A highly-skilled workforce benefits the entire community.”

Jones noted it didn’t make any sense from a business perspective to put educational roadblocks in front of young, hardworking college students who will be “future Hoosier taxpayers and skilled workers.”

Rev. Sharon Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; John Livengood, president and CEO, Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association; and Rev. David Drury, chief of staff, the Wesleyan Church, also offered their perspectives as panelists on the forum.

Tebbe who has worked on behalf of the Church to defeat anti-immigration legislation in Indiana said he is hopeful state lawmakers will repeal a ban on resident tuition rate for college students, contained in a Senate Bill 207. “Senate Bill 207 is a moral issue and it’s the right thing to do for these students who through no fault of their own were brought to this country as children,” said Tebbe. “For those who were already attending college when the law passed, it makes finishing cost prohibitive.”

Senate Bill 207, authored by State Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, would grandfather undocumented college students who were already enrolled in college when the law changed. The bill passed the Senate, 35-15, and was heard in the House Education committee April 3. Less than a week earlier a portion of the Indiana’s controversial 2011 anti-immigration law was struck down by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker.

The recent court decision coupled with the results of the national election could turn the tide on immigration reform locally and nationally for Republicans. Jones said the court decision sent a message to Indiana lawmakers they “over reached.”

For more information on pending legislation the Church is following go to the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) Web page at www.indianacc.org.
Traditional marriage ‘important for the social good,’ says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Traditional marriage between one man and one woman is really about the good of children and families, and the “good of families” is about the good of society,” said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. “That’s in the natural order, that’s the way marriage exists in nature, that’s why marriage is important for the social good,” said Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco.

“Nature promotes a child having a father and a mother. There’s no way a child could come into the world other than with a father and a mother,” he added. The Catholic Church opposes same-sex marriage “because we favor preserving the definition of marriage in the law as it exists naturally,” he told Catholic News Service. “What we’re really opposed to is marriage redefinition. Our opponents in the debate ... favor not expanding the right of marriage but redefining it to be something different from what it is to include the union of two people of the same sex,” he said. “One could ask, ‘Well why should it stop there, why can’t it include other types of unions, such as multiple partners?’” Archdiocese of Washington.

Pope says women’s love makes them privileged witnesses of Christ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Women have a privileged role in the Church because of their ability to pass on the faith through love, Pope Francis said. “Women have had and still have a special role in opening doors to the Lord, in following Him and communicating His face, because the eyes of faith always need the simple and profound look of love,” he said. The pope told an estimated 50,000 people in St. Peter’s Square April 3, “This is the mission of women, of mothers and women, to give witness to their children and grandchil- dren that Christ is risen,” he said. “Faith is professed with the mouth and heart, with the word and love.”

In the second weekly public audience of his pontificate, Pope Francis resumed a series of catechetical talks on the creed begun by Pope Benedict XVI in January. Commenting on the words, “rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,” the pope noted that the New Testament gives women a “primary, fundamental role” as witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection. He cited the passage in Mark, Chapter 16 in which women find an empty tomb and an angel who tells them that Jesus is alive. “Here we can see an argument in favor of the historical truth of the resurrection,” Pope Francis said. “If it had been an invention, in the context of that time it would not have been linked to the testimony of women,” since the Jewish law of that period did not consider women or children as “reliable, credible witnesses.”

Immigrants stand during a naturalization ceremony to become U.S. citizens

Imigrants stand during a naturalization ceremony to become U.S. citizens in late March at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. As the U.S. Senate returns after break and tens of thousands plan a rally, Washington lawmakers focus on immigration reform.

Safeguarding creation expected to be major theme at WYD in Rio

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When hundreds of thousands of young Catholics gather with Pope Francis in Rio de Janeiro in the summer, reflections on safeguarding the environment will be part of the program. Like earlier editions of World Youth Day, the July celebration in Rio de Janeiro will include morning catechetical sessions and afternoon cultural events. “From the begin- ning of planning — under Pope Benedict XVI — we thought that a major theme in Brazil, known as ‘the lungs of the world,’ would have to be the environment,” said Marcello Bedeschi, president of the John Paul II Foundation for Youth, a Rome-based organization that assists with World Youth Day planning. “We did not know that there would be a new pope and that in his first three major addresses, he would speak about safeguarding creation, not in political or ideological terms, but as a Christian obligation,” Bedeschi said. Corrado Clini, Italy’s environment minister, has been working with the foundation, the Pontifical Council for the Laity, the Brazilian govern- ment and Rio de Janeiro’s World Youth Day organizing team to pro- mote the reflection of young people on the importance of biodiversity and protecting the environment.

Pope recites St. Peter’s Gospel professions of faith at Apostle’s tomb

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Kneeling before the tomb of St. Peter, Pope Francis repeated the three professions of faith the Gospel reports the apostle making: “Lord, you are the Christ, the son of the living God,” “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,” and “Lord, now you know me and I know you love me.” Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter’s Basilica, said Pope Francis made the three professions April 1 while kneeling on the marble floor of the Clementine Chapel, facing a grill that allows visitors to see the back of what is believed to be St. Peter’s tomb.

Iowa archbishop retires, Kansas bishop is successor; Fargo bishop named

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has accepted the resigna- tion of Archbishop Jerome J. Hanus of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, and named Bishop Michael O. Garlow of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va., as his successor. The pope also appointed Msgr. John Folda, a seminary rec- tor in Nebraska, to be the bishop of Fargo, N.D. He succeeds Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, who was named to head the Denver Archdiocese in May 2012. The changes were announced April 8 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Pope Francis repeated the three professions of faith at the tomb of St. Peter on Good Friday at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome.

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BISHOP DWENGER ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2013 TOP 10

The Class of 2013 Top 10 for Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne was announced in an all-school assembly Friday, March 22. Recognized for their academic success, these 10 students will be the first to receive their diploma during graduation May 24, at the Embassy Theatre. The Top 10 in order of rank are valedictorian Adam Lehn, salutatorian Madeline Pollifrone, Katelynn Smith, Alexandra Yoder, Nathan Schleinkofer, Stephanie Schenkel, Bryce Clevenger, Benjamin Evans, Andrea Bloom and Jennifer Hipskind.

by St. Anthony de Padua Church of South Bend, will award Boy Scouts’ highest honor to Joshua Derse in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on April 14. Greg Kil, Scoutmaster of Troop 584, will have the honor of presenting the first Eagle Scout award for troop 584 in more than 25 years.

Derse attended St. Anthony de Padua School, South Bend, and St. Joseph School, Mishawaka. He is currently a student at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Derse has completed and earned the following religious emblems: The Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and is hoping to complete the Pope Pius XII by his 18th birthday. Derse’s Eagle Scout project, solid oak wall brochure boxes, may be viewed in the vestibules at St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka.

Saint Mary’s College announces Four-Year Graduation Promise

NOTRE DAME — At a time when the national dialogue about higher education is centered on cost and value, Saint Mary’s College announced the Four-Year Graduation Promise. Starting in the fall with the incoming class of 2017, students who follow the promise’s guidelines are guaranteed to graduate in four years or the college will pay for any additional courses a student needs to earn her degree. No other college or university in the area offers such a promise.

“This isn’t a recruitment strategy for us, or a new initiative on campus,” said Saint Mary’s College President Carol Ann Mooney. “Our students have always worked closely with their advisors and professors to stay on track and achieve their goals. We offer the courses they need, when they need them, led by exceptional faculty who are dedicated to teaching.”

As a result, in the past 10 years, 93 percent of Saint Mary’s graduates have earned a degree in four years. Compare this to the percentage of graduates that complete a degree in four years at other nonprofit private institutions (52 percent). The cost of not finishing in four years can be high with students paying an additional year of tuition and other incidental costs. Add to that the lost wages from a delayed career start and the percentage of graduates that complete a degree in four years can be high.

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has announced that three Bishop Luers’ students will be participating in the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages (IUhPFL) this summer. After completing an arduous registration process and personal interviews, juniors Samantha Allen, Milesia Hogen and Riley Bubb, will be studying seven weeks in Spain and France.

The IUhPFL’s combination of intensive academic instruction, a mandatory language commitment to speak only in the foreign language while abroad and the full-time integration into a host family allows for students to participate in a total immersion experience.

IPFW Students for Life holds Abortion Recovery Month events

FORT WAYNE — April is Abortion Recovery Month and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) Students for Life is recognizing the month by bringing a series of speakers and discussions to campus. These events will serve to provide non-judgmental support to women who have been affected by abortion, and increase public awareness of both the possible effects of abortion and options for support after abortion.

“Too often people on both sides of the issue become so engrossed in debate that the women themselves, those who have had abortions, are left feeling isolated,” observes Katie Berghoff, vice-president of IPFW Students for Life. “Women may internalize their emotions rather than risk being judged, either for having an abortion or for experiencing negative emotions afterward. It is our goal that Abortion Recovery Month will meet these women, wherever they are on their life journey, with a compassionate message of healing and an accepting community of resources.”

Scheduled Abortion Recovery Month events include the following:

• Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m. — nationally acclaimed speaker Star Parker will be coming to IPFW to speak in the International Ballroom. Star is the founder and president of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, an organization, which seeks to fight poverty and advocate for under-privileged populations. She has been featured on national news shows including ABC’s “20/20,” NBC’s “Today,” CNN’s “The View,” and in hundreds of newspapers and Internet sites. Star will share her personal experiences with abortion and discuss the socio-cultural impact abortion has on society and within urban communities.

• Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. — nationally acclaimed speaker Georgette Forney, co-founder of the National Silent No More Awareness Campaign, will be coming to IPFW to speak in the Walb Ballroom. Silent No More is a support group of post-abortion women who share their testimonies and advocate for alternatives to abortion.

• Thursday, April 30, 12 p.m. — a panel discussion entitled “Does Abortion Affect Women?” will be held in Walb 222-226. This panel discussion will consist of representatives from a variety of professions addressing the impact and effects that abortion has on women.

All events are open to the public. IPFW Students for Life is working in support with the Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA), Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Young Americans for Liberty and Newman Catholic Fellowship.
NEW PRIESTS WELCOMED

Three men ordained Holy Cross priests at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame

Bishop Daniel Jenky, bishop of Peoria, Ill., lays hands on Holy Cross Father Brian Ching, Holy Cross Father Mark DeMott and Holy Cross Father Jarrod Waugh during the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, April 6. Bishop Jenky, a Holy Cross priest, celebrated the 39th anniversary of his ordination on Saturday as well. Following ordination, Father Brian Ching will continue to serve at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, Father Jarrod Waugh at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, and Father Mark DeMott will return to the University of Portland, in Oregon, where he serves as a residence hall director.

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Her students, faculty, staff, trustees, and the Holy Cross community at Notre Dame
Translation and Interpretation Program grows — one document at a time

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — María Teresa Michel has been a very busy woman since she began her new position as translation/interpreter at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne in January. The Translation and Interpretation Program is new to this organization that has provided a multitude of vital services to the people of northern Indiana since 1922.

Originally offered through the Red Cross, the program found its way into the Immigration Department at Catholic Charities after the Red Cross could no longer sustain it. Michel, who staffed the program for five and a half of the 11 years it was furnished through the Red Cross, is grateful this much-needed service continues to be offered to the local community.

“It is complimentary to the Immigration Department at Catholic Charities,” notes Michel. A native of Bolivia, Michel translates documents in four languages, including Spanish, French, Portuguese and English, and interprets for clients in the office as needed. And she is quick to educate others on the distinction between the two services. Translation, she says, is paper document to paper document. Interpretation requires a person to interpret a speaker’s words either simultaneously, as the speaker speaks, or consecutively, after short sentences.

Michel reports that her three-day-a-week position has her translating and proofreading simple documents as a service to those who are applying for any legal status allowed by U.S. Immigration, but refrains from any medical or legal documents due to the complicated language used. And that requires considerable paperwork. Most clients who use the service are Hispanics with documents that include birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates, driver’s licenses, affidavits, school transcripts, diplomas and background checks.

This vital program continues to grow by leaps and bounds with the consistent influx of 23 pages translated in January exploding to number 125 pages in March. Michel, a retired teacher, has 20 years experience in translation, dating back to the work she performed with her brother in his translation business in South America.

Michel, who includes coats of arms and logos taken from the internet that duplicate those on the original forms, also notes that the time it takes to translate any given form depends on its length and how complicated it is. “I translate as close as possible to the original,” she says.

The translated documents that are printed on letterhead with Michel’s signature and stamp are considered official for the U.S. and accepted by U.S. Immigration.

Luz Ostrognai, immigration supervisor at Catholic Charities, is pleased with the new program and says, “It’s a wonderful program and much needed. … The majority of our clients are from different countries so this is essential in the immigration process. It compliments the department and makes us more efficient.”

Michel humbly shares those accolades with Bertha Spankild, immigration support person, who, she says, is very helpful. And she notes that with Ostrognai, a native of Colombia, and Spankild, from Peru, the three women from South America make a strong and efficient team.

The Translation and Interpretation Program has served clients from Fort Wayne and surrounding area as well as from South Bend, Angola and Elkhart. Michel says she is still “building the program,” and because the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend covers so many counties, many with burgeoning Hispanic and other populations, she would like others to know that they are providing this translation service through Catholic Charities. The Translation and Interpretation Program is fee-based, but Catholic Charities will work with individuals who require a payment plan.

For more information on translation services contact Catholic Charities at (260) 422-5625.

Maria Teresa Michel, translator/interpreter for Catholic Charities, seated, discusses a translation document with Luz Ostrognai, Immigration supervisor at Catholic Charities. The Translation and Interpretation Program is new to this organization.

Diocese disperses $199,665 to 14 ‘needy’ parish projects

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for “needy” projects. The committee recommended a total of $199,665 be granted to 11 parishes for 14 essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence. The grants were approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

“Obviously, we can’t meet every request submitted by the parishes,” said Msgr. Robert C. Schulte, vicar general and chancellor of the diocese. “We have to consider the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance,” he continued. A total amount of $631,589 in requests was submitted this year.

“If all or part of a request cannot be met, often the committee will recommend the parish apply to another fund of financial resource in the diocese or community, or seek other alternatives,” Msgr. Schulte added. Some funds usually remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises, Msgr. Schulte indicated. If all the money is not used in 2013, however, it will be carried over and allocated to next year’s Parishes-in-Need fund.

“Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ,” said Bishop Rhoades.

This year’s allocation of Parishes-in-Need funds brings the amount granted to $5,443,614 from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal to parishes in need during the 26 years of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal.

This year’s dispersion and the primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

• St. Henry — $6,500 to send three students to Catholic school.
• Our Queen of Angels — $7,500 to replace the carpet in the parish office and rectory, $3,250 to update the boiler system.
• St. John the Baptism — $22,000 to upgrade the church microphone/speaker system and supporting cable.
• St. Therese — $4,500 for surveillance equipment

Fort Wayne area

• St. Mary, Avilla — $25,000 to upgrade rectory plumbing and electrical systems, remove chimney and any other needed improvements for the rectory.

South Bend

• Holy Cross — $25,000 to replace the boiler in the church.
• Our Lady of Hungary — $8,500 to install an emergency phone system, $8,600 to upgrade the fire safety system.
• St. Adalbert — $16,215 for a new restroom on the third floor.
• St. Anthony de Padua — $25,000 to replace flat roof portion of church building.
• St. John the Baptist — $9,850 to repair the church and school parking lot, $3,500 to repair and paint the windows in convent which is used for school library.

South Bend Area

• St. Monica, Mishawaka — $5,000 to complete the repair and replacement of the bell tower roof.
Salvation accomplished by Christ still lives

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

3rd Sunday of Easter
Jn 21:1-19

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gain this weekend, the Church presents as its first reading for liturgy in Eastertide a passage from the Acts of the Apostles. The mere construction of Acts is a lesson. Actually, it is a continuation of St. Luke’s Gospel. Its underlying lesson is that the salvation achieved by the Lord Jesus did not end with the Ascension. The presence of Jesus in the world did not end with the Ascension. The Risen Lord, ascended into heaven before the very eyes of the Apostles, absent the dead Judas, lives and acts through the Christian community, a community of visible structure, with specific functions.

This reading reports a conflict between the Sanhedrin, led by the high priest, and the Apostles. The Sanhedrin was the official ruling council of Judaism at the time of Jesus. Its agenda was primarily religious, but its authority touched virtually every aspect of life. Again, and important to note, Peter is the spokesman for all the Apostles. He was their leader.

Ordered to stop preaching about Jesus, the Apostles boldly reaffirmed their intention not to stop. No earthly power will deflect them in fulfilling their commission from the Lord. As was the case in earlier weekends, Peter offers here a capitalized story of the life and mission of Christ. The Book of Revelation is the source of the second reading. Probably no other book of the New Testament and few from the Old Testament, perennially leave readers wondering as does Revelation.

(Redemption is not more ancient, nor literally precise, term. The older, and better, term is Apocalypse. However, most English-speaking biblical scholars have adopted the better known name of Revelation.) Yet Revelation is clear. Again and again, it refers to Jesus as the sinless lamb of God, the title used by John the Baptist for the Lord. It is an overpowering reference to the fact that Christians stand with one foot on earth, the other in heaven, for they stand in and with Christ, Son of God and son of Mary, a woman.

St. John’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a Resurrection Narrative. It is wondrous and consoling. Jesus, risen from death, appears to the Apostles as, without luck, they are fishing on the Sea of Galilee. At dawn, recalling the time of the Resurrection, Jesus comes into their midst. It is telling them exactly where to cast their nets. They obey, and a huge catch enters. The Beloved Disciple recognizes Jesus, but Peter is central to the story. He rushes to Jesus.

Then, at a meal, Jesus asks Peter if Peter really loves Jesus. Peter’s question put to Peter three times, with three affirmative responses. In ancient Jewish symbolism, three responses to a later question complete a final and absolute. To each answer, Jesus commissions Peter to love the Good Shepherd’s flock. His commission is exact, final and unqualified. It sent Peter to continue the Lord’s work.

Join Garvey

Physicians on barricades of culture war

A pope of firsts and one who faces challenges ahead

INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington and an expert on constitutional law, religious liberty and the First Amendment.
Looking out for No. 2: Who will be Vatican secretary of state?

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Of the several widely acknowledged priorities in the run-up to the conclave that chose Pope Francis, including the challenge of secularism and the growth of the Church in the global South, none was mentioned more than a need to reform the Roman Curia, the Church’s central administration in the Vatican.

The College of Cardinals extensively discussed corruption and mismanagement sensationaly documented in the 2012 “VatiLeaks” of confidential correspondence, which were also the subject of a detailed report that Pope Benedict XVI designated exclusively for the eyes of his successor.

The new pope has already given signs of his intention to reform. According to his personal notes for his pre-conclave speech to fellow cardinals, subsequently published with his permission, then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio denounced the “self-referentiality” of a Church “living within itself, of herself, for herself.” Although his main target seemed to have been a “theological narcissism” that saps evangelical zeal, the future pope’s words were also an implicit rebuke to the inward-looking mindset of a pre-modern royal court, which still characterizes the Vatican in the 21st century.

Since his election, Pope Francis’ many gestures of humility and accessibility — such as praying at the back of the chapel where he celebrated Mass for Vatican maintenance workers — not only underscored his avowed desire that the Church be close to the poorest and least powerful; it also set an example for higher-ranking officials.

His decision to live in the Vatican guesthouse rather than in the Apostolic Palace also says a lot about his approach to church management. Like a CEO escaping the baronial isolation of his corner office, this pope will not be a prisoner of any gatekeepers and will be free to hear a wide range of his collaborators’ voices.

DOCTOR

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of medicine in its own image and likeness — as personal, affordable and efficient as that is. But it cannot succeed in dehumanizing and commoditizing medicine if we do not let it. The nitty-gritty of medicine takes place in exam rooms during interactions between physicians, patients and family members; in hospital rooms where nurses, therapists and technicians help to save and prolong lives; and in operating rooms where surgeons, nurses and anesthetists repair weak and broken bodies. Physicians are not the only healthcare workers, but if we are not unconditionally pro-life; then it is less likely that those who assist us in our labors will be unconditionally pro-life either.

One of the purposes of the Catholic Medical Association is “To assist the Church in the work of communicating Catholic medical ethics to the medical profession and society at large.” This new column, “The Catholic Doctor in,” will appear regularly in Today’s Catholic as a means to educate both healthcare workers and patients about how to live an authentically Catholic faith in and through their medical care, whether in the living room, bedroom, exam room, hospital room or operating room.

According to Pope John Paul II, the “heart of the tragedy” in the culture of death is the “erasure of the sense of God and of man;” man has forgotten God. I pray that through the efforts of future columns written by my colleagues, you will learn that physicians have not forgotten God and that there are physicians who are dedicated to helping our coworkers and patients serve a culture of life in all their medical decisions and treatments.

Dr. Thomas W. McGovern is a Mohs surgeon and president of the Doctor Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana. More information is available on the guild website www.fortwaynecma.com.

Catholic Home Missions

Appeal offers thanks

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your diocese’s contribution of $55,517 from your 2012 Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The generosity of your parishioners is needed greatly by our U.S. mission dioceses.

In the United States, 85 dioceses and eparchies currently receive our support to fund basic and essential pastoral programs such as evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation and lay leadership training. Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal support these needs and also provide aid to parishes struggling to keep their doors open. With your support, the appeal helps to bridge the gap between need and available local resources.

The faces of our home missions dioceses are as varied as those of the Church in the United States. The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee covers 18 counties in the panhandle of Florida and struggles with an unstable economy impacted by hurricanes and oil spills. In the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, the home missions grant supports outreach to a growing number of Hispanic migrant workers and their families. The Diocese of St. Paul in the U.S. Virgin Islands relies on CHM funding to support seminarian education and students in four Catholic schools.

The 2013 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in many dioceses the weekend of April 27-28. Forty-four percent of U.S. dioceses depend on grants coming from the appeal to maintain their Catholic presence. Please encourage your pastors to support this national collection that strengthens the Church here at home. Resources are available online at www.usccb.org; search “home missions resources.”

I am grateful for all your work to assist home mission dioceses and wish you a joyous, grace-filled Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen
Diocese of St. Paul
Washington, D.C.
**Sports**

**Catholic high schools anxious to make spring sports debuts**

**BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN**

**FORT WAYNE** — With heavy snowfall covering the mound as late as March 25, the spring season is off to a slow start for Fort Wayne area athletes. Anxious to make their debuts on the courts, links, fields and tracks, Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools will continue their domination in their Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) and are expected to lead the area with successful showings and deep post season runs.

**Bishop Dwenger**

**Tennis**

Returning this year for the Bishop Dwenger tennis team is the state runner-up duo of junior Audrey Rang and senior Elizabeth O'Daniel. In his second season, Coach Jeremy Patterson lists five seniors anchoring his team and leading them with the goals of a conference title and returning as a team to state. Players to watch this season will be Rang and Maxson (doubles) as well as Alex Yoder, Meredith Braun and newcomer Abbie Grace Lee.

Bishop Dwenger is coming off an 8-6 record, third-place conference finish, and a loss in the sectional finals. Patterson explains, “I learned a lot from last season. The dedication and commitment from the girls has improved quite a bit after the shortfall of last season. Our team chemistry and excellent work ethic are going to be the strengths for this team this season. I also have a goal of getting as many of our seniors on the Academic All-State team.”

**Baseball**

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The Saints are looking forward to the Preseason Preview in Franklin at the Legends course, the same course at which they hope to finish strong.

**Girls’ track**

Along with several new freshman and sophomores, the Bishop Dwenger girls’ track team returns seven seniors on a team of 50: Erika Warner, Stephanie Schenkkel, Allison Coffin, Ciara Feipel, Meri Didier, LeeAnn Moeller and Sarah Coffee. The 2012 400-meter dash regional qualifier Dominique Effinger is also back.

Rachel Gibson in sprints, Greta Winkeljohn in shot and disc and distance runners Megan Brelage and Clare Manning are newcomers to watch for.

**Catholic Cemetery**

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**McDonald’s Restaurants to Sponsor Nancy Rehm Border Wars Classic**

McDonald’s will sponsor the 2013 Nancy Rehm Border Wars Classic to be held Saturday, April 27, at the Hutzell Center on the University of Saint Francis campus. The games this year are starting at 2 p.m. The Border Wars Classic features high school basketball players from northeastern Indiana and northwestern Ohio and is named in honor of Nancy Rehm, a star high school basketball player at Bishop Luers and at Indiana Institute of Technology. Rehm was killed in 1982. Tickets for Border Wars are $5 for adults and $2 for students.

**Pope Francis**

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**TODAY’S CATHOLIC**

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**Promotion ends June 1, 2013.**
In early action this season, the relay team of Erin Kilbane, Brelage, Bella Wiseman, Manning and Didier qualified for the indoor state meet, as did Megan Coffin in the high jump. Challenged by the weather, Coach Erin Brady explains, “We look forward to starting our outdoor season after spring break.”

Theresa Roberts, Eric Ade, Nancy Yorke, Thomas Crum and Herb Widner are also on the Saints coaching staff.

Softball
The Saints softball team has some unfinished business to take care of this season. “We came up just one game short in conference play last season and one game short in the sectional finals,” detailed Coach Dave Meyer, who returns for his 10th season at the helm of a very successful Bishop Dwenger program.

After a 17-7 season a year ago and with no seniors lost to graduation, the Saints plan to pick up right where they left off behind their experienced leaders — Erica Miller, Julie Bazar and Sara Spaulding. All three seniors were part of the 2010 state championship team and have the potential to be thewinningest group of girls in the school’s history after season records of 27-2, 22-3 and 17-7.

Bazar has signed with Indiana Tech, while Miller will play for Marian University next season. She and junior pitcher/infielder Jordan Schneider will serve as the 2013 captains. Schneider and Demetra Burn will provide solid pitching, while juniors Ali Irvine, Sierra Fisher and Alli Dennie, along with sophomores Madi Snyder and Amanda Miller, round out the roster for Bishop Dwenger.

Bishop Luers Softball
“We always have the same two goals each year — win the SAC and get state,” explains Coach Jeff Doll. Bishop Luers will be led by their pitcher Darby McFann and catcher Julia Hayes, who are back, along with infielder Kelsey Richards, Maranda Malott and Schrae Hammock. After a championship loss in the sectionals to Adams Central, Knights will also rely heavily on their strong defense this season.

Lacrosse
Senior captains Dan Colvin, Nick Burrell and David Shank return to lead the Bishop Luers Knights’ lacrosse team for 2013. In his rookie season as head coach, Eric Frentz explains, “We have a tight group who have played together for several years now.”

His team has yet to win a game in their first four outings, but Frentz is hopeful. He would like to see his Knights continue to gain more knowledge of the sport and concludes, “Our goal is to finish in the top 12 this season and make the state tournament.”

Golf
The Bishop Luers Knights return Joe Korpinitz and Arabella Lutz, who have each won an individual SAC title, along with John Fink, Ben Mauch and Comer Nix.

Coach Tom O’Brien whose team went 10-2 last season and 6-1 in conference play lost just one of their top golfers, Parker Watts, to graduation a year ago.

The Knights have goals of advancing from sectionalals and getting out of regional. In addition, Bishop Luers plans to battle against Bishop Dwenger, who has dominated the SAC for the past decade, for a conference title.

The Knights have a talented group and should be one of the best Bishop Luers teams in several years,” O’Brien summarized.

Tennis
After eight seasons as head coach of the Bishop Luers tennis team, Brady McAndrew has turned the reins over to Jerry Rahrig-Leja this season.

The Knights return four varsity players in Andrea Choka, Courtney Witte, Natalie Rahrig and Maddie Brown from an undefeated 2012 SAC championship team.

Just a junior, Rahrig went 14-4 in 2012 and was an all-district and all-SAC selection. She and Choka were chosen as this year’s team captains. Brown was also an all-conference choice a year ago and played with an impressive 12-2 record.

Although the Knights lost Samantha Rahrig, their No. 1 singles player and all-state pick, to graduation, Rahrig reports, “We have 12 new freshman and sophomore players that will be competing with the upperclassmen for varsity and JV playing positions. We will need more practices to determine who those players will be that can work their way into the lineup.”

McAndrew will continue to help out on the court in the assistant capacity.

Track
Jason Draper will oversee both the boys’ and girls’ track programs once again this season at Bishop Luers. Returning for the boys will be sprinter Charles Gaston, distance specialist Sean McQuillan, and thrower Nick Deiser. Newcomers to watch for this season are the Knights are Noah Johnson, Matt Paris, Madison Busch, Karlton Emmett and Jael Jones. Distance runner Robin Schaefer is back for the girls’ team, along with mid-distance runner Corinne Zay, throwers Amanda Reancus and Anna Bauer and sprinter Audrey Deiser.

“Referring to both programs, Draper concludes, “We are excited to have 23 new freshman on the rosters and several more athlets participating for the first time.”

Baseball
The Knights’ baseball team returns a solid nucleus and a great deal of experience this season. Led by their eight seniors — Matt Williamson, Aaron LaMaster, Cam Gallaway, Jeff Cardenas, David Harper, Estaban Garcia, Adam Reast and Tyler Green, the Knights are fueled by a 2012 regional championship loss.

“The boys were a young group a year ago and had success together winning 20 games. We have all our starters back but one position and are hungry to take things to the next level,” explained returning Coach Gary Rogers, who begins his 27th season at Bishop Luers. He continued, “We have a group that enjoys the game of baseball and are looking forward to playing as soon as things dry up.”

The Knights appear to be well equipped to meet their annual goals of “winning 20 games and a state championship.”
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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RUMMAGE SALES

Spring rummage sale
New Haven — St. Louis
Besarcon will have a spring rummage sale Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fill a bag starts at 3 p.m. Friday.

Rummage sale
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen
Cassel will have a spring rummage sale April 18-20. Thursday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a $3 per bag sale on Saturday only.

Rummage sale planned
Mishawaka — The St. Monica Parish rummage sale will be Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym, at the corner of Elizabeth and Ann streets. Proceeds benefit the Parish Fund. Contact Mark Vanderwall at (260) 370-8379 or Vandy1953@hotmail.com for information.

The Silence of Mary plans yard sale
Fort Wayne — The Silence of Mary group will have a yard sale this Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2067 Sandpoint Rd. Visit www.thesilenceofmary.org, contact silenceofmarykim@pa.net or call (260) 267-8371 for more information.

Document shredding raises funds
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua, 2310 E. Jefferson Blvd., will host a document shredding event Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring up to 4 legal size boxes to be shredded for $10. For larger quantities call the office at (574) 282-2308.

DCCW plan special gathering
New Haven — The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will have a rosary and potluck Tuesday, April 16, at St. Louis Parish. The rosary begins at 3:40 p.m. with Mass at 4 p.m. and potluck in the hall will follow. Father Jacob Meyer and Theresa Schortgen, CFCS, will discuss the current trends that women face in health care today. For more information contact Betty at (260) 348-9656.

Meet and Greet planned
Fort Wayne — A Catholic Business Meet and Greet sponsored by Today’s Catholic will be Friday, April 19, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. John Henry III, president of JH Specialty Inc. will give insights and ideas for cost-effective E-Marketing solutions, designed to grow your business and branding efforts. $5 at the door, includes dessert and bottled water. Free parking available in parking garage. Contact Tess Steffen (260) 399-1457 for information.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3.50. Carry-out available.

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Craner
Elizabeth Ann Scharpf, 72, St. Jude
FISH, CHICKEN AND TENDERLOIN DINNER
Huntington — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson, will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin supper on Friday, May 26, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a raffle, 50/50 drawing and a bake sale. Carry-outs are available. Tickets are $8.50 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and under 5 free.

An evening with Mary
Monroeville — St. Rose of Lima Parish will have an “Evening with Mary,” Wednesday, May 1. Mass starts at 6 p.m. followed by Benediction, rosary (outside by shrine weather permitting) and a talk on the luminous mysteries by Father Lourdino Fernandes. Marian hymns will be sung.
waiting for you, He will take care of everything.”

The Mass was the occasion for Pope Francis to take formal possession of the “cathedra” (chair) of the bishop of Rome. Shortly after the start of the liturgy, Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome, read a profession of obedience to the pope on behalf of the diocese.

Then the pope sat on the raised marble chair in the basilica’s apse, where he received representatives of his flock, including clergy and laypeople. The pope exchanged a few words with each, taking a bit of extra time with a Franciscan friar and married couple accompanied by their four children.

Following the late-afternoon Mass, the pope appeared at the balcony in the basilica’s facade, where he briefly addressed a crowd of several thousand people, wishing them a good evening and urging all to “go forward together ... in the joy of the Resurrection.”

Before the Mass, Pope Francis was joined by Rome’s mayor, Gianni Alemanno, in a brief ceremony rededicating the square on the west end of the basilica in memory of Blessed John Paul II.

Also on Sunday, the pope led a crowd in St. Peter’s Square in praying the “Regina Coeli” at noon. Speaking from the window of his private office in the Apostolic Palace, the pope commented on the day’s Gospel reading, observing how the Apostles had taken courage from the Resurrection.

“May we too have more courage to testify to faith in the risen Christ!” he said. “We should not be afraid to be Christians and live as Christians. We should have this courage, to go and announce the risen Christ, because He is our peace, He has made peace, with His love, with His forgiveness, with His blood, with His mercy.”

The sisters strive to combine the contemplative life with the active and the perpetual adoration and works of mercy,” says Sister Rose Agnes. “That was her purpose for founding the congregation.”

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration continue to serve in education, health care and other ecclesial ministries in Germany, the United States, the Philippines and Brazil. In doing so, they follow in the footsteps of Jesus who spent His public life praying, teaching, healing and ministering to others.

The Provincial House of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province of Denver is located in Mishawaka. These sisters serve in the Archdioceses of Chicago and Indianapolis, and the Dioceses of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Lafayette-in-Indiana and Gary. In Fort Wayne, the Sisters of Saint Francis rejoice that this gift comes during their celebration of the 150th jubilee of the congregation and the Year of Faith. To learn more, go to www.ssfpa.org.

Pope Francis celebrates the Eucharist during Mass at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome April 7. The pope formally took possession of the basilica, his seat as bishop of Rome.

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at everything as a work of mercy ... taking care of the poor and neglected children, teaching, nursing ... she looked at everything as a work of mercy. She wanted to follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi, including his love for poverty. She could have had everything, but she gave it up!”

A widespread anticlerical reaction in Germany, known as the Kulturkampf, restricted Mother Theresia’s work and the reception of new candidates. As one door closed, another one opened when an American bishop paid her a visit. Mother Theresia quickly accepted Bishop Joseph Dwenger’s invitation to establish a convent within his Diocese of Fort Wayne. Mother Maria Theresia died on Feb. 6, 1905.

“That was when the whole northern part of the state was one diocese,” explains Sister Angela Mellady, provincial. “We came to Lafayette in 1875.”

The sisters were given a small house and a benefactor donated two lots. There, the first building of the present St. Elizabeth Hospital was built. With the rapid expansion of the community, a wing for the convent was added to the hospital in 1905. By 1940, the provincial house in Lafayette extended over a two-block area. The site also included a novitiate, a postulancy, a 550-bed hospital, a training school for nurses, a high school and a college.

“The community kept growing ... we eventually ran out of space!” says Sister Rose Agnes, reflecting on how it once seemed like the order might die out in Germany. “Then they came here. ... Between 1885 and 1896 there were 600 novices. That’s 60 a year!”

In 1943, Bishop John F. Noll dedicated the new provincial house at its current location in Mishawaka. The former Carlisle estate became known as “Mount Alverno” and is currently home to about 80 sisters.

The sisters serve primarily in education in this diocese ... the University of Saint Francis, Marian High School, St. Matthew School and St. Anthony School in South Bend.” They also have sisters who assist in the diocesan Mass for shut-ins and provide day retreats.

The congregation remains true to her original mission 156 years after Mother Theresia founded the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

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Mary Smith

Congratulations Mary, on your hard work for the past 12 years... and best wishes at Harvard!

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