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Come Holy Spirit, 37 confirmed

BY DENISE FEDOROW

BRISTOL — They studied and prepared for two years — doing special projects, logging service hours — and all their work culminated in the blessing of the sacrament of Confirmation Saturday, April 13, at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Bristol.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades confirmed 37 candidates in all — 35 young people and two adults. As they practiced the night before, parents and students alike looked at this sacrament as a “rite of passage on their spiritual journey.”

Mike and Sara Jackowiak’s son Ryan was one of the candidates. When asked what it meant to them as parents, Mike replied, “It means he’s getting older and taking on the responsibility of full membership in the Church. He now has a better maturity and better idea of what’s expected of him and about what it means to be Catholic.”

The family members have been parishioners at St. Mary’s for approximately six years. Ryan is their second child to be confirmed. Mike was raised Catholic and Sara joined the Church. Sara said having two children go through the Confirmation program reinforced the things she learned in RCIA.

“As a family it’s made us all stronger Catholics,” Sara said.

A couple of the girls being confirmed, Mackenzie Kauffman and Raven Knepp, felt the sacrament would bring them closer to God.

“It’s an important thing to do to be a part of the Church and be more with God,” Mackenzie declared.

Raven said being confirmed meant, “I get to follow my faith more and know that now I’m really a part of the Catholic faith and follow in the Lord’s footsteps to be closer to God.”

One candidate, Johnny Riblet, was excited about



DENISE FEDOROW

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades “quizzes” the candidates at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol on Saturday, April 13, before administering the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Dialogue offers ‘exchange of gifts’

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — With a goal of working toward full Christian unity with all Christians throughout the world, the Vatican is engaged in 16 different international dialogues with various other churches and communions. One of those dialogues took place in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend April 7-13.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades hosted the dialogue in South Bend between delegates of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) and delegates from the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC).

Bishop Rhoades was appointed by the Vatican as co-chair of the fourth phase of the International Reformed-Catholic Dialogue, which began in 2011. The Reformed-Catholic

Dialogue has been going on since 1970. Rev. Martha Moore-Keish of the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., co-chairs the fourth phase of the dialogue on behalf of the WCRC.

The annual dialogue encounters are informal and usually restricted to the participants. However, an open panel discussion took place in the auditorium of Moreau Seminary on April 10 after the participants attended Mass and ate dinner at the seminary. Holy Cross seminarians and seminary faculty, as well as University of Notre Dame theology students and faculty attended the panel discussion.

Rev. Moore-Keish and Bishop Rhoades were joined on the panel by Father Gregory Fairbanks, an official with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, who

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Holy Cross Father Peter Jarrett at the podium welcomes guests to Moreau Seminary. Panelists seated are, from left, Rev. Douwe Visser of the WCRC, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Rev. Martha Moore-Keish of the WCRC and Father Gregory Fairbanks of the PCPCU.

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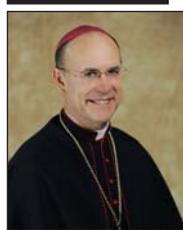
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Zeal for the New Evangelization



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel, Jesus the Good Shepherd teaches us that He knows His sheep and they follow Him. And our Lord also says that He gives them eternal life and that no one can take them out of His hand. This is our conviction as followers of the Good Shepherd. We trust in the Lord who holds us in His hands, who protects us, and who gives us eternal life. He gives us His grace through Baptism and the other life-giving sacraments.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday, we read about the dynamic missionary activity of Paul and Barnabas in the early years of the Church. They brought the word of God, the message of eternal life, to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were delighted when they heard the bold preaching of Paul and Barnabas and they glorified the word of the Lord. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that "all who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region."

It is good during the season of Easter to reflect on the life of the early Church and the spread of the Gospel in the first decades of Christianity, as we read the Acts of the Apostles.

In this Year of Faith, we are reminded that the Church is, by its very nature, missionary. The missionary dynamism of the early Church, which we read about in the Acts of the Apostles, is an example for us today. We are called to have the zeal of the first Christians in our evangelizing mission.

A truly vibrant Church, whether on the level of the diocese or parish, is one which is not turned in on itself, but one which is devoted to spreading the faith to others and dedicated to bringing others to Christ, the Good Shepherd. We strive to do this in a myriad of ways. I wish to highlight the importance of passing on the faith to our children and young people, especially by our commitment to strong Catholic schools, religious education programs, and youth ministry. It is also vitally important to have strong RCIA programs and adult faith formation. I think particularly of the hundreds of Arise groups in our diocese. These are all components of a truly evangelizing parish.

We all have the responsibility of bringing the Gospel to others, in our families and in our community. We all have a share in the task of spreading the faith by word and example. This is as important now as it was back in Saint Paul's time. Yes, we live in a different culture, with different challenges and circumstances. Today we face the great challenge of living the faith in an increasingly secularized culture and one which is marked by increasing relativism. The early Church faced different challenges. Though the circumstances are different, the mission of the Church remains the same. The Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to call disciples to follow Him. He continues, through His Body, the Church, to offer the gift of eternal life to those who would follow Him.



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A window at St. Mary's Church in Killarney, Ireland, depicts Jesus Christ as the good shepherd. This coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Bishop Rhoades notes in this week's In Truth and Charity column: "In the Gospel, Jesus the Good Shepherd teaches us that He knows His sheep and they follow Him. And our Lord also says that He gives them eternal life and that no one can take them out of His hand. This is our conviction as followers of the Good Shepherd."

In our second reading this Sunday, we will hear the wonderful vision of Saint John in the book of Revelation. The victory of the Church is described by John: a great multitude of people dressed in white robes, from every nation, race, people, and language, stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb, worshipping Him day and night. These are the redeemed. They are those who had undergone many trials and who are now safe, having washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We are called to be part of this great crowd and to bring others to be a part of God's holy people, to be purified in the blood of the Lamb, to share in eternal life.

Saint John says that the Lamb will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-

giving water. How many people in the past nearly 200 years here in our diocese have been led by Christ the Good Shepherd to the springs of life-giving water in the community of faith which is the Church! We must be committed to embrace with new vigor our evangelizing mission, to bear witness to the Good Shepherd by word and example, especially our witness to His love.

May we all one day stand before the throne and before the Lamb, worshipping Him in the eternal banquet feast of heaven! At every Mass, we anticipate and have a foretaste of that heavenly banquet when we worship the Lord in the Eucharistic sacrifice and receive from the Lord the great grace of His life-giving Body and Blood.

Immigration rally cries out to Congress to fix range of problems

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — From across the country, by bus, plane and train, tens of thousands of people calling for comprehensive immigration reform covered the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol April 10, in one of more than a dozen similar events taking place around the United States.

Cries of: “Si, se puede,” Spanish for “yes, we can,” and “What do we want? Citizenship. When do we want it? Now!” rose from the crowd in Washington.

As an hours-long program of speakers, musical performances and prayers played out on a stage that only those closest to it could see, different groups and individuals on the platform and in the crowd talked and waved signs about the range of issues most important to them.

Signs reading “We build this nation, too,” “Immigration reform is central to women’s equality,” “Education, not deportation,” and “Let he/she who has no immigrant blood cast the first stone,” were interspersed with flags — mostly U.S., but also from Mexico, El Salvador, Ireland and other nations. On a blistering hot day when many trees hadn’t yet grown out leaves to provide full shade, the lawn, surrounding park space and the sidewalks around the Reflecting Pool were covered by a sea of white shirt-clad people.

The rally was organized as part of a nationwide campaign to push Congress to pass a comprehensive immigration reform law that addresses a range of problems with the current system.

A Senate bill being crafted by the bipartisan so-called “gang of eight,” was said by some members of the panel to be nearly ready to unveil, perhaps within the week. It is expected to incorporate goals such as a path to legalization and citizenship for the majority of the estimated 11 million people in the U.S. who lack legal status; increases in the number of visas available for workers, and changes to how family reunification visas are granted, all against a set of requirements for ensuring that the Mexican border is “secure.”

President Barack Obama is pushing for such legislation, but has been giving the Senate panel time to pull together a bill that might draw votes from both parties. Results of the 2012 election that gave Obama more than 70 percent of the votes of Latinos prodded Republican leaders to rethink their previous opposition to immigration reform that includes legalization or a path to citizenship.

Sentiments expressed at the rally gave a sense of just how complex the demands are for what legislation should accomplish.

One group from the Philadelphia area carried signs saying: “Fight for driver’s licenses, we pay taxes.” They said they want a state law allowing people to receive licenses regardless of their immigration



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People rally for comprehensive immigration reform April 10 near the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Demonstrators urged lawmakers to support a path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

status. Only a handful of states do not require U.S. legal residency to obtain a license.

One man told Catholic News Service he had a Pennsylvania driver’s license for 11 years. But the state law changed and the taxpayer ID number he previously was able to use for his license is no longer accepted. Carlos, who didn’t give his last name, said he was one of 4,500 people who lost their licenses because they couldn’t provide Social Security numbers. He said the solution to his problem is either to be legalized or to have the state resume allowing people to get licenses even if they are not in the country legally.

“We want each of you to have your picture on an American passport,” said Father Jose Eugenio Hoyos, director of the Hispanic Apostolate for the Diocese of Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington. “We want each of you to have your picture on an American ID.”

As one of several clergy offering prayers, Father Hoyos observed, speaking alternately in English and Spanish: “We don’t need a revolution, we need an exorcism.”

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, noted that 36 times the Hebrew Scriptures call upon God’s people to “treat strangers well.” That teaching, plus the Jews’ history of being persecuted as a people lead today’s Jews to support immigration reform, he said.

“Can we reconcile God’s command with policies that keep families apart?” he asked. “America can do better.”

Stepped-up deportation under the Obama administration was cited by many people on stage and in the crowd as something that is making their lives more difficult.

U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, an Illinois Democrat who has led the charge for immigration reform in the House, said when he left his home the night before, his family “knew I was coming back. Other

families are not so lucky” because of the risk of deportation.

Carla Varela is a U.S. citizen who lives in suburban Maryland. She told Catholic News Service that many immigrant families she knows have been split apart when someone is deported.

“My brother came to the U.S. because he has a daughter here,” she said. He wanted to be a part of his then-baby’s life and felt he couldn’t help support her given inadequate job opportunities in his home country, Honduras. She said that four years ago he was pulled over by a police officer who acknowledged her brother hadn’t done anything wrong but was stopped because, “You look Spanish.”

Although her brother had a valid driver’s license, he answered truthfully when the officer asked if he was in the country legally. The police turned him over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which eventually deported him, after a few months of shuttling him around among different detention centers, she said.

Since then, Varela said, her niece’s mother has kept Varela and other relatives from seeing the child. “She says he needs to come back here before any of us can see her,” Varela said.

Martin, a butcher from Mexico who came on a 12-hour bus ride to Washington with his Catholic parish in Grand Rapids, Mich., said his lack of legal status means that he hasn’t been able to return to see his now-elderly parents in the 15 years since he left Guadalajara.

His three children are U.S. citizens, and every day “we worry about deportation.” He said he’s especially puzzled that it is so difficult to fix the problems with the immigration system given that so much of U.S. food production is done by immigrants.

“Our life is here,” Martin said. “We only want an opportunity to lead our lives. We are all children of God.”



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Joseph Church, Hessen Cassel
- Thursday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Friday, April 26 — Indiana Poverty Summit, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, April 26, 6 p.m. — Dinner and Auction, Marian High School, Mishawaka
- Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Culver
- Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, South Bend

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assists Bishop Rhoades with the dialogue; and Rev. Douwe Visser, a Dutch theologian who is executive secretary for Theology, Mission and Communion for the WCRC. He assists Rev. Moore-Keish.

Father Fairbanks spoke about the ecumenical endeavors of the Catholic Church, explaining that the dialogues start by seeking to overcome misperceptions, and then try to find commonalities while still recognizing differences.

Father Fairbanks said he is often asked why it’s important to talk to non-Catholics, and that answer is clear if one looks at Vatican II documents and the experience of ecumenism.

Firstly, “It doesn’t start with who’s right or who’s wrong,” he said. “We are trying to grow together in faith, trying to see what we can say together ... and to grow together in our relationship with one another.”

Secondly, he especially encouraged the seminarians to engage in the ecumenical movement when they become priests.

“You will find, and your students and your parishioners will find, that they are strengthened in their faith by sharing and seeing the different points of view and looking at the truth of Jesus Christ, but looking at it from different angles and appreciating the same gift and seeing the gift that each side gives.

“It is true, as John Paul said in his encyclical on ecumenism, ‘Ut Unum Sint,’ that there is an exchange of gifts,” Father Fairbanks said. “We learn from each other, we grow together in Christ and all of our individual faiths in this community are strengthened by growing together, by praying together, by sharing our faiths with one another.”

Rev. Visser explained that ecumenical work was also very important to the WCRC, and that is why it participates in dialogues with the Catholic Church and with other churches.

“We still have that desire also for being one. And of course we are in many ways divided and in many ways we are also far from each other,” Rev. Visser said. “But when I was here this afternoon and

being present at Mass and enjoying the beautiful music, there was also a moment when I thought that ‘We are on our way.’”

“We are not there yet, I realize that,” Rev. Visser said. “But we have that desire that we become one; but we also have the desire that we become one not with neglecting our differences and certainly not with neglecting what is still sorrow and concern in the world. And there I think we have much in common, because we long after all, for the Kingdom of God.”

Dialogue papers from the Catholic perspective were prepared by German theologian Annemarie Mayer of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland; and Peter Casarella, theology professor and founding director of DePaul University’s Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology.

Other Catholic theologians participating in the dialogue were Peter DeMey of the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; Franciscan Father William Henn of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy; and Dominican Father Jorge Scampini of the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires.

Reformed theologians giving papers were Rev. Reinerio Arce-Valentin, president of the Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cuba; and Christopher Dorn of Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich. Other Reformed theologians participating in the dialogue were Rev. Marina Ngusanzeli Behera of India, presently teaching at the Ecumenical Institute at Chateau de Bossey in Switzerland; Rev. George Hunsinger of Princeton Theological Seminary; George Sabra, president of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon; and Rev. Lindsay Schluter of the Church of Scotland. Also a member of the dialogue but unable to attend is Rev. Benebo Fubara-Manuel of the Church of Nigeria.

The overall theme of the fourth phase of the Reformed-Catholic Dialogue was “Justification and Sacramentality: The Christian Community as an agent for justice.” Topics discussed at this dialogue meeting were “Justification and Sanctification” and “Prophetic Office and Authority in the Church.” The fourth meeting of the dialogue will take place in Scotland in April, 2014.

Chaplain deserves 'about three or four' Medals of Honor, say veterans

BY JOSEPH AUSTIN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Barack Obama April 11 awarded the Medal of Honor to famed Korean War chaplain Father Emil Kapaun, presenting it to the priest's nephew, Ray Kapaun, nearly 22,604 days after his uncle's death in a prisoner of war camp.

"He should have got it long time ago," Joe Ramirez, a war veteran, told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Houston. He was baptized by Father Kapaun July 19, 1950, the day after their regiment had landed in Korea.

"He deserves about three or four of them," another soldier-friend of the priest, Herbert Miller, told CNS.

Father Kapaun was born on Holy Thursday at 11:30 a.m. April 20, 1916, to two hardworking parents in a little farmhouse in Kansas. He grew up an ordinary child in ordinary times, but God was calling him to something greater.

"Now one remembers little things about him which were not significant

then, but which might have let you know what sort of man he would be when the going was difficult," Father Edward Malone, a Benedictine priest and professor, is quoted as saying in a 1954 biography of the priest written by Father Arthur Tonne.

When he walked into a room, Father Kapaun seemed to light up the room, fellow soldier Mike Dowe said in an April 4 interview in Rosslyn, Va.

Dowe retired as an Army colonel in 1970 and today is chief scientist at New Mexico-based Raytheon Ktech. He spoke to CNS while he was in the Washington area on business.

Shortly after the Korean War ended — an armistice was signed July 27, 1953 — Dowe wrote about Father Kapaun in a *Saturday Evening Post* article in January 1954. "By his very presence, somehow, he could turn a stinking, louse-ridden mud hut, for a little while, into a cathedral," he wrote. Yet, he added, there was nothing "ethereal about him, nothing soft or unctuous or holier-than-thou."

In the interview with CNS, Dowe said the priest used ordinary GI slang



U.S. President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to Ray Kapaun, who accepted it on behalf of his uncle, U.S. Army chaplain Father Emil Joseph Kapaun, at the White House in Washington April 11. The priest, who died May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner of war camp, was honored with the nation's highest military award for bravery.

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carried Miller about 30 miles through 20-40 below-zero temperatures, saving his life.

"He didn't have to be a POW, but he stayed back" to take care of the wounded, Ramirez told CNS.

On the march, "leadership was manifest by example," said Dowe, who first met Father Kapaun as he helped him carry a stretcher.

After the long and arduous death march, the soldiers were only faced with more insurmountable conditions in the filth and despair of the POW camp.

"When you're in such a hopeless situation ... the will to live means everything," Dowe explained. "One night you give up and you're gone in 24 hours."

Father Kapaun not only instilled in the men a will to live, but also a loyalty to their country and to their principles.

"The Chinese hated him because they thought he had too much influence on the young guys," said Ramirez.

In his article, Dowe wrote: "Above all, he urged them not to fall for the lying doctrines the Reds were trying to pound into our heads."

The priest would go cabin to cabin, stopping in for a few moments to talk and pray with the wounded and dying prisoners.

"He would slip in the door, (pass) a pipe around, kneel down say a prayer for everybody not only Catholic but ... whatever you were ... (and) then he'd say, 'Keep your chin up boys, because we're going to come out of here,'" Miller told CNS.

Father Kapaun helped wash the clothes of the dying, brought water to the thirsty, cleaned and picked maggots or lice out of the wounds of those who could not do it themselves, and boiled water in a little piece of metal he had found so the prisoners could drink it and not get dysentery.

Sometimes he would even sneak into the warehouse to steal food for the starving men, explained Dowe.

With men falling sick all around him, Father Kapaun eventually got a blood clot that led to pneumonia and fever. However, he recovered from the illness just long enough for the North Koreans to whisk him off to their death house, where he passed away.

Dowe remembers the moment when they took him away. "We all said, 'Hey! He's getting better' ... but the soldiers came in with bayonets. Father said, 'Hey, don't fight!'" and then turning to Dowe, he said, "Mike, I'm going where I always wanted to go."

to communicate with the troops, and loved to talk about his mother's good cooking.

Deployed to the Korean War, Father Kapaun spent almost a year ministering to the soldiers on the frontlines. When he was not dodging bullets to drag wounded back to the aid stations, the priest would "drop in a shallow hole besides a nervous rifleman, crack a joke or two, hand him a peach, (and) say a little prayer with him," Dowe wrote in 1954.

In his recollection of the chaplain, Miller told CNS: "He didn't stop to ask if I was Baptist or what. He just did his job."

One day, during the thick of the fighting, Miller was charged with the task of leading a platoon back to the headquarters. About halfway there, they were overwhelmed by a huge swarm of enemy soldiers.

"It was dark ... but I saw a grenade and I couldn't get away from it," he said. The grenade exploded and seriously wounded him. Lying on the ground, he looked up just as a North Korean soldier pointed a pistol between his eyes, ready to execute him on the spot.

"The first time I saw (Father Kapaun) is when he come across that road and picked me up," said Miller.

Captured almost immediately, the two were sent on a death march to a North Korean POW camp. The priest

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A bill to regulate chemical abortion, improve informed consent headed to governor's desk

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to regulate chemical abortion in Indiana and improve informed consent law for abortion passes the House and Senate, and is headed for the governor's desk. The Church supports the proposal.

The bill, Senate Bill 371, requires facilities that dispense abortion-inducing drugs to meet the same medical standards as those that provide surgical abortions. The proposal requires a doctor who prescribes the abortion-inducing drugs to examine the woman in person, and schedule follow-up care. It prohibits teled practices where a doctor could use Skype to discuss options with the pregnant mother rather than an in-person exam.

The bill was amended to include Senate Bill 489, which requires a woman seeking abortion to see an ultrasound and hear fetal heart tones unless she certifies in writing that she declines. It requires the Indiana Department of Health to provide color illustrations, rather than black and white, showing fetal development stages for abortion centers to provide to abortion clients.

Rep. Sharon Negele, R-Attica, House sponsor of the bill, said, "It

amends the definition of abortion to specifically include abortions by surgical procedures and by abortion inducing drugs-RU 486. It does not include the morning after pill, or otherwise known as "Plan B."

"RU 486 is a regimen of drugs starting with an artificial steroid that block progesterone, which is a hormone that is needed to continue a pregnancy. After two days another drug is given to induce contractions to help expel the embryo."

According to Negele, an abortion-inducing drug is defined specifically as a drug that is designed and dispensed with the intent to terminate a pregnancy.

Negele said the bill makes changes to the consent form a woman must sign before having an abortion. All abortions, both surgical and chemical, are treated the same with respect to notices and informed consent.

Negele explained that in order for a woman to have a chemical abortion, a doctor will have to assess the gestational age of the baby in order to determine if it's an appropriate use. Additionally, the doctor will have to rule-out an ectopic pregnancy, including "a very serious side effect including death"

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if RU 486 is used.

The bill specifically states that an abortion-inducing drug may not be administered to a woman after nine weeks and that an abortion must be surgical unless the FDA approves a drug to do so. The bill attaches criminal charges, a Class C felony, to any doctor who dispenses an abortion-inducing drug for an abortion after nine weeks, mandating that abortions conducted after nine weeks would be surgical.

Negele speaking from the House floor said, "This is a very emotionally-charged issue and I want you to understand my intent is to seek out a remedy to safeguard our young women who have chosen this path. I know that the most common age to use this type of abortion is between 18

and 25 years old. Because I have a 21-year-old daughter, this really hits home."

Lawmakers State Rep. Sue Errington, D-Muncie, and State Rep. Linda Lawson, D-Hammond, spoke out in opposition to bill. Errington, a former Planned Parenthood employee said, she did not think the clinics providing chemical abortion needed to meet the same standards as those performing surgical abortions. Errington, noting the list of requirements, said all that "just to give a pill." Lawson took her fellow lawmakers to task asking them why they haven't done more to help children that are already born, rather than attack clinics that offer abortion. "Why aren't we talking more about the basic right of a pregnant woman?"

State Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, author of SB 371 said, "We're just trying to control and regulate abortion-inducing drugs, which are not regulated in the state of Indiana. We're talking about the life of the mother and of the child."

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, who serves as the official spokesman and public policy watchdog on state and federal

issues for the Catholic Church in Indiana, said, "Getting Senate Bill 371 passed is a pretty big victory because it will keep this type of abortion from expanding, and that's a positive step forward."

Tebbe, who expects the governor to sign the bill in the weeks ahead, said, "The expansion on informed consent for all types of abortion is also an important piece of the bill because it is important that women be fully-informed before making an important life-changing decision. We believe it is in the best interest of the state to protect the health of the mother as well as the life of the unborn child."

The Indiana General Assembly has only a few weeks of legislative business remaining. They must pass a biennial budget bill before the April 29 adjournment deadline.

Web Resources

For more information on pending legislation the Church is following go to the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) Web page at www.indianacc.org.

Annual Disabilities Retreat honors 'God's Good Earth'

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul hosted its seventh annual retreat for people with disabilities on April 13 at the St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Center in Fort Wayne where 30 participants with developmental or physical disabilities ranging in age from 18 to 80 years old gathered to enrich their spiritual lives.

Participants arrived mid-morning for refreshments and social time before the opening prayer service that set the tone for the focus of the retreat, "God's Good Earth." Volunteers, retreat organizers and participants were introduced to a reflection on the story of creation, which concluded with a prayer asking God to bless the earth and its stewards.

The music was led by Tony Wagner, who along with a Boy Scout, played guitar. A sign language interpreter signed the words to the songs, including "All the Earth," "Prayer of St. Francis," and "Canticle of the Sun," which were chosen as a complement to the theme. Amy Yablonsky, a participant from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, says she has participated in the disabilities retreats for several years and enjoys the singing and crafts.

Retreat participants were served meals and assisted by Boy Scouts from St. Vincent de Paul, who also

helped with planting flower seeds in potting soil. Participants were encouraged to take the seed pots home and nurture the seeds into mature plants.

Boy Scout Alex Szaday, age 12, says that he "chose to come today because he likes helping out with everyone." He has experience with people with disabilities because he has a friend at Leo Elementary who is confined to a wheelchair.

Ryan Richardson, also 12, and new to Scouting, says he is comfortable helping people with disabilities because his uncle has a disability.

Retreat coordinator Dorothy Schuerman spoke about Pope Francis' name choice and how he brought attention to the disabled community by embracing a boy with cerebral palsy. Retreat participants also heard about the life of St. Francis and the religious order he founded as well as the women's community founded by his friend St. Clare. A collection of legends and folklore concerning St. Francis' connection with animals and creation that sprang up after St. Francis' death was discussed as well.

Representatives from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo provided education and up-close interaction with several animals from the zoo including a dingo, millipedes, a non-venomous snake, a parrot and a hedgehog.

After lunch, prepared by Rosie Munson and family, participants

were reminded by Father Fernando Polycarp, parochial vicar at St. Vincent, that everyone is a gift from God. He joked that when God made him, He broke the mold because one was enough. Father Polycarp explained to the chuckling crowd that each person on the retreat was treated in the same manner and is loved by God.

Joe Celarek from St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne feels the message of this retreat was the "best ever because it has so much to do with loving the earth and God creating us and us taking care of God's creation."

Jane Sandor, catechetical associate for the diocesan Special Ministries of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, closed the retreat with a talk on how the Church is taking responsibility for recognizing the needs of those with disabilities. She shared information about her horse rescue and participants had the opportunity to pet Ringo, a miniature therapy horse who enjoyed feeding on carrots. Sandor also spoke on the initiatives of the diocesan ministry for persons with disabilities and said the Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries is forming a deaf ministry, among other things.

"Without you and your gifts we are not a Church," she affirmed.

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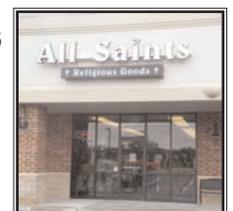
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HHS lawsuits aim to 'secure religious freedom,' bishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said he has "deep gratitude" and "solidarity and appreciation" for those who have challenged the contraceptive mandate of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that forces employers to pay for contraceptive services. Catholic dioceses, as well as Catholic and other religious nonprofit organizations and businesses, have filed lawsuits challenging the HHS mandate that is part of the Affordable Care Act. In a recent decision on one of the lawsuits, a federal judge April 3 granted a Catholic-owned Minnesota company a reprieve from complying with the mandate until a permanent decision is reached on its implementation under the health care law. Archbishop Lori said in an April 8 statement that the goal of these litigants is "nothing less than securing the freedom of the Church to continue to obey the Lord's command — and, in turn, to serve the common good — by providing charitable ministries in health care, education and service to the poor, all without compromising Catholic beliefs."

Mounting sectarian strife scaring Egypt's Christians into leaving

CAIRO (CNS) — Mounting sectarian violence in Egypt is pushing tens of thousands of Egyptian Christians to look for security abroad, say Christian community members, church leaders and aid workers. Some of the most serious sectarian violence occurred April 7 at Egypt's main Coptic Orthodox cathedral in Cairo, when a crowd confronted angry Christian demonstrators shouting anti-government slogans as they were leaving

NEWS BRIEFS

SEMINARIANS WATCH DURING GROUNDBREAKING FOR BUILDING AT U.S. SEMINARY IN ROME



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Seminarians watch during the groundbreaking for a 10-story building at the Pontifical North American College in Rome April 12. The new building will include high-tech classrooms and Mass and homily-practice chapels. From left are: Msgr. James F. Checchio, the college's rector; donors James and Miriam Mulva of Bartlesville, Okla.; Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J.; Gabby and Jonathan Mulva, daughter-in-law and son of James and Miriam; and U.S. Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

the funeral of four Christians killed in a gunfight the previous day. Police fired tear gas over the walls of St. Mark Orthodox Cathedral and reportedly stepped aside as the unknown assailants, armed with petrol bombs and other weapons, attacked those inside the cathedral grounds. "The police not only didn't protect the cathedral, but they fired tear gas into the cathedral," said Alfred Raouf, an Egyptian opposition party member, describing the events to Catholic News Service. Egyptian newspapers reported a Muslim who had been injured at the scene April 7 died of his injuries April 9.

Demographic shifts mean Europe no longer Catholic Church's center

OXFORD, England (CNS) — The election of Pope Francis, an Argentine, to lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics confirms what observers have long known: Vast demographic shifts in the Catholic population are reconfiguring the face of the Church and shifting the institution's center from its historic European heartland. What that means for the Church remains unknown, but Europeans who have long viewed themselves as Catholicism's traditional guardians are likely to find they will have to share that role with others. "Although the bishop of Rome is its head, the Church's center is no longer in Europe, and the presence of an Argentine pontiff expresses the new situation," said Jesuit Father Paul Zulehner, retired professor of pastoral theology at the University of Vienna and one of Austria's leading social scientists. "With many Catholics already coming here from other parts of the world, it looks as if we'll be learning from the Church's peripheries in the future, as much as from its center," the priest told Catholic News Service. Europeans made up more than half of the 115 cardinals who elected Pope Francis, with 28 from Italy alone. European cardinals were prominent among those mentioned as top papal candidates.

Pope names panel of cardinals to advise on Vatican reform

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Amid rising concerns about corruption and mismanagement in the central administration of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis named an international panel of cardinals to advise him on the latest reform of the Vatican bureaucracy.

The Vatican Secretariat of State announced April 13 that the pope had established the group — which includes Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley and Sydney Cardinal George Pell — to "advise him in the government of the universal Church and to study a plan for revising the apostolic constitution on the Roman Curia, 'Pastor Bonus.'"

"Pastor Bonus," published in 1988, was the last major set of changes in the Roman Curia, the Church's central administration at the Vatican. It was largely an

effort at streamlining by reassigning responsibilities among various offices, rather than an extensive reform.

Complaints about the shortcomings of Vatican governance increased markedly during 2012 following the "VatiLeaks" of confidential correspondence providing evidence of corruption and mismanagement in various offices of the Holy See and Vatican City State. That affair prompted a detailed internal report, which Pope Benedict XVI designated exclusively for the eyes of his successor.

The College of Cardinals extensively discussed the problems in meetings preceding the conclave that elected Pope Francis last month. According to the April 13 Vatican statement, the suggestion for an advisory panel on reform arose during those meetings.

Only one member of the new panel is a full-time Vatican official: Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, presi-

dent of the commission governing Vatican City State. All of the others currently serve as diocesan bishops.

The group's coordinator is Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who is also president of Caritas Internationalis, a Vatican-based umbrella organization for national Catholic charities around the globe.

The other members are Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz Ossa, retired archbishop of Santiago, Chile; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, archbishop of Mumbai, India; Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich and Freising, Germany; and Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya of Kinshasa, Congo.

They will meet for the first time Oct. 1-3, 2013, the Vatican statement said, but are "currently in contact" with Pope Francis.

The panel's membership represents five continents, with the larg-

est number — three members — coming from the Americas. Three members, more than any other linguistic group, hail from English-speaking countries (counting India). Two members are native speakers of Spanish. Only one member shares the Italian nationality of the majority of Vatican employees.

Both Pope Paul VI and Blessed John Paul II also named international panels of cardinals to advise them on curial reform.

A 1986 commission of six cardinals, whose recommendations contributed to "Pastor Bonus," included two Italians, an Austrian, a Canadian, a Venezuelan and a Nigerian. All were serving as Vatican officials at the time.

The 15-member Council of Cardinals for the Study of Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See, established in 1981, also contributed to the process that produced "Pastor

Bonus." It has continued to meet twice a year, among other reasons to review the consolidated financial statements of the Holy See and Vatican City State. The council's members hail from five continents, where they all serve as diocesan bishops.

The Holy See — whose major organs consist of the Secretariat of State, nine congregations, 12 councils and three tribunals — employed 2,832 employees as of the end of 2011. Its financial statements for 2011 showed a deficit equivalent to about \$19.4 million at current exchange rates.

The commission governing Vatican City State, which is not part of the curia, employed another 1,887 persons at the end of 2011 and reported a surplus of the equivalent of \$28.4 million, largely owing to revenues from the Vatican Museums.

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ elect new leadership

DONALDSON — Following a process of discernment and prayer, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Chapter delegates, during the Provincial Chapter of Elections held April 5-7, elected a leadership team who will direct them during the next four years. Sister Judith Diltz was elected provincial and Sister Michele Dvorak as first councilor. Sister Loretta Schleper and Sister Carole Langhauser were elected as councilors.

Sister Judith Diltz, a native of Mishawaka, took her first vows as a Poor Handmaid on Aug. 6, 1969. Since that time she has ministered in education and served the Poor Handmaid Community. She taught English at various schools in Indiana and Illinois and served as the PHJC vocation director, postulant /affiliate director, and director for development. Currently she is a professor of English and humanities and faculty assessment coordinator at Ancilla College in Donaldson.

Sister Michele Dvorak has ministered in education since 1976. She has been a teacher and principal in Indiana and Illinois and currently is an associate professor at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, where she also held the position of vice president of academic and student affairs. Sister Michele was born in Minneapolis, Minn. and took her first vows on Aug. 15, 1976.

Sister Loretta Schleper has served in different ministries since taking her first vows on Aug. 6, 1965. She has been the assistant director at Villa Maria in Donaldson, an occupational therapist, house coordinator, nurse assistant, staff chaplain, the director of community health improvement program at HealthVisions of Fort Wayne and currently serves as the volunteer coordinator at Sojourner Truth House, a ministry sponsored by the Poor Handmaids in Gary. Sister Loretta was born in Highland, Ill.

Sister Carole Langhauser, born in Breese, Ill., has been in health-care since taking her first vows on Aug. 11, 1974. She has served as a staff nurse, oncology clinical nurse specialist at various hospitals in Indiana and Illinois and currently serves as the vice-president of mission integration at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Sister Carole also ministered in Thailand in 1980.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ community promised unity, support and collaboration to the new team during the next four years. Installation of the leadership team will be held on July 7, in the Ancilla Domini Chapel, at Donaldson.

University of Notre Dame to hold annual Eucharistic Procession

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame will celebrate its ninth annual Eucharistic

AROUND THE DIOCESE

POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP



PROVIDED BY THE POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

The provincial chapter of The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ held elections April 5-7. The newly elected leadership for the next four years are from left, Sister Loretta Schleper and Sister Michele Dvorak, councilors; Sister Judith Diltz, provincial; and Sister Carole Langhauser, councilor.

Procession on Sunday, April 21. The procession will set out from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart immediately following the 11:45 a.m. Mass and will last for one hour. All are invited to join in this rich Catholic tradition that celebrates Jesus Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Campus Ministries at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College in addition to the Vocations Office of the Congregation of Holy Cross will construct four altars that will be placed at focal points on campus where Benediction will be celebrated. Altars will be located in front of the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of the University in the main circle, Father Sorin and on the steps of the Main Building. Programs will be provided to the faithful taking part in the procession to indicate hymns and acclamations.

Following the procession, a free outdoor picnic will be hosted by Notre Dame's Knights of Columbus Council. In the event of inclement weather, the procession will be held inside the basilica.

Once a yearly event at Notre Dame, the observance of celebrating the Eucharistic Procession fell out of practice on the campus more than 30 years ago. Inspired by Pope John Paul II's declaration of the "Year of the Eucharist" (October 2004-October 2005), Notre Dame students, clubs and Campus Ministry staff reorganized the Eucharistic Procession

in April 2005.

For more details, visit campusministry.nd.edu, or contact Kate Morgan at kmorgan4@nd.edu or at (574) 631-5241.

Victory Noll Center to host Women's Tea

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will present an opportunity for women and girls of all ages to experience a "spring break" with a Women's Tea hosted by the Women at the Well on Sunday, April 21. The program will take place from 1-4 p.m. at Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. There is no cost for the event, but there is a \$10-15 suggested donation.

This is a chance to interact with other women in a time of sharing and renewal.

Register for the program by April 14 by calling (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or by email at victorynollcenter@olvm.org.

USF offering new bachelor degree in science and entrepreneurship

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will offer a new degree, the Bachelor of Science in Science and Entrepreneurship, beginning this fall.

The degree will provide graduates with a broad scientific background and business acumen that prepares them to translate new

USF has a flexible credit transfer policy. A variety of science courses completed at other institutions may transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Science and Entrepreneurship. The 120 credit-hour requirement allows for faster completion at less cost.

For more information, contact Dr. Jean Elick in the Department of Chemistry at jelick@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8221, or visit sf.edu/sf/apply.

Sons of Saint Philip Neri to host May crowning

FORT WAYNE — The Sons of Saint Philip Neri will host a May procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 4 beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1101 S. Lafayette St. At 10 a.m., a one-mile procession, with recitation of the rosary, will take participants to the front of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and back to St. Mary Church for the crowning. The event will include songs and reflections.

Children who have recently or will soon make their First Communion are invited to dress in their First Communion attire and be a part of the procession and the crowning.

For more information call (260) 438-4546, email sonsofphilip@gmail.com or visit www.sonsofphilip.com.

National Day of Prayer observed in Mishawaka

MISHAWAKA — The 21st annual observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held in Mishawaka on Thursday, May 2, from noon until 1 p.m. at the Battell Center, 904 North Main St., Mishawaka, at the corner of Broadway and Main streets. With the theme, "In His Name the Nation Will Put Their Hope," those gathered will pray for the government, families, military, schools, media, churches and business.

The program will be led by dignitaries of the city, ministers, priests, service, military and business leaders of the community. Mishawaka Mayor David Wood will open the prayer. Thomas Uebbing, parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral and local organizer for the nationwide Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies in South Bend, will pray for "Christian Liberty and the Right of the Unborn." The Stand up for Religious Freedom Rally was a joint effort of the Pro-Life Action League of Chicago (Eric Scheidler) and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society (Dr. Monica Miller) of the Detroit area.

Ample parking is available at the Battell Center, adjacent streets, or at the First Baptist Church lot between Main and Sarah streets. Shuttle service will be provided before and after the event from the church lot. People of all faiths are invited to attend at no fee; however, donations are welcomed. For more information call (574) 250-2484.

scientific discoveries to business. It will allow graduates to create new science-related businesses, manage a laboratory for an established industry or enter a Master of Business Administration or Professional Science Master program.

While high school students planning a career in science or business will benefit from the new degree offering, high school graduates interested in business creation, workers who need to reposition themselves in the job market and employees who wish to enhance job skills will also broaden career opportunities through the degree.

"Entrepreneurship is one of the key focuses of Vision 2020," said John Sampson of Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, an economic development team and contact point for businesses interested in locating to the 10-county region of northeast Indiana that includes Allen County. Vision 2020 is a regional initiative focused on aligning the region's economic development efforts around key areas, with a collective vision, mission and slate of priorities to achieve by the year 2020.

"USF offers 15 specialized science degrees in the School of Arts and Sciences, with enrollment in science programs averaging over 5 percent annual growth and 97 percent of graduates employed in their fields or pursuing graduate degrees," said Dr. Matt Smith, dean of the school.

'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — When she was in second grade at St. Aloysius School, Yoder, Kim Davis said the teacher asked students to answer the above question. She wrote, "I want to be a sister!"

That early inspiration is about to be fulfilled as Davis prepares to enter the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka this September.

Born in Fort Wayne, Davis "grew up in the country" near Ossian. She attended St. Aloysius through the fourth grade, but completed her elementary education at St. Therese School as her family became more involved in the Fort Wayne parish.

Parents Phil and Sue Davis are raising four children. "I'm the second youngest," she said. "The oldest is Daniel, currently studying for the priesthood in Rome. Then there's Allison, enrolled at Ivy Tech, me and Joe, a freshman at Bishop Luers High School."

After she graduated from Bishop Luers, Davis enrolled in general education at IPFW (Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne) despite again thinking seriously about a religious vocation in her sophomore and junior years.

"I felt I should go to college at least one year," she said. Davis

signed up for a second year, thinking about majoring in graphic design or teaching, but felt God wasn't calling her to stay there. "I didn't feel that was where I was meant to be," she added.

Davis began to have a better understanding of religious life through the experience of her brother, Daniel, leaving for the seminary when she was a sophomore in high school.

"My parents probably influenced me the most, but just having someone else in the family answering a call to the religious life encouraged my vocation more," she related. "I could see what my prayer life would be like since both priests and religious pray the Divine Office daily." Davis has spent a great deal of time in prayer, especially in Eucharistic Adoration, trying to quiet her mind, talk to God and listen. "It's a relationship thing," she emphasized.

Also during her sophomore year, a Franciscan sister visited Bishop Luers High School to talk about religious life with interested students, one on one.

"About two or three of us met with her," Davis said, "and filled out retreat forms to spend weekends at the convent shadowing a couple of sisters in their daily work assignments to experience what it was like. That's when I started to gain more knowledge about the religious life."



KIM DAVIS

Davis did try to research other religious orders, but said it can be "real mind boggling" because there are hundreds of orders on the Internet. She did seriously look into the Dominican sisters, located in Michigan, even though staying in the Midwest was not a consideration. But being most familiar with the Sisters of St. Francis, she chose their order.

"Their Provincialate is almost like a retreat from the world outside," Davis said. "It's perfect for the first three years of intense spiritual formation. It takes eight years to become a sister and that whole time you are discerning. The first year, the postulant year, you can leave whenever you want

and you're not yet considered a part of the community," Davis explained. "After the first year you become a novice for two years. At that point you receive the black veil and take temporary vows for two more years." There's another set of temporary vows after three or four additional years, she related, before final vows are taken.

Davis said just the application process takes about a year and there is quite a bit of scrutiny involved, including a 100-question questionnaire, a family history, autobiography and a visit with a psychologist to make sure each enrollee is entering for the right reasons. A vocation director helps walk each aspiring applicant through the process.

"You also must meet with the Mother Superior," Davis added. Her initial meeting, however, was totally unplanned and unexpected.

"I was up there when it was the Mother Superior's name day," Davis related, "a party weekend!" Each sister's name day is celebrated more than her birthday, she explained. "I met her in the cafeteria line, trying to get to know all the sisters," Davis continued. "I asked her name and she said, 'Mother Angela.' It didn't register that Franciscan Sister Angela Mallady was the Provincial. All the sisters kind of laughed and said I had just greeted the Mother Superior." Sister Angela report-

edly said "it made her day." And, the incident did make it easier for Davis to converse with her later at the required meeting.

She hasn't given too much thought to choosing a name, especially since a name is not selected until becoming a novice. She's loved St. John Mary Vianney for the last couple of years since she read a book on the patron of priests, her brother, Daniel, was reading during the Year of the Priest a few years ago. She also likes Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, for whom there is a cause for canonization, and St. Aloysius Gongaza, patron of Catholic youth.

"I'll leave it aside for now and just pray about it," she said. "Besides, a favorite saint changes through different phases of your life."

As for what profession she might follow with the sisters, Davis said, "The order looks at your talents and gives you a profession, taking into consideration what your talents are and what you would like to do. The main charisms of the order are teaching and nursing."

Until she begins her candidacy, Davis will continue working part-time as a tropical plant technician at Sandpoint Living Interiors. She's enjoyed the job for the past three years with its flexible work schedule, which allows her to be "out and about."

The spirit of vocations explodes over St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Parish community rallies to support 'Sons of Seton' seminarians

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a large, vibrant parish on the southwest side of Fort Wayne, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. But the silver jubilee is not the only thing this faith-filled community is celebrating. Vocations have literally exploded recently at the parish with four young men discerning the call to the priesthood this year. These are the first vocations in the history of this dynamic parish.

Father Jim Shafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth, says these vocations are "awesome and truly a gift from God." When asked what stirred this recent interest, Father Shafer admits he and Father Drew Curry, a former parochial vicar, were "actively working with the young people of the parish." And though the parish community rallied with financial support that purchased the seminarians' cassocks, the "most important and greatest contribution is the outpouring of love and prayer support for them," says Father

Shafer.

The vocation explosion began a couple of years ago when Royce Gregerson answered the call to consider life as a priest. He is currently a second-year theology student studying in Rome. Then last year, Father Shafer reports, three young men approached him to discuss discernment. All three were "heavily involved in the parish through work or volunteering," he says.

The "Sons of Seton," as the three friends have become affectionately dubbed, thanks to a brainstorming session at a local pizza parlor, Jay Horning, Daniel Neizer and Howard Jankowski, each come from different walks of life with his own diverse vocation story. But they have found one important thing in common — the call to a life of service as a priest.

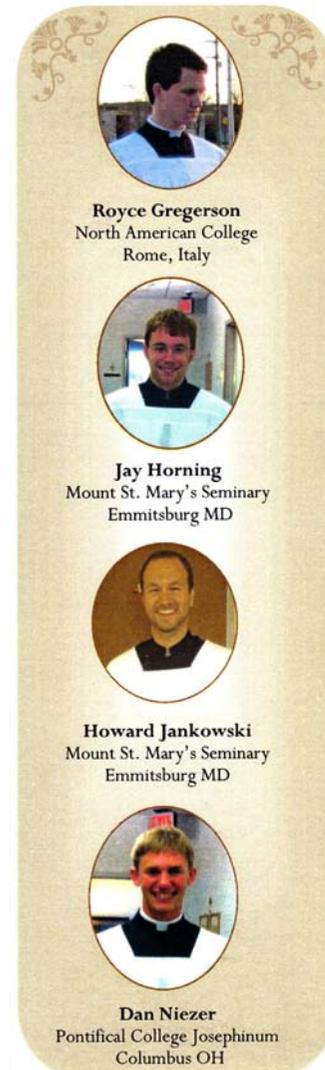
Jay Horning encountered a deep yearning for faith while in college at the University of Saint Francis. During his senior year he participated in the R.C.I.A. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and in 2010 he was received into the fullness of the faith. He held the youth minister's position at St. Elizabeth for two years.

And even though he thought he would marry one day, he says with the positive influence of the staff at St. Elizabeth, suggesting that he



might make a good priest, Father Shafer's example of joyful priesthood and the youth he ministered to in the vibrant youth group there, he began to consider the call.

Howard Jankowski is a graduate of St. Matthew Grade School, Marian High School and Ball State University. He held a teaching position at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne for six years before entering the seminary and notes that his Catholic upbringing, music and the example of family and friends fueled his calling that built during his college years. It was then that he began to attend daily Mass and first encountered Father Drew Curry who posed the vocation question to him. Jankowski's response — "I said, 'No,' rather impolitely, and let him know that I taught at the school across the street and had already figured out my life. ... The problem was that I couldn't stop thinking about the encounter..." he says.



Royce Gregerson
North American College
Rome, Italy

Jay Horning
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg MD

Howard Jankowski
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg MD

Dan Neizer
Pontifical College Josephinum
Columbus OH

Thanks to the encouragement of his parish family he continued to become more involved in parish activities and wrestled with persistent thoughts of the priesthood during a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. It was then that he sought his pastor out to discuss vocations.

Dan Neizer graduated from Bishop Dwenger and was attending his first year at Wabash College when he realized he was being called to a vocation. He credits his pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011 to this awakening. "World Youth Day not only opened my eyes to a vocation, but it also opened my eyes to the love and joy rooted in the Catholic Church. ... I was surrounded by priests, seminarians and religious sisters and brothers who all taught me by example how to live a joyous life," he says. During his year at Wabash he soon realized that he needed to rely on the Lord to be his strength and thereafter that He was calling him to another way of life.

Unknown to each other, all three young men met separately with Father Shafer for spiritual direction and found through his guidance that seeking a vocation was right for them. Neizer notes, "What was amazing was that three

Serra clubs foster vocations to priesthood, religious life

BY VINCE LABARBERA

Four Catholic friends from Seattle, Washington, had an idea in 1934. They decided to meet regularly over a meal to discuss how Christian values could be lived out in their professional lives. More friends joined them and within several months they decided on an additional focus: encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They chose as their patron, Padre Junipero Serra, an 18th century Spanish Franciscan missionary instrumental in settling California and subsequently founding 21 missions there. He was beatified in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

By 1935, the small Seattle group grew into Serra International. Then, as now, the two great needs of the Church were for informed Catholic lay leaders who understand and live their own Christian vocations to service, and for dedicated priests and religious.

In 1951, Serra International

became aggregated to the Sacred Council for Catholic Education and the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations. The Holy See, in fact, affirms Serra's role as a worldwide lay organization committed to vocation ministry.

Serra International voted to welcome women as well as men to membership in 1986. Twelve national councils currently exist, including the USA Council formed in 1994, which included Canada. In 2000, Canada formed its own council.

Serrans have become a tradition of commitment, dedicated spiritual growth, continuing Catholic adult education, warm fellowship and the encouragement of religious vocations. There are more than 800 Serra clubs in 37 countries with a total membership of nearly 20,000 men, women and permanent deacons. Each club is a member of both a national council and Serra International. The latter has an office in Chicago and links Serra clubs around the world.

The Serra Club of South Bend

was founded in 1948, the first club in Indiana and one of 280 chapters in the United States, explained Ray Vales, Region 7 director of the USA Council. His wife, Susan, is president-elect of the local club, which has about 25 members.

"We meet twice a month at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. Members attend the noon Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel on the first Friday of every month, followed by a luncheon and speaker," he related.

"The club also meets on the third Wednesday each month, getting a meal in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at six," added Stephen Elek, Jr., president.

"The present goal of the club is to raise funds for seminarian education and to foster, support and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life," Vales continued. Serra membership also helps further Catholicism of its members by encouraging growth in their faith

and fulfilling their Christian vocation to serve. Each fall, members attend a retreat usually given by Father Paul McCarthy, club chaplain, to strengthen their faith.

Serrans not only pray for vocations daily but also "adopt" and pray for local bishops, priests, deacons and seminarians, sending personal greetings and ordination anniversary cards. The club sponsors a Christmas dinner every other year — alternating with the Fort Wayne chapter — for seminarians and their families.

"Our club started participating in the Serran College Connection for Catholics program in 2011 at Marian and Saint Joseph high schools," Elek related. In 2012, the program was expanded to include 40 area parishes. More participation will be fostered this year, he continued, by having club members become liaisons between the schools and parishes. "By having more Catholics retain their faith dur-

ing college, we hope to be able to promote ... more candidates for the religious life," said Elek.

"Another key event is the Chalice Program," Vales added. "Six chalices are provided to six Catholic schools for display in classrooms to promote vocations. The chalices are moved to different schools each semester."

The club also recognizes the dedication and service of altar servers in the parishes, annually presenting eighth graders with a certificate of appreciation.

For membership, contact Mary Ann Pajot at (574) 315-8661.

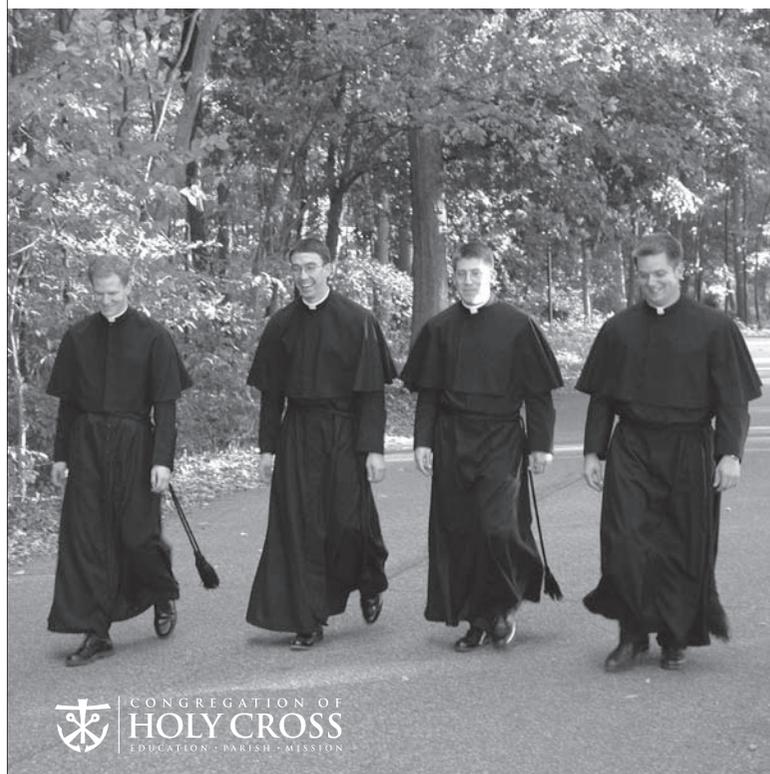
The Serra Club of Fort Wayne became the 82nd such club in the U.S. in 1952. Currently, the 48 members meet at St. Joseph Medical Center the first Friday of each month (except July and August) for Mass in the chapel at 11:30 a.m. fol-

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God is calling Are you listening?

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men who were great friends yet all on different journeys of faith, came together to enter the seminary without knowing that the other was doing the same thing. Surely, it was the work of the Holy Spirit . . .”

Sue Uelk, director of parish administration, reports that the parish community rallied to support the young men as soon as the vocations were announced. “It was a parish-wide event,” she says. Uelk designed a logo for the seminarians and had T-shirts printed for them as well. A prayer was created and printed on cards along with photos of the young men in their cleric collars for parishioners to use as a prayer guide. A pillar candle burns continuously for the Sons of Seton in the St. Elizabeth votive alcove and the parish has a wall dedicated to these seminarians where their pictures hang with the logo and a “request for prayers” plaque as a reminder of the gift of vocations. Uelk says there is plenty of space for pictures of future men and women who will answer the call to religious life.

The three men left for seminary in style after a sending forth blessing by their supportive pastor and parish community during one weekend at all the Masses.

The people of St. Elizabeth Parish not only pray for their

seminarians but support them with notes and emails as well. Father Shafer says, “These guys sense the love and prayers. When they tell their fellow seminarians, they are surprised. . . . It’s all these things — the prayer cards, logo — the little things we did as a parish community to make them more in the center of our lives and prayer that is so crucial.”

The three seminarians agree that St. Elizabeth community is their family. Jankowski says of this amazing outpouring, “Just knowing that there are devout people praying for us that way gives me strength in my studies and formation at seminary.”

Horning agrees, adding, “They give me the fuel, desire, affirmations and reminder of why I am seeking this vocation.”

For those considering a vocation the three agree that though there are many vocations, exploring the religious life is an exciting adventure. If God is nudging, don’t be afraid to talk to a trusted priest or sister about it, they say. Neizer concludes, “Always be open to the possibility, but more importantly, always strive to be holy.”

Seminarians Jay Horning and Howard Jankowski are studying pre-theology at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD., and Dan Neizer is studying at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

We Pray for Our Sons of Seton

Dear Lord,

We thank you for blessing St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish with the gift of vocations to Your holy Priesthood. Continue to open the hearts of each parish family so that we may live the faith we profess; welcome You in word and sacrament; and become the source of new and holy vocations.

We pray that our seminarians will know the love and support of their parish family each and every day. Shower them with Your abundant grace and bless them as they follow the course You have set for them.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our patroness and guide, we ask your protection and guidance on our Sons of Seton; Royce, Jay, Howard and Dan. May they follow your model, making the first rule of their daily life and work doing God’s will, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment, as you did in your life.

Amen.

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lowed by a luncheon and speaker in the lower level. The co-chaplains are Fathers Jason Freiburger and Tony Steinacker.

The second meeting of the month is to pray for religious vocations at the Little Flower Holy Hour at 7 p.m. every first Tuesday at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Cathedral Square. In 1955, Serrans began serving for the 12:05 p.m. Mass at the chapel, a practice continuing to the present day.

Like the Serra Club of South Bend, members foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and through this ministry, strengthen their common Catholic faith. Each member “adopts” and prays daily for a seminarian who will be ordained in the coming year and sends encouraging greeting

cards to clergy. According to Dan Kelker, president, the club is initiating a traveling Chalice Program to promote and pray for vocations, and is working with the Neumann Connection to connect new college students with their respective campus-ministry office. Other activities include ushering for ordinations to the permanent diaconate and priesthood, an August picnic for all diocesan priests and seminarians at Noll House, Lake Wawasee, an appreciation dinner in October for all local religious sisters, vocation magnets given in January to fifth graders in Allen County Catholic schools in conjunction with Vocation Week, and Christian Leadership awards presented in May to two students chosen by both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools.

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“To modern men and women, often dissatisfied with a shallow and ephemeral existence, and in search of authentic happiness and love, Christ offers His own example and issues the invitation to follow Him. He asks that those who hear His voice to give their lives for others. This sacrifice is a source of self-fulfillment and joy...”

— John Paul II, Message for Lent, 2003

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An animal lover's lessons in grief

There's been a rash of deaths among my family members and coworkers recently — deaths of our beloved pets, though, rather than loved ones. "Pets?" you say. Yes, pets — though obviously not the same as losing a loved one. Still, loss and grief come in many forms, pet loss not being the least of them. To this, any animal lover will testify.

The first was a three-legged cat named Tripod. He was the elder feline of a cherished coworker of mine and was showing signs of his approaching demise. His owner chose, after much discernment, to allow him to die a natural death at home rather than have him euthanized at the vet's office.

For those who are not animal lovers, this decision may seem trivial. But I believe at its foundation it's validity lies

squarely in the center of many of the life issues our culture faces today. I respect the courage it must have taken my coworker to choose natural death and the grief that ensued.

Several friends mused that perhaps a natural death was cruel and unusual punishment for a faithful and trusting pet, but when my own 20-year-old tabby began his own descent, I found myself faced with the same dilemma and empathized with my coworker's thinking.

My buddy Max, who came to us as a stray kitten and took to my autistic daughter like a bee to honey, was a dignified yet trusting soul who unfortunately hated visits to the vet. So as his time drew near I struggled with traumatizing him further with a car ride there during his final hour.

As mobility became an issue



HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

for my sweet Max, my girls and I made sure he was as comfortable as possible nestled on his favorite red blanket. He had been a fixture in our home for so long and no ordinary cat (if I do say so myself), so when he meowed weakly to be near us, rather than go off quietly as many animals do in their final hours, we drew him close wherever we were. I was touched deeply by the display of tenderness and care

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Faith of our fathers: Deep roots and online ancestry

Last night, while many of my peers tuned into the finale of ABC's "The Bachelor," a three-hour event dubbed "historic" by the show's ratings-minded host, I delved into some real history. I joined more than 2 million people and subscribed to the genealogy website Ancestry.com.

No, I don't fit the target demographic of silver-haired bird watchers, but somewhere in my 20s, the curiosity sprang up. If the charge of early adulthood is to develop a better understanding of who you are and where you come from, then exploring my heritage seems a logical pursuit.

I began with the ancestor who has loomed largest: the great grandpa who emigrated from Florence, Italy, to St. Paul, Minn., in 1906, a 17-year-old who didn't speak English and broke his mother's heart.

I entered all the information I had, working off research gathered by my dad's cousin. In less than a second, 47 matches for my great grandpa appeared: census data, his death certificate, a passport application and his WWI draft card.

Suddenly I was studying his pointed cursive and reading his self-assessments: a brown-haired, gray-eyed sculptor with no missing limbs and a dependent wife and child. I could almost see his fingerprints.

After three hours and one call to Mom, I had grafted six generations to my family tree. The work wasn't loaded with flashy discoveries, but I found a rhythm. And I felt connected, rooted. These were my people. I liked saying their names. On the Italian side, a host of lyrical monikers: Pacifico, Gaspero, Angelo. On the Irish side, sturdy single syllables: Frank, James, George.

The farthest back I traced was my great, great, great grandma Teresa Romagnoli, born in 1841, when Gregory XVI was pope. She married a fellow Florentine, Joseph Capecchi, who died three years later, giving her one child. Teresa outlived Joseph by 44 years.

Their son grew up and fell in love with the daughter of a charcoal salesman. They hid a Jewish-Italian family in their attic during World War II and enjoyed a happier romantic fate, reaching their 70s together and dying three days



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

apart of natural causes.

Another great, great grandpa, meanwhile, five years older played the fiddle and studied in an Irish seminary, ultimately abandoning his vision of priesthood and setting sail to America.

Their stories amaze me: teen-aged brides, parents burying multiple children, cross-Atlantic voyages, ancestors from both sides settling into the same St. Paul ward and attending Mass for the sounds and smells of home.

How improbable it is that we're here, that each of us was conceived and survived, that all the pilgrims who could've met or missed each other crossed paths exactly as they did.

I love that my heritage and my faith are inextricably linked. For Catholics, family traditions were both religious and cultural: St. Patrick's Day, St. Lucia's Day. The same christening gowns and recipes were held dear and passed down. Ancestry.com understands this, archiving the funeral Mass cards that served as placeholders in missals and history.

"To be deep in history," Blessed John Henry Newman once said, "is to cease to be

Protestant." Beyond 1517, when Martin Luther nailed down his 95 Thesis, it's all Catholic — incense and sacrament, monks who preserved the Bible, nuns who taught children and ran hospitals, whose faith-filled pupils and patients produced the world's great cathedrals. Somewhere in their midst — across the alley, around the river — two people met and married, forging the lineage that leads to you.

Our job is to let their stories speak, anchoring us to a deeper faith and buoying us with a greater sense of adventure.

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The word of Jesus and salvation continue



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

4th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:27-30

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading. It gives a glimpse into the *modus vivendi* of St. Paul as he moved across Asia Minor in his proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus.

Paul evidently first went to synagogues. It is not surprising. After all, he was of Jewish descent and background, and he was well educated in the Jewish culture and religion of the time.

Quite likely, he would have been more comfortable, but also more likely to be heard, in such surroundings as synagogues.

It also is clear that he was not always met by universal acceptance, although it would not be accurate to say that he attracted no converts from among the Jews whom he met. He drew many of them into the ranks of Christians. He also attracted Gentiles.

However, these details are only secondary to the story. The point of this reading is that the word of God, pronounced by Jesus, continued to be spoken, and received, long after the Ascension.

Moreover, it was proclaimed by an Apostle, and by Barnabas, a disciple of an Apostle.

Salvation went on. Through the Apostles, Jesus still spoke. The Book of Revelation

furnishes the next reading. It is very symbolic in its terms, but its meaning is clear. Among those saved by Jesus are people from every nation. Their number is great. They are baptized, wearing the white robes of Baptism. They carry the palm branches of martyrs. They have kept their faith despite persecution. Their sins have been washed away from Lord, precisely by the sacrificial blood shed by the Lord on Calvary.

The Good Shepherd leads them. He rescues them from the heat of the day and the dryness of earthly life.

St. John's Gospel provides the last reading. This Gospel reading, read immediately after the passage from Acts, also presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. For an audience overwhelmingly agrarian, as was the audience to which Jesus preached, imagery built on sheep herding and shepherds was very familiar and well understood.

This reading states that the sheep know the shepherd. In turn, the shepherd knows them. It implies a relationship of closeness and of trust. Moving beyond the symbolism, the readings say that this shepherd gives eternal life. Possessing this life, the sheep will never perish.

Furthermore, no one can snatch them away from the shepherd. The reason is that they belong to the shepherd because of the will of the Father.

Then, in a great testament of self-identity, Jesus proclaims oneness with the Father.

Reflection

This weekend, the Church calls us to celebrate the Resurrection once again. It begins the fourth week of proclaiming the excited news that it first

pronounced at Easter. He lives!

With the readings this weekend, and with those of the preceding weeks of Easter, the Church essentially makes two points.

The first point is that Jesus lives, literally, and that in the sublime act of Resurrection is evidence that Jesus is God, the Son of God the eternal Father. As risen, Jesus is totally unique among humans. As God, Jesus is the bearer of life, truth, peace and joy. There is no substitute for the Lord.

The second point, made this weekend and in past weeks, is that the word of Jesus, and the salvation given by Jesus, continue. They did not cease with the Ascension. Jesus lives in the preaching and the good works of the Apostles, and of their followers and successors.

Through Paul, and then through Barnabas, Jesus touched people needing hope and salvation, needing to know God.

By emphasizing these points the Church presents us with its basic belief, Jesus is God. In Jesus is truth and life. It also reassures us. Jesus is with us still.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:7-14

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Cleaning up the engine room

If the conclave of 2005 was about continuity — extending the legacy of John Paul II by electing his closest theological advisor as his successor — the conclave of 2013 was about governance.

The College of Cardinals came to Rome convinced that the incapacities of the Roman Curia over the previous eight years had become a serious obstacle to the Church's evangelical mission; their experience in the General Congregations prior to the conclave hardened that view. So the cardinals elected a proven reformer whose age on assuming the papacy meant that he wouldn't have to play a long game, but could move swiftly to repair what needs repairing in what Blessed John Henry Newman allegedly referred to as the "engine room" of the Barque of Peter.

What needs repairing, down there below decks?

It's not only a question of structure and personnel, in my view, but of institutional culture. The cast of mind in the Roman Curia must be changed, so that the entire Curia thinks of itself as its many good people now do: as servants of the New Evangelization, not as the 21st-century version of a papal court. That means that those curialists who think of themselves as courtiers must either be converted to a different self-understanding or replaced.

Thus a first, specific suggestion for curial personnel reform: strict term limits, by which men and women of proven ability from all over the world would come to Rome to serve the universal Church for a maximum of 10 years before returning to their local churches. Service in

the Roman Curia would cease being a way to punch one's ticket for higher ecclesiastical office; it would be a sacrifice.

Then there is language. It's sometimes assumed that the majority of curialists will always be Italian, which means that Italian-language competence is essential to effective curial service. But why must the majority of curial workers be Italians? The U.N. draws its personnel in New York, Geneva, Vienna and other locales from all over the world; English is the working language; why should the Roman Curia be different? Because it's in Rome?

Well, no, not really. The Vicariate of Rome runs the Diocese of Rome for the pope, and of course, its personnel should be of local origin. But the Roman Curia exists to support the Bishop of Rome in his mission as universal pastor of the Church and its personnel should reflect that global mission — as should its working language. It will take some time to change this, to be sure. But the first head of a curial department who insists on conducting the department's business in the world language — English — will be doing the entire Church a big favor by modeling a different, more universalist approach to running the engine room.

As for structure, the first order of business is getting the proliferation of "pontifical councils" under control, merging some, eliminating others, and reducing many of these entities to the in-house think-tanks they were originally intended to be, rather than the document-producing bureaucratic machines they've become. There will be exceptions: the Pontifical Council for the Laity would still run World Youth



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Days and be the Roman contact-point for renewal movements and new Catholic communities; *Cor Unum* would continue to oversee the Vatican's international development work. But departments like the pontifical councils for the Family, for Justice and Peace, and for Culture would become research centers in their fields, not mini-cabinet departments — and in that new configuration, there is no reason why (with appropriate changes in Church law) they couldn't be run by lay people.

And then there is integrity. When members of the Roman Curia do not live the lives expected of deeply converted and mature Christian disciples, they must be replaced: not as a matter of retribution in the wake of financial or sexual misbehavior but as a matter of safeguarding the mission. The Church's ability to preach the Gospel is severely compromised when churchmen lead dishonest lives. Integrity is one key to mission-effectiveness in the evangelical Catholicism of the 21st century.

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my girls offered this aged cat and am grateful for this beautiful life lesson Max offered us in return.

My girls and I watched as he struggled with the last threads of life he held in him that last day and I will admit it was painful to witness. But I believe that in his dying as in his expansive and sometimes comical life, Max reaffirmed in his own way my family's deep-seated belief in the preciousness of life that we are privileged to enjoy with God, nature, animals and our fellow human beings.

We grieved together as Max lay dying, speaking of his loyalty and prowess. And after he took his final breath we cried together for a long time, holding each other with shared compassion — yet another gift nurtured by this loving pet.

Because I believe strongly in the power of ceremony and its place in the healing process — even with pets — the girls and I diligently created a grave marker bearing a picture of our beloved feline along with his name mapped out in colored glass. We had a lovely burial ceremony in which we each shared funny and tender

stories of how Max had enriched our lives, as well as a few tears. It felt good to remember the place he held in our family and

all he was to us. That place Max held is empty now, but his memory lives on in our shared stories and our hearts. Those delightful pets have a way of wiggling deeply in the marrow of our souls. Their lives, and sometimes even their deaths, are woven with rich and meaningful lessons just for us. Respect for life, loving-kindness even in infirmity, compassion and the wisdom to mourn a loss of life we held dear as we hold hope for the future in our hearts. I pray these lessons, learned sometimes from a loyal animal, settle deeply in our being, so that the same loving-kindness and compassion can grace others on our life's path.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

First Reading for April 21, 2013

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Following is a word search based on the first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: Paul's troubles in Antioch. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| ANTIOCH | SABBATH | SYNAGOGUE |
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| GRACE | CITY | THE LORD |
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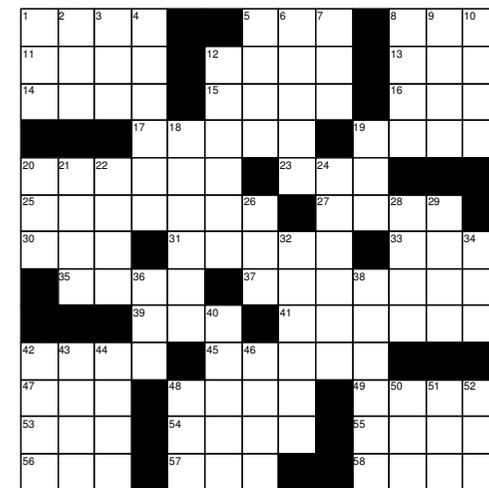
The CrossWord

April 21 and 28, 2013

56 Pass away
57 The Lord
58 Give

DOWN

- 1 Digital audio tape
- 2 Employ
- 3 "The ___ was no more"
- 4 Relating to the ankle bone
- 5 Voice from God's throne
- 6 Upper body
- 7 Cell stuff
- 8 Compass point
- 9 No more wailing or ___
- 10 Apostles' book
- 12 Illness
- 18 Clannish
- 19 Lyric poem
- 20 Gorilla
- 21 Tempt
- 22 Streetcar
- 24 Turkish town where Paul taught
- 26 America
- 28 Molecule
- 29 Contest
- 32 Enters lake
- 34 Doctoral degree
- 36 Apostles were 12 ___
- 38 Verse meter
- 40 Opp. of macro
- 42 Joke
- 43 Sacrifice animals
- 44 Christ is the ___ of the Church
- 46 Booted
- 48 Easter orb
- 50 Divine wrath
- 51 Baby goat
- 52 Compass point



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rev 7: 7, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 AND Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

ACROSS

- 1 Shook from feet
- 5 Limited (abbr.)
- 8 Hotel
- 11 At sea
- 12 When sky went dark
- 13 Women flyers
- 14 God will wipe away
- 15 Halo
- 16 Stable gear
- 17 Wall supports
- 19 Has
- 20 Church table
- 23 This self has passed away
- 25 Neighboring area
- 27 "___ of Faith"
- 30 Time period
- 31 Foundation
- 33 Knock
- 35 Austin novel
- 37 In Pisidia
- 39 Tree
- 41 Formulated
- 42 Easter Gospel
- 45 Crusades foe
- 47 Laid to the root
- 48 Reverberate
- 49 Child's transportation
- 53 Legume
- 54 Mustard seed does
- 55 Flower symbol of Mary

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

'FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS CAMP' AT USF SET FOR MAY 17 A football camp will be held May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on the University of Saint Francis campus for student-athletes entering grades 9-12 and will feature instruction from the USF coaching staff. The camp will conclude with a 7-on-7 session and O-line vs. D-line competition. The camp will conclude at 9 p.m. Pre-registration is \$20. Registration is \$25 at the door and starts at 6 p.m. For information, call Doug Coate, (260) 399-7700, ext. 6203.

St. Vincent soccer team opens season with a win

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent girls' eighth-grade soccer team opened their 2013 season with a 5-0 win over the seventh graders from St. Charles. The Panthers list 12 on their roster this year with captains Emily Tippmann (goalie/forward) and Anna A'Hearn (middle) leading the way.

A huge strength is Chad A'Hearn has coached a majority of the team since the fifth grade.

"The girls know where they need to be for each other and know how each other play," explained A'Hearn.

He adds, "We are pretty bal-

anced and are strong at the center of the field."

This year's goals include winning a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship and getting the group ready to play at the high school level.

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Seminarian fund benefits from 'Come to the Table' cookbook sales

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Spirit was moving among friends at a lakeside cookout in summer of 2011, when the women discussed the delicious summer fare they all feasted on that day. As they began swapping recipes, inspiration struck and the idea to create a cookbook for their home parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne was born. Two of the women, Ann Gray and Terri Coonan, courageously stepped up and took the challenge. And to bring real meaning to the project, Coonan, mother of two diocesan priests, Fathers Terry and Matt Coonan, suggested the proceeds benefit the seminarians of the diocese.

So after garnering permission from St. Vincent pastor Msgr. John Kuzmich the project was underway, gathering recipes contributed from parishioners, seminarians and their parents and even Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who included a treasured family recipe.

Along with the 625 enticing recipes the "Come to the Table" cookbook includes a section of prayers for vocations and priests and its pages are sprinkled with meaningful quotes from beloved saints as well.

The faithful culinary duo offered advance sales advertising the cookbook at \$15 each throughout the parish, with 500 responses by April of 2012. By August the cookbook, printed by Morris Printing, was ready for sale. Gray and Coonan are

gratified to have sold a total of over 1,000 cookbooks to parishioners of their parish, and many who attended the Women's Arise Conference in September and Bishop Dwenger's craft fair in November.

Bishop Rhoades met with Gray and husband Nick, a board member of the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, on March 25 to receive a check in the amount of \$7,749.27 to benefit the seminarian education fund, all from the proceeds of the sale of the cookbook.

The bishop noted he was pleased to have gifted his sister with a copy of the cookbook and in gratitude for the contribution said, "I am deeply grateful to Ann Gray and Terri Coonan and all who helped with the cookbook for the benefit of the Blessed John Paul II seminarian education fund. This fund is so vitally important for the future of the Church in our diocese as we have a great need for such material support for our seminarians' education."

With 28 seminarians, of which 40 percent are graduates of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, studying for the priesthood and more applications being processed this year, Bishop Rhoades noted "the Holy Spirit is alive in the diocese" where the number of vocations continues to grow.

According to Harry Verhiley, director of the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development, the annual cost of a seminarian's education is roughly \$45,000. And



BY KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades accepts a donation of \$7,749 to benefit the Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education from Ann Gray and her husband Nick on March 25. The donation came from proceeds from the sale of over 1,000 "Come to the Table" cookbooks, a copy of which Nick holds.

among the several sources of revenue that support the education, including the Annual Bishop's Appeal and the Pentecost Collection for Education of Seminarians, is the Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education, which is

a permanent fund invested in the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana (CCF) to provide income for the education of diocesan seminarians. It is into this fund that the proceeds of the "Come to the Table" cookbook will go.

For more information or to donate to the Blessed John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education contact the office of Stewardship and Development at (260) 399-1405 in Fort Wayne, or (574) 258-6571 in South Bend.

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FUND RAISERS

Fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner
Huntington — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson, will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin supper on Friday, April 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 5 and under free.

Spring salad luncheon planned
Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church will hold a spring salad luncheon on Wednesday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas School gym at 1331 North Main St. Handicapped accessible. Donation of \$7 is requested.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will host a breakfast on Sunday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. Adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3, and family \$20. Carry-out available. Proceeds will benefit the Bill Roth Scholarship Fund.

St. Hedwig raffle announced
South Bend — The Holy Name Society of St. Hedwig Parish will offer two Notre Dame season tickets in a raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Send to 1104 N. Elliott St., South Bend, IN 46628.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 3, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Father James Seculoff will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on

Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Seculoff is pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven.

Film opportunities offered
Fort Wayne — Two feature films will be shown at the University of Saint Francis North Campus Auditorium at 7 p.m. "Restless Heart," a film on the life of St. Augustine will be shown on April 27 and "The Triumph," will be shown on April 29. Tickets available only in advance at Abba House, 3209 N. Anthony Blvd. or by calling (260) 482-8299.

NaPro clinic offered
Fort Wayne — The Creighton Model System of fertility will be presented Saturday, May 11, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Mother Teresa Room. RSVPs required. Call Theresa at (260) 494-6444 or email at chartdaily365@frontier.com.

Mass and dinner for friends
South Bend — Friends of St. Adalbert School will have a Mass and potluck dinner Saturday, April 20, at 5 p.m. at St. Adalbert Church and Heritage Hall. The bilingual Mass will feature school children and alumni. Bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner.

For information contact Linda Cornett at (260) 637-6329 or SaintAdalbertAlumni@gmail.com. RSVP is helpful but not required.

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 offer 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.

Dinner for Father Solanus Food Basket
Fort Wayne — The Sacred Heart and St. Henry's St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual dinner for the Father Solanus Food Basket will be Saturday, April 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Tickets are \$30 per person with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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Essie Orpurt, 80, St. Bernard

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Bernice M. Erow, 86, Sacred Heart

RUMMAGE SALES

Spring rummage sale
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon 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

6-9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. \$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 (574) 370-8379 for information.

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being confirmed and about meeting the bishop. His sponsor, Dan Oakley, has known Johnny all his life and said, "This is a big milestone for him — being blessed by the Holy Spirit. Things are more challenging for him so this is a big step for him to be able to participate with his class."

Johnny's father, Jay Riblet, explained Johnny has cerebral palsy with global brain injury and he really enjoys going to religious education classes. Riblet said Johnny's been involved in his faith since he was a small child. When he made his first Communion he said, "You probably won't find someone who enjoys Sunday school as much as Johnny. Being able to participate with his class is a big deal."

Teaching the students was Tony Finch, who taught seventh grade and is also a sponsor, and Deb Lytell, who has been a religious education teacher for 29 years, the last five in eighth grade preparing the students for Confirmation. Eleven students were recognized with a Holy Spirit pendant for completing every assignment and project on time and attending everything asked of them.

Lytell said, "They are all a great group of kids. We had a few others that were real close to turning everything in." She said she felt the kids did understand the importance of the sacrament they were about to receive.

Their pastor Father Bob Van Kempen agreed. "Receiving the sacrament at this age really helps the young people to grow in their faith and be strengthened as Catholics as they do everything they need to do to prepare."

Father Van Kempen said the students are asked to do service projects, keep prayer journals and lots of studies to get them ready.

"It's nice that the bishop comes and administers the sacrament. It exposes them to the wonder and awe of the Catholic Church being in his presence; they don't get that chance that often," he said.

Bishop Rhoades arrives

As the choir and congregation finished singing the opening hymn, Bishop Rhoades said, "Come Holy Ghost, that is our prayer this morning as we are here to support these young people. What a beautiful day in their lives as they receive the Holy Spirit and an increase in faith."

He told the congregation he always enjoys coming to St. Mary's, "But especially today — to be here with these young people and administer the sacrament of the Holy Spirit and I pray they always live by the Holy Spirit."

As their pastor and their teacher presented the group of can-

Christina Burke with her sponsor Jim Williams, was one of two adults being confirmed at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol on Saturday, April 13. Burke's son, Brennan Smith, was also confirmed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Burke said she recently returned to the full practice of her faith and last year received first Communion with three of her other children.

didates, Bishop Rhoades asked questions about the three sacraments of initiation, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. When one student rattled off the answer of the seven gifts, Bishop Rhoades told a story of how impressed he was in the past at another parish when a student did the same — until he turned around and saw banners hanging listing the seven gifts.

"Some people think Confirmation is the end, but it's the exact opposite — it's the beginning! It's important to continue to study and learn your faith," he said.

He advised that aside from having a Bible, every Catholic home should have a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He said the catechism has four parts that explain the creed, how Catholics celebrate the faith, and how they live by faith and prayer life.

"It's not enough to know and celebrate our faith. We also have to live it. The Holy Spirit helps us to do that," Bishop Rhoades said.

He told the candidates if someone asks them a question about Catholicism they can't answer, they should go home and look it up in the catechism. And he said one of the important gifts of the Spirit is fortitude, which gives courage.

"We need courageous Catholics today, standing up for the sanctity of life and of marriage," he said.

And he told them that in today's society that's not easy. "But the great thing is now you're going to have the help of the Holy Spirit to fight peer pressure."

Bishop Rhoades told them God didn't give the Ten Commandments to make lives difficult. He wanted His people to have joy and the bishop said following Christ and being Catholic should bring inner joy.

"As you receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit I pray that you truly strive to live by the Spirit everyday as well as the extra grace received in the Eucharist. When you stay active in the faith, share and defend the faith, you will know the wonderful fruits of the Spirit," Bishop Rhoades said.

After Mass, everyone was invited to share in a celebratory brunch in Annunciation Hall and have photos taken with Bishop Rhoades.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades confirms Johnny Riblet at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol on Saturday, April 13, with the assistance of Pastor Bob Van Kempen. Johnny's sponsor is Dan Oakley.

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