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## Bishop Dwenger, Catholic Relief Services partner with iNeighbor initiative

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School is one of only 16 high schools in the U.S. to partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as a Global Neighbor School.

Through the iNeighbor initiative, “Catholic youth, parents, school administrators and faculty learn about the work of CRS around the world and co-create ways to actively live out Jesus’ love,” reported the website, <http://ineighbor.crs.org>. Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the U.S. bishops to assist the poor outside the U.S.

“CRS iNeighbor connects us with our global family,” the website stated. “By identifying with the needs and gifts of our global neighbor, we learn about ourselves.”

Last week, the Bishop Dwenger community focused on and encouraged a spirit of global solidarity among students, teachers, administrators and staff that culminated in a school prayer assembly on Friday, April 19.

At the assembly, Principal Jason Schiffli told the students that the program will hopefully be a springboard. The students will learn about the work of CRS and follow their services throughout their lives. And other schools will want to partner with the CRS iNeighbor initiative.

“We are here to serve,” noted Schiffli at the assembly, which Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades attended and offered a blessing.

During the week, “every class researched one assigned country where Catholic Relief Services works,” said Melissa Wheeler, Bishop Dwenger



TIM JOHNSON

A Bishop Dwenger High School senior Gabe Curtis carries a flag of a country that was studied last week as part of the Catholic Relief Services iNeighbor initiative. Classes last week studied the countries that CRS serves, the partnerships and programs CRS offers to serve the poor. Bishop Dwenger High School is one of only 16 high schools in the U.S. to partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as a Global Neighbor School.

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## Annual Bishop's Appeal exceeds last year's campaign

The 26th Annual Bishop's Appeal has exceeded all previous with pledges totaling \$6,426,164, which is \$129,093 more than last year.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said, “The 26th Annual Bishop's Appeal was another great success. I am deeply grateful to all the faithful who so generously contributed to the appeal this year, the Year of Faith.”

“I am constantly edified by the faith of our people, expressed through charity,” Bishop Rhoades added. “A living faith is one that is manifest in love. I thank all who, motivated by faith, give so generously to the Church to fulfill its holy mission in our diocese.”

Harry Verhiley, Secretary for Stewardship and Development, and director of the Annual Bishop's Appeal, told *Today's Catholic*, “The success of this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal is, once again, a witness of our faith. The generosity of our people, throughout the diocese, puts into action this Year of Faith because the appeal funds the efforts of the New Evangelization.”

“The work funded by the appeal is about inten-

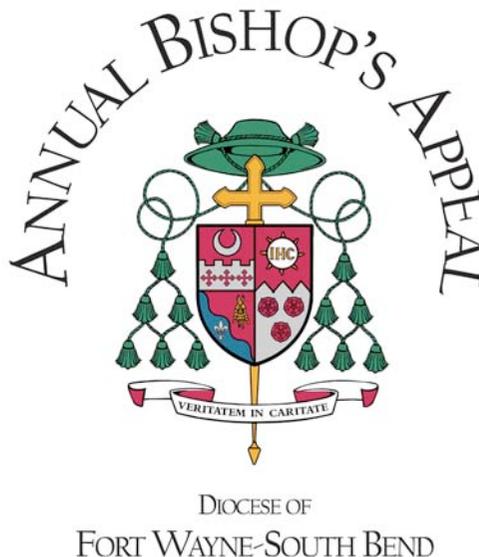
sifying our efforts to share Jesus Christ with the world,” he added. “This is important work of the Church, such as Catholics Come Home, religious education, seminarian support, Catholic school funding, youth ministry and works of charity.”

The Annual Bishop's Appeal is successful because it begins in the parish and is oriented toward the parish. Each parish is assigned a goal according to an objective calculation based on parish offertory totals. All overage from the appeal is returned to the parish.

A successful parish appeal means not only success for diocesan ministries and services, but also success for the parish. Strong parishes mean a strong diocese. Ultimately, all ministries and services funded by the appeal promote the fullness of pastoral and spiritual renewal of all parishes.

The goal for the 2012 appeal was \$4,892,200 and a total sum of \$6,426,164 was pledged.

“Our success also means that the work of Christ in our parishes remain strong, because this year we raised \$1,533,964 over our \$4.9 million goal and the parishes that went over goal will receive the overage once it is collected,” Verhiley noted.



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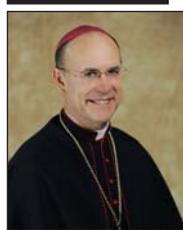
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# What is marriage?



IN TRUTH  
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

A year or so ago, I wrote a column in *Today's Catholic* on defending the truth about marriage. It is important to write again about this very important matter as the Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act as well as that of California's Proposition 8.

There is much heated debate in our country about this issue as some seek the redefinition of marriage to include unions of persons of the same sex. Proponents of so-called "same-sex marriage" have framed the issue as one of equality and justice. With love and respect for our brothers and sisters with same-sex attraction, the Church affirms that marriage, by its very nature, can only be between a man and a woman. This is not only a teaching of faith, but a fundamental truth that precedes and transcends cultures and religions.

This whole debate should center on the fundamental question: "What is Marriage?" Proponents of the redefinition of marriage seem to identify marriage as simply a bond between two persons who wish to share their lives together, as essentially an emotional union. They want this sharing of life and love to be recognized as marriage with all its attendant legal benefits.

True marriage, however, is more than a consensual relationship between two adults who wish to share their lives together. By its very nature, marriage is *conjugal*, that is, it has a bodily as well as an emotional and spiritual bond. There is an excellent book that I highly recommend which explains the conjugal view of marriage as distinguished from the revisionist view. It is entitled: What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: a Defense, by Sherif Girgis, Ryan T. Anderson, and Robert P. George, published by Encounter Books.

This book explains how "marriage is, of its essence, a comprehensive union: a union of will (by consent) and body (by sexual union); inherently ordered to procreation and thus the broad sharing of family life; and calling for permanent and exclusive commitment." It is "a human good with an objective structure." Marriage is more than emotional union and cohabitation. It is inherently connected to bodily union and family life.

Marriage is a unique union. Male-female complementarity is intrinsic to marriage. It is naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life. These are essential attributes of marriage, not incidental or relative.

Proponents of marriage redefinition, as I mentioned, claim that legalizing same-sex marriage is a matter of justice and equality. But the promotion and protection of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is itself a matter of justice. As the U.S. bishops state: "It would be a matter of grave injustice if the state ignored the unique and proper place of husbands and wives, the place of mothers and fathers, and especially

## Prayer In Defense Of Marriage

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.

The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for His Church.

The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May Your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.

May Your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.

Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that Your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por el don del matrimonio: vínculo de vida y amor, y fuente de la familia.

El amor de marido y mujer enriquece a tu Iglesia con hijos, llena el mundo con una abundancia de fecundidad espiritual y servicio, y es signo del amor de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, por su Iglesia.

La gracia de Jesús brotó en Caná a petición de su Santa Madre. Concédenos que tu Hijo, por la intercesión de la Virgen María, derrame sobre nosotros una nueva medida de los Dones del Espíritu Santo al unirnos con toda persona de buena voluntad para promover y proteger la belleza única del matrimonio.

Concede que tu Santo Espíritu ilumine a nuestra sociedad para que atesore el amor heroico de marido y mujer, y gue a nuestros líderes para que sostengan y protejan el puesto singular de padres y madres en la vida de sus niños.

Padre, te pedimos que nuestras oraciones se unan con las de la Santísima Virgen María para que tu Verbo Divino transforme nuestro esfuerzo por salvaguardar el incomparable esplendor del matrimonio.

Te pedimos todas estas cosas por Cristo nuestro Señor, Amén.

*San Joaquín y Santa Ana, rueguen por nosotros.*

the rights of children." We believe the state must not deprive children of the right to a mother and father.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami recently wrote the following: "Same-sex marriage has been advanced as a cause for equality — by providing the benefits to homosexual couples that have been afforded historically to married heterosexual couples. Not to give these benefits is alleged to be discriminatory. Or course, as fair minded citizens we do hold that no one should be denied a job or a house; no one should be subjected to harassment or discrimination. But, that the state recognizes and favors the marriage of one man and one woman as a natural fact rooted in procreation and sexual difference is in no way *unjust* to homosexual couples any more than it is *unjust* to heterosexual couples who cohabit without the legal benefits and protections of a civil marriage."

Blessed John Paul II once explained "how incongruous is the demand to accord 'marital' status to unions between persons of the same sex. It is opposed, first of all, by the objective impossibility of making the partnership fruitful through the transmission of life according to the plan inscribed by God in the very structure of the human being. Another obstacle is the absence of the conditions for that interpersonal complementarity between male and female willed by the Creator at both the physical-biological and the eminently psychological levels."

Unfortunately, those who promote the truth about marriage are often characterized as bigots, homophobic, and intolerant. This is not fair. As Catholics, we affirm that homosexual persons are to be fully respected in their human dignity. This is a moral duty.

This duty, however, does not justify the recognition of a right to marriage between persons of the same sex and its being considered equivalent to the family.

Our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has affirmed the urgency of opposing efforts "that undermine marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitful union of one man and one woman and a fundamental moral and social institution essential to the common good." We have called upon our legislators, especially those who are Catholic, to uphold the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman. This is a grave responsibility. It is deeply saddening and disappointing when a Catholic legislator makes public policy choices in opposition to our fundamental moral teachings on human life, marriage, and other preeminent issues.

When he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, our new Holy Father, Pope Francis, vigorously opposed the redefinition of marriage in Argentina. He encouraged the faithful to protest against legislation that eventually made Argentina the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage. Following our Holy Father's example, I encourage you to contact our legislators to express support for the defense of marriage and to oppose its redefinition. I also encourage you, most of all, to pray. Pray especially for our Supreme Court, that it will uphold Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act, thus respecting the very nature of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph intercede for our country that it may safeguard the truth of marriage and the good of the family!

# Diocesan Review Board assists with advising bishop on sexual abuse allegations of priests, deacons

BY ANN CAREY

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has several important committees and/or boards that assist Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in keeping the diocese running smoothly. One of the most crucial boards is one that many people don't know much about because it conducts its business quietly in order to safeguard the privacy of the people and issues it handles.

In 2005, the U.S. Bishops approved a "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" that directed the establishment of a National Review Board as well as review boards at the diocesan level. The diocesan level review board is charged with advising the local bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a priest or deacon of the diocese and in his determinations of suitability for ministry. It also reviews diocesan policies for dealing with sexual abuse of minors.

The Review Board for this diocese meets twice a year. Bishop Rhoades also consults board members in between regular meeting when appropriate. As the national charter directs, the diocese's Review Board is made up mostly of lay people who have a variety of expertise (see sidebar).

"So much of good ministry, so much of powerful ministry is quiet," said Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator and director of the diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries. "But I do think it's important that this diocese under both Bishop D'Arcy and Bishop Rhoades takes very seriously this charter, and the review committee is an integral and essential part of really honoring the dignity of both the victim and the accused, as well as the dignity of the Church as an institution."

Msgr. Robert Schulte, diocesan vicar general/chancellor, usually receives reports of an allegation, but allegations can also be made to Glowaski by telephone or e-mail. Information about how to report abuse is posted on the diocesan website and regularly published in parish bulletins.

Most allegations the diocese receives are from the past,

Glowaski said, adding that recent allegations involve people who worked in the diocese, not priests.

Cathie Cicchiello, safe environment coordinator for the diocese, told *Today's Catholic* that when a person contacts the diocese with an allegation, he or she is interviewed by at least two people who document the story. Then diocesan staff conducts an investigation to try to establish the truth in order to verify or disprove the allegation. That information from the investigation is brought to the Review Board for discussion.

Each person contacting the diocese with an allegation is advised of the right or obligation to report the allegation to appropriate civil authorities. Diocesan policy is to contact appropriate civil authorities to report allegations consistent with state law when the alleged victim is a minor.

At Bishop Rhoades' direction, the diocese reports credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon of the diocese to local law enforcement even if the alleged victim is no longer a minor.

Glowaski explained that "It's really kind

of a broad review and the board members offer suggestions and recommendations for Bishop Rhoades to take under advisement. They all have different expertise, and so it really brings together so many different disciplines as you look at each one of these situations.

"I feel certainly the diocese is well served, but so are victims, and so are the ones who are accused. I find the board members to be extremely open and concerned about doing the right thing. They are very honest; it is a process that has a great deal of integrity."

Donald Schmid, the father of three children and a member of the review board since 2010, is an assistant U.S. Attorney in South Bend. He told *Today's Catholic* that the diocese is fortunate to have relatively few cases of abuse. However, when allegations of abuse are made, he said that the diocese deals with the accused "fairly and firmly," treats victims "tenderly," and maintains "a primary concern for the protection of children and other vulnerable persons."

"I have seen firsthand the

deep and true compassion that Bishop Rhoades has for victims of abuse," said Schmid, who also is a member of the review board of the Congregation of Holy Cross. "I have great confidence in our bishop to do the right thing at every turn in this critical area of Church life."

Cicchiello added that as a mother, she can assure other parents that the diocese is committed to protecting children, and the board plays an crucial role: "I find the review board a very, very important group of people who are serious, experienced and intelligent, very thoughtful and concerned about what they are doing. They take the responsibility to heart and they are very careful but very wise," she said.

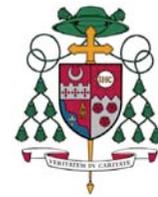
"I find that bishop listens very intently to all of them, to what they say, and really cares and considers their advice profoundly in making the decisions he needs to make," she added.

Bishop Rhoades expressed his profound gratitude for the work of the Diocesan Review Board, stating that "the members of the Review Board have offered me excellent advice in dealing with cases involving sexual abuse and misconduct. Their expertise and professional advice are invaluable to me and the diocese. They help immensely in the very important task of protecting children and young people in the Church. I think the establishment of review boards as mandated by the charter has been an important part of the Church's efforts to protect children, assist victims, develop good policies, and assess specific situations. I thank our Review Board for its dedication and hard work."



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 28, 11:45 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Queen of Peace Church, Mishawaka
- Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint John the Baptist Church, New Haven
- Wednesday, May 1, 1:30 p.m. — Mass for Saint Joseph-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Saint Joseph Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 2, 7:30 a.m. — Keynote Address at Kiwanis Community Prayer Breakfast, Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 2, 12 p.m. — Share-a-thon, Redeemer Radio, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn
- Friday, May 3, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
- Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for University of Saint Francis, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



## Priest appointed

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective May 9, 2013:

**Rev. Ajay Tiro** to parochial vicar, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.

## Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour across the diocese

- St. Patrick Church, South Bend, will have a holy hour on Friday, May 3, from 12:45-3 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has holy hours all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30 -5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

## Members of the diocesan review board

**Katharine Barrett, M.Div.**, assistant director of undergraduate ministry, University of Notre Dame, mother of four children.

**Msgr. Michael Heintz, Ph.D.**, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral and director of the Master of Divinity Program at Notre Dame.

**Joseph Incandela, Ph.D.**, professor of Religious Studies, Saint Mary's College, father of two.

**Ida List**, youth minister, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, and account manager for Lighthouse Catholic Media and Word on Fire. Mother of four, grandmother of nine.

**Carl Loesch, MS, MA**, principal of Marian High School, Mishawaka, father of four.

**Robert Raster, MD**, medical director of Michiana Behavioral Health Center, Plymouth, father of seven.

**Stephen Ross, PsyD**, clinical and forensic psychologist, Fort Wayne, and president of Clinical & Forensic Psychological Services, PC, father of three.

**Donald J. Schmid, JD**, assistant U.S. Attorney, South Bend, father of three.

**Susan Steibe-Pasalich, Ph.D.**, director of the University Counseling Center at Notre Dame and member of the National Review Board. Mother of one.

### Non-members who assist the review board:

**Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, JCL**, promoter of justice for the diocese and pastor of St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka.

**Msgr. Robert Schulte**, vicar general/chancellor for the diocese, and rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

**Cathie Cicchiello**, diocesan Safe Environment coordinator and mother of three, Fort Wayne.

**Mary Glowaski, MA**, director of the diocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, Fort Wayne.

# Grand jury report likens Gosnell's clinic to a 'baby charnel house'

BY JOSEPH AUSTIN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When a team of health officials and investigators looking into illegal drug use raided Dr. Kermit Barron Gosnell's Women's Medical Society Feb. 18, 2010, they happened upon what many are calling a "house of horrors."

"There was blood on the floor. A stench of urine filled the air. A flea-infested cat was wandering through the facility, and there were cat feces on the stairs," said a grand jury report about the conditions found in the clinic Gosnell ran in West Philadelphia.

The two surgical rooms resembled a "bad gas station restroom," according to Agent Stephen Dougherty of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. The team went on to recover the remains of 45 fetuses "in bags, milk jugs, orange juice cartons, and even in cat-food containers," the report explained.

Three days later, the Pennsylvania Department of Health suspended Gosnell's license. He was arrested in January 2011 and charged with seven counts of infanticide and one count of murder in the case of a Nepalese woman who died during an abortion.

Gosnell's trial on those charges began March 18 of this year. By the fifth week, beginning April 15, prosecutors were continuing to call witnesses, including several patients and several former employees, who testified about the squalid conditions they saw at the clinic. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Gosnell.

Several pro-life leaders in inter-

views with Catholic News Service or in statements emailed to CNS discussed the Gosnell case and the attention it brings to what they said are deplorable conditions all too common at abortion clinics.

It was a "meat-market-style of assembly lines of abortions," Mallory Quigley, a spokeswoman for the Susan B. Anthony List, said April 15, referencing the words of two nurses who recently left a Delaware clinic for similar reasons. "The Gosnell case is a lot more common than people realize," Quigley said.

Jeanne Monahan, president of the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, said that "Americans as a whole think that abortion clinics are sanitary decent clinics," but the "majority of abortion clinics in our country are held to very minimal standards: legally the same standards as beauty parlors and vet clinics."

According to Pennsylvania Department of Health spokeswoman Kait Gillis, because of "tougher regulation and new leadership, today, abortion facilities are being held accountable to higher standards to better protect the health and safety of women."

"We have a far deeper understanding of these facilities now than we did then (when Gosnell's abuses were uncovered) and conduct regular annual and unannounced inspections, not only because the law tells us to, but because we are committed to doing what is right," she said.

While Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act prohibits some forms of abortion, not all clinics performing ambulatory surgical procedures at the time of Gosnell's arrest in 2011

were subject to the same standards of care for women.

The state's Abortion Facilities Control Act that came into effect late that year now holds abortion clinics to the same standards of health and safety as other outpatient clinics, such as eye care or urgent care facilities.

"Prior to the passage of this legislation, it was clear that the law favored the abortion industry — not women's health, as is so often claimed," the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference said in a statement on the law.

State law requires that abortions be done under 24 weeks of pregnancy because of the risks to the mother, but the grand jury report showed Gosnell routinely flouted that law. "The bigger the baby, the more he charged," it said.

He is accused of sticking a pair of medical scissors into the back of the necks of prematurely born babies and cutting the spinal cord, a procedure he called "snipping." Court records show he destroyed most of the documentation on his use of "snipping," but pictures taken by employees and other evidence are being used by prosecutors.

"Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it," the report explained. The clinic went unchecked by the Department of Health for 16 years until its horrors were accidentally uncovered by the drug raid.

Several employees face similar charges. The grand jury report said Gosnell hired untrained, uncertified nurses, and taught them to view ultrasound pictures at an angle so that unborn babies to be aborted

looked smaller than they actually were. It also said Gosnell and his wife performed late-term abortions on Sundays when no other staff was present.

In an April 16 statement Dayle Steinberg, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania, said that Gosnell "is a criminal who preyed upon vulnerable women, and committed illegal acts."

"As health care providers who work every day to protect women's health and safety, we are outraged by his criminal behavior and hope he is held accountable," she continued. "All health care providers must be regulated, and these regulations should be based on health care needs — not on politics."

"Planned Parenthood insists on the highest standards of patient care and has rigorous safety guidelines in place," Steinberg added.

Lila Rose, president of Live Action, told CNS in an emailed statement that "as long as these clinics enjoy such privileges — privileges no health department would ever grant to any hospital — we will never know how many Kermit Gosnells are out there. And every time we find the next one, it will be too late."

Rose, a 24-year-old Catholic who joined the Church, officially became involved with the abortion cause at 15 when she founded Live Action, a pro-life nonprofit specializing in investigative journalism. Since then she has received national recognition for her hidden-camera exposes of the Planned Parenthood abortion industry, which she calls "reckless (and) unregulated."

Kristan Hawkins, execu-

tive director Students for Life of America, said that "just because abortion is legal doesn't make it safe."

Said Quigley, "Abortion doesn't help women." She explained that the pro-life movement operates more than 3,000 pregnancy resource centers for mothers and families in need, offering them assistance so they do not feel abortion is their only alternative.

"Those are the places we need to be building up," she said, noting that more than 90 percent of the funding for such centers is private.

While Monahan acknowledged the Gosnell case is a somewhat extreme case, she said that it highlights the violence of the abortion procedure, which she describes as being "deeply invasive" to the woman. She said it also shines a light on what she termed is the sad reality of the abortion business.

"There is no constitutional right to maim and kill women and girls nationwide," said Kristi Hamrick, spokeswoman for Americans United for Life. "One woman's death is too many. ... The mere existence of protective laws is not enough. State officials must also consistently enforce these laws."

**Contributing to this story** was Matt Gambino, director and general manager of CatholicPhilly.com and PhaithMagazine.com, the news and magazine websites of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.



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# School choice, child safety, new abortion regulations among ICC priorities to become law

INDIANAPOLIS — As the Indiana General Assembly nears its mandated April 29 adjournment deadline, efforts by the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) to expand school choice; enhance child safety; improve regulations for abortion; and assist members of the immigrant community were among several legislative successes this year.

Hoosier families with school children will gain additional access to a school voucher. House Bill 1003, authored by State Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, includes access to a voucher for siblings of current voucher students to also be eligible to receive a scholarship and provides access to a voucher for children with special needs. Students who are income eligible can receive a voucher as early as kindergarten if their home school had received an "F" on its state report card. The bill increases the scholarship cap for elementary school students.

"The sibling component is important because it will allow access for families who are income eligible to have all their children in the same school building using a voucher rather than just one," said Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director. "While the kindergarten eligibility provides another entry point for income eligible students, it doesn't provide the school choice model that we are aiming for. We believe all parents deserve the ability to send their children to the school of their choice. A failing school should not be a requirement.

There is more work to be done, and we will continue to work toward providing parents and families a wider scope of access to vouchers."

Another victory for families and children this year included the passage of a law to enhance child-care safety regulations. The bill, Senate Bill 305, authored by State Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, would require childcare providers who receive childcare vouchers for low-income families to meet basic safety standards and provide age-appropriate learning opportunities. Holdman learned that some childcare providers in the state were registered as ministry childcare providers to become exempt from safety regulations, "but were doing so in name only."

After visiting some of these providers, Holdman realized that the current law needed to address the problem. Holdman said the religious exemption was put in place to allow churches to provide care without having to meet the same stringent requirements as other licensed centers, primarily because

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most ministries are providing high quality care, and have their own safety standards in place.

Another legislative success for the ICC would require regulations for chemical abortions. Chemical abortion, commonly known as RU 486, now will be held to same regulatory standards as surgical abortion. The proposal, Senate Bill 371, also authored by Holdman, 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.

It changes Indiana's informed consent law for abortion to include those seeking chemical abortion. It requires a woman seeking any type of 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.

The bill specifically states that an abortion-inducing drug may not be administered to a woman after nine weeks and attaches criminal charges, a Class C felony, to any doctor who dispenses the drug after nine weeks.

"Bringing this type of abortion in-line with Indiana's current informed consent law could make a big impact on the women considering abortion," said Tebbe. "It is our hope that more will choose life. Having an ultrasound or seeing pictures of a developing baby, which is available as part of the informed

consent may make the difference."

A bill to grant undocumented college students access to in-state college tuition crossed the finish line and will become law July 1, before the classes resume in the fall of 2013. Senate Bill 207, authored by State Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, allows undocumented college students who were enrolled in college when the law took effect in 2011, to receive in-state college tuition. "While it is a small victory for those who are undocumented, it will certainly help those who were negatively impacted by the law and can move forward to complete college," said Tebbe.

This year the ICC tracked over 150 bills all having a potential impact on the dignity of the human person, and the common good for families and children.

### 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](http://www.indianacc.org).



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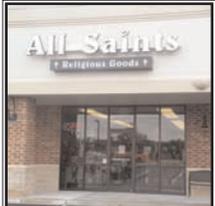
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# Pope ordains new priests, talks about learning to hear Jesus' voice

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Before ordaining 10 men to the priesthood, Pope Francis prayed privately with them in the sacristy and entrusted them to Mary's care.

The private moment April 21 was a repeat of a practice he began as bishop before celebrating an ordination Mass, according to Vatican Radio.

The 10 new priests — six Italians, two Indians, a Croatian and an Argentine — had prepared for the priesthood in one of three Rome diocesan seminaries.

Pope Francis' homily, the Vatican said, was basically the text suggested for ordinations by the Italian bishops' conference, although Pope Francis added personal remarks and observations as he delivered it.

He told the new priests they would have "the sacred duty of teaching in the name of Christ the teacher. Impart to everyone the word of God which you have received with joy."

The pope, who frequently mentions the wisdom and lessons he learned from his grandmother, told the men, "Remember your mothers, your grandmothers, your catechists,

who gave you the Word of God, the faith — the gift of faith."

"Meditating on the law of the Lord, see that you believe what you read, that you teach what you believe and that you practice what you teach," he said. "Remember, too," he added, "that the Word of God is not your property; it is the Word of God. And the Church is the custodian of the Word of God."

In looking at the pastoral and sacramental ministry the men will be called to carry out, Pope Francis told them to "never tire of being merciful" in gathering people into the Church through Baptism and forgiving sins in the name of Christ and the Church.

"You will comfort the sick and the elderly with holy oil," he said. "Do not hesitate to show tenderness toward the elderly."

Pope Francis told the new priests to remember they are chosen from among the faithful and "appointed on their behalf for those things that pertain to God. Therefore, carry out the ministry of Christ the priest with constant joy and genuine love, attending not to your own concerns, but to those of Jesus Christ."

"You are pastors, not functionaries," he told them. "Be mediators, not intermediaries."

The ordinations are traditionally



Pope Francis clasps the hands of one of the 10 priests he ordained in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 21.

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part of the pope's celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which takes place on the fourth Sunday of Easter each year when the Gospel reading presents Jesus as the good shepherd.

Reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer at midday with tens of thousands of people in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said the day's Gospel reading says the sheep hear Jesus' voice and follow him. "This is a beautiful parable."

"The mystery of the voice is striking; from the time we are in our mother's womb we learn to recognize her voice and that of our dad," he said. "From the tone of a voice we can perceive love or contempt, affection or coldness."

"The voice of Jesus is unique," Pope Francis said. "If we learn to distinguish it, He will guide us on the path of life, a path that leads us even beyond the abyss of death."

The pope asked young people to listen carefully for Jesus' voice and to ask for help in discerning His call, His plan for their lives, and then have the courage to follow Him.

A group of young people in the square began chanting the pope's name in Italian — "Francesco."

"Thank you very much for the greeting," he said. "But greet Jesus, too. Shout 'Jesus, Jesus' loudly."

## Catholic communities band together after tragedy in West, Texas

BY JOAN KURKOWSKI-GILLEN

WEST, Texas (CNS) — Father Ed Karasek was driving home from a meeting in Austin when reports of a massive explosion at a fertilizer plant in West came across the radio.

The tragedy's human toll hit home quickly for the pastor of the Church of the Assumption in West. One of the first responders killed in the magnitude 2.1 blast was the son of parish secretary Carolyn Pustejovsky. Joey Pustejovsky was a volunteer firefighter and city secretary for the predominantly Czech-Catholic community located 20 miles north of Waco off Interstate 35.

West is in the Diocese of Austin, but borders the Diocese of Fort Worth.

About 200 others were injured in the industrial explosion the night of April 17 that followed a fire at the plant where volatile ammonium nitrate was used to manufacture fertilizer.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Jason Reyes said April 19 that 12 bodies had been recovered from debris and that 25 buildings remained to be cleared. He did not say whether that was likely to be the final death toll.

"This is just devastating," said Father Karasek, who spent much of April 18 comforting grieving families. "We've lost parishioners and a lot of people lost homes. People are in shock."

The explosion cut a six-block swath of destruction across the laid-

back town of 2,800 known for its Czech bakeries, kolaches and annual Westfest Czech and Polka Festival each Labor Day weekend. Stained-glass windows inside Assumption Church, located about a mile from the site of the explosion, were broken but there was no other damage to the sanctuary or parish property.

Other churches in the northern part of the town were heavily damaged by the blast heard 50 miles away. Two public schools, a nursing home, and a 50-unit apartment complex were among the buildings that were reduced to rubble.

During a Mass celebrated the morning after the explosion, Father Karasek tried to encourage devastated parishioners.

"The Lord will see us through this," said the pastor in his homily. "We're all grieving, but we can support each other."

The parish was to host an interdenominational prayer service for the community April 19. Prayers and calls of concern continued to pour into the church office.

"We've gotten calls from Vatican Radio and Sky News," said Father Karasek. "People from all over the country are offering their support and prayers and we really appreciate it."

"It's been a busy 18 hours for us," admitted Deacon Denver Crawley, who serves several nearby parishes in the Fort Worth Diocese. "Two of our parishioners live inside the blast zone and we've been talking to them."

Deacon Crawley told the *North Texas Catholic*, Fort Worth's dioc-

esan newspaper, that his friends were physically and spiritually fine but shaken.

He said the organist at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Penelope "was blown from her living room into her kitchen. She was cut up with debris and glass but the injuries are minor."

The Diocese of Austin was directing people who wished to donate to relief efforts to contact Catholic Charities of Central Texas and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Bishop Joe S. Vasquez asked parishes to hold second collections to support relief efforts.

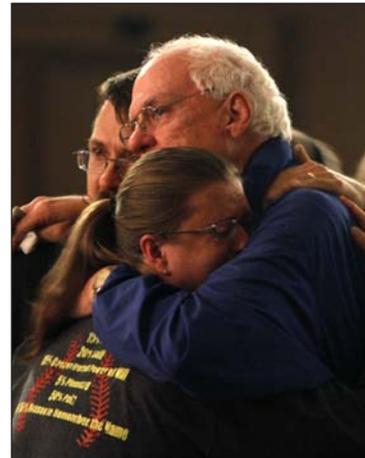
Deacon Crawley described as "very Catholic" the area of small towns between Waco and Fort Worth settled by Czech immigrants in the 1850s. "The people are very close and they're all family to one another."

"They have a tremendous faith in God and a belief that He overcomes all evil and all sadness," he added. "It's our faith in the risen Christ that gets us through."

Robert Nors, a director of the Catholic Union of Texas, a fraternal benefits society founded by Czech immigrants, called the explosion and its aftermath, "the worst thing to hit this area since the 1953 tornado in Waco."

But, unlike a weather event that can be anticipated, the explosion was unexpected, he said.

"That made it worse," said the Assumption parishioner, who lives two and a half miles from the destroyed plant. His house shook, he added.



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Residents embrace after taking part in a candlelight vigil April 18 at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, in remembrance of those who lost their lives or were injured in the massive explosion at the area's fertilizer plant. The explosion near Waco, Texas, killed 12 people and injured more than 160 others.

Father Tom Kennedy, pastor of Holy Angels Church in Clifton, which is in the Diocese of Fort Worth, spent hours ministering to the injured arriving at Waco's Hillsboro Medical Center, which received more than 100 injured people. Most had no idea what caused the explosion that sent them to a hospital, he said.

"They told me it was like the biggest sonic boom you've ever heard," he remembered. "Then they showed me pictures of cars crushed like beer cans."

The priest helped people contact relatives. At a Red Cross shelter in neighboring Abbott the following day, he delivered bottled water, blankets and messages returned on his phone by their family members.

Father Kennedy said that in the wake of a shocking, life-altering event, the best thing one can offer people is a calming presence. He said that knowing the area's predominantly Catholic population would look to the Church for help weighed heavily on his mind as he drove back roads toward the hospital, avoiding a clogged I-35. He found 40 people waiting for treatment when he arrived.

"At 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning there were nine or 10 different ministers from different churches there and we were all doing the same thing," he recalled. "Just trying to console people. It was an incredible thing."

Msgr. Stephen Berg, diocesan administrator of the Diocese of Fort Worth, offered prayers and support to the people of West and the Diocese of Austin in the wake of the explosion. Catholic Charities of Fort Worth will work with Catholic Charities of Austin to coordinate further assistance.

The Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn., announced April 18 it was accepting donations online at [www.kofc.org/texas](http://www.kofc.org/texas) to help those in need and to supplement local efforts. The Knights of Columbus Council 2305 in West, Texas, also was working with local groups and the authorities to assist with disaster relief.

## Bishop Dwenger hosts 'Meet' Pope Francis

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will present Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*, who will discuss Pope Francis on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Student Athletic Center. Enter through doors 4 and 5. Erlandson will recount the events leading up to, and following, the election of Cardinal Bergoglio as Pope Francis. Erlandson was in Rome for the conclave and the Mass of Installation and will share the mood and excitement in the square at the time of this extraordinary event. All are welcome.

## St. Joseph Regional Medical Center hosts healthcare conference

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph Regional Medical Center will host a healthcare conference titled "Making Healthcare Decisions for Loved Ones: Practical Issues in Common Situations," in its Education Center on the garden level on May 4 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The conference with presenters Joseph Cerbin, M.D., Jose Bufill, M.D., Mark Standish, M.D., and Christopher Godfrey, J.D., is free and open to the public. The conference is an Order of Malta 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. RSVP requested but not required to (574) 237-9000 or email marygrace@godfreylawoffices.com.

## Summer science programs offered

SOUTH BEND — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) are once again teaming up to offer the "Catholic Schools Summer Science Educational Program" for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

Parents can choose from a June session, focused on forensics and early engineering concepts, to be held Mondays through Fridays, June 10-28, and a July session, focused on ecology and life science, to be held Mondays through Fridays, July 1-24, with July 4-5 off. The sessions meet daily from 8-11 a.m. at Christ the King School in South Bend and will utilize the lab facilities daily. Students can attend one or both, with each three-week session costing \$80.

Register by May 7 and save \$10 off the cost of each session. There is a registration fee of \$25 per child. Visit <http://ace.nd.edu/summercamp/> to learn more and download a form for registration by mail.

The Alliance for Catholic Education forms college graduates to be teachers serving in Catholic schools around the country. Teachers in formation, studying at Notre Dame during the summer as part of the highly selective Service through Teaching

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## CHRIST THE KING PRESENTED NAVAL SCIENCE AWARD



HEATHER COYNE

Captain Earl Carter, Professor of Naval Science at the University of Notre Dame, visited Christ the King School in South Bend on Friday, April 12. Captain Carter presented three seventh-grade students with the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research for their science fair project titled "Sight vs. Balance: A Study of the Cerebellum." Thilini Fernando, Lauren Rymysza and Sara York presented their project at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March 2.

program, serve alongside current Catholic school teachers to lead the Science Educational Program experiences, sharing their own affinity for science. This yields an optimal learning opportunity, with frequent individual instruction.

This is the seventh year ACE teachers are offering the science program and a separate Catholic Schools Summer Camp Educational Program for students entering grades 2 through 8 — also co-hosted by the diocese and based at several area Catholic schools. Information on these camp opportunities is at the same online address or contact Caitlin Cameron of ACE at (574) 631-9332.

## Bishop Luers announces Top 10

FORT WAYNE — The following students from the class of 2013 have dedicated themselves to academic excellence for the past four years and have earned the honor of being named to the "Top 10" list: Keirsten Baumgartner, St. Joseph-St Elizabeth Ann Seton School, St. Joseph Parish (Fort Wayne); Andrea Choka, St. John the Baptist School and parish (Fort Wayne); Amelia Georgi, St. John the Baptist School and parish (Fort Wayne); Julia Hayes, St. John the Baptist School (Fort Wayne), St. Mary's

Parish (Fort Wayne); Elizabeth Hess, St. Joseph-St Elizabeth Ann Seton School and parish; Sean McManus, St. John the Baptist School and parish (Fort Wayne); Nancy McNamara, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, St. Joseph Parish (Fort Wayne), Taylor Phillips, Huntington North High School, St. Joseph Parish (Roanoke); Kathleen Welling, St. John the Baptist School and parish (Fort Wayne); Alisha Wyss, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School and parish.

## Cysewski receives Eagle Scout ranking

GRANGER — Peter Joseph Cysewski of Troop 572, Granger, received the Boy Scout's highest rank of Eagle Scout on Dec. 16, 2012. His Eagle Court of Honor was held at St. Pius X Church.

Cysewski's Eagle Scout service project was to relocate and completely remodel the St. Vincent de Paul donation drop box located at St. Pius X Church. The project helped increase awareness of the box and has increased donations.

Cysewski has been involved

in Scouting since 2007. During his Scouting career Cysewski has earned the religious awards of The Light of Christ, Ad Altare Dei and the International Catholic Awareness Award.

He is the son of Ken and Kristi Cysewski and has three younger brothers in Scouting, Matthew (Life Scout), Christopher (Tenderfoot Scout) and Luke (WEBELOS II).

Cysewski is a sophomore at Saint Joseph High School.

## Victory Noll Center hosts program 'An Intergenerational Women's Day Away'

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center is offering the "Intergenerational Women's Day Away," a program allowing women 14 years or older to become aware of their personal gifts and perhaps rediscover something new about themselves.

The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Women are encouraged to gather with mothers, grandmothers, daughters, nieces, aunts, sisters or just friends for a Women's Day Away.

This year's program will explore stories of women who have made a difference and discover how individuals have made

a difference in each other's lives. A time for "just the girls," those attending will pray, reflect, talk, listen and grow in love and support of one another.

The facilitator for the program is Victory Noll Center Director Sue Wilhelm. She has led a number of women's retreats, book studies and youth events, engaging participants in a positive, uplifting way.

The cost for the program is \$25 per person or \$20 each in groups of four or more, and includes lunch. Please register by April 26.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

For more information about Victory Noll Center or to register for the program, call (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or contact the center by e-mail at [victorynollcenter@olvm.org](mailto:victorynollcenter@olvm.org). More information is also available on the center's website at [www.olvm.org/vncenter](http://www.olvm.org/vncenter). No one is ever turned away from a because of inability to pay. Payment plans or other arrangements may be made by contacting the center.

## Dessert reception celebrates The Center at Donaldson

DONALDSON — The Center at Donaldson, previously called The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center, held a dessert reception at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center celebrating the new name on April 11. The event was open to local business leaders and pastors from Marshall, Starke and LaPorte counties.

Over the years, a variety of PHJC ministries have emerged and grown and representatives from each ministry provided a brief overview of what experiences are offered as part of The Center at Donaldson. Earthworks Market in Plymouth provided desserts.

These ministries offer intergenerational living and learning opportunities. These opportunities include Earthworks' summer camps where children have fun while learning to care for the environment, Ancilla College classes for people of all ages, beautiful facilities at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, used by retreatants from around the world.

At The Center at Donaldson, natural beef from Ancilla Beef and Grain Farm is available for purchase, and loved ones are cared for at Catherine Kasper Life Center, the only faith-based Continuing Care Retirement Community in Marshall County. MoonTree Studios, the newest of the ministries, offer a variety of art experiences.

For more information visit [www.TheCenterAtDonaldson.org](http://www.TheCenterAtDonaldson.org).

# 'Retired' not in Mowan's vocabulary

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — When Cheryl Mowan was “retired” for financial reasons in 2006 as minister of services from St. Therese Church at age 59, she settled into doing what many retirees do. She and her husband, Mike, dined out more, did some traveling — to Brown County, in the fall and to Florida in the winter — and enjoyed having the freedom for shopping, attending concerts and spending more time with their two children and four grandchildren.

Mowan also belongs to several organizations, which occupy her time monthly, including her CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) group of nearly 31 years, two book clubs and is a catechist for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

About 25 years ago, while

working at St. Therese as the secretary, she was asked by the district president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Allen County, Inc. to become an associate member of the charitable organization. She wouldn't have to attend meetings, but it would enable her to continue helping with the parish food bank and filling out the necessary forms to refer people who came to the church office for assistance to the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 1600 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Wayne for free goods.

Simply saying “yes” and becoming a Vincentian “rather blindly,” she admitted, led her to begin attending bi-monthly SVDP conference meetings in the church basement and assuming the co-presidency, with her husband, of the 22 conferences representing 24 parishes. Three years ago, surprisingly running unopposed, Cheryl was elected district president, serving

six counties in the Fort Wayne area. And in that capacity, the so-called “retiree” has accomplished a significant achievement for the 171-year-old association of Catholic lay men and women devoted to the spiritual growth of its members and personal service to the poor.

With an eight-year background in bookkeeping at St. Therese, Mowan eventually started looking into the thrift store's finances since the facility had been in the red for many years. “Two things made it workable,” she said. “Some key managerial people were approaching retirement age, which gave us an opportunity to take things in a different direction, and mostly, we had a generous bequest that allowed us to refurbish the store.”

Mowan reasoned it was a long-term investment. “If we could get the store turned around to where it's making a profit instead of a loss, then all of the profit — after



Cheryl Mowan (center, with husband, Mike, to her left) stands with workers and volunteers in the refurbished St. Vincent de Paul Store in downtown Fort Wayne, just east of the railroad overpass on South Calhoun Street. They include, from left, Ben (store manager), Gary, Sue, Anthony, Heather, Gwen, Dallas and Nancy (assistant manager). The thrift store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

the store is in good shape and well maintained — goes to help the poor,” she emphasized.

“It's just been a total blessing,” she added. “I felt as though this whole thing was God-given. Every time I turned around with a question of how we were going to do this or manage that, it was just handed to me on a platter. Either the right person stepped forward or the money was there. It was an incredible miraculous process!”

“It's like the perfect storm,” she continued. “I came into this job with some knowledge of accounting because of my parish experience and within the year realized something was amiss.” She related how, starting last July, they closed the store for two weeks and did a deep cleaning, which included hiring professionals to scrub floors, paint walls and “jazz it up with some graphics.” They fixed broken windows, repaired the elevator, added new signage and re-arranged the merchandise.

From August 2012 through the next six months, the store was in the black and paid off all its bills, including \$35,000 owed the diocese for insurance and employee benefits, Mowan related proudly. “All of our accounts are current and we don't have to borrow money from the district council to keep the doors open,” she emphasized. “It was a huge group effort with about 20 Vincentians from several parish conferences and other volunteers helping move furniture, clean, replace light bulbs, doors, sort merchandise and weed out enough unsalable items to fill five dumpsters.”

Traffic has increased in the store to the extent they now have to worry about having enough parking. Other projects in the works include

installing an eight-foot security fence to discourage unauthorized weekend dumping of unsalable items. “Even useable goods often are ruined because of the weather,” she stated. New phone, announcement and security systems also are being installed. “It's all a part of doing business in the downtown area. You have to be extra vigilant,” said Mowan.

“The worst is over. And it's really been exciting to watch the store turn around and be proud of it.” They've created a Catholic Corner, giving away rosaries, books and videos. “We want people to know we're Catholic,” Mowan added. “Even if I don't run for re-election, I'm going to ask to be on the store committee because I'd like to see us open one or two more stores in outlying areas.”

One reason Mowan might not run for re-election concerns her health. In the midst of the workload, last December doctors discovered Cheryl has breast cancer. She's halfway through six months of chemotherapy, followed by surgery. Besides being initially concerned whether she would live or die, “it has been a neat experience,” she said, “because of the outpouring of love, concern, cards, food and prayers by so many people. I just feel so lifted up,” she exclaimed. “Sometimes it brings me to tears!”

“I'd like to encourage people who are fighting cancer to be positive about it and know all those prayer lines are touching and so humbling. You feel like you're being blessed. It's like God reaching out and caressing your face with His fingertips by all these people,” she concluded.

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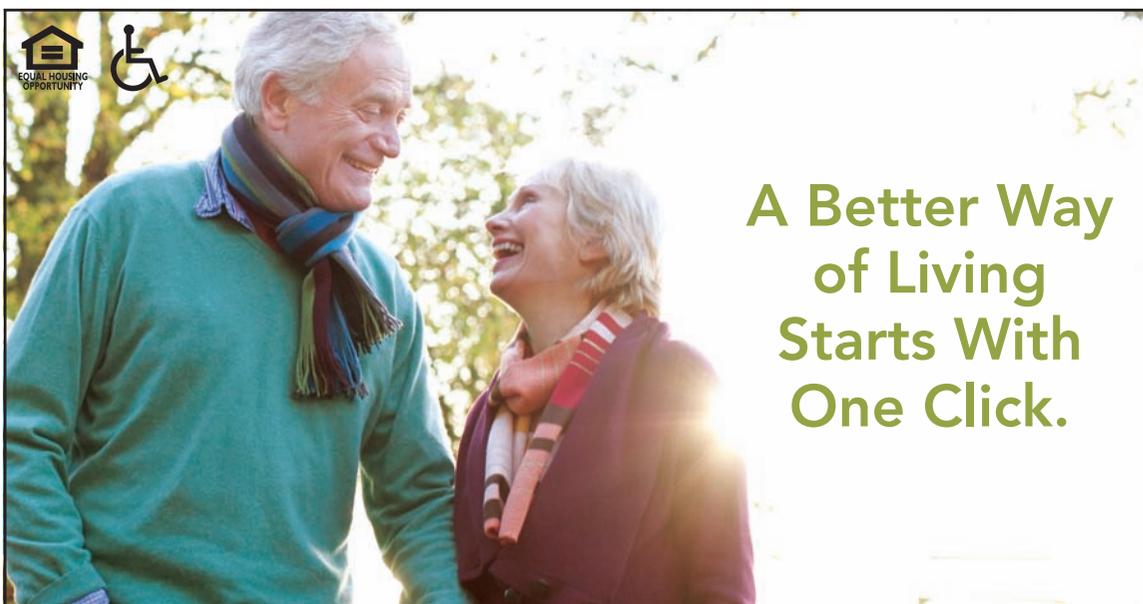


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Shirley Swartz shows a scrapbook made about the history of her home that has been in the family for 100 years. Shirley's grandfather and parents attended St. John the Evangelist before her, and she has received all her sacraments at the parish.

# Five generations attend Goshen parish

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — History means something to St. John the Evangelist parishioner Shirley Swartz. The history of her family, the history of the 100-year-old home she's lived in most of her life and the history of her faith.

Swartz is one of possibly a handful of senior parishioners at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen who received every sacrament at the church from Baptism on and still attends Mass there — as frequently as her health allows.

Shirley related that she was baptized at St. John and brought back to the very home she is living in now on West Wilden Street on the city's northwest side. Her paternal grandfather, August (Gus) Marquis moved his family from Illinois to Lagrange County where he was a farmer. When his wife passed away leaving him with seven children, he moved into Goshen to that very home as he pursued work as a carpenter.

August also became a parishioner at St. John's and a bulletin Shirley has in a scrapbook dated from 1924 lists his name as well as his daughter Irene and his son Wilfred — Shirley's dad. When Shirley's dad married he apparently stayed in the home for a long time until building a home on Gra Roy Drive.

Keeping with the family history, Shirley also stayed in the family home after marrying her late husband Richard Swartz. The couple had four children — Stu Swartz, Margaret Kuiper, Sandra Swartz and Sarah Brady. Shirley has seven grandchildren and two great-grand-

children.

Shirley said if memory serves her correctly, St. John Parish had a school before her time that closed and then re-opened later. So she herself never attended St. John School, but all of her four children did.

A student at Parkside Elementary she was the only Catholic in her group of friends and said her friends' moms were respectful of that and made her special dishes on Fridays. Shirley attended Wednesday evening and Saturday morning religious education classes as a child growing up in the parish. She said her grandfather and father both did a lot of work around the church — carpentry and maintenance work, and both helped build St. Mary Church in Bristol.

Shirley said while her children were at the school — the two oldest until eighth grade and the two youngest until sixth grade — she put in a lot of hours on the playground doing playground duty.

"Even before I could drive I remember taking a taxi to the school to do playground duty," she said.

Shirley was with the choir for a short time and was active in the Altar Rosary Society. In later years she became involved with a small group — many of whom were peers who have since died.

## House party

Shirley said that last year she threw a party for her house, which has been in the family for

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## Redeemer Radio to host Spring Sharathon May 1-3

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio will broadcast their semi-annual Spring Sharathon Celebration from its East State Boulevard studios May 1, 2 and 3 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The listener-supported station serves the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as well as portions of northwest Ohio in the Diocese of Toledo.

Dozens of area priests, parishioners and community leaders will fill Sharathon by showcasing each hour through sharing of their stories, and how the Catholic faith is changing lives in the parishes and through community outreach.

Gene and Michelle Poinsett are the Sharathon Chair couple and will be joining Redeemer Radio for the three days of Sharathon. The guest line-up includes Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the Franciscan Brothers

Minor, the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist located at St. Felix in Huntington, Father Andrew Budzinski from St. Vincent, Msgr. John Suelzer and Father Jacob Meyer from St. Charles, Father Jim Shafer and Father Ben Muhlenkamp from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Father Fred Pasche and Father Bernie Zajdel from St. Anthony of Padua in Angola, Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools, among many others.



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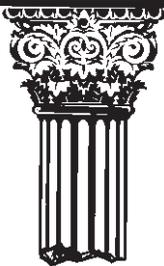
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over 100 years. Relatives came from Illinois and Michigan, all with their own memories of times spent under the roof of the elegantly decorated home. Memories including those of “grandpa and his cronies” who made and played violins, foot stomping in time to the music.

One of Shirley’s daughters once drew a picture of the home for a school project and it was that picture that Shirley had reproduced to be put on the celebratory cake. Scrapbooks filled with picture of family members sharing times in the home were shared and treasured. When people ask her why she remains in the home — those are the reasons.

“I’m happy here. If I can possibly make it here I want to stay here,” she said, surrounded by family heirlooms.

Shirley is also glad her family members were all practicing Catholics. “I always liked that mom and dad and my brothers and sisters all practiced our faith together.

Certainly as I’ve gotten older and have found out more about my ancestry — the family was so Catholic and so French. I’ve thought at times when at Mass that all those years ago my family members were going through the same things.”

Her daughter, Sandy, currently an active parishioner at St. John the Evangelist, shared what her grandfather once told her. Wilfred was 12 when his mother died on or close to his birthday. He told Sandy that as his mom lay on her death bed she called him to her, asking if he knew what the next day was. He replied that it was his birthday and she said to him, “That’s right. Promise me you’ll always stay Catholic.”

Sandy said that promise her grandfather made and kept to his dying mother is one she carries great responsibility for as well. “It meant so much to him that I’ve always wanted to carry on the faith as well,” she said.

Sandy’s son, Luke Nisley, is the fifth generation of the family to be baptized and to attend St. John the Evangelist. Although the family attended St. Mary’s for a number of years and Luke and his wife now live in the Washington, D.C., area, when back in Goshen they attend Mass at St. John’s.

## Tradition and hope for future

Shirley said the thousands of years of history the Church offers; unwaveringly the same in some areas is part of what she loves.

“But I’m going to contradict myself somewhat because I also like how the Catholics have eased up on some things and I definitely like the Mass in English and the priest facing the congregation (post Vatican II),” she said.

When health issues keep her from attending Mass she watches the TV Mass and said, “I’ve become addicted to EWTN!” Shirley said she’s been following Masses Pope Francis has been holding in different churches in Rome and said she “feels real good” about the new pope.

She also “really enjoys *Today’s Catholic!*” She admitted at times to taking her faith for granted but stated, “I’m proud to be Catholic. I love the Catholic way of doing things — the history of the Church and the pagantry. I’d never ever leave the Church.”

## Allen County Jail Chaplaincy hosts fundraiser

FORT WAYNE — The need for jail ministry is clear when considering the number of people it has the potential to impact. The Allen County Jail Chaplaincy under the leadership of Chaplain Dick Sievers, has been serving the inmates and staff at the facility since 1997. On any given day there are as many as 750 to 1,000 inmates at the Allen County Jail. In 2012, a total of 15,000 inmates spent time in the facility. The Allen County Jail Chaplaincy also ministers to officers and other jail staff members when appropriate.

Counseling, prayer and chapel services are at the heart of the ministry.

Each year the ministry gives away approximately 1,200 Bibles. People can also help by collecting paperback books. The book cart is a popular activity. Books provide a welcome diversion, and bringing them into cell blocks provides volunteers an opportunity to interact with inmates, to listen to their concerns and to pray with them.

Mick Lomont, an Allen County Jail Chaplaincy volunteer and member of St. Louis Besancon Church, reports that historical novels, westerns and books by Lee Strobel are especially well-received. There is also a need for large print books.

The ACJC is hosting a fundraising banquet on Tuesday, May 7,

at Ceruti’s Summit Park 2, 6601 Innovation Blvd., in Fort Wayne. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meal begins at 6:30 p.m. The event will include testimonies from people who have been helped by the Allen County Jail Chaplaincy and from one jail officer. The cost is \$25 per person, or \$200 to sponsor a table of eight.

For more information on the banquet, collecting materials, or becoming a volunteer please call (260) 449-7215.

For donations, make checks payable to Allen County Jail Chaplaincy and mail to 417 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

## Saint Joseph High School students take second in Euro Challenge competition

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School students Greenan Sullivan, Nora Kelly, Nora McGreevy, Sofia Carozza, Molly Clark, Vivian Crumlish and Nolan

Liu, and coaches, Julie Chismar and Phil DePauw, earned a second place finish in the national Euro Challenge competition in New York. This is the first year of competition for the team, which is now headed to Washington, D.C.

The Euro Challenge is an exciting educational opportunity for high school students to learn about the European Union (EU) and the euro. Student teams of three to five students are asked to make presentations answering specific questions about the European economy and the single currency, the euro. They are also asked to pick one member country of the “euro area” (the 17 EU member countries that have adopted the euro so far), to examine an economic problem at the country level, and to identify policies for responding to that problem.

In 2013, its eighth year, the Euro Challenge will continue to expand nationally, with more than 100 teams from various regions

in the United States expected to compete for monetary awards generously provided by The Moody’s Foundation.

The Euro Challenge is a program launched by the Delegation of the European Union to the United States in partnership with The Moody’s Foundation and with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York serving as program advisor. The program is supported by Credit Suisse, the University of North Carolina, Florida International University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Illinois, the University of Texas at Austin, Rutgers University, George Washington University, Indiana University, the University of Wisconsin, the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, the DC World Affairs Council, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Pittsburgh Branch), the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Detroit Branch.



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# Gay marriage and the breakdown of moral argument

In his classic text "After Virtue," the philosopher Alisdair MacIntyre lamented, not so much the immorality that runs rampant in our contemporary society, but something more fundamental and in the long run more dangerous; namely, that we are no longer even capable of having a real argument about moral matters.

The assumptions that once undergirded any coherent conversation about ethics, he said, are no longer taken for granted or universally shared. The result is that, in regard to questions of what is right and wrong, we simply talk past one another, or more often, scream at each other.

I thought of MacIntyre's observation when I read a recent article on the Supreme Court's

consideration of the much-vexed issue of gay marriage. It was reported that, in the wake of the oral arguments, Justice Elena Kagan remarked, "Whenever someone expresses moral disapproval in a legal context, the red flag of discrimination goes up for me."

Notice that the justice did not say that discrimination is the result of a bad moral argument, but simply that any appeal to morality is, ipso facto, tantamount to discrimination. Or to state it in MacIntyre's terms, since even attempting to make a moral argument is an exercise in futility, doing so can only be construed as an act of aggression.

I will leave to the side the radical inconsistency involved in saying that one has an ethical objection (discrimination!) to the

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making of an ethical objection, but I would indeed like to draw attention to a very dangerous implication of this incoherent position. If argument is indeed a non-starter, the only recourse we have in the adjudication of our disputes is violence, either direct or indirect.

This is precisely why a

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# We must love as Jesus loved



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 5th Sunday of Easter Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Once again in this Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading for the Mass. It reports some of the missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas. Although eventually they parted, Paul and Barnabas, Paul's disciple, visited several prominent cities in Asia Minor the Roman Empire of the first century AD.

While ancient traditions see all the Apostles as missionaries, most of whom went far and wide to proclaim the Gospel, the Acts of the Apostles concentrates on Paul's efforts in missionizing.

The reading is more than a travelogue. It is a lesson about the faith of Paul and Barnabas and about their uncompromising determination to make Jesus known. It also reveals the conditions in which these two great figures in early Christianity lived.

As they spoke to Christians in the cities that they visited, they warned these followers of Christ that hostility, and difficulties, faced them. Their warnings sprang from their own personal experiences. Paul and Barnabas themselves met opposition and endured difficulties.

It is not surprising that these two great champions of the Gospel faced hardships. The culture of the Roman Empire was

absolutely hostile to the values of the Gospel. The political order was becoming hostile as well.

Nevertheless Paul and Barnabas were undaunted. They continued to move from city to city, from Christian community to Christian community, to reassure believers in Christ and to promote Gospel values. Despite the risks, and the more than occasional rejections, their faith inspired them and impelled them.

For the second reading, the Church this weekend offers a passage from the Book of Revelation. This book, the last book of the New Testament in the translations and versions that have used for centuries, is highly poetic and symbolic. It is moving and strikingly beautiful in its imagery very often, but often its symbolism are so involved, or so unique to the first century, that understanding the book is not easy without reading scholarly commentaries along with the text itself.

In this reading, the vision is of heaven, symbolized by the holy city of Jerusalem, but a transformed Jerusalem, and of God. It is a look into eternity and to the reward promised to those who love God.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. This is not a Resurrection Narrative, but it is strongly reminiscent of the Resurrection, and of the Lord's death on Calvary.

Jesus obliquely refers to the crucifixion. He also refers to rising from the dead. Eternal life is an option for humans who follow the Lord in obedience to God, in sacrifice, and in faith. With Jesus, the faithful will die but also rise to eternal life.

## Reflection

A month ago the Church

called us, with joy and the deepest faith, to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus after the terrible event of the crucifixion.

Gradually, but unrelentingly, the Church has called upon us personally to respond to Jesus, to bond ourselves with the salvation brought to humanity by Jesus.

This weekend's readings proclaim the sacrificial death as well as the rising of Jesus from the dead, but it also calls upon us to respond by following the Lord.

As the second reading from Revelation, eternal life with God, in heaven will be our reward.

While still in this life, we authentically become disciples by loving God, each other and all people, as Jesus loved. In this divine love, Jesus died on Calvary as a sacrifice. In God's plan divine love triumphed when Jesus rose.

We are not alone in our effort to be with God, to love as Jesus loved. The Apostles are with us in their successors, successors to early bishops such as Barnabas, who still guide us and strengthen us in the Church.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 14:21b-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

# Claiming our faith

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

This Year of Faith gives us a special opportunity to really reflect on the Church and on what we believe, especially for young adults. College-age students especially, believe because others say so or because it is what they were taught.

After high school, and sometimes during, it is not uncommon for one to question their faith. This is not a bad thing. In fact, those who question what they claim to believe usually end up with a stronger and more meaningful faith. Some characterize it as "owning" one's faith.

A mediocre Catholic is one who "believes" just because others say so. Their faith is often minimal or superficial. Too many people are nominal Catholics who identify themselves as such but rarely grace a church with their presence. It is like people who call themselves Jews but do not practice Judaism.

Central to our Christian faith is our belief in Jesus. He is the core of what we profess. I always reflect on this every time I hear the words in the Gospel when Jesus asks Peter and the others, "Who do you say that I am?" To be a Christian, a follower of Jesus, each of us must answer that question for ourselves.

Have you ever really taken time to reflect upon your faith and who Jesus is for you? Is Jesus merely a historical figure that lived in the past and has stories written about Him in the Bible?

Do you view Him primarily as a good person, someone ready to help others, especially the poor and the outcast or someone to fear?

Maybe you view Jesus primarily as a miracle worker who can help you get a good grade on a test you haven't studied for, or who gets you out of trouble with your parents. Is He someone you go to when you are desperate and can't think of anything else to do, someone you think of last instead of first!

Or, hopefully, Jesus is someone who is there for you in the good times and when life is hard. Does your belief in His loving presence console you when your family is having difficulties or when you are feeling low?

Do you go to Jesus regularly? Is He real to you and a part of your ordinary life? Is He a personal friend or a figure "out there somewhere?" Do you spend time with Him? Do you desire to get to know Him better and to love Him more?

I heard in a homily recently, there is a difference between belief and real faith. We can believe everything our Church teaches and obey all the commandments, but we will never grow in faith unless Jesus is in the center of it. The Pharisees conformed to the letter of the law but never really knew and accepted Jesus.

Our faith is empty without Him. Take some time during this Year of Faith and honestly reflect on your relationship with Jesus and the Church. Are Jesus and the Church an important part of your life? Who have you spoken to about Him lately? We are called to claim and proclaim our faith.

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## Sandy Hook parish extends gratitude

On behalf of our community and parish, St. Rose of Lima in Newtown, Conn., we extend our gratitude to each of you who remembered us in prayer following the events of Dec. 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We quickly realized the universality of the Church by the outpouring of support and concern that was shown to us by so many in our faith communities. The cards and letters from staff and students in Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities reminded us of the faith to which we are called to witness through the tradition of Catholic education. No less important were the number of cards from parish religious education programs, especially the sacramental programs. We were also contacted by many Catholic organizations and groups on both the local and national levels. The list of parishes, Catholic based groups and dioceses that contacted us is an overwhelming one.

We are also very appreciative of the number of donations sent to us to assist our parish in our continuing ministry to the community, to help pay the expenses of the victims' funerals, to support counseling programs, to provide direct aid to the families and so on.

Your generosity reminded us that we are not alone during this very sad and challenging time.

We also want to thank our brother priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers for their letters of support and encouragement. Spiritual bouquets, Mass cards, hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and remembrances by many prayer groups have lifted our spirits knowing that our intentions are ever before the Lord. We also received a number of rosaries, prayer shawls, religious works of art, memorial vestments, reliquaries, books focusing on grief and healing, original and recorded religious CDs and a variety of poems, spiritual reflections and meditations to help guide us in providing comfort and support.

We know that the road ahead of us will be a long one, but we are given great hope by the outpouring of generosity and love shown to us. We are truly blessed by your many acts of faith and kindness. Please know that you continue to be in our prayers of gratitude for the goodness you have demonstrated to us in so many ways.

God bless,  
Msgr. Robert Weiss, Pastor  
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# Going too far with DNR?

Resuscitating a patient who undergoes a cardiac arrest or stops breathing often involves multiple procedures. When a resuscitation “Code Blue” is called in the hospital (or on a TV show), something like a medical “flash mob” comes together to try to save the patient. The sequence of events typically involves a combination of CPR, airway assistance, medications and shocks to the heart when the resuscitation is performed in a clinical setting. Sometimes these interventions can seem unwarranted or extreme, and people wonder whether it would be OK to fill out a “Do Not Resuscitate” order (DNR) for themselves or for a family member. Would declining permission to resuscitate someone mean they are abandoning their loved one? Each crisis or emergency situation will have unique contours, and the question of our moral duty to provide resuscitation will vary with the details of each case. Sometimes a DNR order will be a reasonable choice; other times it will not.

If a DNR order is chosen, the condition of the patient must be such that the intervention would be of no significant benefit to him or her. Sometimes out of a generalized fear of medical technology, people may decide to put a DNR in place many years before any serious medical situation arises. Without knowing the medical particulars of their own future situations, however, this would be an unwise and ill-advised step. It can also be premature to decline a full code early in the course of a progressive disease, as resuscitation might well offer a bridge to healing or to another extended period of life. As the patient’s condition worsens, though, he or she may later decide that a full code has become unreasonable, and choose a DNR at that point. These judgments are tricky to make, because the specifics of each case differ, and those specifics change with time and disease progression. DNR’s

should be put in place only when the circumstances warrant it, that is to say, on a case-by-case, patient-specific basis. In other words, when CPR/resuscitation can reasonably be determined to no longer offer a hope of benefit to the patient or if it entails an excessive burden to him, at that time a DNR can be put into place.

Some of the possible burdens that may need to be considered in deciding whether to pursue resuscitative interventions for a patient would include some of the following: the risk of rib or other bone fractures, puncture of the lungs by a broken bone (or from the trauma of lung compression and decompression), bleeding in the center of the chest, cerebral dysfunction or permanent brain damage, the small risk (about 3 or 4 percent) that the patient might end up entering a vegetative state, and subsequent complications if the patient ends up staying on a ventilator for an extended period following the resuscitation.

During resuscitative efforts, elderly patients are more likely to experience complications or to have ribs break during CPR. Younger patients, on the other hand, tend to show a greater resilience and are often better able to tolerate CPR. Patients suffering from advanced cancer are also known to fare poorly following resuscitative efforts.

In terms of overall statistics, when a patient codes in the hospital and all resuscitative measures are taken, patients frequently do not end up leaving the hospital, especially when they are elderly or have other co-accompanying conditions. Based on data from the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (NRCPR), studies have determined that patients who undergo cardiac arrest in the hospital have an overall survival to discharge rate of about 17 percent. The rate drops even lower (to around 13 percent) for cancer patients. In other words, the benefits are oftentimes few and short-lived, while the burdens tend



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to be high. There are, of course, exceptions — while many patients do not experience significant benefits from resuscitative measures, a small percentage do.

So when death is imminent, and disease states are very advanced (perhaps with multiple organ failure), and assuming other spiritual matters, such as last sacraments, have been addressed, a DNR order may not raise any moral problems. The key consideration in making the judgment will be to determine whether the benefits of resuscitation outweigh the burdens.

DNR orders can be misused, of course, if they are broadly construed as calling on medical professionals to abandon or otherwise discontinue all care of a patient. Even as patients may be declining and dying of serious underlying illnesses, we must continue to care for them, support and comfort them, and use the various ordinary means that they may have been relying on, such as heart and blood pressure medications, diuretics, insulin, etc.

We should always seek to do what is ethically “ordinary” or “proportionate” in providing care for our loved ones, though we are never obligated to choose anything that would be heroic, disproportionate or unduly burdensome when it comes to CPR or other resuscitative measures.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Readings for April 28, 2013

*Acts 14:21-27; John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

Following is a word search based on the First Reading and Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: as the church was beginning. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PROCLAIMED	GOOD NEWS	CITY
LYSTRA	ANTIOCH	STRENGTHENED
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number of Christian leaders and theorists, especially in the West, have been expressing a deep concern about this manner of thinking. Any preacher or writer who ventures to make a moral argument against gay marriage is automatically condemned as a purveyor of “hate speech” or excoriated as a bigot, and in extreme cases, he can be subject to legal sanction. This visceral, violent reaction is a consequence of the breakdown of the rational framework for moral discourse that MacIntyre so lamented.

A telltale sign of this collapse is our preoccupation, even obsession, with poll numbers in regard to this question. We are incessantly told that ever-

increasing numbers of Americans — especially among the young — approve of gay marriage or are open to gay relationships. This is undoubtedly of great interest sociologically or politically, but in itself, it has nothing to do with the question of right or wrong. Lots of people can approve of something that is in fact morally repugnant, and a tiny minority can support something that is in fact morally splendid.

For example, if polls were taken in 1945 concerning the rectitude of dropping atomic bombs on Japan in order to bring the war to a rapid conclusion, I am quite sure that overwhelming majorities would have approved. And if a poll had been taken in, say, 1825, concerning the legitimacy of slavery, I would bet that only a small minority of Americans would have come out for eliminating the practice. But finally, in either case, so what?

Finally, an argument has to be made. In the absence of this, the citation of poll numbers in regard to a moral issue is nothing but a form of bullying: we’ve got you outnumbered.

Still another indication of the breakdown in moral argumentation is the sentimentalizing of the gay marriage issue. Over roughly the past 25 years, armies of gay people have come out of the closet, and this is indeed welcome. Repression, deception and morbid self-reproach are never good things. The result of this coming out is that millions have recognized their brothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, uncles and dear friends as gay. The homosexual person is no longer, accordingly, some strange and shadowy “other,” but someone I know to be a decent human being. This development, too, is nothing but positive.

The man or woman with a homosexual orientation must always be loved and treated, in all circumstances, with the respect due to a child of God. Nevertheless, it does not follow that everything a decent person does or wants is necessarily decent. Without a convincing argument, we cannot simply say that whatever a generally kind and loving person chooses to do is, by the very nature of the thing, right.

This is why I am never impressed when a politician says that he is now in favor of gay marriage, because he has discovered that his son, whom he deeply loves, is gay. Please don’t misunderstand me: I am sincerely delighted whenever a father loves and cherishes his gay son. However, that love in itself does not constitute an argument.

The attentive reader will have noticed that I have not proffered

such an argument in the course of this article. That will have to be matter for another day. What I have tried to do is clear away some of the fog that obfuscates this issue, in the hopes that we might eventually see, with some clarity and objectivity, what the Catholic Church teaches in regard to sexuality in general and the question of gay marriage in particular.

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# Sports

**JIM CRAIG TO SPEAK AT PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH** The Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) will host guest speaker Jim Craig, 1980 Olympic Hockey Gold Medalist and goalie for the "Miracle on Ice" Team, during its President's Brunch on Sunday, April 28. All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit SJRMC's Pediatrics, Pediatric Therapy, Pediatric Specialty Clinics and Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The event will be held April 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Notre Dame Compton Family Ice Arena. Photos with Jim Craig available from 10:45-11:20 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Call The Foundation of SJRMC at (574) 237-7377 for information.

## St. Vincent Panthers boast only CYO golf team

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

and always show proper golf etiquette. The Panthers home course is Canterbury Green.

FORT WAYNE — The lone team in Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) for the sport of golf, St. Vincent kicked off their program in 2005. The Panthers boast increasing numbers with 18 on their roster this season, up from 10 the last two years.

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Coaches DJ and Cindy Wagner are in their third cycle with the team and are joined by first-year coach, John Ryan, a Bishop Dwenger alum and Wabash College MVP.

DJ was a golfer at Northrop High School while Cindy (Vorndran) played volleyball and basketball for the Saints.

The mother of two took interest in golf when her son, James, now a freshman at Dwenger, started playing at the age of four.

The pleased coach explains the team's strength this season. "We have great kids who listen and help each other learn," she said. The coaching staff intends to help their players improve this season



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# GOLF

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St. Vincent has enough numbers to fill both a varsity and junior varsity (JV) squad. They have a few fairly new golfers on the JV and are loaded with talent

on the varsity led by returning eighth graders: Tyler Fink, Chris Catalogna, Joe Hunnicutt and Jacob Hursh. Newcomer Jacob Scrogam and seventh graders Logan Ryan and Sam Yolevich round out the varsity roster.

Fink, who has been on the links since age 5, is the Panthers' top golfer. With an excellent long drive and a strong short iron game, the youngster plans to win

a state championship some day, continue his career at Clemson and one day play on the PGA tour.

Although the wet weather has been a challenge this spring, St. Vincent hopes to compete in 11 matches. Their schedule includes opponents from Leo, Dekalb, Garrett, Canterbury, Angola and club teams from both Northwest and Southwest Allen County.

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**Rummage and bake sale planned**  
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**Holy Name Society fish fry**  
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## Joseph M. Woods Memorial Concert



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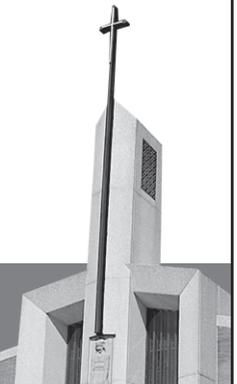
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theology teacher who is also the diocesan director of Catholic Relief Services. The students "found statistics about the country — population, poverty rate, these kinds of things" — and the CRS programs in place.

The students designed posters with the information they learned. These posters are hanging on the classroom doors throughout the school and will be there through the end of the year.

Students also created flags representing 55 of the 100 countries where CRS has a presence. During the prayer assembly, Father Jacob Meyer, chaplain, sang a litany of saints that pertained to the patrons of the countries represented. One student carried the flag before the student body, while another student lit a candle. The flags were then placed in the cafeteria and will eventually be placed in the school.

At the assembly, the work of CRS was highlighted. Providing wells and sanitary water was emphasized as one of the services CRS provides. Building homes, providing medical supplies are other services provided by CRS.

Bishop Dwenger's emphasis over the next three years is to concentrate on orphans and vulnerable children.

The CRS iNeighbor initiative is just in its second year, and Bishop Dwenger is one of the first high schools in the nation to partner with CRS.

At the Catholic Social Ministries gathering in Washington, D.C. — a gathering of all social ministry groups such as the U.S. Conference

of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul and others — Bishop Dwenger was approached by CRS because of other CRS-related programs at Bishop Dwenger, such as the Fair Trade Sales, Food Fair CRS and Operation Rice Bowl.

"Next year, we'll have another workshop with Catholic Relief Services with faculty and staff, and build throughout the year and implement more of the orphans and vulnerable children into culminating a week like this one," Wheeler said, "but we want to get more students involved in these (eight) committees and get their input in the lesson planning, displays and school-wide action."

Charles Ehinger, who teaches senior honors physics and coordinated the committee that planned the prayer assembly, said the ideas come from the students whose actions can range from raising funds or writing to elected representatives on issues to raising funds for a group to do mission work in another country.

"It becomes their project that the (teachers) help," Wheeler added. "They become the primary engineers."

One Bishop Dwenger senior, Jacob Malmstrom, spent 2011 in Haiti with his parents and the family working in medical missions. In his brief presentation at the assembly of the mission work he did in Haiti, he showed the need for medical care, housing and the plight of orphans and children left at the Mission of Hope Orphanage. Some of the children are placed there, he said, because the family can no longer financially support them.

He encouraged his fellow students to "feel blessed with what you have been given."

Malmstrom plans to return to

Haiti this summer with an internship program soon after he graduates in May.

Ehinger's honors physics class studied Ethiopia. He explained that the class spent the first day learning the statistics and general information about the country — terrain, capital, population, the climate and its droughts. CRS provides facts about all the countries they serve on their website.

Ehinger said he was able to incorporate lessons of the class with the situation, for example, of the drought issues in Ethiopia: "How can we solve this?" he asked the students.

Wheeler said, next year, perhaps the biology and chemistry teachers will participate in the iNeighbor program and the classes will partner with CRS who offer videoconferences to show how they work. Different lessons will be available in world languages, theology or social studies classes.

The second day, the students concentrated on the country's history. That included the history of CRS's work in that particular country.

The third day included studies for groups that partner with CRS and the fourth day served as CRS programs to explore and the type of relief that is going on in each country.

The idea is "global awareness," Ehinger said. "As much as teenagers are sheltered, they don't travel far, they're not aware of what goes on in the world. So it's more real to them and if it's real to them they will want to get more involved."

**Schools interested in the iNeighbor partnership** with Catholic Relief Services may contact Melissa Wheeler at [MWheeler@bishop-dwenger.com](mailto:MWheeler@bishop-dwenger.com) or (260) 496-4700.

## SEMINARIANS RECEIVE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE, LECTOR



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Three seminarians received the Ministry of Acolyte on Saturday, April 20, at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. From left to right, are Jonathan Norton, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne; Bill Meininger, St. Pius X, Granger; Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Md., and Matt Soberalski, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. Below, four seminarians received the Ministry of Lector on Friday, April 19. From left to right, are David Violi, St. Pius X, Granger; Christopher Sindelar, St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton; Archbishop Lori; Craig Borchard of St. Pius X, Granger; and Bob Garrow, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.



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