NOTRE DAME — The Indiana Catholic Poverty Summit, sponsored and hosted by the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns, brought together all five Indiana Catholic bishops and representatives from Catholic institutions across the state to discuss some of the causes and symptoms of poverty, and how the Catholic organizations of Indiana can form a framework together to reduce poverty in Indiana.

Bill Purcell, associate director of the Center of Social Concerns served as the master of ceremonies and welcomed the large group to Notre Dame on April 26 and promised an “exciting and challenging day.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as host and spoke on the importance of the group’s mission. “As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to have a spirit of concern and love for the poor. We must see the living Christ in every person, and live the principle of human dignity. This summit will give a renewed commitment to this mission.”

The summit was inspired by Catholic Charities national “Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America” and the new initiative by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called “Poverty USA.” Each diocese has its own Catholic Charities chapter, and all directors were in attendance.

David Siler, executive director of the Indianapolis branch was instrumental in putting the summit together. He told the crowd a story about the opening of a shelter in Bedford: “We were really proud of our efforts and it is humbling to serve so many people, but I started thinking to myself that I’d like to stop serving so many people. I thought, wouldn’t it be nice to have to close the doors because we had no one left to serve.”

The staff of the Indianapolis office envisioned the conference as an opportunity to bring the various charities together to work towards their goals. “We all do amazing things, but our organizations are disconnected. We need to talk more, collaborate and lead the way. If we do this, we can truly make a difference to reduce poverty in our state,” Siler said.

In addition to representatives from across the state, several national leaders were also in attendance. The president of Catholic Charities USA, Father Larry Snyder, updated Bishop Rhoades on the progress of the national campaign and expressed the need to keep the conversation about poverty in America.

Sheila Gilbert, president of the National Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul, speaks about poverty at the Indiana Catholic Poverty Summit on Friday, April 26, at the University of Notre Dame. Gilbert was one of the national speakers, as well as Father Larry Snyder of Catholic Charities USA, who spoke about issues of poverty in the U.S. and Indiana.

“Some students wanted to start praying the rosary together,” explained Father Van Daniker, reflecting on how Children of Mary began in the early 1990s after fellow student David Wade was inspired by the messages of Medjugorje and Our Lady’s call to prayer and conversion. “They started in Zahm Hall, a residence hall in the middle of campus and very centrally located. They gathered very

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May: Month of Mary

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary’s great joy in her Son’s victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In this Year of Faith, it is good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed blessed, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord’s words. She believed with all her heart and said “yes” to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God’s grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son’s first and most perfect disciple. In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month of May, we pay special honor to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.”

I recommend the observance of May as a Marian month. Many churches and schools have celebrations of the crowning of images of Our Lady. This is a beautiful custom that expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. Other Marian devotions are particularly fitting in the month of May. Of course, the holy rosary is always a wonderful prayer to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ’s life with Mary. It is a Gospel prayer. All honor that we give to Mary is ordered to, and leads to, the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honoring her. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

We all probably have our favorite images of Mary as well as our favorite devotions: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, etc. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady’s vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues of Mary and remind us to turn to her for her intercession.

I invite you to pray with Mary during this Marian month. Let us especially commend to her our prayers for life, marriage, and religious liberty. Let us all place ourselves in the school of Mary to learn from her how to love God more fervently and to love one another as her Son has loved us.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!
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the group on the latest poverty statistics.

“Over 46 million Americans live in
poverty, over 15 percent of the population,” Father Snyder said.

“Thankfully, there are five children across our country.”

In Indiana, Father Snyder noted that closer to 20 percent of Hoosiers live in poverty. He commented on businesses that prey on the poor, which he called the “poverty pimp,” including payday loan busi-
esses, pawnshops and shamloans.

“These businesses only perpetuate the poverty cycle,” Father Snyder said. He also spoke about some of the initiatives Catholic Charities USA has implemented, including working with businesses on market-based components and a focus on outcomes versus how many people are currently being served.

“We need to become a results-based organization with program evaluation and accountability. We need to do better,” concluded Father Snyder.

Sheila Gilbert, president of National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, also addressed the crowd. She spoke about engaging more parishioners in serving the poor.

“The Catholic Church by itself cannot end poverty, but we can be a catalyst for our communities to make a real difference in people’s lives,” Gilbert said.

She also commented about a lack of hope felt by some of the people that St. Vincent de Paul serves. “There is often a lack of belief that the future can be any better,” Gilbert said. “We must spread hope and help them make the jour-
ney out of poverty.”

Active service to the poor was a major theme of the day. Creating a culture of giving within parishes and schools is vital to the mission of ending poverty. The Catholic high schools are already working toward several statewide goals for student service to their communi-
ties. According to Harry Plummer, the executive director Secretariat for Catholic Education and Formation for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, “Catholic schools are moving together on an accreditation model to put in place a service standard that will really help our communities and also help our students answer the social call of the Eucharist.”

After meeting together in the morning, the group divided up by diocese to talk about specific con-
cerns and create possible solutions for better collaborations between the statewide agencies to address the poverty problem.

Bishop Rhoades led the deleg-
ation from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He noted the poverty statistics in South Bend were “higher than I expected.” He talked about his experience serving in a poor parish in Harrisburg, Pa.

“We served up to 250 people a day,” Bishop Rhoades said. “We helped many of the children get into neighboring Catholic schools. While the kids did better in the Catholic school, so many of their issues stemmed from the atmosphere at home. It was disheartening. Poverty contributes to so many other issues and unless we deal with the root of the poverty, we will never be able to help.”

Schools can be a place of under-
standing and action in dealing with poverty.

Principal Mary Keefer of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne commented, “You know we often host dress down days when our kids get to wear regular clothes for a dol-
lar. We then donate those funds to charity. But what if we hosted dress down days for giving of our own? Sometimes teenagers have to be led and this might be a great way to encourage them to donate more of their time.”

Melissa Wheeler, director of Catholic Relief Services for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, agreed and discussed how many teenagers need a better under-
standing of Catholic teachings on human dignity.

“As a Church,” Wheeler said, “we have done a great job in help-
ing kids understand the dignity of the baby in the womb. But they don’t have the same understanding of dignity for others who are differ-
ent from themselves, such as prison-
ers or the poor.”

The conference concluded with all the diocesan groups meeting together again to discuss potential ways for collaboration and to draw some conclusions about the day.

“I know we are more united and connected now than when we came in,” said Mickey Lentz, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

“Short-term we need to capitalize on some of the ideas shared today and regroup again to revisit and explore further ideas and concepts. This has been a great learning day for all of us,” she concluded.

Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin said, “I suspect that what brought people here today was the excitement of what it could mean if all five dioceses were working together, connected by the essentials of our Catholic teachings and united in our mission to serve the poor. I believe what we found was the deep feeling of connection between these people of Catholic and a renewed sense of urgency to implement new solu-
tions to an old problem.”

The ideas generated by the sum-
mits will determine the next steps. Each of the attendees will receive a follow up report highlighting the discussions and possible solutions.

The hope of the organizers is that the Indiana Catholic Conference and the Indiana bishops will take the ideas of the conference and cre-
ate new initiatives statewide to help end poverty in the state.

POPE FRANCIS’ FIRST ENCYCLICAL
MIGHT BE OUT THIS YEAR

BY CAROL GILATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis may publish his first encyclical this year, the Vatican spokesman said.

“The summit Father Federico Lombardi said he would not “exclude” the possibility of the publication of the pope’s first encyclical “within this year,” Vatican Radio reported.

The spokesman told reporters April 25 that retired Pope Benedict XVI had already “fleshed out material on the theme of faith” for an encyclical.

Vatican officials had said Pope Benedict completed work in late 2012 on what would have been his fourth encyclical — a letter on the theological virtue of faith. Its release was expected in the first half of 2013, but the pope resigned Feb. 28 before its publication.

It is not unusual for a pope to pick up work begun by his prede-
cessor, make changes and publish it in his own name. The second part of Pope Benedict’s first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”), was a discus-
sion of Catholic charitable activ-

ity prepared under Blessed John Paul II. Nine months after Pope Benedict was elected, the docu-
mament was released after the new pope reworked that section.

Father Lombardi also said that Pope Benedict, who has been living at the papal summer resi-
dence in Castel Gandolfo since his retirement, would soon be moving — as expected — to a renovated building in the Vatican Gardens.

The retired pope should be moving to the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery between the end of April and early May, the spokes-
man said.

In the meantime, he said Pope Francis will continue to reside in the Vatican guesthouse where he has been staying since the begin-
ning of the conclave that elected him, instead of the papal apart-
ment in the apostolic palace.

The Domus Sanctae Marthae houses permanent residents as well as some guests who come to the Vatican for meetings.

Pope Francis “likes it there very much,” the spokesman said, and, at the moment, it doesn’t seem he wants to change his accommodations, even though no “final decision” has been made.
Mexico’s soon-to-be-saint recalled for her ministry to poor, sick

BY DAVID AGREN

GUADALARJARA, Mexico (CNS) — A shy woman stopped to pray in front of statue of Blessed Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala while visiting the Santa Margarita Hospital. She knew little about the founder of the facility, who will be canonized May 12, but, like many, she had heard stories from hospital patients who say the soon-to-be-saint still walks the halls providing care, attention and miracles to those in need.

Madre Lupita — as Blessed Maria Guadalupe is better known in Guadalajara — left a legacy of providing care for the poor and the elderly through the Handmaids of St. Margaret Mary and the Poor, the order she co-founded with Father Cipriano Iniguez in 1901 at the age of 23.

She will become the second Mexican woman to be canonized and the latest from the western state of Jalisco, where the Cristero Rebellion raged in the 1920s and religious like Madre Lupita were forced to carry out their work as laywomen because of anti-clerical restrictions that forbade her wearing a habit.

“If it had been viewed as a convent, they (government officials) would have closed the hospital,” said Sister Raquel Rodriguez, administrator at the Santa Margarita Hospital.

Such hardship from the 1910-20 Mexican Revolution and the Cristero Rebellion — a period Catholics in Guadalajara remember through the beatification of priests and religious often martyred in that period — was common during the early years of Madre Lupita’s ministry.

The sisters celebrated Mass in secret during the predawn hours to avoid drawing scrutiny and hid priests and Guadalajara Archbishop Francisco Orozco Jimenez in their facility, even though “Soldiers were stationed at the door,” Sister Raquel said. Raids were common.

Still, “Madre Lupita, with the great charity that she had, and other sisters would feed (the soldiers). She would say, ‘It’s not their fault,’” Sister Raquel said.

Such stories of charity mark Madre Lupita’s life. She was born in 1878 to a well-to-do family in Zapotan, a corn-farming village but now a Guadalajara suburb best known for its basilica and patroness.

She was engaged to a young suitor but entered religious life and founded a religious order to attend to poor and sick, especially as the work grew. Madre Lupita and her sisters collected funds for the growing health care ministry by soliciting donations in the street.

“Her had a lot of contact with a lot of people, so upon her death (in 1963) some of these people … the same people that she treated … started to petition the religious association to take up the cause of Madre Lupita as a saint for all of her charity,” Sister Raquel said.

Miracles were reported almost immediately after Madre Lupita’s death 50 years ago. Sightings of her in hospital wards and patients saying she attended to them also were not unusual.

Visitors began traveling to the hospital, asking for her intervention.

Sainthood, said Msgr. Ramiro Valdes, vicar of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, was appropriate for Madre Lupita, whom he described as “a witness to her faith and a servant to the poor and those most in need.”
FORT WAYNE — The number of laps didn’t matter, but the cause for this year’s major service project certainly did. On Friday, April 26, 750 students from St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne participated in a walk-a-thon to raise money for young boys in a distant land on a gloriously sunny, last day of the school week.

excused from their normal uniforms, nearly everyone in grades K-8 paid a dollar to “dress down” and a penny to walk laps for a half hour in the school parking lot.

Even more impressive, the student body held contests all week long and competed to earn a free homework pass and root beer floats.

In the end, the sixth graders edged out the second graders collecting over $1,600 alone. In all, the Panthers raised $8,500.

One of the sixth-grade homeroom teachers, Becky Blevins, loved how her students took the project to heart. “We had students walking their neighborhoods collecting for the boys in the pouring rain. After tallying the results each day, the students did the ‘happy dance’ and I really saw spiritual growth throughout the week.”

Assistant Principal Beth Kleber echoed her sentiments, “We never imagined the project making such an impact on the students. I had hoped we could raise $2,000 and can only explain the outpouring as the work of the Holy Spirit.”

The funds will be sent via donations.

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In solidarity, students stowed heavy books in their backpacks to remind them of the long walk and load the young boys in Kenya carry every day.

“We try to pick a group which matches our Catholic identity and one that may not always have another steady income stream,” Kleber added.

Cecelia Manning, mother of student council president Michael Manning, and grandmother Mary Cuney had heard Sister M. Germaine speak and were moved by her cause. They encouraged Michael to bring her before the student assembly.

At 83 years young, the spunky sister captivated her audience and easily swayed them to see the critical needs of the St. Joseph Home and partner with them. “She is great with young people,” vice-president Lizzy Roy detailed when she told how the contact attended the school carnival and played every game. Aware that a mere $100 can cover the fees, food and clothing for one boy for one semester (three months), the Panthers sent the sisters $5,000 at Christmas time from their early efforts and now, thanks to the great success of the walk-a-thon, they plan to invite Sister M. Germaine to their year-end awards ceremony and present her with at least another $10,000 for the village home.
ARCHBISHOP BANACH, NEW NUNCIO TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, LEAVES AFTER EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Archbishop Michael W. Banach of the Diocese of Worcester, Mass., left, the new nuncio to Papua New Guinea, leaves after his episcopal ordination in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican April 27. Also pictured is Italian Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, the new nuncio to Colombia.

Bishops: Immigration bill on right track, some changes sought

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Without getting into specifics, a panel of bishops said April 22 that a comprehensive immigration bill introduced the week before is on the right track, though they alluded to some aspects they would like changed.

In a teleconference about the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, or S. 744, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York also said the fact that the men believed by police to be the Boston Marathon bombers were immigrants is “a terribly unjust and completely irrational argument” for suggesting immigration reform shouldn’t happen.

About the same time as the teleconference, the Senate held its second hearing on the bill, with tempers flaring among Judiciary Committee members over comments by some senators linking the bombings with the immigration legislation. Cardinal Dolan, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the connection is flawed for several reasons. First, he said, it’s “illogical, uncharitable” to label an entire class of hardworking people because of the actions of a few. Second, he said, “good, solid, fair immigration reform” would make enforcement of immigration laws easier, because there would be better records of who the immigrants actually are. Third, he said the bill was “about getting catches, and charged with seven counts of infanticide and seven counts of murder, all of a Nepalese woman who died during an abortion. During the trial’s fifth week, several patients related to the death of the patient.

April 24. Gosnell still faces four charges of first-degree murder and one charge of third-degree murder related to the death of the patient.

Build ‘civilization of love’ in response to bombings, cardinal urges

BOSTON (CNS) — Even though “the culture of death looms large,” today, the light of Christ the Good Shepherd “can expel the darkness and illuminate for us a path that leads to life, to a civilization of solidarity and love,” said Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley. “I hope that the events of this past week have taught us how high the stakes are,” the cardinal told the congregation at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross April 21, referring to the Boston Marathon bombings April 15 and the subsequent manhunt for the perpetrators. “We must build a civilization of love, or there will be no civilization at all,” Cardinal O’Malley said in his homily at the Mass of the Good Shepherd, which he offered for the repose of the souls of those killed in the bombings and the aftermath. Prayers were also offered for those physically injured and “for the brave men and women who saved countless lives as first responders.” The attack left three people dead and more than 170 people seriously injured. By April 18, the FBI had identified two brothers who came to the United States years ago from the Russian region of Chechyna — Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19. The two men terrorized the Boston area overnight April 18. While they were on the run, they fatally shot Officer Sean Collier, who was with the campus police force at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Tamerlan was shot dead by police, and by the evening of April 19 they apprehended Dzhokhar, whom they found hiding in a boat in a backyard. He was severely wounded and as of April 22 remained hospitalized in serious condition.

Belgian bishops criticize women’s water attack on archbishop

BRUSSELS (CNS) — The Belgian bishops’ conference criticized an attack on its president, Archbishop Andre Leonard of Mechelen-Brussels, during which he was soaked with water by half-naked women. Four bare-breasted protesters from the international FEMEN movement disrupted the April 22 evening debate at the Free University of Brussels, waving placards with the slogan, “Stop homophobia.” The bishops said in an April 24 statement: “A democratic debate on society’s questions is only possible if everyone is allowed to express their ideas in mutual respect and free expression. The attitude shown by these people totally lacks credibility and civic sense. It also completely contradicts the debate theme and the way the Catholic Church undertakes dialogue in a pluralist context.” Press photos showed the 72-year-old archbishop sitting and praying as he was soaked by the women, who were later ejected by university guards from the debate, which was titled “Blasphemy: Offense to Freedom of Self-Expression?” In a Facebook message, FEMEN members said their action had been “directed against the homophobia of Archbishop Leonard,” adding they would demand his dismissal for “spreading hatred and intolerance in our media and universities.”

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family and the official promoter of the sainthood cause of the late Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, said the process to beatify and eventually canonize the slain Salvadoran archbishop has been unblocked. Archbishop Paglia, who has been the postulator of Archbishop Romero’s cause for more than a year, said the announcement in a homily April 20, just a few hours after meeting with Pope Francis. The Italian archbishop, who was preaching at a Mass in the Italian city Molletta to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of the diocese’s Bishop Antonio Bello — widely known by the diminutive Don Tonino — said, “Today, the anniversary of the death of Don Tonino, the cause of Archbishop Romero was unblocked.” The archbishop gave no more details, and his office said April 22 that no more would be said until there is something “concrete” to report. In his homily, Archbishop Paglia said, “Martyrs help us live, help us understand there is more joy in giving them in receiving. This is why we need to preserve their memories.” He added that he hoped Archbishop Romero and Bishop Bello “know for his care of the poor and his commitment to peace — could be beatified together because Jesus always sent the apostles out two by two.”
Huntington Right to Life holds carnation sale

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Right to Life will hold its 35th annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale May 10-12. Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold on Friday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the RTL office located at 34 E. Washington St. On Saturday, May 11, sales will take place at the RTL office, J.C. Penny, Etna Avenue Huggy Bear, Family Dollar, Kmart, Subway North Store, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. All proceeds benefit pro-life efforts in Huntington County.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Student Council sponsors ‘Rice War’ contest for African school

FORT WAYNE — The classrooms of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School have been having a competitive “Rice War.” The Rice War was a school-wide contest to raise money for the Mailisita Foundation and Stella Maria School in the African country of Tanzania.

The Rice War contest was sponsored by St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School’s Student Council, made up of 11 students. The contest consisted of setting up large rice bowls in each classroom for seven school days. When students brought in money, their classroom was given a small white paper shape representing rice or a small brown paper shape representing beans. Students who brought in 25 cents were given a “rice” paper shape, and students who brought in 50 cents were given a “bean” paper shape. The classroom with the most rice and beans in their rice bowl won the contest.

At the St. Joseph campus, Deb Brough’s eighth-grade classroom won the Rice War. At the St. Elizabeth campus, Nancy Laudeman’s second-grade classroom won the Rice War. The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth students brought in a lot of quarters, as the collection added up. The Student Council raised $1,756 for the Mailisita Foundation, which built the Stella Maria School in Tanzania. Mailisita means “Mile Six” as the school is six miles from the city of Arusha, Tanzania.

“I am so proud of our students,” said Principal Lois Widner. “They saw children in need, gave their spare change, and really made a difference. Our students made a connection with the young children in this school in Tanzania, and I hope that this connection continues.”

On April 19 at an All School Mass, the student council, moderated by Jacci Kaufman, presented a check for $1,756 to Stan Taylor. He was inspired to start the Mailisita Foundation, which built and supports Stella Maria School, after visiting the area with his Chicago parish priest who is a native Tanzanian.

Saint Mary’s students enjoy ‘sweet’ finish in math competition

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College has announced that a team of mathematics students finished in the top 15 percent of the nearly 7,000 teams that competed in the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP) international competition called Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). Saint Mary Seniors Samantha Brady of Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend and Olivia McHttee of St. Joseph, Ohio, made up the team that was named among the Meritorious Winners. They solved the eternal question: How can you produce brownies without burnt edges? Their solution — a hexagonal pan.

Antonio Giron makes Eagle Scout

FORT WAYNE — Antonio J. Giron, 18, son of Juan and Diane Giron of Fort Wayne, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday. All March 10, at an Eagle Court of Honor held at Most Precious Blood Church, Giron is a member of Precious Blood Boy Scout Troop 17 originally chartered in the 1940s.

Giron attended Most Precious Blood School and is currently a senior at Bishop Dwenger High School. His Eagle Scout service project was a beautification of the front façade of Precious Blood School, including repair, painting, pouring of a new concrete base and landscaping of the school’s existing flagpole. The project also included landscaping around existing trees, planting new perennials and painting the stairs to the rectory and front steps of the school. Giron expressed gratitude to Brad Smith, Scoutmaster of Troop 17, and Diane Smith, recipient of Giron’s mentor pin, Most Precious Blood’s Rosary Society, American Legion Post 82, Kevin Arnold and all of his friends and family who helped with the service project and supported him along his trail to Eagle.

Saint Joseph County Right to Life held its sixth annual clergy prayer dinner April 9 at the Kroc Center in South Bend. Prayer leaders included Pastor Lorrence Applewhite of Grace A.M.E Zion Church, South Bend; and Father Jim Rosselli of Saint Joseph of Arimathea Orthodox Church, LaPorte. Essay contest winners were Meghan Russell and Nicholas Kloska of St. Matthew Grade School, David Schena II of Marian High School and Madison Woods of Penn High School. Above, Sister Ngozi Udoye, of the Congregation of the Secular Institute of the Heart of Jesus and Saint Joseph High School, speaks at the dinner.

DINNER HONORS CLERGY, RELIGIOUS

St. Charles read-a-thon benefits Turnstone

FORT WAYNE — The fourth graders at St. Charles Borromeo School participated in the 12th annual read-a-thon to benefit Turnstone, an organization in Fort Wayne that assists children and adults with physical disabilities. The students, who visited Turnstone for a tour and information on Turnstone’s services, and hosted a demonstration about their adaptive sports programs, gathered sponsors and read for 100 minutes at school. This year the students raised $4,344 to donate to Turnstone, the largest donation to date. At a question-answer session held at the school, representatives from Turnstone were presented with a check after which they gifted each student with a Turnstone drawstring bag.

University of Saint Francis wins Cook Cup

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Landmarks, the private nonprofit organization that saves historic places throughout the state, awarded its annual Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration to the University of Saint Francis for its transformation of Brookside, a landmark on its main campus in Fort Wayne. Sister M. Elise Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and president of the University of Saint Francis, accepted the Cook Cup at an event in Indianapolis on April 27.

Fr. John Fish and Andrew M. Thiele, Saint Mary’s College students, who presented their mathematics team project at the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America Spring Meeting, are pictured above. Photo by Tom Kursinski.
Celebrating 20 years of ‘the maternity home with a heart’ at Hannah’s House

BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — The celebration is on at Hannah’s House. For the last two decades, Hannah’s House, “The Maternity Home with a Heart,” located in Mishawaka has been providing a safe home for single pregnant women to live, learn and become successful parents. This spring they are celebrating 20 years of service to the community by opening a second Hannah’s House.

“In 2012, we had to turn away 66 women,” said board president Linda Hammond. “The board of directors took note of this statistic and we identified two major needs that we wanted to address. One, we wanted to serve more women; and second, we wanted to serve them longer.”

To serve more women, they needed more room. That goal will be accomplished this month with the opening of a second Hannah’s House, located just across the street from the first location. “We are so excited to have this opportunity. Thanks to the generous support of donors and the community we are going to be able to help more women become successful moms,” Hammond noted.

The new house needed extensive work. It had previously been used as a two-unit apartment so it first had to be renovated back into a single-family home.

Several councils of the Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in the project. “They have donated their time over the last several weeks to gut this house and then make it a home again. All labor has been donated. We can’t thank them enough and all the people who have donated their time,” Hammond said gratefully.

The second goal of serving women longer has also been achieved. Hannah’s House has partnered with Bridges of Hope, a nationally recognized mentoring program that successfully prevents and ends homelessness for single mothers with an 80 percent success rate. Hannah’s House is now a program site for this mentoring program and is supported by the National Bridge of Hope organization. This support allows women to stay at Hannah’s House longer.

“Bridges of Hope is an excellent national program with a phenomenal rate of success of bringing women out of poverty. We are very excited to partner with them at Hannah’s House,” Hammond said.

The first event of the month-long celebration kicked off on Tuesday, April 23, with a volunteer appreciation open house. Current and former volunteers were invited to tour the new house and enjoy food and fellowship with their fellow volunteers at Hannah’s House. Over 50 volunteers attended the event to see the new house.

One volunteer, Malissa Wade summed up the feelings of many of the volunteers when asked why she gave her time to Hannah’s House, “I just love to be here and help. I babysit, talk to the moms and help with whatever they need.”

On May 10, Hannah’s House will host a reunion for all former residents as part of the 20-year celebration. “We have been spreading the word through our networks, meetings and even Facebook,” laughed Hammond. “We really hope a lot of moms can attend.”

Following a noon luncheon for the former residents, a formal dedication of the second house by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will take place at 2 p.m. with an open house and reception to follow. The Knights of Columbus will be in attendance, and St. Bavo Parish will provide music to add to the festive atmosphere. “We can’t wait to welcome everyone here for the dedication,” said Director of Programming Karen DeLucenay. “We’re looking forward to helping more women and their babies to a better life for another 20 years.”

The community is invited to celebrate the dedication of the second home for Hannah’s House on May 10 at 2 p.m. For more information on how to help the mission of Hannah’s House, visit www.maternityhomewithaheart.org.

From left are Hannah’s House’s Director of Programming Karen Delucenay, resident Jamie Metheny and Business Manager Erin Price holding four-month-old resident Xavier Gearring.

From left are Hannah House house parents Rebecca Varga and Shelia Holody and volunteer Malissa Wade.
Women and mothers: Witnessing that Christ is risen

BY LISA EVERETT

“The first witnesses of the Resurrection are women. This is beautiful, and this is the mission of women, of mothers and women, to give witness to their children and grandchildren that Christ is risen! — Pope Francis, April 3, 2013.”

When a new pope speaks publicly for the first time about your own vocation, it makes an impression on you. So I have been pondering the above words of Pope Francis for a few weeks now, wondering exactly what they mean for women, and especially for those of us who are mothers.

For starters, it never occurred to me that in our country at least, Mother’s Day always falls within the Easter season, the 50 days when we as a Church especially rejoice that Christ is risen. In northern Indiana, this supernatural joy is aided in no small way by the slow but certain return of spring, when nature itself begins to rise from the dead.

More so than men, we women understand that life is made up of cycles that repeat themselves over and over, and the spiritual life is no exception. The sufferings and setbacks we experience in life are, in a way, small deaths. But they are also the raw material of many “resurrections,” if, instead of resenting them, we do our best to entrust ourselves and our difficult circumstances to God and ask Him to draw good out of them — for His glory, for the well-being of others, and for our own growth.

We mothers give witness that Christ is risen through our rock-solid faith that God loves us and our families, and that He is guiding not only human history as a whole, but every moment of our lives, even those that are the most painful. My own mother, Ann, would always assure my sister and me that everything happens for a reason. As she now battles cancer with grace and good cheer, she is witnessing the truth of this conviction to her children and grandchildren in a new and deeper way.

In this same spirit, St. Edith Stein, the Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun, penned the following words, confident that God arranges all things for the good of those who love Him:

“Things were in God’s plan which I had not planned at all. I am coming to the living faith and conviction that — from God’s point of view — there is no chance, and that the whole of my life, down to every detail, has been mapped out in God’s divine providence and makes complete and perfect sense in God’s all-seeing eyes.”

These words become even more poignant when we consider that Edith Stein eventually died in Auschwitz, when Catholics were rounded up in retaliation for the letter of protest written by the Dutch bishops against the pogroms and deportations of Jews. In imitation of Christ, she offered her death for the Jewish people, and only in eternity will we know how many spiritual sons and daughters she has.

With the eyes of faith, we can help those we love to see that just as evil and suffering did not have final word in Christ’s life, it need not have the final word in ours. Father Jacques Phillipe, a French priest and retreat master who is one of my favorite spiritual authors, makes the point in his book “Called to Life” that difficult circumstances are opportunities to deepen our faith, our hope and our love. Instead of focusing our attention exclusively on how this happened or who is to blame, we should ask this question from the heart: “Lord, what are you calling me to in this situation?”

While our love and concern for our children and grandchildren can tempt us to worry, we must entrust everything and everyone to the Lord’s loving providence, like Our Lady did at the wedding at Cana. “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” — Phil 4:4-6.

This confidence in God and His loving providence is the source of deep joy, and I believe that this is another dimension of the witness that we women and mothers are called to give that Christ is risen.

This is the joy I saw on the faces of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare and the Franciscan Sisters Minor in Fort Wayne with whom I had the privilege to spend a few days during Lent, and it is the same joy I see on the faces of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and so many religious sisters in our diocese and beyond. These consecrated women live a spousal relationship with Christ and become spiritual mothers to many people. I am convinced that joy is also the “unseen hook” of the New Evangelization, the first thing that attracts someone to the faith, whether that “someone” is a stranger or our own son or daughter. The joy we exude serves in no small measure as a silent invitation to our children and grandchildren to want to experience for themselves the joy of communion with Christ.

Finally, it strikes me as significant that the women were the first witnesses of the Resurrection because they were there at the tomb to perform a work of mercy, to anoint Christ’s body for burial. Whether we are mothers according to the flesh or mothers according to the spirit, perhaps we witness most powerfully that Christ is risen when we recognize Him in the people around us and seek to serve Him in the least of His brothers and sisters. Whoever welcomes one such child for My sake, welcomes Me.

This Mother’s Day, when we get a break from feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, may we count ourselves blessed that, day in and day out, we do not have to look far to find the Risen Christ.

— Lisa Everett is the co-director of the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Richard V. Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, will be the featured speaker at the 46th commencement exercises of Holy Cross College, to take place Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m.

“Father Dick Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is also a personal friend of the college,” said Holy Cross College President Holy Cross Brother John Paige. “In his years as director of Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame, he facilitated many collaborative events between the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross. We are delighted to be able to honor him and recognize his extensive ministry in the Congregation of Holy Cross by awarding him a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa.”

Father Warner was elected the 12th superior general in 2010, succeeding Holy Cross Father Hugh W. Cleary. Father Warner leads the worldwide ministries of Holy Cross from its headquarters in Rome. Founded in 1837 by Holy Cross Father Basil Moreau, the congregation is a religious order of some 1,500 priests and brothers in the Catholic Church, who live and work in 16 countries in five continents.

Among the Congregation of Holy Cross’ early members was Holy Cross Father Edward F. Sorin, who founded Notre Dame in 1842. The congregation has founded seven other colleges and universities in the United States, including Holy Cross College in 1966, and 45 secondary schools worldwide, including 19 in the U.S. In addition to education, the Congregation of Holy Cross is actively committed to parish work and missionary outreach.

Father Warner graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1962, obtained a licentiate degree in theology from Catholic University in Santiago, Chile, in 1966, and was ordained the same year in Lakewood, Ohio.

From 1967 to 1973, Father Warner taught English and theology at St. George’s College in Santiago, where he also served in administration. In 1973 he became the provincial treasurer and a member of the Provincial Council for the Indiana Province. He was elected provincial superior in 1979, serving nine years in that office.

Father Warner was director of Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame for 21 years. For much of that time, he also served in a dual role as provincial counselor. He is a trustee emeritus of Notre Dame, serves as chair of the board of directors of the Center for the Homeless and Memorial Health Systems, both of South Bend and is a corporate member of Holy Cross Family Ministries of New York.

Brian Farkas, a 2001 graduate of Holy Cross College, will be the featured alumni speaker. Born and raised in Livonia, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, Farkas attended Holy Cross College from 1999 to 2001, when Holy Cross was a two-year institution. He continued his studies at the University of Notre Dame, majoring in political science, earning a bachelor of arts in 2003.

Farkas went on to study at University College Cork in Ireland on a Rotary Scholarship. Returning to the United States, he worked as an admissions counselor at Holy Cross College, and later became a special assistant to the attorney general of Michigan. Farkas then attended Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Mich. While in law school, he co-founded the Farkas Eye Black Company, whose product is used today by many top NFL and college football players.

Following graduation from law school in 2009, Farkas was appointed, and served for two years, as an assistant attorney general of Michigan. Recently, Farkas co-founded the Detroit Blight Authority, an organization that clears blight from whole city blocks in Detroit. The Blight Authority plans to eventually eliminate blight from the entire city, and has been featured in numerous national media outlets.

“Brian Farkas is doing some groundbreaking work in revitalizing the city of Detroit, Mich., by spearheading the effort to eliminate literally tens of thousands of abandoned houses. These houses create tremendous health and safety hazards for the people around them. His passion for the welfare of others is a prime example of the Holy Cross College spirit put into action. I know the class of 2013 will be proud!” Holy Cross Vice President for Mission Advancement Robert Kloska said of Farkas.

Holy Cross College will graduate its Class of 2013 on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the Pfeil Center’s McKenna Area, on the campus of Holy Cross. Friends and family members of Holy Cross graduates are welcome to attend. A reception will immediately follow.

JAR COMPETITION IN DECATUR BENEFITS CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

During the Lenten season, the middle school students at St. Joseph Catholic School, Decatur, participated in Jar Wars, a fundraising activity for Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl to feed the hungry. Each homeroom class decorated a jar to sit outside the door. Any pennies put into the jar counted as a positive number, and silver coins or bills put in the jar counted as negative money. The strategy was to put many pennies in the home room jar, while “bombing” the other classes with coins and bills. The event lasts five days and a count is made and results posted daily.

This year’s theme was animals and jars were decorated with a full- and half-day options.

The Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Campaign is the result of a four-year-long process of deliberation and discernment, during which time members of the St. Joseph community shared ideas and articulated a vision in support of the continued growth and improvement of the parish’s facilities.

For Holy Cross Father John DeRiso, pastor of St. Joseph since 2004, the campaign provides parishioners with an opportunity to continue the legacy handed on to them by members of the parish from days gone by: “Our forebears entrusted to us a magnificent heritage — one only made possible by their fidelity and sacrifice. Now it is up to us to build upon that heritage for the people of today and for those who will come tomorrow.”

St. Joseph Church and School have experienced much success in recent years. Pastoral and ministerial services have expanded to serve the spiritual needs of a vibrant and active community with a growing membership. In 2011, the school received the district honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. It was also designated a Four-Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. School enrollment presently stands at 450 students in grades K-8.

St. Joseph Church and School wish to express sincere gratitude to all those who have already pledged their support to the Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Campaign.

For more information, visit http://campaign.stjoeparish.com.
The Boston bombings and their aftermath

Violence and grief in the Boston area have rightly dominated our news media for the past week. The latest terrorist bloodstream is not at allainless. It is every other great power and its dollar or two, America will be a footnote in history. Only God is forever.

In the coming weeks, in the wake of the Boston tragedy, America ‘d Id do well to ponder what “our way of life” is beginning to mean. No one deserved to die in Boston. Terrorism isn’t washed clean by claims of psychological instability or U.S. policy sins abroad. And no one should be eager to see in the carnage of innocent spectators God’s judgment on a morally corrupted culture here at home.

And yet, something is wrong with our way of life, and millions of people can feel it; some people are disillusioned, selfish, cynical, empty and mean. Something that acts like a magnet to the worst impulses of the human heart. We’d rather longer the nation of our founders, or even of our parents. Some of their greatness has been lost.

The character of our way of life depends on the character of our way of life, multiplied by the tens of millions. We shouldn’t waste time being shocked or baffled by the evil in the world. It has familiar roots. It begins in the little crevices of each human heart — especially our own. It isn’t washed clean by our good intentions. We need to pray for the dead and wounded in Boston, and their families. And then, with the help of God, we need to begin to change ourselves. That kind of conversion might seem like a small thing, an easy thing — until we try it. Then we understand why God exists, and God can heal.

The irony of human dignity is that it requires our freedom. It depends on our free will. We own our actions. And free people can freely choose to do good, or do things that are wrong. Spend an hour browsing through Scripture: It’s the story of a struggle between good and evil that cuts through every generation in history. And the story is made bearable, and given meaning, only by the fidelity of God — the constancy of His mercy, His solace, His love.

Within hours of the Boston bombings, public officials were telling the nation that our actions are not allowed to destroy “our way of life.” It’s the duty of leaders — an important duty — to reassure and strengthen our people in times of tragedy. Our country has a vast reservoir of goodness built up by generations of good people. America’s best ideals are well worth fighting for. But we also need to remember that our way of life is as mortal as love. If we have no God, and humanity, and millions of people can feel it; some people are disillusioned, selfish, cynical, empty and mean. Something that acts like a magnet to the worst impulses of the human heart. We’d rather longer the nation of our founders, or even of our parents. Some of their greatness has been lost.

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‘42’ and us

Baseball and movies don’t often play well together. William Bendix as a Marine who dies happy in “Guadalcanal Diary” because he’s just heard that the Dodgers have won World Series of 1940s America; the same William Bendix as the Barnabino in “The Babe Ruth Story” is a sad business, to be consigned to the (bad) memory bank. “The Natural” and “Bull Durham” have their moments, but when push comes to shove, they’re both, finally, about something other than baseball. “61*” — Billy Crystal’s made-for-HBO flick about Mickey Mantle, the 1961 Ruth’s single-season home-run is something other than baseball. “Bull Durham” has its business, to be consigned to the25 Cot

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-2, 22-24

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New Testament

May 5 and Ascension, 2013

Gospel for May 5, 2013
John 14:21-29

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Cliche C: Jesus’ promise of God’s peace. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

MY WORD WHOEVER SAVED ME MY NAME I LEAVE AFRAID REJOICE MY FATHER LOVE ME ADVOCATE EVERYTHING I GIVE HEARD ME GREATER COME TO YOU HEAR HOLY SPIRIT PEACE HEARTS GOING BELIEVE

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THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Mahatma” by a Brooklyn sports-writer who thought the Dodger g.m.’s style akin to that of Mohandas K. Ghandi, whom John Gunther once described as an “incredible combination of Jesus Christ, Tammany Hall and your father.”

And to the credit of screenwriter Brian Helgeland, “42” doesn’t gloss over Rickey’s Christian faith, or Jackie Robinson’s, and the role that Christian conviction played in forging their relationship and their ultimate victory. Still, when the packed court in that Minneapolis theatre burst into applause at the end of the movie a few weeks ago, I didn’t read it as an endorsement of Methodist theology or piety.

Rather, it seemed to me welcome evidence that, amidst vast cultural and political confusion, Americans still believe in moral truths, moral absolutes, and moral courage — and yearn for opportunities to celebrate them. There’s an important lesson in that for the country’s religious and political leaders.

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Despite weather woes, Saint Joseph teams undaunted

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Mother Nature has thrown plenty of curve balls into the spring sports season, but athletes and coaches at Saint Joseph High School remain undaunted. While some games and matches have been postponed due to rain and snow, returning starters and rising stars are making the most of every opportunity to play every chance they get.

Baseball

Saint Joseph baseball coach John Gumpf is pleased with his team’s 10-2 start, but he knows there are plenty of challenges to come.

“We have made some adjustments on the mound and in the field, but the biggest change is the weather,” admits Gumpf. “We are dealing with an unpredictable schedule as we get closer to the end of the season.”

The Indians are tied with Elkhart Central for the conference lead and one reason is a very potent offense. Seniors Neal Dowling, Brad Hartman and Michael Maddon have highlighted an attack that is averaging almost eight runs per game.

“Our seniors have a lot of experience, and in turn that gives them a lot of confidence,” lauds Gumpf. “It’s a great group that has given a lot of leadership and the largest freshman class in Saint Joseph’s history.”

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“To date we have had a successful season,” summarized Williams. “Our only losses have come against quality competition, including a 4-1 game to defending state champion Carmel. Our goal is to advance to the state semi-finals and hopefully reach the finals.”

Boys’ lacrosse

Coach Mike Williams says while the weather has been miserable, his team has managed to avoid canceling any games or practices, posting a winning record with strong senior leadership and the largest freshman class in Saint Joseph’s history.

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“The biggest effect of the weather has been a general lack of practice days and an increasingly compressed schedule as we get closer to the end of the season.”

“With the weather the conference is doing home and away series with each team this year, it’s safe to say our NIC chances are going to come from playing to their potential,” notes Williams.

“With a record of 4-2 as of April 25, Mountford says he believes his team is making an impact, playing doubles. “Our goal is to advance to the state semi-finals and hopefully reach the finals.”

Mary Smith

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

Mom and Dad
Spring into great Catholic reading

BY KAY COZAD

The following are recently published books that have been sent to Today’s Catholic that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike this spring. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name, ISBN number and cost for ease of purchase.

“Answer Your Call: Reclaim God’s Purpose for Faith, Family, and Work,” by Dick and Martha Lyles is a practical guide to discerning God’s will for one’s life. Going beyond mere theory the authors use questions, short quizzes and practical exercises to help implement the material from a Catholic perspective. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-540-0, $16.99.

“Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed,” by Elizabeth Booker Barkley is written for those who have passed through the initial period of grief and have begun to settle into life as a widow or widower. The author uses examples of her own experience and that of others she has encountered over the years. Each chapter is filled with practical and statistical information, reference to literature, saints, the Bible and contemporary culture. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-522-6, $14.99.


“The Church: Unlocking the Secrets to the Places Catholics Call Home,” by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina, provide a thought-provoking text examining the importance of the Church in its many forms and the theological ideas behind the physical structures of churches, basilicas and cathedrals. Image: 978-0-7304-3551-6, $21.99.


“Jesus the Evangelist” by Allan E. Wright writes of how evangelization is the Christian Gospel and the person of Jesus through the writing of the four authors of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The chapters of the book are sprinkled with Scripture and conclude with meaningful quotes, New Evangelization connection questions and a prayer. Read how you can become a better disciple. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-536-3, $12.99.


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St. Joseph Lady Eagles claim ICCL varsity basketball crown

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League St. Joseph of South Bend defeated Mishawaka Catholic 24-22, in the championship game to claim the varsity league title.

The St. Joseph Eagles completed the regular season at 9-1, with their only loss being a thrilling three-overtime defeat to St. Pius X of Granger. Counting the playoffs, the team finished, 13-1.

By no means did the Eagles breeze through the playoffs. The team won hard-fought battles with Queen of Peace, 16-14, in the first round, and St. Pius, 20-19, in the second round.

In the game with St. Pius, the Eagles were down by one with 9.9 seconds remaining and the length of the floor between them and the basket. Coach Jim O’Connor scripted a great full court play and Mia Konkey made the buzzer beater layup for the victory.

In the championship game the Eagles got off to a strong start with tight man-to-man defense, doing their best to neutralize the Mishawaka Catholic stars in Greta Meixel and Cameron Schultheis. The Eagles had as much as a 9-point lead in the fourth quarter before withstanding a furious comeback attempt.

The championship St. Joseph ICL team is shown in this photo. From left are Assistant Coach Bill Mountford, Louisa Woodward, Talle Corrigan, Killian Mountford, Head Coach Jim O’Connor, Meghan Raster, Quincy Haag, Abby O’Connor, Erin Pinter, Mia Konkey, Grace Maher and Assistant Coach John Pinter.

Nun Run 5K/Brother Boogie 10K set May 25

HUNTINGTON — The Nun Run 5K/ Brother Boogie 10K will be held Saturday, May 25, at 9:15 a.m. at St. Felix Catholic Center located at 1280 Hitzfield St. in Huntington.

Proceeds benefit The Victory Noll Center, St. Felix Catholic Center and the Huntington Catholic Booster Club.

Registration forms are available at anytime Fitness, Huntington Catholic School, YMCA, Zay Leasing and Rentals, Inc. or online at www.runnersnet.com.

This is the third year for the Nun Run. The unique course is competitive and scenic for competitive runners as well as casual walkers. Most of the course is on roads, but two sections of the course traverse through the serene nature of Memorial Park and the Nature Preserve on the grounds of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. The well-manicured trails distinguish the Nun Run from other 5K runs.

For those looking for more, the Brother Boogie 10K takes the runner through the quaint north side neighborhoods of Huntington before picking up the trails and roads of the 5K run.

The Nun Run/ Brother Boogie have brought in hundreds of runners from over five states.

For more information, contact event coordinator Andy Zay at (260) 356-1588 or azay@sbcglobal.net.

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HUNTINGTON — The Nun Run 5K/ Brother Boogie 10K will be held Saturday, May 25, at 9:15 a.m. at St. Felix Catholic Center located at 1280 Hitzfield St. in Huntington.

Proceeds benefit The Victory Noll Center, St. Felix Catholic Center and the Huntington Catholic Booster Club.

Registration forms are available at anytime Fitness, Huntington Catholic School, YMCA, Zay Leasing and Rentals, Inc. or online at www.runnersnet.com.

This is the third year for the Nun Run. The unique course is competitive and scenic for competitive runners as well as casual walkers. Most of the course is on roads, but two sections of the course traverse through the serene nature of Memorial Park and the Nature Preserve on the grounds of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. The well-manicured trails distinguish the Nun Run from other 5K runs.

For those looking for more, the Brother Boogie 10K takes the runner through the quaint north side neighborhoods of Huntington before picking up the trails and roads of the 5K run.

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Prayer among the stars presented Notre Dame — PROCLAIM! will present “Prayer Among the Stars — Religion and Astrophysics in Dialogue,” three evenings May 21, 23 and 29, at 7 p.m. and one 10 a.m. matinee on May 28 at the Digital Visualization Theatre (plan- etarium), Jordan Hall, University of Notre Dame. Advance registration is required. For more information and tickets, contact Sarah Bellin at the Institute for Church Life at pbelin@nd.edu, or call (574) 631-1379. Bishop Luers host “Run with the Knights!” 5K run/walk Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host a 5K run/ walk on Saturday, May 11, at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd. Pre-registration is $15/per- son, after May 6, $20/person. Registration begins at 8 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. For infor- mation, contact Sarah Shank at (260) 456-2824 or sshank@bishopluers.org or visit www.bishopluers.org.

Technology Fundraiser Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have an 80s prom theme with a Black Jack tournament will be taking place with cash prizes. All proceeds benefit the technology of St. John Church. Call (260) 456-3321 for information.

Catholic Business Network Group Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, May 3, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center, by guest speak- er Cathie Humbarger, director of Allen County Right to Life, along with Marion Stroud and Julie Perkins, who are from Women’s Health Link. Refreshments will be provided by Larry Evans of Legacy Financial.

Christ Child Society seeks new members South Bend — A new member coffee will be held Wednesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Christ Child Center, 308 S. Scott St. (the old St. Patrick’s Church). Meet some of the members, hear more about the work Christ Child does, tour the center, and learn how to become involved. For more information contact Kristy Botich (574) 291-7523 or wbottich@stglobal.net.

Spaghetti dinner planned South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti di- nner Thursday, May 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $2.50 for children 5-12. Proceeds will benefit diocesan seminarians.

Little Flower Holy Hour Fort Wayne — Father James Seculoff will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Seculoff is pastor at St. John the Baptist, New Haven.

Mother’s Day concert planned Elk hart — St. Vincent de Paol Parish will host the St. Joseph Valley Camerata and director Scott Hochstetter on Sunday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. for "Romantizing Embrace: A Mothers Day Concert." The pro- gram includes Maurice Durufle’s Requiem with Kevin Vaughn, organist. Free admission, donations requested for support of the Camerata and the music program at St. Vincent de Paul.

Rummage and bake sale planned Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barthold St., will have a rummage and bake sale Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall.

Bishop Dwenger to perform ‘A Little Princess’ Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will perform the musical “A Little Princess,” Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Tickets sold at the door are $6 for stu- dents and seniors, $8 for adults, and $10 for reserved seating.

Bach Collegium to present concert Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium-A Baroque Music Ensemble will present the season finale on Sunday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church.
simply to pray the Prayer of our Church to Our Lady and that led to a little community of prayer that continues today. I was here a few years after it began, kind of the hey-day of its time, and it grew to a group of about 20-30 gathering every night to pray the rosary and go to Mass,” he said.

Tarsha, who also served as president of the campus chapter of the Knights of the Immaculata, a group closely affiliated with Children of Mary, smiled as she explained the power of simple prayer.

“The fruit of it was incredible,” said Tarsha, who attended medical school after graduating from Notre Dame in 2003. “We just came together to pray, and when you come together to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament a tremendous unity and community is formed. We have lasting friendships and there was so much joy.”

Father Van Daniker said many religious vocations, including his own, were born from the time spent praying the rosary in college and reports at least a dozen priests and some religious sisters are counted among the Children of Mary alumni.

“Steve Titus was a chemistry major and was studying with a fellow chemistry major,” explained Father Van Daniker, recalling a classmate of his: “He would kind of sneak out … he excused himself from studying around 10 o’clock and come back around 11 or 11:30. One of these times she asked, ‘Where have you been?’ Well, I went and prayed the rosary and went to Mass.’ She was like ‘Oh, really?’ So he invited her to come. She’s now Sister Marie Colette Groatz, a Poor Clare nun in the Archdiocese of Chicago!”

Titus himself entered the seminary and is now Father Steve Titus, serving as the parochial administrator at St. James Catholic Church in Douglas, Wy. He credited classmate Tim Monahan, leader of the Children of Mary at the time, as a strong influence on the vocations of many. Now Father Tim Monahan, he entered the seminary right out of college and showed his peers how to give their whole lives to God and the Church.

“I think I can speak for Sister Colette and myself in saying Mary interested for us during those years at Notre Dame and enabled us to move without fear to answer God’s call spoken in the depths of our hearts,” reported Father Titus. “The support and true communion of Children of Mary fostered our faith and vocation.”

Tarsha said she is happy to be a stay-at-home mom to seven-year-old Mary Faustina and three-year-old John Paul. She quotes another John Paul when asked how Children of Mary affected her vocation to motherhood.

“Pope John Paul II said in ‘Love and Responsibility’ that education is the continual formation of the personality of the person,” Tarsha explained. “And without a doubt it was an incredible education formation. Notre Dame provided intellectual formation but it was really through Children of Mary that we received such an interior formation by praying the rosary, Adoration and love for the Mass. For me, that was life.”

During her years in medical school, Tarsha said she remembered being incredibly exhausted after spending hours with cadavers in anatomy lab, but determined that nothing would keep her from going to Mass. She said she drew upon the faith cultivated during her college years.

“As a mother now it’s really strengthened me in teaching my children this is the source of love,” she continued, referring to Mass. “In praying the rosary as family, there’s so much grace that comes that we’re not even aware of.”

Founded by a small group of dedicated students, the annual Eucharistic Procession is now hosted by the University of Notre Dame Office of Campus Ministry. Beyond a campus event, the procession attracts people from all over the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Children of Mary continues as a student group today, its members dedicated to prayer, social and service activities.