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## Bishop Rhoades blesses St. Jude renovations, construction

BY JODI MAGALLANES



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the building project for St. Jude Church and School in South Bend on Sunday, May 19. St. Jude pastor, Father John Delaney, is shown to the right.

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades administered a blessing on a \$3.9 million collection of updates, expansions and renovations underway at St. Jude Parish and School in South Bend on Sunday, May 19. He pronounced enthusiastically, “This addition — so many of you made sacrifices to produce it. This is so the mission of Jesus can be done. I’m so grateful to Father John (Delaney), and I’m grateful to all of you. ... It’s because of your sacrificial giving. It’s because of your faith.”

The faithful gathered outside next to what will be an improved entryway to the parish and school grounds to celebrate the start of long-awaited updates and to receive that blessing on their effort. After thoroughly administering holy water across the construction grounds, Bishop Rhoades asked those who were present to pray that the changes would be brought to completion with God’s blessing and without injury.

St. Jude Parish was founded in 1948, when waves of returning soldiers overcrowded St. Matthew Cathedral, located up the road. The south side parish grew from an original census of 110 families to serving 675 registered families in a church building that was supposed to be temporary.

An auditorium built on the new site initially served as the parish’s worship center. A

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## Deacon Christopher Lapp to be ordained to the Priesthood June 1

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Deacon Christopher Lapp to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Of the approaching ordination to the Priesthood, Deacon Lapp told *Today's Catholic* in an email interview earlier in the year, “I’m looking forward to seeing a conclusion to formal preparation for Priesthood so as to be able to live my vocation in all of its concrete reality. In short, I am looking forward to being what God has created me to be.”

Deacon Lapp served at the parishes of Holy Family in South

Bend, St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, and St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

Deacon Lapp said, “Being able to live at a parish has provided me beautiful experiences of the depth of relationship a priest is called to have with his people.”

“My last summer at St. Therese was especially full and rewarding because of the opportunities to regularly preach to the people with whom I lived in Waynedale,” he added.

Of his diaconate year, Deacon Lapp said, “This year, seminary formation has shifted from primarily theology classes to a stronger emphasis on elements of ‘praxis’ in priesthood — instruction on hearing

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## Area legal professionals form St. Thomas More Society

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Catholic leaders of northeast Indiana met on Wednesday to complete the formation of the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne, a private association affiliated with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, serving under the oversight of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

After several months of planning, the society formally adopted its constitution and bylaws and elected its founding governors and officers. Father Mark A. Gurtner has been appointed chaplain by Bishop Rhoades.

“The society is a wonderful opportunity to honor and emulate

St. Thomas More, the patron saint of attorneys, statesmen and politicians,” said Father Gurtner. “Indeed, his steadfast conviction in the face of death is a reminder for legal professionals to not forsake their private conscious for their public duties.”

Father Gurtner told *Today's Catholic* of his duties to the society: “First not only have I been appointment chaplain, but as a canon lawyer, I enjoy membership in the society in my own right. I am also a founding member.”

“My duties as chaplain though will focus on the spiritual well being of the society,” he said. “I will offer Mass for the group periodically, seek to foster the spiritual life of its mem-

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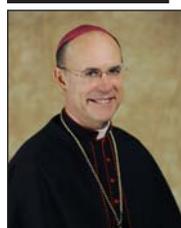
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# Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. During this Year of Faith, we are called to reflect more deeply on the mysteries of our faith. The mystery of God, the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life" (CCC 234).

Our journey of faith began at our Baptism, when the minister pronounced over us these words: *I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* At that moment, we received the supernatural gift of faith. We became "new creatures," adopted children of God the Father, members of Christ and His Body, the Church, and temples of the Holy Spirit. By the grace of Baptism, we have been called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

At every liturgy, we adore the one true God in three Persons. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we do so in the name of the Trinity. Every time we pray, we raise our hearts and minds to the Blessed Trinity.

We cannot fully comprehend the mystery of God, His inmost Being as Holy Trinity. This mystery was revealed to us by Jesus, the eternal Son. *Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father* (CCC 240).

Jesus also revealed to us the Holy Spirit, a divine Person with the Son and the Father. He is of the same nature and substance as the Son and the Father. That is why, as we say in the Nicene Creed: *With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.*

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that God is not infinite solitude. He is not a static deity. God is a continual gift-giving between Persons, an eternal communion of life and love. It is amazing to consider that we have been called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity. As Jesus said: *Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him* (John 14:23).

In a recent catechesis on the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis described the Holy Spirit as "the great gift of Christ Risen who opens our mind and our heart to faith in Jesus as the Son sent by the Father and who leads us to friendship, to communion with God." The Holy Father called the Holy Spirit "the inexhaustible source of God's life in us." The Holy Spirit brings to our hearts the very life of God.

We all long for joy and for enduring love. This is what God offers us in inviting us to share in his own divine life. God shares his life of communion with us. May



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

A sign with a dove symbolizing the Holy Spirit is seen as Pope Francis greets the crowd after celebrating a Mass at which he confirmed 44 people in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 28. Those confirmed included two young people from the United States and two from Ireland.

our hearts be filled with gratitude for the great gift of our Trinitarian faith!

During this Year of Faith, we are also celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) described the Church as "a people brought into unity from the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." We are called to be faithful to the Church's nature by our close union with God and one another. In the face of division and conflict in the world, we are to be a sign of unity and love. This is our mission: to bring the world into communion with God.

In 1999, Blessed John Paul II wrote the following to the Church in America:

*Faced with a divided world which is in search of unity, we must proclaim with joy and firm faith that God is communion, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, unity in distinction, and that he calls all people to share in that same Trinitarian communion.*

*We must proclaim that this communion is the magnificent plan of God the Father; that Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Lord, is the heart of this communion, and that the Holy Spirit works ceaselessly to create communion and to restore it when it is broken. We must proclaim that the Church is the sign and instrument of the communion willed by God, begun in time and destined for completion in the fullness of the Kingdom.*

On Trinity Sunday, we reflect on the mystery of God in Himself, His innermost life. He draws us into this life, His communion of love. This is the deep mystery of being Christian, receiving the gift of God Himself, partaking of His life. The Most Holy Trinity has destined us to share in His own eternal life of love. And so we pray:

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



## Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diácono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos a contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). La Diócesis está comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.

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bers, and be available as spiritual counsel for its members individually and for the group as a whole. I would also anticipate that I would serve to represent the society to the diocesan bishop and to represent the diocesan bishop to the society."

The St. Thomas More Society is a Catholic professional association that promotes the mutual interaction of faith and culture in the realm of law and public policy. Any lawyer, member of the judiciary, canon lawyer, law professor or student at an ABA accredited law school residing, practicing, serving or studying primarily in the greater Fort Wayne area is eligible to apply for membership.

Magistrate Craig Bobay of the Allen Circuit Court and member of St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, said, "We hope to meet several times per year to discuss issues of faith and the legal profession, attend Mass together, pray together and help organize an annual Red Mass."

"Catholic and non-Catholic lawyers and judges should join the society to explore the place for our Christian faith in the legal profession," he encouraged.

Michael Barranda, an attorney with Burt-Blee-Dixon-Sutton and Bloom, LLP, and member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, encouraged Catholics in the legal profession to consider joining the society.

"Legal professionals are required to take continuing education classes," Barranda said. "In addition to fellowship, the society offers members educational opportunities that will strengthen both their faith and their practice."

Father Gurtner added, "I would encourage those in the legal profes-



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sion to join the society in order to seek even more fully to integrate their Catholic faith into their work. Also, membership in the society will serve to deepen their own faith because it will afford them access to special Masses offered for the society, will join them in the spiritual benefits of mutual prayer for each other in the society, will be a source of encouragement for the members to stay faithful to the tenets of the faith in the face of opposition, and will offer members continuing education in the faith and the legal profession through periodically-offered presentations."

"Each of the founding governors is more than willing to speak with prospective members of the society," Barranda noted. "Incidentally, we just happen to represent a great cross-section of the area parishes. Applications for membership are available through the Membership Chair, Chris Nancarrow."

Attorney Tom Blee of Fort Wayne's Burt-Blee-Dixon-Sutton and Bloom, LLP, firm, said the "society is being reenergized by Magistrate Craig Bobay and some associates with a new constitution, bylaws and a membership drive."

Bobay told *Today's Catholic*,

"Bishop Rhoades has mentioned that a society existed in his previous diocese, and a few of us got together, and prepared a proposed framework for the group. We then presented it to the bishop, who gave us his blessing and encouraged us to identify people to make up an initial board of directors, and then plan to recruit members."

Blee said in addition to preparing and hosting the annual Red Mass, a Mass for those in the legal profession, the society will arrange programs and activities related to the intellectual and religious growth of the members, as well as honor those professionals that represent the principles and ideals of St. Thomas More.

Blee said, "An essential goal of the group is to create a strong membership of attorneys, which will attract prominent speakers to the St. Thomas More Red Mass celebration, and promote the unity of the family, the dignity of the person and the justice of civil society — all traits exhibited by the life and death of this patron saint of statesmen, politicians and lawyers."

The elected officers are president — Magistrate Judge Craig J. Bobay, Allen Circuit Court; vice president — Liz Brown, civil and domestic mediator; treasurer — Tom Niezer, Barrett & McNagny LLP; and Judge Michael J. Kramer, Noble Superior Court.

Founding governors also include: Kathleen Anderson — Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Michael Barranda — Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton & Bloom, LLP; Judge Thomas J. Felts — Judge, Allen Circuit Court; Scott Hall — Hall & Gooden, LLP; Judge Kent W. Kiracofe — Wells Circuit Court; Chris Nancarrow — chief deputy, Allen County Clerk of Courts.

Professionals interested in membership opportunities may contact Membership Chair Chris Nancarrow at [cnancarr@gmail.com](mailto:cnancarr@gmail.com).



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 26, 11:30 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Joseph Church, Bluffton
- Thursday, May 30, 3 p.m. — Meeting of Deacon Formation Policy Board, Blessed John Paul II Center, Mishawaka
- Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, May 31, 6 p.m. — Mass with Profession of Vows of Franciscan Brothers Minor, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

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

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw, will have a holy hour on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m.
- St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St., Fort Wayne, will hold a holy hour on Sunday, May 26, following the 9:15 a.m. Mass.
- St. Patrick Church, 309 S. Taylor, South Bend, will have a holy hour on Friday, June 7, from 12:45-3 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo 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 a holy hour and a half of Adoration and Exposition from 3:30-5 p.m. every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- 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.

## Diversity a blessing when all united in faith, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling for unity — not uniformity — in the Church, Pope Francis said diversity is a blessing only when all Catholics recognize and follow Church teaching.

"It is the Church which brings Christ to me and me to Christ; parallel journeys are dangerous," he told some 200,000 members of Catholic lay movements and groups during a Pentecost Mass in St. Peter's Square.

"When we venture beyond the Church's teaching and community, and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ," he said during his homily at the Mass May 19, concluding a weekend dedicated to movements, including the charismatic renewal, Focolare movement, Neocatechumenal Way, Regnum Christi, Communion and Liberation and others.

Pope Francis said Church leaders and Church members need to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire different movements and gifts within the Church, but also to allow the Holy Spirit to unite them all in one Church under the authority of their pastors.

"Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity while at the same time building unity," the pope said. "When we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and unique, we bring division."

On the other hand, he said, "when we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization."

The pope said the Holy Spirit can appear "to create disorder in the Church" by bringing such different gifts to its members, but when everyone allows themselves to be guided by the Spirit, they learn to treasure variety rather than letting it become a source of conflict.

The Holy Spirit can make people uncomfortable, Pope Francis said. "Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences."

The spiritual journey is no different, he said. "We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind all our too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to His own."

# Gosnell's conviction shows 'ugliness of abortion,' archbishop says

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Dr. Kermit Gosnell may have been convicted May 13 of murder at his Philadelphia abortion clinic, but “nothing can bring back the innocent children he killed, or make up for the vulnerable women he exploited,” said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

And, he added, “the repugnance of his clinic conditions” must be remembered.

In a May 14 statement, the Philadelphia archbishop said, “Gosnell is not an exception. Others just like him run abortion mills throughout our country.”

A Philadelphia jury May 13 found Gosnell guilty of murder in the deaths of three babies born alive during abortions and acquitted him of a fourth similar charge. He also was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death by a drug overdose of a patient who had an abortion.

Gosnell, 72, was charged with snipping the spines of babies born alive during illegal late-term abor-

tions. Pennsylvania law prohibits abortions after 24 weeks of gestation.

“We need to stop cloaking the ugliness of abortion with misnomers like ‘proper medical coverage’ or ‘choice,’” Archbishop Chaput said in his statement. “It’s violence of the most intimate sort, and it needs to end.”

A few weeks earlier in the six-week trial, after the prosecution had rested its case, Judge Jeffrey Minehart of the Common Pleas Court, dismissed three other murder charges against Gosnell, saying they lacked evidence.

Late May 14, prosecutors said the doctor agreed to give up his right to an appeal so he would not get the death penalty. The judge then gave him two consecutive life sentences with no chance for parole on two of three first-degree murder convictions.

At a May 15 sentence hearing, Gosnell received a third life sentence for the third murder conviction and another two and a half to

five years in prison for involuntary manslaughter. Those sentences also are consecutive. He also was convicted of hundreds of violations of Pennsylvania abortion regulations.

Both supporters of legal abortion and abortion opponents praised the verdict, though they pointed to different underlying problems.

Michael Geer, president of the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Family Institute, said in a statement, the Gosnell case in all its details points to “the big remaining question that the trial exposed for all Americans to see: How is it murder to kill a late-term baby outside the womb, but legal to kill it minutes earlier while still in its mother’s uterus?”

Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said in a statement that “justice was served to Kermit Gosnell and he will pay the price for the atrocities he committed.” She described Gosnell’s clinic and practices as “a peek into the world before Roe v. Wade made legal a woman’s right to make her own choices.”

Hogue said “anti-choice politicians and their unrelenting efforts to deny women access to safe and legal abortion care, will only drive more women to back-alley butchers like Kermit Gosnell.”

Charmaine Yost, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, said the “self-interested indifference of an unrepentant, unregulated and unmonitored abortion industry stood front and center among the tragic events that led to the conviction of Kermit Gosnell.”

Yost’s statement said “the legacy of Gosnell’s trial will be Big Abortion’s collusion in bringing about America’s ‘red-light district of medicine’ — today’s back-alley abortion clinics and renegade abortion profiteers.”

She said “pro-life Americans must fight Big Abortion as they attempt to block commonsense attempts to regulate and monitor abortion clinics where we know that some women and girls have suffered and even died.”

Yost said the case underscores why abortion clinics must be subject to medical standards and regular inspections. Gosnell’s clinic had not been inspected for nearly two decades, she said.

“Kermit Gosnell is not the aberration that abortion advocates



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**Gosnell trial jury foreman David Misko makes remarks near fellow jurors Joseph Carroll and Sarah Gliniski after Dr. Kermit Gosnell was sentenced in Philadelphia May 15. Gosnell was sent to prison to serve three life terms without parole for murdering babies during late-term abortions and for other crimes at his squalid clinic.**

claim,” Yost added. “Over the last three years at least 15 states have initiated investigations into the conditions and practices of abortion clinics. These investigations were triggered by women’s deaths, reports of dangerous and unsanitary practices that exposed women to injuries and infections, and infants born alive following attempted abortions.”

Gosnell was arrested in 2011 and charged with seven counts of infanticide and one count of murder in the case of a woman from Virginia who died during an abortion.

Several patients and former employees testified about squalid conditions at the clinic, described by some as “a house of horrors.”

Several former workers in the clinic, including Gosnell’s wife, Pearl, a cosmetologist by training, earlier pleaded guilty to charges including third-degree murder, racketeering and performing illegal, late-term abortions.

Prosecutors said one of the babies Gosnell killed was at nearly 30 weeks of gestation and was so big that Gosnell joked it could “walk to the bus,” reported The Associated Press.

The involuntary manslaughter charge came in the death of Karnamaya Mongar, 41, a refugee from Bhutan who lived in Woodbridge, Va., and who was given repeated doses of powerful drugs to induce labor and sedate her.

The jury also found Gosnell

guilty of infanticide, racketeering and more than 200 violations of Pennsylvania laws, for performing abortions past 24 weeks or failing to counsel women seeking abortions 24 hours before providing the procedure.

He still faces federal drug charges over abuse of prescriptions for OxyContin and for letting staff members make out prescriptions to patients who paid cash.

The case against Gosnell took shape after a team of health inspectors and investigators looking into drug trade raided Gosnell’s clinic, known as the Women’s Medical Society, in February 2010.

A grand jury report that followed reported on filth throughout, including blood on the floor, cat feces on the stairs and surgical rooms that resembled a “bad gas station restroom.” The investigators gathered the remains of 45 fetuses stored in bags, milk jugs, juice cartons and cat food containers.

Gosnell’s license was suspended and he was arrested in January 2011.

Archbishop Chaput said the detailed description of Gosnell’s clinic discussed at trial must remain “sharp in our memories,” and “we should remember the media’s inadequacy in covering his case.”

Lila Rose of the pro-life group Live Action said, “We must remember that Gosnell is not an outlier within the abortion industry. We cannot allow these ‘guilty’ verdicts, welcome as they are, to make us complacent when it comes to continuing abuses happening even now in abortion facilities throughout our nation.”

Edel Finnegan, director of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, called Gosnell “a particularly egregious abortion practitioner” but added, “I think that is the nature of the business. I hope it opens people’s eyes to the reality of abortion and the humanity of the unborn child.”

**Contributing to this story were John T. Gillespie and Matthew Gambino.** Gillespie writes for CatholicPhilly.com and PhaithMagazine.com, the news and magazine websites of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Gambino is director and general manager of the websites.

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# Father DeRiso to assume rector duties at Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau, Le Mans, France

BY VINCE LABARBERA

SOUTH BEND — The weekend of June 8-9 will be Holy Cross Father John DeRiso's last at St. Joseph Church, South Bend, where he has served as pastor for the past nine years.

"Being your pastor has been the joy and privilege of my priesthood," Father DeRiso told parishioners the weekend of May 4-5 as he announced a new assignment from his superior general in Rome at the site of the congregation's foundation in Le Mans, France.

"It was here, in 1837, that our holy founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, united priests and lay brothers as equal partners within a single association, thereby forming the Congregation of Holy Cross," he continued. "Our congregation's motherhouse and its church — Our Lady of Holy Cross — serve as the symbol and center of this union. It is at this church, dedicated to Our Lady and the site of Moreau's tomb, where I will minister as rector of the Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau."

At Masses the following weekend, Father DeRiso announced that Holy Cross Father Kevin M. Rousseau will succeed him in mid-August as pastor of the 160-year-old parish founded by Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin.

"I expressed an interest nearly a year ago to the superior general (Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, former head of campus ministry at Notre Dame) to assist as I am able in responding to the needs of our congregation in Le Mans," Father DeRiso said. "He was very responsive to my interest. The assignment is something he and the Holy Cross community would like me to do and I'm open to it."

As rector, Father DeRiso's main duty will be to establish the shrine in what now is a parish church with an existing pastor. Not only will the shrine be for the Congregation of Holy Cross, but for the local Church, the Diocese of Le Mans and the universal Church as well, he related. "Above all it is a spiritual and administrative task, and less of a physical construction one," he said.

"A beautiful church is already there and we will establish some offices for the shrine adjacent to it."

The area is not new to Father DeRiso since he visited the location last month, making several acquaintances among the congregation's French priests and brothers, and the Marianites of Holy Cross, religious sisters who also look to Blessed



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**Holy Cross Father John DeRiso has been assigned as rector of the Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France.**

Moreau as their founder.

The French language also is not new to Father DeRiso since as a sophomore at Notre Dame he spent a year abroad as a participant in the University of Notre Dame's Angers Program near his new location. "Everything, including all classes, was in French," he related. Despite his past proficiency in the language some 22 years ago, prior to assuming his new position, he will spend seven weeks at Middlebury College in Vermont participating in an intensive French-language program. "Middlebury's language school

John Vianney Church, Goodyear, Ariz., just outside Phoenix. He was there two years before returning to South Bend.

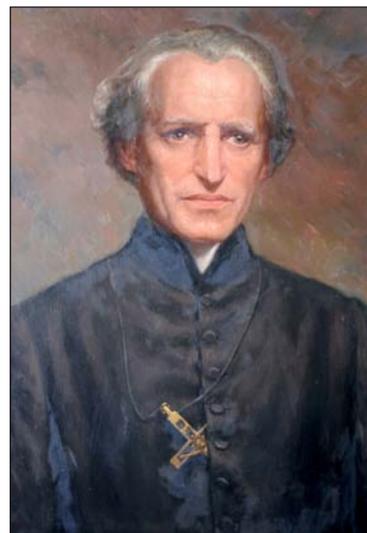
Referring to his present parishioners, he added, "The gift of this parish is its people. I will miss them greatly! We're just concluding a \$4 million campaign begun last fall for a new parish center, school addition, church improvements and reconfiguration of parish grounds. It's been a real team effort!" He thanks Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the late Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy and the United States

Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross for the support and encouragement given him during the time of his pastorate in the diocese.

Speaking of his arrival as pastor in 2004, Father DeRiso wrote to his parishioners, "I was 33 years old and had been a

priest for two. I doubted my abilities and my readiness to assume a pastor's role. I was anxious and afraid, but you welcomed me, the stranger, as your brother in Christ."

"As before, I doubt my abilities and my readiness to assume a (new) role," he continued. "I am anxious and afraid. And yet, I am called to a place of trust — trust in Divine



**Blessed Basil Moreau is the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.**

Providence and trust in the Lord Jesus who said to His disciples, who themselves were troubled and afraid, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'"

When we take on any new position I don't think it's uncommon to feel unworthy and perhaps not up to the task," Father DeRiso explained.

"But that's when we turn to the Lord who makes us worthy and who gives us the grace we need to accomplish it. The Lord provides! I'm confident that's what is going to happen for me (in France)."

He continued, "The gift of this assignment is that Blessed Moreau from Notre Dame de Sainte Croix in France sent Father Sorin to the woods of Indiana where he founded the University of Notre Dame in 1842. And now I, a spiritual son of Sorin having been educated at Notre Dame, graduating in 1993, am going back to help the Church in France. I'm not sure that's happened before. It's quite a privilege!"

Father DeRiso's parents, Rudy and Mary Jo, of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. — where he was born, along with two brothers and a sister — will journey to South Bend to spend his last weekend at the parish with him.

"I'm glad they're coming and very encouraged by my family's support of my new assignment," he said. "They'll miss visiting South Bend and the friends they've made here, but perhaps they'll enjoy visiting me in France as well!"



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FATHER JOHN DE RISO

has an excellent reputation. I'm confident it will help me to greatly improve my French language skills."

Father DeRiso also speaks Spanish. After his ordination to the Priesthood, April 6, 2002, at Notre Dame, his first assignment was to serve a mostly Spanish-speaking community as associate pastor at St.



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## Bishops say full effect of 'redefining marriage' will be felt for years

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — The "full social and legal effects" of state lawmakers' decision to legalize same-sex marriage "will begin to manifest themselves in the years ahead," said the Minnesota Catholic Conference. "Today the Minnesota Senate voted to redefine marriage in Minnesota. The outcome, though expected, is no less disappointing," the conference said in a statement. The state Senate in a 37-30 vote gave final approval May 13 to a same-sex marriage bill. The state House passed the measure May 9. Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said he would sign it May 14. The law is to take effect Aug. 1, making Minnesota the 12th state to allow same-sex couples to marry. Earlier in May, Rhode Island and Delaware became the 10th and 11th states, respectively, to legalize same-sex marriage. "The Church, for its part, will continue to work to rebuild a healthy culture of marriage and family life, as well as defend the rights of Minnesotans to live out their faith in everyday life and speak the truth in love," said the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops.

## Pope: Satan tricks people into being selfish, leaving them loveless

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Payback with Satan is rotten as he pushes people to be loveless and selfish, finally leaving them with nothing and alone, Pope Francis said. "Satan always rips us off, always!" he said during a morning Mass homily. The pope concelebrated Mass May 14 with Archbishop Ricardo Tobon Restrepo of Medellin, Colombia, in the chapel of his residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae. During the Mass, attended by employees of the Vatican Museums and a group of alumni from Rome's Pontifical Portuguese College, the pope said selfish people don't understand what giving and love are. Judas exemplified this self-centeredness when he complained that the expensive oil Mary used to anoint Jesus' feet could have been sold for money to give to the poor, the pope said. The account from the Gospel of John explains that Judas didn't care about the poor and wanted the money instead because he was a thief and would steal the contributions.

## Researchers' embryonic stem-cell advance decried as morally troubling

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As Oregon scientists announced May 15 that they had successfully converted human skin cells into embryonic stem cells, the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities warned that the technique is morally troubling on many levels. Scientists at the Oregon Health & Science University and the

## NEWS BRIEFS

### YOUNG CATHOLICS RECEIVE WORLD YOUTH DAY CROSS



CNS PHOTO/RICARDO MORAES, REUTERS

Young Catholics receive the World Youth Day cross from sailors of the Brazilian Navy during its arrival at Icarai Beach in Niteroi, Brazil, May 19. Pope Francis will travel to Brazil on his first international trip as pontiff to attend the World Youth Day gathering July 23-28.

Oregon National Primate Research Center announced that they had successfully reprogrammed human skin cells to become embryonic stem cells, which are capable of transforming into other types of cells that could replace those damaged by illness or injury. Many news reports on the announcement referred to the research as human cloning, but the university's release and a full report on the work in *Cell* magazine carefully avoided the term, except to say taking the work in the direction of reproductive cloning is unlikely. The Oregon research team developed the unfertilized embryonic cells to seven days' growth in a lab. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, who chairs the bishops' committee, said the process created and destroyed more than 120 human embryos, which the Church considers human life that must be protected. "Creating new human lives in the laboratory solely to destroy them is an abuse denounced even by many who do not share the Catholic Church's convictions on human life," said Cardinal O'Malley's statement. He also decried the conditions to which the women who volunteered for the experiment were subjected to increase the number of eggs they produced, saying it "put their health and fertility at risk."

## Indiana Catholic family with worldwide business challenges mandate

MADISON, Ind. (CNS) — Although Grote Industries in Madison has been in business for more than a century, one date in May holds particular significance to the family-owned, worldwide manufacturer of vehicle lighting products. On May 22, a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago was scheduled to hear arguments in the lawsuit the Grote family filed last October to gain relief from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that forces most employers to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees in company health plans. The mandate is a part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, called Obamacare by some, which was signed into law in 2010. The Grote family was granted a preliminary injunction in January. On May 22, however, arguments will be made on the merits of their case that could lead to permanent relief from the mandate. Although many other Catholic organizations and businesses owned by Catholics and other people morally opposed to the mandate have been granted prelimi-

nary injunctions, the Grote case is the first to receive a hearing on the merits of their case.

## Parishioners mobilize after tornado wreaks havoc in northern Texas

GRANBURY, Texas (CNS) — "Overwhelmed." That's how relief volunteer Julie Lyssy described the families who sought shelter inside St. Frances Cabrini's Family Life Center after a tornado ravaged their neighborhoods May 15. The deadly funnel cloud, one of several tornadoes that ripped through parts of north Texas, killed six, injured more than 100, left seven missing and destroyed more than 50 homes and trailers in the Rancho Brazos subdivision. Injuries and damage were also reported in the nearby Pecan Plantation community. Many of the affected — including some of the deceased — are members of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, 35 miles southwest of Fort Worth. "The 15 to 20 people who came here last night knew there was nothing else they could do," said Lyssy, the church's communications spokesperson, who coordinated emergency outreach efforts with her husband, Thomas. "As soon as they realized they were safe, everyone turned to prayer." Storm victims formed two circles

inside the parish hall. One group recited the rosary in English and the other in Spanish. The church's pastor, Msgr. Juan Rivero, spent the night comforting visitors and offering a blessing when asked.

## Pope calls for global, ethical finance reform, end to cult of money

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis called for global financial reform that respects human dignity, helps the poor, promotes the common good and allows states to regulate markets. "Money has to serve, not to rule," he said in his strongest remarks yet as pope concerning the world's economic and financial crises. A major reason behind the increase in social and economic woes worldwide "is in our relationship with money and our acceptance of its power over ourselves and our society," he told a group of diplomats May 16. "We have created new idols" where the "golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly humane goal." The pope made his remarks during a speech to four new ambassadors to the Vatican presenting their letters of credential. The new ambassadors from Kyrgyzstan, Antigua and Barbados, Luxembourg and Botswana will not be residing in Rome. The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told journalists it was the pope's "first forceful speech on the economic and financial crisis," social justice, and the attention needed to the world's poor.

## Pope prays for victims of Oklahoma tornado

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the death toll rose from the massive tornado that struck near Oklahoma City May 20, Pope Francis offered a special prayer for the victims during his early morning Mass May 21 and later offered his condolences through his Twitter account. "Let us pray for the victims — at least 50 of them — and the missing, especially the children, struck by the violent tornado that hit Oklahoma City yesterday. Hear us, O Lord," the pope said during the prayers of the faithful. The tornado touched down at about 3 p.m. local time in Oklahoma and reportedly stayed on the ground for more than 40 minutes, leaving a 20-mile path of death and destruction. By midday Rome time May 21, news reports were saying at least 91 people, including 20 children, died. Two elementary schools were struck by the tornado. A few hours after the Mass, Pope Francis also used his @Pontifex Twitter account to express his concern for the Oklahoma victims and survivors. "I am close to the families of all who died in the Oklahoma tornado, especially those who lost young children. Join me in praying for them," he told the 2.5 million people who follow his English-language Twitter account and the 2.4 million who follow his Spanish-language account.

## Ancilla College celebrates 46th graduating class

DONALDSON — Ancilla College celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> class in school history on Saturday, May 11, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel.

The college recognized 85 candidates for associate's degrees, including two students completing a double major. Nineteen of the graduates are from Ancilla's nursing program.

Tricia Sloma, WNDU-TV morning news anchor, delivered the commencement address and talked about how a person's faith and education can empower them for the future. Sloma said, "Graduates, your education is not over. We are constantly learning. I'm not referring to the need to refresh our skills in technology, equipment or social media. We should always strive to learn something every day from the people around us."

A reception organized by the Ancilla Alumni Association followed, as Ancilla faculty, staff, students and their families gathered in Cana Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Dr. Joanna Blount, dean of Academic and Student Services, commented, "These graduates have started on a journey that will last a lifetime. Their education has not ended but only begun. As they grow, I hope they will remember the start that Ancilla College provided and give back so that others may have the opportunities each of our students did. I wish them all good luck in future endeavors, whether that is career or pursuing higher education."

An honors convocation was also held on Friday, May 10, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, as students and faculty alike were honored for their achievements.

Of the 110 candidates, 16 received recognition for graduating summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude.

Another 26 were honored for their affiliation with Ancilla's Beta Beta Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education.

Receiving special honors were Alyssa Blackburn (Scholar of Distinction), Logan Hug (Outstanding Male Scholar-Athlete), Keri Friend (Outstanding Female Scholar-Athlete), and Stephen Newcomer (Outstanding Portfolio Award).

For information about Ancilla College visit [www.ancilla.edu](http://www.ancilla.edu).

## Indiana Knights of Columbus elect state officers

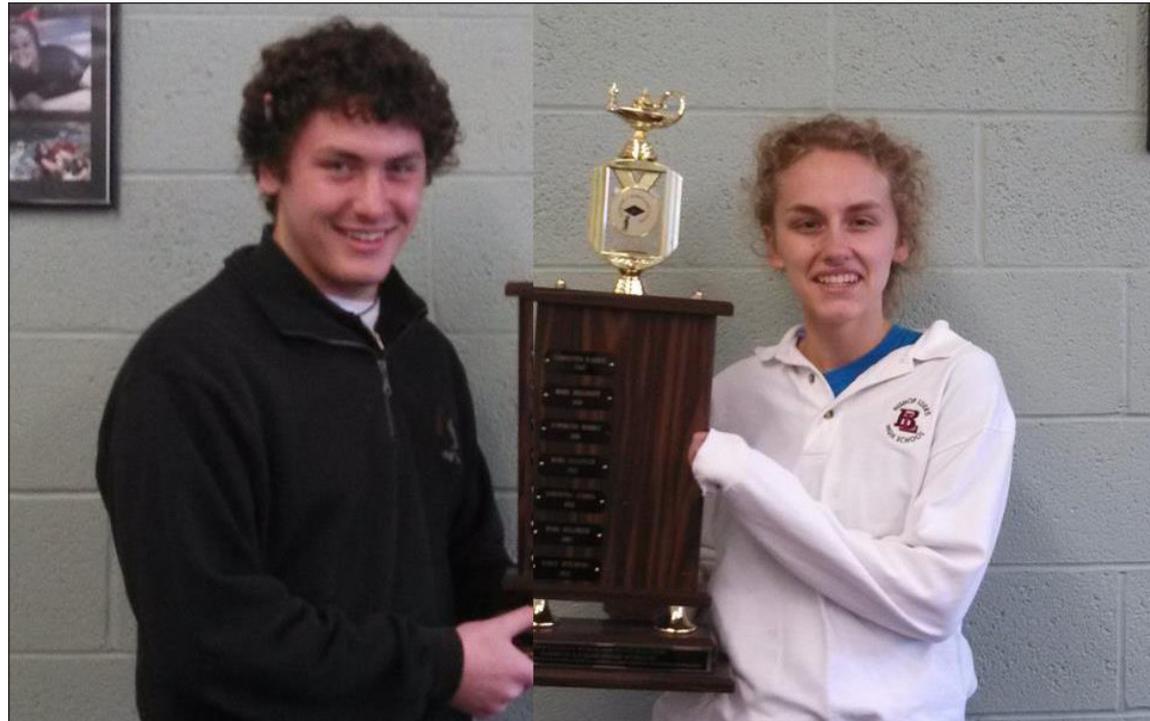
INDIANAPOLIS — The 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Indiana Knights of Columbus elected Lawrence B. Fluhr as its state deputy (president) for a second term beginning July 1.

Sir Knight Fluhr is a member of Council 1808, Pope John Paul II and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Maurice Kochert No. 3289 both located in Corydon.

He is the 53<sup>rd</sup> state deputy representing the Indiana Jurisdiction consisting of over 33,000 members statewide. He joins Scott

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## BISHOP LUERS STUDENTS NAMED CARSON SCHOLARS



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Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High School senior Nancy McNamara and junior Mark Hellinger have been chosen from among 5,600 gifted students from across the country as Carson Scholars. Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson sponsor this award to honor young people around the country for their academic achievement and humanitarian achievements. McNamara is the daughter of Dan and Julie McNamara. Hellinger is the son of Mark and Karen Hellinger. Both were recognized at the Annual Carson Scholars Fund Indianapolis Awards Banquet this past month.

Cunningham from Carmel as secretary, Martin McCoy from North Vernon as treasurer, Paul Zielinski from Pittsboro as advocate and Gene Hurm from Tell City as warden forming the state council.

For more information about the Indiana Knights of Columbus go to [www.indianakofc.org](http://www.indianakofc.org).

## USF hosting Youth Leadership and Ministry Conference

FORT WAYNE — High school students are invited to strengthen their leadership skills, explore their faith and experience life on a college campus during the Youth Leadership and Ministry Conference 2013, the second annual event at the University of Saint Francis (USF) and the only one of its kind in the area. USF Campus Ministry and Peer Ministry students will host the conference on Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, for students of all faiths.

The conference will involve students in activities that teach leaders how to make faith come alive in their churches and schools; how to empower others to serve in dynamic ways; how their actions impact those around them; and how to build

strong teams.

Students will arrive on Friday night and enjoy some activities before settling into USF dormitories for the night. A range of events allowing them to explore leadership skills and possibilities will be offered the following forenoon.

Two sessions with various options from which to choose will follow breakfast on Saturday. Sessions will cover various topics relating to personal, leadership and ministry development.

After a mid-morning brunch, participants will hear a keynote speaker and check out of their rooms. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a noon Mass. Families are invited to join their students for Mass.

Detailed information on time, location and sessions will be provided with registration confirmation. A discount will apply for early registration through May 31, and group reservations and scholarships are available. Those wishing to register or learn more about the event can visit [sf.edu/sf/youth-leadership](http://sf.edu/sf/youth-leadership). Detailed reservation and cost information is available at [sf.edu/sf/youth-leadership/register-youth-leadership-and-ministry-conference](http://sf.edu/sf/youth-leadership/register-youth-leadership-and-ministry-conference).

## Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announces Four-Star Schools for 2013

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced Indiana's Four-Star schools for 2013 on May 13. In order to achieve this designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in ISTEP+ testing results. A total of 313 schools received the award throughout the state.

Superintendent Ritz congratulated these schools saying, "I am honored to name these schools as our Four Star Schools for this year. Winning this award required excellent work by teachers, administrators, students and parents throughout the year, and on behalf of the entire Indiana Department of Education I send them my sincere congratulations."

Schools that received the award in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend include the following:

- St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart
- Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- St. Charles Borromeo School,

- Fort Wayne
  - St. Joseph-St Elizabeth Campus 1, Fort Wayne
  - St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne
  - St Joseph-Hessen Cassel School, Fort Wayne
  - St. Pius X School, Granger
  - Marian High School, Mishawaka
  - Mishawaka Catholic School, Mishawaka
  - St. Louis-Besancon School, New Haven
  - Saint Joseph High School, South Bend
  - Christ the King School, South Bend
  - St. Joseph School, South Bend
  - St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend

## USF names Father David Meinzen campus chaplain

FORT WAYNE — Father David Meinzen has been named full-time campus chaplain at the University of Saint Francis (USF). Father Meinzen served USF as part-time interim campus chaplain since fall 2012, and as an adjunct professor of philosophy from 2008-2009.



FATHER DAVID MEINZEN

After nine years of parish experience as an Eastern Orthodox priest (from 2000-2009), he entered communion with Rome in 2010, under the bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago. As a priest of the Catholic Church, Father Meinzen has received the authority from his own bishop, as well as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, to serve in Fort Wayne in both the Roman and the Byzantine rites.

He brings with him the further experiences of two years active mobilization as a U.S. Army chaplain, ongoing Indiana Army National Guard chaplain work, part-time Veteran's Administration chaplaincy experience and intensive clinical chaplaincy training at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He will begin full-time university chaplain work on July 29. His office will be in the Campus Ministry Center.

## Redeemer Radio to broadcast ordination of Deacon Christopher Lapp

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 and 89.9 FM will broadcast the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Christopher Lapp, on Saturday, June 1, at 10:55 a.m., live from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside.

Father Daryl Rybicki and Dr. Matthew Bunson will co-host and Sean McBride will serve as anchor for the live broadcast, beginning at 10:55 a.m. on Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 Fort Wayne and 89.9 FM in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

# Deacon Lapp graduates from Pontifical College Josephinum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The second Saturday of May was a joyful day at the Pontifical College Josephinum, as the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy held its 114th Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises. Thirty-six seminarians from 13 different dioceses were granted degrees or certificates from the College of Liberal Arts, Pre-Theology Program or School of Theology.

Deacon Christopher Lapp from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend received a master of arts in dogmatic theology; a master of divinity; and a baccalaureate in sacred theology.

More than 200 parents, family members and friends of the graduates attended the day's festivities. Baccalaureate Mass in St. Turibius Chapel was celebrated by Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, rector and president.

"It is our joy to welcome you to the Josephinum," he said, "to witness this historic and formative moment in the lives of your sons and brothers, who take a major and memorable step toward the fulfillment of their vocations."



PHOTO BY SEMINARIAN JOSH ALTONJI

The Pontifical College Josephinum held its 114th Commencement on Saturday, May 11. Deacon Christopher Lapp from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend received a master of arts in dogmatic theology; a master of divinity; and a baccalaureate in sacred theology.

Msgr. Schreck was joined at the altar by Msgr. Charles Singler, director of vocations for the Diocese of Toledo, and Father Paul Noble, director of vocations for the Diocese of Columbus, as well as other visiting priests and priest-faculty of the Josephinum.

The homily during the Mass was given by Msgr. Singler, who focused on the meaning of discipleship.

"The students who are graduating from this institution today have been confronted by the very notion of Christian discipleship," he said. "The open and free consent to emulate Jesus on the cross. The seminary is not the final stretch or the end or the goal to be championed. It is really a matter of learning to be a faithful son and a witness to Christ — being a follower."

Following a brief reception after Mass, graduates and guests returned to St. Turibius Chapel for commencement exercises.

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 114th Baccalaureate and Commencement took place during the seminary's 125th year of forming priests for the Church.

This anniversary of great historical significance was acknowledged by Msgr. Singler, who noted: "The faithful who teach here, the faithful who study here, and those who undertake any kind of work here really are never the same as on the day they arrived. And in that sense, God's glory and our sanctification has once again been realized."

A majority of college and pre-theology graduates and certificate recipients will continue their vocational discernment as they undertake graduate theological study. Graduates of the school of theology return home to their respective dioceses for ordination to the priesthood this spring. That includes Deacon Lapp, who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The Ordination Class of 2013 will join more than 800 ordained alumni who currently serve the universal Church in nearly every U.S. state and in 18 different countries.

## Lapp family in awe of son's vocation

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacon Christopher Lapp has been preparing intellectually, emotionally and spiritually for his ordination into the Priesthood on June 1 for a long time and his family has been a steadfast support all along the way. His parents Greg and Juli are in awe of their son's vocation and look forward to his future with joy.

"It is a great and amazing feeling," they chime as they recall the beginning of their son Chris's journey toward the priesthood. As a young boy Chris was intelligent and precocious, they say. And because he was so very curious and technical his dad imagined that he would follow in his footsteps and become an engineer. Always a strong, self-motivated student, athlete and Cub Scout, his parents were proud of not only his intelligence, but his character as well.

When thinking back over the years, the Lapps, who are parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, recall how Chris's faith developed during his years of high school when he began attending the Lifeteen program at their church after Sunday Mass and ministry hour on Wednesday nights as well. He even prayed at the abortion clinic once a week and never missed an overnight Lifeteen retreat.

Both Greg and Juli are devout in their faith and have developed a deep love for the Church through Christ Renews His Parish programs, Small Christian



PROVIDED BY THE LAPP FAMILY

From left are Chris, Josh, Greg, Juli, Nick with Becca Lapp in front.

Community involvement, participation in a monthly rosary group and an Adoption Small Christian Community.

"Our faith has supported our marriage over the past 31 years," notes Juli, who along with Greg has also worked with couples preparing for marriage for over 15 years.

The Lapps have lived that faith in their home with their children Chris, Josh, Nick and Becca.

Greg says, "My faith is important because it is the center of my existence. . . . My vocation as a parent is to impart the faith to each of my children and try to do all I can for them to secure their place in heaven."

Juli adds, "My mother has been the one who inspired my faith. We lost my Dad in 1972 and she always guided us and prayed for her children. I've tried to be the same example for my children."

As his vocational call became apparent to Chris during his freshman year at the University of Dayton, his dad recalls his own surprise and joy when his son disclosed his decision the day after Thanksgiving in 2004 while they hung Christmas lights together. "For me it has been a very emotional experience," says Greg. "I am so in awe that God called my son to administer the sacraments and

serve the Church in a special way as persona Christi that every time I think of the upcoming ordination I am moved to tears." Their son will become the first priest in their family on either side.

As Deacon Lapp continued his studies at the seminary his family stayed in close contact. They say, "Meeting the other seminarians and their parents has been a very good experience. We have been blessed to get to know some of the great young priests that have been ordained over the last several years."

And knowing the quality of men studying for service in his diocese

Greg says, "I am so optimistic for the future of our Church because of the amazing quality of the men being called to the Priesthood at this time. . . . Our diocese is truly blessed."

Juli agrees and adds, "All of these seminarians make a mom feel like she has more sons in her life."

Deacon Lapp shared a special friendship with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who was instrumental in his commitment to the Priesthood. The grief over Bishop D'Arcy's recent death will be with them all and they say, "Just thinking of this on June 2 at Christopher's first Mass, knowing Bishop D'Arcy is looking down on him will bring tears to our eyes."

What kind of priest will Greg and Juli's son be? The Lapps say, "Chris is going to make an awesome priest. He is very intelligent and he understands the history of our Church. He knows where we have been and how we got there and most importantly where we need to go as the Church." Greg continues, "Chris is a very conservative Catholic. He loves the Church especially all of the traditions and he will always follow the tenets of the faith. Chris has a lot of energy and he relates well to all kinds of people."

Juli says of her son, "I agree with Greg and also know that whatever parish gets Chris is very lucky. He is very self motivated, caring, a great listener, full of common sense and good problem solver. Chris is also a leader and will be very proactive in doing what needs to be done in the parish."

# LAPP

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Confessions, celebrating Mass, etc.”

“My brother deacons and I also all have parish assignments where we go on the weekend, primarily assisting at Sunday Masses (and occasionally preaching) and helping with Baptisms,” he said. “As scheduling permits, we also try to find time to do some teaching, youth ministry, marriage preparation and just about anything else that comes up!”

Deacon Lapp is the son of Greg and Juli Lapp of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. He attended St. Vincent de Paul School and Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Deacon Lapp has an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona, Minn., and took theological studies at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Deacon Lapp traces the beginnings of his journey to the Priesthood to Bishop Dwenger High School’s strong theology and campus ministry program.

“I became truly interested in learning theology in high school and the theology classes kept me on my toes,” he said.

He also credits the priests at his home parish: “The priests at St. Vincent’s especially helped me consider a vocation to the Priesthood — especially Msgr. (John) Kuzmich, who has been my only pastor and a wonderful priestly example. And the people there are amazing.”

He added, “Lastly, my family helped me to grow up to be free to embrace whatever the Lord invited

me to; and I received tremendous support when I entered seminary. This support has been a sturdy shelter throughout the ups and downs of the last several years.”

Deacon Lapp, who was ordained to the diaconate May 12 last year at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, has the opinion that every Catholic man “needs to explicitly open his heart to the possibility of a priestly vocation.”

“I have confidence that God is calling many more men to answer this call,” Deacon Lapp noted. “So much does He love us and desire for us to have the Eucharist and other sacraments. We can and should pray that these men are courageous in the face of any number of oppositions that present themselves, especially the culture, friends, personal expectations, and even at times family.”

Deacon Lapp said there were “signs” along his journey that reassured him. Those were, he said, “abiding peace, good and faithful prayer, parish and apostolate experiences.”

“Further, I ‘knew’ when Bishop Rhoades sent me a letter officially ‘calling’ me to present myself for ordination to the diaconate, and then ultimately as I knelt before him after the laying on of hands and

during the Prayer of Ordination,” Deacon Lapp added. “The Church always confirms a vocation; and this has been a tremendous consolation to me. Fundamentally, we are called to acknowledge reality like Mary in asking the angel, ‘how can this be?’ rather than wallowing in doubt as Zechariah: ‘how can I know this?’”

More and more Catholic men are entering the seminary. Deacon Lapp contributed this increase to “prayer, patience and the practice of accepting men of good quality in this diocese. ...”

He added, “Better catechesis, youth ministry, preaching and vocations work, and many other things are certainly there, too.”

“We trust that God will continue to provide for our needs; and we do our best to cooperate with Him.” Deacon Lapp said.

“Of the seminarians I know,

there is a seemingly universal desire to live radical lives of self-emptying love for the salvation of souls,” he noted. “The men generally attribute their own closeness to Jesus in the Eucharist and love of Holy Mass

open their hearts to the possibility of a priestly vocation and for the courage to embrace it. Also, affirm young men in their striving to live lives of virtue. And don’t be afraid to directly ask him to consider

a vocation to the Priesthood; many here in the seminary will admit that those encounters stuck with them and, like a gnat, got them to take the Lord’s actual invitation seriously.”

As the June 1 Ordination to the Priesthood approaches, Deacon Lapp concluded, “At 27 years old, with most of my friends married and starting fami-

**‘So much does He love us and desire for us to have the Eucharist and other sacraments. We can and should pray that these men are courageous in the face of any number of oppositions that present themselves, especially the culture, friends, personal expectations, and even at times family.’**

DEACON CHRISTOPHER LAPP

above other things which I would include myself in, as well.”

For the people in the pews, Deacon Lapp encourages the faithful to pray for vocations. “Pray,” he said, “especially for more men to

lies, I am definitely looking forward to all of the relational dynamics of Priesthood, especially embracing spiritual fatherhood within the context of parish life.”



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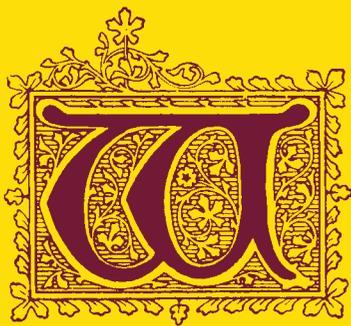
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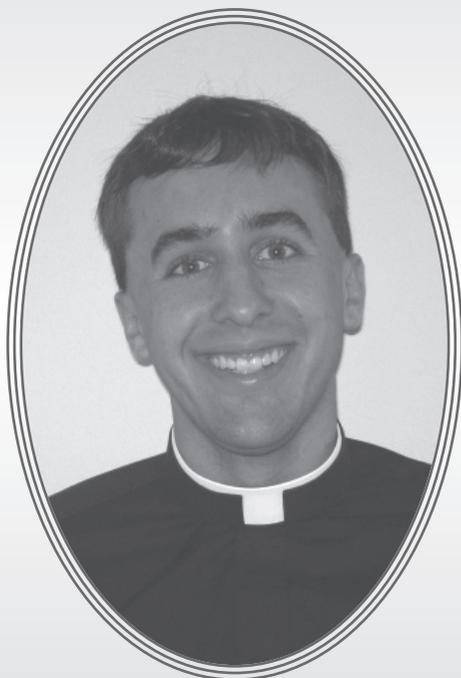
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# Patroness, inspiration, intercessor: Mary is beloved in Latin America

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — May is the month of Mary, who is celebrated the length of Latin America as someone more than the mother of God — or even a religious figure.

Mary is associated with everything from national identity in Mexico to the mother earth in Chile to the national patroness of many of the countries in between.

Mary has inspired independence and social justice movements, endured atheist and anti-clerical regimes and been embraced by the indigenous populations and the elites alike.

“There’s a sense (in Latin America) that Mary represents the concrete manifestation of God’s presence with us in a very culturally specific and acculturated way,” said Richard Coll, Latin America analyst for

the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Some say Latin Americans’ devotion to Mary dates back to Catholicism’s arrival from Spain, where such customs were common. But it gained acceptance — often on the terms of the indigenous populations — despite being an import brought by conquering Europeans and the missionaries who followed.

“It comes back to this role of Mary of being the acculturated presence of the religion in the sense that Mary’s involvement in the culture does not appear as one” that originated from the outside, Coll said.

“That’s where the strength comes from. Rather than feeling that parts of this religion might be external to this society, the role of Mary ... (is) very local,”

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he said.

In Mexico City, pilgrims go daily to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the world’s most visited Marian shrine and the place Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531.

Blessed John Paul visited the basilica in 1979, an event symbolically important for ending the estrangement between Mexico

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# Trinity reveals divine love



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Trinity Sunday Jn 16:12-15

The Church celebrates Trinity Sunday this weekend, and it uses the celebration to teach us about the Holy Trinity, the mystery of three Persons in the one God.

For its first reading, the Church offers us a passage from the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is one of a series of books in the Old Testament, the series being called the Wisdom Literature. The purpose behind the writing of all these books was to reassure pious Jews that their belief in the one God of Israel, a divinity of mercy and eternal faithfulness, was not in the least contrary to sound human reasoning.

This reading reveals the essential link between God and the quality of wisdom. Wisdom is of God. “The Lord begot me,” Wisdom declares in the reading. “From of old,” it continues to say, “I was poured out upon the earth.”

We cannot be wise, unless we partake in the divine wisdom. In short, we cannot understand life without this wisdom.

The Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. As so often appears in the writings of the Apostle Paul, the reality of Jesus, and of life in Jesus, is majestically presented. Through the Lord Jesus, and through the sacrifice accomplished by Jesus

in the Incarnation and in the Redemption, humans are at peace with God.

God’s love comes to us through the Holy Spirit. This statement affirms the Spirit’s divine identity. Love is dynamic. It is not a commodity. Love is something essential to the lover. It is not an item to be handed on.

St. John’s Gospel provides the last reading. As is typical of all the parts of the Fourth Gospel, the reading literally glows with eloquence and grace.

This passage is a direct quotation from Jesus. In it the Lord powerfully reassures the Apostles that the Holy Spirit will come to strengthen and empower them. “He will guide you with all truth,” the Lord tells the Twelve.

So, the reading establishes the place of the Apostles in the unfolding of salvation. It testifies to the esteem in which the Church holds the Apostles, and their successors, today.

The reading also reveals the Trinity, albeit obliquely. The Holy Spirit will convey to the Apostles God’s truth. As with love, truth is not a commodity. It is an awareness of what actually is. It is a frank look at reality. Only the wisest, namely God, possesses this unobstructed view of reality.

Finally, the reading reveals the place of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit of God will give glory to God in the bestowal of divine wisdom upon the Apostles. Jesus foretold the coming of the Spirit. God sends the Spirit. Guided and strengthened by the Spirit, the Apostles continue Christ’s works of salvation.

## Reflection

The Church teaches that the Holy Trinity is one of the greatest revelations of God. As such, the

Church presents this teaching to the world, and to its own, again and again. The Church includes confession of the Trinity in all its formal creeds. Catholic parents teach toddlers the sign of the cross, “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” It is taught at all levels of institutional Catholic education. In a word, the Trinity is basic to the Catholic Tradition.

Nevertheless, even for those who believe, the mystery of the Trinity can be quite dry, its relevance obscure.

To the contrary, it is relevant to everything we are and to every thing we do. It explains creation. It explains salvation. It explains God, because God is love. Thus, God is with us. He gives us life. We belong to God. God’s revelation of the Trinity in itself reveals the divine love.

Because of God’s love, we have peace in this life, come what may, and a promise of joy hereafter.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 lk 1:39-56

**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

# What do you really value in life?

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Recently I was in a faith-sharing group where the participants were asked to share our most important values. Have you ever been asked to articulate your deepest values? It is something to think about.

There is an old saying that we should “put your money where your mouth is.” Another one tells us to “practice what we preach.” Often we say we value certain things, but in reality our actions say otherwise. I remember a retreat director saying one time that you can usually tell what you really value by how you spend your money and the bulk of your time.

An example is that many people claim to value prayer but they are so busy and don’t have enough time. On the other hand, when the weekend rolls around or they have a day off, they often don’t spend any more time with the Lord than when they are working or studying.

This holds true for persons who say they value friendship or family and yet rarely spend a few hours of quality time with those they love. I know a married deacon who was responsible for the Family Life Committee of a particular parish where I ministered. He and his wife spent so much time doing things in the parish that he was rarely home with his children. Consequently, several of them ended up in trouble and with serious problems from lack of parental attention. If you asked him, he would claim to be a family man, but his behavior proved otherwise.

It is so easy to say we have certain values but our lives don’t always reflect them. We can say our faith and the Holy Eucharist are important to us and yet go on a vacation with friends and miss

Mass because we didn’t want to inconvenience them.

Another example is to call good health a value, but skip meals, eat poorly and get little exercise. Recently, I came to the conclusion that if exercise really is a value in my life, I wouldn’t avoid it so much, especially because it helps people with Parkinson’s disease.

You can also discover your values by regularly reflecting on your daily life. I like to take a little time each day to review how I lived the last 24 hours. I ask myself questions about what I did or did not do, and how I spent my time and energy. Some of the following questions may help you in your own reflection:

Do I value friendship and relationships? Look at your life. Who are your true friends? Do you connect with them frequently? Will they stick by you in the good times and the bad? Are there people for whom you would do the same?

Do I value my faith? When did you last spend regular time with Jesus in prayer or go on a retreat?

Is family a value for me? When is the last time you really spent quality time with your family or wrote someone far away a letter or made a call?

The list goes on and on. What we really value in our lives must be translated into action.

It is in reflecting upon our actions and where we spend our time and energy, that we discover what we really value. You might be surprised.

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## Saint of the Week

### Ursula Ledochowska

1865-1939  
May 29



Born into a distinguished Polish family in Austria, Julia Maria entered an Ursuline convent in Poland at age 21, taking the name Maria Ursula of Jesus. She taught in a girls’ school for 20 years, and in 1907 went to St. Petersburg to supervise a new school. Expelled from Russia at the beginning of World War I, she spent the war in Sweden and returned to Poland in 1920. In 1923, she founded the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, known as Grey Ursulines. As the order expanded, the Vatican asked her to live in Rome, where she died. Grey Ursulines now minister in 12 countries. Ursula was canonized in 2003; her older sister, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledochowska, is also a foundress.

# The morality and wisdom of incremental legislation

People with strong pro-life, pro-family convictions will sometimes disagree among themselves about whether they should support a particular piece of legislation being debated in the halls of their state legislature or in Congress. Their disagreement will often center on whether it is morally permissible and politically prudent to support a bill that is a step in the right direction, but that still permits other objectionable practices. Is it good and wise to take an “incremental” approach to reversing an unjust law, confronting the offensive practices “piece by piece,” rather than all at once?

In general, when it is not feasible to push back an unjust law in its entirety (for example, when insufficient votes exist to overturn an unjust law), it can be morally acceptable for a lawmaker to support a piece of legislation that aims to lessen a portion of the evils or harmful effects of that standing unjust law.

The pro-life community in recent years has seen various divisions and fractures over this question.

For example, some have argued that since abortion is a grave evil, a Catholic lawmaker can never vote for a piece of legislation that allows for *any* abortions to occur. Thus, if a vote were being taken on a proposal that allowed abortions in cases of rape and incest but enacted new restrictions against abortion in many other situations, some take a hard line and insist the lawmaker could not morally support the legislation, but could vote only for a law that outlawed all abortions, in *every* situation.

Blessed John Paul II, however, in a well-known passage from his beautiful encyclical “On the Gospel of Life” (“*Evangelium Vitae*”), reminds us of the wisdom and

morality of supporting incremental legislation in certain circumstances:

“A particular problem of conscience can arise,” he noted, “in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed or ready to be voted on. Such cases are not infrequent. It is a fact that while in some parts of the world there continue to be campaigns to introduce laws favoring abortion, often supported by powerful international organizations, in other nations — particularly those which have already experienced the bitter fruits of such permissive legislation — there are growing signs of a rethinking in this matter. In a case like the one just mentioned, when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and public morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.”

Many commentators have observed how dramatic progress has occurred in changing public opinion on abortion in the United States in recent years because of this incremental approach: eliminating partial-birth and late-term abortions, establishing waiting periods, mandating ultrasounds, regulating abortion facilities and the like.

Incremental legislation may likewise be needed to respond to certain unethical practices regarding end of life care. In Texas, for example, the



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law allows a physician to unilaterally establish Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders for a patient, with no process for review or appeal, when the physician is convinced that resuscitation attempts for that patient would be futile. This means that even in the absence of a patient’s or family’s consent or even input, a doctor can decree a DNR order for that patient.

Because this practice has become accepted in Texas, and because stronger corrective legislation was judged unable to garner sufficient votes, the Texas Catholic Conference crafted a form of incremental legislation in 2013 to address this obviously unethical circumstance that violates a patient’s right to consent.

The proposed legislation seeks to assure that patients and their families receive written notice of their rights regarding DNR orders. It also requires hospitals to assign a liaison to work with the patient to provide clear and compassionate communication about their rights once a conflict between the doctor and the patient/family has been identified. It works out important details regarding ethics committee reviews to assure that appropriate medical judgments are applied to the case, and it establishes an expanded time-frame for hospital transfers in more complex situations of disagreement between the doctor and the patient or the family.

through other Marian devotions.

In some Central American countries, Mary has come under attack from evangelical leaders attempting to pry people away from the Catholic Church, said Father German Calix, country director of Caritas in Honduras.

But the devotion is hard to break because “she is in the consciousness of the people,” Father Calix said.

The consciousness is often expressed in informal ways, such as the “concheros,” the Aztec dancers present at various veneration of Mary in Mexico. The thinking of Catholic leaders toward these expressions of popular piety is changing.

“There are new approaches, new concessions toward popular religion by the Catholic Church,” Father Calix said.

“(It’s) not so much as something that is of lesser quality, rather another way of living the experience of faith,” he said.

Pope Francis, as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, always

supported expressions of popular piety, said Guillermo Galeano, spokesman for the Argentine Diocese of Lomas de Zamora. Many of those expressions centered on Our Lady of Lujan, the national patroness, who draws millions of Argentines to pilgrimages every October. “It’s something that fills a spot in the soul,” Galeano said of people’s popular piety. “Everyone lives their faith in different ways,” he added, explaining that most of the devotion is toward Mary. In neighboring Chile, the devotion is strong enough that “even some of the ‘evangelicos’ are devoted to her,” said Carolyn Bosse, a lay Maryknoll missionary in Chol Chol, Chile. “It seems to us that in most places, Mary has a strong connection to mother earth,” Bosse added. Popular religious devotion takes on some extreme forms. In Mexico, some residents of downtrodden areas and drug dealers venerate the skeletal-

Passing incremental legislation often represents the most sensible approach to dealing with poorly crafted or morally problematic pieces of legislation. In the absence of needed votes to overturn harmful legislation altogether, it is still possible to make significant progress in limiting the damage that these laws can do through the patient spadework of incremental legisla-

tion. This is done with an eye towards one day being able to rescind or abrogate the unjust law altogether.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Readings for May 26, 2013

Romans 5:1-5; John 16: 12-15

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JUSTIFIED	PEACE	LORD
GAINED	ACCESS	GRACE
WE STAND	BOAST	HOPE
GLORY OF GOD	PRODUCES	ENDURANCE
CHARACTER	POURED OUT	HEARTS
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and the Vatican. The visit also reinforced the role of Mary in the evangelization and modern life of Mexico and Latin America.

Pope Benedict XVI venerated Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre last year in Cuba, while Pope Francis plans a visit the shrine to Our Lady of Aparecida during his July trip to Brazil for World Youth Day.

Coll recalled the outpouring of devotion for Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of Cuba, during Pope Benedict’s visit, which marked the 400th anniversary of the image’s appearance. This devotion came despite decades of state-sponsored secularism in Cuba.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has stayed strong in Mexico, even with the Church being persecuted by anti-clerical governments after the Revolution

of 1910. Father Miguel Hidalgo, the priest leading the independence movement in 1810, marched with a banner bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is championed as a symbol of Mexican identity, even by non-Catholic Mexicans.

“We’re Guadalupanos,” former President Felipe Calderon said at the basilica in 2011.

While being “Guadalupanos,” many Mexicans also identify with other forms of Marian devotion, including Our Lady of Zapopan, patroness of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, and Our Lady of San Juan de Los Lagos, who is popular in western and northern Mexico.

“It’s a political thing,” Father Robert Coogan, an American priest in Saltillo, Mexico, said of the motivation for some Marian devotions in Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe is most popular in central parts of the country, Father Coogan said, while people in the provinces — places often resentful of the powerful national capital — express local pride

looking “Santa Muerte,” or “Death Saint,” which the Catholic Church condemns as blasphemous.

It’s an example of the “homemade religion” that spread through Mexico due to Church persecution of past years, which led to a shortage of priests and fomented forms of the Catholic faith being taught within families and without outside guidance, said Father Coogan.

He said focusing on Mary is natural within Mexico’s social structure, which separates elites from the “popular” classes, features little social mobility and has had “gestores” or middlemen act as intercessors between the people and their political leaders.

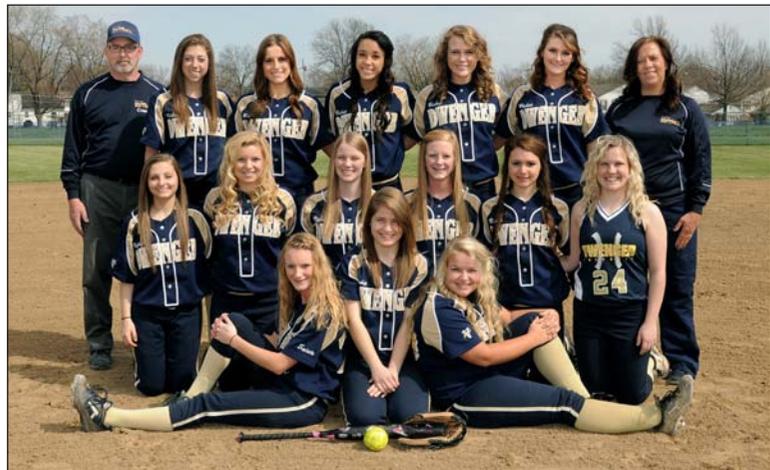
“In (this) structure, you get the less-important person to go to the person at the top,” Father Coogan said.

“God is unapproachable” in this context, he added. “Mary is more approachable.”

# Sports

**ST. JUDE EAGLES TAKE JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TITLE** Like spring sports across the diocese this year, the junior varsity Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer teams had a rain-shortened experience. But for the second consecutive season, the St. Jude Eagles boys' club went undefeated in CYO league play and won the CYO title as well. In the tournament, the combined group of fifth-and-sixth graders got by St. Charles 6 and St. Vincent 6 before facing St. Vincent 5 in the championship game. The Eagles beat the very tough Panthers by a score of 3-0.

## BISHOP DWENGER GIRLS' SOFTBALL TAKES SAC CHAMPIONSHIP



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The Bishop Dwenger High School girls' varsity softball team won the Summit Athletic Conference championship title. The team consists of the following: front row, from left, seniors Erica Miller, Sara Spaulding and Julie Bazur; second row, Emma Winkeljohn, Jordan Schneider, Madi Snyder, Amanda Miller, Sierra Fisher and Holly Weber; back row, Coach Dave Moyer, Kristina Burkhardt, Alli Dennie, Ali Irvine, Demitra Burns, Morgan Haney and Assistant Coach Jeannine Mellish. Assistant Coach Scott Burkhardt is not in the photo.

## St. Vincent girls win CYO softball championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent girls' softball team started working hard before the season even began by recruiting classmates so they would have enough players to fill a roster.

The Panthers listed just 10 names — six eighth graders and four seventh, but it was just the right combination of veterans and rookies to win a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship.

“Our brand new players really stepped up when we needed it most, both during the regular season and in the tournament, and our experienced players were excellent leaders taking them under their wing,” said a joyful Coach Karen Deverell. “The girls really got along well and had great team camaraderie. I can not stress how proud of them I am or be more happy with this special group.”

Deverell, who grew up in Florida playing the sport year



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The CYO softball championship winners were the St. Vincent de Paul Panthers of Fort Wayne. The team includes the following, from left to right, front Row: Katie Smith (eighth), Tori Cooper (seventh), Meghan Lapp (seventh), Winnie O'Brien (seventh), Brooke Herrmann (eighth); middle row, Amy Weilbaker (eighth), Amber Lancia (eighth) Katie Owens (eighth), Karsyn Kitchen (eighth), Emily Anglin (seventh), Coach Karen Deverell; and back row: Coach Cory Kitchen, Coach Julie Bennett, Coach Mark Lapp and Coach Laura Lancia.

round, surrounded herself with a great staff including Laura Lancia, Cory Kitchen, Mark Lapp and Julie Bennett, each of whom

covered different aspects of the game with the girls.

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## ST. AUGUSTINE HOSTS BRUNCH, VOLLEYBALL GAME



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St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, kicked off Mother's Day weekend with a 11 a.m. brunch at the church and its first annual parish “Girls vs. Ladies” volleyball game held Saturday, May 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center. The girls of St. Augustine Youth Ministry challenged the women to the volleyball game months ago and did much of the organizing under the guidance of Assistant Youth Minister Annie Tardy. In the first match, the girls' “Angels” team was swept by the “Senior Spikers” women's team. The game ended in a tie with the Angels storming back to win the second match.

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"This championship was a huge team effort," she insisted.

And the Panthers had some very talented players ranging in all levels of abilities from pitching ace Amber Lancia, who has been playing softball since she was eight years old, to newcomers like Katie Smith and Amy Wielbaker.

Lancia can throw over 50 miles per hour, and both Smith and Wielbaker stepped up and hit the ball when the Panthers needed runs, not to mention Smith always backing up first base from her right field position.

Then there was Brooke Hermann, who laid down a beautiful bunt to score Winnie O'Brien for the game-winning

run in the bottom of the sixth inning in the opening game of the tournament.

Other key players in the infield were second baseman Katie Owens, along with Meghan Lapp at first base who came through over and over in clutch situations. Finally, the roster was completed by Tori Cooper, who became the team's biggest cheerleader from the dugout with an injury early in the tournament.

"It was amazing to see each and every girl's growth during the season," explained Deverell.

During the regular season, the team struggled to get games in due to the rainy weather and wet field conditions. Then when they could play games, key players had conflicts with track meets. Thus, the team finished, 3-2, with losses to St. Mary-St. Joseph and Queen of Angels.

Deverell was sure to mention the solid play of back-up pitcher and shortstop, Karsyn Kitchen.

"She was always there for me giving strength and leadership to the team," Deverell said. Also vital to the team chemistry was its traffic director, seventh-grade catcher, Emily Anglin, who had 11 hits, including two doubles, during the post season run.

After squeaking by Queen of Angels, 5-4, in the opener, the Panthers beat St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth in the semifinals before downing a very tough, young team from St. Charles for the title. This was the first for the Panthers since they won back to back in 2006 and 2007.

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## 'Big Hearted' stories inspire families

BY KAY COZAD

"Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories From Everyday Families" by Theresa Thomas and Patti Maguire is the second effort of this dynamic duo to bring remarkable stories of love and generosity from around the country into the light.

"Big Hearted" is a touching text that looks at the lives of ordinary families with generous hearts. The pages provide a glimpse into the struggles and joys of these courageous families that readers will find relatable and encouraging.

Theresa Thomas is the mother of nine children ages 25 to eight and a graduate of Saint Mary's College. She is a family columnist for *Today's Catholic* newspaper. Patti Armstrong is mother of 10, including two adopted teens from Africa and is the author of a number of best-selling Catholic books. Their first collaborative effort, "Stories from the Homeschool Heart" (2010) earned About.com's "Best Catholic Book" of the year.

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Look for "Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories From Everyday Families" at Amazon.com, Scepter Publishers at sceptorpublishers.org and in bookstores.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**WHAT'S HAPPENING** carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

## Germanfest at St. Peter's

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will open Germanfest with a German Mass, celebrated by Father Charles Herman. The Mannerchor and Dammenchor under the direction of Greg Vey will provide the German Music. After Mass a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverage will be served in the pavilion. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free. George Berger and his accordion will provide music during the dinner.

## Daughters of Isabella honored

South Bend — Daughters of Isabella Notre Dame Circle 572 will honor all 25- and 50- year members with a luncheon meeting on Monday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd.

## Thrift store volunteers needed

Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center is opening a Thrift Store at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd. Volunteers are needed to help with the store.

All of the proceeds will support the mission of serving the community. Call (260) 744-3977 or contact@thefranciscancenter.org for information.

## Fun Fest 2013

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will celebrate Fun Fest May 31 and June 1. On Friday a fish dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m. and a beer tent until 10 p.m. All age karaoke will be from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday family fun is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. BBQ dinner served from 4-7:30 p.m. Beer tent from 6-11 p.m. with the Freak Brothers.

## Rummage sale planned

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish Rosary Society will have a rummage sale on Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym at 217 W. 3rd St. Concessions will be available.

## Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 7, from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

## Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Tom is pastor of St. Jude, Fort Wayne.

## Vacation Bible School

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, 319 E. Diamond St., will offer Vacation Bible School, Kingdom Rock, June 3-7. Open to children 4-14 years of age and will be from 6-8 p.m. each day. Call (260) 347-4045 for information.

## Father Dan Durkin to celebrate jubilee

Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish, 2929 E. Paulding Rd., will celebrate the 40th jubilee of Father Dan Durkin on Sunday, June 2, at a 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception at the St. Henry Parish Center. R.S.V.P. by May 27 to (260) 447-4100 or e-mail revdan-durkin@frontier.com.

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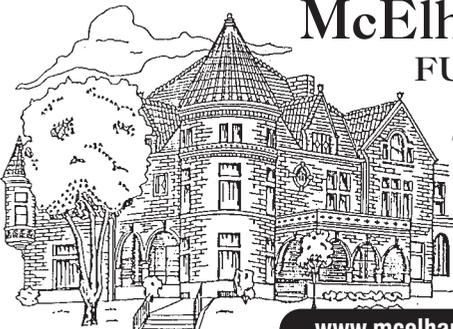
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Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and résumé with references to: Saint Joseph Parish, 226 N. Hill Street, South Bend, IN 46617. Visit [www.stjoeparish.com](http://www.stjoeparish.com) for more information and for complete position descriptions.

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# BLESSING

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church building followed during the 1950s, although it was not intended to be a permanent location. Discussions took place off and on over the next three decades about building a new church or renovating the current structure. Under Bishop Rhoades those plans have come to fruition.

"That was certainly a factor we had to overcome," said Joel Hoff, co-chairman of the project's capital campaign. "People's initial reaction was, 'You've said this before.'"

Now, however, concrete has been poured and the walls of an addition to the school stand tall.

Because those previous plans and the long wait for a new or improved church and school building came up frequently when church leadership approached members about the renovations, the project came to be called "Our Time to Build."

"Now the time has come. It's our time to pray, and our time to build," Hoff elaborated. Of great assistance was Father John Delaney, the parish's shepherd since 2006. "He's done this before, helped parishes do major renovations. That helped quite a bit," said Hank Groot, project co-chairman.

In addition to miscellaneous repairs, an HVAC system original to the church and school will be updated; the flat roof of the school will be re-sloped to channel water and an elevator will be installed in the church. A main-floor narthex and outdoor plaza added to the church will provide gathering space that is close to nonexistent in the current configuration. School and parish offices will be moved and renovated to provide a single and convenient point of entrance and to free up additional instructional space. At the encouragement of the St. Jude's School Board, an addition to the school will also allow the

K-8 institution to add a preschool education program and to move the kindergarten classroom to a more practical location.

The most striking improvement may be the impression the parish gives to those who approach the church from Johnson Road. A driveway, used mainly for the school, will be widened and extended past the school addition and include a half-circle drive where parishioners can be dropped off for church.

According to Father Delaney, St. Jude's bell tower will be moved and increased in height to accommodate not one, but three bells. One of the "new" bells hails from the St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, having been put into storage in 2007 after the faith community was merged into St. Jude.

Longtime parishioner Helen Orisich, however, said she had mainly been concerned about a large mosaic, which, several decades ago, she and others had hand-pieced to an outside wall of the church. "You bet they're going to save that. It'll stay. It has to," she said. "My initials are on it."

A three-year capital campaign to fund Our Time to Build initiated in September 2012. Parishioners have thus far contributed about 90 percent of the \$3.9 million goal, exceeding what Hoff and Groot expected. "Once they realized this was really going to happen, they were generous even beyond our expectations," Hoff said.

Phase III of the plan relies on parishioners continuing to be generous, however. A new school gymnasium/parish center has been relegated to the final phase of the project, pending additional donations. A call also went out in April to parishioners who may wish to sponsor specialty items that are desired as part of the renovations.

The school addition and renovations will be ready for use in the fall of 2013-14, with the church not far behind.

# Missio app launched by Pope Francis has diocesan tie

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — With the touch of a button May 17, Pope Francis joined forces with a small mobile app company from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to make history and help spread the Gospel even further in the digital age.

After a few anxious moments, the first-ever papal launch of a mobile app took place as Pope Francis opened Missio, a free app that brings the latest Catholic news and video from around the world to iPhone, iPad and Android mobile devices. Scheduled to happen between 4 and 6 a.m. EST, the two-hour window came and went. Then at 7:09 a.m., the screen flickered to life.

"We were just relieved that everything worked!" grinned Chip Leinen, one of the founders of Little i Apps, all of whom were anticipating Friday's launch. "We had to build this very, very quickly and we were nervous about whether everything would be working, and we're just thankful that it did!"

Leinen, a parishioner at Christ the King in South Bend, says the ancient architecture of the Vatican presented some technological concerns, but the app, first blessed by Pope Francis, was launched without a hitch.

"Missio," which is Latin for "mission," was developed at the request of and in conjunction with the Pontifical Mission Societies, based in New York City. National Director Father Andrew Small approached Little i Apps a few months ago with the idea. Development sped up significantly two weeks ago when Father Small announced the pope's interest in launching the app himself.

"We've been putting in 14-hour days for the last week-and-a-half," admits Leinen, who makes up the Little i Apps team along with his brother, Patrick Leinen and friend Ryan Kreager, both parishioners of St. Pius X in Granger.

Missio provides daily news reports and videos from the Vatican's news service — Vatican.va — and international news agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies (FIDES) along with streaming video from Catholic News Service and Vatican News Agency. Users will have the latest global Catholic news at their fingertips along with the ability to share articles and videos on other social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

"The most rewarding part of our work is seeing our clients flourish," says Kreager. "The Pontifical Mission Societies are a great example. These guys are the real deal — they run thousands of clinics, orphanages and



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**Pope Francis launches the smartphone app Missio during an audience with national directors of pontifical mission societies May 17 at the Vatican. Holding the iPad for the pope is Oblate Father Andrew Small, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. The free app features homilies from Pope Francis as well as Catholic news from the Vatican's missionary news agency and other providers.**

schools all over the world. They are living out the call to preach the Gospel, and they do it through their actions. Even this app is part of their mission. Computers are expensive in developing nations, but smartphones are becoming more common; the app is mindful of this need. The most rewarding part of what we do is getting to be a small part of the great work our clients do."

Missio provides a variety of news services in eight languages: English, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Arabic and Chinese.

The unveiling of Missio came on the heels of World Communications Day as the Catholic Church reflects on the former pontiff, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's invitation to Catholics to make better use of social media in sharing the Gospel. The Pope Emeritus, who opened the first papal Twitter account, challenged the Church to think about social networking sites as "new spaces for evangelization."

Pope Francis offers Catholics a new opportunity with the launch of Missio to reflect on ways their mobile devices can also be used as spaces for evangelization.

"I think the best feature of this app is the video," says Kreager. "Catholic News Service and Vatican News videos produce a huge amount of high-quality videos about the Catholic Church all over the world, and especially related to the pope. Unfortunately, the videos were embedded in their mobile-

unfriendly websites or buried in YouTube RSS feeds. The Missio app brings some amazing video right to your pocket."

Little i Apps is no stranger to drawing connections between digital and sacred spaces. In 2011, they developed and launched, Confession: A Roman Catholic App, which triggered an international response to how individuals could properly make use of digital tools to aid their spiritual lives.

"We are excited and honored to have been selected to develop the first app launched by a pope," adds Patrick Leinen. "Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades has always been supportive and kind to our work, and it's nice to know the Vatican has taken something from this diocese and shared it with the world."

A few more Catholic projects are in the works, including apps for the Knights of Columbus and Augustine Institute. Leinen says they will also work on some commercial projects for secular clients, then create more Catholic apps.

**Missio is available for free** at the iTunes App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit Little i Apps online at [www.littleiapps.com](http://www.littleiapps.com) or contact Patrick Leinen, developer and cofounder, at [marketing@littleiapps.com](mailto:marketing@littleiapps.com) or call (574) 307-0853. To learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies visit their website at [www.onefamilyinmission.org](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org).



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