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Bishop ordains Christopher Lapp to the Holy Priesthood

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD



JOE ROMIE

During the Litany of Supplication of the Mass of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, Christopher Lapp lays prostrate on the floor of the sanctuary of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on June 1, as the prayers of the saints are invoked.

FORT WAYNE — “God has called our brother Christopher to the Priesthood, the Priesthood of His Son. And for this we rejoice today.” Those were the words of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he began his homily at the Mass of Ordination of Christopher Raymond Lapp to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 1, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne.

More photos are available in the photo gallery. Visit diocesefwsb.org



Priests and deacons from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, visiting priests and deacons from other dioceses and religious communities as well as faculty and staff of the Pontifical College Josephinum in

Columbus, Ohio, where Deacon Lapp attended seminary, were present for the regal celebration of the sacrament.

Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the diocesan Office of Vocations and pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, formally presented candidate Lapp for the Priesthood and his readiness was affirmed.

“God enters Chris’ life in a new way today through the sacrament of priestly ordination,” Bishop Rhoades noted in the homily. “Through priestly Ordination, this man, our brother, will be inserted into the life and mission of Christ,

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Eucharist nourishes, sustains and should transform people, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — In the Eucharist, Jesus makes Himself the food that nourishes and sustains Catholics, even when the road gets rough, Pope Francis said before leading a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Rome.

Mass and participation in Corpus Christi processions are times for Catholics to reflect on how they follow Jesus and, particularly, what the Eucharist means to them, the pope said at Mass May 30 to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The pope encouraged Catholics to ask themselves: Is the Eucharist a “moment of true communion with the Lord, but also with my many brothers and sisters who share at this same altar?” and “Adoring Christ truly present in the Eucharist, do I allow myself to be transformed by Him?”

The pope celebrated the Mass outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran, then — on foot — joined a candlelight Corpus Christi procession from St. John’s to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, just over a mile away.

The monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament was carried on the truck that Blessed John Paul II began using in 1994 when he could no longer walk the full mile. Pope Benedict XVI participated in the procession each year, riding in the truck, kneeling before the Eucharist.

“Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following Him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we ‘possess,’ but a gift to Him and to others,” Pope Francis said in his homily at Mass.

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Pope Francis holds a monstrance during the observance of the feast of Corpus Christi at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome May 30.

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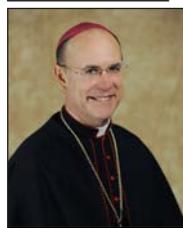
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Boy Scouts



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I have received a number of inquiries about the recently approved resolution of the Boy Scouts of America which states the following: "No youth may be denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone." Scouts, Scout leaders and parents, and others have asked me my position on this change and whether or not our parishes will be allowed to continue sponsoring Boy Scout troops.

When it comes to our young people, we must be ever vigilant in their Christian moral formation and upbringing. This is a responsibility primarily of parents. It is also a responsibility of the Church, our teachers, and our youth leaders. We are responsible for their training in virtue, including the virtue of chastity.

If a young person is experiencing same-sex attraction, we must reach out to him/her with love and support, and help him/her not to feel isolated or alienated. Such young people need special encouragement and guidance so they are not drawn into an immoral lifestyle. They need family support, good friendships and a strong spiritual life in order to live a healthy, chaste, and holy life. Most importantly, they, like all of us, need the support of the Church's sacraments, which heal, strengthen, and enable us to live the demands of the Gospel.

The Church teaches that men and women who have homosexual inclinations "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (CCC 2358). The Church also teaches that "homosexual persons are called to chastity" (CCC 2359).

The Boy Scouts of America has publicly stated that any sexual conduct, whether homosexual or heterosexual, by youth of Scouting age is contrary to the virtues of Scouting.

The change in the Boy Scouts' membership standard, in itself, does not seem to me to be in conflict with Catholic teaching. However, what is critical is the way in which it is understood and implemented. While the Church teaches that homosexual acts are sinful, it distinguishes between engaging in homosexual acts and strug-



CNS PHOTO/MIKE CRUPI, CATHOLIC COURIER

Boy Scouts serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during a Catholic Scouting recognition Mass in 2010 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, N.Y. The Boy Scouts of America voted May 23 and approved a resolution that states, "No youth may be denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone."

gling with homosexual inclinations. The experience of same-sex attraction, having a homosexual tendency, while disordered, is not in itself sinful. Regardless, every human person is called to live chastely; this is true regardless of sexual inclinations or attractions.

The way many in the media, both secular media and some Catholic media, have reported the change in the Boy Scouts policy has been confusing. For example, many have reported that the Boy Scouts are now accepting "openly gay scouts." Nowhere have I seen that language used by the Boy Scouts of America. The language, as quoted above, mentions non-denial of membership based on sexual orientation. The use of the term "openly gay scouts" gives the impression of a scout who embraces the experience of same-sex attraction as if it defined his identity and who promotes a gay lifestyle. I don't think that is what the resolution means.

As the new policy currently stands, I see no reason to prohibit our parishes from sponsoring Boy Scout troops. At the same time, it is critical that we be vigilant on how this new policy is interpreted and implemented.

It is important also that persons with a homosexual inclination know that the Church is here to help and support them in living as chaste disciples of Jesus, and not feel alienated from the Church. That is why our diocese has Courage chapters in both Fort Wayne and South Bend.

There are active Catholics in our diocese who experience same-sex attraction and live in accord with Church teaching. They are bearing witness to Christ and living their faith in the midst of a culture that is telling them to forsake the teachings of the Church and to act on their homosexual temptations. But they strive to live in chastity and have embraced the call to holiness. With the help of God's grace, they are living good and holy lives.

I hope that the new Boy Scouts policy does not lead to encouraging young people to define themselves primarily in terms of their sexual inclination. Our young people should be taught to define themselves primarily in terms of their identity as beloved children of God, created in His image and likeness. Our fundamental orientation is toward God, and is not reducible to sexual inclinations, however powerful they may seem. They should also see themselves as beloved members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting is cooperating with the Bishops of the United States and relates to the USCCB through a Bishop Liaison, Bishop Robert Guglielmo. They will be studying the details of the application of this new resolution of the Boy Scouts of America over the coming months. The membership resolution is scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2014. The NCCS and Bishop Guglielmo will keep the Bishops informed on this matter.

Fiesta celebrates Hispanic Ministry plan at Our Lady of Guadalupe

WARSAW — The promulgation of the diocesan Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry will be celebrated at a fiesta on Saturday, June 8, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw. This five-year plan by the Diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministry is in collaboration with 13 parishes serving the Hispanic community at the request of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Planning began two years ago through multi-parish efforts, including pastors, laity, the Hispanic Ministry Director Enid Roman de

Jesús, other diocesan departments and Bishop Rhoades.

Meetings at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Warsaw were held to participate in surveys based on five USCCB points of interest to be strengthened throughout the U.S. Roman Catholic parishes.

The Hispanic Ministry Pastoral Plan is the first diocesan plan created for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Bishop Rhoades has encouraged other diocesan departments to prepare plans in the future based on this model.

The fiesta begins at 9 a.m. with Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction by Bishop Rhoades at 10:30 a.m., with Mass to follow at 11 a.m.

An estimated 10-12 priests will concelebrate the Mass on the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and will have a Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart during the Mass. An apostolic blessing, plenary indulgence will also be a part of this celebration offered by Bishop Rhoades.

Following the Mass, there will be a fiesta where all are invited to bring blankets and picnic lunches, though food to purchase will be available. Inflatables will be on site for the children, along with face art and plenty of space to play. Music, multi-choir competitions and professional dancers will perform throughout the day.

Lourdes E. Silva, associate director of the Hispanic Ministry Office, contributed to this article.

Sacred Heart Parish embarks on Marian consecration

BY KAY COZAD

WARSAW — A group of Sacred Heart parishioners in Warsaw will gather on June 8 to hold a Marian consecration at their church, which marks the culmination of an exciting new six-week small-group retreat venture offered by Lighthouse Catholic Media, distributor of Catholic CDs, books, prayer cards and more in kiosks in churches across the nation.

"33 Days to Morning Glory" is a parish-based consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, based on Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) Father Michael Gaitley's book of the same title. The program is phase one of a three-part evangelization initiative launched in 2012 called Hearts Afire, "a small-group, parish-based, faith renewal program inspired by Blessed John Paul II's call to a New Evangelization."

There is a fee of \$33 for the retreat materials and the proceeds go to help the Marians of the Immaculate Conception seminarian formation.

"33 Days to Morning Glory" offers a remarkable 33-day journey to consecration to Jesus through Mary with the inspiration of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Blessed Pope John Paul

II. The "33 Days to Morning Glory" book summarizes these spiritual leaders' teachings, and with the companion DVD presentation by Father Gaitley and group discussion participants are inspired to live their faith more fully in everyday situations.

Ida List, youth minister at Sacred Heart Parish and coordinator of the retreat program there, says, "The purpose of this retreat is to lead us to formally entrust ourselves to Mary. One can do the 33-day consecration on their own. However, the idea with this model, is to bring together groups within a parish to share their journey of reading, pondering what they have read, sharing it in a small group situation and then watching a short video on the particular saint or blessed whose work they had just read about. It is a wonderful parish-based program for the New Evangelization."

The group of 17 Sacred Heart parishioners began their weekly 90-minute meetings on May 8 at Sacred Heart Church where pastor Father Phil DeVolder approved the retreat, blessing the groups' rosaries and Miraculous Medals.

List sees the program as an inspired opportunity for community growth with the diversity of the people who join. "We have a mixture of men and women, which range in age from 24 to 77," she says, adding, "Many of us are CRHP grads so this has been a great way to continue to grow in faith together! Also as many as possible gather at the first

Saturday Mass and then stay to pray a rosary cenacle, sometimes followed by brunch. We are also working on a "field trip" to the Passion of Christ at St. John, Ind., the end of June."

The diverse group at Sacred Heart will have another opportunity to grow more fully in entrusting themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Blessed Mother by moving on to the second phase of the program called "Consoling the Heart of Jesus," a 10-week retreat on Divine Mercy. But for now they are excited to be attending the Mass on June 8 to read the Consecration Prayer as a group. Father DeVolder will offer a special blessing for the group and sign their certificates after Mass.

Two more "33 Days to Morning Glory" retreats are already in the planning stages at Sacred Heart. The first will begin July 13 with the consecration date of Aug. 15. The second begins in November.

As coordinator at Sacred Heart Church, List is willing to assist other parishes engage in this program. She says, "Lighthouse Catholic Media has joined a partnership with the MIC's to help promote this Consecration to Jesus through Mary. I am what they call the Servant Leader for this area and am happy to field questions or help other groups get started. Lighthouse is offering some additional free items when groups order through us. The program can be done in a home setting depending on the size of the group."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, June 9 to Friday, June 14 — Spring Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, San Diego, Calif.
- Saturday, June 15, 5 p.m. — Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend

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

- St. Patrick Church, 807 Tyler St., Walkerton, will host Adoration from 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, for Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Patrick Church, 309 S. Taylor, South Bend, will have a holy hour on Friday, June 7, from 12:45-3 p.m.
- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, will host prayer and Adoration on Wednesday, June 26. Exposition and Adoration from 5-7 p.m.; private and individual Adoration from 5-6 p.m.; public and community prayers for life, marriage and religious freedom from 6-7 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 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 an hour and a half (3:30 -5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

State legislators organizing to respond to religious freedom challenges

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — State legislatures, rather than the federal courts, are becoming the new battlegrounds over religious freedom, two state legislators acknowledged at the 2013 National Religious Freedom Conference.

Citing examples of legislative proposals and the introduction of rules governing state-funded programs and schools, Oklahoma State Rep. Rebecca Hamilton, a Democrat, and Idaho State Sen. Curt McKenzie, a Republican, said they believe such efforts are intended to remove any religious influence from public life.

Hamilton, who identified herself as a pro-life Catholic, told the 150 people at the conference that she has been told by at least one constituent to "go to church all you want but leave it there."

"The arrogance of telling me to ignore my religious beliefs ... is a result of the ethos of the culture in which we live, in which it's OK to attack people because of their faith," Hamilton said.

"We've reached the point in this country that bashing people because of their faith is accepted, it is tolerated. You can get re-elected doing it. You can have big ratings on your television show doing it," Hamilton said.



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State Rep. Rebecca Hamilton of Oklahoma attends the 2013 National Religious Freedom Conference in Washington May 30. Hamilton, a pro-life Democrat and Catholic, was among panelists at the conference discussing challenges to religious freedom in the country.

In response, legislators in some states have formed religious freedom caucuses, small groups of legislators committed to blocking attempts to limit religious practice.

Tim Schulz, state legislative policy director for the American Religious Freedom Program at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, said nine state caucuses have been formed in the last year. He told the conference similar caucuses are being formed in nine other states.

McKenzie, who spearheaded the formation of the Idaho caucus in 2012, said the group has helped protect religious freedom through the passage of a law allowing students at public universities to follow their own consciences and faith standards in forming groups and selecting their own leaders. Similar legislation has made its way to other states, he said.

"Don't underestimate the ability of this program to influence policy at the state level," McKenzie said.

"Legislators find input from you as sought leaders invaluable."

Jennifer Kraska, executive director of the Colorado Catholic Conference, expressed concern over what she described as "outright hostility" toward religious belief that emerged at times in debates in the Colorado Legislature.

She called for a broad-based effort to educate people about the threats to religious freedom that have emerged nationwide.

"I am hopeful that in Colorado we will someday soon put an end to these senseless attacks on religious liberty," Kraska said. "I know for the vast amount of people in Colorado, the issue of religious liberty is not a partisan issue. Rather it is a constitutional value that must be protected and cherished."

A round-table of six religious leaders of different faiths also explored concerns about limits on religious freedom, with several speakers addressing the importance of reaching out to young adults at a time when religious practice among members of that age group is declining.

"Young people in the 20 to 40 (year-old) demographic don't understand our concerns," said the Rev. Eugene F. Rivers III, senior policy adviser to the presiding bishop of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ. "We're using an eight-track

tape in an iPad world."

Rabbi Abba Cohen, director of the Washington office of Agudath Israel for America, urged the audience to challenge derisive comments about religion and religious practice.

"This indeed creates a more secular society," he said. "This leads to the creation of a poison atmosphere in society to weaken laws protecting religious freedom."

Speakers also raised concerns that discrimination against people of faith has increased in workplaces and schools and within government. Among examples cited were a business that restricts someone wearing a turban or a hijab from having public contact with customers, bullying of students representing a minority faith and rules that require men and women wanting to obtain a driver's license or photo identification to uncover their hair in violation religious practice.

Amardeep Singh, director of programs with the Sikh Coalition, a Sikh civil rights organization, said that because such practices are growing, people of faith must stand together to defend one another. He also called for tolerance not just among people faith but in wider society.

"If we're going to ask society to accept our differences, we're going to have to accept secular differences as well," Singh said.

Six women profess initial vows as Sisters of the Holy Cross

NOTRE DAME — Six women from Africa and Asia made their initial profession of vows as Sisters of the Holy Cross on May 27 in a simple ceremony in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame. Holy Cross Sister Joan Marie Steadman, president of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, received their vows.

Those professing initial vows are Sisters Semerita Mbambu and Rose Kyomukama, both from Uganda; Sister Jane Aluku Masangir from Kenya; Sister Roynne Josephine Costa from Bangladesh; and Sisters Bijoycy Thongnibah and Khochem Mossang, both from India. Each sister is returning to her home area, where she will live with Sisters of the Holy Cross in community and will serve those in need through her ministry.

This group of sisters spent the last two years at the International Novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, getting to know God, their community and themselves better. The novitiate helps prepare new members for living and serving in international communities. It also assists in understanding the dynamics of a congregation that is richly diverse in age, culture and ministry.

"The Sisters of the Holy Cross live and serve on four continents in eight countries, so having a common novitiate reflects the reality of our internationality," said Sister Joan Marie. "Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross congregations, envisioned sisters, brothers and priests living and ministering in countries and cultures throughout the world, sharing Christ's love and compassion for all people."

"Joining a community of sisters is a process," explained



PHOTO BY SISTER MARGARET ANN NOWACKI, CSC

Six women from Africa and Asia made initial profession of vows as Sisters of the Holy Cross on May 27. From left are Sisters Semerita Mbambu, Jane Aluku Masangir, Rose Kyomukama, Roynne Josephine Costa, Bijoycy Thongnibah and Khochem Mossang.

Holy Cross Sister Mary Tiernan, novice director. "The interested person spends time with a vocation director including, when possible, visits to other sisters in the community as she tries to discern whether God might be calling her to religious life. If the answer is yes, she applies to a congregation where she continues to test out her call as a candidate. If she continues to feel a call and is accepted by the congregation, her next step is to become a novice."

The two-year novitiate experience includes reading and reflecting on spirituality, prayer and community history, as well as participating in faith formation (Scripture, doctrine, sacraments). Novices spend time in personal prayer and spiritual direction, provide liturgical ministry at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto and visit the congregation's senior sisters. They form community together, taking turns

planning and leading community prayer, cooking meals and leading community meetings.

In addition to their studies, they spend time acclimating to the area and culture, and give service to the local community. Finally, the novices take part in an intercommunity novitiate with several other congregations held once a week in Chicago. A three-month mission experience helps to integrate religious practices in an active ministry reality.

After making initial vows at the end of their novitiate experience, the sisters live and minister under these temporary vows for five years before making a final commitment through their perpetual vows.

To learn more about life as a Sister of the Holy Cross, visit www.cscsisters.org

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account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the pope said gathering around Jesus, listening to His word and being nourished by Him transforms the multitude of anonymous individuals into a community of faith where people share who they are and what they have.

The same dynamic should be at work today when Catholics gather at Mass to listen to the Gospel and be nourished by the body and blood of Jesus, he said.

"The Eucharist is the sacrament of the communion that takes us out of our individualism so that together we live our discipleship, our faith in Him," Pope Francis said.

The pope said he is "always struck" by the disciples asking Jesus to send the crowd away to find food and lodging and Jesus telling him,

"Give them some food yourselves."

"In the face of the crowd's needs, this is the disciples' solution: Everyone takes care of himself; dismiss the crowd," the pope said. "Many times we Christians have that same temptation; we don't take on the needs of others, but dismiss them with a compassionate 'May God help you' or a not-so-compassionate 'Good luck.'"

Jesus' solution, though, was to ask God's blessing on the little food available, then to have the disciples share it with crowd, he said.

"It is a moment of profound communion: the crowd quenched by the word of the Lord is now nourished by His bread of life, and all had their fill."

What Jesus encouraged the disciples to do was an act of "solidarity," he said, which is nothing other than "placing at God's disposal what little we have, our humble abilities, because only in sharing and in giving will our lives be fruitful."

In the Eucharist, the pope said, Catholics experience the "solidarity

of God," a solidarity that can never be exhausted and should never stop causing awe.

"Once again this evening, Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, shares our journey and, in fact, makes Himself the food that sustains our lives, even when the road gets rough and obstacles slow our steps," Pope Francis said.

At the same time, he said, in receiving the Eucharist faithfully "the Lord leads us to follow His path — that of service, sharing and giving; and that little that we have, the little that we are, if shared, becomes a treasure because the power of God, who is love, descends to our poverty and transforms it."

Religious liberty attacked in Iraq

Christian Community in Iraq — struggling to survive

Sunday evening Mass had just started at Our Lady of Salvation Catholic Cathedral on Oct. 31, 2010 when explosions were heard nearby. One priest began shepherding parishioners into a fortified back room, but heavily armed suicide bombers entered the church and barricaded the doors. Another priest approached the attackers and begged them to spare the worshippers. He was shot and died with a crucifix in his hand. The attackers began shooting randomly as they rounded up parishioners remaining in the church and held them hostage. They tried to break into the fortified room where 60 people were huddled and when unsuccessful, threw grenades in through a window.

Several hours later Iraqi security forces stormed the church to free the hostages as the attackers exploded their suicide vests. In the end, 58 hostages, including two priests, a three-month-old child, and police were killed, and 75 were wounded. The walls of the church were scarred with bullets and blood. An al-Qaeda affiliated group claimed responsibility.

This horrific attack was roundly denounced by many, including Iraqi Muslim leaders. Pope Benedict XVI expressed profound sorrow "at this absurd violence, which is even more savage because it struck defenseless people, gathered in God's house, which is a house of love and reconciliation."

Unfortunately, this attack was not the only attack against Christians in Iraq, even though it remains memorable due to the scale of the carnage. Christians, who used to number about 1.4 million in Iraq before 2003, have often been targeted by extremists, some of whom are allied with political parties seeking to gain advantage. In an unstable political environment, Christians are



CNS PHOTO/SAAD SHALASH, REUTERS

An Iraqi woman prays during a 2011 Christmas Mass at St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church in Baghdad. During a Sept. 24 event in Rome, Iraq's ambassador to the Vatican, Habbeeb Mohammed Hadi Ali Sadr, urged Arab nations to support the presence of Christians within their own borders and abroad.

viewed as "soft targets" since they do not have their own militias.

Systematic kidnappings, even of priests and bishops for ransom, and killings have caused thousands of Christians to flee their homes, either going abroad or being displaced internally, trying to find safe haven. Safety is hard to find. Some Iraqi Christians have been displaced numerous times and are running out of resources.

The number of Christians in Iraq is now estimated to be about 400,000, and at one level their future appears bleak, but in March 2013 a new Chaldean Catholic Patriarch, Louis Raphael I Sako, was enthroned. He implored his flock: "Do not isolate yourselves and do not emigrate. Whatever the pressures you are under, this is your land and the contribution you can give does not depend on your number but on your attitude."

Bishop Richard E. Pates, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, represented USCCB at the Patriarchal event in Baghdad. He reported that in a sign of support for the Christians of Iraq, high-ranking public officials, including both the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the Parliament, a Shia and a Sunni Muslim respectively, attended the Patriarch's installation.

The ancient Church in Iraq is struggling to survive and to flourish again. The Christians who remain, and the brave priests and sisters who serve them, are striving to build a new Iraq that includes space for the historic Christian community to participate in what has traditionally been a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society. Fostering religious freedom will strengthen the rule of law and the protection of human rights for all Iraqis.

JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2013



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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, From Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fortnight For Freedom planned June 21 through July 4

Masses are scheduled in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

On Saturday, June 22, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the Fortnight for Freedom in the diocese with a Mass celebrated at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He will conclude the fortnight with a Mass, Thursday, July 4, at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

The faithful are also encouraged to participate in Masses and special observances at parishes throughout the diocese.

The Franciscan Brothers Minor will host Fortnight for Freedom rallies July 1 and 2 on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, beginning at 7 p.m. each night with music, a speaker and a rosary procession at 8 p.m. to the Allen County Courthouse. The themes for the speakers will be: "Staying Faithful" on July 1 with Franciscan Father David Mary Engo as speaker; "Medical Moral Dilemmas for Catholic Doctors" with speaker Dr. Thomas McGovern, president of the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana on July 2.

Religious freedom and marriage

Redefining marriage and the threat to religious liberty

Pope Benedict XVI taught: "Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself." — "Sacramentum Caritatis," 29. As the following examples illustrate, efforts to redefine marriage are harming our religious liberties.

- Maine (December 2012) — The State of Maine has informed all notaries public (approximately 25,000) — including clergy — that regardless of religious objections, they must "wed" same-sex "couples," if they wed opposite-sex couples. Otherwise, these notaries could be subject to a claim of dis-

crimination. In the words of one notary: "I'm a Catholic and under no circumstances would I do a same-sex marriage." He added, "I'm concerned that if I refused to perform a same-sex marriage, I could be challenged legally."

- Maryland (December 2012) — A small business owner has had to terminate the wedding portion of his business or face lawsuits for not servicing same-sex "weddings." This small business owner anticipates now losing approximately \$50,000 in revenue annually.

- New York (September 2012) — A same-sex "couple" is suing a restaurant for cancelling their rehearsal dinner and the catering of their "wedding" because the restaurant manager allegedly does not want to participate in "gay weddings." The restaurant manager allegedly cancelled the business arrangement for spiritual reasons.

- Vermont (August 2012) — For



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A political sign against Maryland's same-sex marriage initiative is seen outside St. Joseph Church in Largo, Md., Nov. 3, 2012. Voters in Maryland and Maine approved gay marriage in their states.

allegedly not hosting a "wedding" reception for a same-sex "couple." Catholic owners of a bed and breakfast settled a discrimination lawsuit, requiring them to (1) pay a \$10,000 civil penalty, (2) pay \$20,000 to a charitable trust, and (3) not host wedding receptions of any kind. Upon settling the lawsuit, the owners of the bed and breakfast said, "But no one can force us to abandon our deeply held beliefs about marriage."

- New Jersey (October 2012) — The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights found that a Methodist organization violated a public accommodations law by not allowing a same-sex civil union ceremony at its boardwalk pavilion.

- New Mexico (May 2012) — The owners of a photography studio would not take the pictures of a same-sex "commitment ceremony" because they did not want to participate in behavior contrary to

their religious beliefs. In May 2012, the New Mexico Court of Appeals denied the owners' appeal, affirming the lower court opinion that the studio violated the state Human Rights Act. The owners of the studio, who have also been ordered to pay almost \$7,000 in attorneys' fees to the complainant, have appealed to the New Mexico State Supreme Court.

- Catholic Charities — Catholic Charities of Boston (2006), Catholic Charities San Francisco (2006), Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., (2010), and Catholic Charities affiliates in Illinois (2011) had to cease adoption services or face civil liability for not placing children in the homes of same-sex couples.

Hearing focuses on proposal to ban abortion past 20 weeks of pregnancy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The fetal nervous system and brain structures that communicate pain are already in place by the 18th week of gestation, a neurobiologist from Utah told a congressional hearing May 23. “There is universal agreement that pain is detected by the fetus in the first trimester,” although it is not known if that pain is experienced in quite the same way as it is in adults, said Maureen Condic, an associate professor of neurobiology and adjunct professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City. She also said that unborn babies are anesthetized when undergoing fetal surgery because, she explained, doctors have observed that fetuses do experience pain. Condic was one of several witnesses testifying at the hearing sponsored by U.S. Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., as chair of the House Judiciary’s Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. Franks, with several co-sponsors has introduced the Pain Capable Unborn Protection Act to prohibit abortion nationwide after 20 weeks of gestation, approximately the stage at which scientists say unborn babies are capable of feeling pain. Franks recently reintroduced a measure that would outlaw abortions in the District of Columbia after 20 weeks, and he and a number of other members of Congress want to amend it to make it nationwide. Congress has legislative jurisdiction over the district.

Pope Francis plans to complete encyclical on faith, spokesman says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Continuing a papal tradition of finishing a predecessor’s work in progress, Pope Francis intends to complete an encyclical — on the virtue of faith — begun during the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI. “I can confirm that the plan for an encyclical on faith, begun by Benedict XVI, has been taken up by the new pope,” Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said in a May 24 email response to questions. He said it would “be premature” to guess when the encyclical would be completed. The statement followed reports in Italian media claiming that the retired pope would be completing the encyclical himself. In an article for his diocesan bulletin, Bishop Luigi Martella of Molfetta, Italy, had said that when he met Pope Francis in mid-May with other bishops from Italy’s Puglia region, the pope told them that he had been worried about Pope Benedict’s health, “but now he is much better.” Bishop Martella said Pope Francis “wanted to share a confidence, almost a revelation with us: Benedict XVI is finishing writing the encyclical on faith that will be signed by Pope Francis.” Responding to questions, Father Lombardi said, “I

can absolutely deny that Benedict XVI is working on the planned encyclical.”

Florida bishops say use of death penalty ‘sanctions revenge’

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CNS) — Using capital punishment to show that killing is wrong “sanctions revenge,” Florida’s seven Catholic bishops said in a letter to Gov. Rick Scott. Asking that Scott commute the death sentences of inmates Elmer Carroll, William Van Poyck and Marshall Gore to life in prison, the bishops said the violence of capital punishment would do little to relieve the pain of the survivors of the men’s victims or be helpful to society. Scott recently signed warrants for the executions of the men over a span of 26 days starting May 29. Observers said the executions would be the most in such a brief period of time in more than two decades. “Governor, will our citizenry be any safer, will Floridians be any better protected, if we execute these men? Will not the safety of persons and the preservation of public order be as secure if instead you commute these sentences to lifelong confinement?” the bishops asked. “Killing people to show that killing is wrong is a piercing contradiction and one that

touches our very souls,” the Church leaders added. “Executions coarsen us. We daily condemn the glorification of violence, but what example is set when our state legitimizes killing? What results can we expect?”

HHS contraceptive mandate challenged by family-owned businesses in court

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Lawsuits filed by family-owned businesses against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ contraceptive mandate on moral grounds continue to make their way through the courts. The businesses offer a range of services, from making wooden cabinets to selling car supplies to and running a chain of arts and crafts stores, and the owners include Catholics, evangelical Christians and Mennonites. What they have in common is the belief that their for-profit businesses should be allowed to seek an exemption from that part of the health law they say violates their religious beliefs. On May 22 a panel of judges for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago heard oral arguments in two of those cases. The judges previously overturned the decision of a lower-court judge and gave the Korte family, who own an Illinois-based construction

company, and the Grote family, who run an Indiana-based manufacturer of vehicle safety products, a temporary injunction in complying with the HHS contraceptive mandate. The federal government requires that most employers, including religious employers, provide coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services. Both the Korte and Grote families seek permanent relief from the mandate.

Saying kids suffer most, Vatican reiterates call to end Syrian violence

GENEVA (CNS) — The Vatican has reiterated its call for negotiations to end the violence in Syria, saying that children are suffering the most. “Silencing the guns is the priority,” Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican’s permanent observer to U.S. agencies in Geneva, told the Human Rights Council May 29 during a debate on Syria. This means people must reject “personal revenge” and the “inordinate ambitions of dominance by any group,” Archbishop Tomasi said. Syrian rebels are demanding the resignation of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Both sides have been accused of atrocities. Calling the violence in Syria “the terrain of the violation of all human rights,” Archbishop Tomasi said the tragedy risks intensifying regional and global conflicts. He also cited statistics from the more than two years of conflict: Tens of thousands killed; 1.5 million Syrians have fled to other countries; more than 4 million people have lost their homes.

Pope John XXIII’s life shows faith leads to interior peace, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The life of Blessed John XXIII is a lesson in how obedience and trust in God lead to an interior peace that is naturally recognized by and shared with others, Pope Francis said.

Joining a pilgrimage of 3,000 people from the late pope’s home diocese — Bergamo, Italy — Pope Francis prayed at the tomb of Blessed John June 3, the 50th anniversary of his death.

Bishop Francesco Beschi of Bergamo told Pope Francis that he reminds many people of Blessed John, especially with his gestures and his “evangelical liberty.” Pope Francis replied that those characteristics come from the Lord and added that he could comment further, but would do so with the bishop privately.

Turning serious, Pope Francis told the pilgrims: “The whole world recognized Pope John as a pastor and father. A pastor because he was a father.”

Blessed John was and still is referred to by many as “the good pope,” Pope Francis said. “How wonderful it is to find a priest who is really good, filled with goodness.”

The pope, a Jesuit, said he wasn’t trying to give the founder of his order special publicity, but Blessed John’s reputation for goodness “reminds me of something St. Ignatius of Loyola would tell the Jesuits about the qualities a superior had to have. He would list this and that — a long list of qualities — but in the end, he would say if he doesn’t have those qualities, at least he must have much goodness, be a father, a priest with goodness.”

The 76-year-old Pope Francis told members of the pilgrimage, “Those like me, who are of a certain age, remember well the emotion” surrounding the last days of Pope John’s life in 1963. “St. Peter’s Square became an open-air shrine, day and night welcoming faithful of every age and social condition in trepidation and prayer for the pope’s health,” he said.

Blessed John was “an effective weaver of relationships and a valid promoter of unity, inside and outside the Church community,” the pope said. He was “open to dialogue with Christians of other churches, with exponents of the Jewish and Muslim worlds and with many other people of good will.”

The pope told the Bergamo pilgrims that from reading Blessed John’s “Journal of a Soul,” it is clear



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Pope Francis prays at the tomb of Blessed John XXIII in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican June 3, the 50th anniversary of his death. Pilgrims from the late pope’s home diocese of Bergamo attended a Mass to mark the anniversary.

that his peacefulness was the result of a spiritual journey marked by discipline, by recognizing and taming selfish desires and by an obedience that allowed the Holy Spirit to work through his superiors.

For Blessed John, obedience meant “undertaking in the Church the service his superiors asked of him, without seeking anything for

himself, without holding back anything asked of him, even when that meant leaving his homeland, facing a world he didn’t know and spending years in places where there were very few Catholics,” the pope said.

The notion of spiritual discipline is one that needs to be rediscovered, Pope Francis said. “If we learn to let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit, if

we learn to mortify our selfishness to make room for the love of the Lord and His will, then we will find peace, then we will know how to be peace-makers and spread peace around us.”

Pope Francis said Pope John’s decision to convoke the Second Vatican Council, which opened in October 1962, was the result of a “prophetic intuition” based on his “love for the tradition of the Church and his awareness of its need for constant updating.”

The council and Pope John’s “offering his life for its good outcome,” he said, are “a shining light for the journey ahead of us.”

Pope Francis told the Bergamo pilgrims that they were right to be proud of the pope who came from their region; “preserve his spirit, deepen your study of his life and writings, but, especially, imitate his holiness.”

Blessed John XXIII was born Angelo Roncalli in Sotto il Monte Nov. 25, 1881. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bergamo in 1904. Between 1925 and 1944, he served as a Vatican diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece. After his service in the diplomatic corps, he was named archbishop of Venice in 1953.

Kayla Stezel receives humanitarian award

FORT WAYNE — Kayla Stezel, student at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, was honored with the American Red Cross Northeast Indiana Youth



KAYLA STETZEL

Humanitarian of the Year Award for her dedication to volunteering through the Euell Wilson Center and Project Reads, improving the welfare of others by tutoring children to increase their literacy levels. A luncheon was planned for June 6 at the Courtyard by Marriott at which she was presented with her certification award.

'The Story Inside' workshop offered at MoonTree Studios in June

DONALDSON — Registration is now open for "The Story Inside," a weekend retreat with facilitator George Schriker at MoonTree Studios, Friday, June 28, through Sunday, June 30. This "train the trainer" session is especially helpful to participants interested in teaching processes that encourage adaptive and creative thinking for effective communication in a group setting.

Overnight accommodations will be available at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. Register by calling (574) 935-1712, or visit www.moontreestudios.org.

Serra Club of South Bend offers Father's Day cards

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend is sponsoring the sale of St. Joseph Father's Day cards after all Masses on the weekends of June 1-2 and June 8-9 at Corpus Christi Church. All donations for the cards will go to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for seminarian education. For more information call Dick Wosocki at (574) 272-9043 or Susan Vales at (574) 204-2084.

St. Mary School, Avilla, student participates in national bee

AVILLA — Kaelyn Bender, an eighth-grader at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla, recently competed in the 2013 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. This was Bender's second trip to the National Spelling Bee. While she was there, Bender and her family participated in several bee-week activities, toured the Capitol Building, and met with Rep. Marlin Stutzman and his family. She



KAELYN BENDER

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ST. CHARLES SCOUTS RECEIVE RELIGIOUS MEDALS



PROVIDED BY ROBERTA BUCKLEY

Junior Girl Scout Troop 20906 held their Girl Scout Mass with Father Jacob Meyer at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne, on Sunday, May 19, at the 5 p.m. Mass. Following a short ceremony and blessing of the "I Live My Faith" medals prior to Mass, seven Girl Scouts were presented their medals by their troop leaders. The troop is led by Brad Neuhaus and co-leaders Treva Screeton and Nancy Vinson. Other Girl Scout troops of all grade levels helped assist at Mass as greeters, ushers and offertory bearers. A reception followed Mass where four troops participated in "bridging" over to the next level of Girl Scouting, and the award recipients were acknowledged for their accomplishment. Pictured are Erin Neuhaus, Hope Screeton, Brittany Vinson, Emma Pillie and Aubrey Kinsey with Father Meyer. Not present were Olivia Carney and Sammy McLaughlin.

is the daughter of Shaney and Craig Bender of Albion.

Sister Maura Brannick, honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

MISHAWAKA — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRM) has announced that Holy Cross Sister Maura Brannick, founder of the Sister Maura Brannick, CSC, Health Center in South Bend, is a recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Health Association (CHA).

CHA's Lifetime Achievement Award annually recognizes an individual who has devoted much of her/his life to Catholic health-care. This award is conferred each year upon an acknowledged leader of a health ministry who has inspired and mentored numerous others. This individual's leadership should extend past the Catholic health ministry to influence and impact the local community and beyond.

Sister Maura's impact on the Michiana community is immeasurable. At an age when most consider retirement, Sister Maura

pursued her vision to staff a small clinic with nurses to provide health education and screenings to those living in the near west side of South Bend. The health center's humble beginnings in 1986 were in a 400-square-foot, two-bay garage on Washington Street.

Today this vision is a 10,000-square-foot comprehensive primary care clinic at the corner of Chapin and Western in South Bend. The health center focuses on providing care for the unemployed or working poor. Services include routine check-ups and exams, treatment for illnesses and injuries, chronic disease management, screenings and immunizations, medication assistance, a dental clinic and more. Medical care is provided through the generosity of volunteer physicians and nurses in the community, and laboratory services are donated by the South Bend Medical Foundation.

The 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award was recognized at CHA's annual Catholic Health Assembly, held June 2-4 in Anaheim, Calif.

JACK CASTLEMAN WINS K OF C STATE POSTER CONTEST



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Jack Castleman, a sixth grader at St. Joseph School, Monroeville, was recently named the Knights of Columbus state winner for the 2013 "Alcohol Abuse" Poster Contest. Castleman was awarded the certificate and a \$50 check by the State Council. He is the son of Larry and Karen Castleman. Pictured, from left, are Don Shutt, Grand Knight, Jack Castleman and Knight Steve Haydock of Council No. 12741, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven.

Area Catholics join forces to build Habitat home

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity and area Catholic churches and schools are partnering to build a home for a hardworking family in the community.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church has led the charge in helping Habitat bring together Catholics in Allen County to make the dream of homeownership a reality for a family in need. Fundraising efforts by numerous parishes and schools have raised \$40,000 of the \$60,000 needed to build the home. And, contributions to the build can now be made online by visiting www.fortwaynehabitat.org/catholic-apostle-build and clicking on the donate link.

The build was blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and will be the second Catholic Apostle Build with local parishes partnering to build a Habitat home in the Fort Wayne area.

Groups already committed to the Catholic Apostle Build with Fort Wayne Habitat are: Queen of Angels, Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Vincent, Most Precious Blood, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist of Fort Wayne, St. Louis Besancon, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Women's Life as well as Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools.

The partnership will not only make the fundraising goal of \$60,000 needed to complete a Habitat home reachable, but will also allow every member of the Church body to work together as the hands and feet of Christ in the community.

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the great High Priest and Good Shepherd, in order to extend His saving mission," Bishop Rhoades added. "Soon to be 'Father' Christopher Lapp, he will do things which no man can do by his own power: in Christ's name, he will speak the words which absolve us of our sins, and over the offerings of bread and wine, he will speak Christ's words that make His Body and Blood present as food for His people."

"How close God is to us, His beloved people, in the gifts He gives us through the ministry of the priests of His Son," Bishop Rhoades exclaimed.

Bishop Rhoades focused the homily on the John's Gospel, Chapter 10 and Psalm 23, readings chosen by Deacon Lapp, that refer to the Good Shepherd and get to the heart of the priestly vocation. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says: "I know mine and mine know me."

"God indeed knows us and is concerned about every one of us. The ordained priest, through the sacrament of Holy Orders, is configured to Christ the Good Shepherd," Bishop Rhoades said. "Chris, you are called first and foremost to reveal in your priestly life and ministry the love of the Good Shepherd for His flock. This will be your mission, to share the Lord's love and concern for His people, in all you do."

The psalmist writes, "He (the shepherd) guides me in right paths for His name's sake. . . ."

Bishop Rhoades noted the priest points out the right path to those he serves.

"He goes before them and leads them," Bishop Rhoades said. "And when they are walking in the dark valley, the priest is there to give hope and courage."

"How many dark valleys there are: trials and temptations, discouragements and sufferings," he added. "Chris and my brother priests, we must be good shepherds, bringing people light when they are in darkness, using the shepherd's rod to protect our people and their faith, and using the shepherd's staff to help people to tread difficult paths and to follow the Lord. We must be there in the dark valleys — at hospital beds, in prisons, in funeral homes and at gravesides, bringing hope, bringing comfort."

"We must be in the confessionals as doctors of mercy," he added. "We cannot just wait in our rectories or hang out in our sacristies. We are anointed, like Jesus, for the poor, the outcast and the oppressed."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the Chrism oil that would be used to anoint the deacon's hands.

"We are to let that holy oil, the oil of gladness, spread through our ministry of bringing the Good News to all," the bishop said. "The sacred Chrism has a beautiful fragrance. The priest brings that delightful fragrance to God's people by His Word and example."

Just as the Jesus lays down His life for His sheep, "Deacon Chris, by laying down your life, you will bring life, Christ's life, to His people," Bishop Rhoades said. "You will do

this in countless ways: in preaching, in works of charity, in guiding people, in tending Christ's sheep, seeking out the lost sheep, imparting absolution, anointing the sick."

He added: "This laying down of your life will be sacramentally expressed every day in your celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of your priestly life and ministry. Chris, every time you offer Holy Mass, the heavens will be opened; Jesus, the Living Bread, will come down and give life to His people. It is in the Eucharist that you will experience the depth of the gift of the Priesthood. May you always be a faithful servant of the Eucharist as a humble and reverent minister of this amazing mystery!"

After the homily, Deacon Lapp declared his intentions to assume the responsibility of the office of Priesthood and promised obedience and respect to the bishop and his successors.

The elect then prostrated himself on the floor of the cathedral as a sign of his complete submission to the will of God, while the Litany of Saints was beautifully sung.

The deacon knelt before Bishop Rhoades and later the entire college of priests who processed by to lay hands on the head of the candidate, in accordance with the apostolic tradition. Then, with Deacon Lapp kneeling before him, Bishop Rhoades put aside the miter, and, with hands outstretched, prayed the Prayer of Ordination.

The newly ordained priest was then vested by Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, and Msgr. John Suelzer, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, with the stole and chasuble, signs of the priestly office, after which Bishop Rhoades anointed the new priest's palms with Chrism, a consecrated and perfumed oil that symbolizes wisdom and strength.

The gifts of the people were brought forward to Bishop Rhoades by the Lapp family members. They delivered the paten and chalice to Bishop Rhoades, who then handed them over to Father Lapp with the exhortation to discharge his priestly duties in imitation of Christ.

The ordination rite concluded with Bishop Rhoades and all the other priests in attendance bestowing the fraternal kiss of peace on Father Lapp as a means of welcoming him into the presbyterate.

Following the Mass of Ordination the newly ordained Father Lapp gathered with Bishop Rhoades and the priests, deacons and seminarians on the cathedral plaza just as the sun appeared from behind the clouds. Those in attendance formed a receiving line from which Father Lapp extended his priestly blessing.

When asked how he felt now that he was finally ordained, Father Lapp smiled and said, "Good — joyful — peaceful — and excited!"

Father Lapp celebrated his first Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 2, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish with a reception that followed.

Bishop Rhoades has appointed Father Lapp as parochial vicar of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, and chaplain at Marian High School, Mishawaka, effective June 17.

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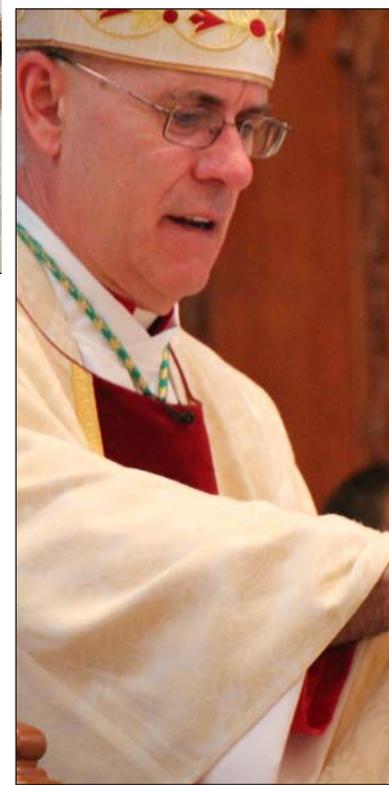
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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades lays hands on the head of Christopher Lapp in accordance with the apostolic tradition.



JOE ROMIE

Mass participants form a line on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to receive a blessing from Father Lapp, who was ordained to the Priesthood June 1.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades assembles with newly ordained priests of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

HIS NAME'S SAKE ...



JOE ROMIE

Newly ordained priest Father Christopher Lapp is vested with the stole and chasuble, signs of the priestly office, as the congregation sings an antiphon. He is vested by Msgr. John Suelzer, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, and Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.



You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Ps:23

*On June 1, 2013
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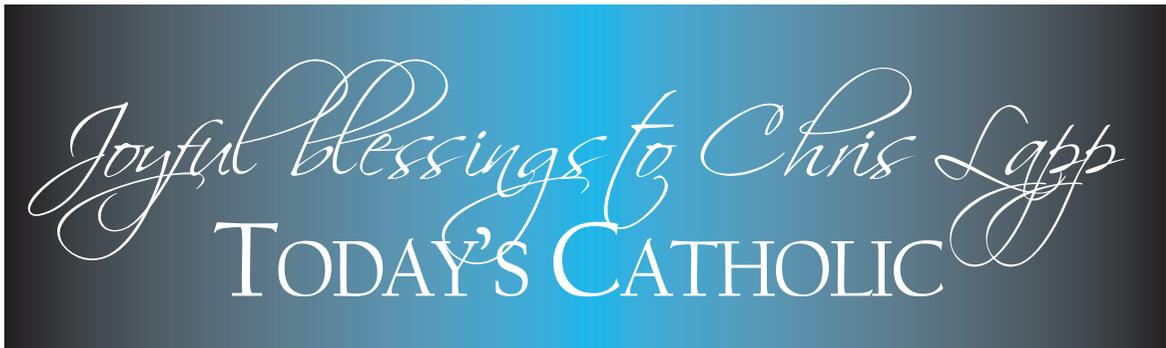
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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades anoints the palms of the newly ordained Father Lapp with Chrism, a consecrated and perfumed oil, the symbol of wisdom and strength.



JOE ROMIE

Newly ordained Father Christopher Lapp, priests, deacons and seminarians on the plaza on June 1 following the Mass of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.



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Father Lapp's family was awe-struck by the day, though it was a bittersweet occasion for them as well. Mom Juli said, "It's been a hard week for me. My mom just died. ... A big part of why Chris is a priest is because of Grandma."

Dad Greg added that although Father Lapp's grandmother was not with them, the family finds peace in the fact that all the grandparents are now together in heaven and he said, "They have the best seat in the house."

Even in their grief the Lapp's agree "there's still a lot of joy."

Father Lapp's sister Becca was

excited for her brother and said, "It's a cool experience to go through. ... It got me closer to Christ. I look up to him. He'll make a good priest."

Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne and Father Lapp's home parish said of the day, "I am deeply humbled to be part of this — that God should bless St. Vincent's over the years with such fine young candidates for the Priesthood." The parish currently has six seminarians and three new seminarian candidates.

Father Lapp is the last ordination for Msgr. Kuzmich, who will retire at the end of June.

Monsignor Kuzmich said of Father Lapp: "He's a good man. I am so pleased for Chris and his wonderful family. And I am just pleased to be part of this. I thank God because it was truly an inspiring ceremony — the Mass and the beautiful ritual of

being a priest."

To prepare for Father Lapp's ordination, St. Vincent Parish just completed 40 Hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament beginning on May 30 at 4 p.m. and concluding at 8 a.m. on the ordination day.

"Chris took his turn before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer early this morning," Msgr. Kuzmich told *Today's Catholic*.

The Lapp Family — from left, Nick, Becca, Juli, Father Christopher, Greg and Josh — pose for a family photo on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on June 1 following the Mass of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.



JOE ROMIE

Brothers of Holy Cross celebrate jubilees as vowed religious

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor 11 brothers who are celebrating their 75th, 60th, 50th or 40th jubilee of religious vows on Saturday, June 22. The religious brothers have served a total of 695 years living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica at 2 p.m. on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. An invitation-only dinner will follow the Mass in the North Dining Hall of the university.

Holy Cross Father Richard S. Wilkinson, first assistant provincial and vicar of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross will be the celebrant and homilist. Holy Cross Brother Chester Freil, provincial of the Midwest Brothers' Province, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows. Music for the celebration will be arraigned by Holy Cross Brother Daniel Kane of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Holy Cross Brother Joseph Fox, is the coordinator of the event. Eight of the brothers have served or lived in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Also being honored are Brother James VanDyke (40 years) of the Midwest Province who serves in Chicago and Brother Fulgence Dougherty (70 years) of the Moreau Province of Holy Cross Brothers. Brother Fulgence lives at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. Eight of the brother jubilarians have ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the following assignments.

75-year jubilarian

Brother of Holy Cross Roland Driscoll, 95, is the third ranked brother in the Midwest Province. Brother Roland served at Central Catholic High School



BROTHER ROLAND DRISCOLL

in South Bend from 1950-51. Of his six assignments, his longest was as teacher and athletic director of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis from 1951-54 and from 1957-73. Brother became a resident of Columba Hall, Notre Dame, in 2006 and at Dujarie House, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame this past year.

70-year jubilarian

Brother of Holy Cross Charles Beck taught at Catholic Central High School in South Bend from February to June of 1946. For the next 24 years Brother Beck taught in Taunton, Mass.; Evansville; Chicago, Ill.; and Terre Haute. For the next 19 years, from 1970-89 he was a teacher and on the staff at LeMans Academy Rolling Prairie. He retired at LeMans, and continued to live there until 2003 before moving to Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village. He is presently a resident of Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village.



BROTHER CHARLES BECK

60-year jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Robert Kelly spent over 53 of his 60 years serving at three Holy Cross schools in northern Ohio — Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills; Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, and St. Edward in Lakewood. From 1964-70 he was province director of vocations, serving three years each in Lakewood and Akron. He would serve 26 years at Gilmour Academy. From 1953-54 he served at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, then briefly retired at Columba Hall,



BROTHER ROBERT KELLY

Notre Dame in June of 1995 for six-months before returning to Gilmour Academy for 14 years. Brother has been a resident of Columba Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus for the past three years.

Brother of Holy Cross Raymond Papenfuss served the first half of his years in ministry as a missionary in Ghana. While serving in Ghana, from 1959-1987, he served as teacher, director of the brothers' Juniorate program, district superior, pastoral minister in a parish as well for the Diocese of Sekondi/Takoradi and as director of vocations for the brothers in Ghana. In January of 1985 Brother Papenfuss taught for a year at Holy Cross College before returning to Ghana for two years. In January of 1987 he returned to the U.S. because of illness and taught at Holy Cross Junior College and Saint Mary's College for a year. Beginning in 1987 and continuing to the present, Brother Papenfuss has served as the Midwest Province Ghana Mission Promoter. From 1988-1996 he served as assistant and then director of vocations for the province. Since 2003 he has been assistant provincial and vicar and province coordinator of peace and justice. Brother lives at St. Joseph Place, the brothers' residence in Holy Cross Village.



BROTHER RAYMOND PAPENFUSS

50-year jubilarians

Brother of Holy Cross Joseph McTaggart spent his first six years teaching at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Ill., and Cathedral High School, Indianapolis.



BROTHER JOSEPH MCTAGGART

From 1972-73 he was a campus minister at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., and from 1973-83 on the Campus Ministry staff at the University of Notre Dame. After two years of graduate study in California, from 1985-2001, he served as chaplain at Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills, Calif. Since 2001 he has been ministering at Dujarie House, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He lives at Columba Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Brother of Holy Cross Donald Morgan celebrates his 50th anniversary of religious profession and 80th birthday on the same day, June 22. Along with serving in four of the brothers' high schools, Brother Morgan has served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on four different occasions. From 1979-83 he worked in the Midwest Province Provincial Business Office. In 1986 he was on the staff of Columba Hall, Notre Dame, and again for a month in 1987. From 2002-04 Brother Morgan was on the transportation staff for the brothers living at Columba Hall and Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village. From 2004-08 he was director of transportation at Columba Hall. Since 2010 he has distributed mail to Columba Hall and Holy Cross Village.



BROTHER DONALD MORGAN

Brother of Holy Cross Henry Skitzki for the past 50 years has served the Holy Cross institutions and others with his culinary expertise. His first assignment was as a cook at St. Joseph's Novitiate in



BROTHER HENRY SKITZKI

Rolling Prairie, in 1963. For the next 20 years he served in three brothers' institutions from Ohio to California before coming back to Notre Dame to work for the Moreau Seminary Food Service from 1983-84. From Moreau he spent a year in the Saint Mary's College kitchen before going to Columba Hall as head cook for three years and Dujarie House for a year. Prior to 2006 he also worked for Marriott for Services and Sodexo Food Services at Saint Mary's College. Since 2006 Brother Skitzki has been a retired resident of Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village and has been active in the Forever Learning Program with cooking classes and host of the monthly Wine Club for residents at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

40-year jubilarian

Brother of Holy Cross Robert Livernois has a number of ties to the Michiana area beginning in 1969 when he was a candidate for the Brothers of Holy Cross at James Hall of Holy Cross. He was also a Brother Scholastic at Andre Hall at Holy Cross in 1972, and in 1974-75 at Indiana University, South Bend. From 1982-90 he was a teacher at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend. Beginning in 1998 he served as dean of Student Life at Holy Cross Junior College. From 2002-05 Brother Livernois was the director of the Conditional Acceptance Program at Holy Cross College. For the past year he has been associate principal at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio.



BROTHER ROBERT LIVERNOIS

What is death?

What is death? Death is simply the separation of the soul from the body.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines death succinctly as “the end of earthly life” and a “consequence of sin” that is “transformed by Christ ... from curse into blessing” by Christ’s obedience to the Father and by His Resurrection (CCC 1007-110). Cardinal Bernardin encapsulated this sentiment when he described going out to meet “his friend death” when he was dying of pancreatic cancer.

We used to know what death was, right? The heart stops beating, the body stops breathing, and death occurs: simple and easily verifiable. With advances in medicine, particularly life-supporting instruments such as mechanical respirators, the concept of death became more slippery. Terms such as “brain death” entered our vocabulary. Now, our questions

have become: “What is brain death?” and “Is brain death real death?”

The Church has no official teaching on brain death. However, John Paul II spoke of brain death in an address to the 18th International Congress on Organ Transplants in 2000. He stated that the shift from a heart-beating, body-breathing definition of death has been expanded to include “neurologic criteria.” John Paul showed no opposition to examining a patient for “biological signs that a person has indeed died.” He argued for using scientific parameters so that we can ascertain “the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity.”

The Church defers determination of brain death to the competence of the medical community. Brain death can and should be determined in a variety of ways to ensure that no error has been

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made in its declaration. This evaluation should include a physical examination and a variety of other tests (such as a brain blood flow scan and an EEG — a tool for measuring brain activity).

Current opinion holds that brain death occurs when a patient: 1) does not interact in any way with his environment (unresponsiveness), 2) does not respond to pain, 3) has lost all basic reflexes of the brain (brain stem reflexes), and 4) does not

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Two messages about sex

At The Catholic University of America, where I serve as president, we have been working on some revisions to our code of student conduct. We’re finding that it’s challenging because we need to send students two different messages about sex that can at times clash awkwardly.

One pertains to sexual abuse — rape, sexual assault, sexual battery. The message here is fairly obvious. It is both a crime and a sin against justice and charity. Its distinguishing mark is the element of coercion — of forcing sex on an unwilling victim.

Sexual abuse is not only forbidden by state criminal law. It is also addressed by federal laws that apply to colleges — Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Clery Act (which requires colleges to report sex offenses near campus).

College student conduct codes will usually tell students that the difference between sex and sexual abuse is the element of consent. And they will use a formula something like this to define consent: “Consent is informed, freely given, mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in sexual activity.”

But that’s not the end of the story from a Catholic perspective. Consensual sex between students matters, too. It’s not a crime (fortunately), but it is a sin against chastity when it takes place outside of marriage.

Chastity is an unfashionable virtue nowadays, but the idea is not hard to understand. Casual sex is harmful even if there is no coercion. It plays at love for sport. It makes promises that the players don’t intend to keep. It insults the dignity of the other person by treating him or her as a sex toy rather than a child of God. It divorces sex from the creation of new life and the unity of a family.

At The Catholic University of America, as at other universities, there should be exact and uncompromising justice for the crime of sexual abuse. At the same time, we want to steer our students toward something better than merely avoiding violence. We want them to embrace virtue and avoid vice.

Risk managers (accountants and



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lawyers) want us to be very clear with our students about what counts as sexual abuse: “Make sure your partner is a willing participant in any sexual activity. Get consent for every move you make.” If we’re not explicit about this, they say, we may be guilty under Title IX of creating a hostile environment, and risk losing federal funds.

That makes some sense. But if we do follow the accountants’ and lawyers’ advice, it’s a bit awkward to turn around then and say, “But wait — that sexual activity we told you to get consent for? You should not be doing it at all.”

There is no logical inconsistency between the goals of preventing sexual violence and promoting chastity. The two are actually quite harmonious. The awkwardness in explaining this arises because our culture doesn’t want to hear the message it needs. It wants to prevent violence while preserving promiscuity. It is forbidden to consider that for some subset of the population, the latter can lead to the former.

Casual sex is a disordered activity. If you engage in it, it creates terrible habits in you and degrades your partner. For some, it will also create a sense of entitlement to sex without commitment. And this sense of entitlement is quite dangerous. To discuss such topics as date rape without providing this context is to play a game of pretend.

Like all virtues, chastity produces good habits in those who practice it. The promise to avoid and prevent sexual violence is one we can all keep. We can keep it more easily if we practice and respect this old-fashioned virtue.

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God restores life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 7:11-17

The first reading comes from the First Book of Kings. As would be assumed, this book, and its companion, 2 Kings, are Old Testament writings about the kings of Israel. The kings certainly are mentioned, but these books are not political histories. In a way, the kings are not the principal figures.

Very prominent in these books are prophets, because the books are religious texts. Their purpose is to make the presence of God better known to the Hebrew people.

In this weekend’s reading, Elijah, the prophet, visits a home. He meets a woman, the mistress of the house, whose son has been very sick and now has stopped breathing. The mother is desperate. Elijah prays over the young man, and the young man recovers. He lives.

This miracle confirms that Elijah indeed is a man of God, who speaks God’s word.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Galatians. The Galatians lived in the area now in Turkey. They were converts from paganism. They were not Jews. As time passed, however, Christians of Jewish origins arrived, and they demanded that the Galatians fol-

low the rituals and practices of Judaism.

Paul writes to establish that once he was second to no one in the most intense Jewish fervor. Since being called by Christ, however, he preaches a Gospel that is the Lord’s gift to everyone, irrespective of nationality or ethnicity.

For the Gospel reading this weekend, the Church presents, from St. Luke’s Gospel, the familiar story of Jesus at Nain. There he encounters a grieving widow whose only son had died. Immediately the scene is set, although few in the modern culture would grasp the impact.

Given the customs of the day, the woman had good cause for grief and anxiety, not simply the usual sense of loss at the passing of a loved one. She was a widow. The dead man had been her only son. With his death, she lost all security.

The reading states that Jesus was “moved with pity for her.” As the story unfolds, Jesus touches the corpse. Again, this hardly bothers people alive today. In the time of Jesus, however, such a gesture defied Jewish laws of purity.

The event revealed basic facts about Jesus. All the ritual laws, such as touching the dead, were open to the Lord’s amendment or definition. These laws came not from a prophet, such as Moses, but from God. Jesus is God. He has control over the law.

Secondly, the outreach of Jesus to the grieving woman, without any appeal from her, illustrates the overwhelming love of God for us, especially in our need.

Reflection

Sustaining life and even restoring life after death are the strong features of the readings from First

Kings and from Luke. More than anything else, death represents the ultimate helplessness of mortals. No human being escapes death in the long run. Death is so final, as many who grieve after a loss will be quick to say.

In First Kings, and in Luke, God comes as the supreme authority over death. Acting through the prophet, in the first reading, God restores life. In the third reading, from the Gospel of Luke, acting through Jesus, God restores life.

It is a study in the power of God. It is awesome to behold. Consoling, these readings reveal the love of God for humans, for us. In each instance, a grieving mother is in the story. In ancient times, women were very vulnerable. Secondly, as mothers, the pain of losing a child was acute.

With great love, God restores these sons to life. God extended divine love to these women very visibly and tangibly. He gave earthly life. For all who love God, eternal life awaits.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-17

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab-14 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11, 15-18 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mt 5:33-37

Saint of the Week

Ephraem

c. 306-373

June 9



Known to Syrian Christians as “the harp of the Holy Ghost,” this Mesopotamian from Nisibia was baptized at 18 and may have accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea in 325. He served as head of the cathedral school and left Nisibia only after it became Persian. In 363 he moved to a cave overlooking Edessa but preached frequently in the city and wrote many poems, hymns and biblical commentaries; he organized a choir of women to sing his hymns during liturgies. About 370 he visited St. Basil in Caesarea. The winter before his death, he earned praise for managing relief supplies during a severe famine in Edessa. Ephraem is the only Syrian father declared a doctor of the church.

Some remarks on a recent survey

The media's interpretation of a survey of priests released May 21 by St. John's in Collegeville regarding clerical "dislike" of the new translation of the Roman Missal misses the point and prompts some remarks.

The Missal, as the prayer of the Church, should not be subject to any cleric's personal tastes, pro or con; the Church's liturgy is not a "production" calling for "review" or "critique." The popular (and misleading) etymology of "leitourgia" as "work of the people" might lead one to suppose that such prayers are merely or simply the product of a community's efforts and are thus subject to the will (read: whims or tastes) of the community at any one time or place. But such a presupposition inverts the relationship between the liturgy and the community. The fact of the matter is that the liturgy's principal work is to render praise and worship to God and, among its effects, brings about shaping the mind, the heart, the desires and the aspirations (not to preclude also "tastes") of those who worship; the Church's liturgy is not about expressing any particular community's fleeting aspirations, self-understanding and (too often fallen) desires, all of which are often very much tied to the latest and trendiest. Pope Pius XI famously stated that the principal instrument of the ordinary magisterium is the sacred liturgy. The sacred liturgy is the principal formator of a community, and certainly no less so than preaching, catechesis, teaching, etc.

The Church's liturgy is fundamentally something received, not created, constructed or concocted. Its

meaning is not something we determine or even plan. It is the Paschal Mystery: Jesus dead and risen, offering Himself to the Father. We need not and must not strive to make the Church's worship "meaningful" or "relevant." Such approaches are sometimes found in the worship of other ecclesial communities and it is far from certain that they have had any salutary effect whatsoever. Instead of imposing ourselves on the liturgy, as though it should somehow become a mirror of ourselves or "where we're at," we should rather allow the promptings of grace available through the Paschal Mystery rendered present and effective in and through the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church to shape and transform us. It should establish for us just who it is we are called to be, rather than provide us an opportunity somehow to express who we are or hope to be.

Further, the marvelous and almost total anonymity of the original authors of the various prayers found in the Roman Missal (and the Missal as we have it now, third typical edition, contains elements, as far as I can determine, dating from as early as the third to as late as the 20th century) is itself a reminder that while the Missal is the product of human authors (it did not descend from the heavens in a hermetically-sealed ziploc bag), it is nonetheless by its very nature something given, whose forms and idiom are both very biblical (one of the many merits of the new translation is precisely to recapture the allusions lost in the previous translation) and quite ancient. No vernacular translation, into any language, is perfect.



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GUEST COMMENTARY

But the new translation is an obvious improvement, clearly in terms of accuracy and arguably in terms of style, on the earlier effort.

The hype and buildup prior to the introduction of the new translation in Advent, 2011, was — now in hindsight — a proverbial tempest in a teapot. There were indeed some minor bumps along the way as we all adjusted not only to new language but also to new cadences and rhythms in the prayers (as much a challenge at times for the priest as for the people: the Latinate sentence structure often means priests need carefully to look over prayers before praying them publicly, if even only to get a sense where the half-stops and stops should be in order to convey meaning!). But all in all, there was far less drama than some warned us to expect. No one I know left my parish because of the change; many, in fact most, have been grateful for the new translation, even as it stretches and challenges us all; and this is not a drawback — it is perhaps one of its gifts.

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Stewardship — by God, for God

We are made by God, for God, and in Him we possess all things since all things come from God. But in order to "possess" God, to embrace God, we must renounce all things and put God in front of everything. Does the renunciation of possessions seem extreme? Consider Jesus' words in Luke 14:33, "... every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be My disciple."

Certainly we need created things for survival. It is impossible for a person to refuse every gift from God. But we must be careful to receive God's gifts so that our desire is not centered on the gift as much as it is on the Giver.

The Christian steward applies reason to his existence and order to his lifestyle. The main priority of that order is love of God. That order becomes more perfect when a man removes the obstacles that prevent him from loving God with his whole heart, whole mind and all of his strength.

Selfishness is a great enemy of love for God. A selfish person does everything for personal interest. Life is guided by self-love and not love for God. Turn on the computer or TV and see that we are a nation starved to find fulfillment according to self-love. This is an inadequate view of the self. Consider how marketers

identify us. We are incomplete and imperfect unless we buy the product in which they market. How can we find completeness in an incomplete created object? We may have a sense of incompleteness, or imperfection, but that is because we really seek the perfect and complete God.

The most important characteristic of a Christian steward is not what to do or how to do it, but it is love — to love God above all things. All of love tends to direct itself toward a type of ecstasy in the sense that it takes us out of ourselves and we live in the person of our love. In other words, we become that which we love. So, through love, we live for and in God, not for ourselves. Through love, we live for others.

Our love and expression of love for God is not something that we give as much as it is something that we receive from God, because God is the selfless Giver. Through God's grace we, too, can be God-like in being generous. This God-likeness can only be found in God. This is something that cannot be imitated outside of God because God is the ultimate Giver.

God gives through creation and redemption. His Incarnate Word exemplified His love for us. God is the ultimate expression of generosity, particularly in the gift of His suffering and death in which we profit



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everything, even that which we had lost with the original sin.

Consider the fact that God does not give Himself to us completely unless we give ourselves completely to Him. But, of course, for us to give ourselves completely to Him, we must be reliant on His grace and when we sacrifice anything to God, it is always in union with Christ's perfect sacrifice.

This is why the Christian steward makes a conscious effort to imitate Christ. This is the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Self-denial is an expression of belonging to Christ. By denying the love and pleasure of the self, we then direct our love to its proper place — God. Love is restrained by keeping and can only be lived by giving.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 9, 2013

Luke 7:11-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, the raising of the widow's son in Nain. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	CROWD	CARRIED OUT
ONLY SON	WIDOW	LORD
SAW HER	DO NOT WEEP	TOUCHED
YOUNG MAN	ARISE	BEGAN
SPEAK	GAVE HIM	HIS MOTHER
FEAR	SEIZED	GLORIFIED
PROPHET	ARISEN	SURROUNDING

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breathe at all on his own. Only when this has been rigorously evaluated can one declare brain death. The critical element of brain death, and the one that can bear no compromise, is the irreversible loss of brain function. Only when this irreversible loss of brain function is established can we say that the unifying principle between body and soul is no longer present and death has occurred.

Again, to quote Blessed Pope John Paul II, death is that "total disintegration of that unitary and integrated whole that is the personal self." As we strive to build a culture of life, we must insist that a thorough evaluation be performed prior to the declaration of brain death. If brain death is indeed established, "real death" has occurred.

An individual with brain death must never be confused with a patient in a persistent vegetative state (PVS). The PVS patient is often referred to in our dehumanizing popular culture as a "vegetable." PVS is a state of lack of awareness while awake. Is this person alive? Yes, they simply lack the "sort of awareness that characterizes normal

adult human life. Patients in PVS are entitled to basic healthcare, nutrition, hydration, cleanliness and warmth..." (National Catholic Bioethics Center). Our goal should not be to pity PVS patients, put them out of their misery or determine that their lives are "not worth living." We must vigorously uphold their dignity until the end of their natural lives.

In the end, our trust must remain in Christ and Christ only. He has defeated death and will call us all, by name, to Himself someday where He has "prepared a place for (us)" (Jn 14:2). Until then, we must strive to turn back the advances of the culture of death and build a civilization centered on authentic love.

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FATHER RYBICKI LEADS EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



PHOTO BY DIANE FREEBY

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Church in South Bend, leads a Eucharistic Procession through the neighborhood. About 250 parishioners followed in song and prayer, celebrating the parish feast day. The procession also coincided with the world-wide hour of Eucharistic Adoration called for by Pope Francis, asking all Catholics to unite in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. "The Holy Spirit was truly present," said Corpus Christi parishioner Paul Carrier. "It was beautiful!" added parishioner Melissa Holmes, who attended with her young children. "I am so thankful for my Lord, my church, my family and my life! I am feeling very blessed." Following the procession, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch back at the parish hall.

St. Augustine hosts flag football match

SOUTH BEND — The annual St. Augustine Father's Day flag football game will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, at the new Saint Joseph High School football field. This year's game will serve as a public statement against youth violence.

St. Augustine parishioner Steve Filbert will coach the men's squad, the Geritol Giants, and Trevor Doaks will coach the boys' team, the CrewSaders. The event is a fundraiser for St. Augustine Youth Ministry. This annual tradition helps young men from the west side of South Bend who don't have fathers at home celebrate the period around Father's Day with generous men who volunteer to help make this a positive memory for the youth. Notre Dame sports legends Chris Stewart and Harold Swanagan will play on the men's squad, and Bob Nagle may serve as announcer. Official game sponsors include Fiddler's Hearth and Veldmans.

Holy Cross College to hold Annual Golf Outing

NOTRE DAME — Arnold Palmer once said, "What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive." It may not be an inspiring painting or a glorious piece of writing, but Holy Cross College's Annual Golf Outing at Elbel Golf Course is sure to be a masterpiece.

The 2013 event will be held on Friday, July 12, at Elbel Park Golf Club, a beautiful course located on the west side of South Bend, and one of Northern Indiana's best kept secrets. Each of Elbel's holes has a distinct flow and character all its own.

Registration check-in for the golf outing begins at 12 p.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$80 per individual player, or \$300 for a team of four. The price includes green

fees, cart, driving range and dinner. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place teams.

The outing, which is a major fundraiser for Holy Cross Athletics, subsidizes the college's end of the year athletic banquet, during which time student athletes are recognized for the time and sacrifice they give to be a scholar athlete.

For more information on participating, or sponsoring a hole or a cart contact Aimee Niespodziany, aniespodziany@hcc-nd.edu, (574) 239-8314, or visit the Holy Cross College website at www.hcsaints.com/article/645.php. The deadline to register is July 8.

Find information on Holy Cross College by visiting www.hcc-nd.edu.

BROTHER STABROWSKI RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE



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Brother of Holy Cross Donald Stabrowski, Third Assistant Provincial and Secretary of the United States Province, received an honorary degree at the 2013 University of Portland in Portland, Ore., spring commencement May 5 and spoke at the May 4 graduate school commencement. Brother Stabrowski served as provost, dean, vice president and political science professor at the University of Portland during the past 25 years before being appointed assistant provincial in June 2012. Brother Stabrowski is shown with Holy Cross Father William Beauchamp, president of the University of Portland.

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Saint Joseph Parish, a vibrant, Catholic, faith community of nearly 900 families and a large K-8 grade school in South Bend, is hiring a **Director of Stewardship**. A member of the Pastoral Team, this position furthers the mission of the Parish by promoting the concept of stewardship as a way of life in accordance with the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The position also oversees parish development efforts, including fostering relationships with parishioners, school alumni, and other friends of Saint Joseph for the purpose of finding and cultivating partners to financially support Saint Joseph Church and School in the living out of its mission.

Qualified applicants will be practicing Catholics and demonstrate a commitment to the concept of stewardship as a way of life. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and have at least two years of experience in a field requiring high organizational skills and computer skills. The successful candidate will also have strong communication skills and the ability to work well with others.

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.stjoe.parish.com for more information and for complete position descriptions.

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Return to Haiti 'couldn't have been better!'

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Six University of Saint Francis students and their faculty advisor, Dr. Amy Obringer, along with a few others connected with the university, are back in Fort Wayne following another heartwarming journey to Haiti early last month working for 10 days in their adopted Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage at Robillard, a rural area about a six-hour drive north of Port-au-Prince.

"We feel called to help this orphanage," said Obringer in an article published in the Dec. 16, 2012, issue of *Today's Catholic* following a similar trip to Haiti last year. For the past three years, through its Formula for Life (F4L) fundraiser each spring, USF has been the orphanage's most consistent and main supporter. Last fall's F4L campaign exceeded the goal of \$50,000. And along with this year's 5K walk/run, which so far has raised an additional \$10,000, more than \$60,000 recently was given to Father Andre Sylvestre, the beloved founder of the orphanage, for construction of the first building on the 15-acre site.

Tens of thousands of citizens living in the poor Caribbean country are still suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the catastrophic earthquake that struck the capital city Port-au-Prince in 2010.

Currently, the orphanage consists of 27 children and three "mama's — who give love and compassion to the children — all living and eating in a small, rented ranch-style home.

"There's no room for any more orphans," Obringer indicated, describing the extremely crowded conditions with 17 girls all living and sleeping in one room with similar conditions for the boys. A preschool teacher instructs the younger children in the garage area while the older children are driven to and from an elementary school about a mile away.

Father Andre's dream is to house 100 to 150 orphans on the campus in three or four residential units, each housing 40 children and staff. Not only would the units serve as home and family for the children, but the complex eventually would include a vocational school, library, health clinic, chapel, adult literacy center, community room and possibly a center for a congregation of sisters who would manage the orphanage after Father Andre — in his mid-60s — is gone.

The campus also will include an area for gardening and farming with a beginning market area for selling goods and services, a playground and soccer fields," said Rachael Bornhorst, a USF student who journeyed to Haiti last year.



Orphan Dalouse is all smiles at the top of a slide. Her parents died in the 2010 earthquake. Since her grandmother couldn't feed her, she gave her to an aunt who used Dalouse as a restevik (slave child). When she arrived at the orphanage, Dalouse had been badly beaten and had not eaten in days.

"Father Andre wants the children to learn a vocation to support themselves when they leave," she added.

In addition to running the orphanage, the diocesan priest oversees a large parish and a school of 500 children, and has his own counseling practice with some 14 appointments per week. With the diocesan priest in Haiti, Obringer and the students in Fort Wayne and the architect in Muncie, it's difficult to coordinate details, Obringer indicated. The architect, Tony Costello, is a retired Ball State University professor and a close friend of Father Andre, a graduate of the Muncie school.

"Father Andre has the vision and the architect puts the vision on paper," Obringer said.

"It's interesting how things fall into place," she continued. When Obringer and USF student Amanda Pedro first arrived on the first of two flights, they spent some time talking with Father Andre at the new site.

"As we tried to figure out how to hire a construction crew leader, Father Andre recalled that the local diocese employed two engineers, so he called Archbishop Louis Kebreau. Normally, the engineers are in Port-au-Prince but they just happened to be in our area," she continued. "We got to meet with the archbishop and the engineers, and after they do a structural analysis of the land, we can expect construction to begin

in June. It couldn't have been better! And the archbishop offered the engineers' expertise for free!

"We staked out that first building," Obringer said, "indicating where it belongs on those 15 acres. We used some tape measurers and hammered in stakes with stones and rocks while some Haitian men cut through the twigs and overgrowth with machetes, trying to understand us as to where paths needed to be."

The USF visitors also helped till up a garden where the older students can plant corn, onions, peppers and squash. "Dealing with some mean red ants was the biggest obstacle of that project," Obringer said.

"Once the crops start growing, the older kids will learn to work with the land and it could possibly turn into a vocation for them," Bornhorst related. And some of the girls may have the chance to get into nursing since there's a university nursing school close by, she indicated.

On this her first visit to Haiti, USF student Jessica Heulsman and other students spent a day working with two Haitians molding concrete into cinderblocks. "It's exhausting, hard work," she said. Usually, the two men make about 3,500 blocks a week. They will be used to erect a 15-foot-high perimeter wall around the entire 15 acres.

"Our next project is to raise \$80,000 for a multipurpose building to house a kitchen, chapel and



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY AMY OBRINGER

Meeting at the 15-acre site shortly after arriving in Robillard, Haiti, were former Formula for Life Student Leader Amanda Pedro, left, faculty advisor Amy Obringer, second from right, Father Andre Sylvestre, Archbishop Louis Kebreau and two diocesan engineers working on the orphanage construction.



Talking about their respective trips to Haiti at the University of Saint Francis are, from left, Dr. Amy Obringer, faculty advisor, and seniors Rachael Bornhorst and Jessica Heulsman.



USF Student Jessica Heulsman gives Orphan Darlene a reassuring hug. All of the orphans are very healthy, happy and well taken care of.

school," Obringer said. "Another need is to hire teachers to come in or get them means of transportation to the school.

"Since we've got the momentum going we're going to continue our fundraising efforts all year long by giving talks, being

in the news and getting the word out." Monetary donations are accepted at any time by contacting Obringer at aobringer@sf.edu or by calling (260) 399-7700, ext. 8210. Readers also can "like" Formula for Life on Facebook.

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.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, June 7, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Darrel Dodane of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Refreshments provided by Angela Herber with InSphere Insurance Solutions.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 13, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, June 19, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of Allen County.

Patriotic concert and ice cream social with cathedral choir

Fort Wayne — A patriotic concert will be held Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1123 S. Calhoun St. It will feature the cathedral choir, directed by Michael Dulac, and the Farmland Jazz Band, a Dixieland jazz group. An ice cream social on the plaza will follow. Both events are free.

All-class reunion planned

South Bend — Holy Cross School will have an all-class reunion on Saturday, June 15. All past graduates are invited to attend. The celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a Mass at Holy Cross followed by dinner, drinks and entertainment. Registration is available online at hcsparish.org/reunion. Call the parish office at (574) 233-2179 for information.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 7, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Medical Professionals

Fort Wayne — True Freedom — Praying for Religious Liberty for all and Conscience Rights for Medical Professionals, a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Medical Professionals, will be held Friday, June 21, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center of St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1702 E. Wallen Rd. Father James Bromwich, chaplain of Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will be celebrant and speaker. A reception will follow.

Christ Child Society garage sale to benefit children in need planned

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will have a garage sale to benefit children in need Thursday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 West State St. All proceeds improve the lives of local children.

Father's Day brunch planned

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will have a Father's Day brunch Sunday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger.

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.

'Catholicism' by Father Barron to be presented weekly

Fort Wayne — St. Patrick Parish will show the Father Robert Barron series "Catholicism" Monday evenings beginning June

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3, at 6 p.m. in the church following the 5 p.m. Mass. Sessions will last one hour with brief discussion to follow. For information call (260) 744-1450.

Call for foster parents

Fort Wayne — The Phoenix Institute, Inc. is looking for foster parents for its family oriented Foster Care agency. Call Brittney at (260) 739-7904 or email brittney.collins@phoenixfoster-

care.com. Visit www.phoenixfostercare.com for information.

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.



Father's Day BRUNCH

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Sacred Heart Parish celebrates 80 years

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — More than 120 people gathered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the parish. The special Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades along with Father John Delaney, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, in the building that was filled with members from the past and children of the future. Immediately after Mass, Bishop Rhoades held a blessing at the Mount Calvary Cemetery attended by members of the congregation. The rest of the morning concluded with a social gathering and potluck at the parish social hall where visitors enjoyed food, fellowship and activities.

“Today’s feast, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), came into being more than seven centuries ago. The Church felt the need for a special celebration to express with greater intensity her faith and her joy in the amazing gift of the Holy Eucharist. It is wonderful that we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of your parish on this beautiful feast. The most Holy Eucharist is the center of the Church’s life. It is the center of the life of every parish. And there is a profound connection between the Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the title of this parish. Recall that water and blood flowed from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. The water and blood represent the two chief sacraments of the Church, Baptism and Eucharist. The sacraments are gifts to the Church from the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” said Bishop Rhoades to the congregation.

In early 1932, Holy Cross Father James Burns, provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, requested permission from Bishop John F. Noll to establish a parish of the Holy Cross Order in or near the city of South Bend. Holy Cross Father Peter Miner was appointed the task of surveying the area to assess the need

for a new church. By December of 1932, a decision was made to create a church. The abandoned Pleasant View School building was cleaned and on Dec. 18, Masses were celebrated at 8 and 10 a.m.

Eventually a well-known horse trader and devout Catholic, bequeathed two acres of land for the building of a Catholic church and rectory. This was happening during the time of the Depression and Sunday collections from the small congregation were meager. However, the contribution of many, many hours of labor was a great help in the building of the new brick church and rectory.

On June 23, 1933, the formal dedication ceremonies took place with dignitaries of the clergy present as well as church members and non-Catholic neighbors who helped with the construction.

In later years farmland was purchased for classroom space and to create the Mount Calvary Cemetery, new office space and a bedroom were added to the rectory and the church underwent upgrading.

A red brick building was constructed with the purpose of holding religious education classes in May of 1972. The walls are moveable so that the building could be used for parish social functions as well.

“This parish, with the title Sacred Heart of Jesus, like the whole Church, is nourished and strengthened by the fountain of living waters which flow from the Heart of Christ. The Holy Eucharist is, as Pope Paul VI once said, ‘the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus.’ It is the sacrament of love par excellence. I encourage you on this feast of Corpus Christi to be devoted both to the Holy Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — these devotions are intimately connected. The Eucharist is the gift of the loving Heart of Jesus,” said Bishop Rhoades.

“In reflecting on today’s Gospel of the hungry multitude fed by Jesus when He multiplied the loaves and the fish, I thought of your ancestors in the faith here at Sacred Heart,



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lakeville, to mark the 80th anniversary of the parish’s founding.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses the faithful of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville, at the end of Mass.

devout Catholics hungry for the Bread of Life, the sacred Body and Blood of the Lord. Their hunger was satisfied when this church was dedicated. Today, the feast of Corpus Christi, the whole Church gives thanks to God for the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. And, gathered together at this Mass, we also thank God for the establishment of this parish, this Eucharistic community. We remember the many priests, religious and lay faithful who sacrificed to build this church and who have been generous with their time, talent and treasure through the past 80 years,” continued Bishop Rhoades, who challenged the congregation to go out and live their faith and the Eucharist with the community. He invited people to be grateful to the many volunteers who created the parish and continue to keep it running.

“My brothers and sisters, as we celebrate this beautiful feast of Corpus Christi and the 80th anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish and church, let us be renewed in our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the most precious gift Jesus left to His Church. The Eucharist is the Church’s greatest treasure,” said Bishop Rhoades.

He continued, “I am committed to the future of your parish community. You will grow and flourish if you are devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. May the Eucharist strengthen you to live our Catholic faith with conviction and to spread that faith to others as a true evangelizing community. Invite others to join the parish. I ask you to be especially attentive to the Christian formation and catechesis of the children and young people of the parish. And always reach out with the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the poor, the sick and the suffering of this area of the Lord’s vineyard. Like those who built this parish and church 80 years ago, may you be generous servants of the Lord and His Church! May the Holy Eucharist always strengthen you in your holy mission.”

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers a blessing at the Mount Calvary Cemetery. He was joined by parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville, who were celebrating the 80th anniversary of the parish on Sunday, June 2. Father John Delaney, pastor, stands at the left in the photo.