Hispanics celebrate implementation of five-year pastoral plan

BY JODI MAGALLANES

WARSAW — Following two years of planning the Office of Hispanic Ministries has prepared a five-year pastoral plan for implementation within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Hispanics of the diocese celebrated their hard work on Saturday, June 8, with a day of worship, the sacraments, a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and a fiesta.

At the request of Bishop Rhoades, Enid Roman DeJesus, director of the Office of Hispanic Ministries, and Lourdes Silva, associate director, have led the two-year planning process that involved the pastors and laity of 13 parishes.

The effort was guided by five points of interest or areas of faith and practice that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops believes should receive attention and be strengthened.

Coming together at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw, many of the faithful arrived Saturday more than an hour before the start of the 11 a.m. Mass to prepare themselves by way of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Twelve Reconciliation stations were set up on the lawn behind the shrine, around a central tent where each priest later joined the bishop for Mass.

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Msgr. Kuzmich looking forward to ‘quieting down’ in retirement

BY VINCENzo LABEABER

FORT WAYNE — Retirement can be an adjustment. For Msgr. John Kuzmich, it would seem going from a parish of more than 3,000 families with 10,000 people — the largest in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — to one of the smallest parishes with about 160 families with less than 400 parishioners could be a major adjustment.

On Wednesday, June 26, Msgr. Kuzmich will conclude his priestly ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, where he has served as pastor one month short of 29 years and spent seven prior years as associate pastor, and, literally, drive into retirement with residence at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lakeville, on U.S. 31. He’ll go from the activity of six weekend Masses, Baptisms, religious-education and an evening Life Teen program to just two Masses on the weekend.

“Heavy Mass schedule was very tiring for me,” said Msgr. Kuzmich, who has undergone two invasive surgeries during the past 12 years. “I’ll be grateful for the quiet weekends with no administrative responsibilities,” he said.

Born in South Bend on Oct. 1, 1938, he is one of four children of Croatian parents Hubert and Katherine (Vukovich) Kuzmich. He has a brother, Hugh, and sisters Kathern (Kagel) and Nancy (Hillenbrand), all living in Indiana, two in South Bend. Young John attended St. Patrick High School and Saint Joseph High School. He spent a year and one summer semester at the University of Notre Dame with the intention of obtaining a degree in architecture, but a call to the priesthood superseded that intention.
Hispanic faithful take advantage of 12 stations set up on the lawn at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw Saturday, June 8, for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Afterwards, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Mass to observe the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to mark the implementation of a five-year plan for Hispanic ministry in the diocese.

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On the feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Bishop Rhoades welcomed worshippers with a reminder that the Year of Faith is currently being celebrated, a faith that begins with the sacrament of Baptism; a faith that is modeled perfectly by Mary. Mary loved God and her Son with all of her heart.

“The heart reveals and is a symbol of the spirituality of a person. The first time the Gospel mentions the heart of Mary is to show the richness of the interior life of the Virgin,” Bishop Rhoades said. St. Luke wrote that Mary guarded memories of Jesus in her heart — a heart from which all of humanity has been born.

“St. John, at the foot of the cross with Mary, represented all of us,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Mary is our mother, the mother of the Church. We are loved by her.”

“Mary is a gift that Jesus Himself gives to each one of us, personally,” Bishop Rhoades added. “Her heart is our security and our consolation. Mary is with us always, and accompanies us in the suffering and pain of life, they say that she accompanied her Son in His Passion.”

The Virgin offers us her Immaculate Heart, which is tender and gentle, but she also calls us to prayer, sacrifice, penitence, generosity and devotion.

“We must imitate her virtues,” Bishop Rhoades said. He also spoke of the accomplish-
Religious freedom gets more lip service than guarantees, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Religious freedom is talked about more than it is protected, Pope Francis said.

“The serious violations inflicted on this basic right are causes of serious concern,” and the world’s nations must act together to uphold “the intangible dignity of the human person against every attack,” he said.

The pope made his comments during an audience with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano at the Vatican June 8.

Pope Francis looks over a book with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano during a private meeting at the Vatican June 8.

The pope said the cooperation that exists between Church and state in Italy is built on the daily interaction and rapport between government officials and Catholics, whose main aim is always the promotion of “the interests of the people and society.”

He noted that 2013 marked the 1,700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan. This proclamation of tolerance of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire was seen by many, he said, “as a symbol of the first affirmation of the principle of religious freedom.

However, today “religious freedom is more often declared than achieved,” the pope said.

Religious liberty, in fact, is frequently violated and finds itself “subjected to various kinds of threats,” the pope said. “It’s the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people.”

Also, everyone benefits when people together safeguard this “moral right” as it guarantees the growth and development of the whole community,” the pope said.

Pope Francis also told Napolitano that the “profound and persistent global crisis” in the world today worsens current problems, especially for the weaker members of society.

But the most “worrying” problems today include the weakening of the family and the rising birthrate, the pope said. “The rule of profit in the work world and insufficient attention being paid to younger generations and their education. In order to face the crisis, he said, “it is fundamental to guarantee and develop” democratic institutions, which are precisely “an arena where lay Catholics can make ‘critical, just and creative’ contributions to society.”

Pope Francis said it was “urgent” to help foster, especially among young people, a new way of looking at political involvement.

There needs to be “a culture of encounter” in which “believers and nonbelievers may collaborate together to promote a world where injustices can be overcome and every person is welcomed and may contribute to the common good,” he said.

“We Catholics have the duty to dedicate ourselves even more to a serious journey of spiritual conversion so that every day we get closer to the Gospel,” which calls on the faithful to offer “concrete and effective service to people and society.”

Bishops warn against changes in immigration bill that could kill it

SACRAMENTO (CNS) — Bishops warned in a letter to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops June 16 that changes in immigration reform legislation would “fail if they don’t allow for immigrants to fully incorporate into American society.”

The letter was signed by the bishops of the Western United States and is the latest of a series of statements urging that immigration reform be done “in a humane manner, he said, then be brought out of the shadows and into the sunlight.”

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“Do we want a country with a legal immigration system, including an accessible and achievable path to citizenship that includes the maximum number of people? If the goal of reform is to address the problem of irregular immigration in a humane manner, he said, then all undocumented people should be brought out of the shadows and placed into the legal system,” the pope said.

“Family unity is the cornerstone of the system,” he said. “Immigrant families help our nation both economically and socially,” the pope said. “This nation cannot take an immigrant’s labor and deny the immigrant’s family.”

“The answer to these questions, he said, “is always the promotion of ‘the poorly have the duty to dedicate ourselves even more to a serious journey of spiritual conversion so that every day we get closer to the Gospel,” which calls on the faithful to offer “concrete and effective service to people and society.”

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Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the Committee on Communications and former chair of the immigration committee, said a handful of concerns for changes to the bill that might be attempted on the Senate floor.

The Senate began debate on the bill the previous week and was scheduled to take a procedural vote over whether to allow debate to continue June 11.

“Some will argue that before we can begin welcoming new citizens, we will need more fencing and blockading of the border,” Bishop Wester said.

“We urge Congress to maintain the current balance between enforcement goals and improvements in the legal immigration system, including a path to citizenship,” the bishop said.

He said the bishops also would oppose amendments to reduce the number of people who might pursue the path to citizenship laid out in the bill, S. 744. “Additional measures to make the path to citizenship more difficult, such as an increase in fines or imposition of other difficult income and employment requirements, or amendments to remove the citizenship option altogether, also will meet our opposition.”

Bishop Wester said efforts to prevent immigrants from the legal immigration program from obtaining benefits such as the earned income tax credit, Social Security and eligibility for health care coverage would also would meet the Church’s opposition.

People who pay taxes and otherwise contribute to the economy “should not be barred from these benefits, to which every worker should be entitled,” he said.

Bishop Wester said he hoped the legislative process would lead to improvements in the Senate bill, not additional restrictions.

Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, warned that attempts to reform the immigration system would fail if they don’t allow for immigrants to fully incorporate into American society.

He said the key points of the bishops’ policy goals for immigration reform include:

• An accessible and achievable path to citizenship that includes the maximum number of people. If the goal of reform is to address the problem of irregular immigration in a humane manner, he said, then all undocumented people should be brought out of the shadows and placed into the legal system.

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• Enforcement by itself, especially along the southern border, will not solve the challenge of irregular immigration,” he said. Bishop Soto.

• The punitive enforcement-only approach has been the default policy for the last two decades. It has only aggravated the problem of irregular immigration. Our southern border should be a place of mutual respect and an extension of hands across boundaries, not a militarized zone.

Advocate for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

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

• Sacred Heart Church, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw, will host a holy hour for the Bishop’s Call To Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty on Sunday, June 16, at 9 a.m.

• St. Patrick Church, 807 Tyler St., Walkerton, will host Adoration from 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, for Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

• St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Slotonville, will host prayer and Adoration on Wednesday, June 12, 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.; and Exposition and Adoration from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.

• St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4,508 Rader Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.

• Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has a hour and a half (3:30-5:30 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 Eucharist 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.

Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes

• Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21 — Priests’ Retreat, Potawotomi Inn, Pokagon State Park.

• Saturday, June 22, 8 a.m. — Mass opening Fortnight for Freedom, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

• Monday, June 24, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne.

• Monday, June 24, 4 p.m. — Mass for Seminarians and Families, Saint Aloysius Church, Yoder.

• Wednesday, June 26 — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Advisory Board, Detroit, MI.

• Saturday, June 29, 12 p.m. — Mass at Youth Leadership and Ministry Conference, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne.

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC
Bill has hurdles to pass, but plans begin for immigrant legalization

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Comprehensive immigration reform legislation barely cleared its first hurdle in Congress in May with the approval of the Senate Judiciary Committee, but the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., known as CLINIC, is already gearing up to help a potential pool of 11 million people apply for legalization.

At a May 21-24 annual conference sponsored by CLINIC, a subtext of excitement for what might lay ahead hung over the gathering of hundreds of attorneys and legal services workers. Amid workshops on technical legal topics such as adjustment of status, types of special visas and affidavits, among others, a recurring theme for speakers and participants was how to get ready for “CIR,” as they refer to comprehensive immigration reform.

Even Alejandro Mayorkas, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the federal agency that would oversee any process of legalization for undocumented immigrants, said at a plenary session that his staff is already working on preparations, such as how to reach potential applicants — booths in libraries? workshops in churches? vans traveling to rural areas?

On the CLINIC end, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University has been commissioned to estimate the number of people in each diocese who lack legal immigration status, said Don Kerwin, a former director of CLINIC who currently is director of the Center for Migration Studies.

In the plenary session of CLINIC’s annual convening, Kerwin said the CARA study is intended to help dioceses figure out what resources may be needed to help immigrants participate in a legalization process that is a key part of the Senate bill, S. 744.

Kerwin said the study could be a useful tool for immigration legal services agencies to seek funding to begin preparations, for starters. Around the room, attorneys and staff members of agencies raised questions about access, such as whether the application process would use an electronic database system compatible with what they already use, and whether people who prefer to apply using only paper work will be able to do so.

In response to questions from the audience, Mayorkas said his agency is using the ongoing processing of applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Immigrants, or DACA, as a template for a bigger immigration reform.

DACA is an administration program under which certain undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before their 16th birthday and who meet criteria including for education and clean background checks may apply for deferment of deportation. Approval includes a work permit and ability to obtain a Social Security card. About 500,000 people have applied for the status since it was created in August.

Of those, just under 300,000 have been approved and about 2,000 have been denied. Mayorkas said the fast time frame under which DACA was implemented — it was announced last June and his agency began accepting applications in August — was “a test of our capacity to implement something very quickly. This was on a much smaller scale but much faster.”

As many as 1.7 million people are estimated to be potential applicants for DACA, over a multiyear period. The Senate bill’s legalization provisions, as currently worded, would be open to immigrants who arrived in the United States before 2012, out of an undocumented population estimated at 11 million. The bill would give federal agencies a year after it is signed into law to implement it.

“We need a year,” Mayorkas said. “If you want the regulatory process, one year is the speed of lightning.”

Other questions his agency is considering include “should we be leasing facilities or leasing vans to drive to rural areas?”

An existing program which brings Citizenship and Immigration Services staff to rural areas in vans has been quite successful, Mayorkas said, and he expects something similar will be in place for legalization.

S. 744 is expected to come to the Senate floor for amendments, debate and vote perhaps as soon as this month. A House bill is being written by a bipartisan panel of eight members, but its details have not been released.

A second plenary session discussed the details of S. 744 and touched on steps that can be taken now to prepare for potential passage.

Michelle Sardone of the CLINIC staff said a key point to emphasize among communities of immigrants is that there is no reform law yet, although some attorneys seem to be advertising that they will help people get legalized under the new law.

Sardone said social service agencies and even parishes can take some steps now, including: plan for community education about the bill; appoint a coordinator; reach out to potential sources of funding for new services; form partnerships with other community groups so as to complement rather than unnecessarily duplicate services being offered, and start recruiting volunteers.

And a useful approach for many of those steps, Sardone said, is to tell stories of immigrants and how they came to be in their situations.

“Remind the community that this is about real people,” she said.
Pope Francis ditched a 1,250-word prepared speech to students saying it would be “a tad boring” to read out loud and opted instead to just quickly hit the high points and spend the rest of the time answering people’s questions.

“Would you like that?” he asked as some 9,000 students, alumni and teachers from Jesuit-run schools and associations in Italy and Albania yelled “Yes” with cheers and applause.

Then over the course of 30 minutes, Pope Francis answered 10 questions, including how to deal with doubt, how to live with hope in a troubled world and whether Christians should be politically active.

The special event in the Vatican’s Paul VI hall June 7 was an occasion for young people, parents and educators to highlight the Jesuit charism, particularly in the field of education, and to celebrate the election of the first Jesuit pope in the Church’s history.

The pope is well-versed in the field since when he was Jesuit Father Jorge Mario Bergoglio, he spent a number of years teaching literature, psychology and other subjects at Jesuit-run schools in Argentina.

The event’s presenters seemed hesitant about the pope’s request, saying no questions had been prepared in advance and warning him that the students from elementary, middle and high school would just “wring” it.

One girl asked him why he chose not to live in the apostolic palace.

“It’s not just a question of wealth,” he responded, adding that the now uninhabited papal apartment “is not that luxurious, don’t worry.”

His decision to live in a simple Vatican residence wasn’t motivated by trying to live up to some kind of “personal virtue,” but rather “it’s for psychiatric reasons,” he said teasingly.

Living alone or in an isolated setting “would not do me any good” and he said he’s the kind of person who prefers living in the thick of things, “among the people.”

But he did add that he tries to live as simply as possible, “to not have many things and to become a bit poorer” like Christ.

He urged everyone to try to live more simply saying, “In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it’s incomprehensible how there can be so many hungry children, so many children without an education, so many poor.”

Extreme poverty in the world “is a scandal” and “a cry” for help, he said. That is why “each one of us must think how we can become a little poorer” and more like Christ.

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**Shortages of bread for Communion, sacramental wine in Venezuela**

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (CNS) —** In his small parish outside of Venezuela’s capital, Caracas, Father Maximo Mateos is filling his chalice with less than half the amount of wine he formerly used.

The priests at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Caracas are precariously close to running out of sacramental wine.

And for the Sisters of the Adoration in Colombia, finding good wheat flour to make Communion wafers is becoming harder and more expensive.

In Venezuela, sporadic shortages of basic goods can turn a roll of toilet paper into a rare commodity; adds Rosary Parish in Caracas, Father Pablo Urquiaga, a priest who runs a consultancy in Caracas.

Boyera parish told local reporters that the congregation has cut production by two-thirds in recent years.

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In the publication La Iglesia Ahora, three bishops said there is an “extreme need” for supplies of wine. The supplier, Bodegas Pornar, “can’t guarantee consistent production and regular distribution due to the lack of some goods needed to bottle the product.”

Phone messages left for Bodegas Pornar were not returned, but Church officials said less than three months of wine remained in storage.

“We’ve had to do what we can to conserve while hoping that it’s just a temporary shortage,” Father Mateos told Catholic News Service. “We do live in a country where shortages of all things are common. So this is not uncommon.”

Supplies of everything from toilet paper to milk, sugar and oil sporadically disappear from store shelves.

In late May, authorities seized 2,500 rolls of toilet paper, 7,000 liters of juice and 400 diapers from a clandestine warehouse in Caracas — proof, the government said, of hoarding that is to blame for the shortages.

The Venezuelan government announced in early June that it would start testing a program designed to prevent hoarding. The program will digitally track shoppers in the state of Zulia, which includes the country’s second-largest city, Maracaibo, and will limit the amount of basic goods they can buy in one day.

The pilot program will be put in place in 65 supermarkets, officials said.

The government of oil-rich Venezuela has kept in place price and currency controls introduced under the government of President Hugo Chavez, who died in March after a prolonged battle with cancer. Those restrictions have limited the availability of products to consumers.

“They have kept the prices down and that has kept inflation relatively low, but it can’t last,” said economist Robert Botinore, who runs a consultancy in Caracas.

“Things are going to get worse.”

Chavez’s successor, Nicolas Maduro, has tried to ease some of the pressures by making the dollar more available to some businesses, thereby allowing them to import more goods, but shortages have persisted.

In Caracas, a member of the Sisters of the Adoration, who produce wafers for Communion, said they have started buying flour in local bakeries and pastry shops because finding pure wheat flour has become more difficult.

That has raised prices, limiting the number of wafers they turn out. The congregation has cut production by two-thirds in recent years.

Father Honegger Molina of La Boyera parish told local reporters that he used to receive 10,000 wafers a time from the congregation, but now “they tell me to take 2,000 and come back in 15 days for 2,000 more.”

The situation is more difficult when it comes to sacramental wine, which has to be pure and without additives, making finding alternatives difficult.

Jose Antonio Conceicao, who works in the liturgy department at the Venezuelan bishops’ conference, said the number of Masses will not be reduced due to the shortage.

Catholic leaders, he said, believe the shortage will only be temporary as they are working to find another supplier.

Some Catholic leaders said they are talking with suppliers in neighboring Colombia, but that no supply has yet been located.

Most, like the priests, are saving what they can.

“We’re asking other parishes for help, but it’s something we’re all going through,” said a representative for one of the Rosary Parish.

“We just hope what little we have will last until they find a solution.”

Father Pablo Urrigaia, a priest at Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Caracas, said the temporary shortage can serve as a reminder of what’s important.

“We should worry ourselves more with the quality of our Masses and less with the quality of the wine,” he said.
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**DOMINICAN SISTERS PARTICIPATE IN ‘AMERICAN BIBLE CHALLENGE’ ON CABLE TV’S GAME SHOW NETWORK**

Sisters Evangeline, Peter Joseph and Maria Suso participate in “The American Bible Challenge.” The three Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist made it into the final round of the Bible trivia program on cable TV’s Game Show Network. Even though they didn’t win, they still took home more than $55,000 they’ll use to support aging members of their Ann Arbor, Mich., order.

**TOMATOES SCATTER Belongings, Bond Communities in Northern Kansas**

CORNING, Kan. (CNS) - As winds roared, trees toppled, grain bins crashed, hail pounded and walls ripped apart, one head, seven members of the Becker family added their own voices to the storm. Huddled in a shower stall in their basement near Corning the afternoon of May 28 with a comforter over their heads, they prayed the rosary. When the first weather alerts for the community in northern Kansas sounded, the threat was far enough away that Monica Becker took pictures of the first rope she saw coming down from the clouds. She sent an image to WBW-TV in Topeka, not yet even imagining that her family’s home stood in the direct path of a forming tornado. It was the second day in a row severe weather struck northern Kansas communities. On May 27, an EF2 tornado decimated two businesses and damaged many properties near Marysville. Then the storm that struck near Corning on May 28, producing EF3 and EF1 tornadoes, affected five families and all parishioners of St. Patrick Parish. Father John Reynolds, their pastor, visited the families and found that each had a different story to tell.

**POPE FRANCIS RECOGNIZES MARTYRDOM OF 95 VICTIMS OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom of 95 men and women religious and laymen who were killed during the Spanish Civil War. The pope’s approval of a series of martyrdom decrees June 3 opened the way for the beatification of the new martyrs. A miracle is required before any candidate can be formally declared a candidate to the beatification. In “Land of Lincoln”

**NEBRASKA RELIGIOUS LEADERS URGE CONCERN FOR POOR IN FARM BILL DEBATE**

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — Cutting food aid for poor children to bring the federal deficit under control seems “penny-wise and pound-foolish,” said an essay by four Nebraska Christian bishops, including the Catholic bishop of Grand Island, Bishop William J. Dendinger. “We do not want to saddle our children with crushing debt,” he said. “The bishops said in an essay published in the June 2 issue of the Omaha World-Herald daily newspaper. “However, votes to reduce the deficit by cutting food aid to children overlook the unintended consequence of increasing their hunger and poverty seem penny-wis and pound-foolish.” The bishops urged Nebraska’s two senators, Mike Johanns and Deb Fischer, both Republicans, to reject amendments to the farm bill that would cut funds to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. “Today, 18 percent of children in Nebraska live in poverty — a 3 percent increase since 2009 — and 95,500 families struggle to put food on the table,” the bishops said. “During difficult economic times, families go to local church pantries and apply for assistance through SNAP.” The bishops alluded to the size of potential SNAP cuts as part of the overall farm bill being considered in June. “The Senate is considering $4 billion in cuts over 10 years, while the House proposal would cut $21 billion over 10 years, removing 2 million people from SNAP,” they said.

**NEW YORK BISHOPS OPPOSE EFFORT TO ‘CODIFY’ ROE V. WADE INTO STATE LAW**

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — New York’s bishops, led by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, said they would oppose a portion of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Women’s Equality Act that preserves abortion rights. The bill introduced June 3 would ease restrictions in state law on late-term abortion and runs the serious risk of broadly expanding abortion access at all stages of gestation, the bishops said in a June 4 statement. “While the bill’s proponents say it will simply codify federal law, it is selectively in its codification,” they added. “Nowhere does it address the portions of federal laws that limit abortion, such as the ban on taxpayer funding, the ban on partial-birth abortion or protections for unborn victims of violence.” The bishops said, “We fully oppose this measure and the damage it would cause to people to do the same, vigorously and unapologetically.” The Women’s Equality Act is a 10-point program unveiled by Cuomo, a Democrat and a Catholic.

**OHIO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SAY MANDATE RAISES RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONCERNS**

CINCINNATI (CNS) — A Cincinnati archdiocesan official called an “exciting breakthrough” that mainline Protestant churches in Ohio have joined with the Catholic Church in objecting to the federal contraceptive mandate based on religious freedom concerns. The Ohio Council of Churches, which represents 18 denominations, adopted a statement May 29 saying that with the mandate of the Affordable Care Act, the government is defining what constitutes a religious belief and who has a right to that belief. “This is an exciting breakthrough. To have mainline Protestant churches in solidarity with Catholics on religious freedom sends a clear and powerful message,” said Tony Stieritz, director of the Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In its statement, the council said that even the most recent proposal to implement the mandate “still narrowly applies the exemption to only ‘churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches, as well as to the exclusively religious activities of any religious order, and does not include religious charities, hospitals and universities. “According to the mandate, therefore, the government has now defined that these institutions are not religious enough to follow their own religious teachings in certain circumstances,” the council statement said. “This mandate sets a concerning precedent for any religious institution which may find itself in a position of having values that, within reason, challenge that of the state.”

**Pope Francis decides not to spend summer at Castel Gandolfo**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Unlike many of his predecessors since the early 1600s, Pope Francis has decided not to spend the summer months at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo south of Rome, although he will observe a reduced schedule in July and August. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters June 6 that Pope Francis has decided that for the summer he will be “based at the Domus Sanctae Marthae,” the Vatican guesthouse where he has lived since his election in March. However, Pope Francis will travel to Castel Gandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome, July 14 to lead the midday recitation of the Angelus with townspople and pilgrims. Father Lombardi said he did not say why Pope Francis had decided not to go move to Castel Gandolfo for the summer, although he noted that when he was the archbishop of Buenos Aires, the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio did not go away for his summer holidays. As for other details of the pope’s summer schedule, Father Lombardi said Pope Francis does not plan to hold any private or special audiences between July 8 and Sept. 1. Also, his early morning Masses with Vatican employees and a short homily will be suspended during that period.

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Father Cox presents ‘Building Community, Building a People of God’ at St. Adalbert

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross Father Christopher Cox will offer a presentation at St. Adalbert Heritage Center, Sunday, July 7, from 5-7 p.m., titled “Building Community, Building a People of God.” The presentation will include a short video, photographs and informative stories of Father Cox’s life and work at his parish, Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Andacollo, in Chile, where he has been pastor since 2010.

One hundred years ago, a young volunteer in the same parish gave time through all of his high school and college years before he entered the Jesuits. He became St. Alberto Hurtado.

The presentation will include music by Benito Salazar and hosts Jesica Rivera and Mike Collins. Mexican food will be available at $5 a plate.

Raised in Hays, Kan., Father Cox entered the University of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross at 18 years old. He was ordained a priest in 1999, serving in a parish in Arizona before returning to South Bend where he served at St. Stephen Parish (2001-2003), St. Casimir Parish (2001-2010), and St. Adalbert Parish (2003-2010). As a seminarian, he worked for a year (1996) in the school attached to a parish in Chile.

“Like” Father Cox’s parish at http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAndacollo.

Illustrator Nancy Glon visits Sacred Heart School

WARSAW — Nancy Glon, an illustrator of eight books, recently visited Sacred Heart School in Warsaw. Glon shared with two groups the time and hard work for her illustrations to take form, taking over a year-and-a-half to complete. She also explained the research needed to write a nonfiction book. Glon plans to keep working and illustrating several more books.

She is the great-grandmother of four students at Sacred Heart School. Glon is married and a mother of seven children with 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Principal James L. Faroh noted, “Her presentation will help inspire young writers and illustrators. She provided the important links between ideas and published works.”

Softball player receives recognition

HUNTINGTON — Erin Rethlake, who is a parishioner of St. Mary Parish, Huntington, was just named the 2012-13 Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year. Rethlake is a left-handed pitcher and junior, who led the Huntington North High School Lady Vikings to a 26-3 regional championship and semi-state appearance this season.

She has a 3.75 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and volunteered for youth softball pro-

High School team makes presentation to Italian delegation

BY LISA KOCZANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — After weeks of studying the Euro and Eurozone, economic problems in foreign countries and concentrating on Italy, the Saint Joseph High School Euro Challenge team of students Greenan Sullivan, Nora Kelly, Nora McGreevy, Sofia Carozza, Molly Clark, Vivian Crumlish, Nolan Liu and coaches Julie Chismar and Phil Vivian Crumlish came together through their interest in economics.

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“The Bureau” won the seventh annual Life Athletes Little Bookstore Basketball Tournament at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend. They hold the singular honor of not only winning the 3-on-3 competition, but also the Best Team Uniform prize.

Pictured from left are Chris Godfrey, Eric Mossey, Matthew Monserez, Denton Gillis and Father Terry Coonan.

“The Bureau” outclasses field

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

The team of seven sophomores came together through their interest in economics.

“One of the most memorable moments for me was in the business center of the hotel the night before our first competition. We were all exhausted and fried, but we learned a lot that night and it was hugely beneficial when it came time for the question and answer round of the competition,” said Molly Clark.

Nora Kelly said, “There were many wonderful moments in the week, but my favorite was when we all bonded over a conversation or a joke. Once all seven of us ordered Shirley Temples in a restaurant after the awards ceremony, and there was a real sense of solidarity and friendship among us.”

Learning about the European economy has not only opened the minds of the students but also made a lasting impression.

“It has given me much knowledge about Europe, specifically Italy, while it also has given me a deep understanding of economics as well; not to mention it was an unbelievable time and bonding experience,” said Greenan Sullivan.

Nolan Liu said, “I’ve learned a lot about economics, its real-world applications and its role in the economies of other countries.”

“I loved this. I’m honestly entertaining the possibility of majoring in economics because of this and I still keep up on the European economy. Not to mention the fun and friendships I made that I will never lose,” said Vivian Crumlish.
Dad feels blessed with ‘full house’

BY DENISE FEDOROW

LIGONIER — Oftentimes when you hear of a couple adopting they have not yet been blessed with their own children. That was not the case for Dave and Debbie Baum of Ligonier, who had six biological children before adopting two more, giving them a pretty full house.

The couple will be married 28 years this August and have been attending St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen for about four years.

Their children range in age from 11 to 26 years old.

Twenty-six-year-old Katie is married and lives in Fort Wayne with her husband Chris and their son William. James Brendan is 23 and in graduate school in Dayton, Ohio, working on a degree in computer engineering. Kiera, 22, just finished her degree in elementary education at Indiana University in South Bend, and her sister Kimberly, 20, is a sophomore at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis studying political science. Jordan, who just turned 19, will be joining his sister at IPUI to work towards a degree in bio-medical engineering. Jonathan, 15, is a sophomore at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. Their adopted children, Kristen, left, and Jordan, right. The children are both 11 years old. Kristen said she likes that her dad “helps us in the morning to get ready for school,” while Jordan likes that his dad “helps with sports.”

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BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — When Tone Schortgen married Janeen over three decades ago he was open to all the glorious possibilities the future might hold. Now 36 years later, with a loving wife, four children and nine grandchildren, he has his hands — and heart — full.

A native Hoosier, Schortgen was raised the fourth of Robert and Agnes’ 10 children on the Schortgen farm where his father and grandfather impressed upon him not only a strong work ethic, but a deep faith and strong values as well. Those values now translate to love of God and family for this tool and die journeyman who has been committed to his trade for the past 37 years.

Schortgen adores all of his children and their spouses, as he does his grandchildren, each with their own unique personality.

“Being a grandparent is awesome,” he says Schortgen, who says there are so many things he sees watching his grandchildren grow up that he missed with his own kids. “They see the simplicity of life and bring me back to ‘simple.’”

All the Schortgen grandchildren spend as much time as they can with their doting grandparents, some living a distance and others close by. But one little guy, nine-year-old Max, Rachel and Lonnie’s son, holds a special place in this loving grandpa’s heart. He’s been a fixture in Schortgen’s life since the day he was born.

With daily contact during the first three years of Max’s life Grandpa Schortgen recalls backpacking his little grandson as he attended an auction, an activity he enjoys. “He went to his first auction at six months,” Schortgen says chuckling. He adds that through the years Max has become known as his shadow because “he’s always with me,” he says.

When Max’s parents moved to a nearby town, grandpa and grandma were still on hand each week to visit their grandson and his brothers Zach and baby Elijah while Rachel and Lonnie attended Bible study group. Schortgen, long-time parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish where he is an usher, member of the Knights of Columbus and a retired co-spiritual director of CRHP, is firm about sharing his faith with not only his children but his grandchildren, and recalls praying with them at meals and bedtime.

To encourage an interest in Mass attendance Schortgen invited Max to usher with him. “I thought if he could serve and be involved … and it’s exploded.” Max now excitedly anticipates ushering and marks his calendar when his grandpa receives his schedule. Max also assists his grandpa at the St. Elizabeth summer festival, both in their famous Hawaiian shirts in the food tent selling snow cones. “He enjoys people. He’s not shy and he has an agenda. … He’s a deep thinker,” says Schortgen about his outgoing grandson.

Max’s grandpa has also found great joy in passing his love of hunting and fishing on to Max, who relishes the taste of deer, squirrel and bass. Schortgen says, “We spend a lot of time fishing. I’ll just call and see if Max is free and we’ll go.”

During those times conversations between grandfather and grandson focused on life with grandpa imparting wisdom and Scripture to fit the topic. “I enjoy watching him grow up, seeing the aspects and gifts God’s given him. And bringing them into the light constructively for him is a big part (of grandparenting),” says Schortgen, who admires his grandson’s fluency with the Bible. He sees a bold intelligence in his tenderhearted grandson, who loves to help others when he’s not playing chess or with his Legos.

When Max’s dad, Lonnie joined the army and left for boot camp, Rachel and her boys moved back home to the Schortgen household. As soon as Lonnie was stationed in Washington State, the family moved out and Schorten recalls the solitude of his recently youth-filled home. “I’d see one of their toys and it’d get to me. It got quiet,” he says. But visits across country kept the families united.
Discrimination against Catholic adoption services

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Local Catholic Charities agencies around the country have long provided adoption and foster care services to the neediest children. Catholic Charities agencies often take on the most difficult placements, including older, abused children and children with disabilities and special needs. When placing children with couples, Catholic Charities makes sure those children enjoy the advantage of having a mother and a dad who are married.

In 2006, Catholic Charities of Boston, which had been one of the nation’s oldest adoption agencies, faced a very difficult choice. It would either violate its conscience, or close its doors. In order to be licensed by the state, Catholic Charities of Boston would have to obey state laws banning “sexual orientation discrimination.” And because marriage had been redefined in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities could not simply limit its placements to married couples.

Catholic leaders asked the state legislature for a religious exemption but were refused. As a result, Catholic Charities of Boston was forced to shut down its adoption services.

Later that year, Catholic Charities San Francisco faced a similar untenable choice and was forced to end its adoption services as well. In Washington, D.C., Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington — which has provided support to children and families for over 80 years — had a partnership with the District of Columbia for its foster care and public adoption program. However, in 2010, a law redefining legal marriage to include two people of the same sex took effect in the District. The District then informed Catholic Charities that it would no longer be an eligible foster care and adoption partner.

Because, as a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities was committed to placing children with married couples so that each child would have the experience of a mother and a father. Concerned District residents appealed to bring the issue of marriage before voters so that they could have a voice in the debate, but the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics repeatedly denied voters’ request to put marriage on the ballot.

In 2011, Catholic Charities affiliates in Illinois closed down instead of complying with a new requirement that they could no longer receive state money if they refuse to place children with persons in same-sex relationships as foster or adoptive parents. “In the name of tolerance, we’re not being tolerated,” said Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., a civil and canon lawyer who fought for Catholic Charities to retain its religious freedom in Illinois.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, several state governments have sought to trample on the conscience rights of Catholic charitable service providers. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship. It is the freedom of our children to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, including the neediest children seeking adoptive and foster families.
said they’d hoped to adopt from birth, feeling that would make the transition and acceptance easier for their other children. Some agencies wanted to place infants only with childless couples, which the Baums understood, and some were concerned they wouldn’t have enough love and attention to go around.

Justin’s birth mother, however, felt differently. Debbie said his mother said she knew her son would be loved because there were siblings in the home. The race of the children was not an issue for the couple, but they didn’t want to be disruptive to the rest of the kids. Dave said because they adopted Justin and Kristina from birth “they integrated into the family the same way as our biological children.”

That was also the couple’s reasoning behind adopting more than one child — they didn’t want the adopted child to feel so different from the rest of the family. So they planned on waiting a couple of years after adopting Justin to adopt another infant.

God apparently had other plans. Dave said the agency contacted them before Justin was born asking if they’d consider adopting another child as they had four more birth mothers due in the coming months. The entire family drove to Florida when they received the call that Justin was about to be born and when it turned out to be false labor, Debbie and the children stayed. They were able to meet Justin’s birth mother — a Haitian-American woman who was also Catholic and thrilled to know her son would be baptized and raised in the faith.

A couple of months later, Dave and one of the boys flew to Florida to pick up Kristina, who had been born prematurely. “She was so tiny she fit into the crook of my arm,” he said.

When asked what special things he enjoys doing with his children Dave replied that he’s been able to be more actively involved in the last 10 years and has enjoyed coaching. “I like to see them play,” he said.

Debbie said his “new job” since she returned to work is ironing uniforms and making lunches. Dave is a lector at St. John the Evangelist and works with Debbie to provide adult catechesis. “Debbie championed it,” he said, “and just like most of our marriage — I wheedled my way in.”

In the past at other parishes Dave has taught RCIA and junior high students. “I enjoy teaching because it challenges me — if someone asks me something I don’t know it helps me to learn more about our faith,” he said.

Dave said the role of fathers participating in their faith is “absolutely critical.” “If we are to understand God as Father, we have to see the importance of fatherhood and see fathers in front of us, involved in the faith,” Dave said.

“It was critical for me to see my dad growing up in the Church — he wasn’t one to be involved, but, by golly, we were at Mass every Sunday. I really feel for families that don’t have that,” he said.

Dave added, “The resurgence for men’s ministries is really a good sign.”

Other than Knights of Columbus, programs like Rekindle the Fire, Christ Renews His Parish and Theology on Tap — programs that are attractive to young men and keeping them in the faith is so important.

“The Church needs a lot of different ministries to attract different people’s needs,” he said. “To see other men — other fathers — participating and to hear them say ‘I couldn’t live without Mass,’ ‘I couldn’t live without prayer,’ ‘I couldn’t get by without it’ has always been real powerful.”

Dave said he does feel there’s been a change of mindset among men about their faith — that their participation is less obligatory and more genuine. “I’m seeing more love of the faith; a desire to be close to it — even with seminar-ins.”

He also said it’s intriguing to have priests younger than himself and the Church needs more young men as priests, showing that example of loving Father, “truly there being God to us — in perso-na Christi — it’s really profound.”

Baum said his favorite part of being a dad is “trying to guide these young souls to maturity. When your infant and kids are young, you fear different things — (parenting) is all about the process of letting go; seeing them come to maturity as adults, in the world, and as Christians — rediscovering and relearning the process ourselves.

“When I asked them to come to conclusions themselves and not because ‘dad said.’ When my kids debate Catholicism, I can step back and listen and be amazed at the insights they come to — some different than mine — that they have.”
What might have been

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The day had finally come to tackle what I considered a monumental task. It had been on my to-do list for about five years — convert my old home video to DVD format. It wasn’t really that difficult, but only time consuming, as the tape was required to play while it was being converted. What a gift that turned out to be as my two daughters, my sister and I watched our past unfold before us.

How fun and a bit nostalgic it was to watch the girls in their youth and their beloved grandparents tease and chuckle at birthday parties, hear the lilting in the voices of folks who helped form who we are today and enjoy the treasured sight of those who have gone before us.

My sister Betty and I had a rare moment alone that night and our conversation turned to our lost loved ones that we had watched on tape that day. Our parents had died three years apart over two decades ago, with grandparents gone before. But more poignant to us both was not only the loss of my husband Trent in a car accident 23 years ago, but the loss of her 22-year-old son, Adam, to leukemia only six years past.

They say personal grief wounds have scarred over in time, we still find comfort in being able to speak freely to each other about it. That night our discussion, wrought with both laughter and tears, culminated with an epiphany for me and I think for my sister as well. In a nutshell we discovered that our memories are a treasured gift and it’s really the lost future with our deceased loved ones that we grieve.

Many times, especially in early grief, I have heard mourners lament that they can’t think or talk about their deceased loved one or even look at photographs of happier times because it evokes such pain. I suddenly understand that each grief journey charts its own direction and there is an appropriate time and place for each of us to go more deeply into the feelings memories may evoke. However, I wonder — if we really think about our memories and their place in our lives, would we come to view their purpose in a different light?

We are given life through God's mercy

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lk 7:36-83

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The first reading for this weekend’s liturgy is from the Second Book of Samuel. Scholars refer to First and Second Samuel as historical books. They are not history in the sense that books of history are written today. It does not mean, therefore, that they are historically unreliable or just the creation of a writer’s active imagination.

Rather, it means that they draw from the history of ancient Israel religious lessons.

In this reading, Nathan, the prophet, confronts David, the king of Israel, with his relationship with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite leader. Since Bathsheba was married, as evidently was David, the relationship was adulterous. Ancient Hebrews detested adultery, and only one thing was worse, namely adultery with a pagan. Such unions weakened the commitment of Israel to one, true God.

Nevertheless, when David admits the error of his ways, even in these grave circumstances, Nathan assures him that God forgives him.

The Epistle to the Galatians furnishes the second reading. This passage is a profound definition of what genuine Christian living is. “I live now not I, but Christ lives in me.” This one statement, so familiar to, and beloved among Christians, captures the intimacy of the bond between the Lord and true disciple. It is a bond created in uncompromising faith. It is a bond that brings salvation to the disciple.

St. Luke’s Gospel provides us with the third reading. It too is familiar to Christians. It is the story of a “sinful” woman. The text does not describe this woman as a prostitute, but over the centuries Christian culture usually has assumed that she was a prostitute.

Assuming that the woman was a prostitute only underscores the depth of God’s love, shown in Christ’s forgiving the woman. This aspect of the story, namely God’s forgiveness, is the point of this passage.

The woman had gravely sinned. The Pharisee, the Lord’s host, denounced her as a sinner. Everyone saw her as such. In the Jewish culture of the time of Jesus, the greatest sins that a woman could commit were prostitution and adultery. Prostitution so often enabled adultery. So, she was regarded as the worst of the worst.

Her gesture of washing the Lord’s feet, and perfuming them, was a great act of deference and humility.

God’s forgiveness, given in Christ’s mercy, is so great and unquestioning that the Pharisee, the specialist in theology, cannot fully comprehend what is occurring. Jesus had to explain God’s love in a parable.

As so often said in the Gospels, the Apostles were the Lord’s company. They were Christ’s special students and followers. The presence of the Apostles verifies their future role in the development of Christianity.

The presence of the women shows the outreach of Jesus to all. Women hurriedly would have been admitted to the company of other male figures who called people to holiness. The women sensed their need for God, and in Jesus God responded.

Reflection

The powerful lesson offered us by these readings is that the mercy of God is unquestioningly given to those who humbly and sincerely ask for God’s forgiveness of their sins.

Another powerful lesson is about sin. In David’s sinful liaison with the wife of Uriah, the Hittite, adultery was committed. The woman who came into the Pharisee’s dinner was a sinner. She was perceived as a great sinner.

Yet, mercifully, God forgave David. Through the mercy of Jesus, God forgave the woman in the Pharisee’s house.

Adultery is not the only violation of God’s law. Many may feel that they have greatly sinned. Sin is being trapped in slavery. It leads to death.

By giving ourselves to Christ, by humbly seeking forgiveness, in God’s loving mercy, we are freed. We are given life.

Love, marriage and pizza delivery

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

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**Pacem in Terris’ at 50**

I n the course of preparing “The End and the Beginning,” the second volume of my biography of John Paul II, I was struck by a historical coincidence that isn’t much remarked these days: the opening of the Second Vatican Council in October 1962 coincided almost precisely with the Cuban Missile Crisis. Pope John XXIII solemnly opened the council on Oct. 11; national security adviser McGeorge Bundy said President Kennedy reconnais-

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in Europe — a historic transition that made “peace on earth” (including the disarmament for which John XXIII called) more of a reality. Like many United Nations documents, and like subsequent Church statements, “Pacem in Terris” engaged in “rights talk” rather loosely, with virtually every imaginable social good being described as a “human right.” That has led to some enduring issues, even problems, in the explication of Catholic social doctrine. But mat-

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standing, there should be no doubt that the Church’s deploy-

ment of the language of “human rights” has helped magnify its moral voice in world affairs. Then there is “order,” a recur-

ring idea throughout the encycli-

cal. The world is being “ordered” — shaped and governed — by various contending forces, John XXIII noted, by what principle will that “ordering” continue? By brute force — political, military or economic? Where is the space in world affairs in which moral principles can act as a leaven in the world’s getting itself in order? An urgent question today, just as it was in 1963.

**SCRIPTYURE SEARCH**

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**JUNE 16, 2013**

**Scripture Search**

Gospel for June 16, 2013

Luke 7:36-50

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**Pharisee Woman Tears Would Know Teacher My Head Little**

**House City Invited Jesus Five Hundred Great Your Sins Go In Peace**

**Alabaster**


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**Cross Word**

Based on Scripture Readings: 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36-8:3 AND Zech 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:16-24 AND 1 Kg 19:10b, 19-21; Gal 5: 1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**ACROSS**

28 Lasting sound
30 Leave (2 wds.)
33 “An ancient prophet has
34 Layered vegetable
35 Scribes tried to... Jesus
36 New Jersey’s neighbor
37 Black Americans group
39 Chair use
42 Artist Salvador ..._
43 Tasty
45 Upper Room’s was locked
48 “God will not forsake... His
1 US Department of Agriculture
5 Apler... e
6 Short-term memory
11 Block
12 Popular pope name
13 Time periods
14 Own
15 Escape key
16 David was one
17 Sins
19 Luis
21 Cardinals’ colors
22 Batthsheba’s husband
24 Discs
27 Russian king
53 Solomon was
54 Jesus died at Simon’s house
55 East northeast
56 Angers
22 How many in debt in “Israel” lesson
27 How many in debt in Jesus’ lesson
29 Punch
30 “The Lord... of Israel”
31 “I believe in... God”
32 Cause of sickness
33... of...
35 Formosa
38 Jesus prayed this way, in solitude
39 Ashes on forehead
40 Russian icon
41 Variety
42 Cassan... ___
43 (Girl’s name)
44 Uva... (bearberry)
45 Dublin Airport Assoc.
46 Not in
47 Metal-containing rock
49 Compass point

**Answer Key can be found on page 15**
Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate jubilees

DONALDSON — Nine sisters of the Province of the Handmaids of Jesus Christ are celebrating 75th, 70th, 60th and 50th anniversaries of religious life this year. A community celebration will be held in Donaldson on July 6.

75-year jubilarians

Sister Jeanne Koehler was born to Edward and Anna Koehler in December of 1917 in Chicago. She entered the novitiate on Sept. 2, 1935 and professed final vows on June 24, 1943. During her 75 years of service Sister Koehler has ministered in education, administration, as librarian, pastoral minister and in spiritual direction. She has served in Illinois as well as at St. Monica School, St. Joseph School, Bishop Dwenger High School, St. Charles Parish, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Ancilla College and the Center at Donaldson all in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Sister is retired and currently resides in Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

Sister Vivian Brand was born in April of 1917 in Germantown, Ill., to Henry and Josephine Brand. She entered the novitiate on June 21, 1935 and professed final vows on June 28, 1943. During her 75 years of service Sister Brand has ministered in education, administration and as librarian. She has served in Illinois as well as at Ancilla High School and Ancilla College in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Currently sister is retired and resides at Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

70-year jubilarians

Sister Julienne Smith was born in April of 1923 in Fort Wayne to Romer and Monica Smith. She entered the novitiate on Dec. 7, 1940 and professed final vows on June 24, 1948. During her 70 years of service Sister Smith has ministered in education, administration, as vocation director and hostess. She has served in Illinois as well as at Ancilla Domini High School, the Convent Ancilla Domini and St. Joseph Medical Center in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Currently sister resides at Marian Convent in Fort Wayne.

Sister Inez Wilmering was born in September of 1922 in Mishawaka to Paul and Catherine Wilmering. She entered the novitiate on Dec. 8, 1940 and professed final vows on June 24, 1948. Sister has served in the following ministries: clerical, nursing, education and as chauffeur. She has ministered in Wisconsin, Illinois and St. Joseph Hospital, Catherine Kasper Home, Ancilla College, Convent Ancilla Domini, the Center at Donaldson and St. Joseph, Mishawaka, all in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Sister Wilmering currently resides at the Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Magdala Oswald was born in June of 1931 in Chicago to Joseph and Magdala Oswald. She entered the novitiate on Nov. 21, 1950 and professed final vows on July 15, 1958. During her 60 years of service Sister Oswald has ministered in childcare, administration, housekeeping and the PHJC Community Service. She has served in Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin as well as at several schools, the Samaritan Center, Healing Arts Center, Ancilla Health Care, Indiana Health Center and the Center at Donaldson all in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She resides at Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

50-year jubilarians

Sister Magdala Oswald was born in January of 1942 to Carl and Clara Wrasmann in Delphos, Ohio. She entered the novitiate on Aug. 22, 1960 and professed final vows on Aug. 6, 1968. Sister has served in the following ministries: education, as organist, in vocations, novice director, spiritual direction and in the library. She served in Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas and Missouri as well as at St. Monica School, Mishawaka, Convent Ancilla Domini and the Center at Donaldson in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Sister Wrasmann resides at the Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.

Sister Virginia Kampwerth was born to Al and Dorothy Kampwerth in South Bend. She entered the novitiate on Aug. 22, 1960 and professed final vows on Aug. 6, 1968. Sister has served in the following ministries: education, administration, and as provincial councilor. She served in Illinois as well as at Bishop Dwenger High School, St. Monica School, Ancilla College and the Center at Donaldson. Sister Kampwerth currently resides at the Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.

Sister Virginia Wrasmann was born to Al and Dorothy Kampwerth in South Bend. She entered the novitiate on Aug. 22, 1960 and professed final vows on Aug. 6, 1968. Sister has served in the following ministries: education, administration, and as provincial councilor. She served in Illinois as well as at Bishop Dwenger High School, St. Monica School, Ancilla College and the Center at Donaldson. Sister Kampwerth currently resides at the Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.

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Father Andrew Greeley, priest — Feb. 5, 1928 to May 29, 2013

First met Father Andrew Greeley on a cold January day in Chicago in 1988. We were brought together by a mutual friend, Msgr. Bill Quinn, who had been a mentor to Greeley many years before and who had begun to play the same role in my life. Andy walked into the restaurant wearing a beautiful parka with a great hood and carrying loads of his books, which he offered to me and Bill as gifts. I was 28 at the time, and I will confess to being a little star-struck. For the next couple of hours we talked and talked about all sorts of things: the Church, of course, but also literature, poetry, sociology, theology, Chicago sports and politics. As Father Greeley talked, his eyes darted back and forth and a little grin always threatened to spread across his face.

Being with him was intoxicating. About a week after this initial meeting, Greeley’s secretary called and invited me to join Andy and Father David Tracy, one of the leading Catholic theologians in the world then and now, for lunch at the Quadrangle Club at the University of Chicago. Needless to say, I dropped whatever else I had on my plate, and that summer, and every summer afterward for many years, Andy had me and Bill Quinn to his home in Grand Beach, Mich., for a wonderful two days of swimming, barbecuing, and endless conversation. One of my enduring memories from those many visits is of Andy sitting in his reading chair surrounded by mountains of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines. He read everything and was a man of books, articles and magazines.

We did not agree on everything. Perhaps our greatest disagreement had to do with what I took to be Andy’s completely uncritical embrace of the Democratic Party. I used to kid him that if the Democrats ran Attila the Hun for mayor of Chicago, Andy would have voted for him! Those of us who came of age after Roe v. Wade had a considerably more skeptical attitude toward the party of the left. I also felt that Andy didn’t take with adequate seriousness some of the very real negative consequences of the sexual revolution, many of which were accurately prophesied in the much-maligned “Humanae vitae.”

But the points of divergence were far less important than the points of contact between us. Andy was a good man, a devoted priest and a loyal friend. I will miss him. Many times, he spoke of heaven as the “many-colored land.” I pray that he might be, even now, a denizen of that place.

Father Robert Barron is the founder of the global ministry, Word on Fire, and the Rector/President of Mundelein Seminary.
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**Trip to Chicago Cubs game offered**

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a Chicago Cubs trip to Wrigley Field, Thursday, Aug. 22. Bus trip includes fare, coffee, rolls and bag of peanuts. Reserved territory seating and door prizes. Bus leaves St. Pius X at 10 a.m. Tickets are $50. Call Joe Stackowicz at (574) 272-1565 for information.

**BLHS 1967 Mini-Reunion**

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers High School class of 1967 will have a mini-reunion at Hall’s Tavern at Coventry, 5745 Coventry Lane at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 21. Cost is your own meal. RSVP to MJ Ehinger-Kirby at (260) 456-5400 or blhs1967@hotmail.com by June 19.

**Knights plan spaghetti dinner**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3.50. Carry-out available.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5552, 5022 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.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour for Medical Professionals**

Fort Wayne — True Freedom — Praying for Religious Liberty for all and Conscience Rights for Medical Professionals, an 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 Lejune 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 St. All proceeds will support the lives of local children.

**Father’s Day brunch planned**

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne 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.

‘Catholicism’ by Father Barron to be presented weekly

Fort Wayne — St. Patrick Parish will show the Father Robert Barron series “Catholicism” Monday evenings 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 their family oriented Foster Care agency. Call Brittany at (260) 739-7094 or email brittney.collins@phoenixfoster-care.com. Visit www.phoenixfoster-care.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.

**Madison choir to provide music for liturgy**

Fort Wayne — The Diocesan Choir from Madison, Wis., will provide music for the Saturday, June 22, 5 p.m. liturgy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Founded in 1973, the choir has members from throughout the 11 county Diocese of Madison. The choir has traveled around the world in an effort to foster and encourage full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy. In 1993 the choir received an award for Excellence from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and in 2002, they were given the Bishop’s Distinguished Service Award. The choir is under the leadership of director Patrick Gorman, with accompanist Glenn Schuster. For information, contact cathedral music director, Michael Dulac, (517) 775-6155.

**DONATIONS**

**Blood donations needed**

The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations. There are three locations for donation: Fort Wayne Donor Center, 1212 E. California Rd.; Lutheran Hospital Donor Center, 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 107, (260) 480-8170 or Goshen Donor Center, 226 S. Main St., Goshen, (574) 533-8083. To make an appointment or for information call 1-800-GIVELIFE or 1-800-448-3543.

**Decatur**

Helen L. Wellman, 90, St. Mary of the Assumption

Elkhart

Rose Battista, 92, St. Vincent de Paul

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Barbara A. Sullivan, 79, St. John the Baptist

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Gerald A. Stefanek, 67, St. Charles Borromeo

Mary Blanche Schmieman, 83, Our Lady of Good Hope

John Dudley Safford, 89, Our Lady of Good Hope

G. Bruce Schele Jr., 54, Most Precious Blood

Virginia Marie Sterling, 93, St. Peter

Granger

Francis Michael Plaia, 88, St. Pius X

Mishawaka

Nancy A. Matthews, 51, St. Bavo

Eleanor G. Norris, 96, St. Joseph

Jerry R. Long, 65, St. Bavo

Helene L. Deak, 66, Queen of Peace

New Haven

Eileen Morton, 82, St. Louis Besancon

Notre Dame

Sister M. Paula Donovan, CSC, 90, Our Lady of Loreto

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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.stjoeparish.com for more information and for complete position descriptions.

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“I just knew it was not for me. The call was very clear,” Msgr. Kuzmich said. “I always had a great respect and love for the Church, and began attending Mass more frequently during the week.” He added that he came from a good Catholic and close-knit family life, learning his work ethic from his parents who owned a small, neighborhood grocery. Priests often were invited for dinner at their home.

Following studies at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Wauwatosa, for a year-and-a-half and six years at Mount Saint Mary’s of the West Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, near Cincinnati, he was ordained to the Priesthood on May 29, 1965, by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. He was assigned as an associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and three years later appointed master of ceremonies for the Fort Wayne Diocese. He also taught at nearby Central Catholic High School.

“Those were very challenging times following Vatican II,” said Msgr. Kuzmich, who was trained to say Mass in Latin and was taught some courses in the ancient language. “So many things were changing with documents coming out on how to administer the sacraments. We had to involve the laity and try to communicate to the people what the reforms were all about. They should canonize the whole lot of us,” he quipped.

In March 1969, Father Kuzmich returned to St. Matthew Cathedral as associate pastor where he served for about 16 months. In July 1970, he was assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, as associate pastor, which included a short time as administrator following the death of Father Lawrence Fettig, pastor, in 1974. “Little did I know St. Vincent’s would be such a big part of my life,” he said.

In July 1977 he was named rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and served briefly as vice chancellor of the diocese. In fact, on a couple of occasions when Bishop William E. McManus experienced health episodes involving his heart, he was told, “John, you’re in charge of the diocese!”

During his time as rector, the Cathedral Square grounds were beautified with new landscaping and parking space was increased by raising the former Providence Convent and custodian’s residence. In the cathedral, the portable altar was replaced with a new wooden one and choir stalls were removed to create more sanctuary space. The Cathedral Grade School was closed, renaming it Cathedral Center after renovating it for meeting, educational and office use. In 1980, a museum of Church-related artifacts and history was established there.

In July 1984, Father Kuzmich was appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, consisting of about 1,500 families at the time and a large debt. After he initiated a fund drive to successfully remove the debt, he set out working with the laity, administering the sacraments, celebrating Mass and preparing homilies, things he takes very seriously as a priest. “If I knew something was happening on the property I felt I should be there,” he said. In 2009, he received the title of monsignor.

Eventually, something big did begin happening on a piece of property purchased by the parish allowing Msgr. Kuzmich to utilize his architectural interests in the construction of a new church to accommodate the increasing congregation, which today is double the size it was when he assumed pastorate.

“Building the church was exciting,” said Msgr. Kuzmich. “It was a three-year challenge involving so many meetings and change orders we wondered if we were ever going to get it off the ground!” The new church was dedicated on June 10, 2001.

Currently, construction has resumed on the parish grounds for a new Youth and Adult Life Center to be completed before Thanksgiving. “It’s my last hurrah so to speak, but I won’t see it completed and won’t be here to enjoy it,” he mused.

His time at the 167-year-old parish has been “very satisfying” he said reflecting on the growth of the worshipping community, initially involving the Christ Renews His Parish program, some 40 Small Church Community groups currently and the ReKindle the Fire initiative, which now includes diocesan-wide conferences for both men and women. A strong stewardship program has enabled the parish to adopt Immaculate Conception Parish in Honduras and build chapels there as well as help support three parishes in our local diocese.

“I’m proud of St. Vincent’s,” Msgr. Kuzmich said. “It’s a wonderful parish with wonderful people. When I’m in my car driving away from here the last time it will be with mixed emotions. I may be singing a few songs, but it will be hard to let go of this place!”

Celebrating his last Mass with the school children on June 3, Msgr. Kuzmich asked the kindergartners what it means to retire. A little girl answered, “You just sit and watch a lot of TV.” “I will watch some TV,” he admitted. “I enjoy the news, documentaries and old movies. I will continue to take good care of my health, eating more nutritious, getting exercise, especially swimming, and do some reading,” he continued. “Maybe I’ll do some volunteer work, see what’s available, but just quiet down. I have yet to jump into technology; in fact, I’ve resisted it,” he stressed.

“It’s another sign from God saying, ’John, retire!’”