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Bishop Rhoades opens annual Fortnight for Freedom in diocese

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — “Thank you for coming to Mass this morning as we begin the Church’s nationwide Fortnight for Freedom, two weeks of prayer, education and action in support of religious liberty,” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he opened the second annual Fortnight in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The Mass was celebrated at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 22, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. Cathedral Associate Pastor Father Jan Klimczyk was the concelebrant.

Fortnight for Freedom is taking place in the diocese until July 4 and consists of national and local efforts to educate Americans on challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad.

As with last year’s fortnight, the event began with a special Mass and will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 4, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. The faithful are encouraged to participate in the Masses and other special observances at parishes throughout the diocese.

“We begin this fortnight on the feast of two martyrs who died for refusing to deny their faith and violate their consciences,” Bishop Rhoades said. “St. John Fisher was the bishop of Rochester, England, and St. Thomas More was an attorney,



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Rhoades delivers the homily as he kicks off the Fortnight for Freedom celebration in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Saturday, June 22, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

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BISHOP RHOADES TO CLOSE FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM WITH MASS



TOM UEBBING

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Mass concluding the Fortnight for Freedom on July 4 at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

Notre Dame professor to speak at St. Matthew on religious freedom

SOUTH BEND — The Aug. 1, 2013 deadline is rapidly approaching for religious institutions to comply with the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as “Obamacare,” Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate. This regulation requires religious employers and employees to pay for contraceptives, sterilizations and abortion inducing drugs — one way or the other. In response to this and other threats to religious freedom, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has organized a Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 to July 4, a two-week period of prayer, sacrifice and citizen education for the cause of religious liberty.

Notre Dame law professor Richard Gamett will speak on the critical issue of religious freedom in America, “Why Religious Freedom Matters,” to local Catholics and others concerned with the erosion of religious freedom. The event, scheduled Wednesday, July 3, at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, is free and open to the public.

The HHS Mandate is an open and flagrant attack on the First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion because it was a well known

fact prior to the enactment of this mandate that the use of contraceptive and abortion inducing drugs and sterilization procedures was gravely contrary to the faith of Catholics and other people of faith, and still others with no particular faith. Forcible coercion by the government to pay for these drugs and procedures is a direct attack on religious liberty and conscience rights.

The American Catholic Bishops have categorically stated, “We cannot and will not comply” with the HHS mandate.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Mass concluding the Fortnight for Freedom on July 4 at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral.

Professor Richard Gamett is an associate dean for Faculty Research and Professor of Law and a Concurrent Professor of Political Science at Notre Dame. The university website notes that he “teaches and writes about the freedoms of speech, association, and religion, and also about constitutional law more generally. He is a leading authority on questions and debates regarding the role of religious believers and beliefs in politics and society.”

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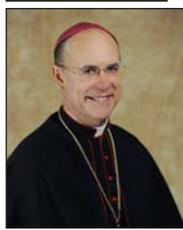
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The right to religious freedom



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is an excerpt from the homily of Bishop Rhoades at the opening of the Fortnight for Freedom Mass on June 22, the Memorial of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The courageous witness of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More are examples for us today. We ask for their intercession as we strive to defend religious liberty in our country and throughout the world. Though in our country today we do not face the cruelty and brutality that confronted Sir Thomas More and Bishop John Fisher, we are facing challenges to our sacred religious freedom as well as governmental interference in the internal life of the Church.

The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services coerces religious believers to act against our most deeply held beliefs in violation of our Constitution, our laws, and our long tradition of religious liberty. That is why our diocese and several other Catholic institutions of our diocese and throughout our country are suing the federal government. The HHS mandate is unjust and unlawful.

This isn't about the Catholic Church trying to force its beliefs on others. It is about the government trying to force its beliefs on the Catholic Church. It is a direct violation of our religious liberty to force the Church and its institutions, as well as individuals, business owners, insurers, etc. to violate our own teachings by facilitating and funding sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception.

The government's proposed "accommodation," rather than an "exemption" for our institutions like Catholic Charities, our hospitals, and universities, is still very unjust. Though the "accommodation" offers to have insurers or other third parties impose the objectionable coverage, it still deprives us of the ability to provide health coverage to our employees that is consistent with our values and it disregards the conscience rights of both insurers and employees. However the funding is worked out, the simple offer of health coverage by a religious employer would become the trigger for ensuring that all our employees receive morally objectionable services in their health plans.

There are other threats to religious liberty in our nation. We have experienced discrimination against Catholic adoption and foster care services because, when placing children with couples, we make sure they enjoy the advantage of having a mother and a father who are married. We have seen discrimination against our USCCB Migration and Refugee Services because we will not provide or refer for contraception and abortion. Some states have tried to make it criminal for us to provide Christian charity and pastoral care to undocumented immigrants. I could give other examples. One of the



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Catholics in the diocese are called to pray during the Fortnight for Freedom and to defend religious liberty. Masses and holy hours across the diocese offer ample opportunities to show support for religious freedom.

most troubling threats to religious liberty is that which is arising from the redefinition of marriage.

The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue. It has its roots in the growing secularism of our culture, a secularism that seeks to marginalize the Church from culture and society.

During the Fortnight for Freedom, we also remember our brothers and sisters throughout the world who suffer attacks on their religious liberty; in many cases, they suffer violence and open persecution. We pray especially for Christians in Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan and Nigeria. We pray not only for Christians, but for people of any faith whose liberty is assaulted or denied. Ongoing and escalating attacks against religious believers occur throughout the world.

The right to religious freedom is founded upon the intrinsic dignity of the human

person. This is an issue of justice since the human person has a right to religious freedom. As Catholics, we must not waver in our defense of this sacred right. "What can we do?", many ask me.

#1. Pray for the protection of religious liberty and increased respect for the role of faith in public life.

#2. Contact our legislators, urging their support of H.R. 940, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act.

#3. Educate yourselves and your family, friends, and neighbors on this issue. Many educational resources are available on the USCCB website and the special website www.Fornight4Freedom.org

We must all be united in our support of religious liberty. May Saints John Fisher and Thomas More intercede for us, that this Fortnight for Freedom in our diocese and throughout our country will further this noble cause.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades makes assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointments:

- **Reverend William J. Kummer**, from Pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Plymouth, to Administrator, Saint Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel, effective July 16, 2013.
- **Reverend John S. Korcsmar, CSC**, to Pastor, Saint Michael Parish, Plymouth, effective July 16, 2013.
- **Reverend Robert L. Epping, CSC**, to Pastor, Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, and Saint Stanislaus Parish, South Bend, effective July 15, 2013.
- **Reverend Kevin M. Russeau, CSC**, to Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, South Bend, effective August 5, 2013.
- **Reverend Gerald R. Barmasse, CSC**, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Adalbert and Saint Casimir Parishes, South Bend, effective immediately.
- **Reverend Edmund J. Sylvia, CSC**, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Cross and Saint Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend, effective July 1, 2013.
- **Reverend David J. Scheidler, CSC**, to Campus Chaplain at the University of Notre Dame, effective immediately.

Bishop Rhoades encourages St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel parishioners

Priest removed from ministry

FORT WAYNE — On June 10, Father Thomas J. O'Hara, CSC, superior of the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, informed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades that a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor had been received against Holy Cross Father Cornelius Ryan, Administrator of St. Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel, and former pastor of St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend. The abuse took place approximately 20 years ago in Uganda, where Father Ryan then served. In accord with the Church's norms, Father Ryan was immediately removed as parish administrator.

At the end of a Mass Bishop Rhoades celebrated at St. Joseph Church-Hessen Cassel, on June 22, he assured the parishioners that in the course of the investigation of cases of alleged sexual abuse, the Church works diligently to discover the truth. He stated that "our concern for the safety and welfare of children must always be primary."

The bishop informed the parishioners that the Congregation of Holy Cross, which received the allegation against Father Ryan, has been conducting the required investigation. He shared with the parishioners that when Father O'Hara presented the allegations to Father Ryan, "he immediately and freely admitted the allegations made."

The bishop shared the following message he received from Father O'Hara on June 20: "Like many of your parishioners we were saddened by the allegations and then were shocked by the admission they were true. No one wants to believe someone as beloved as Father Ryan is capable of committing sexual abuse, but we all must face what now is fact, and move toward comforting and reconciling with the victim of the abuse who needs our pastoral support and prayers. Father Ryan is very remorseful and understands the actions taken by you and I are justified. He is in need of our prayers as well."

At the Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Bishop Rhoades expressed his love and support for the people of the parish, stating: "You are in my heart

in a special way for I know of no other parish in our diocese that has had to undergo such a difficult trial as you are undergoing."

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the parishioners' perseverance in faith and hope, trusting in the Lord "who knows how to wipe the tears from our eyes."

He expressed confidence that through the suffering the parish community is enduring in union with the passion of Jesus, it will rise "with even greater faith, having embraced the cross with Jesus." Bishop Rhoades said: "With God's grace, we must resist the temptation to anger and despair, repel the devil's desire for us to give up, to reject the cross, to succumb to bitterness. In the end, the cross is our hope. Christ is our hope, our only hope."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades quoted the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: "there is no area that cannot be touched by Christ's power; there is no evil that cannot find a remedy in Him, no problem that is not resolved in Him."

The bishop added that "in the midst of every adversity, even when the boat of the Church is ripped apart by storms, Jesus commands the waters. He stays in the boat of His Church and calms the storms. The same with our lives. We will not sink and drown if the Lord is with us. We must trust in Him, even in times of trial, following Him on the way of the cross."

Bishop Rhoades announced that daily Masses would resume at St. Joseph Parish on June 25, with Father James Bromwich of the Sons of St. Philip Neri as celebrant. He expressed thanks to Father Bromwich and Msgr. Owen Campion also for celebrating weekend Masses. The bishop also

expressed his gratitude to the parish secretary and business manager, Michelle Rupright, and all who are serving at the parish.

Through these weeks, Mary Glowaski, diocesan Secretary for Evangelization and Special Ministries and victim assistance coordinator, has been at the parish providing pastoral support and counsel. Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude to Glowaski and assured the parishioners of the diocese's ongoing support.

Before giving the final blessing, Bishop Rhoades announced that after much thought, prayer, and counsel, he was appointing Father William Kummer as the new administrator of St. Joseph Parish, beginning on July 16. He prayed that St. Joseph, the parish patron and patron saint of the whole Church, would watch over the parishioners as he took loving care of Mary and Jesus.

Bishop Rhoades also sent a letter to the parishioners of St. Therese,

Little Flower in South Bend expressing to parishioners there his affection and prayers during this difficult time. The letter was read at Masses there on June 22 and 23. Fred and Lisa Everett, the directors of the Diocese Office of Family Life were present after the Masses to offer pastoral support.

The bishop is asking the prayers of the faithful of the diocese for victims of sexual abuse, for the parishioners of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel and St. Therese, Little Flower parishes, for Father Ryan, and for the diocese and the Congregation of Holy Cross and the fulfillment of the commitment to the protection of children and young people from sexual abuse.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. — Mass at Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, July 4, 9 a.m. — Fortnight for Freedom Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.
- Sunday, July 7, 2 p.m. — Mass with Installation of Leadership Team of Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson
- Tuesday, July 9, 11:30 a.m. — Mass for Vision ND, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

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, July 11, for Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

• Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.

• St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour 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.

• Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

POPE GREETS WOMAN WITH DISABILITY AFTER MASS AT VATICAN



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Pope Francis greets a woman as he meets with people who have disabilities following Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 16. The Year of Faith Mass concluded a weekend of "Gospel of Life" events calling attention to care for the aged, the sick, the unborn and those with disabilities.

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Doerflinger analyzes 40 years of pro-life efforts since Roe v. Wade decision

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — In a June 19 lecture at the University of Notre Dame, the associate director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities analyzed 40 years of pro-life efforts since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand with its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Richard Doerflinger told participants in Notre Dame's Vita Institute that in 1973, many people thought Roe v. Wade would resolve the abortion controversy.

"In fact, it was no resolution at all," he continued, for "Abortion itself remains perhaps the most unresolved of all modern public issues."

Roe v. Wade raised more questions than it answered about the status of unborn human beings — both inside and outside the context of abortion — Doerflinger said. The historic abortion decision also opened debate about the legal status of other vulnerable humans already born, including handicapped, elderly and terminally ill persons.

"In short, it (Roe v. Wade) has forced us to confront the question of whether human life in general has dignity and inherent value simply because it is human life, or whether life has a sliding scale of value and can be set aside or diminished, depending on the apparent usefulness or burdens of that life."

The Roe v. Wade decision and the national debate on abortion have raised the question of "Who has a right to life (and who, therefore, has any human rights at all), and on what basis?" Doerflinger said. Thus, Roe v. Wade has affected other important life issues, including the legal status of immigrants, society's obligation to support the poor and needy, and whether there is a justification for capital punishment.

"As our Catholic teaching recognizes, the right to life may not be our supreme right — religious freedom is



RICHARD DOERFLINGER

our supreme right because it allows us to have a relationship with God — but it is our most basic one, the one without which all other rights are meaningless," he said.

Doerflinger discussed the history of Roe v. Wade and its related court decisions, saying that the Supreme Court has not backed down from the essence of its original ruling, but there has been plenty of activity around the abortion issue with some setbacks and some successes. Those successes have been "hard won," he said, and "especially today are constantly in danger of being reversed."

One area of success has been in conscience, giving health care personnel and institutions the right, without penalty or discrimination, to refuse to participate in procedures they consider immoral. Until two years ago, there was bipartisan agreement that such conscience protection was appropriate, Doerflinger said, but "that long tradition is under attack today," especially since the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as "Obamacare" was passed in 2010.

"That fight on conscience has become the center of some dozens of lawsuits," he continued. "It is part of a new trend, beginning in the second half of President Obama's first term, in which the federal government has turned sharply against the idea of

conscience rights on abortion and similar topics for the first time since Roe was decided."

Another area of pro-life success has been federal funding of abortion, Doerflinger said. He cited the Hyde amendment, first passed by Congress in 1976, as "one of the great victories of the pro-life movement." That legislation prevents funding of abortion in Medicaid, and he said that its basic policy has been replicated in every subsequent major federal health program.

"However, on funding as well as on conscience, decades of hard-won progress are now being contested," Doerflinger said.

He explained that the Affordable Care Act "departs from a decades-long consensus about federal funding of abortion, in at least two ways." First, it is its own appropriations bill, so it bypasses the usual appropriations bills covered by the Hyde Amendment.

Secondly, the act violates long-standing policy under Hyde that federal funds cannot be used to subsidize any part of a health plan that includes elective abortions, he said.

Doerflinger also cited some progress in protecting unborn children outside the context of abortion, citing some federal and state laws that assist pregnant women and protect unborn children and recognize them as having certain legal standing. However, even with that legal standing, the unborn still are vulnerable to abortion.

"Now the courts have repeatedly and firmly said the law can treat (unborn children) as persons — unless it is a matter of abortion," Doerflinger said. "This is a beautiful example of absolutely circular reasoning, and it demonstrates the intellectual poverty of the court's decisions more than almost anything else."

Doerflinger said that the challenge now is to persist in working for respect of all human life by trying to limit and regulate abortion, by giving pregnant women more positive solutions, by preventing the rationale of Roe from endangering other classes of vulnerable people, and by working to have the Supreme Court admit that Roe v. Wade was an attack on the most fundamental liberty of all.

"It is my hope and my conviction that a future world will look upon our society's lack of respect for the unborn child, as well as the handicapped and terminally ill, as a massive blind spot, an aberration in a society striving in other ways to be good, just as slavery or racial discrimination or the low status of women were the blind spots of an earlier time," Doerflinger concluded.

The Notre Dame Vita Institute is a two-week summer program of formation for young pro-life leaders that is cosponsored by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. In 2011, Doerflinger was awarded the first Evangelium Vitae Medal that is given annually by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life.

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Religious liberty attacked in Pakistan

Dying to defend the suffering rights of the people

Shahbaz Bhatti, the first Catholic to serve as Minister for Minorities Affairs in Pakistan's government, knew he was living on borrowed time when he came to Washington in February 2011. He was invited to talk with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton about his work to promote interfaith harmony.

As he spoke about religious freedom in Pakistan, he was clearly under considerable pressure. In media interviews, he was asked about death threats he had received. He calmly replied: "I would prefer to die for my principles and for the justice of my community rather than to compromise on these threats." Despite the danger, Bhatti chose to return to Pakistan to continue his struggle to ensure the safety and rights of religious minorities, but his fight was cut short. On March 2, 2011, Bhatti was gunned down; a terrorist group claimed credit, calling Bhatti a "known blasphemer."

Shahbaz Bhatti had a long career of speaking up for minorities. Appointed minister in 2008, Bhatti made it his mission to work for the "oppressed, down-trodden and marginalized" in Pakistani society. Among the measures he promoted to support religious minorities were: a national campaign to promote interfaith dialogue and harmony; laws to ban hate speech; reserving some Senate seats and government jobs for minorities; and repeal of laws discriminating against minorities, including revisions to the blasphemy law.

It was that last effort — revisions to the blasphemy law often used with impunity to accuse someone of having insulted or defamed the Prophet Muhammad, the Quran or



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A nun holds a picture of Pakistan's slain minister for minorities Shahbaz Bhatti during a candlelight vigil in Lahore March 12, 2011. Christians in Pakistan insist that the government continue searching for the murderers of the former minister for minorities, who was killed March 2, 2011.

Islam — that earned him the enmity of hardline Islamic militants and ultimately led to his death. He was not the only prominent Pakistani to die defending religious freedom. In January 2011, Salmaan Taseer, Governor of Punjab Province and a Muslim, was assassinated by his own bodyguard because Taseer had advocated changes in Pakistan's harsh blasphemy laws.

If such prominent figures are killed for their support for religious

freedom, think of the plight of ordinary Pakistani Christians and other minorities who live in constant fear of religiously motivated violence. Attacks against Christians, Ahmadis, Hindus, and Sikhs are ongoing; many are killed and wounded. Churches and mosques, homes and businesses are burned, and livelihoods destroyed. Blasphemy laws make it easy to denounce minorities, often to gain economic or personal advantage. — USCCB

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

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will conclude the Fortnight for Freedom in the diocese 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 and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will co-sponsor 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 "Catholics and the Constitution" on July 1, with

speaker Attorney Jeremy Reidy of Beckman and Lawson law firm; and "Medical Moral Dilemmas for Catholic Doctors" on July 2, with speakers Dr. Thomas McGovern, M.D., president of the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana, Dr. Kate Heiman, guild vice president and family practitioner and Dr. Eustace Fernandes, guild board member and critical care specialist.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne will close the Fortnight for Freedom with a Mass at 9 a.m. on July 4.

St. Pius X Church, Granger, will host 50 Hours of Prayer for Our 50 States, at St. Pius Church, 52553 Fir Rd., Granger, beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, through 10 a.m., Thursday, July 4. Events include daily Mass, Eucharistic Exposition, patriotic rosary and holy hour with Benediction.

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.

Discrimination against Christian students on campus

In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law (UC Hastings) had never denied student organization status to any group. That is, until the law school decided in 2004 to strip the campus chapter of the Christian Legal Society (CLS) of recognition.

The UC Hastings student CLS chapter welcomed all members of the university community to participate in its activities but required its officers and voting members — who spoke on its behalf, voted on its policies and programs, and led its Bible studies — to share and abide by the group's core beliefs. These beliefs included being Christian and abstaining from sexual activity outside of marriage. UC Hastings decided at the beginning of the 2004 school year that CLS's voting membership and office-holder requirements violated the religion and "sexual orientation" provisions of its Policy on Nondiscrimination. UC Hastings then denied CLS "Registered Student

Organization" (RSO) status.

That same year, approximately 60 RSOs — organized around diverse interests in politics, religion, culture, race, ethnicity and human sexuality — existed on campus. However, the CLS student chapter became the only group ever denied RSO status at UC Hastings.

CLS then sued, claiming that UC Hastings violated its constitutionally protected rights of free speech, expressive association, free exercise of religion and equal protection of the laws. Unfortunately, CLS was denied relief by the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, because of the specific nature of the policy at UC Hastings, which allegedly required student groups to accept all students, regardless of their status or beliefs. The court concluded that public universities may override a religious student group's right to determine its leadership only if it denies that right to all student groups.

The decision in *CLS v. Martinez*, 561 U.S. — (2010) could have a damaging effect on the religious liberty of



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Vanderbilt University students of several different denominations join members of the Vanderbilt Catholic Community to pray the rosary on the steps of the university's Kirkland Hall in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 4, 2011. The group was in the third day of a nine-day novena as the university considered a new nondiscrimination policy that would prohibit any religious organization on campus from requiring that students serving in leadership positions of those groups be practicing members of that religion.

all students attending public colleges and universities. The decision puts many other student groups across the country at risk and leaves room for absurd scenarios, such as requiring CLS to allow atheists to lead its Bible studies. Recently, a similar policy at private Vanderbilt University forced the school's Catholic student group off campus because Vanderbilt Catholic requires that its leaders be Catholic (although it allows anyone to be a member of the group).

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, such extreme "nondiscrimination" policies deprive students of the right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Religious liberty is not only about the ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the rosary at home. It includes the ability to gather with other members of the faith outside of church and reinforce beliefs within a group setting. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans, including students on campus, suffer. —USCCB

House OKs measure called 'most important' pro-life bill in 10 years

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. House June 18 passed 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. After heated debate on the floor of the Republican-led House, the bill passed early in the evening with a 228-196 vote. "We are far outside the global mainstream" with regard to abortion, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a co-sponsor of the bill, said in comments on the floor earlier in the day. Smith, a Catholic, is co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. "It may come as a shock to many, but according to the Americans United for Life Legal Defense Fund, the United States is one among only four nations in the world that allows abortions for any reason after viability, and is currently one of only nine nations that allows abortion after 14 weeks gestation," he said. "That subset consists of Canada, China, Great Britain, North Korea, the Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden, Vietnam and the United States." At a morning news conference June 18, Penny Nance of Concerned Women for America called the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act "the most important pro-life bill to be considered in the last 10 years."

Bishops warn against changes in immigration bill that could kill it

SAN DIEGO (CNS) — Three bishops weighed in on the ongoing congressional debate on immigration reform legislation June 10, warning against amending a Senate bill in ways that would block the path to legalization for undocumented immigrants, but urged support for its passage. "Families are separated, migrant workers are exploited, and our fellow human beings die in the desert," said Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. At a news conference in San Diego, held as the USCCB opened its annual spring meeting, the chairmen of three committees reiterated the bishops' support for comprehensive immigration reform that protects families and workers. "Each day in our parishes, social service programs, hospitals and schools, we witness the human consequences of a broken immigration system," said Archbishop Gomez. He called the status quo morally unacceptable, adding, "This suffering must end." Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the Committee on Communications and former chair of the migration committee, specified a handful of concerns for changes to the bill that might be attempted on the Senate floor.

NEWS BRIEFS

DWENGER GRAD PRAYS DURING OPENING MASS FOR FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM AT BALTIMORE BASILICA



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Christopher Jozwiak, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church on Capitol Hill in Washington, and Bishop Dwenger High School graduate, prays the Our Father during the opening Mass for the second annual Fortnight for Freedom observance June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The campaign, initiated by the U.S. bishops in 2012, calls for a two-week period of prayer, education and action on preserving religious freedom in the U.S. The observance ends July 4, Independence Day.

Obama administration drops fight to limit age restrictions on Plan B

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Catholic officials expressed disappointment with the June 10 announcement that the federal government will comply with a judge's ruling to allow girls of any age to buy the morning-after pill without a prescription. The decision reversed recent course of action by the federal government. On May 1, the Justice Department announced that it would appeal a ruling by a federal judge in early April that said the Food and Drug Administration must make emergency contraceptives available to all ages by May 6. In a June 10 letter to U.S. District Judge Edward Korman in Brooklyn, N.Y., department officials said they will submit a plan for compliance with his ruling and will drop their appeal. The letter also said the FDA has advised the drug's manufacturer to submit an application to make Plan B One-Step available over the counter without restrictions. Plan B, known generically as levonorgestrel, uses large doses of birth-control pills to prevent conception up to 72 hours after unprotected sex. According to the FDA, it will "not stop a pregnancy

when a woman is already pregnant, and there is no medical evidence that the product will harm a developing fetus." Deirdre McQuade, spokeswoman for the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro Life Activities, said in a June 11 email to Catholic News Service: "Many studies have shown that wider access to 'emergency contraception' among young people does not reduce pregnancy or abortion rates, but can contribute to higher rates of sexually transmitted disease. No public health consideration justifies the unregulated distribution of such drugs to children."

Italian media report step toward Blessed John Paul's canonization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although the process is not complete and is supposed to be secret at this point, Italian media are reporting that the canonization of Blessed John Paul II is another step closer. The Italian news agency ANSA and many Italian papers say Vatican sources confirmed June 18 that the theological consultants to the Congregation for Saints' Causes affirmed that the description of prayers and events surrounding an alleged miracle provide evidence that the healing was

accomplished through the intercession of the late pope. The congregation's board of physicians had said in April that there was no natural, medical explanation for the healing, which apparently involves a woman from Latin America healed May 1, 2011, just hours after Blessed John Paul was beatified. Even if the news about the theological consultants is true, the cardinals who are members of the congregation still must vote on whether to recommend that the pope recognize the healing as a miracle. The papal decree is needed before a canonization date can be set.

Catholic, Baptist leaders seek passage of health care conscience act

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic and Southern Baptist leaders heading up their respective denomination's efforts on religious liberty issues, have written to members of Congress seeking passage of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act. "As many people are being forced — and many others will soon be forced — to either follow what the government compels or suffer for their faith, now is the time to pass legislation that protects our God-given freedom," said the June 21 letter, signed by Archbishop

William E. Lori of Baltimore, head of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, and the Rev. Russell D. Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. One immediate concern they noted was the federal Health and Human Services mandate for nearly all private health plans to cover sterilization for women "and all FDA-approved 'contraceptive' drugs and devices. Despite assurances to the contrary, HHS's accommodations to protect the rights of religious freedom and conscience under the mandate remain inadequate," they said. "Countless nonprofit and for-profit organizations must either obey the government's mandate in violation of their beliefs, or follow their consciences and incur massive fines or the loss of their ministry. This is unacceptable."

Adding St. Joseph's name to Mass texts, popes share their devotion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI have a special devotion to St. Joseph and have assured that devotion regularly will be shared at Mass by Catholics around the world. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said Pope Francis confirmed a decision originally made by Pope Benedict to include St. Joseph permanently in the eucharistic prayers used at most Masses in the Latin rite. A decree signed May 1 by Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, congregation prefect, and Archbishop Arthur Roche, congregation secretary, said Pope Benedict had received petitions from Catholics around the world and approved adding after the name of the Virgin Mary, the words "with blessed Joseph, her spouse." Blessed John XXIII had added the name of St. Joseph to the first Eucharistic Prayer, known as the Roman Canon, in the 1960s. The new decree inserts his name into Eucharistic Prayers II, III and IV. A congregation official told Catholic News Service June 18 that national bishops' conferences could set a date for the changes to begin if they believe that is necessary, "but because it is a matter of only adding five words, priests can begin immediately."

Cleanup underway as floodwaters receded at Lourdes shrine

TOULOUSE, France (CNS) — Work crews rushed to clear mud and remove debris June 21 after a massive flood inundated sections of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes so that tourists could return to the popular pilgrimage site. Much of the shrine complex was under water for two days as floods swamped southwestern France. Mathias Terrier, who is in charge of communications at the shrine, said the complex sustained millions of dollars in damage. No date for reopening has been set. It was the second time in eight months that the normally placid Gave de Pau River overflowed its banks, forcing officials to close the shrine.

Shepherds United announces traditional marriage rally on July 1

FORT WAYNE — Shepherds United, the local clergy group of nearly 140 pastors centered around life, marriage and religious liberty, will hold a traditional marriage rally on July 1 at noon on the Allen County Courthouse lawn. The rally is expected to be only days after the United States Supreme Court rules on two marriage cases. The rally will feature local clergy members speaking on the Biblical, societal and religious liberty implications of governmental attempts to redefine marriage and include a reaction to the Supreme Court decision on marriage cases.

"Regardless of the court's decision, we as shepherds in the City of Churches are conscience-bound to proclaim marriage as the union of one man and one woman," stated Dr. Peter Scaer, foundational member of Shepherds United. "Marriage is the foundation of the family, and is the only institution that binds a man and woman to their children," he said, adding, "We are called not to popularity, but to truth. We believe the July 1 marriage rally will give us an opportunity to let the community know that we will continue to teach marriage in truth and love according to the word of our Lord."

The rally is open all and it is expected to last less than an hour. More details are available at www.shepherdsunited.org.

USF offering accelerated business degree through College of Adult Learning

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is offering an accelerated bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) this fall semester through its College of Adult Learning.

The BSBA is designed for adults who have previously attended college and wish to complete a business degree to advance a career, begin a new one or experience personal enrichment. Courses are offered in a five-week format, with one meeting per week, supplemented with outside and online educational opportunities. By taking three courses, or nine hours, each semester, students can complete the degree in six semesters, including summers. A number of master's degree choices can be pursued upon completion of the bachelor's degree.

The program is an option for students preferring a more classroom-based approach to learning. They will learn a broad spectrum of business concepts and theories, coupled with a general education curriculum consistent with the Catholic, liberal arts tradition to cover a broad range of knowledge desired by many employers.

Each student is assigned a full-time academic adviser to provide tools and support to pave the way to success and degree completion.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. JUDE YOUTH MINISTRY SERVES IN OWN BACKYARD



BY KAY COZAD

Members of the St. Jude Youth Ministry participated in a weeklong mission trip right in their own backyard. The mission team served the Fort Wayne community at places like St. Henry Church, The Franciscan Center, Euell Wilson Center, Associated Churches Food Bank and Community Harvest Food Bank performing whatever tasks were needed. Each day of service began with prayer, Mass and fellowship. Pictured are students of the mission team painting the long-time St. Henry parishioner Gene Mount's residence, formerly the St. Henry convent, across from the church, which has not been painted since 1968.

The accelerated degree is competitively priced per credit hour, with no additional fees. Financial aid is available, and can supplement employer education benefits. More information is available at sf.edu/financialaid.

Students can schedule an appointment online at adultlearning@sf.edu. More information on the accelerated BSBA through the College of Adult Learning is available at sf.edu/adult or by calling (260) 399-7777 or (800) 729-4732.

Hannah's House honors dads

MISHAWAKA — Hannah's House, a Catholic/Christian nonprofit maternity home providing care, a safe home and life skills training for homeless, pregnant women honored dads this year at its annual Blessing Bloom breakfast. Dr. Uthman Cavallo, president of Physicians Holistic Alliance, was the visionary speaker and focused on the role of a father. A testimony was given by a former resident and her husband as they looked at the positive impact of being a family unit for their daughter.

Hannah's House provides month-

ly support for dads who are involved in its "Dads 101" program where programming and discussion impact the family they are creating. The overall goal is to help educate and train these families to get them out of poverty and homelessness for good.

Hannah's House residents currently can reside in the home during their pregnancy and for a two-month stay after having their babies. If the father of the baby chooses to be involved they are more than encouraged along with building healthy relationships. These moms and dads grow together in the areas of parenting and physical, emotional, social and spiritual health. Educating these men and women to eventually become independent of the assistance is the ultimate goal of ending this cycle of poverty.

Hannah's House, located at 518 W. Fourth St., Mishawaka, opened its doors as a maternity home for homeless women in 1993, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Since then Hannah's House has provided over 500 expectant mothers with a safe home, emotional support, and life skills training as it relates to their physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. In May, Hannah's

House dedicated a second home at 505 W. Fourth St. in order to expand the number of women and children served in our community.

St. Aloysius Gator Gold Outing held

YODER — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus are organizing the 10th annual Gator Golf Outing to be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Timber Ridge Golf Club in Bluffton. Registration for the Florida scramble starts at 7 a.m. with shotgun start at 8 a.m. Lunch and awards will follow golf. Many fun activities are once again being planned headed by a hole-in-one prize, door prizes, free beverages on the course, individual hole prizes, cash prizes for top teams, goody bags, free use of the driving range and raffles. The cost is \$75 per person (\$300/team) and hole sponsorships are also available for \$100, with proceeds benefiting Bi-County Services of Adams and Wells County, the Gibault School, Special Olympics, Right to Life, seminarians, and other charities. The outing is open to both men and women. Since the inaugural outing in 2003, over \$50,000 has been raised.

Reserve a team by contacting Don Wyss at (260) 740-2290 or by mailing back the brochure found in the back of St. Aloysius Church with a check included. Single players seeking a team, will be placed in a foursome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul receives donations

ANGOLA — The St. Francis of Assisi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Angola has been the surprise recipient of several large donations recently.

At the recommendation of Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, the St. Anthony Church Altar and Rosary Society donated a check for \$1,000 along with several items that were meant for their annual rummage sale that clients of the St. Vincent de Paul Society needed. St. Anthony's Bread, the charitable arm of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, donated \$500 also via Father Pasche, with the agreement that anyone who calls the church needing help will be forwarded to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for assistance.

The Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority donated \$100 as part of their continuing philanthropic efforts. And finally, the society received the entire contents of a lake cottage that was recently sold. The contents of the cottage will either go to clients who were formerly homeless and are now housed thanks to the efforts of the society and its partners in the community, or will be sold to raise funds.

The St. Francis of Assisi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Angola is a Catholic lay organization that acts in a non-denominational capacity to put an end to poverty in Steuben County. Its motto is, "Wherever there's a need, we'll be there."

Bishop Luers announces head volleyball coach

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School announces the selection of Jay Golsteyn as Bishop Luers head volleyball coach. Golsteyn has over 23 years of coaching experience at the high school and club levels. His last high school coaching position was at Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn. Golsteyn also played collegiate volleyball at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

Saint Joseph High School appoints new boys' basketball coach

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School Athletic Department has announced the hiring of Mike Bauer as head boys' basketball coach. Bauer has been with the Saint Joseph program for five years, as both an assistant and head JV coach. His 2012-2013 JV team earned a record of 15-5. Bauer has been a health and physical education teacher at Saint Joseph High School for two-and-a-half years.

First Mary Virginia Merrick Award recipient brings legacy to South Bend Christ Child Chapter

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — As the first recipient of the South Bend Christ Child Society's Mary Virginia Merrick Award, Marjorie Bycraft's history with the society predates her initiation as a new member of the chapter in 1975. It was through her mother Jewel Kenney Lane, an active member of a Chicago area chapter, that Bycraft saw the fruits of the organization's impact on clothing needy children.

"I remember her going to prepare the Christmas gifts to be delivered to 900-1,000 needy children in Chicago through Madonna Center on Chicago's near west side. Interestingly, those gifts included much of what we give today: new clothing, sweaters, dresses, shoes, stock-

ings, pants, underwear, snowsuits, mittens, a book, a toy. Of course, they also gave the infant layettes that all Christ Child chapters are required to give," Bycraft recalls.

At the South Bend Christ Child Spring Mass and Luncheon, Bycraft was recognized for her service by chapter President Kathy Seidl with the new biannual award that Seidl describes as "for members who have given their time and talents unselfishly to Christ Child over the years."

Among the criteria for the award are inspiration and example for others to participate in or support the work and mission of Christ Child Society, visibility at Christ Child Society events in the form of attendance, advocacy and promotion, general support of the society by virtue of giving the gifts of time, work or financial resources, and outstanding service

to the work of the society as a volunteer or officer of the board of directors.

The following nominating letter submitted by a chapter member outlined Bycraft's many contributions to Christ Child. "Over the years she has gone above and beyond with being the purchaser of clothes during the time that our chapter was going through so many changes about what to give out, how much can we afford, what children need and where are the best places to shop. On top of that she and her husband stored much of the inventory and had it shipped to Jack Post to save us postage on many deliveries and then delivered the goods to the center. She has been president and served on the board and on many committees. She is an example of 'above and beyond.'"

Another nomination letter



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Dottie Wallace, left, assists Marjorie Bycraft in folding shirts in the new clothing room of the South Bend Christ Child Society. Bycraft was the first recipient of the Mary Virginia Merrick award at the chapter.

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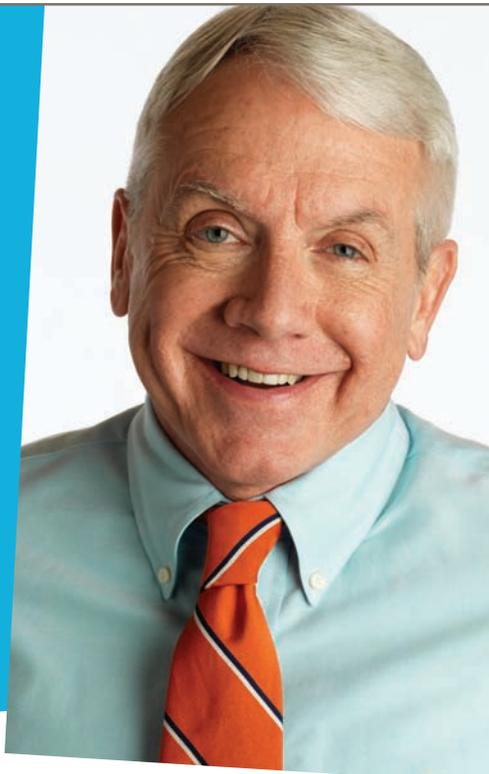
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added, "She and her husband have been responsible for the Knights of Malta grants given to our chapter. Marjorie continues to volunteer at the center regularly and we would not be as efficient today without her tireless efforts of the past."

Bycraft has seen many changes with the South Bend chapter over the years. "Christ Child has seen tremendous growth in the years that I have been a member. We now serve over 4,000 children each year. It is much more efficient since we moved to the St. Patrick School building five years ago. However, along with that growth, our financial needs have grown as well. No longer can we clothe the children with bazaars and garage sales. We now have more lucrative fundraisers to help underwrite our costs," she says.

The impact of the Christ Child Society on the South Bend community extends beyond the distribution of new clothing, Bycraft explains. "The new winter clothing provided to those families assists the parents financially, but also gives the children a sense of pride in themselves, consequently, we hope, they will do better academically and socially. The center is located well and creates

a Catholic presence along with Sister Maura Brannick's Chapin Street Clinic and the Catholic churches on the near west side of South Bend."

In addition to the members who have become a part of the chapter through friends, Bycraft hopes to get the word out to others about Christ Child Society's service so that others may become part of this worthy organization. "It is wonderful to be a part of an organization that is your 'heart,' an organization to which it is a joy to give your time and effort. Through the years, I have always known where I would be on a Wednesday morning, and looked forward to spending that time with good friends serving those who needed our assistance."

She concludes, "I have always been proud of the fact that Christ Child is an all-volunteer organization without even one paid employee. The amazing work it does year after year happens because of close to 600 members who give their time, talents and treasures. Each part is important to the Catholic outreach that Christ Child has here in South Bend."

St. Pius X Church holds '50 Hours of Prayer for Our 50 States'

GRANGER — St. Pius X Church will open its doors from 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, through 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, for continuous prayer during the '50 Hours of Prayer for Our 50 States' in defense of religious liberty.

At 8 a.m. on July 2, Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Exposition in the church. A patriotic rosary will be recited at 9 a.m. An evening Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. after which Eucharistic Exposition will resume. A family holy hour

with benediction will be at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, July 3, Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. with a patriotic rosary recited at 9 a.m. Evening prayer with benediction will be held at 7 p.m. with Eucharistic exposition continuing

through the night. Prayer will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, with a patriotic rosary and Benediction. An Independence Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. The '50 Hours of Prayer for Our 50 States' will

conclude at 10 a.m. Sign up for Exposition will take place in back of St. Pius X Church or online at www.stpius.net/50hoursofprayer. St. Pius X Church is located at 52553 Fir Rd., Granger.



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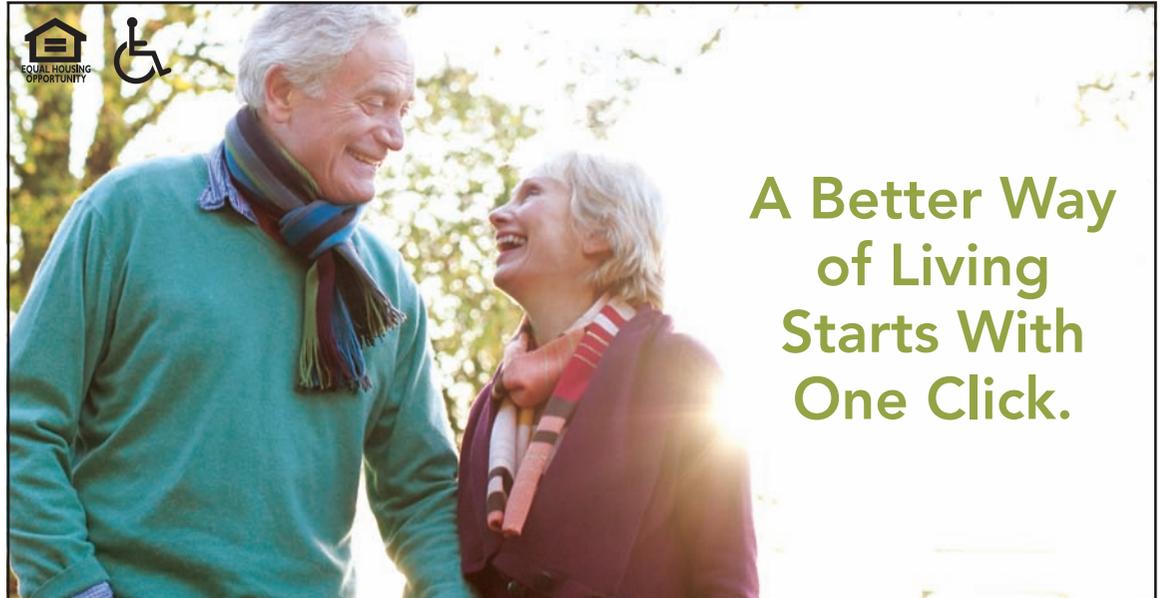
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Gerontology Institute collaboration benefits elderly

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — What began as a general inquiry from a college president to a staff member has become the start of a better understanding for the care needed in the area of aging adults. Known as the Michiana Gerontology Institute of Holy Cross, it is a group that brings organizations and people together to provide intergenerational outreach and education to improve the lives of elderly through service and awareness.

"The idea started with Holy Cross Brother Richard Holman, past president of Holy Cross College," said Pat Adams, a board advisor for the group. "I met with places like Memorial Hospital, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Madison Center and REAL Services and found there definitely was a need."

Adams found that many agencies from nursing homes to hospitals

experienced a lack of education and training opportunities in the area. Caregivers were sent out of the area for seminars because education opportunities were not available.

"I found people wanted to work together because the aging crisis is bigger than anyone ever thought," said Adams. "Agencies wanted to help one another out and this created a great nucleus for everyone to come together."

Meetings were set at Holy Cross College and as the number of people and organizations grew, goals and objectives were necessary. Malana Maher brought members of Michiana Consortium of Gerontology and her longtime marketing efforts, which doubled the size of the group. The agencies meshed and created the newly formed Michiana Gerontology Institute of Holy Cross that includes members in healthcare, higher education, law, local government and senior living facilities. Through collaboration between existing services and an annual conference on aging,

the institute will inform and educate the community on the growing population of seniors.

"Aging is a topic or issue that has been difficult to explain throughout the ages," said member Rosemary Cox. "Aging is a developmental time in life. I think we can open doors for each other."

"Now that we are an institute there's a lot of room for growth," said Brother Jesus Alonso, a board advisor. "It's all about the elderly and how the professionals are trained to take care of people."

One of the most unique parts of this organization of professionals is that competitors come to meetings not to compete but for the common goal of helping others.

"When we get together we don't wear our institutional hats," said Adams. "We try to support each other and each others' events."

Members come together not just to be better at their job but because they have a genuine interest in the elderly community.

"It's been an eye opening experi-

ence," said Brother Alonso, whose background is science. He appreciates the chance to bring his science education and the mission of his order of helping others in need together in such a positive way.

"I feel very passionate about helping people later in life," said Cox. As she gets on in years she

hopes people will teach her how to prepare.

To learn more about the group visit www.mgi-hc.org.

Missionary physician joins team at Plymouth Family and Internal Medicine

MISHAWAKA — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) has welcomed Dr. Janice Peterson to the Saint Joseph Physician Network and the Marshall County community. Dr. Peterson began seeing patients at Plymouth Family and Internal Medicine on June 18.

Dr. Peterson graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received her medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. It was then that she started her medical career with SJRMC in the Family Medicine Residency Program. As a resident, it's no surprise that Dr. Peterson and several colleagues were the driving force behind the now robust Global Health Track within the residency program, which gives doctors in training the opportunity to practice in different parts of the world.

Post-graduation and after one year practicing with her father, well-

known local physician Dr. Ronald Peterson, she traveled to Ethiopia, Africa, where she provided care for those who needed it most for more than seven years. In addition to Ethiopia, Dr. Peterson practiced in Burundi, Central Africa. Along the way she studied in Rome and received her master's degree in the science of marriage in the family. Nearly 20 years, several foreign languages, and a world of unforgettable experiences later, Dr. Peterson is pleased to be back in Plymouth and near her family.

A family medicine physician, Dr. Peterson looks forward to providing comprehensive and preventative care for individuals of all ages. She is now accepting new patients.

Plymouth Family & Internal Medicine is located at 2349 Lake Ave., Suite 100, in Plymouth. Contact the office directly at (574) 948-5100.

KNIGHTS COLLECT OLD FLAGS FOR CEREMONIAL BURNING



JOE ROMIE

Every year the Knights of Columbus at the Fort Wayne Reed Road location collect worn-out flags from the city and surrounding community and then dispose of the flags in a reverent, ceremonial burning. Pictured are the Knights before this year's ceremony on Flag Day, Friday, June 14, with Msgr. Bernard Galic, and two tables of more than 600 old flags about to be burned.

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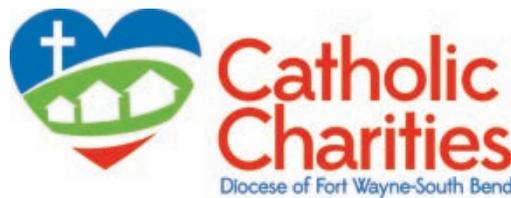
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Changing roles for chaplains

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With the U.S. military undergoing dramatic changes — in mission, as troops withdraw from Iraq and Afghanistan, and in social structure with the open admission of gays, extension of combat roles to women, and focus on how sexual assault is handled — the Marine chief of chaplains finds her job ever-evolving as well.

The Rev. Margaret Kibben, a Presbyterian minister who is a rear admiral and Navy deputy chief of chaplains, supervises the deployment of 290 Marine chaplains and shares responsibility for the 840 Navy chaplains. She told Catholic News Service that chaplains have important roles to play as the military adapts to changing roles.

“Our primary role is to ensure free expression of religion,” Rev. Kibben said. So, regardless of how religious beliefs form someone’s thinking about issues such as gays serving in the military, it’s up to

chaplains to ensure that “you don’t feel your faith is threatened.”

In an interview during a military women’s leadership symposium outside Washington, Rev. Kibben explained that as the Defense Department phased out its “don’t ask, don’t tell” approach to gays serving in the military and began openly allowing it, chaplains were among the first to receive training in how the change would affect their work.

“There was a lot of walking through the details,” she said, about what chaplains might be asked to do in ministry.

She said that across the entire military chaplain corps, “less than a handful” of chaplains decided that they could not continue to serve in a military that openly allowed homosexuals to serve. “And some of those were near retirement anyway, or in the process of considering whether to come in.”

With the recent uproar over the

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rate of cases of sexual assault within the military, Rev. Kibben said there has been training about what a chaplain’s role might be in interacting with victims of assault, perpetrators and others who are aware of incidents.

“The chaplains are incredibly committed to helping deal with sexual assault,” she said, but they need guidance, for example, on what kind of conversations are protected and when they are obligated to advise

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God plans eternal life for all who love him



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 9:51-62

The first reading for this weekend’s liturgy is from the First Book of Kings. While the focus, at least in terms of the books’ titles, is upon the kings of Israel, prophets play a major role. Such is the case in this weekend’s reading. The king is not mentioned in this selection. Rather, the chief figures are the prophets Elijah and Elisha.

As the Hebrew people gradually were formed into the nation of Israel, and as Moses and his lieutenants passed from the scene in the natural course of events, figures emerged to summon people to religious fidelity.

They were the men whom generations of Jews and then Christians have called the prophets. The English definition of “prophet” is too narrow. Most often, English-speaking persons associate prophecy with predicting the future.

The broader definition, which fits the roles of these Old Testament prophets, was that they spoke for God, proclaimed God’s law, and called the people to religious devotion. Although the prophets, of whom we have records, and we have records of only a few, often faced rebuke and even outright hostility from the Hebrew people, as a class they

were admired and venerated.

In this reading the prophet Elijah calls Elisha to follow, and to succeed him in the prophetic mission. In response, Elisha followed Elijah, forsaking everything familiar.

For the second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Galatians. The theme of this reading is freedom. It expresses Paul’s, as well as the classic Christian understanding, of freedom.

Popular conversation would suggest that persons who are truly free live lives of utter abandon. The more outrageous and extreme the departure from standards, the greater the freedom.

Christian wisdom has another opinion. Yielding to instincts and unmanageable feelings is not a sign of freedom but of slavery. The person who has the perception to see the outcome of certain behavior, and the strength to subordinate actions to an accepted goal, seen as a higher motive, is the person who is free.

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies the last reading. Even today the route from Galilee to Jerusalem passes through Samaria. (Much of Samaria is included in that contested part of the region frequently mentioned today in news reports as the West Bank.)

At the time of Jesus, pious Jews universally despised Samaritans. Centuries before Christ, when many Jews had died after repeated conquests of their land rather than tolerate the conquerors’ paganism, many in Samaria not only had tolerated the conquerors and their paganism, but they had intermarried with the foreigners.

This was more than a matter of religious conflict. The Samaritans had defiled the pure ethnic line of the chosen people.

Jesus spoke with Samaritans, a

gesture that caused many Jewish eyebrows to lift. Hearing the disciples’ complaints that He mingled with Samaritans, Jesus reminded them that the kingdom was not of this world. In God’s kingdom, ethnicity and old scores mean nothing.

Reflection

The message this weekend is about the plan of God to give eternal life to all people, who sincerely seek this life, through Christ. First Kings sets the stage. From the oldest periods of history, God reached out to people. He spoke through the prophets long ago. They came, generation after generation, to call people to God, sent by God that they live in genuine peace, at peace with God.

Christ came as the Son of God, bringing the wisdom and strength that make people truly free.

Essential to this wisdom is the realization that the kingdom of God is not of this world. It is available to any, and to all, who truly love the Lord. This world will end. Eternal life will not end, so our eyes must be on our eternal destiny.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1-4, 8-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1-6 Mt 9:14-17

The hungers of the heart

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

My first thought when I think of the word hunger is to get something to eat. Food and hunger just seem to go together. It is true we have all been hungry for food at some time or another but eating does not satisfy all our hungers. We also have spiritual hungers that need to be satisfied if we are to become mature adults.

In the Lord’s Prayer, the Our Father, we ask God to give us this day our daily bread. Jesus was not talking about food but about satisfying the spiritual hungers or desires that every human being experiences in life.

One deep spiritual hunger or desire of every person is to believe that life is meaningful and has a purpose. It is that deep longing inside that cannot be fully satisfied with possessions or superficial relationships. How sad for those whose need for meaning in their lives is never met, who never discover God’s love or who try to find happiness by acquiring more and more money or “things.” Even sadder are those who think life ends at death, or the ones who despair and end their lives because they believe there is nothing to live for.

Another hunger we have is for community. None of us is meant to be alone. We need the help of others to become the person God wants us to be. Human growth and maturity happen in an atmosphere of belonging and acceptance. We also see this in the Church. We live our Christianity within the context of community. Christians belong to the community we call Church. When we are baptized, we are baptized into the Body of Christ. A person’s faith cannot grow without the support of other believers. That is why the Church does not baptize infants when the parents are not practicing Catholics because there would be no Christian community to nurture the child’s faith.

Every person also hungers to be listened to and really heard. When someone really hears what we say and takes us seriously we are affirmed. When we sense we are not heard we can feel discounted or that our words and even ourselves

do not matter. On the other side, we, too, must learn how to be good listeners so we can help satisfy this hunger in others. It is a skill that is sorely needed in our world today and there are unfortunately too few people who really know how to listen. As a result, many will pay for this service.

Prayer also can help alleviate this hunger to be listened to. Christians believe in a personal God who is involved in each person’s life. We believe God cares about each of us individually. He listens to us and knows the desires of our hearts.

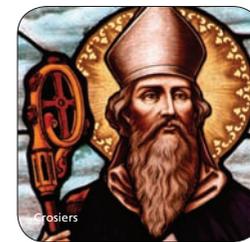
Each of us also longs to be appreciated and loved. Almost every day we see what happens when people have not experienced real love in their lives. Often they are the ones who get into trouble or cause harm to others. Many have difficulty loving others because they never experienced love in their own lives. Often those deprived of love cease to love themselves and suffer from low self-esteem.

As Christians who are called to love, we have the responsibility to help satisfy this deep hunger that we all share. Christ revealed God’s love and gave us that same mission. The world should be a more loving place because of the way Christians live. A helpful daily exercise is to ask yourself if there was a little more love in the world that day because of you.

Lastly, we hunger for acceptance. It is wonderful to be accepted for who we are, not for what we do. We all need to matter and be loved by someone. Those who are not ever accepted by others suffer a great deal. Maybe you have had the experience of not being invited to a school party or to an office function or know others who seem alone and always on the fringe. Perhaps you could be more mindful of these people and think about including them in your social life.

I invite you to reflect on your greatest hunger right now and ask the Lord to satisfy it.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, works for the Sisters of the Holy Cross communications department.



Saint of the Week

Boniface

c. 675-754
June 5

Boniface, the apostle of Germany, started out as an English monk, a popular teacher, preacher and writer who was ordained at 30. He compiled a Latin grammar and wrote many biblical instructions. But he felt called to missionary work, and in 716 landed in Friesland, now in the Netherlands. After a brief stay, he traveled to Rome, where he received a broad commission to evangelize central Germany. By 722, he had become bishop of Germany, where he organized the church and secured its ties to Rome. Later, as archbishop of Mainz and papal legate, he was asked to reform the Frankish church. The patron saint of Germany was martyred in Friesland, the missionary territory he revisited in retirement.

Perversions and purposes in sexuality

Many of us have probably heard single women talking among themselves about men, where one of them ends up saying, "That guy, he's just a pervert — he's only interested in sex." When women detect that a man's focus has become the pursuit of pleasure, and that unbridled sex has become an end in itself, they tend instinctively to back away. Women often intuitively understand that sex can't be reduced to mere pleasure without hurting both individuals involved, and negating other important goods, like love, family, children and marriage.

It becomes a "perversion" when we attempt to redirect sex into something of our own specifications, refocusing it into a form of worldly pleasure-seeking and self-satisfaction. Sigmund Freud, whom no one could accuse of prudery, recognized the basic features of a perversion in the sexual realm when he declared, "The common characteristic of all perversions... is that they have abandoned reproduction as their aim. We term sexual activity perverse when it has renounced the aim of reproduction and follows the pursuit of pleasure as an independent goal."

No age has ever sought to abandon the reproductive aim of sexual activity as much as our own. This is particularly manifest as our society yields to the seductive siren call of contraception, broadly encouraging the separation of sexual intimacy from procreation.

A 2013 Gallup poll reported that 91 percent believed birth control to be morally acceptable. Professor Robert George of Princeton University has noted that marriage is increasingly coming to be understood as "an emotional union for the sake of adult satisfaction that is served by mutually agreeable sexual play." Without the self-sacrificing dimension of sex (involving the acceptance of new life), individuals are left in the position of amiably using one another.

If seeking sex while blocking

the possibility of reproduction is a form of sexual perversion, perhaps it is unsurprising that other forms of inherently non-procreative sex, that is to say, other sexual perversions, are rapidly expanding alongside the practice of contraception. In recent times, we have witnessed an unparalleled countermanding of the life-giving dimension of the sexual act through the acceptance of non-complementary forms of bodily union including homosexual and lesbian sex, oral sex and anal sex. A very significant jump of 19 percent in approval over the past 12 years for "gay or lesbian relations" was highlighted in the same 2013 Gallup poll.

Culturally, sex is subtly changing into a casual encounter subject to one's own manipulation and determination, with pleasure serving as its central engine and rationale. Put simply, it is degenerating into a new reality before our eyes, cut out of the whole cloth of perversion, with the promotion of sexual activity in ways that are powerfully at odds with its proper context and purpose.

Sex has a unique bonding or cementing power between a man and a woman, because the sexual instinct is clearly bound up with the whole emotional, affective and interpersonal life of man and woman. Given this fact, real interpersonal harms and significant possibilities for selfishness and exploitation arise whenever individuals choose to act on this instinct in a context apart from marriage.

Indeed, sex is never a reasonable choice in the absence of commitment, particularly a permanent commitment, between a man and a woman. This flows in part from the fact that it brings new lives into the world, and those lives are vulnerable and dependent, necessitating a mother and a father who are committed to each other and to the children arising from their permanent union.

It is remarkable how much consternation it causes today to point out what has long been obvious,



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

namely, that sex and marriage must be integrally connected, and that in the final analysis, marriage must remain the unique and exclusive setting for human sexual activity. Through matrimonial consent, man and woman deliver and accept the exclusive and perpetual bond that allows them to carry out acts apt in themselves for the procreation of offspring.

The obvious corollary is that sexual relations of any kind in a non-marital context will invariably be immoral, including forms of pre- and extra-marital sex and the use of pornography and masturbation.

Indeed, it is imperative today that we work to re-connect the gratification of the sexual urge with the beautiful sharing of life between man and woman in matrimony. The deep-seated sex instinct moves men and women to embrace great sacrifices, such as are required in marriage and procreation, for the fulfillment of this remarkable human drive. We are challenged today, like never before, to step away courageously from sexual perversions in all their destructive and ever-expanding forms, and to return to an ordered vision of sexuality within marriage, directed to the authentic good of individuals and society.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

a particular ship or base who may represent dozens of faiths, not all of which could have a chaplain of that faith available. All military chaplains are trained to provide basic assistance and sometimes religious services to a variety of faiths.

For example, she said, there may be 500 Muslims in the Navy, but they're not all serving in the same place or even near each other, so any Muslim chaplain would be hard-pressed to be able to serve a sizeable congregation of Muslims. Where to position a Muslim chaplain is something of a mathematical exercise.

Nationwide, Catholics make up the largest single religious denomination, at about 24 percent. But there are only about 50 priests among the entire military chaplain corps, Rev. Kibben said. "When I started 27 years ago, there were about 200." The Department of

Defense requires that chaplains be college graduates, have theological training and be ordained, or the denominational equivalent.

The Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, which determines the policy for how the Church participates in the chaplain corps, interprets canon law as requiring that only priests may serve as chaplains. Some other countries, including Canada, allow permanent deacons to also serve as chaplains.

Msgr. Frank Pugliese, vicar general of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, said deacons cannot be chaplains because they "do not have the full care of souls," meaning they cannot celebrate Mass or hear confessions. "So to put a deacon in the situation of being a chaplain leaves the chaplaincy in the hands of someone who can't do the entire ministry from a Catholic perspective. If they're Catholic, the

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 16, 2013

Luke 7:36-50

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: dinner at the house of Simon the Pharisee. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PHARISEE	HOUSE	TABLE
WOMAN	CITY	OINTMENT
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TEACHER	FIVE HUNDRED	KISS
MY HEAD	GREAT	LOVE
LITTLE	YOUR SINS	GO IN PEACE

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authorities of a situation, as well as how to help members of the military get an education in basic morals that they may have missed earlier in life.

"For just about every topic with a social dimension, chaplains have a role to play," she said. The decreasing religious participation found throughout society has implications for the military, Rev. Kibben said, but people who consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" still seek out the services of the chaplaincy.

Her job requires she balance a limited number of chaplains of various denominations with the needs of Marines and sailors assigned to

least you want them to be able to do is say Mass."

He said it seems extremely unlikely the archdiocese would change that policy any time soon. Instead, he said recruitment of chaplains has taken a new direction, with the military archdiocese co-sponsoring the education of seminarians, who commit, with the approval of their dioceses, to serving in the military for a while.

"This year we had several seminarians ordained as deacons, and several ordained priests," Msgr. Pugliese said. "We're within a year or two of the fruits of that showing in our numbers."

Navy Lt. Commander Jean Marie Sullivan, a special assistant to the chief of Navy operations, is an active Catholic who helped fill the gap left by the shortage of Catholic chaplains as a shipboard extraordinary minister of holy Communion during her assignment on a frigate about a decade ago. She said she was trained to conduct Communion services and carefully reserved the consecrated hosts in a locked safe in her quarters. On Ash Wednesday she obtained some ashes to use for a simple service, as well.

"I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it," she said. "On a ship with 330 people, we'd have about five people each Sunday, then on Ash Wednesday it seemed like the whole ship showed up."

Msgr. Pugliese told CNS that

policy changed "years ago ... because of reported abuses of the Eucharist. In the military, custody of the Eucharist is a very difficult thing."

As she prepares to take command of her own ship in a couple of years, Sullivan said part of her responsibility will include making sure the religious needs of her crew are met. Her current and recent assignments have kept her on land and out of command positions. Now, she recognizes that part of her new job will entail making sure she and other Catholics have access to Mass and other religious activities while at sea.

Msgr. Pugliese said there is a system of military personnel known as "Catholic representatives" who may conduct liturgies of the word in the absence of a priest, and who help make sure a Catholic chaplain is periodically available on a ship or that Catholic personnel can get to a Mass at a church near a posting.

Sullivan, who grew up around the world because her parents were in the Foreign Service, said she is quite familiar with the extent to which some people have to go to for religious services. She said she made her own first Communion in Saudi Arabia, where it was illegal to hold services of any faith except Islam.

"We had to meet in secret, on Fridays," she said. "Our priest was arrested and jailed at one point."

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate

NOTRE DAME — Thirteen Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years in Holy Cross on July 21, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame. Seven of these 13 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at various times during their religious lives.

75-year jubilarians

Sister M. Julien Wilke taught music and directed choirs for most of her ministry life. She taught at the former Saint Mary's Academy, 1951-1960, and at St. Joseph School in South Bend, 1963-1964. In 1971, she went to Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and was the director of liturgy until 1996 when she was assigned to St. Bavo Church in Mishawaka. She also served as sacristan at Saint Mary's College. Currently her main ministry is to pray for the Church and the world.



SISTER M. JULIEN WILKE

Sister M. Lourdes Kelly taught in three schools in the diocese from 1938 through 1947, including St. Joseph and Holy Cross in South Bend and St. Michael in Plymouth. In 1980 she retired at Saint Mary's where she participates in the ministry of prayer for the Church and the world.



SISTER M. LOURDES KELLY

50-year jubilarians

Sister Eva Mary Hooker is in higher education and has taught English and writing at the former Dunbarton College, Washington, D.C., and was on the faculty and served as associate dean at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. For nearly



SISTER EVA MARY HOOKER

20 years, she was the academic vice president at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minn. Currently, she is a professor of English and a writer in residence at Saint Mary's College.

Sister Joanne Bauer, formerly Sister Marie Howard, served as a rector at the University of Notre Dame. Since 2008 she has been family life coordinator for the Diocese of Fresno, Calif.



SISTER JOANNE BAUER

Sister Maureen Grady, formerly Sister Sheila Marie, nursed at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, from 1969-1971, and did home health care for St. Joseph County in 1982.



SISTER MAUREEN GRADY

She left nursing and went into pastoral care and taught pastoral skills in Beirut, Lebanon. She worked at the Pontifical Mission for Palestine. She was also among the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who, at the request of Catholic Relief Services, went to Thailand to work with refugees. Before coming to Saint Mary's College to work with student nurses, she was director of formation at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Sister M. John Margaret Dietzen taught at Holy Cross School in South Bend, from 1979-1980, and then served as principal, 1980-1983. She also taught at St. Monica School in Mishawaka, from 1988-1993. From 2001 to 2007 she provided a sister presence and directed the mission efforts at St. Paul's Retirement Community, and from 2008 to 2010, she visited patients at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center,



SISTER JOHN MARGARET DIETZEN

South Bend. For the past three years she has served as the area coordinator for retired and semi-retired Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Sister Patricia McCabe, formerly Sister M. Ruthellen, was a campus minister at the University of Notre Dame in 1987 and then at Saint Mary's College in 1988. Currently, she is a pastoral associate for religious education at St. Ann Catholic Church in West Palm Beach, Fla., where she has served since 2003.



SISTER PATRICIA MCCABE

Other sisters celebrating 50 years are Sisters Alma Mary Anderson, Maureen Rooney, Mary Louise Full, Judith Hallock and Marietta Umlor.

25-year jubilarian

Sister Agnes Rozario from Bangladesh, is celebrating 25 years.



SISTER AGNES ROZARIO

Other sisters celebrating anniversaries

Twelve other Sisters of the Holy Cross are celebrating anniversaries of their vows in 2013. Sisters Judith McKenna, June Ann Kirby, Geraldine Liquore, Elizabeth Panero, M. Joan Elizabeth Johnson, Jean Keleher, Carmel Marie Sallows, Dolores Marie Rathnow, Grace Watson, M. Perpetua Meyer are marking 60 years of religious life. Sister Agnes Solari celebrates 80 years and Sister M. Louis Gonzague Kullmann, 85 years.

Eight Victory Noll Sisters celebrate jubilees in 2013

HUNTINGTON — Eight members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters celebrated jubilees this year.

Sister Carlota Baca celebrated 85 years as a Victory Noll Sister this year. Now 104 years old, Sister Baca joined OLVM on Oct. 28, 1928.

Two Sisters were honored for 75 years as Victory Noll Sisters, including Sister Mary Joan Ginsterblum and Sister Justine Kiefer. Sister Mary Frances Bartsch celebrated 70 years with OLVM.

Three Sisters celebrated 60 years, including Sister Kathleen Cummings, Sister Regina Marie Morrissey and Sister Christopher Rudell.

The 50th jubilee celebration for Sister Helen Rodriguez-Marin will be held Aug. 5 at Victory Noll.

Five sisters have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

75-year jubilarians

Sister Mary Joan Ginsterblum was born in Meyer, Iowa, and entered OLVM on Jan. 25, 1939. Sister's mission work has involved catechesis, physical therapy, wood carving and hair care in California, Colorado, Utah, Arizona and at Victory Noll.



SISTER MARY JOAN GINSTERBLUM

Sister Justine Kiefer was born in Chicago and entered OLVM on Aug. 31, 1938. Sister's mission work has involved catechesis, leadership team, formation director, tutoring and secretarial in Michigan, California,



SISTER JUSTINE KIEFER

Colorado, Texas and in Gary, East Chicago and Victory Noll.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Kathleen Cummings was born in Jackson, Mich., and entered OLVM on Jan. 6, 1954. Her mission involved catechesis, leadership team general treasurer, executive trustee of Community Support Trust and computer technology in California, Utah and at Victory Noll.



SISTER KATHLEEN CUMMINGS

Sister Regina Marie Morrissey was born in Jackson, Mich., and entered OLVM on Sept. 6, 1953. Her mission work involved catechesis, liturgy, pastoral associate, director of religious education in Missouri, Ohio, Texas, New Jersey and in East Chicago and Kendallville.



SISTER REGINA MARIE MORRISSEY

Sister Christopher Rudell was born in Baltimore, Md., and entered OLVM on Sept. 6, 1953. Her mission involved catechesis, teacher formation, maintenance and laundry, nursing (RN), secretarial and as sacristan in Massachusetts, California, Michigan, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, Florida and at Victory Noll.



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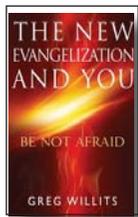
Keep the faith with summer reading

BY KAY COZAD

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

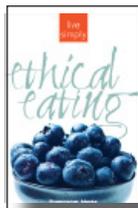
"The New Evangelization and You: Be Not Afraid,"

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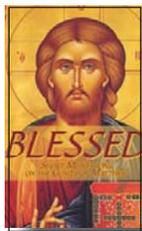
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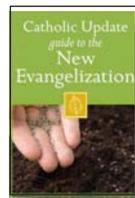


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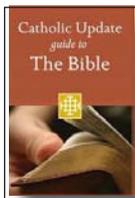


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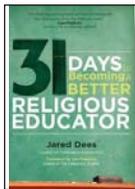
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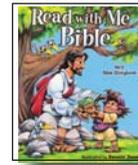
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NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer the new "streamlined" method of Natural Family Planning. Integrating John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the series of three one-per-month PowerPoint-based classes in modern, 99 percent-effective "symptothermal" Natural Family Planning starting Sunday, July 14, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register or for information call (260) 489-1856 or email mshannon11@frontier.com.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, July 5, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

St. Vincent Villa alumni to meet

Fort Wayne — The SVV alumni will have a reunion Sunday, June 30, at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the chicken dinner lunch are \$11. To register and for information call Mel Claymiller at (260) 483-6501.

Natural Family Planning session offered

Fort Wayne — A revolutionary approach to Natural Family Planning will be presented Saturday, July 13, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The only family planning system that networks women's procreative health with their general health called NaProTECHNOLOGY® promotes healthy women, healthy

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Knights plan fish fry

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

Fundraiser planned

Fort Wayne — A day of fun has been planned for friends of Tom Figel (BLHS Class of '86) Saturday, July 27, at Coyote Creek Golf Club. Golf outing, Casa dinner and silent auction will benefit Figel who was diagnosed with stage four kidney cancer in February. For information contact Marcy Figel Watts at (260) 414-4539 or visit www.tomfigel.eventbrite.com.

Theology on Tap — summer series

Granger — Join young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in a Catholic

speaker series called Theology on Tap — Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in a new location: Villa Macri, 225 Toscana Blvd. The theme: Truth in Charity will begin July 23 — Charitable Leadership: Pope Francis with Dr. Matthew Bunson; July 30 — Charitable Witness: St. Francis of Assisi with Sister Marie Morgan, OSF; Aug. 6 — Charitable Response: Same-Sex Relationships with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; Aug. 13 — Charitable Defense: Apologetics with Dr. Peter Kilpatrick and ending the series with the Aug. 20 cookout. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/tot for information.

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.

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Lucy V. Tracey, 92, St. Patrick

Isabella M. Sullivan, 95, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Margaret A. Funich, 72, Our Lady of Good Hope

Donald Paul Weldon, 89, Queen of Angels

Michael P. Morrison, 25, St. Charles Borromeo

Granger

Rita G. Ciszczon, 87, St. Pius X

Mary Simeri, 86, St. Pius X

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Rome City

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July 7	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Jacob Meyer St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Father William Kummer St. Michael Plymouth
July 14	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father David Mary Engo, FFM Our Lady of Angels Friary Fort Wayne	Father Daryl Rybicki Corpus Christi South Bend
July 21	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Tom Shoemaker St. Jude Fort Wayne	Father Chuck Herman Holy Family South Bend
July 28	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Ed Erpelding Parkview Medical Center Fort Wayne	Father Tom McNally, CSC Notre Dame

FREEDOM

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husband, father and Lord Chancellor of England.

"You probably know the story of these two great saints," he continued. "When the pope refused to annul the marriage of King Henry VIII, the king broke from the Catholic Church and declared himself the head of the Church in England. Citizens of England were required to sign an oath acknowledging Henry as the head of the Church. For fear of suffering and death, most agreed to sign the oath. But Fisher and More refused as a matter of conscience.

Though friends with Henry, Bishop Fisher and More were imprisoned in the tower of London and eventually beheaded for their steadfast refusal to sign the oath of supremacy. Bishop Rhoades remarked, "Some years ago, I was able to visit the cell in the Tower of London where More was imprisoned."

Bishop Rhoades said as he prayed in that cell he was overcome with admiration for More's courage.

"The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) coerces religious believers to act against our most deeply held beliefs in violation of our Constitution, our laws and our long tradition of religious liberty," he stressed. "That is why our diocese and several other Catholic institutions of our diocese are suing the federal government. The HHS mandate is unjust and unlawful. This isn't about the Catholic Church trying to force its beliefs on others. It is about the government trying to force its beliefs on the Catholic Church. It is a direct violation of our religious liberty to force the Church and its institutions, as well as individuals, business owners, insurers, etc. to violate our own teachings by facilitating and funding sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraception. The proposed 'accommodation' rather than an 'exemption' for our institutions like Catholic Charities, our hospitals and universities is still very unjust. Though it offers to have insurers or

other third parties impose the objectionable coverage, it still deprives us of the ability to provide health coverage to our employees that is consistent with our values and it disregards the conscience rights of both insurers and employees. However the funding is worked out, the simple offer of health coverage by a religious employer would become the trigger for ensuring that all our employees receive morally objectionable services in their health plans."

"There are other threats to religious liberty," Bishop Rhoades explained. "We have experienced in our country discrimination against Catholic adoption and foster-care services because, when placing children with couples, we make sure they enjoy the advantage of having a mother and a father who are married. We have seen discrimination against our United States Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services because we will not provide or refer for contraception and abortion. Some states have tried to make it criminal for us to provide Christian charity and pastoral care to undocumented immigrants. I could give other examples. One of the most troubling threats to religious liberty is that which is arising from the redefinition of marriage. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue. It has its roots in the growing secularism of our culture, a secularism that seeks to marginalize the Church from culture and society."

The right to religious freedom is founded upon the intrinsic dignity of the human person. This is an issue of justice since the human person has a right to religious freedom. Catholics must not waver in their defense of this sacred right.

Bishop Rhoades offered the following suggestions for the faithful:

- Pray for the protection of religious liberty and increased respect for the role of faith in public life;
- Contact our legislators, urging their support of H.R. 940, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act;
- Educate yourselves and your family, friends and neighbors on this issue. Many educational resources are available on the USCCB website and the special website www.Fornight4Freedom.org.

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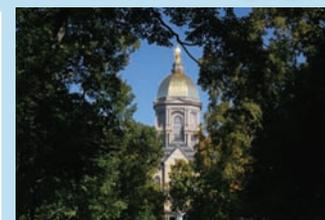

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