Crowds in Rio swarm pope, who wanted to be ‘close to the people’

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) — Hundreds of thousands of cheering people welcomed Pope Francis to Brazil July 22 as he made the first international trip of his pontificate to his native region of Latin America.

The papal plane touched down at Rio’s international airport at 3:43 p.m. local time, and the pope emerged 18 minutes later to cheers from a relatively small group, which included a children’s choir.

After exchanging greetings with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and other dignitaries for 15 minutes, the pope entered a compact Brazilian-made Fiat Idea for the ride downtown, accompanied by security vehicles and helicopters overhead.

At some points, the motorcade was separated from ordinary rush-hour commuters by nothing more than a median strip. As the pope’s car drew closer to the center, he passed increasingly large groups of people standing, cheering and waving.

About 20 minutes into the ride, clusters of people began pressing against the vehicle, reaching out to touch the pope, and had to be pushed away by the security detail. At one point, the press of crowds brought the vehicle briefly to a standstill, and the pope emerged to kiss a baby.

Apparently attempting to avoid the crowds, the motorcade turned into a stretch of ordinary traffic. Shortly thereafter the papal car found itself repeatedly stuck between vehicles and crowds.

The moon is seen behind the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro July 21. Pope Francis began his first international trip Monday, July 22, traveling to Brazil to meet up with more than 300,000 Catholic young people for World Youth Day.

Diocese to launch new website

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will launch a brand new website with its current address, www.diocesefwsb.org, on Aug. 1. The site has been completely overhauled, while preserving some of the basic structures in place.

“We’re using a new platform and working with a new vendor,” said Sean McBride, Secretariat for Communications, the lead in the project. “We were very cognizant from the beginning of the project that there were certain areas in need of great improvement, while some aspects that were already in place were quite sound. Overall I think we struck a great balance and hope for positive feedback from the people we serve.”

The diocese has moved from a Wordpress format, into a custom platform provided by JH Specialty Inc. Nick Murray, project leader for JH Specialty, said, “Wordpress is a great platform for the creation and management of blogging sites, but clearly the diocesan site is much more than that.”

The site has a new color pallet, is scrollable, and uses larger fonts for an easier read. It also includes better navigation tools, and the search function has been significantly improved.

It is also a responsive platform, which means the view will respond to whatever device is being used, whether a desktop personal computer, tablet or smartphone. Responsive website design is crucial to ensure that the growing number of people who utilize the diocesan website for information from mobile devices have a quick and intuitive experience. The site includes better access to the diocesan social media outlets it currently employs as well.

The new website contains a quick link at the top right for those wishing to view the page in Spanish. This routes the page through Google Translate, McBride noted, “That new functionality, while not perfect, is certainly an upgrade for those preferring Spanish text.”

It was a very intensive process, and staff members continue to learn the nuances of the new system, but the graphics, fonts, prominent calendar, and color pallet should lend themselves to a much better experience for users.
Four motherhouses of Sisters in our diocese

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

During the summer and sometimes on other occasions during the year, I enjoy visiting the Sisters and celebrating Mass at the motherhouses of the women’s religious congregations in our diocese. At every visit, I am reminded, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, that “the consecrated life is at the very heart of the Church.” I am particularly moved and inspired when I speak to the elderly and retired Sisters who have given their lives in service of Church and the Church, faith-filled women who continue to serve the Church through their lives of prayer and their example of faithful love.

It is pretty amazing that, in a diocese our size, we have four motherhouses of religious sisters. This is truly a blessing! Each community has its own special charism and spirit. Each community has helped to build the Church in our diocese and beyond.

The four women’s religious congregations with headquarters (motherhouses) in our diocese (in historical order according to their establishment here) are as follows:

Sisters of the Holy Cross

The Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame (once called the “Marianites of the Holy Cross”) were founded in France by Blessed Basil Moreau in 1841. The first four Sisters of the Holy Cross came to Notre Dame just two years later. The Sisters, providing domestic services for the community at Notre Dame, soon embarked on an impressive educational ministry that included the establishment of the great institution that became “Saint Mary’s College.” More Sisters arrived from France and within just a few years many American and Irish women joined the congregation.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross have served in many schools and parishes of our diocese for the past 170 years. In 1882, the Holy Cross Sisters opened Saint Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne in 1869. The motherhouse of the Poor Handmaids moved from Fort Wayne to Donaldson in the 1920’s. This motherhouse is the headquarters for the American Province of the international congregation based in Dernbach, Germany. There are approximately 640 Poor Handmaid Sisters worldwide. The motherhouse in Donaldson is next to Ancilla College, a two-year Catholic college sponsored by the Poor Handmaids.

There are many ministries of the Poor Handmaids at Donaldson, including the Catherine Kasper Home and the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration

Following the example of Bishop D’Arcy, my home when I am in the South Bend area of the diocese is at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Francis in Mishawaka. I am deeply grateful for the Sisters’ hospitality and generosity. Like the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration began in Germany. Their founders, Mother Maria Theresa Bonzel, will be beatified this coming November. I hope to travel to Paderborn, Germany for the beatification Mass. Mother Maria Theresa founded the Congregation in Olpe, Germany in 1863 so this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Saint Francis.

It was the second Bishop of Fort Wayne, Joseph Dwenger, who welcomed the first Sisters of Saint Francis to our diocese. In 1875, Mother Maria Theresa accompanied the first six missionary Sisters who settled in Lafayette, then part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. The U.S. Province of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration was formed in 1886, with its motherhouse located in Lafayette. It moved to Mishawaka in 1943. The Sisters of Saint Francis have been extensively involved in health care, education, and other ministries in our diocese and beyond. They sponsor the University of Saint Francis which moved from Lafayette to Fort Wayne in 1944. They founded, and continue to sponsor, the Franciscan Alliance, a Catholic health care system with 13 hospitals and many medical practices.
NOTRE DAME — “Let us build a house where love can dwell,” sang the congregation in their opening hymn on Friday, July 19, as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades began a Mass to bless the newest chapel on the University of Notre Dame campus — the Christ the Teacher Chapel in the building that serves as home to the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

The Rite of Blessing a Chapel and Dedication of an Altar emphasized the Lord’s presence, lifting minds and hearts with a joyful, generous use of chrisms, incense and holy water.

“This chapel becomes a sacred place today, a place of worship and prayer, where the Lord indeed will dwell,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily.

He added, “Here, the ACE community will be united with Christ and His sacrifice through the great sacrament of the Eucharist.”

The bishop affirmed the chapel’s dedication to Christ the Teacher. Many of its visitors will be engaged in the formation of educators and service to under-resourced Catholic elementary and secondary schools. The chapel is housed in the lower level of the historic wing of ACE’s home, renovated in 2011 to support ACE’s mission of sustaining, strengthening and transforming Catholic schools.

The dedication to Christ the Teacher is significant, said Bishop Rhoades, because the Eucharistic Teacher is significant, said Bishop Rhoades. They included Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully and Holy Cross Father Sean McGraw, who co-founded the Alliance for Catholic Education in 1993.

In the coming weeks, ACE will wrap up its 20th summer with a busy schedule of courses forming tomorrow’s Catholic school teachers and leaders, along with conferences and professional development opportunities addressing major educational issues. To mark the 20th anniversary, ACE leaders will embark on a national bus tour celebrating the gift of Catholic schools and promoting the watchword, “Fighting for Our Children’s Future.”

Bishop Rhoades complimented the ACE community’s work on behalf of children around the country.

He noted the beauty of the chapel, which will be home to ACE’s weekly Masses throughout the school year. The Christ the Teacher Chapel incorporates opalescent stained glass, a crucifix whose design recalls the papal crown first carried by Blessed Pope John Paul II, and other original designs by recognized artists. Its altar, which Bishop Rhoades covered with chrisms as part of the dedication rite, contains a relic of Saint André Bessette, the first saint canonized from the Congregation of Holy Cross.

“My this chapel be the heart, the center, of this ACE building,” Bishop Rhoades said as he encouraged the mission that extends to Catholic schools around the country. From the chapel, he said, God’s “graces will abound and be poured forth upon the ACE community!”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spreads holy chrism on the altar during the Mass of blessing and dedication in The Chapel of Christ the Teacher in the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame on July 19.

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

TODAY’S CATHOLIC
Gov. Perry signs bill that puts new restrictions on abortion in Texas

BY ENEDELIA J. OBREGON

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — The drama in Texas over abortion that drew national and international attention came to an end for the moment after the state House of Representatives then the state Senate voted to adopt tougher abortion regulations.

Gov. Rick Perry signed the measure into law during a ceremony July 17.

The new law prohibits abortions in the 20th week of pregnancy, requires abortion clinics to be certified as surgical centers and increases regulations on doctors and abortion-inducing drugs.

Jeff Patterson, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, said the law protects life by requiring no termination of pregnancies after the first 20 weeks and it improves standards for abortion facilities.

The conference is the statewide association of the Catholic dioceses in Texas and the public policy arm of the conference’s board of directors — the bishops — that represents Catholic positions on issues before the Texas Legislature, the Texas delegation in Congress and state agencies.

“One way to look at, for example, the 20th week is that’s late term and a point where babies can feel pain,” Patterson said. “The higher standards for abortion clinics that are in case there are complications or problems that occur when providing abortions.

The stricter regulations for doctors and the abortion-inducing drugs such as RU-486 are to ensure they follow Food and Drug Administration guidelines.

“A lot of doctors don’t follow the prescription guidelines,” Patterson said. “It means two separate visits, but that’s to make sure there are no problems.”

The measure also requires that doctors performing abortions have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the facility in which the abortion is performed. “About 20 percent of the time there are complications,” Patterson said. “In case there’s a problem they can get the woman to a hospital to care for her.”

For pro-life groups, the legislation is another incremental step in ending abortion. In 2011, Texas legislators passed a bill requiring a woman seeking an abortion to receive a sonogram from the doctor who is to perform the procedure at least 24 hours before the abortion.

This year’s legislation garnered national and international attention during a filibuster by Democratic State Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth June 26, the last day of the first special session, thus killing the proposed bill.

Pro-life supporters participate in a procession in Austin, Texas, July 9 as the Legislature meets to consider a bill to restrict abortion.

The Republican-led majority in the Senate passed the measure to adopt tougher abortion regulations July 13.

Perry then called a second special session and added abortion to the agenda. The Texas Constitution calls for the Legislature to meet biennially in odd-numbered years for 140 days beginning the Tuesday after the first Monday in January. Under the Constitution, the governor can separately call special sessions on subjects of his choice that may last up to 30 days.

Marie Seale, director of the Diocese of Austin Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living, said the filibuster got the attention of pro-life supporters and brought them out to the Capitol in large numbers for the second special session.

“People were wildly upset about what Wendy Davis did to legislation in the first special session,” she said. “When pro-lifers saw the vote being taken from them, they riled up.”

She said that many pro-life people who had not been politically active before now realize the challenge of getting legislation passed.

The next legislative session is in 2015, and Patterson said pro-life groups want an end to judicial bypass, which allows girls under age 17 to forgo parental consent for abortions by getting approval from a district judge.

Pro-life groups also want expansion and funding of crisis pregnancy centers and an end to regulatory requirements that prevent the centers from providing options other than abortion, as well as social services that will allow a woman to keep her child.
Kevin C. Rhoades prior to their new leadership installation Mass in the 11th, during which two Sisters of our diocese.

for so many in the South Bend area

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in which each Sister makes a daily Holy Hour. During the day, many faithful of the area stop by to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, a great blessing for so many in the South Bend area of our diocese.

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters

Last Friday, I celebrated Mass and visited with the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters at Victory Noll, the motherhouse in Huntington. Each year I visit and celebrate Mass there in late July, near the anniversary of the death of Archbishop John Noll who was such a beloved friend and benefactor of the Victory Noll Sisters. In fact, he is buried in the Victory Noll cemetery.

Unlike the other religious congregations mentioned above, the Victory Noll Sisters were founded here in the United States. They were founded in 1922 by a Chicago priest, Father John Joseph Sigstein. A few years later, thanks to the efforts of Bishop Noll, the Sisters (then called the “Missionary Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory”) settled in Huntington, where the motherhouse at Victory Noll was established.

The Victory Noll Sisters grew in numbers through the years and served as missionary catechists, providing religious education especially in the west and southwest United States. They have also served at several places in our diocese throughout the years.

Victory Noll is also an oasis for prayer in our diocese. The beautiful Chapel of Our Lady of Victory, modeled after the missionary churches of the Southwest, has beautiful Spanish architecture like that of the motherhouse. The Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel is a place for worship and prayer, connected to the Holy Family Building, the facility for elderly and ill Sisters.

Religious sisters in our diocese

We are blessed by the presence of these four Motherhouses of Sisters in our diocese: We are also blessed by the presence, example, and witness of religious Sisters from other religious congregations who serve in our diocese. We are blessed also by the presence of our first community of cloistered nuns in the diocese, founded one year ago in Fort Wayne: The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Presently, there are approximately 450 women religious in our diocese, the great majority of whom have come to expect from their diocesan newspaper the traditional, respectable appearance that readers know how you feel about this redesign.

The ultimate goal of this new look is to help us know how you feel about this redesign.

The new appearance strives to be eye-catching and a few subtle changes designed to improve how we are viewed by readers. Also, the commentary and sports pages will be an occasional media page, featuring articles and a few subtle changes designed to improve how we are viewed by readers.

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Archbishops call Britain's new same-sex marriage law 'watershed'

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — Britain's two leading arch- bishops said the new same-sex marriage law represented “a watershed in English law and heralds a profound social change. The new act breaks the existing legal links between the institution of marriage and sexual complementarity,” said a statement by Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark, vice president.

Their statement was released July 17, the same day Queen Elizabeth II gave her royal assent to the Marriage (Same Sex) Couples Bill, which passed the House of Lords July 15 and the House of Commons July 16.

The new law means that civil and religious marriage between same-sex couples is now legal in Britain, with the first gay weddings expected next summer. “With this new legislation, marriage has now become an institution in which openness to children, and with it the responsibility on fathers and mothers to remain together to care for children born into their family unit, are no longer central,” the archbishops said in their statement. “That is why we were opposed to this legislation on principle.”

Longtime Youngstown editor retires after 35 years in Catholic press

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (CNS) — Lou Jacquet, editor and general manager of the Catholic Exponent in Youngstown for about 16 years, relinquished those duties June 28 when he stepped down after 35 years in the Catholic press. “Lou Jacquet’s career and editor of the Catholic Exponent has been a blessing to the diocesan church and the broader Catholic community,” said Msgr. Robert Sflifer, Youngstown’s diocesan vicar general and moderator of the curia. “During his tenure as editor, the Exponent has been recognized by the Catholic press as an outstanding publication. His column and others in the Exponent have received numerous awards and acknowledgements,” the priest said in a statement. “Through his hard work and the support of his staff, they have maintained the Catholic Exponent as among the most read, and among the most widely circulated, diocesan papers in the state of Ohio.”

Jacquet, 63, has served in the Catholic press in several dioceses since beginning his career as a reporter and feature writer at the Exponent in December 1977. He moved to Chicago’s archdiocesan newspaper, then called The Chicago Catholic, in November 1978, working as a reporter and feature writer there, until being named editor of The Homotimer (now “today's Catholic”), newspaper of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., in September 1980.

Franciscans carry a chair handmade by drug addicts for Pope Francis at a chapel at the Hospital of St. Francis of Assist July 19 in Rio de Janeiro. The pope was scheduled to visit the hospital July 24. His participation in World Youth Day events began the evening of July 25 in Rio’s famed Copacabana beach area and culminates with an open-air Mass in the Guarába area of the city July 28.

House abandonment of nutrition items in farm bill called ‘mislabeled’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As Congress lurched toward its summer recess, inside and outside the corridors of Congress, people have been asking, “What in Sam Hill is going on with the House on the farm bill?” It’s anachronistic, unworkable,” said Bob Gronski, a policy adviser for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, about a decision by members of the House to abandon nutrition items in the farm bill, saying they will deal with food assistance programs later. “The message that sends is: ‘I don’t understand what the House is thinking.’”

Roger Johnson, head of the National Farmers Union, said “It is a very confusing, misguided and dysfunctional process.”

Armando Nieto, of the Community Food and Justice Coalition, commented that “getting food to the people who need it is problematic. I do believe we’re the kind of country where we do take care of the people who are in need.” But “there is a segment of Congress that doesn’t believe it, that it’s just not the role of government” to feed the hungry, he said. “We’ve got to change it (and) the conversations are not even happening.” To recap, summer had barely begun when the farm bill surprisingly went down to defeat in the House. The House version would have more than quadrupled the cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — formerly known as food stamps — that had been in the Senate-passed version of the bill. Then, on one day’s notice, House Republican leaders reintroduced a stripped-down, agriculture-only farm bill, yanking out the funding for nutrition programs like SNAP and saying they’d develop a separate bill later on nutrition. The stripped-down bill was approved by an eight-vote margin, 216-208, with votes cast largely along party lines.

Catholic, Pentecostal leaders discuss ‘common ground, differences’

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Seven Catholics and four Pentecostals met in Baltimore to focus on understanding their commonalities and differences. The 11 church leaders attended the third session of the sixth phase of the international Catholic-Pentecostal dialogue, which began with Mass July 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore.

Discussions were to continue through July 19 at St. Mary’s Seminary and University. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, N.C., gave the homily at the 14 Mass. “We identify an issue,” he said. “We seek where there may be common ground, we acknowledge honestly where there is disagreement, we ask each other sincere questions and we truly listen to the responses that are offered. All of this is rooted in prayer, a key component of the time we spend together.” The dialogue, which began in 1972, brings together the Pentecostal Church and the Vatican-sponsored Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Hobby Lobby wins injunction against HHS mandate

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — A federal judge in Oklahoma City July 19 granted a temporary injunction to the arts and crafts chain Hobby Lobby, saying it would not have to comply with the federal health care law mandating that employers provide coverage of contraceptives in their health insurance plans. U.S. District Court Judge Joe Heaton issued the preliminary injunction, which comes several weeks after a federal appeals court ruled that Hobby Lobby can exercise religion under the First Amendment and is likely to win its case against the mandate. “The tide has turned against the HHS mandate,” said Kyle Duncan, general counsel with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, and lead attorney for Hobby Lobby, in a July 19 statement.

Pope to revamp Vatican’s bookkeeping, fiscal responsibility

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has named a new commission to investigate current accounting practices among all Vatican offices and bodies and to help devise new strategies for greater fiscal responsibility and transparency. The new pontifical commission of business and legal experts will “offer technical support” and “develop strategic solutions” to help the Vatican simplify and better coordinate its scattered resources, budgets, properties and assets, and create “a more careful organization of the economic activities of all Vatican administrative offices.”

The Vatican announced the creation of the new commission July 19, saying its eight members would “begin its work as soon as possible” with its first meeting scheduled right after the pope returns from Brazil July 29. The pope authorized the creation of the Pontifical Commission for Reference on the Economic-Administrative Structure of the Holy See July 18 with a document called a “chirograph,” a brief writing on a very limited subject.

After acquittal, attention now on how to heal societal wounds of racism

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Despite weeks of testimony and evidence and 17 months of national debate about what factors led to the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, a black youth, at the hands of the neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, the question of how to facilitate healing and social change remains.

A federal judge in Florida July 13 acquitted George Zimmerman of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in the shooting death of Martin in Sanford, Fla., during a confrontation on a rainy night in the neighborhood where both lived. But across the country, debate continued, not just over the legal and political role the Might might have played in every step of the story. Even among people who didn’t disagree with the verdict of the six-woman jury, the outcome left many feeling unsettled about what the confrontation and Zimmerman’s exoneration mean about the country.

A history and black studies professor at Temple University in Philadelphia wrote in a column for a university publication, “Fairfield Mirror,” that the climate of anger, distrust, fear, and hate that characterizes races of racial profiling that continue after the Zimmerman verdict provide an opportunity for Catholic social teaching to be put into action.
Bishop Rhoades to speak about social justice at ARISE event

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will speak about the New Evangelization and social justice at an event that will be hosted by the ARISE Parish Planning Team from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The event will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. at the North Campus Building at the University of Saint Francis. All are invited to attend.

ARISE Together in Christ, which embarks on Season 3 in the fall will focus on social justice. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes that social justice is a central and essential element of the Catholic faith, and can be easily misunderstood by Catholics. The New Evangelization is a term that can be rather cloudy or hazy.

Small group leaders and small group members of ARISE are particularly encouraged to attend this event.

The format for the session will be question-answer. Organizers say the time together is meant to be casual, fun and informative — face-to-face time with refreshments following.

Donation seekers unaffiliated

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has received numerous inquiries recently regarding men seeking donations using signs that say “Catholic Veterans.” These men are placing themselves at high-traffic areas throughout Fort Wayne and asking for money at traffic stops.

These men may be Catholic, and may be veterans, but there is no local, official organization that is affiliated with the diocese by this name. The diocese does not endorse this activity, nor has it verified with these individuals their status as Catholics or veterans.

Priest designs app to teach Nicene Creed

SOUTH BEND — Little i Apps, LLC announced the release of the newest Catholic mobile application, “Wake Up to the Creed,” for iPhone and Android devices. Developed under the direction of Father Brett Brannen, author of the Save A Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood,” the app helps encourage and remind Catholics all over the world to pray the Nicene Creed. “Wake Up to the Creed” works similar to an alarm clock. Users can set specific times to be alerted. At the specified time, iPhone users will hear a tune of solemn bells, while Android users will receive a push notification, followed by a voice reminding the user to pray the Creed. The app allows users to choose what language and style they would like to hear by offering translations in English, Spanish, French, Polish and Latin.

Father Brett Brannen expects “Wake Up to the Creed” to provide Catholics with a technologically friendly way to memorize the new translation while praying the Creed daily. The app is the brainchild of Father Brannen, formerly vicar-rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, who felt called to embrace the encouragement of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to invite Catholics to prayerfully participate in the Year of Faith.

“One of the things the Holy Father recommended was the daily recitation of the Nicene Creed,” Father Brannen said. “Especially with the new English translation, many people were struggling to say it correctly during Sunday Mass, so I knew that I needed to do something to help them.”

After trying traditional approaches, like prayer cards, Father began to consider a more modern, convenient approach — build an app.

“In a time where the faith of many people seems to be waning, to pray the solemn profession of faith is a great way to start your day,” said Father Brannen.

“Wake Up to the Creed” is available now on the iTunes App Store and Google Play. All proceeds will go to promote vocations to diocesan priesthood throughout the U.S. and the world.

Burmese-American Catholics Conference to be held in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — The fourth annual National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics (NCBAC) will be held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 in Fort Wayne this year at Bishop Dwenger High School. Archbishop Charles Bó of Yangon Diocese will be guest speaker and Mass celebrant at the gathering. The conference will give participants from all over the country an opportunity to meet Catholic laity, priests and bishops from Burma and renew their Catholic faith at the conclusion of the Year of Faith.

The tentative agenda offers prayer, music, speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, rosary recitation, Confession, games for youth, youth and children’s programs and evening entertainment as well as Mass on Aug. 31 celebrated by Archbishop Bó and on Sept. 1 celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Master of ceremonies will be Father Peter Dee De.

Julie Nay Winn, vice president of the NCBAC and community liaison of Catherine Kasper Place in Fort Wayne, says a response from all state Catholic Burmese representatives across the country predicts over 1,000 Catholic Burmese are expected to attend, doubling the number of the first conference held in 2009. Eighty-four Burmese Catholics are registered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and Winn expects the majority of them to attend. The conference is open to Catholic Burmese children, adults and families.

Robing ceremony held for Judge Craig Bobay

FORT WAYNE — A robing ceremony for newly-appointed Judge Craig J. Bobay was held July 11 at the Allen County Courthouse. Indiana Supreme Court Justice Loretta H. Rush presented the robe during the ceremony.

Judge Kevin C. Rhoades provided the opening invocation and presented Bobay with a rosary from the pope at that time.

Appointed to the Allen Superior Court bench by Gov. Mike Pence on June 24, Bobay serves in the Civil Division.

Bobay is a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School and obtained his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University at Fort Wayne (IPFW), and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the Indiana University School of Law (Bloomington) in 1991.

He served as law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge William C. Lee. Thereafter, he practiced with the firm Hunt, Suedhoff, Kalamaros. Since 1997, he served as magistrate of the Allen Superior Court, later as magistrate of the Allen Superior Court.

“I am honored and humbled to be given this opportunity by Gov. Pence to serve the citizens of Allen County,” Judge Bobay said.

Craig Bobay is married to Nancy (Verstynen) Bobay. They have three daughters, Elizabeth, Mollie and Anne. He attends St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne and serves as president of the St. Thomas More Society.

Daughters of Isabella celebrate anniversary

ELKHART — The Daughters of Isabella de Paul, Circle No. 434, in Elkhart, celebrated their 85th anniversary of membership in this charitable organization of over 60,000 Catholic women from the United States and Canada. The first circle of the order was found in New Haven, Conn., in 1897. The Daughters of Isabella, No. 434, parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Thomas the Apostle parishes in Elkhart and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Bristol, recently contributed to the Red Cross tornado victims, families in need at their parishes and to the building of an Adoration Chapel in South Bend.

St. Vincent de Paul executive resigns, Deacon Tugman interim director

SOUTH BEND — Charlie Thompson, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County for the last four years, resigned for the same position in Tacoma, Wash. The executive committee of the St. Joseph County Society has named Deacon James L. Tugman interim director and established a search committee to find a permanent replacement for Thompson.

The announcement was made by Vic DeCola, president of the society’s board of directors. “On behalf of the board and the entire Vincentian community, I would like to thank Charlie Thompson for his tremendous contributions to our organization,” said DeCola.

Deacon James L. Tugman, who has served as a permanent director. The deacon said he will continue and enhance our service to the poor and needy of our community.

A search committee has been established to find a permanent executive director. Anyone interested in submitting an application may do so by emailing their resume to Vic DeCola at jobsvdp@gmail.com.
As schools get ready for the return of students ...

MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL

Rebecca Elswerky returns home as principal of Queen of Angels

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Being named principal of Queen of Angels School in Fort Wayne is a bit of a homecoming for Rebecca Elswerky. After graduating from the University of Saint Francis in 1981, Elswerky began her career at Queen of Angels School. She told Today’s Catholic in an email interview, “Over the next 27 years, I continued in Catholic education at St. Joseph School in Decatur and St. Vincent School, Fort Wayne, with positions in teaching and administration. I then served at the central office level as associate superintendent of personnel. Most recently, my family moved to Lexington, Ky., with my husband’s work. During that time I served as an education consultant and principal for an elementary school in the Diocese of Lexington.”

Elswerky said she is thrilled to be back in Fort Wayne, and “I am especially happy to return to the heart of my mission in Catholic school education, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.”

She believes that students are the heart of the Catholic school and parish. “As principal, I have the honor and opportunity to minister, along with faculty and staff, to students’ spiritual, intellectual and moral development,” she said. “This is an incredible task that is without a doubt rewarding.”

“What excites me about being the principal at Queen of Angels is the fact that this is the very school where my career in Catholic education began,” Elswerky noted. “Being at Queen of Angels is like ‘coming home’ again. Because of this fact, Queen of Angels has always held a special place in my heart. It is an environment that promotes life-long learning and peace building efforts. I look forward to the experience.”

Elswerky explained that her vision for Catholic education is “that as a diocese we continue to offer an exemplary spiritual and academic education for all children.”

“It is our mission to educate students so they may experience a strong faith foundation and experience success in the academic arena,” she said. “This is an incredible task that is without a doubt rewarding.”

“In connection with this statement, it is important to continue to provide for faculty and staff the resources, professional development and support necessary to achieve the task of educating our next generation,” she added.

She is married to Mohamed and the couple has two daughters: Mariam who lives in New York City and works in fashion design; and Noel, a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University.

Elswerky said she feels blessed with the chance to serve within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend once again. “I must say after having spent time away, there’s just no place like home,” she noted. “Thank you for the opportunity.”

FORT WAYNE — Rose Worman could not be more thrilled she has been hired as the principal at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School in Fort Wayne. With a newly renovated building and new parish priest — Father Bill Kummer — the energetic mother of three feels it is a very exciting time for the school and that God is truly calling her to serve the Hessen Cassel community.

“I felt God calling me in a different direction, a new path. I am looking most forward to meeting the students and families at this wonderful school,” she explained.

Recently awarded an Indiana four-star rating, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel boasts over 130 years of excellence in Catholic education.

In 2012 and 2013, the school’s students passed the IRead 100 percent. The Christ-centered school offers hot lunches prepared on site, pre-kindergarten full days three days a week, an excellent fine arts program, after school care, a full computer lab, East Allen School bus transportation and new technology including interactive white boards in every classroom.

Worman will be at the helm of an amazing staff of 13 teachers ranging from infancy to dedicated alumni returning to their alma mater for their teaching careers.

Born and raised the youngest child of Mary Ann Price and Larry Lee, just across the state line in Paulding, Ohio, the avid reader has two older brothers, was active in 4-H and showed horses as a youngster. A graduate of Paulding High School in 1993 where she played basketball, volleyball and ran track, Worman continued her basketball career at the guard position for the black and gold Panthers of Ohio Dominican College in Columbus. She received her bachelor of science degree there before earning her masters in educational leadership and supervision with both a teaching license and building administration license from the University of Dayton.

While working one summer during college at B.F. Goodrich, from which her father later retired, Worman met her husband Ken, who is still at B.F. Goodrich. Ken was born and raised in Fort Wayne where he attended St. Charles Borromeo School and Bishop Dwenger High School. The couple will celebrate their 17th anniversary this month and have been blessed with three children: Makenna, who will be a junior at Bishop Dwenger, Nicholas and Max, who both attend St. Vincent.

Worman’s teaching career began at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Payne, Ohio, where she taught kindergarten, as well as serving as the physical education and art instructor for seven years.

Instrumental in her decision to follow a career in education was her aunt, life-long mentor, and then principal of the school, Kathy Koenn. “She has been absolutely amazing in my life,” explained Worman of the woman who has inspired her and motivated her since she was a young girl. Koenn is also responsible for encouraging Worman to pursue her master’s degree.

The move to Fort Wayne came when Worman accepted her first administrative position as dean of students at St. Vincent de Paul School in 2008. Before assuming her new role for the 2013-2014 school year, Worman has been busy getting up to speed on the voucher system, reading all about SGO’s and keeping up with Indiana legislation. She has also enjoyed spending time with her family, watching ballgames and swimming during the summer months. The major Cubs fan is counting down to Aug. 4, when the school will hold a meet-and-greet after the 10 a.m. Mass. “I can not wait to get started,” Worman summarized.

GOSHEN — When students return to school at St. John the Evangelist in a couple of weeks a new principal will be the face they see.

Mattie Willerton is the new principal and comes from St. Monica’s in Mishawaka. Willerton grew up in Westmont, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and was raised in Holy Trinity Parish. She met her husband Ryan at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., where they both graduated.

Her first teaching position was at St. Thaddeus in Joliet, Ill., and that is reportedly where her passion for Catholic education began. In the summer of 1998 the couple moved to Indiana where she began teaching at St. Monica’s and had two of their three children. Ryan began work as an administrator at the University of Notre Dame. The couple has two boys — Jack, 12, and Quinn, 9, who attend Mishawaka Catholic.

At St. Monica’s, Willerton taught and then for two years taught eighth-grade English and then served as serving principal during that time.

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Bluffton pastor to spend three years studying in Rome

BY GEOFF FRANK

BLUFFTON — Emotions flowed the weekend of June 29-30, as Catholics in the Bluffton area observed the departure of the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Father Francis Chukwukama. Father Francis, as most know him, was scheduled to leave for three years of studies in Rome intended to lead to a doctorate in canon or Church law.

St. Joseph Parish held a farewell luncheon on June 30 where many parishioners shared a mix of feelings, including sadness at losing Father Francis as their pastor of almost four years, but happiness for the opportunity that he will have in furthering his studies.

Becky Jackson, who has served as a member of the parish pastoral council, fought back tears in discussing the change. “He’s such a kind and understanding person,” she said. “He’s very easy to work with.”

Reflecting June 29 following morning Mass, Father Francis said his time in Bluffton has “been a wonderful experience.” Father Francis said he realizes the “intonation and syntax” of his speech makes it clear he did not grow up in northeastern Indiana, and yet the parish and community have been very welcoming to him, “I feel truly brought out the best in me,” he said, and hopes that he also has helped to bring out the best in members of his parish.

During his tenure at St. Joseph there have been improvements to the interior of the church facility, including installation of a new sound system. Small faith-sharing groups have been created through the Arise Together in Christ program, numerous youth service projects have been completed, and the local parish is on the Internet with its own Web site.

John Horn, who has served as president of the parish pastoral council, told those at the farewell luncheon Sunday that the pastor has made a significant difference within the parish. “We’re going to reap the benefits of Father Francis for years to come,” said Horn.

Father Francis said he has been overwhelmed by the reactions from parishioners at the news of his departure. “They have been happy that you’re going for something good, but sad too,” he said. He hopes to remain in contact, while he realizes that he is unlikely to be able to return to pastor the St. Joseph congregation after his studies. Visiting priests will celebrate the three main Masses each weekend during July and until a new pastor is assigned to the Bluffton parish.

Already considered a canon lawyer, Father Francis has served as one of the judges in the Marriage Tribunal for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for about six years. The tribunal heard a case of a Catholic who seeks an annulment examine whether their sacramental marriage was valid or not. He also has served as an apostolate priest for the Lafayette diocese’s tribunal.

Father Francis has the equivalent of a master’s degree in canon law now. He said. His additional studies were recommended by the bishop of his home diocese in Nigeria. Father Francis has been on loan to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Before coming to the United States, Father Francis had been a parish priest for five years in Nigeria while also serving as a judge for two marriage tribunals there.

Father Francis will be taking classes at Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, an alma mater of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Father Francis had an opportunity to visit with Bishop Rhoades and learn about his experiences at the university on June 28.

Before he can actually begin his additional studies in canon law, however, Father Francis will need to immerse himself in learning the Italian language. In addition to speaking English and French, Father Francis, who is of Nigerian heritage, learned Greek and Hebrew in his previous studies. He also spent a year teaching French and Latin.

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John principal greets students

BY DENISE FEDOROW

MATTIE WILLERTON is ready to greet and nurture the students at St. John the Evangelist Elementary School in Goshen as their new principal on Aug. 9.

Saint Joseph art student participates in summer apprenticeship program at Snite Museum

BY DONNA QUINN

SOUTH BEND — Joe Miller, a sophomore at Saint Joseph High School, always liked to build things with his hands. He used Legos (without the directions), and adapted his computer design game.

In seventh grade, Miller met a teacher that literally changed his life. His art teacher at The Stanley Clark School, Karon Miars, saw the talent and recognized his potential. She invited him to attend after-school classes, and he was hooked. Class was a lot of fun, and he wanted to learn more.

Miller began exploring different genres of art. He also began researching art-related careers. “Without her I wouldn’t be where I am today,” he said.

As a freshman at Saint Joseph High School, he enrolled in Cynthia MacWhorter’s Drawing I class. MacWhorter taught a different way, and Miller appreciated this new way of doing things. He learned an innovative way of looking at things and realized that having “a new teacher is an opportunity to learn.”

MacWhorter recognized Joe’s talent. “He is open to experimenting. He isn’t afraid to fail, that is so important,” she said.

MacWhorter nominated Miller for the Summer Apprentice Program offered by the Snite Museum at the University of Notre Dame. The Snite received hundreds of nominations, but only 40 students were interviewed and presented their portfolio of work.

Miller was selected as one of 12 students to spend two weeks at the Snite exploring, in depth, a single medium under the guidance of a practicing artist.

He saw the apprentice program as a great opportunity and a way to explore new ideas. At the end of his two-week experience, a public reception was held with an exhibition of his work. He thoroughly enjoyed the internship and hopes for more experiences like this one.

Miller said, “I learned so much, it was awesome. I wish I could do it again!”

As he looks to the future, he wants to choose his profession based on his experiences, Attending this program, meeting and talking with a variety of artists and trying new things will lead him to his college decision. As for now, he is thinking about industrial design, architecture or being a studio artist.

When asked about the income for those three options and how different they are, he replied, “As long as you are happy in what you’re doing you will be fine.”

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Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2012. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, our total gain was $153,192 (from our audited financial statements), which you see on the attached. This is only for the central operations of the diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the diocese. Investments lost 0.4 percent versus a budgeted amount of 6 percent. Our health insurance fund lost $579,000, but a significant improvement from the $2,200,000 loss in 2010/11. We received a major bequest, which more than covered the two items above and enabled us to finish the year in the black.

Dioecesan audit

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorf and Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This report notes that the diocese complies with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

Parishes

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to Canon Law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past six years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop’s Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 26 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over $145 million for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, over $152,000,000, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, $5.2 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. The 26th Annual Bishop’s Appeal was the highest in terms of pledges, attaining $2,304,900 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

Twinning parishes

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 thru June 2013, a total of $2,204,900 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

High schools

Over $71 million has been raised for building projects in our four high schools. The four high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop’s Appeal gives $1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by $275 in our high schools. Our high schools are audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. Two high schools have debts to the diocese and are paying on those debts.

Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana

Both the Development Office and the Business Office helped put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which enables parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. Currently, there are 129 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains $38,716,433.

Investments

Our investments are overseen by Slocum and Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum and Associates meet with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments lost 0.4 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

These are exciting and vibrant times for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Saint Joseph High School looks forward to the second year in their new facility. We have over $50,000,000 in capital campaigns currently in progress. We have an opportunity to increase enrollments, and expand/open new schools with the enhanced school choice/SGO legislation. Our Annual Bishop’s Appeal again set a record this past year. We have over 30 enrolled in seminary, which is also a challenge; but a challenge we welcome and embrace. We expect and plan on continued volatility in the investment markets. PPACA legislation changes almost weekly and we adjust with those changes. Current health insurance fund will show a gain for 2012 as we look to get the fund on solid footing. A Hispanic Deacon formation program has been initiated to better serve this expanding population. Offertory income is still below 2008 levels in total in the diocese and high unemployment continues in parts of the area covered by the diocese. We have much to be thankful for and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the new year brings. May God continue to bless us in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

Dioecesan Finance Council
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Msgr. Robert Schulte
Deacon James Fitzpatrick
Ms. Alice Kopper
Mr. Arthur Decio
Mr. Thomas Skiba
Mr. Jerry Kearns
Mr. Albert Gutierrez
Sister Jane Marie Klein, OSF

Legacy of Faith Endowments

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**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS**

| Tuition/Fees | 15,998,325 |
| Diocesan Assistance | 1,447,000 |
| Other Grants/Scholarships | 178,779 |
| Fund Raising | 1,504,012 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **23,479,361** |

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

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**EXPENSES**

| Ministry Services | $2,730,646 | 0 | $2,730,646 |
| Educational Services | 3,187,381 | 0 | $3,187,381 |
| Diocesan High School Assistance | 1,687,000 | 0 | $1,687,000 |
| Communications | 1,189,068 | 0 | $1,189,068 |
| Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal | 410,452 | 0 | $410,452 |
| Insurance | 13,641,674 | 0 | $13,641,674 |
| Interest Expense | 1,032,936 | 0 | $1,032,936 |
| *Parish Assistance | 195,112 | 0 | $195,112 |
| Priests-Other Countries-Parish Assistance | 27,534 | 0 | $27,534 |
| Religious/Priest Retirement | 272,219 | 0 | $272,219 |
| Assessments | 1,111,368 | 0 | $1,111,368 |
| Chancery - Departmental/General | 1,712,431 | 0 | $1,712,431 |
| Allowance for Doubtful Accounts | 228,716 | 0 | $228,716 |
| Catholic Charities Subsidy | 435,472 | 0 | $435,472 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **$26,954,609** | 0 | **$26,954,609** |

**NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)**

| $317,292 | (164,100) | **$153,192** |

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**82 DIOCESAN PARISHES**

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| **TOTAL INCOME** | **23,479,361** |

**SURPLUS/(LOSS)**

| (39,711) |

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Dealing with bad news from the doctor

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cently, I saw a gruff elderly man who I have followed for many years with advanced heart and pulmonary disease. He always seemed like a very unhappy man and bit
ter about his medical afflictions. I decided on this visit to ask about his spirituality. His answer sadd
denned me: “I don’t believe in that
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nary disease. He always seemed
in nothing.” Jas 1:2-4

have its full effect, that you may
fastness. And let steadfastness
“Count it all joy, my brothers,

Jas 1:2-4

with our Savior, Jesus. As St. Elizabeth Ann Seton once said, “Afflictions are the steps to

DR. DAVID A. KAMINSKAS

Some observations on ‘Lumen Fidei’

BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

is now clear that Pope Benedict had originally intended to compose a theology of encyclicals on the three
timeless virtues. All three in the first two on love and on hope — “Deus Caritas Est” and “Spe Salvi” — and had begun a third on faith. His retirement renounced that would leave an unfinished manuscript; Pope Francis happily took up the work begun by Benedict — we might say both as Bishop of Rome and as encyclical writer — and a few weeks ago published “Lumen Fidei,” four chapters in length and about 80 pages in the official English edition.

Lest anyone think papal encycl
calics are abstract works of tedious
prose within a dense jungle of academic jargon, Pope Francis, following the example set by his predecessor, has published a beauti
ful reflection that is accessible, clear and offers much fruit for prayer and reflection. In fact, it is within the context of prayer that one might best benefit from it. This may be one of the first ecclesial documents to make reference not only to Origen, Augustine, and Leo the Great (no surprise there) but also to the 19th-century blessed John Henry Newman, and the literary figure Fyodor Dostoevsky (also cited in “Spe Salvi”), and T.S. Eliot. In short, if you haven’t yet read it or you have perhaps been too intimidated to try, set aside your apprehensions and jump in. You won’t regret it.

The contemporary person, apart
from faith and the fundamental or

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Reject sin and turn to God

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lk 11:1-13

A
gain, the Book of Genesis is the source of this week’s first reading. It is the
story of Sodom and Gomorrah. The story has fascinated, and scared, people for a long time. It involves catastrophe and just
punishment for sinning against God. Its central points actually are about God’s availability to people in prayer and God’s mer
ciful protection of the faithful. Abraham, regarded as the father of the Hebrew race, the great "figure of faith and fidelity, literally con
verses with God.

No make mistake. God is almighty and supreme. Abraham is not equal to God in this
week’s reading. The people of Sodom and Gomorrah have sinned outrageously. God, the just, insists that this vice will result in a divine retribution on them. Abraham pleads instead for divine mercy.

God sets a mark. Abraham asks that God save the cities. God agrees. Then Abraham asks for a further lowering. God agrees, and so on. It illustrates not bargaining but God’s great mercy.

Humans create their own doom. It stands to reason. Look at the despair war brings upon affected populations. Look at the heartbreak

that sin brings upon people. Abraham realizes the deadly
effects of human decisions, such as the decisions leading to immor
tality in these cities. Nevertheless, he asks God for mercy, but beyond mercy, he asks God for life. God granted Abraham and
extends mercy.

For its next reading, the Church once more this month presents a reading from the Epistle to Colossae. The Christians of Colossae were no different from other Christians in the Roman Empire, a populace that was at the center of the first century. To them, the Christian faith was new. It utterly was opposite the values and attitudes prevailing around them. In the face of such an overwhelming pagan culture, following this faith was a challenge indeed.

Encouraging them, this epistle reminds the Colossians Christians that in uniting with Christ they themselves had died to the culture and to their own instincts. Baptism drowned their sins and their weakness before the pressures of their surroundings and of their nature. In Baptism, they died; but they also rose to life in Christ, with its eternity and strength.

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies us with the last reading. It is the beautiful revelation of the Lord’s Prayer. No prayer has been more beloved by Christians, now and throughout Christian history. Each of the Lord’s Prayer’s parts is powerful and profoundly expressive. The first verse is especially telling, setting the stage for all the others. Jesus tells them this is the so-called "Father’s Prayer" as if it’s new. Talk about respect and address — “Father,” not as king, ruler, judge or creator, distant and indifferent. It establishes the believer’s relation with God. It shows relationship

The second part of the reading also is very reassuring. Jesus insists that God’s door is never closed.

The reading from Genesis and the reading from Luke, call us to approach God in full confidence that our pleas will be heard. It is particularly comforting when we turn to God after sinning — the cause of eternal death. If we approach God and turn to Christ, our sins and turn to God, our sins will be forgiven.

It is very consoling because the Lord of Colossae gives us evidence as, if we need any, that our instincts and all around us can be very difficult to overcome.

Nevertheless, we can overcome sin and all that brings sin. Why? If we are sincere as believers, Christ is in us, with strength, insight and power. He is God. He will show us the way. He will sustain us. He will save us. He is true life. He will keep us safe always.

Some readings


37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 5:18-20 Saturday: Lk 25:1, 8-17 Ps 62:3-4, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12
Is it now wrong to buy health insurance?

M any individuals and business owners are struggling in conscience about whether to purchase health insurance coverage, either for themselves or for their employees, on account of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate. A provision of PPACA (ObamaCare), the mandate requires “preventive health services” to be covered by all health insurance issuers and all group health plans. These insurance plans must provide coverage (with no co-pay) for the full range of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive methods for women. These include not only surgical sterilizations, but also potential abortion-causing agents such as Plan B (the morning-after pill), intrauterine devices (IUDs) and another form of “emergency contraception” known as Ella. This drug, which the FDA acknowledges may also work against the life of the embryo “by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus,” can be taken up to five days after sex.

The chief moral concern, of course, is that by purchasing such mandated coverage, an individual would be subsidizing pharmaceutical abortions, contraceptive sterilizations and abortions for others, and business owners would similarly be subsidizing these procedures for their employees through their health plans.

Employers, in other words, would provide coverage for (and thereby potentially facilitate) various acts of vice on the part of their employees, and all who pay for health insurance coverage would potentially fund and thereby support the vice of their neighbors. This raises the serious moral concern of “cooperation in evil.”

In general terms, any cooperation in evil should be avoided, or at least minimized to the extent prudently possible. By purchasing a plan that includes coverage for the evil above-mentioned, one participates in the wonderful participation in the wonderful gift of the sacraments. You, too, can be an inspiration to your family and friends — and even your physicians — as to how you accept the trials that come with your health issues.

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Dear God,

Thank You for all that You have given me this day.

I pray that I may use these gifts to serve You and others.

May I always strive to be a good steward of all that You have given me.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Answer Key can be found on page 15
The duty of delight: finding joy in obligation

Father Dave Korth’s dad had been declining for five years. That was the slow, haunting grip of dementia. The stories Leonard loved to tell had started to unravel. Something was missing from the hardy Nebraska farmer, so his wife and seven children began to wrap him in a patchwork of goodbyes.

His early-morning death one year ago was no surprise.

What did catch Father Dave off guard is how much it stung. “You have all these milestones and you think you’re preparing yourself, but when it happens and his physical presence is no longer there,” the 47-year-old priest told me, “it’s still a shock.”

His dad had been his biggest supporter, blaming his high-school basketball errors on extenuating circumstances. The World War II vet had always loomed large: a big man with a big personality, impossible to miss. Suddenly he was gone.

Father Dave had just marked 20 years of priesthood. He serves as director of the St. Augustine Indian Mission and lives on the Ho-Chunk tribe’s Winnebago, Neb., reservation. The work requires pastoral sensitivity and fundraising prowess: $1.5 million a year is needed to support the four parishes linked to the mission and their Catholic school, so Father Dave regularly hits the road to drum up donations. He works hard to get the message right, trying to convey the bluntness of the need and the brightness of the hope in his windswept corner of Nebraska.

Now Father Dave was facing a new challenge on that first Friday of July, back in his hometown and preparing to preside at his father’s funeral. Ten minutes before Mass, he was reminded of his next-day commitment to mission teaching, to fill in for a vacationing pastor at a suburban parish near St. Paul, Minn.

He doubted he could’ve made it to the consecration when an unwanted assignment and the mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit suggested to me that my dad got the Massgoers at St. Patrick in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. He had made it to the consecration when an incredible sensation swept over him: Though the congregation remained sorrowful week, yet far from home, he saw strangers become supporters, far-flung members of the same body in the far-flung members of the same body of Christ.

And then, ready or not, he was struck by the experience. “Someone suggested to me that my dad got the choir of angels to surround me,” he said, crying softly.

Today he is more open to unwanted assignments and the mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit. He doubts he could’ve made it through Mass at his own parish that sorrowful week, yet far from home, he saw strangers become supporters, far-flung members of the same body of Christ.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

St. Therese Little Flower trivia night South Bend — A trivia night FUNraiser will be held at the Little Flower parish center on Saturday, Aug. 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Cost is $80 per team with a maximum of eight players. Bring your own snacks. Drinks (beer, wine, pop) are $1. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50 and more. For information or to reserve a table by July 28 call Tammy at (269) 684-3334 or ttg2@sbglobal.net. Prize for best super hero theme.

Chris Godfrey’s Football Challenge South Bend — Chris Godfrey’s Football Challenge will be Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Saint Joseph High School. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants in grades 4-10 welcomed. Free admission, lunch and T-shirt. Non-contact, football camp. Cost is $80 per team with a maximum of eight players. Bring your own snacks. Drinks (beer, wine, pop) are $1. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50 and more. For information or to reserve a table by July 28 call Tammy at (269) 684-3334 or ttg2@sbglobal.net. Prize for best super hero theme.

Catholic Business Network Group Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Aug. 2, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. Mass will be followed by guest speaker Father David Mary Engo in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments provided by Greg Sult and Dave Steffen with Lupike Rice Insurance and Financial.

Rummage sale Kendallville — A rummage sale at Immaculate Conception Parish will be Friday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday Aug. 10, from 9-11:30 a.m. Fill a bag sales start Friday at 3 p.m.

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Qualified applicants will be practicing Catholics having a bachelor’s degree in music performance and/or education in theology and liturgy. The successful candidate will also have the ability to read music and understand choral conducting and vocal techniques. The ability to play a keyboard instrument and computer skills with page layout and music composition software are desirable.

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Security officers could be seen vigorously pushing back bystanders who reached out to touch the pope. The 13.2-mile ride took 44 minutes.

At the city’s cathedral, the pope boarded an open popemobile. Joined by Rio’s Archbishop Orani Tempesta, he made a 25-minute circuit of downtown streets. Crowds contained behind police barriers cheered and waved as confetti rained down on the pope, who occasionally stopped to kiss a baby or small child.

Brazilian Fernando Samapio said he brought his three children — Miguel, Gabriel, 8, and Pedro, 10, to see Pope Francis, and he said he also would take them to World Youth Day events at Copacabana beach. The family also was visiting pilgrims from Croatia, France and Mexico.

Samapio said Pope Francis “wants to renew the Church, and I like him because of his humility and concern for the poor.”

Mercedes Maunier, 18, and Emilia Ruiz, 19, of La Plata, Argentina, said they were headed for Copacabana beach. The family also was visiting pilgrims from Croatia, France and Mexico.

Maunier said the pope could be “close to the people.” “I am very proud to be Argentine at this moment, but I think the pope will help youngsters from the entire world,” said Maunier.

Wanda Araujo, 83, called the visit “a blessing for all of us.” “We were in need of a ‘people pope,’” she said. “Europeans don’t really know what it is like living in Latin America.”

Just days before the trip, Pope Francis made the decision to circulate through downtown Rio de Janeiro. As Archbishop Tempesta said, the pope could be “close to the people.” The decision exemplified the spontaneity that has already become a trademark quality of Pope Francis’ young pontificate.

According to his original itinerary, the pope would have proceeded directly from the airport to a wel-

Pope Francis waves from his popemobile after arriving in Rio de Janeiro July 22. The pope is making his first trip outside Italy to attend World Youth Day, the international Catholic youth gathering.

Pope Francis kisses a baby after arriving in Rio de Janeiro July 22.

The government has provided heightened security for the papal visit, with more than 28,000 police officers assigned to the week of events, which culminate in the celebrations of World Youth Day.

As the pope toured the city, Brazilian television reported that on the morning of July 21, police found a homemade bomb inside a bathroom at the sanctuary of Our Lady of Aparecida, which the pope was scheduled to visit July 24.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne initiated its Door-to-Door Prayer Ministry on Saturday, July 6. On the first Saturday of every month, prayer ministry participants will be knocking on neighbors’ doors asking them if they have any prayer petitions that can be taken back to the church and prayed for at Mass. In addition, ministry participants offer a prayer book, Mass times and contact information of the parish. If no one is home, they leave a card at the door with Mass times and contact information with a note written at the bottom of the card, “We pray for you today.” At the same time, there are volunteers in the chapel praying for those doing the door-to-door prayer ministry. Shown above is Allison Sturm, Cindy Kinney, and Father Daniel Wehlan, pastor and a Son of St. Philip Neri, making a visit.

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NewGroup Media wins Gabriel award

SOUTH BEND — NewGroup Media, a South Bend-based video production company has won the 2013 Gabriel Award for their production of “We Shall Not Be Moved: The Catholic Sisters of New Orleans.” The documentary took the top spot for Best Religious Television, National Release at the Catholic Academy for Communication Professionals 2013 Gabriel Awards in Denver, Colo. This is the second Gabriel Award for NewGroup Media. The Gabrieles honor the best of radio and television human interest/family values programming. “We Shall Not Be Moved” was presented by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission as the first program in ABC’s “Vision and Values” series for the fall 2012 broadcast season. ABC stations scheduled 138 broadcasts in 41 states. The 57-minute film documents how six congregations of New Orleans’ Catholic sisters returned to minister and rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. NewGroup Media currently produces the Annual Bishop’s Appeal in conjunction with the diocesan offices of communications and development.

NewGroup Media staff in the photo includes, from left, Larry Bilsinski, Judith Zelinski, Mark Stephenson, Doug Thomas and Christopher Salvador.