Pope commissions young people to be missionaries without borders

BY CINDY WOODEN

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) — Pope Francis commissioned some 3 million young people to join forces and form what could be called Missionaries Without Borders.

“Where does Jesus send us?” he asked World Youth Day pilgrims July 28. “There are no borders, no limits: He sends us to everyone.”

On the white sand of Copacabana beach — under partly sunny skies, a relief after days of rain in Rio — Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass for the July 23-28 celebration of World Youth Day.

Although retired Pope Benedict XVI had chosen the theme for the gathering — “Go and make disciples of all nations” — it was tailor-made for Pope Francis, who continually tells Catholics: “Go out. Go forward. Keep going.”

“Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts to the whole Church and that includes you,” he told his beach-front congregation, which included hundreds of thousands who had spent the night on the sand, sleeping or not.

Long journeys, days of rain and sometimes improvised accommodations did not dampen the spirits of the World Youth Day participants, and Pope Francis told them that if they did not share their experience of God’s love with others it...
In Brazil, pope’s simple, artless actions resonate powerfully

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) — If Blessed John Paul II had an actor’s mastery of the dramatic gesture and Pope Benedict XVI engaged the faithful most effectively through his learned and lucid writing, Pope Francis showed the world on his first international trip that his forte as a communicator is the simple, seemingly artless action that resonates powerfully in context.

During his trip to Brazil July 22-28 Pope Francis said little that he had not already said more than once during his still-young pontificate. He repeated forceful calls for social justice, a more humble and empathetic Church leadership and a more active and engaged laity.

But given the historic nature of the occasion — the first Latin American pope returning to his native continent — he must have known that everything he said and did here would take on special significance, and he made extensive use of the setting.

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Father Thomas Doriot dies
He loved serving people and was devoted to all families

FORT WAYNE — Father Thomas E. Doriot, a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, died July 27 in Sacramento, Calif. He was 89. Born in Fort Wayne on March 21, 1924, to Julie and Margaret, Father Doriot attended St. Patrick School, Fort Wayne. He was part of the charter class of Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, and graduated in 1942. He attended St. Lawrence Seminary in St. Calvary, Wis., and St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad. He was ordained June 11, 1949 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop John F. Noll, the same cathedral in which his parents were married.

Father Doriot was appointed associate pastor at Holy Angels Church in Gary, Ind., in 1959. In 1956 he moved to New Haven where he served at St. John the Baptist Parish. He also served as associate pastor at St. Patrick the Baptist and Sacred Heart in Fort Wayne and St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart.

He was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in South Bend in 1966, and later served as pastor of St. Michael in Plymouth and St. Patrick in Fort Wayne.

Father Doriot retired in 1986 and in 1989 moved to the Diocese of Sacramento where he was near his only sibling, Providence Sister Jeanne Doriot. He assisted in parishes there in his retirement years.

Sister Doriot said her brother, 13 years her senior, was a people person. “He loved serving people,” she noted, adding that he had a great sense of humor. She recalled their close-knit family and said, “He was very devoted to our family, mom and dad and me, and to all families.” During his academic career the Sisters of Providence played an important role in his life, Sister Doriot said.

Sister Doriot also recalls his inspirational preaching, saying, “I remember he gave good homilies. And he inherited our dad’s good voice.” Jule Doriot was a choir member at St. Patrick and sang at other area events. And she said Father Doriot was devoted to the Edmontie Missions, but contended, “Mass really was the center of his life.”

Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder, served with Father Doriot in Plymouth at St. Michael Church. Father Doriot, he recalled, “was a man who loved the Priesthood.” And, he said, he also loved to host priests on the weekends. “Father Doriot was quite a chef,” noted Msgr. Galic, who was a frequent guest at Father Doriot’s dinner table on Sunday.

Lifelong friend and tennis partner Jim Robinson who graduated high school with Father Doriot agreed saying, “He was a real good priest.” Over the years, as Father Doriot entered seminary and Robinson joined the Navy and during the years of service that followed, the two men remained fast friends. Robinson recalled that even when they lived far from each other they called or visited when they could. “It was a real good friendship,” he said.

Following retirement in 1986, Father Doriot moved to the west coast four years later where his sister found an apartment for him across the street. During his retirement years there, Father Doriot was a “supply priest,” who “helped out at parishes and traveled wherever they needed help,” said Sister Doriot.

For the past two years, as Father Doriot’s health diminished he moved to a care home where Sister Doriot spoke and prayed with him every night. The staff that cared for Father Doriot there “considered him a blessing,” said Sister Doriot.

A Funeral Mass for Father Doriot was held in Sacramento at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church on Aug. 1. Visitation in Fort Wayne was held at St. Patrick Church on Monday, Aug. 5, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and burial at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Pope answers questions about Curia reforms, gay lobby

BY CINDY WOODEN

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM BRAZIL (CNS) — Pope Francis said he was responding to the clear wishes of the College of Cardinals when he set up commissions to study the Vatican bank, Vatican financial and administrative procedures and the reform of the Roman Curia.

The pope also said he knows people have spoken about some kind of “gay lobby” within the Vatican protecting certain priests by threatening to blackmail others. The pope said the “lobbying” is not worthwhile.

Pope Francis held his first news conference July 28, shortly after the Altalina flight taking him back to Rome from Rio de Janeiro. He answered questions from 21 journalists over a period of 80 minutes. The questions were not submitted in advance and no topics were ruled out of bounds.

He talked about the Vatican bank, Pope Francis said he does not know what will become of the Institute for the Works of Religion, which is the formal name of the scandal-plagued bank. He has appointed an outside commission and is involved in discussions about how to organize it, “how to restore it, reformulate it.”

But he also told journalists traveling with him that “transparency and honesty” were essential at the Vatican bank and that while moral failures by clergy caused scandal and pain, people also needed to recognize that sometimes the media and the public go searching for scandal.

Referring to the institute by its Italian initials, IOR, the pope said, some have suggested it should become a real bank, others say it should be a “charitable fund, others say it should be closed. I don’t know. I have confidence in the work of the people at IOR, while working a lot, and in the commission,” studying the bank and its role in the universal mission of the Church.

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Workshop offers tips to engage a new generation of youth

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — How can parishes engage the millennial generation? Frank Mercadante, the executive director of Cultivation Ministries and author of “Engaging A New Generation,” published by Our Sunday Visitor, helped parish youth directors and those who work with adolescents develop a greater understanding of today’s teens — the millennial generation of ages 11 to 31 — and then offered tips to develop a thriving youth ministry team.

His workshop, offered in Fort Wayne at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center on Aug. 2 and at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka on Aug. 3, was sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry.

Mercadante, and his wife Diane, are the parents of six children who are now in their 20s and 30s. He worked as the director of youth ministry for 10 years at St. John Neumann in St. Charles, Ill., before becoming the executive director of Cultivation Ministries for over 20 years.

He has designed and written extensive youth ministry training planning manuals that are used to help train and equip student leaders and adult youth workers internationally. Additionally, Mercadante has authored the book, “Growing Teen Disciples,” “Positively Dangerous,” and “Make It Real” from St. Mary’s Press and “Disciples in Mission Small Group Leaders Guide for Teens” from PNCEA.

“Evangelization is as Catholic as the Eucharist,” he told the workshop participants. While in the past, religious orders provided much of the work of evangelization, it is actually part of “our call to Baptism,” he noted. “We are called to evangelize. It’s the purpose of our call. Our whole mission is evangelization.”

He noted the Church has a problem — there is a steady decrease in Mass attendance, and at 18 percent, millennials have the lowest church attendance.

During the morning session of the Fort Wayne workshop, Mercadante examined three cultural shifts and their evangelistic and pastoral implications: epistemological (from a modern to postmodern understanding of the world), generational and communicational.

He discussed challenges the Catholic Church faces to deal with these changes. Millennials — and several generations at the workshop serve at their parishes in youth ministry — offer the intuitive understanding that parishes need to innovate. Mercadante cautioned that sometimes the millennials are expected to become part of the parish establishment and their intuitive innovations set aside.

Mercadante shared some general characteristics of the millennial generation. The millennial generation is the largest generation of 80 million strong. They are the most educated generation. They are digitally oriented. They like smaller venues, like to be engaged, like to interact, and are community oriented and hands-on.

Mercadante noted that millennials, made to feel special by their parents, also want to feel special in their parishes. They like to get attention. If the Church is not attentive, then the millennials will dismiss Church.

He asked, “Are we giving you people roles in our community?”

They thrive on personal connection.

He also asked, “Are we challenging young people to be saints?” The millennials want a special mission.

Mercadante emphasized that surveys show that millennials want a welcoming atmosphere where they can be themselves in their parish community. Second, was quality relationships with other teenagers.

In the afternoon session, Mercadante offered suggestions for parishes to develop a thriving youth ministry team by effectively recruiting, efficiently managing, and carefully growing a dynamic, self-replicating adult ministry team.

Frank Mercadante of Cultivation Ministries and author of “Engaging A New Generation,” published by Our Sunday Visitor, conducted a workshop Aug. 2 in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne for youth ministry directors and those working with adolescents. Mercadante, center, is shown with Ben Wagner, right, youth director at St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton, during one of the conference breaks.

Father Traub of St. Mary Church, Huntington. In July 1978, he was assigned as pastor of St. John Bosco Church, Churubusco, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Ega.

Father Traub retired on Sept. 11, 1978, and was in residence at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne, for nearly 20 years. He assumed the duties of temporary administrator there in 1988 for about three weeks. Currently, Father Traub lives at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, 1900 Randallia Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46805, Room 1020, should anyone care to drop him a note or greeting card.

It seems appropriate to ask someone who has reached 100 years of age what the secret is to a long life. Father Traub said, in his case, “It was exercise, parking the car a ways away and purposely choosing to walk to my destination. And I used to often walk through Glenbrook Shopping Mall (Fort Wayne),” he said.

Father Traub also controlled his diet by watching what and where he ate even though he dined out most of the time. “I’ll never cook,” he quipped.

The greatest change he’s seen in his lifetime is “going from the farm to the city and the city now being transformed by the electronic age. You used to have to write a letter or message and put it on horseback. Then they tried putting things on poles with the telegraph. Now it’s instantaneous around the world and not just locally,” he mused.

“The biggest change in the Church would be Vatican II,” he said. Trained in Latin, he was “glad to get away from it — all the learning and memorizing — although I taught it for one year in high school.”

Asked what he enjoyed most about his Priesthood, he said, “Taking care of the sick, I suppose, and helping people in general.”

Father Traub tries to attend Mass daily at Saint Anne’s chapel and occasionally celebrates Mass by himself since he has some difficulty both seeing and hearing. His favorite saint is a namesake, Robert Southwell (c. 1561-1595), an English Roman Catholic priest of the Jesuit Order.

Of the future Father Traub said, “Let’s just hope that the people who left the Church will return. And that the Church will have a better image among non-Catholic people of the world, especially the Muslim nations.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes will celebrate a special Mass on Friday, Aug. 23, at 12:05 p.m. in other priests of the diocese in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to honor Father Traub’s 100th birthday.
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U.S. woman killed in train crash recalled for her love of family, faith

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Ana Maria Cordoba, a wife and mother, an active Catholic parishioner and an employee of the Arlington Diocese, who died in a train crash in Spain July 24, was remembered two days later for the love she brought to every aspect of her life.

Cordoba was killed in a train derailment that left 79 dead and more than 100 injured in the Galicia region of northwest Spain. She was traveling with her husband, Felipe, and the couple’s daughter, Christina; a rising senior at Bishop O’Connell High School in Arlington. The Cordobas’ son, Santiago, had just completed a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, and the three family members were en route to meet him.

Cordoba and Christina Cordoba were among the injured and as of July 31 remained hospitalized in Spain. Funeral arrangements for Ana Maria Cordoba were still pending. Another American, Houston resident Myra Lasalle Farizia, 58, was among those hospitalized but she died July 28 from the injuries she sustained in the crash. In Virginia, the Cordobas are members of St. Ambrose Parish in Annandale. Santiago Cordoba is active in the youth ministry program at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish in Fairfax.

Pope, with fellow Jesuits, prays for ‘grace of shame,’ humility

ROME (CNS) — Celebrating the feast of St. Ignatius with more than 200 of his Jesuit confreres, Pope Francis prayed that he and all of them would receive “the grace of shame of their failures and the humility to recognize that whatever good they accomplish is really done by the Lord. Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid of following Him, but Jesuits are taught to look upon the crucifix and “feel that very human and very noble sentiment which is shame for not measuring up,” the pope said July 31 during his homily at the Mass in Rome’s Church of the Gesu, where St. Ignatius is buried.

Jamboree Mass ties Scouts’ Catholic faith, commitment to serve others

MOUNT HOPE, W.Va. (CNS) — Nearly 10,000 Boy Scouts from throughout the United States braved heavy rain and thunderstorms July 21 for the National Scout Mass celebrated by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States. The Mass was part of the 10-day National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope.

Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston concelebrated the Mass and served as homilist. In his homily, Bishop Bransfield welcomed the Scouts to the Mountain State for the national jamboree, underscoring its significance to the Church.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis is the most influential world leader on Twitter, with the highest number of followers worldwide. He is also the second most-followed leader of the world, running behind U.S. President Barack Obama. The rankings were released July 24 in a recent study titled “Twiplomacy,” which refers to the use of Twitter by world leaders. The study compiled a wide range of data from the Twitter accounts of 505 heads of state, foreign ministers and governments from 153 countries during the month of July. It was conducted by the communications firm Burson-Marssteller and published on twiplomacy.com. President Obama and Pope Francis are the most followed head of state, with more than 33.5 million followers, and has the fourth-most popular account overall, right behind Lady Gaga, it said. But the second most-followed world leader is Pope Francis, with 7.2 million followers spread across his nine different language-based @Pontifex accounts. Despite Obama’s strong following, Pope Francis is the most influential world leader with the highest number of retweets, the report stated.

A typical @BarackObama tweet gets on average about 2,300 retweets. Pope Francis, on the other hand, gets more than 11,100 retweets for every Spanish tweet and 8,200 retweets for each English tweet.

English archbishop calls birth of prince ‘source of joy’ for world

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — The birth of the royal prince is a “source of joy” for people around the world, said the president of the English and Welsh bishops’ conference.

Fetuses from clinic won’t be released for burial by outside groups

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Despite requests by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput and Priests for Life founder Father Frank Pavone to bury 47 fetuses killed at the Women’s Medical Society led by abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia Medical Examiner’s Office says the remains “will not be released to any unrelated third party,” said spokesman Jeff Moran in a statement. The fetuses were held as evidence during the trial of Gosnell and since his conviction May 13 for the murder of three babies born alive in his clinic. He is serving a life sentence without possibility of parole. Even before the trial began, Archbishop Chaput offered to bury the remains of the aborted babies in an archdiocesan cemetery at the trial’s conclusion. The city of Philadelphia did not respond to the request at that time or later, according to Ken Gavin, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Priests for Life also offered to bury the remains, and was also rebuffed by the Medical Examiner’s Office. Father Pavone led a protest July 19 in front of the office to pressure it to release the remains to his group, but was unsuccessful. “The remains will be given a proper and respectful disposition by the city in accordance with our standard practices,” Moran said in a statement issued late the same day as the protest. “The Medical Examiner’s Office is in the process of making these arrangements.”

CARDINAL GEORGE LEADS GROUP IN PRAYER AFTER MARCH FOR NONVIOLENCE IN CHICAGO

Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George leads a group of people marching for nonviolence in prayer as Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry, far left, listens and Father Dan Flens and Deacon Leroy Gill, far right, assist during a July 29 Mass at St. Benedict the African (East) Church in Chicago.
Basílica of the Sacred Heart to celebrate 125th anniversary

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame will celebrate 125 years of prayer and worship at the Basílica of the Sacred Heart on Friday, Aug. 16. Holy Cross Father Daniel Robert Jenky, bishop of Peoria, Ill., will preside at a special 4 p.m. Mass that will also feature music from alumni of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. A reception in the Rotunda will follow. All are welcome to attend.

The basílica serves as the oldest and principal church of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States and as the cornerstone of liturgical life at Notre Dame. The Mass and reception will commemorate the consecration of the basilica by the Bishop Joseph Gregory Dwenger, of Fort Wayne, on Aug. 15, 1888.

Those unable to attend the Aug. 16 Mass in the basílica may visit https://campusministry.nd.edu/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/

Benefit concert planned

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Music Ministry, the 11 a.m. Guitar Group and Friends, will present a benefit concert for Steve Hope, who is fighting a very rare cancer, urachal carcinoma, on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2302 St. Charles Church Rd. (off Reed Road). Donations may be made out to St. Charles Borromeo Church, with a note “Hope Benefit.” Those unable to attend the concert and wish to help the family may mail the checks to the parish office at 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46801. Attention: Karen Hope. All donations are tax deductible. For credit card donations visit http://stcharles.hope.eventbrite.com

D’Arcy Dash held

FORT WAYNE — The first annual D’Arcy Dash will be held on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. at Foster Park, located at 3900 Old Mill Rd. The four-mile run will begin at 2 p.m. with the two-mile walk to start immediately afterward. Registration fee is $25 per person and the first 500 to register will be guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration forms can be found at www.3riversrunning.com.

Hingga receives red coat as past grand knight

Bob Hingga, center, receives his red coat as the Past Grand Knight of Rev. Thomas A. Brandon Council 451 on Reed Road in Fort Wayne on July 1. In the photo, from left, are other past and current Grand Knights of Council 451 — John Murray, Joe Trahtyek, Hingga, Mike Brandell, who is welcomed as the new Grand Knight of Council 451, Don Luthem and Jim Alwine.

To donate or volunteer email mma-honey4604@yahoo.com. Proceeds will benefit the Bishop D’Arcy Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education.

Rookey Family Entrepreneurial Scholarship winners named

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School has announced its recipients of the 2013-2014 Rookey Family Entrepreneurial Scholarship that includes three individual $1000 scholarships awarded to students in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade at the school.

An essay was submitted answering the following scenario: If you were running a successful company and decided to give back to the community, what kinds of programs or services would you provide? Examples include a charity, scholarship fund, employment, community action project, or anything that would help someone or somewhere in society. What area of society would benefit from your giving back? How would your company inspire other companies to give back?

The following students have been recognized: sixth-grader Iceland Miller ($1,000), seventh-grader Maria Denning ($1,000), eighth-grader Ally Emmett ($500), and eighth-grader Jennifer Hickey ($500).

Holy Cross celebrates first profession of vows

NOTRE DAME — The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province celebrated the first profession of vows of six men on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O’Hara, Provincial Superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, presided at the liturgy at Sacred Heart Church, Colorado Springs, Colo. The novices have spent the past year in deep prayer and reflection at the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo. “These first professions are confirmation that God continues to bless and form His Church,” said Novice Master Holy Cross Father Kevin M. Russeau. “The profession of these six men highlights a relationship between God and each novice that has been discovered and deepened throughout the novitiate year. They will serve God wherever they are sent, whether in the Congregation itself, so we take the responsibility very seriously. We’re pleased to partner with countless volunteers and support organizations. We’re thrilled to host Friends for Life Boot Camp at Fort Wayne for the ninth consecutive year,” said Cathie Hamburger, executive director of the Allen County Right to Life. “This generation of young people will be the generation to end abortion once and for all.” The couple received a certificate signed by Msgr. Bill Scholler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, Father Terry Coonan, chaplain of the council, and Shane Blockcamp, district deputy.

Knights distribute chalices worldwide

MISHAWAKA — Through the collaborative efforts of the Knights of Columbus assembly and the Congregation of Marian Mission for Priests in Venice, Fla., the Knights’ 11th Council 4263 at St. Pius X in Granger, nine chalices have been distributed worldwide. Recently Father Henry Byelkovac, chaplain at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, was the recipient of a Knights of Columbus chalice presented to him on his birthday, July 15. Four chalices have gone to priests in Uganda, two to Nigeria, one to Tanzania, one to Haiti and one to Ecuador.

Allen County Right to Life trains pro-life students at annual camp

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life hosted 100 students at its ninth annual Friends for Life Boot Camp at the University of Saint Francis July 26-27. The Friends for Life Boot Camp offers apologetics training for high school and college students to defend their pro-life views.

The camp offered three levels of pro-life training so that both new and returning students can be challenged in their learning. This year’s camp also offered a pro-life support raising training option to students seeking full-time pro-life work in the movement after graduation. Training sessions were led by Scott Klusendorf, president of Life Training Institute; Mike Spencer, mission training director for Life Training Institute; and Seth Drayer, director of Training for Created Equal.

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Youth of the world converge on Rio de Janeiro

JULY 23-24

Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Brazil's Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida July 24. During his visit, the pope entrusted World Youth Day to Mary's maternal protection, but also challenged parents, priests and other adult Catholics to give the young people things that the world, with all its wealth, cannot: faith and values.

Below, The 2013 World Youth Day Rio logo is projected on a screen during the event's opening ceremony on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro July 23.

Pope Francis greets a man as he meets with patients, family and staff at St. Francis of Assisi Hospital in Rio de Janeiro July 24. The pope addressed a group of recovering drug addicts offering them a message of compassion and hope as well as a call to self-determination.

JULY 24-26

Pope Francis holds a baby during a visit with residents at a home in the Varginha slum in Rio de Janeiro July 25.

The 13th station — Jesus' body taken from the cross — is portrayed during the Way of the Cross service at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro July 26. In his reflection during the service, the pope told young people that in every encounter with Christ's cross, they can draw strength from Him and they can leave the heaviest part of their burden with Him.
would be “like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly.”

Jesus did not tell His disciples to share the Gospel “if you would like to, if you have the time,” the pope said. Instead, he commanded them to proclaim the Good News to the world. Sharing the love and mercy of God and the salvation offered by Christ through the Church “is born not from a desire for domination or power, but from the force of love,” the pope told the young pilgrims, who were joined on the beach by tens of thousands of Rio residents and other Latin Americans, including Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Bolivian President Evo Morales and Suriname’s President Desi Bouterse.

But even more special guests were present: The pope invited a couple and their baby girl, who has anencephaly (missing part of her brain), to come forward during the offertory. Pope Francis met the family July 27 as he was leaving Rio’s St. Sebastian Cathedral and invited them to participate in the Mass. Under Brazil’s abortion laws, the couple would have been able to abort the child, but chose not to.

With the father carrying the baby, the parents walked up to the pope wearing shirts with a Portuguese message on the back: “Stop abortion.”

In his homily, Pope Francis told the young people that evangelizing requires a personal witness of love for God and love for others, especially the weak, the poor and the defenseless. When the psalm says “Sing a new song to the Lord,” he said, it is not talking about a certain set of lyrics or a specific melody, rather “it is allowing our life to be identified with that of Jesus; it is sharing His sentiments, His thoughts and His actions.”

“The life of Jesus is a life for others,” the pope said. “It is a life of service.”

The pope did not mince words with his young audience, telling them: “Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did.”

Pope Francis said he knows how daunting it can be to recognize that each Christian bears personal responsibility for sharing the Gospel with his or her actions and words, but Jesus told the first disciples and tells disciples today, “Be not afraid.”

“Jesus does not leave us alone; He never leaves you alone,” the pope said.

And the Church does not leave any of its members, or even small groups, to go it alone, he said. “Jesus did not say: ‘One of you go,’ but ‘All of you go.’ We are sent together.”

“Be creative. Be audacious,” he said. “Do not be afraid.”

Pope Francis thanked the hundreds of bishops and thousands of priests who accompanied their young pilgrims to Rio, but told them the pilgrimage was just one step on the young people’s journey of faith.

“Continue to accompany them with generosity and joy, help them to become actively engaged in the Church; never let them feel alone,” he said.

He gave the younger generation a final instruction, “As you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to His Gospel.”

It can change the world, he said. “Bringing the Gospel is bringing God’s power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred.”

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Youth of the world converge on Rio de Janeiro July 27.

Polish pilgrims in Rio de Janeiro cheer as Pope Francis announces that World Youth Day 2016 will take place in Krakow, Poland. The pope made the announcement at the conclusion of the closing Mass of World Youth Day on Copacabana beach July 28.

Pope Francis leads Benediction during the World Youth Day vigil on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro July 27.

Pope Francis celebrates the World Youth Day closing Mass on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro July 28. During the service, the pope commissioned an estimated 3 million people in attendance to become missionaries without borders.
Anniversary celebration held for diocesan deacons

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — This year the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will celebrate 40 faithful deacons who are celebrating anniversaries to the diaconate at a celebration Mass to be held Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. These devout Catholic men participated in the study and formation of the diaconate, were ordained and have served in the Church for over 40 years. The jubilarians are Deacon Ervin Kuspa, 42 years; Deacons Leo A. Pursley, Eugene Egendoerfer and Paul DeCelles, 40 years; Deacons James Walsh, 39 years; Deacon Brian Miller, 38 years; and Deacons Guy Gizzi, Joseph Messina and James Walsh, 30 years.

The diaconate was restored as a permanent ministry, in 1967 by Pope Paul VI at the time of the Second Vatican Council. The first deacon was ordained in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1971. The deacon is called to be a witness and example of the Church and acts as a bridge between the Church and the people. They serve in the many ministries of the Church, which include providing Masses as well as offering sermons and celebrating funerals. Deacons are also ranked with prayer for their children's Baptisms, and regularly assist at Masses. They says, “I give homilies, and inside the parish I seek to foster friendship with Jesus and participation in the life of the Church through personal relationships and conversation.”

At this event the diocese also celebrated its 38th year as a diocese. Deacon Rauner currently ministers as deacon most of the time he served as executive director of the diocesan deacon-training program from 1971 to 1975. After his ordination he was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame and subsequently was assigned as diocesan liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In 1984 he was assigned to St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka and continues his ministry there today.

Like the other deacons of the diocese, Deacon Rauner preaches at Sunday Masses, prepares parents for their children’s Baptisms, and regularly assists at Masses. He says, “The diaconate is both a blessing and a challenge.” While he embraces the many opportunities to serve inside and outside the Church and enjoys working with clergy and laity, he admits the commitment places high demands on marriage and family life. He says, “In a sense Dorothy and I are partners in this service. … I could never have done the work of a deacon without her support.”

Though all service as deacon is significant to him, Deacon Rauner feels sharing the Gospel of the Lord in formal preaching and in personal conversation is the most meaningful. He notes, “The elderly, especially those who have no living relative, are alone and need the brotherly love, which they do not receive and have. This is what I love to do and ministry in which I am grateful to have and capable of doing. These are my brothers and sisters.”

When asked of his favorite part of the ministry as deacon, Deacon Gizzi doesn’t hesitate. “Seeing the smiles of those I serve and help,” he says.

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Deacon Gizzi is celebrating 30 years as a deacon in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He and his wife Linda have been married for 52 years and have three children and nine grandchildren. Ordained by Bishop William E. McManus in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on June 11, 1983, Deacon Gizzi was first assigned to St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend by Bishop McManus and has served there for 30 years.

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Cursillo transforms lives of Catholics

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS

SOUTH BEND — Cursillo has transformed the lives of many Catholics and their families. It is an opportunity to get closer to Christ and to become part of an ongoing faith community.

“My parents made their Cursillo in the late 1980s when I was beginning grade school,” Father Andrew Curry, pastor at St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester, and St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton, recalled. “A noticeable shift in my family life occurred when we went from parties at home with people from my parents’ work to an influx of new friends from their Cursillo weekends. It went from occasional beer, cigarettes and card parties to weekly prayer gatherings with songs to Jesus on guitars and the prayer of Our Lady’s rosary.”

“A small group of families would get together weekly and gather at a different family’s home every month for a prayer event,” Father Curry continued.

Cursillo had a great influence on him. “I would have to say that this became the foundation for my voca- tion to the Priesthood,” he noted. “The Catholic parish and school were influential, but to see my parents’ desire for Christ and their friendship with other Christians in the home sparked a sense of the true meaning of priesthood in me, which is to help people open their hearts to inviting people into their homes, families and friendships. I think that with my parents being in Cursillo, a worldwide movement, I received an awareness of the universality of the Church.”

The Cursillo movement has its origins in Spain where a group of young men who conducted pilgrimages were seeking a way to deepen their spirituality, become better Christians, get closer to the Lord and spread the Gospel. The fulfillment of their desire eventually grew into a Christian renewal movement that is active in many countries throughout the world.

The main goal or purpose of Cursillo is to help enrich and develop adult Christian leaders who strive to deepen their relationship with Christ and bring Him into their daily lives by living the Gospel.

At Baptism, Catholics receive the call to participate in Christ’s mission to renew the world with God’s love. Cursillo supports adult Catholic in their efforts to live out this responsibility in the many environments where they live and work.

“Cursillo gave me my first opportunity to really experience Christ in an intimate, prayerful and joyful community,” said Paul Curry, Father Curry’s dad. “It opened me up from my private, immature relationship with the Lord to where I felt comfortable talking about my love of God with others and then being open to talking more deeply about my faith with my family.

Cursillo has allowed me to establish lifelong authentic relationships with other Christian men and women.”

“The Cursillo weekend made me look at my faith in a new way,” added Tony Luber. “Many of the ideas and concepts I had learned as a child and young adult now had a meaning that I had not recognized before. My role as a layperson moved from just sitting in a pew to being a Christian wherever I go.”

Cursillo does not end after the initial weekend is over. One of the many blessings of Cursillo is becoming part of a supportive life-giving faith community that assists the members as they strive together to grow in their relationship with Christ and the Church.

Deepening the faith is a lifetime process. Those who make a Cursillo are encouraged to become part of a small group that meets regularly to support one another in their attempts to be good Christians and live Christ’s mission.

The Cursillo weekend is having a picnic from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at St. Patrick’s Park in South Bend commemorating 50 years in the diocese. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 4 p.m.

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Dr. Jule Bryan

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Do I look fat in this?

St. Peter had a vision, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, that has shaped the way we live as Christians. He saw something like a big sheet lowered from the sky, with every kind of animal on it. “Get up, Peter,” a voice said, “slander and eat.” Three times the voice encouraged him to do this, even though many of the animals were forbidden by Mosaic law. “What God has made clean,” Peter was told, “you are not to call profane.” This was an important revelation of Christian doctrine and a demonstration of our trust in God. It is most common in widowed or young adults. About 35,000 people died by suicide last year. Every year, more people die by suicide than by homicide. Suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in our country. It is most common in widowed or young adults. About 35,000 people died by suicide last year. Every year, more people die by suicide than by homicide. Suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in our country.
The failures of U.S. international religious freedom policy

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Thomas Farr of Georgetown’s Berkley Center is one of the true Good Guys on the Washington scene. His June 13 testimony before the National Security Subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was a thoughtful, sobering reflection on the failures of U.S. international religious freedom policy.

Farr speaks with authority, for he was the first director of the State Department’s Office of International Religious Freedom in 1999-2003 and has been deeply engaged in the battle for religious freedom around the world ever since. He has done so both from conviction — this is the right thing to do — and from prudential policy judgment: religious freedom advances the cause of peace, for countries that violate the first freedom internally are, in the main, countries “whose internal stability, economic policies and foreign policies are of substantial concern to the United States.” So if the promotion of religious freedom abroad (like its defense at home) is both the right play and the smart play, why does the United States do it so badly?

Why, to cite Farr’s testimony, is it “difficult to name a single country in the world over the past 15 years where American religious freedom policy has helped to reduce religious persecution or to increase religious freedom in any substantial or sustained way?” Why is the opposite true: that “in most of the countries where the United States has in recent years poured blood, trea

As Dr. Farr concludes after surveying this dismal landscape, “…it is hardly surprising that American diplomats and foreign governments do not see religious freedom as a priority for U.S. foreign policy. It is not surprising that religious freedom programs play little or no role in U.S. strategies to stabilize key struggling democracies such as Iraq or Pakistan, encourage economic growth on places like Egypt or Nigeria, or undermine the religion-related terrorism that is still incubated in many nations of the broader Middle East.” Religious freedom is right. Religious freedom works. But promoting it remains marginal to U.S. foreign policy. Not good; not smart, either.

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Missioning Mass sends forth teachers for Catholic schools

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis celebrated the Alliance for Catholic Education’s (ACE) Missioning Mass on July 26, invoking blessings for 260 teachers and leaders at the University of Notre Dame as they fan out around the country to serve students in Catholic schools.

“May their faith be enlivened and deepened as they bear witness to the Gospel,” Archbishop Tobin prayed during the ceremony that sent forth 173 recent college graduates enrolled in the ACE Service through Teaching program and 48 aspiring Catholic school principals in ACE’s Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program.

The Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart also missioned 39 teachers in ACE’s English as a New Language program, who will help diverse student bodies overcome language barriers.

Missioning caps the summertime tradition when an array of graduate-level courses and topical conferences bring to campus hundreds of people dedicated to ACE’s goal to sustain, strengthen and transform Catholic schools.

Archbishop Tobin said in his homily that he shares ACE’s commitment to keep Catholic schools operating as “an instrument of evangelization.” He urged the educators to “welcome in Jesus Christ” as they go forth to their classrooms, heeding and incorporating the Word of God in their work. “Then, brothers and sisters,” he said, “we have something to give.”

He blessed medals depicting Christ the Teacher and crosses depicting Jesus washing disciples’ feet and accompanying children of the world. ACE founder Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully joined other concelebrants and ACE program leaders in distributing the icons to educators who soon would travel to numerous partner dioceses.

ACE will celebrate its 20th anniversary during the 2013-2014 academic year. Father Scully and Holy Cross Father Sean McGraw founded the Alliance for Catholic Education in 1993 to form the Ann Remick Leadership Program, which will include pictures that have been contributed by parishioners, which will include pictures that have been contributed by parishioners. This 175th Anniversary edition, volume 2, will be available in September 2015. Volume 1 will be on sale in October.

Each month a prayer card with pictures from the church building on the front and a prayer on the back will be distributed. Also the Project Posey chairpersons, Ann Callow and Sis Kintz, chair a group working to install a Mary Garden where one can pray and meditate.

In October tee shirts, tote bags and license plates will be on sale. Tim Faurote designed the logo for these items.
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@dioceseofwbs.org. Events that require 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.

Hog roast planned
South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus, near Lakeville, will have a hog roast Sunday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All drive-thru tickets are $9, children 6-12 tickets are $3. Children 5 and under are free. Call (574) 291-3775 for information.

Parish picnic and raffle planned
South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a parish picnic Saturday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the parish grounds. Games for children and teens, pony rides, corn and sausage roast, food concessions, beer and tent bingo from 1-4 p.m. Cash raffle with $7,500 in prizes offered. Chicken, noodle and cabbage dinner, tickets $8 by pre-sale in the parish office until Aug. 22. Call (574) 272-9982 for information.

Class reunion planned
Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School class of 1963 is having their Golden Reunion on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16 and 17, at the downtown Courtyards by Marriott. The cost of $75 per person includes one or both evenings — beer, soft drinks, food, “oldies” recorded music on Friday and a great band on Saturday. For information or registration contact Mary Ann Korbe Hoppe at (260) 351-3147.

Golf outing to help others
South Bend — St. Augustine Parish will have the Jim Freel Golf Outing Saturday, Aug. 24, at Juday Creek Golf Course, 14770indy Dr., in Granger. To register call Mary or Steve Filbert at (574) 234-7992, $65 per player, ($75 after Aug. 17) Register a four-some for $250 — save $10. Proceeds benefit the parish soup kitchen, youth group and theater group.

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

Benefit concert for Steve Hope
Fort Wayne — St. Charles Music Ministry will present a benefit concert for Steve Hope, who is fighting a very rare cancer, urachal carcinoma, on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Church located on Reed Road. Donations may be made out to St. Charles Borromeo Church, with a note “Hope Benefit.” Those unable to attend the concert may send donations to the parish office at 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815, attention: Karen Hope. All donations are tax deductible. For credit card donations visit http://stevehope.eventbrite.com.

Brian Digman benefit planned
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Boy Scouts are holding a benefit dinner for Brian Digman, Saturday, Aug. 17, from 2-7 p.m. at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Rd. Serving tenderloin, onion rings and potato wedges for $10. Brian’s “Joe Five” will play live from 3-5 p.m. All proceeds will go toward medical expenses.

Birthday party for Blessed Mother Knox — The Shrine of World Rosary of Peace will have a birthday party for the Blessed Mother Saturday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m. (central time). Guest speaker is Deacon Brian Miller. Food and refreshments provided. Bring your own lawn chair. Take US 30 W. to SR 23 south. Go to 200 N. and turn west 4.5 miles.

Event remembers the Good Old Days
Fort Wayne — Kingston Residence Assisted Living, 7515 Winchester Rd., is hosting a Good Old Days event on Friday, Sept. 6, from 4-6:30 p.m. This free event includes a Model A car show, variety music by Richard and Carolyn McCoy including square dancing, an antiques appraisal fair, caramel corn, ice cream, chicken and noodles and more. RSVP’s are appreciated at (260) 747-1523 or cgarison@kingstonhealthcare.com. Donations will be accepted for the Fort Wayne Trails Waynedale Initiative.

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TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis is seeking an Advocate for the Metropolitan Tribunal office located in the Bishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. The Advocate is responsible for assisting persons who are seeking to establish their freedom to marry in the Catholic Church or to clarify their marital status in accordance with Canon Law.

The qualified candidate must have a bachelor’s degree (a degree in Canon Law is preferred). Two years of legal and/or pastoral experience or other relevant life experience is preferred. The ability to speak Spanish is also preferred. Additional requirements include a Catholic in good standing, a general understanding and acceptance of the Church’s teachings regarding marriage, excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong organizational skills, computer knowledge, and the ability to present realistically the requirements of Canon Law while remaining sensitive to the pastoral needs of the client.

The position is an opportunity to work directly in Church ministry that serves people’s human and spiritual needs. Please e-mail cover letter, resume, salary history, and list of references, in confidence, to:

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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.
Faith, Family and Fatherhood festival planned for second year

FORT WAYNE — The second annual Knights of Columbus Faith, Family and Fatherhood festival will be held Friday through Sunday, Aug. 16-18, at Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne.

Activities begin Friday, Aug. 16, with a 6 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a procession from the cathedral to Headwaters Park where the Franciscan Brothers Minor will host the opening ceremony. The evening’s entertainment will include Michael Russell O’Brien from Tampa Bay, Fla.

O’Brien performs a one-man show of classic faith-based hits and humorous stories of his conversion back to the Catholic Church. Saturday activities include a 5K run at 8 a.m. Contact Chad Ware at (260) 744-0290 for registration information. Cost is $20 at the gate or $15 for those pre-registered.

Chris Godfrey, a former NFL football player and South Bend attorney, will speak at 10:30 a.m. He is the founder and president of Life Athletes, Inc., an association of over 300 professional and college athletes who teach and inspire young people to live lives of virtue, abstinence and respect for life.

Godfrey is a member of the Knights of Columbus and currently serves on the Board of Councillors for the Order of Malta and as the chair for the Northern Indiana Area.

He resides in South Bend with his wife Daria and their six children. Other Saturday events include family prayer and blessing, followed by Confessions at 11:30 a.m., and a volleyball tournament at 11:30 a.m. Games, rides, face painting and giveaways will be held from 12-4 p.m. Square dancing and line dancing with Bill Werling and the Breakaway Band will be held from 3-6 p.m.

On Saturday evening, the Hunter Smith Band, underwritten by Windows Doors and More, will perform in partnership with the 4th Degree Assemblies “Honoring our Vets” from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Former Colts punter Hunter Smith brings his talent to the music stage instead of the football field. The Hunter Smith Band released their album “Green” on iTunes in April of 2012. Rooted in Indianapolis, this five-man country band has toured throughout the U.S. and plans to head-line several local shows this summer.

Sunday activities include breakfast brunch, bingo, rides and games from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rosary at 12 p.m., father and children events and a pie contest from 1-3 p.m., the Fort Wayne Area Community Band from 2-5:30 p.m., the Smith Family Singers at 3:30 p.m. Franciscan Father David Mary Engo will close the event with an inspirational talk from 3:30-4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., the festivities will conclude with a special blessing for all fathers and consecration to St. Joseph.

Throughout the weekend, a community food pavilion, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is planned.

For more information, contact Chad Ware at (260) 744-0290 or send $16 plus $4 (shipping & handling) to:

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Bishop Rhoades tours SJRMC-Plymouth

SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with SJRMC-Plymouth patient Joseph Spehar.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center hosted Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at its Plymouth campus location on July 24. Bishop Rhoades met with members of the leadership and management team, as well as Plymouth Mayor Mark Senter, and toured all the hospital departments, visiting with staff and patients. On the Medical Unit, he shared stories, laughter and prayer with Joseph “Joe” Spehar, a 100-year-old patient who was ecstatic to meet him. The bishop was also able to see a newborn who was just minutes old in the New Beginnings Birthplace.