



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Venerating Fatima statue, pope entrusts world to Mary

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Before a congregation of more than 100,000 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis formally entrusted the world to Mary.

"We are confident that each of us is precious in your sight," the pope said Oct. 13, facing the statue of Mary that normally stands in the shrine at Fatima, Portugal. "Guard our lives in your arms, bless and strengthen every desire for goodness."

The short ceremony was the culmination of a special Marian Day organized for the Year of Faith. In his homily during the morning's Mass, Pope Francis celebrated Mary as a model of docility, fidelity and gratitude to God.

"Let us invoke Mary's intercession," he said. "May she help us to be open to God's surprises, to be faithful to Him each and every day, and to praise and thank Him, for He is our strength."

Many in the crowd held small replicas of the crowned statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which had arrived in Rome the previous afternoon on a TAP Portugal airlines flight from Lisbon.

An Italian air force helicopter transported the statue, inside an ivory-colored triangular container resembling a musical instrument case, to Vatican City. The statue was then brought to the residence of retired Pope Benedict XVI at the Mater Ecclesiae monastery, where he briefly venerated the statue in the monastery's small chapel. Afterwards, Pope Francis welcomed the statue at the Vatican guesthouse where he lives.

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Pope Francis prays in front of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima during a Marian vigil in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 12. The statue was brought from Portugal for a weekend of Marian events culminating in Pope Francis consecrating the world to Mary.

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The Mother of Christ comes alive on the big screen

Diocese to sponsor showing in Fort Wayne, South Bend, Warsaw

SAN FRANCISCO — Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ is revered throughout the world. However, her amazing life has not been featured on the big screen — until now.

Ignatius Press released "Mary of Nazareth," a major motion picture on the life of Our Blessed Mother, for sponsored theatrical screenings across the country.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, as part of the Year of Faith, has brought the show to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the three following locations:

- In South Bend on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at AMC 16 Theatre, 450 W. Chippewa Ave.
- In Warsaw on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Warsaw High Performing Arts Center, 1 Tiger Lane.
- In Fort Wayne on Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at

the Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. Tickets are available at www.diocesefwsb.org/marymovie.

"Mary of Nazareth" vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the mother of the Messiah, her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. This movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with His Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at His Resurrection.

Filmed in Europe, this major new epic film on the life of Mary is the first full-length feature movie on the story of this incredible woman to be shown in theaters. It was filmed in English in high definition.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI screened the movie in the Apostolic Palace in 2012, and was touched by the portrayal of Mary so movingly revealed on film. He commented that "it is not easy to characterize the figure of any mother, because the riches of the maternal life are difficult to describe, but this is even more challenging when it comes to the Mary of Nazareth, who is the mother of Jesus, the Son of God made man."

This movie is not suitable for very young children. Although it is not rated, it would probably rate as PG. Parental guidance is advised. The diocese would not advise viewing for children younger than pre-teens (11 and 12) and teens, but even so, parents should be aware that there are some scenes that might be too intense for their children, such as the murder of the innocents by King Herod as well as the crucifixion scenes.

An exclusive trailer of the film is available online now at www.MaryFilm.com.

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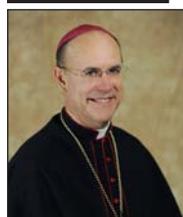
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Thank you, Knights of Columbus!



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The Knights of Columbus have been called "the strong right arm of the Church" in our country. That has certainly been my experience here in our diocese. Having just observed Columbus Day, I wanted to use this column to express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus throughout our diocese who have been such a great support to me and to the Church.

Two weeks ago, Pope Francis expressed his gratitude to the Knights for their unfailing support of the charitable works of the universal Church. He praised the integrity and loyalty of the Knights of Columbus. I wish to express my gratitude to the Knights in our diocese for their unfailing support of the charitable works of our diocese and our parishes and of our efforts to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The charitable work of the Knights of Columbus serves the material needs of the poor and also provides a beautiful witness of Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors. This charitable service includes support of the Church's pro-life and pro-family efforts. The witness of charity of the Knights also serves the Church's evangelizing mission. In this Year of Faith, we are reminded that acts of charity inspired by faith are essential to the new evangelization.

There are over 1.8 million members of the Knights in more than 14,000 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and several other countries. Last year, the Knights of Columbus worldwide donated more than \$167.5 million to charity and volunteered more than 70 million hours of service. These statistics are truly remarkable. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, followed by the principles of unity, fraternity, and patriotism. All their good works are informed by these four core principles.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by a holy priest, Father Michael McGivney, so that men could work together fraternally to serve their parishes and communities, to support each other in faith, and to provide for the well-being of their families through their excellent life insurance program.

I wish to encourage men of our diocese to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We have 9 Fourth Degree Assemblies and 38 Councils of the Knights of Columbus in our diocese. Being a Knight provides the opportunity to serve God and neighbor, support the Church, and grow in faith with other brothers in Christ. I have been a Knight of Columbus for many years.

The Knights of Columbus are a great support of the Church's defense of life, marriage, and religious liberty. A century ago, the Knights were at the forefront in



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope Francis greets Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore during a meeting with a delegation from the Knights of Columbus at the Vatican Oct. 10. Archbishop Lori is chaplain of the Knights.

opposing anti-Catholic prejudice from groups like the Ku Klux Klan. They worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society. When the Church in Mexico was being persecuted in the 1920's, the Knights worked tirelessly for religious liberty in that country. Six members of the Knights of Columbus were among the 25 martyrs canonized saints by Blessed John Paul II in the year 2000. There is much more that can be said about the rich history of the Knights of Columbus, but there is not enough space in this column.

When natural disasters strike, the Knights are there to donate money and volunteer help. When the Church faces particular challenges, the Knights are there to help. This has been my experience here in our diocese. I know I can always count on my brother Knights.

The Vatican is investigating the cause for

canonization of Father McGivney. Father McGivney was a true servant of Christian charity and a promoter of Christian family life. He wanted to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in the faith and secure their material well-being. This task is still so very important: the formation of Catholic families strong in the faith.

The work of the Knights of Columbus is an important part of the history of the Church in the United States. That history continues. Thank you again to all the Knights in our diocese and thank you to your wives and families for their support! Thank you for serving our parishes and our diocese! Thank you for your generosity and hard work! Thank you for your faithful witness to Christ through charity! May the Lord continue to bless you and your service of the Gospel!

Pope calls synod to discuss families, divorce and remarriage

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The predicament of divorced and remarried Catholics will be a major topic of discussion when bishops from around the world meet at the Vatican in October 2014.

The Vatican announced Oct. 8 that an extraordinary session of the Synod of Bishops will meet Oct. 5-19, 2014, to discuss the “pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization.”

The pope had told reporters accompanying him on his plane back from Rio de Janeiro in July that the next synod would explore a “somewhat deeper pastoral care of marriage,” including the question of the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

Pope Francis added at the time that Church law governing marriage annulments also “has to be reviewed, because ecclesiastical tribunals are not sufficient for this. It is complex, the problem of the pastoral care of marriage.”

Such problems, he said, exemplified a general need for forgiveness in the Church today.

“The Church is a mother, and she must travel this path of mercy, and find a form of mercy for all,” the pope said.

The announcement of the synod came amid news that the Archdiocese of Freiburg, Germany, had issued new guidelines making it easier for divorced

and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said that such matters were more properly dealt with at a Church-wide level, “under the guidance of the pope and the bishops.”

“For persons or local offices to propose particular pastoral solutions runs the risk of generating confusion,” he said. “The Holy Father is placing the pastoral care of the family at the heart of a synod process that will be larger, involving the reflection of the universal Church.”

The October 2014 gathering will be an “extraordinary general session” of the synod,

which according to the Code of Canon Law is held to “deal with matters which require a speedy solution.” It will be composed for the most part of the presidents of national bishops’ conferences, the heads of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and the heads of major Vatican offices.

Only about 150 synod fathers will take part in the session, which will run for two weeks, Father Lombardi said, compared with about 250 bishops who attended the three-week ordinary

general assembly on the New Evangelization in October 2012.

This will be only the third extraordinary synod since Pope Paul VI reinstated synods in 1965, to hold periodic meetings to advise him on specific subjects.

A 1969 extraordinary session was dedicated to improving cooperation between the Holy See and national bishops’ conferences; and a 1985 extraordinary session, dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council, recommended the compilation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which was published seven years later.

Pope Francis, who replaced the synod’s secretary-general Sept. 21, has suggested that he wants to make it into a permanent advisory body. On Oct. 1, Pope Francis and the new Council of Cardinals advising him on Church governance spent much of their first day together discussing synod reform. On Oct. 7-8, the pope attended meetings of the synod’s governing council. Instead of summoning the council officers, according to the usual protocol, the pope visited them at their office a few blocks from Vatican City.

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PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Monday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m. — Mass and Dinner with Christ Child Society, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m. — Religion Class at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 12 Noon — Sharathon, Redeemer Radio, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. — Mass concluding Parish Mission, Saint Mary of the Presentation Church, Geneva
- Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. — Speech at Marriage Enrichment Ministry, Saint Pius Parish, Granger
- Friday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. — Hispanic Apostolate Meeting, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. — Mass at Confirmation Rally, Marian High School, Mishawaka

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

- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

University of Saint Francis hosts sisters’ 150th jubilee celebration

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration continued the celebration of their 150th jubilee year on Sunday, Oct. 13, with a Mass and reception at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. The festivities had begun earlier with a similar event at their motherhouse, the St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka. This time, scores of family and friends, University of Saint Francis board members, administrators, faculty and students joined the 65 sisters who were in attendance for the joyous occasion.

Celebrant for the 150th Jubilee Mass was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Concelebrant was Father David Meinzen, chaplain of the university.

A regional celebration also was celebrated at the St. Francis Chapel in Mishawaka on Sept. 29.

Bishop Rhoades opened his remarks by saying, “We gather to give thanks to God for the gift of this religious community and for the gift of their holy foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, who will be beatified in November.”

He continued pointing out that the theme of thanksgiving was

prominent in the day’s readings. In the first reading Naaman the Syrian, a foreigner and enemy of God’s people, was cured of leprosy, which brought him to a profession of faith. But when Naaman tried to give Elisha, the prophet, a gift in thanksgiving, Elisha refused it because he knew that it was God who had cured Naaman of his disease.

Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus cured 10 lepers but only one of the group, the Samaritan, returned to thank him. Like Naaman in the earlier reading, he was considered a foreigner, of another religion. But he too received the gift of faith and thanked Jesus for his cure.

“The message for us today is very clear,” said Bishop Rhoades. “Do we practice the wonderful virtue of gratitude in our lives or are we at times remiss or even ungrateful?”

“How do we give thanks?” Bishop Rhoades asked. First is our prayer of thanksgiving, and the Mass is our ultimate prayer of thanksgiving to God. Second, he continued, “we also give thanks by being generous to others, imitating God’s generosity to us. A grateful person is a generous person.”

Stewardship is recognizing that all we have and are is God’s gift to us



JOE ROMIE

Sister Angela Mellady, provincial superior, speaks at the 150th anniversary celebration of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at the Fort Wayne regional event on Oct. 13. In the background is an image of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the order, who will be beatified in November.

and then giving back to God of our time, our talents, and our treasure to Him and His Church, he said.

Bishop Rhoades spoke at length about Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the order of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. A woman

of great faith who had encountered God’s love in her life, she answered His call to follow Christ. Filled with gratitude for God’s love, she ministered to the sick and the poor, while realizing that her calling was a gift from God. And that deep experience

of God’s love inspired her to respond in gratitude by leading a new religious congregation.

Mother Theresia wrote, “The love, the extraordinary love God has shown me, demands that I love and honor God perfectly, and live with a view to the goal and end of my life. God has proved His love for me in the great grace of the vocation to the religious life. ...”

Bishop Rhoades continued, “That allowed her to serve the Lord with such selfless dedication, even in the midst of huge challenges and much suffering. She was able to persevere because she turned to God in all situations, in joys and sorrows.”

The Holy Eucharist was the center of her religious life. And this is the inheritance received by the thousands of sisters who, for the past 150 years, have embraced the contemplative and active life of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel as Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, he said.

“And this is what we celebrate today. In particular, we celebrate the sisters’ presence in our diocese,” Bishop Rhoades said.

The Sisters of St. Francis came to the Diocese of Fort Wayne, which at

Bishop dedicates altar, blesses Divine Mercy Chapel

BY JILL BOUGHTON

SOUTH BEND — The Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life began with the desire for a chapel near South Bend's Women's Pavilion. There Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament would draw people to pray for an end to the abortions that happen right next door.

So it was very fitting that hundreds of people joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Oct. 8 to celebrate Mass, dedicate the altar and bless the chapel. Present were pro-life activists who have been praying and working for over 50 years, young pro-life families, religious sisters and high school students dedicated to respecting human life.

The Divine Mercy Chapel, in a building right next to the abortion clinic, is unique in the diocese. Michael McDonald crafted the altar without charge and also — the evening before the dedication — created a rustic cross to hold a corpus that came all the way from Fatima.

Kelly Sadural created icons of St. Gianna Beretta and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

When there were no relics from those saints to be found, George Brenner donated an authentic first-class relic of St. George, an earlier 4th century martyr.

Shawn Sullivan, director of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life, proclaimed the readings at the Mass, while Staci Bert offered her voice as cantor. Concelebrants were Father Tom Shoemaker of St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, chaplain of the apostolate, and Father David Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish. The chapel is located between those two churches.

The prayers of the Mass perfectly fit the occasion. They reminded participants that Christ dwells in this house and in each person, willing to draw all things on earth to Himself. The Holy Innocents, St. Faustina and St. Gianna were invoked in the litany of the saints. The altar was described as a place where people unfold their good intentions, as a table of joy where the friends of Christ cast their cares



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown at the Mass of the dedication of the altar and blessing of the Divine Mercy Chapel in The Life Center in South Bend on Oct. 8. At right, the bishop spreads the chrism oil on the altar.



and receive grace to resume their journey.

Bishop Rhoades reminded all that the altar is “the focal point of every Catholic church and chapel.”

During the altar dedication, Bishop Rhoades placed the relic into the altar, and then anointed it liberally with chrism oil.

Incense filled the chapel with “the fragrance of Christ.”

The light of Christ, in the form of candles, shone on the altar and was reflected in the faces of those who shared at the table.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades called the chapel “a powerhouse of prayer for mothers tempted to abortion and for their unborn children.”

He underlined the importance of embracing Jesus' Divine Mercy, which Blessed John Paul II called “an indispensable dimension of love, love's second name.”

Bishop Rhoades said, “Filled with the merciful love flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are thereby moved to love our neighbor: our neighbor not yet born, in the womb of her mother; our neighbor feeling desperate about an unexpected pregnancy; our neighbor, blinded by the

deceiver, who performs or cooperates in abortion.

“This chapel of Divine Mercy should remind all who come here of this truth: ... It is only the power of Christ's merciful love that will bring about an end to abortion and a new culture of life,” Bishop Rhoades said.

After Mass, Quality Dining provided a hot lunch for everyone. Volunteers set up chairs and TV screens for the overflow crowd, and then efficiently brought in tables for lunch.

DAY OF REFLECTION INSPIRES DEAF CATHOLICS



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Father Mike Depcik, one of only 10 deaf Catholic priests in the world, signs a prayer at a special Mass during the Day of Reflection for the Deaf at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Spiritual Center on Oct. 12. The day featured Mass, inspirational talks and Confession by Father Depcik all in American Sign Language. Participants were joined by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and two seminarians who are learning sign language. Bishop Rhoades assured the participants of his commitment to grow a stronger and more vibrant ministry for the Deaf throughout the diocese and stressed the importance of their presence and gifts for the whole Church. The day was sponsored by Bishop Rhoades, the Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries and the Office of Catechesis.

MARY

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At the beginning of an Oct. 12 prayer vigil in St. Peter's Square, four attendants carried the statue on a litter through the crowd and brought it up to front of the basilica. Pilgrims waved white handkerchiefs in a traditional gesture of devotion as the statue passed.

Pope Francis led the vigil, which included a recitation of the seven sorrows of Mary. In a catechetical talk, the pope said that all believers can emulate the mother of God by giving “human flesh to Jesus” when they assent freely to His call.

“Believing in Jesus means giving Him our flesh with the humility and courage of Mary, so that He can continue to dwell in our midst,” the pope said. “It means giving Him our hands, to caress the little ones and the poor; our feet, to go forth and meet our brothers and sisters; our arms, to hold up the weak and to work in the Lord's vineyard; our minds, to think and act in the light of the Gospel; and especially our hearts, to love and to make choices in accordance with God's will.”

Later that night, Pope Francis sent a video message to faithful gathered at 10 Marian shrines around the world, stressing Mary's role as a bridge to her son.

“Mary points to Jesus,” he said. “She asks us to bear witness to Jesus, she constantly guides us to her son Jesus, because in Him alone do we find salvation. He alone can change the water of our loneliness, difficulties and sin into the wine of encounter, joy and forgiveness. He alone.”

Pope Francis has signaled his strong devotion to Mary from the first morning of his pontificate, when he made a brief pilgrimage to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Rome's principal Marian shrine. He later asked the bishops of Portugal to dedicate his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima.

Oct. 13 is the anniversary of the last apparition of Mary to three shepherd children at Fatima in 1917. Two of the visionaries, Blessed Jacinta Marto and her brother Blessed Francisco Marto, were beatified by Blessed John Paul II in 2000. Their cousin, Sister Lucia de Jesus dos Santos, died in 2005, and three years later Pope Benedict exempted her from the usual five-year waiting period between a death and the start of a beatification cause.

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The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration gather for Mass on Oct. 13 at the Fort Wayne regional celebration of the 150th anniversary of the order.

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that time included the entire northern half of the state of Indiana, by invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger in 1875. They traveled from the motherhouse of the congregation in Olpe, Germany, to open a hospital in Lafayette. The community grew rapidly and in 1885, became a separate American province. Through the years, the sisters have had an important presence in the teaching apostolate and in health care.

According to Bishop Rhoades, the sisters' first apostolic works were in areas that are now part of the dioceses of Lafayette and Gary. But in what is now the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, their first apostolate was at St. Patrick School in Lagro in 1889, then at St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne in 1911, St. John School in Goshen in 1917, and St. Mary's School in Huntington in 1921. By 1924, more than 100 Sisters of St. Francis were teaching in the diocese.

In 1944, when the community decided to relocate Saint Francis College from Lafayette to Fort Wayne, the order took on even more prominence. At first, the college only trained sisters to be teachers, then before locating to Fort Wayne it began accepting lay women as students. Eventually it became coeducational, while enrollment grew and academic programs expanded. In 1998 it became the University of Saint Francis. "It is very appropriate that this regional celebration today is here on the campus of this university, a blessing to the city of Fort Wayne and to our diocese for the past 69 years," said Bishop Rhoades.

He pointed out that, in years past, the Sisters of St. Francis have taught at St. Therese School and Bishop

Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

Sister Angela Mellady, provincial superior, who was in attendance at the celebration, told *Today's Catholic*, "Even though we no longer have a physical presence in Huntington, or at St. Therese or Bishop Luers, the sisters talk about them as though it was yesterday. The relationships formed are a cherished part of our history."

Bishop Rhoades commented on the bright future of the religious congregation, "It is a special joy for me that the sisters are receiving vocations among the young women of our diocese."

And Sister Angela attributes the growing number of vocations to the order's primary charism of Perpetual Adoration. Indeed, Bishop Rhoades called Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament "a great blessing for our diocese."

Sister Angela shared that the young women who are in discernment about a vocation also express the desire to wear a religious habit and to live in community. Personal contact with the sisters is also important. "The candidates will say that it was the joy of the sisters they met that inspired them to consider religious life," she added.

Of special joy to the sisters is the upcoming beatification of their foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, which 48 of them will attend next month in Germany. Sister Angela said, "The sisters have prayed for this daily from before I entered. There is a great deal of excitement ..." in anticipation of the event.

She summed up their goal, "We pray to be able to live out faithfully our mission of combining the contemplative life with the active in Perpetual Adoration and the works of mercy after the example of St. Francis and Mother Maria Theresia. ... After 150 years, we continue to say with her: 'He leads, I follow.' What a special grace to have our beloved foundress ... beatified during this jubilee year."

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8:00 am	University of St. Francis Fr. David Meinzen	Franciscan Center Sally Ley & Tony Ley	Our Sunday Visitor
9:00 am	St. Louis Besancon Fr. Stephen Colchin	Bishop Dwenger H.S.	Allen County Right to Life Cathie Humbarger
10:00 am	Most Precious Blood Fr. Joe Gaughan	Tippmann Hour All Pledges <u>Doubled</u>	St. Thomas More Society
11:00 am	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fr. Ben, Deacon Jim	St. Anthony of Padua Fr. Fred Pasche	NW Ohio Hour Fr. David Cirata, Deacon Joe Timbrook
Noon	Bishop Kevin Rhoades	Catholic Business Hour	St. Vincent de Paul Fr. Dan, Fr. Andrew
1:00 pm	St. John - New Haven Fr. Bill Sullivan	St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel Fr. Bill Kummer	St. John - Fort Wayne Fr. Daniel Whelan
2:00 pm	St. Mary of the Assumption Fr. Patrick, Deacon Jerry	St. Jude Fr. Jake Runyon	St. Charles Borromeo Msgr. John Suelzer, Fr. Jacob
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Pope declares medieval mystic a saint, advances seven other causes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis advanced the sainthood causes of seven men and women, including a Canadian and an English founder of two religious orders for women. He also declared the Italian medieval mystic, Blessed Angela of Foligno, a saint, foregoing the usual process of canonization and without formally recognizing a second miracle. Pope Francis accepted a proposal Oct. 9 by Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, allowing Blessed Angela to become a saint immediately. The Vatican made the announcement Oct. 11. According to Church rules — established by the pope and subject to changes by him — a miracle is needed after beatification to make a candidate eligible for canonization. Pope Francis recently approved the canonization of Blessed John XXIII in absence of a miracle. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told Catholic News Service that exceptions to the normal sainthood process have been made through the Church's history.

Thrift stores in rural towns help needy, answer call to stewardship

VERDIGRE, Neb. (CNS) — Shirts run \$2 to \$4, jeans \$4. Looking for furniture? A kitchen table and four chairs cost about \$30, a love seat \$25, an upholstered arm chair and lamp are both \$10. It's the Verdigre Carousel Thrift Shop, founded on Main Street in a town — Verdigre — that before July didn't have a clothing store or a

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PILGRIM ARRIVES ON HIS KNEES AT OUR LADY OF NAZARETH BASILICA IN BELEM, BRAZIL



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A pilgrim arrives on his knees at Our Lady of Nazareth Basilica during the annual Cirio de Nazare procession in Belem, Brazil, Oct. 13. More than a million pilgrims take part in the procession, which takes place on the second Sunday of October.

furniture store. Inspired by a priest of the Omaha Archdiocese — Father James Kramper — the store is run by volunteers fueled by faith and a desire to help people in need while inviting people in the community of 570 to share gently used goods with one another. And all of the proceeds are funneled back into ministries and projects in the community. “I give God credit for planting the idea,” Father Kramper told the *Catholic Voice*, Omaha's archdiocesan newspaper. “And then I dream. And then I have to find people who can carry it out.”

Vatican takes another step in promoting financial transparency

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With the adoption of a detailed new law on financial transparency, vigilance and information, the Vatican has almost completely revamped its finance laws in less than three years, the Vatican spokesman said. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman, released a statement Oct. 9 on the 58-page text of a new Vatican City State law incorporating, but also broadly expanding retired Pope Benedict XVI's December 2010 document establishing the Vatican's Financial Intelligence Authority to monitor Vatican financial operations and make sure they meet international norms against money-laundering and the financing of terrorism. The text of the new law, approved by the commission governing Vatican City State, said the revamping was necessary because financial crimes “threaten the integrity and stability” of economic activity, “not to mention the reputation” of those who work in the financial sector.

Divine Mercy Ministry offers post abortion healing

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — As the respect for life battle continues in this country a powerful new program in Fort Wayne offers hope for healing the broken hearts of those who have been wounded by an abortion experience. Divine Mercy Ministry, named after the divine mercy that Jesus offers all of His children, began in earnest in May of this year.

The nascent ministry initiated by Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, and Father Ben Muhlenkamp, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, seeks to support post-abortive women and men with a program developed by Bethesda Healing Ministry's foundress, Judy Schlueter, from Columbus, Ohio. Father Budzinski was chaplain of the Bethesda Ministry during his seminary years and Father Muhlenkamp was also involved in the ministry as a seminarian.

Jackie and Laurie (whose names have been changed to protect their privacy) were instrumental in assisting the priests in establishing this ministry following a Bethesda seminar they attended in Ohio. Jackie,

the only non-post abortion participant is facilitator of the group, and Laurie, who is 30-years post abortion and participated in a Bethesda retreat, serves as a compassionate companion to the group members.

The Divine Mercy Ministry group meets twice monthly in a safe and confidential location. And though this group is not a therapy group the participants receive the love and support of companions who walk with them on their journey of healing.

Each meeting, attended by both Fathers Budzinski and Muhlenkamp, begins in a loving environment with a meal provided by the parish nurse, which Laurie says, “speaks of the Eucharist and breaks down walls.” Following the meal, participants gather for an opening prayer and then break open their manuals in earnest.

The ministry manual offers structure for healing and is Scriptural and experiential. To journey with these women it was recommended that Laurie go through the manual herself and even after 30 years, she has found much healing. She says, “Going through the manual made all the pieces of the puzzle come together.” Now she says she is even more excited about what the partici-

pants will find and is devoted to the ongoing support the ministry offers.

During the meetings the manual exercises take the participants through a process of self discovery and healing, but Laurie assures that there is “no pressure to share” as each participant takes the time she needs to face her own pain. “We have a love and compassion for these women. We hope to reconcile people who feel separated from Jesus,” she says.

Following the exercises the priests offer Reconciliation to anyone who is interested. “Healing happens by way of the confessional,” says Father Muhlenkamp, adding, “Our eyes are opened and we receive all the graces that come with Confession.” Closing prayer and song usher the meetings to a close.

Jackie, who “carries the phone” that offers the confidential number to call for information about the group, says the women who join the group have seen the Divine Mercy Ministry bulletin ad, been invited by the priests or call her directly. “When I get a call I meet with them before they join the group. It's on a case-by-case basis.”

Father Muhlenkamp adds, “As a priest, I hear the confessions of women who have had an abortion,

sometimes 20 years ago, who have put up walls around the pain. ... Sometimes the priest is the first person they've told.” He feels this ministry invites these women to begin to seek the healing that only the Lord can give.

Though the culture frequently condemns these women, Father Muhlenkamp says, “Our job as a Church isn't to judge these women. We as a Church love these women who have experienced an abortion, and we know that abortion hurts women, and so we do everything we can to help prevent them from making the quick solution that will cause long lasting pain in their future.”

The fellowship and caring support of this ministry makes all the difference. Father Muhlenkamp confides, “I have to say, that as a priest, since this group has begun meeting, my heart has been expanded, and I have just wanted to show so much love to these suffering women who have had the courage to come and open their hearts to one another. Their stories have really helped me understand both what leads a woman to have an abortion, and also, what happens in the heart and mind of a woman who has suffered a loss like this.”

Father Muhlenkamp invites those

wounded by abortion to this ministry, saying, “Christ's love can penetrate deeper than your hurt, deeper than your pain. He can penetrate right to the depths of your heart, and can bring about the healing that you so long to experience. This is not a quick process, but I can assure you that from the moment you arrive till the moment you leave you will feel loved and supported. ...”

Jackie hopes to reach more women and men as the program continues. She says, “There are so many who suffer and never share this with another living soul. If it's never addressed it can never heal.”

Father Budzinski adds, “I would like everyone who is suffering the wound of an abortion experience to know — you are not broken beyond repair. You are the beloved daughters and sons of God. And Christ is waiting to offer you healing.”

For information on the Divine Mercy Ministry call (260) 445-8119 or email mary@divinemercyministry.com. All inquiries are confidential. The Divine Mercy Ministry website is currently under construction at www.divinemercyministry.com.

Folk choir concert to benefit Holy Cross Missions in Africa

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir will hold a concert on Friday, Nov. 1, from 8 to 9:15 p.m., in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to benefit the educational, peace-building, medical and religious efforts of the Holy Cross Missions in Africa.

The 20th annual Concert for the Missions will take place the Friday prior to the home football game against Navy. The concert will feature sacred African music and an appearance by the Notre Dame Celebration Choir. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken for Holy Cross Missionary work in Uganda.

Money collected at the concert will benefit Holy Cross Primary School, St. Jude's Primary School, Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School and St. Andrew's Primary School, all in the African Jinja District, and St. Joseph Hill Secondary School in Kyrausozi, Uganda.

Annual Harvest of Blessings event Nov. 9 at Victory Noll Center

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will present a night of entertainment, information and fellowship with its annual A Harvest of Blessings on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The evening will begin with social time starting at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the O'Donnell Room at Victory Noll Center that

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Tom Monaghan speaks at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24 to a group of local business leaders about his varied life experiences, including his years as head of Domino's Pizza, the Detroit Tigers and Ave Maria University. The evening began with Mass at the Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, followed by a dinner and Monaghan's presentation. Legatus, a Latin term for "ambassador," is an organization of Catholic business executives begun by Monaghan. The formation of a new chapter of Legatus is currently being explored in this diocese.

includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks and harp music. At 8 p.m., the program moves to the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel for music from the Huntington County Strings. Dessert will follow the concert.

The event will also provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to learn more about, and become involved with, Victory Noll Center and its ministry and mission of fostering spiritual growth and personal development in a welcoming environment, advocating social justice awareness and response, and nourishing people to live and share God's love in today's world. Of particular focus are those programs involving women veterans, the Matthew 25 Project and human-trafficking awareness.

Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington, is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.

Tickets for "A Harvest of Blessings" are \$25 per person. Anyone interested in attending must register by Nov. 2 by contacting Victory Noll Center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, or by email at victorynollcenter@olvm.org.

Compassion to be focus of gerontology conference

NOTRE DAME — A group of professionals, members of The Michiana Gerontology Institute of Holy Cross College, plan to focus on compassion in a day-long Sixth Annual Gerontology Conference on Oct. 23 at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. Professionals as well as the general public are invited to register for the conference.

The Sixth Annual Gerontology Conference, "Aging in a Compassionate Community," will feature Dominic Vachon, Ph.D., director of Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine, University of Notre Dame, as the keynote speaker. Other individualized sessions on many aspects of compassion and caring, and a panel discussion featuring seniors addressing their experience with the aging process, will be part of this educational opportunity.

Science supports the idea of compassion and its impact on how we give and receive care. Vachon will explore biology, psychology and neuroscience and insights into the role of each of these related to the concept of compassion.

For registration information call (574) 239-8364 or e-mail padams@hcc-nd.edu. Visit the Michiana Gerontology Institute website at <http://www.mgi-hcc.org/> for more information on the conference.

Correction in name

In the story, "Mass for persons with disabilities celebrated at St. Jude" published in the Oct. 13, 2013, issue of *Today's Catholic*, the Trentadue family — Judy, and Tom — were incorrectly named Trentadore. Judy Trentadue is also featured in a photo with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on page 2. *Today's Catholic* apologizes for the error.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PASTOR AT BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



CORINE ERLANDSON

A collection of different breeds of animals were brought to the school entrance of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 4. Parishioners gathered at the entrance of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastor Father Jim Shafer gave the blessing to the animals and sprinkled them with holy water.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



ROBIN KRUSE

Students at St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen assembled for a Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday, Oct. 4, at the parish. Father Tony Steinacker, pastor, was joined by Deacon Dave Elert for celebration of the holy hour. Above, third-grade students sing, "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" at the end of the hour. The celebration was part of a Worldwide Holy Hour.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The Caribbean with a twist

BY VINCE LABARBERA

PLYMOUTH — Ken McDermott, a widower, resides in Plymouth and is a member of St. Michael Parish. He also owns a home in Osceola, Fla., and when living there last March, he attended a League of Women Voters seminar. At the meeting, attendees were told it was possible for groups of people to visit the Republic of Cuba.

One of the United States' most twisted international relationships is, curiously enough, with a country less than 100 miles away, McDermott related. If an American wants to visit or even communicate with Cuba, they have to follow a host of regulations from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control and a couple of very lax requirements from the Cuban government.

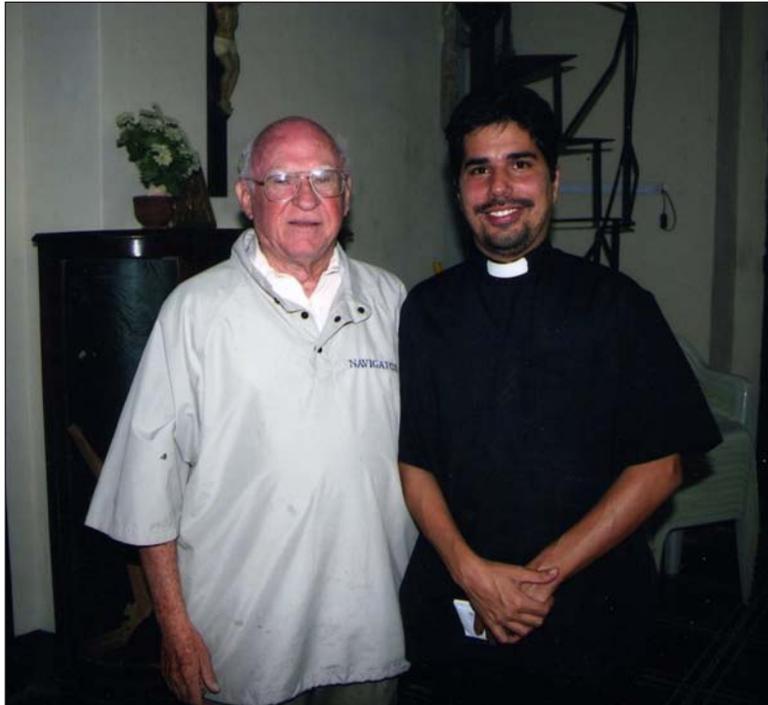
"Our relationship with Cuba is similar to our dealings with North Korea, where there is no formal diplomatic relations," stressed McDermott.

U.S. policy toward Cuba is focused on encouraging democratic and economic reforms, and increased respect for human rights on the part of the Cuban government. The U.S. cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 and instituted a trade embargo in 1962. Many people mistakenly believe these policies mean U.S. citizens cannot travel to Cuba.

While U.S. citizens are not prohibited from traveling there, the Trading with the Enemy Act prohibits citizens from spending money on goods and services such as travel accommodations, airline tickets, meals and souvenirs without being approved for a license by the Department of the Treasury or the Office of Foreign Assets Control. American visitors may bring back books or other media, but not most manufactured goods, especially rum and cigars. All expenses have to be documented and shown to U.S. Customs.

Following the presentation, McDermott met a man named Julio who asked, "Want to see the real Cuba?" While the question sounded like a "swindle," he learned that Julio, who appeared to be in his 60s, was a Cuban-American and an interpreter with family connections making it easier to go to and from the island country in the Caribbean. It would require getting visas from both countries.

McDermott got some references and the idea seemed "credible," he said. His only requirement from Julio was to pack about 44 pounds



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KEN MCDERMOTT

Ken McDermott stands with Father Javier following the Holy Thursday liturgy in Cuba where the priest announced to about 100 parishioners in attendance that McDermott had brought them some religious items.

of baseball gear — bats, balls, mitts, catcher's masks — for a young baseball team, a local school and Julio's family. McDermott said he also was "inspired" to call Catholic Relief Services in Indianapolis to ask what the Catholic people of Cuba might want. He was told there was a great need for rosaries and reading materials, especially the Bible, printed in Spanish. McDermott contacted several parishes in Osceola and collected about 150 rosaries, a Bible, the New Testament, several prayer cards and teacher's manuals for the early grades — all in Spanish. He would have to smuggle the "contraband" into Cuba, he thought.

Cuba officially is a secular state. After having long maintained that churches were fronts for subversive political activity, religious freedom increased through the 1980s with the government finally amending the constitution in 1992 to drop the state's characterization as atheistic. It has many faiths representing the widely varying culture. Roman Catholicism, brought to the island by the Spanish, remains the dominant faith, with 11 dioceses, 56 orders of religious sisters and 24 orders of priests. In January 1998, Pope John Paul II paid a historic visit to the island, invited by the Cuban government and Catholic Church.

In three weeks, Julio obtained the visas and made arrangements for McDermott on a charter flight to Cuba from Miami. Julio told McDermott to "stick with the script" regarding baseball, so when a uni-



Julio, a Cuban-American interpreter who asked McDermott to take 44 pounds of baseball gear to Cuba, poses with a baseball team of nine-to-12-year-old youngsters in the deteriorating concrete stadium.

formed guard at the Havana airport began questioning him, he began talking baseball and showed him the sports gear destined for the youngsters. "After that, we got along just fine," he related.

McDermott spent Holy Week in Julio's hometown of Cojimar. The picturesque fishing village was the inspirational setting for Ernest Hemingway's Nobel prize-winning novel, "The Old Man and the Sea," McDermott related. A statue was built near a 400-year-old fort in Cojimar to honor Hemingway. But he was surprised to see a huge statue of Christ with His arms outstretched overlooking Havana Harbor. "I also



Some of the baseball gear McDermott brought to Cuba went to a Little League-type baseball team. McDermott observed that a hit to right field would put the ball in the ocean.

McDermott. "There is a seminary in Havana," he said, "with 41 men enrolled. Eighty percent of active priests are under age 35."

Julio made arrangements for McDermott to meet Father Javier, a priest in his 30s administering seven or eight parishes with about 20-30 miles between each, though he didn't know McDermott was bringing religious gifts. On Holy Thursday evening, he presented the religious materials to Father Javier who acknowledged McDermott at Mass and announced, in Spanish, that he had brought them religious items.

"They were received like cherished Christmas gifts," McDermott said. "And I was deeply moved how pleased Father Javier and his parishioners were that someone outside Cuba was concerned about their situation; and that baseball got rosaries into Cuba," he added. Julio, too, was impressed and later told McDermott he has lined up 2,000 rosaries for his next trip to Cuba in November.

"I'm very glad I went. I got to meet some young Catholics and people of different faiths, and see Cuba off the radar," he said. "No one appears to be wealthy. The average worker earns about \$30 a month." He observed that the small Havana airport had about 300 1950-something cars in the parking lot and indicated that's because there are no banks or loans available. "And," he concluded, "there are no Cokes or Pepsis anywhere either."

was amazed that Good Friday was considered a holiday, even though 60-65 percent of the people believe Christ was not God but just a good guy," he noted.

"The Church is functioning but not flourishing in Cuba," he continued. "It's not a friend of the common people. In fact, it used to be an enemy. Fidel Castro and his brother, Raúl, have been in power for more than 50 years. They took away Catholic schools and hospitals, telling Cubans prayer belongs in church and the government knows what is best for them."

"The people can complain but not criticize the government," said

'The hands and feet of God' at work in India

BY VINCE LABARBERA

HUNTERTOWN — "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" long has been a popular subject for school reports, despite the fact many young people rarely have an opportunity to do something of great value.

Not so for Anna and Elise Fisher of Huntertown, who spent three weeks in India last summer assisting the Sisters of Charity working with mentally and physically handicapped girls and women. Each recently wrote of their experience with elegance, poignancy and prayerfulness.

The idea to journey to India was Elise's "heartfelt desire," said Anna. And because parents, Jim and Kathy, didn't want her to travel alone and since Anna, too, always had wanted to go to India for missionary work, Anna was allowed to go with Elise. Their parents financed most of the trip and their daughters helped through their jobs, both girls related.

"My Catholic education has been such a blessing, and has given me the opportunity to grow in my faith and encourage me to serve my community through volunteering," said Elise, who along with her sister graduated from Bishop Dwenger



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Anna, right, 26, attends IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) and is working toward a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders, with the intent of obtaining a master's degree in speech pathology. Elise, 19, a freshman at Purdue University, currently is majoring in speech language hearing sciences to pursue a career as a speech pathologist.

High School. Elise was involved in the Youth Group and Life Teen programs at St. Vincent de Paul Church and said during her sophomore year she was "blessed with the opportunity to travel to Haiti to volunteer with a few high school friends." Following the trip, she had "an extremely strong desire to do

mission work in the future."

Looking back on her journey to Haiti, Elise related how strong her faith seemed to be as she remembered all of the hungry, faith-filled people she had encountered. She felt God was "tugging" on her heart to go back to Haiti before heading off to Purdue, so she sent a letter to the

Missionaries of Charity's headquarters in Kolkata. Months later she received a return letter encouraging her to make another trip to Haiti. But the missive also included information on volunteering in Kolkata where Mother Teresa first began her missionary order. "Since Mother Teresa has been one of my most influential role models growing up, I knew Kolkata was the place I needed to go," Elise emphasized.

A few days after Elise's graduation, the Fisher sisters journeyed to India. "Upon arriving, I was shocked by the circumstances these beautiful children of God were forced to live in," wrote Elise.

"Though I'd been to Haiti, Kolkata was much different, and was much more torn down, dirty and crowded than I had expected. The constant traffic was a nightmare, and the smell of the city was sickening. All over the city, starving children and adults walked and lay in the streets. Homeless individuals bathed and urinated in the dirt.... Slums do not describe the living conditions of these wonderful people," she related. Elise said en route to the motherhouse to attend Mass with the sisters and other volunteers from throughout the world, they encountered several beggars including children covered from head to toe with dirt.

"Primarily, we were assigned to a group of blind girls called the Stars at a center called Shanti Daan," said Anna. "We would do sensori-neural exercises, having them taste, smell, touch and listen to things that would stimulate their senses. We also helped with laundry, feeding, physical therapy and whatever else they (the sisters) asked us to do," she continued.

"The most amazing part was the experience of singing and showing love to these girls. As we would lay them down for their naps, we would softly sing them lullabies. They would often hold our hands tightly, with their beautiful smiles breaking through their suffering." Anna said the girls fought so many difficulties, often being rejected by their families and society for their disabilities. "I will never forget these quiet times of love and sweetness that conquered any feelings of despair or sadness," Anna mused.

"It was very challenging to work with these girls because they could not speak with us (since they spoke only a little Hindi)," added Elise. "They could not see us," she continued, "and some of the girls were slightly aggressive. At first Anna and I felt awkward working with the girls because we did not know what needed to be done. The affection we

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Elise Fisher meets a goat on the streets of Kolkata while doing service work with the Sisters of Charity.

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showed to these girls was by far the most important part of the volunteering." She said one of the blind girls was so happy to be shown affection she would put her hands on their faces and cry.

"The Sisters of Charity we met were truly the hands and feet of God," Anna said. "Their patience seemed to be unending. Every time we spoke to one of them they would urge us only to do one thing: 'Pray for us, please pray for us!' I ask if nothing else you would put this in your article," Anna emailed. "The endurance, strength and grace it takes to do what they do, day in and day out, is incredible. We did only part of their normal routine, for the small sum of three weeks, and we were emptied of ourselves at the

end of each day. The light of hope that Jesus puts in their hearts must be kept strong by the power of our prayers," she stressed. "They are fighting for the innocent ones ... who cannot fight for themselves, who have nothing left, nowhere to go, no one to love them. They wash them, feed them, hold their hands, love them, protect them."

"The Missionaries of Charity is an incredible organization and I feel privileged to have worked with the sisters and other volunteers," added Elise. "I would encourage anyone to go on their own mission trip, but believe that service done within your own community can be just as beneficial," she concluded.

"There is suffering in the world we are so unaware of, so separated from," said Anna. "However, that does not make it any less real. We must make every effort to pray for and support, in whatever way we are called by God."

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration receive largest postulant class in 38 years

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka received six new postulants in September: Sylvia Pultorak, Kimberly Davis, Celeste Warrell, Rachel Worden, Janet Hilger and Anna Hoefler. This entrance of the largest class in 38 years has occurred during the year of the sisters' 150th jubilee celebration of the congregation's founding.

Sylvia Pultorak comes from St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Joliet, Ill., of the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois. She first heard the call to religious life as she was reading "The Lamb's Supper" by Dr. Scott Hahn, and was inspired by Our Lord's Eucharistic presence. Pultorak first met the Sisters at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio where she was studying catechetics, theology and French.

Kimberly Davis is a member of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Before she entered, she was a tropical plant technician. Davis' first interaction with the sisters was at a discernment group in high school with one of the sisters. Later, it was during a discernment retreat at the motherhouse in Mishawaka that she heard the Lord's call to enter the community.

Celeste Warrell is a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in South Bend, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She first met the sisters when she was on a high school retreat as a junior in high school. As she was going through discernment, Warrell obtained her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Indiana University-South Bend, and continued her education, completing her master's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Michigan State University. While in school to pursue her doctoral degree, Warrell says, "I had a hole in my heart that only Jesus



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Pictured in this group photo are from left in front, Anna Hoefler, Kimberly Davis, Janet Hilger, and back row, Celeste Warrell, Rachel Worden and Sylvia Pultorak.

could fill," so she reinitiated contact with the sisters and requested application.

Rachel Worden comes from St. John the Evangelist Parish in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. She first considered religious life when she was at a FOCUS conference during a session of Adoration and heard "a shadow of a whisper in my heart." She met the sisters at a 'nun run,' and after her time at the motherhouse, she knew in her heart that she did not want to go anywhere else. Worden advises, "Be not afraid. The One that created your heart knows how to fulfill its desires."

Janet Hilger is a member of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She attended Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne where she completed her undergraduate degree in general studies. While there she was encouraged in her discernment through involvement with

the Newman Catholic Fellowship. When she heard the call to the religious life, a priest referred her to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration whom she contacted. It was after a discernment retreat at the motherhouse in Mishawaka, she requested entrance into the community.

Anna Hoefler comes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Before she entered, Hoefler was working for an accounting firm. She first heard the call to the religious life when she was having a difficult time with a section for her CPA exam and turned to her faith. She began to attend daily Mass and grew closer to Our Eucharistic Lord. Hoefler knew the sisters since a few of them attended her parish. She was drawn to the community because of the joy of the sisters and their charisma of Perpetual Adoration. "God is never outdone in generosity."

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My hero

October 19 is the feast of St. John Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions.

You can see the full blazing beauty of leaves at the end of their lives, just before they fall as winter approaches. That's also generally true of the saints, especially the martyrs who gave their lives for the faith.

I recently visited Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario, where one of my heroes is buried and his skull is on display with visible scratches that speak of his violent death.

St. John de Brebeuf grew up in France. He knew high culture and had studied at the best universities. But he left it all for Canada to serve the Huron nation.

Canada is a beautiful place to visit today. Four hundred years ago there were no major cities, hospitals, supermarkets, central heat or any other modern conveniences. Rather, there were roving bands of Iroquois determined to kill every single Huron and every Frenchman they met.

That's the forest St. John ventured into, alone, in a canoe, looking for souls to serve.

He found the Huron and approached them without even knowing their language. No white man did. He won his welcome by humbly serving them.

Even after he was welcomed in, his life didn't get much easier or safer. Every culture has its beauties and its difficulties. He wrote to his friend, St. Isaac Jogues, to prepare him for the mission where he'd join St. John in service — and later in martyrdom. He described how he could barely sleep because of the fleas and rodents in the long houses. His eyes were constantly burning because the houses were smoke-filled and poorly ventilated all winter. Food was bland corn meal and, if you were lucky, some dog meat.

He wrote about a culture where wives were often traded in gambling



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bets and how a witch doctor might turn the people against a missionary at any moment, blaming them, out of superstition for anything that went wrong, even a change in weather. He warned Father Isaac, "You may be killed at any moment."

Yet, despite all the difficulties he encountered, he didn't judge the Huron. He didn't think himself better than them. He thought of himself as

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Depend on God



THE
SUNDAY
GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 18:1-8

The Book of Exodus is the source of this weekend's first reading. One of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, its concepts are attributed to Moses himself. As such, it is part of the Torah, or fundamental document of Judaism.

As its title implies, its focus is upon the flight of the Hebrew people from Egypt, where they had been enslaved, to the land promised them by God as a haven and as their own homeland, a land "flowing with milk and honey."

The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land was not at all easy. First, the natural elements themselves seemed often to assail the refugees. Then, the fleeing Hebrews encountered hostile human forces. Dissidents among them sowed seeds of confusion and alarm. Armies pursued them.

This weekend's reading is about one such encounter the Hebrews had to fight. Only when Moses held aloft the staff given him by God did the people prevail. After a while, Moses, by this time old and weary, could no longer lift his hands. So, his brother, Aaron, the first high priest, and Hur, another faithful disciple, held up his arms with the staff.

For the second reading, the

Church turns to the Second Epistle to Timothy. As was the case in past readings, this weekend's selection reassures Timothy, and challenges him, in his task of discipleship and of serving as a bishop. The reading stresses that Jesus alone is the hope of the redeemed, indeed of all people.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. In first century Palestine, widows were very vulnerable. Poverty was rampant. There was no "social safety net." Since women could not inherit from husbands under the law, they had to rely upon their children to survive. Virtually nothing was available to a woman to make her own living.

Therefore the woman in this story surely was desperate. It is easy to assume that, frantic before her circumstances, she boldly confronted this judge. It also was a time when women were not expected to speak, indeed rarely to be seen.

The judge is hardly admirable. Evidently he was a minor judge, and not a very observant Jew. The Torah would have required him to be particularly solicitous about widows, yet he was not at all interested in this widow. He was more interested in polishing his own image than in responding to her plight.

Jesus uses the story to illustrate a lesson about God. Constant, loud pleas will not finally weary God. Unlike the judge, God is merciful. To ask God for mercy, anyone must believe in God and in God's power of supplying mercy to those in need.

Reflection

The readings from Exodus and St. Luke's Gospel this weekend easily can create several rather

simplistic, childish and incorrect views of God. Exodus might give the impression that some seemingly foolish and unrelated gesture, such as holding arms aloft, will guarantee God's help in a crisis. It smacks of magic, instead of illustrating a trusting relationship with Almighty God. At times, devotion to God requires us to act in ways not understood by our world.

St. Luke's Gospel then can be construed to suggest that people must flood the kingdom of heaven with thundering calls to obtain God's mercy.

Instead, these two readings call us to develop an attitude about prayer that is both humble and trusting. In humility, we realize we can do little on our own. We can do some things, but we cannot fully control our destiny. As did Moses, we must depend on God.

Sustaining this trust, come what may, always is difficult for humans. We trust ourselves too much.

We must rely on God in moments of great concern. Human reasoning well may have no solution.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8
2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25 (Ps)
Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 13:1-9

Misery 'needs' company

As the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana grows, we have decided to begin monthly meetings that will provide fellowship, support and guided discussion for area Catholic medical professionals. Not only doctors (of all stripes), but nurses and nurse practitioners, physician assistants and medical assistants, pharmacists and physical therapists, and anyone who cares for patients, are welcome to attend.

Mass appeal

Every third Saturday morning, we will meet for 8 a.m. Mass at the cathedral's St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Following Mass, we will adjourn to a meeting area for refreshments and a guided discussion of Blessed Pope John Paul II's 1984 Apostolic Letter "On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering."

From the inception of our guild, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has desired that we better understand how our Catholic faith can improve our abilities to serve our patients. He initially asked us to review the 1995 Charter for Health Care Workers, but then we learned that it has been updated by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers and is waiting for approval before being released. Therefore, until the updated charter is available, Bishop Rhoades has approved the letter on suffering as an excellent and appropriate first topic for discussion that will take us through the end of 2014.

Why study suffering?

Why did Pope John Paul write a letter on the meaning of human suffering?

First, because suffering is "almost inseparable from man's earthly existence" and because "throughout his earthly life man walks in one manner or another on the long path of suffering, it is precisely on this path that the Church at all times ... should meet man." Second, suffering is a mystery that lacks meaning to many people. And third, because the existence of human suffering is the greatest argument against God's existence, or at least against His love for us. For these reasons, Blessed John Paul II wanted us to understand the origin, purpose and meaning of human suffering.

As health-care professionals, we have a double-reason for wanting to understand the meaning and purpose of human suffering. First, as human beings, we suffer and need to know how to incorporate our sufferings into the meaning of our lives. Second, we care for suffering people every day, and if we can meet our patients in their suffering and help to alleviate it physically and spiritually, then we have performed a great service.

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St. Paul's secret to happiness

In this letter, Blessed John Paul II unpacks a mysterious verse of St. Paul's:

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church." (Col 1:24)

It seems to me that Paul is on to something greater than room-temperature fusion, a perpetual motion machine, or a car that runs on air. He is claiming that he can take the worst aspect of human life — suffering — and turn it into the greatest thing in human life — happiness. Suffering is something we all want to avoid for its own sake; happiness is something we all seek for its own sake. If suffering can lead to my happiness, then I have found the secret of life.

Christ's secret to happiness

Is this impossible? What did Christ Himself say, "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven ..." (Mt 5:11-12)

In the economy of God, there is an essential linkage between suffering and blessedness, or true happiness.

Good for you; Good for your patients

If you want to learn how to be joyful and happy in suffering, and if you want to be able to pass that on to your patients, come learn from the wisdom of the Church passed on by Blessed Pope John Paul II.

We want your company as we study human misery — and find happiness within it.

Please join us

Monthly third Saturday meetings begin Nov. 16, at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel following 8 a.m. Mass. Go to fortwayneccma.com or call (260) 437-8377 for more information.

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Middle East reality check

The humanitarian and strategic disaster of Syria should focus Catholic minds on the hard fact that there is no easy or quick path to peace in the Middle East, a very dangerous part of the world where Christians of all persuasions are at daily risk of their lives. Two recently published books will help those eager to get beyond media sound-bites, wishful thinking and vague pieties in order to think seriously about the realities that must be faced in a region with too little geography and too much history, where religiously-inspired passion too often leads to murder.

I've read a lot of books on the Middle East and its sorrows, but none quite like Lela Gilbert's "Saturday People, Sunday People: Israel Through the Eyes of a Christian Sojourner," (Encounter Books). Gilbert, an American who came to Israel for a visit and stayed for six years, is a writer of broad human sympathies whose compassion for the panorama of men and women she describes is obvious. Yet that compassion never causes her to lose her grasp of realities that cannot be denied. Such as, for example, the reality from which her book takes its title: the radical Islamist slogan, "On Saturday we kill the Jews. On Sunday we kill the Christians."

Gilbert knows that what she calls the "Islamist culture of death" kills Muslims as well as Jews and Christians, and she grieves for her Muslim friends and their wretched political leadership. At the same time, she is a frank admirer of what the State of Israel has accomplished under unprecedented conditions. Her narrative concludes with a cita-

tion from an introduction to the collected letters of Col. Jonathan (Yoni) Netanyahu, who died rescuing hostages at Entebbe in 1976; the introduction was written by the distinguished novelist Herman Wouk and is worth pondering for all those who would be morally serious about the Middle East today:

"Yoni loathed war and fighting. ... Because he had to fight to save his nation's life, he made himself into a great fighting man. But he knew, as all men of sense know, that war today is ... not a practical political technique. He was philosopher enough to understand this truth, that so long as villains and maniacs would egg on and arm young Arabs to destroy Israel, he would have to be a soldier; and that if he had to he would die fighting for the Return and for peace."

Elliott Abrams's study, "Tested by Zion: The Bush Administration and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," (Cambridge University Press), offers a detailed account of foreign policy-making as daily-grind-leavened-by-high-drama. It ought to be required reading for diplomats-in-training around the world — not excluding the men now studying at Rome's Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, the institutional incubator of those who will represent the Holy See in nunciatures and apostolic delegations in over 180 countries.

Throughout his service in the George W. Bush administration, Abrams pressed the strategic argument that the best thing the U.S. could do for Israeli-Palestinian peace was to disempower the men of terrorism while supporting those Palestinians who were building the civil society infrastructure of a



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future Palestinian state. For a while, that strategy seemed to win the day and a measure of progress was made. But then, in President Bush's second term, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and others who imagined that a "final status" agreement could be hammered out in relatively short order won the internal argument in the U.S. government — and failed, as all such attempts to accelerate a "peace process" will fail, absent a vital, vibrant and prosperous Palestinian civil society capable of sustaining a peaceful and democratic Palestinian state.

Abrams's book opens a window into the human dimension of high-stakes diplomacy; biographers of George W. Bush, Ariel Sharon and others will find in "Tested by Zion" a lot of material with which to work. Above all, however, "Tested by Zion" is a work of great moral and political seriousness by a morally serious man who knows that the meaning of "morality," especially in world politics, is not exhausted by good intentions.

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one of them. He was able to see the beauty and goodness in their culture and wrote about the generosity in their hearts, their capacity for the purest love, the sacrifices they'd make for one another, and about their contemplative spirits. He told his fellow missionaries, "You must love these Huron, ransomed by the blood of the Son of God, as brothers."

He and his friends spent endless hours studying them and learned their language. It's because of these Jesuit missionaries that we have written records of the Huron language and culture. They weren't on a mission to crush a culture, but to preserve it, raise up what was good in it, and bring the light of Christ to it, so that light could shine through the Huron in its own unique way.

In 1649, a band of about 1,000 Iroquois overran a small fort where Father John and his priest friend, St. Gabriel, were ministering to Huron braves. He was told to run but said, "No, I am remaining to minister to my people until the end." He told Father Gabriel Lalemant to run but his friend begged to stay. Like John,

he wanted to die with his Huron brothers.

After they were captured, they endured some of the worst torture of any martyr in the history of the Church. St. John was burned, scalded, stabbed, had a hot iron rammed down his throat, had to watch parts of his flesh be filleted and eaten in front of him, and worse. It's difficult to even write that much gory detail, but it shows the intensity of his courage and love.

Through it all he never cried out and never cursed his killers. Even in the midst of his torment, he was thinking of his Huron brothers, encouraging them not to be afraid. He told them: "Bear up with courage under the few torments remaining. The sufferings will end with your lives. The grandeur which follows will never have an end."

He lasted four hours under the barrage of demented torture, and St. Gabriel, for 16 hours. By the time they died, as a result of their ministry, 7,000 Huron had been baptized. Seven years after their deaths an Iroquois girl was born to a chief in the very tribe that killed him. She is known today as St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American to be canonized. Within a seven-year span, eight of the Jesuit missionaries would give up their lives like Saints John and Gabriel had.

As Jesus, and, in a special way, the martyrs who followed His footsteps show us, souls have a hefty price tag. Christians don't make converts by calling down to the world from the top of an ivory tower. We don't make converts by treating the Church like a safe fortress to keep the sinners out. We spread the message of Jesus' love as He did Himself, by knocking down walls, entering people's lives, and becoming their brothers and sisters.

We can't love people so that they come to know God, because that'd be as phony as the "friendship" of a bad salesman who's your friend with strings attached. Our desire to share the Gospel has to come from a love that's so sincere that even if people reject us and the life we stand for, we'll still love them, as a true brother who's waiting whenever they want to come home.

That's the kind of love that'll open people up to what we have to say. It's the kind of witness the Huron needed 400 years ago. It's the kind of witness the world needs today.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 20, 2013

Luke 18:1-8; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Following is a word search based on the Gospel and second reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PRAY	JUDGE	NEITHER
FEARED GOD	A WIDOW	ADVERSARY
LORD	DAY AND NIGHT	SPEEDILY
COMES	HE FIND	FAITH
TIMOTHY	LEARNED	BELIEVED
SACRED	INSPIRED	EQUIPPED
LIVING	DEAD	PATIENCE

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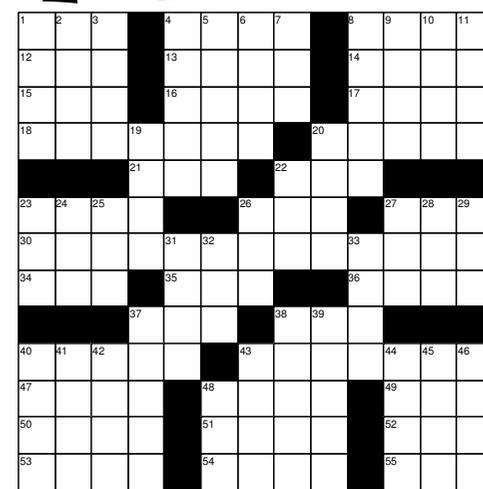
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8 and 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

ACROSS

- 1 Dress edge
- 4 "Father"
- 8 Tropical edible root
- 12 "Hail" - Latin
- 13 Lake bird
- 14 He shall rule with an ___ rod
- 15 Allow
- 16 "Do this often"
- 17 Tabernacle holds this presence
- 18 Newer
- 20 Lose heart
- 21 Amalek waged
- 22 Insane
- 23 U.S. Department of

AGRICULTURE

- 26 Complain
- 27 Craze
- 30 Easy word
- 34 Moses did on rock
- 35 Compass point
- 36 Where Moses sat
- 37 Corporate top dog
- 38 Amalek to Israel
- 40 Mowed with edge of
- 43 Mail to famous people (2 wds.)
- 47 Famous person's car
- 48 give up food
- 49 African antelope
- 50 Some (2 wds.)
- 51 Singing voice

- 52 Possessive pronoun
- 53 Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- 54 File
- 55 "Thou shalt ___ kill."

DOWN

- 1 Not whole
- 2 Forever and ___
- 3 Dole out
- 4 "___ & Omega"
- 5 Hole maker
- 6 Wild pig
- 7 Some
- 8 Moses' arms got
- 9 Location
- 10 Shout
- 11 God's ___ Son
- 19 Beautiful bird
- 20 A daily denarius
- 22 Scottish nickname
- 23 Not downs
- 24 ___ Lanka
- 25 Period
- 26 Compass point
- 27 Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 28 Everyone
- 29 Delaware
- 31 Had a debt
- 32 Spanish "one"
- 33 Excuse me!
- 37 Victor wears
- 38 Abstains from food
- 39 Upon (2 wds.)
- 40 Smack
- 41 Sarah to Abraham
- 42 Sign
- 43 Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
- 44 Against (slang)
- 45 Not out of
- 46 A deadly sin
- 48 Remote

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

LADY COUGARS VOTED TEAM TO BEAT IN CROSSROADS LEAGUE Crossroads League women's basketball coaches have voted the University of Saint Francis as the team to beat in 2013-14. The Lady Cougars, who tied Indiana Wesleyan University for the regular season Crossroads League championship and won Crossroads League Tournament championship in 2012-13, received six of 10 possible first-place votes and 78 points.

ICCL teams march to a championship

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League teams began their march to a championship at Saint Joseph High School's Father Bly Field last weekend.

The West Side Catholic Cardinals squared up against the St. Matthew Blazers, both with identical records, one boasting a dynamic quarterback and the other featuring a black clump.

The Cardinal quarterback Ashton Ruskowski had used his size, speed and arm to keep opposing defenses on their heels all season and the single wing formation of the Blazers had kept fans, officials and would-be tacklers guessing who had the pigskin on almost every play throughout their campaign.

On the Cardinals first possession, Ruskowski showed why his coveted arm was feared as he hit Jake Whitesel for a 50-yard pass play deep into Blazer territory. If it were not for the persistent pursuit of Bransen Bonnell a touchdown would have been imminent.

The drive would stall at the 10 as on the fourth down a Ruskowski pass into the endzone ricocheted off of the hands of Brady Powers and fell to the turf.

The Blazers would find no comfort in the field position and looked a little out of sync as they tried to run at the Cardinal defense but were stopped on four plays turning the ball over on downs still deep in their own zone.

The teams exchanged fumbles.



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

Brady Powers of the West Side Catholic Cardinals is shown above.

One of the turnovers was precipitated by an outstanding play by Blazer Randy Moore and an even more dramatic recovery by his teammate Nick Helak diving for the loose ball and recovering right at the sideline.

The stalemate would be broken as Whitesel broke through the Blazer defense and stumbled 21 yards to the two. He would then plunge over the goal line and Ruskowski's points after try was true giving the lead and the momentum to the Cardinals, 8-0.

It looked like that would be the score heading to intermission, but with only 39 seconds left and the Blazers starting at the 40, Jose Vasquez bolted to the 29 and then the 14 as time was called with four ticks left on the clock.

The Blazers scanned their play-book and ran a double reverse to Trevor Teumac, and the nimble back dashed and dove for paydirt as time expired. Crispin Becker ran up the gut for the point after try making the score at the half, 8-7, West Side.

The black-clad clump would start the second half off by running a patented drive by committee using Vasquez, Teumac, Becker, Moore and Matt Holmes to move the ball or more poetically hold it for the entire quarter only to relinquish it on a fumble at the 23-yard line.

The final drive of the contest would be the committee special as Becker had a nine-yard sneak, followed by a big tough run by Vasquez to the seven, Becker to the four, to the one foot line and finally hitting the promised land making the score 13-8 with under a minute in the contest.

The Cardinals would not muster a comeback and succumbed to the clock and the Blazers.

"We came up with the best game plan we could against them and my kids played with heart and passion, but I can't say I'm not disappointed," remarked Cardinal Coach Giles Horban.

"In the second half we stayed on schedule. We established running up the middle so we could get the corner outside," commented Blazer skipper Ben Domonkos. "The West Side team played hard all the way to the final horn and we are happy to come away with a win."

"We match up next week against the undefeated Saints of Mishawaka Catholic," added Domonkos. "If we play disciplined, keep on our assignments, execute and tackle we should be able to compete."

The semifinals of the playoffs will continue this weekend at Marian High School's Otolski Field as the Blazers take on Mishawaka Catholic Saints at 4 p.m. and the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders vs. the St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius X Panthers follow.

CYO JV volleyball champions crowned

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The junior varsity volleyball players had a busy week of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) tournament action at Queen of Angels.

For the fifth-grade league, St. Charles was crowned champions when they defeated the hard-working group from St. Jude, 25-20, 25-11. In the sixth grade, it was St. Joseph, Decatur, winning it all with a victory over a tough team from St. Vincent, 25-10, 24-25, 15-6. Finally, the Twins from St. Rose/St. Louis beat a young St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel squad, 25-16, 25-10. The Twins got by St. Mary/St. Joseph in the first round and advanced to the championship with a semifinal win over Huntington.

A pleased Coach Kim Sheehan summarized, "We have a very talented group of sixth graders who worked hard all season long and were a lot of fun to coach. They are

just a great group of girls — very determined, competitive and athletic. In the tournament, they served well, passed well and overall, just played well together."

In the seventh-grade league, Kelly Murray's Commodores from St. Joseph, Decatur, beat St. Jude 25-22, 25-10 on Saturday, Oct. 5. In the first game, Jordyn Knous led the team with four aces and Grace Wellman added another. Makenzie Cook led the team with five aces in the second game and Wellman had two more.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, Decatur won against St. Charles, 25-21, 25-18. Breckan McBarnes had two aces and Knous had one. Cook added three aces in the second game. The Commodores are 10-2 for the season.

After a county tournament, they geared up for the CYO tournament, which began on Oct. 14 for the varsity levels. The reigning champs, St. Rose/St. Louis remained undefeated in the Blue League to earn the top seed in their tournament.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Members of the St. Rose/St. Louis Twins celebrate with the 2013 CYO Championship trophy.

Catholic Charities Executive Director Position

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeking an Executive Director. The person for this position should possess a good balance of administrative skills and a passion for the mission of Catholic Charities, including good communication and listening skills, an ability to be a good ambassador for the agency in the larger community, and a person who has compassion for clients while adhering to Catholic social teaching. Requirements include an advanced degree and practical experience leading a non-profit organization with a staff of over 25, and ability to collaborate and delegate. Preference will be shown to someone who has knowledge of non-profit financial management and a background understanding of fund development, marketing and promotion.

Resumes can be sent to the attention of Msgr. Robert Schulte at rschulte@diocesefwsb.org by November 15, 2013.

CYO football playoff games begin

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles won its fifth straight game defeating the St. Jude Eagles in the first round of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) playoff action. Eddie Morris rushed for an even 100 yards and two touchdowns. Alex Straessle, TJ Tippmann, Isaac Blume and Collin Reed also had rushing touchdowns.

Morris was under pressure from a solid Eagles line but the St. Charles line led by tackles Adam Lightner and Jake Vanek were able to open up some big holes for their running backs. Seventh-grader Drew Aguirre had two interceptions for the Cardinals upping his total to four picks this season.

In the semifinals, St. Charles will face St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW).

The Eagles advanced with a first round win over Most Precious Blood/Queen of Angels/St. John the Baptist, New Haven. St. Vincent was the third first-round win with a victory over St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese. The Panthers will go up against the unbeaten Crusaders from Holy Cross in round two play on Oct. 20 at the University of Saint Francis.

Catholic singer-songwriter aims to bring Christ to '10,000 places'

BY JOSEPH AUSTIN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Singer-songwriter Audrey Assad seeks to bring a message of Pope Francis about building bridges to the music business.

"Paul is a pontifex, a builder of bridges," the pope said at a Mass last May. "He doesn't want to become a builder of walls. ... This is the attitude of Paul in Athens: Build a bridge to their heart, in order then to take another step and announce Jesus Christ."

"As a musician, a unique way I live that out, being Catholic in an industry full of evangelicals and Protestants," Assad said, is to "establish bridges ... (to) be Catholic in the presence of people (who have) never encountered a Catholic before."

Assad will perform at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, on Thursday, Oct. 24. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the concert is at 7 p.m. in the main body of the church. Admission is free, but the parish is asking for a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. They are asking specifically for bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, peanut butter and jelly, and pasta and noodles.

A New Jersey native, Assad grew up in a Christian Plymouth Brethren home and never encountered a Catholic until she was 21. Then she met a high school student who changed her life.

A Catholic involved in LifeTeen ministries, he knew his faith really well, and he "asked me questions that challenged my faith," Assad recalled. She said she was already considering entering the Catholic Church because she liked the reverence and the incense, but that his words really challenged her to come to a deeper understanding of her faith.

She became a Catholic in 2007, realizing that the "sacraments were real and I needed them, and that the only place to really get them was in a Catholic Church," she told

Catholic News Service in a telephone interview.

Both of her parents came to her Confirmation, and she describes them as being supportive of her decision after they had seen her growing in her faith for two years.

Assad, whose mother is musically inclined, started playing piano at age 2. After attending college for a few months, she left and supported her musical career with odd jobs for several years before moving to Nashville, Tenn., at the promising age of 24 with \$7,000 she had raised for the venture.

She said she was just putting it all out there and then seeing what happened. She thought, "This is the time. I'm not married. I feel this was obedience" to God's plan.

"One afternoon me and my roommate ... (were) looking under couches for quarters to go eat at Wendy's," she recalled, explaining that she often rolled change because she just wasn't making enough money to eat.

"I trusted that God will provide and he did over and over," she told CNS. "I just held on and believed that God had called me to it."

"All my pride, you know it doesn't stand a chance against the way you move. You're tearing up roots and breaking down walls," she writes in a song titled, "The Way You Move."

After working at a record company for several years, she spent some time going on tour with Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, Jars of Clay, Tenth Avenue North, Michael W. Smith and many other Christian artists. Over time, the now 29-year-old has cut several albums and built a reputation for herself in the music industry. Her husband, William Price III, is her publicist.

A big fan of the teaching and mystical insights of Blessed John Paul II, Assad takes composing lyrics and



CNS PHOTO/ELLIE ARCIAGA, COURTESY OF AUDREY ASSAD

Singer-songwriter Audrey Assad describes her musical efforts as "pastoral," bringing a Catholic presence to the world of Christian music.

music of her songs quite seriously.

"I don't want to just write what I'm feeling," she said. "Am I feeling desolate, joyful? Now let me read some Scriptures and teachings so I can write a song that is helpful to people, (and) not just me venting," she said, describing her music ministry as "pastoral."

"These songs are true to the teachings of the Church ... with richness of orthodoxy," she said. At the same time, though, she gives a huge effort to making them artistically beautiful because the "Church deserves my best work," she said.

"The truth does not change

Audrey Assad will perform at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, on Thursday, Oct. 24. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the concert is at 7 p.m. in the main body of the church. Admission is free, but the parish is asking for a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

according to our ability to stomach it," Flannery O'Connor once said.

O'Connor, a Southern Catholic writer from the 1950s and '60s, is one of Assad's literary favorites. An avid reader, the singer-songwriter is on a mission to encourage people to read and write.

She says her current favorite books are "Anna Karenina" by Tolstoy and anything by Jane Austen.

Asked about a book popular with young people right now, she commented: "I hate 'Twilight.'" She was referring to the series of young-adult vampire-romance novels that have been made into a series of movies.

"I don't have a problem with fantasy. I like zombie shows. I'm not ... against those things, but I think I just don't like the idea that teenagers are reading things that aren't challenging to read. 'Twilight' sells them short on what their brains are capable of taking," she said.

Assad draws much of her inspiration for her music from just living life.

"I've never been a musician who sits down" and plays a lot because

"I have to be in a certain headspace to really feel the desire to do that," she explained. "I like to read or cook and then if I'm writing, then I'm writing."

Musically, she is "super-influenced" by Paul Simon.

"He's just not selfish about performing. He sees it as an exchange between himself and the audience," she said. "When I go to a place and sing, that is an experience we're all having together," she added, explaining that her concerts are not the same every night.

Among her other inspirations is the English poet-priest Jesuit Father Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889). "For Christ plays in 10,000 places," the priest once wrote in his poem "As Kingfishers Catch Fire."

"To the Father through the features of men's faces," he said. That inspired Assad to write the song "For Love of You":

"You live in a million places. Your fingerprints can be seen on a million faces. There is a trace of you in every hallelujah. Every song that I sing."

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Open house for prospective students and their families

Fort Wayne – Bishop Luers High School will have an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. To register or for information visit www.bishopluers.org.

St. Joseph Cemetery clean-up day

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish cemetery will have a clean-up day Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Rain date is Nov. 9.

Couple to Couple League plans classes

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will have a course in marriage-building, morally acceptable, highly effective Natural Family Planning. The series of three classes, one per month, begins on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. Call (260) 489-1856 or email mshannon11@frontier.com for information.

Program on grief planned at Villa

Fort Wayne — Villa of the Woods, 5610 Noll Ave., will host "Continuing to Make the Holidays Special While Special People are Missing" with Bonnie Davis, grief counselor for Visiting Nurse and Hospice, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10-11 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Mass and healing service planned

Fort Wayne — A Mass and healing service is planned for Friday, Nov. 8, at Our Lady of the Angels Oratory at 7 p.m.

Lasagna dinner planned

Mishawaka — The Queen of Peace music ministry will have a lasagna dinner Friday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church, 4508 Vistula Rd. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Dine in or carry out. Contact Brad

Todorovich at (574) 255-9674 ext. 132 for information.

Sunday breakfast at Most Precious Blood

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will sponsor breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children (6-12) and \$20 per family. Carry-out will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Bishop Rhoades Seminarian Education Fund.

CRAFT SALES AND BAZAARS

Bake and rummage sale

South Bend — St. John the Baptist's Altar and Rosary Society will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fresh bread baked on site and \$1 bag sale on Sunday.

Harvest luncheon

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a harvest luncheon Thursday, Oct. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. in the activities center. Card games and table prizes. Tickets are \$8. Call (260) 482-1660 for information.

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel offers fall rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a fall rummage and bake sale Thursday, Oct. 24, from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$3 bag sale on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon.

St. Joseph Holiday craft BOOzaar

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish will have a holiday craft BOOzaar on Saturday, Oct. 26,

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school, 230 S. Spring St. Over 70 craft and gift item tables and tasty treats. Each canned or boxed food item donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, will receive an entry in the "mini" raffle. Trick or treating for the kids.

Craft bazaar and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish, 2213 Brooklyn Ave., will have a craft bazaar and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homemade crafts and lunch available. Call (260) 432-5113 for information.

Home party and craft show

Monroeville — St. Louis Academy will host a home party and craft show Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Youth Center, 19819 Monroeville Rd.

St. Mary plans craft, bake sale

Avilla — St. Mary Parish will have a craft, bake sale Sunday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. Some tables still available.

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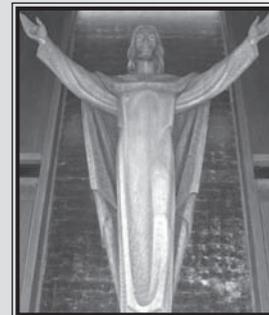
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