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BY TIM JOHNSON

Inter-faith vigil supports comprehensive immigration reform

FORT WAYNE — Many gathered outside the Allen County Courthouse on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, for a call to the U.S. House of Representatives to schedule a vote for comprehensive immigration reform. The peaceful inter-faith vigil drew a crowd of over 350 who carried signs with the Statue of Liberty, held the American flag and chanted for immigration reform now.

“This vigil is to support comprehensive immigration reform in line with the Senate Bill 744 approved by the U.S. Senate this past June,” shared Dr. Max U. Montesino, president of the Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana, which organized the vigil. Montesino also served as the vigil’s moderator.

“(The vigil’s) objective is to call the House of Representatives in Washington to schedule a vote for immigration reform before the end of this legislative session in December,” Montesino reported.

Vigil participants were encouraged to ask the House of Representatives — particularly House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-3) — to approve legislation that emphasizes family unity, a path to legalization and earned citizenship for undocumented workers, a revamping of employment-based preferential programs and a path to legalization that is comprehensive.

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Catholic Charities relocates to the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center

FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has moved from 315 E. Washington Blvd. to the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., effective Oct. 24. The new offices will reside on the first and seventh floors.

The new location has been planned for the past two years. All current programs and services will remain unchanged. These include pregnancy and adoption, immigration, refugee resettlement, senior AIDS, Hispanic health, Hoosier Corps, resource and referral and ECHO.

Catholic Charities is a state licensed COA accredited social services agency serving people in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Steuben, St. Joseph, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties and has additional offices in South Bend and Auburn.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will bless the new offices on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

WALK FOR LIFE

Eighth-grade students and staff from St. Charles Borromeo, St. Vincent de Paul and Queen of Angels schools in Fort Wayne carry crosses from St. Charles to the Fort Wayne abortion facility on Inwood Drive. The walk is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign.
Charity in speech

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

Every time we pray the Confiteor, we confess that we have greatly sinned, in our thoughts and in our words, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. I underline “in our words” since this is a species of sin that we may sometimes ignore or minimize. Yet words can cause harm and hurt. In fact, not only is lying a violation of the 8th commandment, an offense against God and neighbor, so is speech that is malicious, slanderous, or hateful.

I write about this topic in this week’s column since it seems that there is a growing lack of civility, not only in public and political discourse and debate, but also among people through blogs and e-mail and other communications. Perhaps the ability to communicate one’s thoughts or sentiments so rapidly has made some say or write things without the proper discernment and thought beforehand. There is a lot of hasty imprudence. I see this even within the Church community, when in anger, people send messages that do not reflect the charity in speech that should be a mark of a disciple of Christ.

It is important for all of us to examine our consciences before going to confession not only regarding sinful actions, but also regarding speech. For example, the sin of rash judgment, assuming as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; the sin of detraction, without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them; and the sin of calumny, harming the reputation of others by remarks contrary to the truth (cf. CCC 2477).

Angry and hateful words can harm or destroy the reputation of other people. They can also cause deep hurt to others. Sometimes this can happen even among family members and friends. And it can happen among members of the Church, the family of Christ. Malicious words can be a form of violence against the dignity of others.

Last month, in a homily, Pope Francis spoke very strongly against gossip. He said there is no such thing as “innocent gossip.” He spoke of gossip as a “slap” to Jesus and said that it “ruins your soul.” He went on to say: Those who live judging their neighbor, speaking ill of their neighbor, are hypocrites, because they lack the strength and the courage to look to their own shortcomings. I think Pope Francis is right. We are called to love our neighbors, not talk about them behind their backs, whether true or not. As the Holy Father noted, our tongues are meant to praise God, not to speak negatively about members of his body.

Pope Francis said that there are some who believe that certain persons deserve to be gossiped about, but that is not the case. Rather, he encouraged us to pray and do penance for such persons. We should seek to help others and not tear them down.

We must all learn to speak only with charity. If frustrated or angry at others, we should pray for them instead of harboring resentment. We should still speak to them, and about them, with kindness. We should never seek to tear other people down, but to build them up. Careless and malicious words tear people down. They are a sin against the fifth commandment.

Charity is the greatest of all the virtues. Charity in speech is part of this virtue. Remember the famous words of Saint Paul: “If I … have not charity, I am nothing. … If I … have not charity, I gain nothing.” Charity is the first of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Of course, charity in our words springs from charity in our hearts. If we have a judgmental attitude toward others, rooted in pride, we will be quick to make rash judgments or slander others. Blessed Mother Teresa used to say: “If you take time to judge, you don’t have time to love.” How true these words are. How quick we can be to judge or condemn others, rather than pray for them. How quick we can be to focus on the faults of others rather than our own.

When we are unwilling to forgive others, when we hold grudges and cling to bitterness, our hearts become cold. Our words become bitter. The Lord teaches us to love our enemies and to pray for our persecutors. When we reflect on how often our Lord has forgiven us, we are more inclined to forgive those who trespass against us. The Lord teaches us the Beatitude: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”

The great bishop Saint Augustine had a sign over the table in his episcopal residence where he dined with the priests of his diocese. It said: “If you speak ill of your brother here, you are not welcome at this table.” It is said that Saint Augustine enforced this rule. It is a good rule for all of us. To speak ill of others, to complain or gossip about our neighbor, is a sin against charity.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be charitable: in thought, word, and deed. This is the Christian path, the path to holiness.
Catholic presence bolstered at Trine University

ANGOLA — The Catholic presence at Trine University is growing with a core group of students who are excited about their faith and have a heart for evangelization and sharing the Good News.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made a pastoral visit to the Trine Newman Catholic Fellowship community on Oct. 16. The evening included the celebration of Mass in the chapel at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Angola. The parish works closely with the Trine fellowship group and Conventional Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor at St. Anthony, serves as the fellowship’s chaplain. Rosie Lehman is the fellowship’s coordinator.

At the Mass, Bishop Rhoades reflected on the Pharisees and scholars in Luke 11:37-46, how they sought honor and greetings but forgot about the judgment and love for God. He encouraged the students to grow in knowledge and to never stop seeking the love of Christ in all that they do as they grow older.

The bishop also spoke about his personal prayer life — how he tries to imagine himself in the Scripture and to experience it silently in his heart, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to him. Bishop Rhoades also spoke of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, whose feast day is Oct. 16. The French Visitandine mystic, who died in 1690, promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and first Friday devotion. She received the support of Blessed Claude La Colombiere, the community’s confessor for a time, who declared that the visions St. Margaret Mary received from Jesus were genuine.

During dinner and fellowship that followed in the parish hall, Bishop Rhoades offered a question-answer session. Students asked questions regarding the defense of marriage, the Apostles’ understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the apostolic succession.

Nicholas Cooper, the treasurer of the Newman Catholic Fellowship who is from St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and is studying electrical engineering, told Today’s Catholic, “It was a true blessing to have the bishop travel to Angola to spend time with the Catholic students at Trine University. As our group continues to grow, the visible support of the bishop along with his prayers and support of all young adults in the diocese is wonderful. I think I speak on behalf of all of the students present in saying that it was a truly unique experience to celebrate the Eucharist and share a meal with the bishop in such an intimate and personal setting.”

The Newman Catholic Fellowship at Trine University seeks to “provide students with opportunities that allow them to gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, which will ultimately lead them closer to Christ,” Cooper said. “By empowering students with knowledge of the faith, we pray that the light of Christ will then shine forth on campus in conversations and interactions with friends, colleagues and faculty.”

On campus, Cooper said, “we provide opportunities to grow in our Catholic faith through Bible studies, Adoration and student Masses. Throughout the year, we also promote a variety of fellowship activities both on and off campus and events throughout the diocese for young adults. Annually, we also attend an inter-collegiate retreat in the fall hosted by the IPFW Newman group.”

Last weekend, about 40 Newman Catholic students from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Trine University, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech and Manchester University held a retreat at the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington.

The Trine fellowship is making its presence known on campus through organization fairs, community service events and social events. “We hope that as we continue to grow in number, our presence on campus will grow also,” Cooper said.

St. Anthony Parish in Angola has been a tremendous blessing to the group. “Their outpouring of support through time, talent and treasure is truly a testament to the parish community and Christ’s love,” Cooper noted. “They have welcomed students to participate as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, guests and participants of Christ Renewes His Parish (CRHP) and ARISE. The Knights of Columbus have also supported our group’s pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. These are but a few of the ways in which the parish has made the Trine students feel at home in Angola.”

“Being part of the Trine NCF (Newman Catholic Fellowship) has had the greatest impression on me as a Catholic,” said Rob Bolka, a Trine University student and fellowship member. “College is a time where we are most vulnerable and susceptible to the ploys of the enemy,” Bolka noted. “NCF offers students a solid foundation and a community of believers who can help one another grow in our faith. I pray this community of students continues to grow and flower long after I have gone.”

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, políticas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, www.diocesefwsb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro “Safe Environment.”

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o deacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260) 399-1458, correo electrónico: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. La Diócesis es comprometida en un esfuerzo para prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.
Abby Johnson, Bishop Rhoades speak at ‘Life is Precious’ dinner

BY TOM UEHRING

SOUTH BEND — Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic and now a pro-life speaker, was the keynote speaker for the “Life is Precious” dinner hosted by the Saint Joseph County Right to Life on Oct. 10. Johnson, as well as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, addressed the 602 registrants of the dinner.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the abortion industry’s “meaning and purpose are found in its orientation to the true and the good.”

“When freedom is exalted to such a degree that it becomes an absolute, when it becomes the source of values, the results are devastating. Freedom to kill an innocent human being isn’t true freedom,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He prayed for the gift of hope that “good can triumph over evil … to build a culture of life and a civilization of love.”

Abby Johnson opened her talk with the question, “What kind of person runs an abortion clinic?”

Johnson grew up in a good Christian home, and, as an adult, she helped facilitate an estimated 20,000 abortions. She said, “It happened just a little bit at a time. That’s how the sin works.”

Johnson had an abortion while attending Texas A&M University. Later, she was drawn to Planned Parenthood job fair booth at the student center. Johnson bought all the talking points of the professional Planned Parenthood recruiters and started volunteering. About a year later she had a second abortion.

After college and a master’s degree, Johnson started working for Planned Parenthood.

“I really believed I was helping women,” she said. All the eight years she worked for Planned Parenthood she went to church every Sunday and thought of herself as a good Christian.

This was only possible, Johnson explained, because there is a very deep, strong disconnect inside the abortion clinic. The workers cannot see the humanity of the unborn child.

What dramatically turned her life upside down was a day a visiting abortionist asked her to hold the ultrasound instrument so he could guide the suction tube to the baby who was three months along. On the screen she could see the suction tube approaching the child. The child jumped and started to flail its arms and legs, trying to move away, and then the child was destroyed before her very eyes. Johnson was already hardened to this.

What jolted her conscience awake was that she simply stood by and watched it happen and did nothing to intervene. It was that day that Johnson resolved she had to get out of the abortion business, the day that led to her eventually becoming a dynamic pro-life activist.

Johnson said that the main reason abortion is still legal after 40 years is apathy on the part of Christians. She said, “I believe abortion would end overnight if the Body of Christ came together and said, ‘Not one more!’”

Last year, 554 women were killed at the Women’s Pavilion in South Bend. Ernce Heidi Meier concluded the dinner with an exhortation, “We are too quiet, Michiana. We have voices that must be heard! … It is time to speak up!” she urged on. “It is time to end the deadly silence and speak with open hearts!”

Attendance surged from last year’s 450 to 602 this year. Tom Gill, president of the board of directors, speculated that for more people, abortion has become a greater priority.

“Pro-lifers are beginning to recognize the urgency of the issue,” Gill said. “Not only are they starting to see the benefits of being more active — lower abortion rates, more abortion clinics closing, and a growing pro-life majority — but they’re also beginning to recognize the increasing threats from government and culture.”

A key factor for the increase in saved lives in South Bend has been dedicated and trained sidewalk counselors such as Alyssa Rosselli of LaPorte, who received the organization’s Annette M. Macknick Courage Award for her efforts.

Roger Blaine was presented with the Pillar of Life Award for his many years of volunteer service at the Saint Joseph County Right to Life office and praying at the abortion clinic.

Abigail Kirk of Bethel College and Alessia Faustich of the University of Notre Dame were both honored for their multiple pro-life initiatives and were awarded Brother John Lavelle, CSC, scholarships.

Keynote speaker for the “Life is Precious” dinner, hosted by the Saint Joseph County Right to Life on Oct. 10, was Abby Johnson. Johnson directed the Bryan College Station, Texas, Planned Parenthood abortion clinic for eight years. She became a pro-life convert in 2009. Johnson joined the Catholic Church in 2011.

She said, “We are gathered today to speak for the little ones who cannot speak for themselves.” And he underscored the evening’s pro-life theme of “adoption, the loving option.”

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BANQUET FOR LIFE CELEBRATES ADOPTION, THE ‘LOVING OPTION’

BY BONNIE ELMERSON

FORT WAYNE — “Celebrating Adoption” was the theme for the 16th annual Banquet for Life, which was sponsored by Allen County Right to Life, hosted by Don and Mary Kay Ehlerding and attended by area-wide proponents of life. The Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne was filled to capacity for the annual dinner on Monday, Oct. 14.

The crowd was warmly welcomed by Dr. Peter Scaper, president of the organization, who told them, “We are gathered together to speak for the little ones who cannot speak for themselves.”

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Ryan Bomberger speaks at the Allen County Right to Life Banquet.

Each year it is bestowed on someone who contributes in a special way to the pro-life cause. In addition to their personal commitment, the Witnesses recently were instrumental in recruiting IPFW Students for Life and others to join them in counsel- ing and prayer support.

A crowd pleaser was the Pro Life Auction of 11 raffle items including gourmet dinners, Notre Dame foot- ball, Komets hockey and Tin Caps baseball tickets and a Mackinac Island getaway, which garnered more than $21,000 for the pro-life cause.

Another highlight of the eve- ning was a conference held by Shepherds United, a group of pas- tors united for life, which pledges support for traditional marriage and religious freedom. The annual March for Life and Silent No More events drew large crowds, and the semi-annual 40 Days for Life cam- paigns drew attention to pro-life activities. The Friends for Life trip to Washington D.C., to protest Roe v. Wade in January and Friends for Life Boot Camp in July were well attended by scores of young people. A September Links Fore Life golf tournament attracted many partici- pants and in October, a Memorial Service for the Unborn commemorated those lost to abortion. And Senate Bill 371, the comprehensive abor- tion regulation bill, was passed in the 2013 Indiana legislative session, giving pro-life advocates a major victory in the ongoing campaign.

Humbarger was pleased to announce the latest salvo in the fight against the local abortion clinic, with nearly 500 consumer complaints being filed with the Allen County License and Permit Division. In addition, Dr. Klopf, its abortionist, announced a big noise,” said Humbarger with poignancy.

“With the recent rise in complaints, it is time to speak up!” she urged on.

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related visas, rational border security measures, and the alignment of the enforcement of immigration laws with humanitarian values. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has voiced a similar program that contains those elements. Parishioners from St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, were well represented at the vigil.

Divine Word Missionary Father Andrew Thu Pham, the pastor of St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, who came to the U.S. from South Vietnam in 1983 at the age of 14, was among the 15-plus speakers who spoke at the vigil. “I came here just like any one of us,” he told those gathered. “This country is the country of freedom where I can become a Catholic priest,” he emphasized. “I am a Vietnamese-American. I can vote, and I support immigration reform.”

Divine Word Missionary Father Sam Cunningham, parochial vicar of St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, also spoke at the vigil. “The United States that I know is the United States of diversity,” he said. “It has always been a country of immigrants.”

“As we work to maintain the diversity that we are,” Father Cunningham said, “we need to make sure that the families who are here can stay intact. … We need family unity and to stop the deportations that break up many of the families in this community and others. We need to make sure that the 11 million who live, work and contribute here, have a place here. We need to make sure that those 11 million have a path to legalization and earned citizenship. … We need to also make sure that there are rational security measures on the border.”

He added, “We need to make sure that there is alignment of enforcement, immigration laws with true humanitarian values that share, shape and continue the diversity that this country has always been. We need to say, as a nation, we do not accept xenophobia. We do not accept racism. We do not accept laws that contribute and continue xenophobic practices and racial discrimination.”

Enid Roman-DeJesus of the diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office, told Today’s Catholic it was good that there were many speakers at the vigil from different cultures and religions, because “immigration reform is not just for Hispanics.” This affects many cultures “that are here to live the American dream … and to be part of this great nation.”

Tena Dellaca-Hedrick, social justice program coordinator at the Victory Noll Center in Huntington, herself an immigrant from Australia, spoke of myths about immigrants. Many believe the highest immigration population is Hispanic and that most of them are illegal, but Dellaca-Hedrick countered, “the statistic is that only 30 percent of immigrants that came in 2012 were actually Hispanic and 38 percent were Asian descent.” She also noted that 75 percent of immigrants come to the U.S. legally. Dellaca-Hedrick referred to a statistic that shows in the next 20 years, “there will be $500 billion contributed to our economic system by immigrant-entrepreneurs.”

She addressed the belief that immigrants are taking American jobs. Often it is the undocumented immigrants who take the jobs Americans won’t take, she noted. “I call for immigration reform not because it is the right thing to do, but because we need to find a way to bring the rest of those who are already in this country into the economic system — for the taxes they will pay, for the social services they will pay to provide, for the professions that they will provide, for the businesses they will create because of the entrepreneurship of the immigrant,” Dellaca-Hedrick said.

“Most of all,” she said, “I think it is important to remember, that there is no American — no matter who they are — that is not a descendent of an immigrant whether they are first generation or 20th generation.”
Bishop Rhoades speaks on charity, compassion at Goshen College

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was invited to deliver the homily at a chapel service at Goshen College in Goshen on Friday, Oct. 18. Bishop Rhoades commented he was made to feel right at home.

The worship leaders at Goshen College began the chapel service with the “passing of the peace” and chose more traditionally Catholic songs including “Somos el Cuerpo” and “Make me a Channel of Your Peace” for the service. One of the worship leaders shared that Catholics are the second largest demographic at Goshen College.

Professor of Education and Philosophy and parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen, Kevin Gary, introduced the bishop on his first visit to the college explaining to the students gathered that Bishop Rhoades’ personal motto is “Truth in Charity” from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Gary also shared the quote, “If there’s not a peace among the religions there will not be peace in the world.”

Bishop Rhoades addressed the students, saying, “I am very grateful for the invitation to pray and speak with you today. I have heard many good things about Goshen College and I am especially grateful for the ecumenical spirit of this community. As you may know, there has been a fruitful ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Mennonites, between the Mennonite World Conference and the Vatican. It began in 1998. It seeks to promote better understanding of our respective teachings and also seeks to overcome some long-standing prejudices.”

He also spoke of the good ecumenical relationship between Catholics and Mennonites in the local community through Bridgeworks. The bishop said the report from the international level talks, as revealed in a dialogue report entitled “Called Together to be Peacemakers,” has shown that “Catholics and Mennonites hold many convictions in common. We both understand that reconciliation, nonviolence, and active peacemaking belong to the heart of the Gospel.” This understanding has led to ever closer ties of friendship between the Catholic and Mennonite communities.

In light of the campus ministry theme of “Sowing Compassion, Side by Side” Bishop Rhoades spoke on “our shared conviction regarding love and compassion for the poor. This is a theme that has been prominent in the teaching and ministry of Pope Francis.”

He reminded the congregation that the pope chose the name Francis — the first Pope Francis in 2,000 years — after a Brazilian cardinal encouraged him to “never forget the poor.” In a meeting shortly afterwards the newly-elected pope explained that he chose the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, speaking about how many poor people there still are suffering in the world.

“Then he added, ‘But there is another form of poverty! It is the spiritual poverty of our time, which afflicts the so-called richer countries particularly seriously.’”

So Pope Francis’ outreach to the poor includes not only the materially poor, but also the spiritually poor, those who lack hope, those who are neglected, those who suffer from loneliness, etc.” Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of works of mercy, as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, saying, “In the Catholic tradition we speak about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. … Instructing, advising, counseling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned and burying the dead.”

“I wish to encourage you to this imitation of the compassion of Christ. The theme for your campus ministries this year here at Goshen College is a great challenge: ‘Sowing Compassion.’ This is the Gospel. Think of the meaning of that word ‘compassion’ — from the Latin ‘cum-passio,’ to suffer with. This is what Jesus did. This is what St. Francis did. This is what Pope Francis is calling Christians to live today. True compassion! Not just externally helping our neighbor in need, but truly helping ‘from our hearts.’” Bishop Rhoades said.

He told the students in a speech this summer Pope Francis posed two questions: When you give alms do you look into the eyes of the man or woman to whom you give alms? And when you give alms do you touch the hand of the one to whom you give alms or do you toss the coin? He said Pope Benedict also stressed that every suffering person has even a greater need for “loving personal concern.”

He shared that when he was at St. Francis Church in Harrisburg, Pa., they fed 250 people a day, “But it had to be more than serving food, they had a greater need for loving personal concern. So it was important that we talk to them, that we share with them. That’s what makes Christian charity different than philanthropy.”

He concluded his talk by saying, “May the Lord help all of us to grow in true Christian charity and compassion! May God bless this community of Goshen College as you sow compassion.”

After the bishop’s talk, Goshen College President Jim Brenneman presented the bishop with a copy of a college student’s study Bible published by St. Mary’s Press in which he wrote an introduction.

Brenneman said, “I was humbled when asked to write the introduction — it was so generous of them to ask a Mennonite biblical theologian to write an introduction for a Catholic study Bible! I see you as a kindred spirit,” he told Bishop Rhoades, “May God bless your ministry.”

Bishop Rhoades gave the Eucharistic benediction and spoke to a few students afterwards, including Isaiah Friesen, who said he wanted to personally greet the bishop.

“I was intrigued by what he had to say about Pope Francis and his teachings. I think the dialogue between Mennonites and Catholics is important and beneficial,” Friesen said, “So I really appreciate that he was here.”

The Goshen College worship team leads the congregation in an ecumenical chapel service where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades (standing in the pews) was the speaker. To the right of Bishop Rhoades are Goshen College President Jim Brenneman and Stephanie and Marc Green, parishioners at St. John the Evangelist, Goshen.
St. Jude Parish to hold open house

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Parish will be hosting a community open house on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 19704 Johnson Rd. in South Bend. Members of the parish, the school and the community are invited to come and view the newly completed church sanctuary and school additions.

The St. Jude “Our Time to Build” campaign began only one year ago. In a matter of months, parishioners were able to raise or pledge more than $3.2 million of their $3.9 million target for the first two stages of their building goal. Construction began in March of this year, and was completed in time for the blessing of the new sanctuary and dedication of the altar by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at a Mass on Sept. 29.

The building project included an expansion and complete renovation of the sanctuary, including three new stained-glass windows, a larger narthex and entryway, and an outdoor plaza. The installation of an elevator will ensure access for everyone to all levels of the church. The school gained two new classrooms, enabling the opening of a new pre-kindergarten program and new office space for administration. Former offices were repurposed for small-group/resource learning. Both the school and church will benefit from updates to the HVAC system.

At the open house, guests may take tours, attend special presentations about the church, see classroom demonstrations and fine arts performances, and visit the ministry fair. Light refreshments will be provided.

Human Dignity Lecture to be held Oct 30

NOTRE DAME — The Office of University Life Initiatives in the Institute for Church Life will host the annual Human Dignity Lecture on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

This year’s guest lecturer is Notre Dame’s John Cardinal O’Hara Professor of Theology, Dominican Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, whose lecture, “Poverty and Human Dignity,” is free and open to the public.

For more information about Father Gutiérrez visit https://theology.nd.edu. For more information about the Human Dignity Lecture or University Life Initiatives visit https://lifeinitiatives.nd.edu.

2013 McMahon Aquinas Lecture has been announced

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College has announced that philosopher Thomas Hibbs will give the 2013 McMahon Aquinas Lecture titled “Natural Law and the Eclipse of Liberal Education” on Monday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. The event is free, and members of the public and Saint Mary’s community are encouraged to attend.

Hibbs has written numerous scholarly books on St. Thomas Aquinas and on popular culture, and he is a prolific commentator on film, culture and higher education in the popular media. He is dean of the Honors College and the Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Culture at Baylor University. In his McMahon Aquinas Lecture, Hibbs will consider recent literature on the crisis in higher education, particularly as it concerns the loss of any sense of a unified end of, or inherent purpose in, university education. He will offer a Catholic response that focuses on a broadly Thomistic account of human nature.

Michael Waddell, holder of the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy at Saint Mary’s College, said of the speaker, “Tom Hibbs is a leading voice in Thomistic philosophy and Christian higher education, as well as an insightful critic of contemporary culture. It’s hard to imagine a person who is better equipped to bring the resources of the Catholic intellectual tradition to bear on the current crisis in higher education. We are delighted to have him as this year’s McMahon Aquinas lecturer.”

The Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy sponsors the annual lecture on a topic related to the thought of Thomas Aquinas. For more information about the lecture and other activities of the McMahon Aquinas Chair, go to www.saintmarys.edu/mcmahon-aquinas-chair/lecture.

Serra Club of South Bend hosts healthcare speaker

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend hosted speaker Kurt Meyer from the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center on Sept. 18, who addressed the Affordable Care Act and the Catholic Church. He told the attendees that with the exception of the contraceptive component, many of the elements of the act are helpful to the community. Meyer emphasized that the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, as the only Catholic hospital in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will continue to serve the poor as always and stay in communion with the principles and values of the Catholic faith.

Council receives Knights of Columbus Star Award

MISHAWAKA — Grand Knight Jim Highfield of Mishawaka, accepted awards on behalf of Members of the St. Louis Rosary Sodality and students at St. Louis Academy, New Haven, release a rosary balloon after reciting the devotion outdoors together on the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7.
American Heritage Girls see growth at St. Vincent, St. Pius

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Founded in 1995 in Cincinnati, Ohio, American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a faith-based character development program dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences.

Since its beginning, AHG membership has grown by 30-50 percent each year. AHG will exceed 30,000 members by the end of 2013. American Heritage Girls is currently chartered in 74 dioceses. To date, there are 155 AHG Catholic troops, reported Jody Token, the national public relations coordinator of American Heritage Girls.

“The Catholic denomination is now our fastest growing membership in the AHG programs,” she added.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, there are active charters at St. Pius X, Granger, and St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. There is another charter at St. Anthony Parish in South Bend. The St. Vincent AHG Troop IN3712 has been in existence nearly three years now and although their numbers have changed since their inception, Troop Coordinator Pam Leach is very pleased with their current membership of 45.

“We are growing and have a very committed group,” Leach told Today’s Catholic.

The strongest concentration of the pack is presently the “tender hearts” — young girls in the first, second and third grades. Because the group is more streamlined now, they are able to meet as a whole unit and hold their meetings at the Scout Lodge in Fort Wayne on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Leach explains, “This makes it much easier for families with more than one daughter involved.”

The service-oriented organization recently celebrated their national organization’s 18th birthday in a special way, which benefited two local charities.

During the evening of Sept. 18, the troop made 333 pounds of laundry detergent for the Community Harvest Food Bank, packed six bulk-sized boxes of pretzels and prepped lunch sacks for The Franciscan Center. They also made mats for the homeless using plastic grocery sacks along with collecting food and health items.

“Service is the practical expression of a girl’s faith,” says AHG Executive Director and Founder Patti Garibay.

“Watching girls grow in their faith and discover their God-appointed role is the development of servant hearts is the greatest achievement of AHG.”

Some of the many other events the St. Vincent group has been involved with have included camping outings, lock-ins and father-daughter evenings. They are currently planning a mother-daughter night on the town in Fort Wayne with a gingerbread theme during the holidays along with an archery-themed event in conjunction with the showing of the movie “Brave.”

Leach feels it is important for families to create a less stressful, quieter environment with less “running” and busyness in today’s culture, and the activities like scheduling “unscheduled time” during the lock-ins help the girls and their families to do this.

The troop also includes prayer as an important part of their meetings — praying not just for the development of their servant hearts, but often with the special intention of things like the young members’ future spouses.

AHG’s largest fundraiser is the annual Patriot 5K, which is set to take place in the spring of 2014 at Solomon Farm. The troop also sells flowers and vegetables to assist members with various things like camping fees and other costly expenses. Leach is especially fond of the camping trips, “It is such a neat learning curve for non-camping families and a great bonding experience.”

Although the troop is open to all faiths, Leach explains, “We tell interested members we are Catholic based. I feel we do a good job of letting people know about the Catholic faith in a quiet, evangelizing way.”

Recently AHG invited other churches to participate in an event which involved the Stations of the Cross and gave our Catholic medals to all who participated.

“Many times we are sharing our faith with girls of other faiths or those with no faith at all,” Leach added.

St. Pius’s troop

At St. Pius X Parish, in Granger, Lois Horvath coordinates the American Heritage Girls Troop IN0328. She reported that troop, entering its second year, has 19 girls.

The girls have visited Hannah and Friends, founded by Maura and Charlie Weis, that works to improve the quality of life for children and adults with special needs. The girls played games and interacted with the people in the program. Horvath said it made the girls realize how much they have in common with the people at Hannah and Friends.

Other service projects included hosting tables at the Knights of Columbus fish fries and Christmas caroling at an assisted living facility.

The troop is made of predominantly young girls at the “tender hearts” level, and Horvath hopes that as the girls grow through the different levels of American Heritage Girls to the “pioneer” and “patriot” levels, they take on leadership roles. These girls lead, run and choose activities for the troop.

“What I like about American Heritage Girls is that it fosters family life,” Horvath noted. Although the girls have campouts and activities that are limited to the girls, there are occasional family camps, such as one coming up at the Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site.
Parish ministries support those in mourning

BY KAY COZAD

I
n the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend there are several parishes that offer bereavement support ministries led by caring, compassionate parishioners and pastoral associates. Some offer closed-ended support programs that meet for six or eight weeks, providing a structured format for those who grieve the death of a loved one. A few offer one-to-one companionship, while others provide one-time bereavement education workshops.

At St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in Fort Wayne, an ongoing grief ministry, led by parishioner Carolyn Sorg and her bereavement team, called Touchstone Grief Support Group, is a Godsend for those of the parish who are mourning a loss. The group has met the third Wednesday of each month for an hour and a half, rain or shine, at a team member’s house for 12 years.

“Sometimes there’s four or five and sometimes two or three. We decided as a group long ago that if there’s only one person that comes, we need to be there,” said Sorg.

The inspiration for the group came when Sorg met a couple from another faith that ministered to their congregation’s bereaved. When she approached her pastor at St. Joseph and they found there was no such ministry at their parish, she promptly suggested that she initiate one — and the rest is history.

Following an invitation to form a support team, six widows and widowers joined Sorg in developing the ministry, that now is based on Alan Wolfelt’s book, “Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart.” According to Sorg, anyone can join the meetings at any time, as each chapter is pertinent at any point on the grief journey. “We start at the beginning of the book and each team member takes a chapter. Then we start over,” she said.

The group has hosted a myriad of loss types from suicide and accident, to disease and even job loss. “It’s the camaraderie. They can meet new people and can talk — they need to talk,” said Sorg, who is quick to add, “We’re not counselors. We’re companions here to help them get through their grief and have a safe place to talk about it.”

Sorg and her team are hoping to expand their ministry to other parishes in the diocese and are ready and willing to assist when asked.

Recently St. Pius X Parish in Granger initiated a grief support group, cofounded and co-facilitated by Darlene Sweeney and Mariana Cole, for those who have lost a spouse. The Gathering has met on the second Thursday of each month since June for an hour and welcomes widows and widowers to share their story of grief with others who understand. Sweeney said the mission of the group is “to support one another through fellowship, education, parish and community service and social events.”

The inspiration for the group came when Sweeney, a widow of 27 years, and recently widowed Cole and another recent widow lunched together and realized how important their friendships were. After some discussion on the benefits of community for others in the parish who had lost their spouses, and with the blessing of the Bereavement Ministry and St. Pius pastor Msgr. Bill Schooler, The Gathering was formed.

Currently there are 37 widows and widowers on the growing roster and Sweeney noted that most members are St. Pius X parishioners. Members from other parishes are always welcome, but for now the group is focused on their home parish needs.

Sweeney, who admittedly is a charismatist, to disease and even job loss. “I hope and pray that the Christian fellowship The Gathering brings into the lives of those who partake will, in some small way, make them feel alive and whole again.”

Co-facilitator Cole adds, “I agree with Darlene, but I also hope that our members will become more active in helping other people in society. We are really encouraging them to volunteer and we have also put in a pitch for them to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul since it is really a Catholic charity organization.”

For more information on The Gathering call St. Pius X Parish at (574) 272-8462. For information on Touchstone Grief Support Group contact Donna Gleason at (260) 760-7887.

Black, a traditional color of mourning, is still an official vestment color that can be used on All Souls Day, for funeral Masses, and for other Masses of the Dead. Pictured is an intricately detailed black chasuble located at the chapel at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.
Project Rachel gaining ground in support of post abortion needs

BY KAY COZAD

Project Rachel is the national post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church. The program, sponsored by the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, the Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, offers a healing venue in which specially trained caregivers, including priests and other religious, lay staff, mental health professionals and volunteers work one-on-one with women and men wounded by an abortion experience.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the Project Rachel ministry has been renewed and revamped according to Mary Glowaski, Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministry. “We are advancing the ministry with a bigger push to reach out to those suffering,” said Glowaski, adding that the ministry now offers a new confidential phone number and email address for easier contact.

To help this effort a new volunteer training program has begun in earnest with Allison Sturm, ministry specialist, at the helm. Sturm, who prepared the companion training manual, compiled information from the national Project Rachel site, updated research conducted by pro-life sources, information provided from a special Project Rachel Powerpoint designed by Lisa Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life and the wisdom of Glowaski’s pastoral experience counseling women and men who have suffered from abortion. She said the manual is based on pastoral ideas with the goal to assist post abortion women and men to “see how God is with them and how He wants to be in union with them.” The initiative invited anyone with a passion to support post abortion healing to attend an extensive three-part, three-hour training that included information on understanding how women choose abortion, the psychological impact it has, how were interactive with speakers and discussion. “We use the manual as a resource — to be prepared. The training is driven by the questions they (the participants) have, not just the information given,” she said.

Through the training participants become “empowered to help someone through the healing process in a more formal way as a Project Rachel Ministry companion and at the same time promote the Catholic Church’s desire for those suffering from abortion to seek healing. … We extend the message of love, forgiveness and mercy that we would want for ourselves,” said Sturm, adding, “We have to be the voice of truth in our Church. We don’t know who we’re sitting next to.”

Glowaski added, “We train the skills and tools to receive someone who is post abortion.”

Women and men can contact Project Rachel through either the confidential dedicated toll free number (855) 722-4354 or by email projectrachellehope@gmail.com. Twice daily, Sturm checks both and when she returns the call or email her main objective is just to listen. From the details she gathers she is able to help the woman or man discern the best path to take — whether it is to be connected to a priest, a professional counselor, a caring companion, or in the Fort Wayne area, a confidential post-abortion support group.

The process, she said, is guided by the client’s needs and where they are on their journey.

“Part of the healing process is forgiving self, receiving God’s forgiveness and asking for the child’s forgiveness. … We’re about staying with them and helping them move forward with the rest of their lives,” said Sturm.

Glowaski added, “Part of this ministry is lean into their pain and story. … Companion means ‘walking with.’ We don’t try to fix it or tell them how they should feel or what to do. We help them discover where God reveals Himself in their story. We help them to realize God is there and hasn’t abandoned them — and that changes the story.”

Newly designed business cards and flyers are circulating to help get the word out that this ministry is available. “We are committed to reaching out to those in the diocese who are struggling or have a need. It’s our responsibility and privilege,” said Glowaski.

For more information visit www.diocesefwsb.org/special-ministries.

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We are called to godliness, even in the business world

Given my work in business education and particularly my last role as the dean of the business school in a Catholic university, I am often asked whether work in the business sector can be a vocation. The answer is simply, “Of course!” Business is a necessary good, not a necessary evil.

As such, it is worthy of the brightest mind, biggest heart and deepest faith. You would need to write a book to fully explore this topic, but know that the potential benefits of business are recognized in papal encyclicals, including “Centesimus Annus” and “Caritas in Veritate.”

At the same time, these also point out the abuses, exploitation and idolatry that exist in business, free markets and globalization. The difference, as retired Pope Benedict XVI teaches, lies with the moral energies of leaders. Despite authors and encouraging actions undertaken by some businesses, there is a prevailing perception of the “real world” that renders the notion of vocation and sanctity in the workplace as a naive notion with limited applicability.

I echo the skepticism in the unspoken but still screaming question when I talk about business as a vocation: Does it really exist in the real world, where I work? Where people do not tell the truth, do not share information, do not look out for one another and where life is a zero-sum game and scores are kept solely in profits?

I detect it in students who dread going into that “real world” when they are about to graduate. Their feeling reflects the fear of entering a world that, to different degrees, has shut its doors on goodness, generosity and godliness.

The New Evangelization has focused on bringing Catholics back to the Church so that the Word of God and His sacraments can take hold of us and join us to Him. At the same time, there is much work to be done for Catholics to bring God into the world. G O B L I A L, P A G E 1 2

Becoming a perennial

Trent, died in a car accident, I found myself struggling with the having to make life-changing decisions about finances, my two young daughters’ future education, living arrangements, etc. — alone. The deep sadness and frustration I felt were powerful emotions and there were many times I had to put my gardening gloves and dig deep in the soil of my soul to survive. Grief is messy, but when the work is done the possibility of life’s beauty and joy blooms anew.

Grief expert David Kessler says, “Grief is a wonderful tool that has been given to us to help us work through the pain.” He points out that working through the feelings and trials of grief can bring healing. “So as you feel those feeling, in time, that’s how you will work through your grief in a healthy way, not trying to make it quicker or slowing the process down, but just allowing the process to happen.”

Like those hearty perennial flowers that naturally allow their dormant and growing seasons to unfold as nature intended, we face the extreme heat, harsh cold and storms brought about by the challenges of grief. And like them, as the seasons change, relying on God, our heavenly gardener, and support from some reliable friends and family members, we will become able to bloom in our appointed time, with different crazy moments.

I’ve found through my own grief experience and through the experiences of those with whom I have walked through their grief that like the hardy, beautiful, flowering plants, we must face and withstand the storms and pruning of our grief.

At first blues, emotional bedlam thrust upon us following a loss seems as if it will last forever as we strive to make sense of not only the death of our loved one, but how to survive in this life without them in it. We may be faced with many different challenges from financial or employment changes to friends or loved ones who will push for resolution of our grief and even health issues.

But if we allow the grief process to proceed at its rightful pace, a pace as unique as each of us as our own fingerprint, grief will begin to take root again as we discover who we are becoming in this new world we create for ourselves. For me, that required a fair bit of investigation into what grief really entails and how I meant to embrace it, some trial and error, much pain and some rather crazy moments.

I have learned that most of us are afraid of grief and the work to be done to move toward healing. But different experience is that it is the grief that we work so hard to deny or avoid, but rather the pain that we experience because of our grief. Grief — our feelings about our loss — is simply that, feelings. The work we must do to release the pain is a healthy response to those feelings in a manner that works for each of us individually.

Like the sun and rain poured out for the life of those plants, grief is a tool to help us work through our pain toward healing and new life. Shortly after my husband,
The ethics of donating money to charitable foundations

Private foundations and nonprofit groups are frequently involved in advocating for particular causes, ranging from cancer research to protecting the environment. Some of these foundations rely almost exclusively on charitable donations to carry out their promotional work. Potential donors seeking to support these causes face the challenge of exercising "due diligence" so that their funds are properly utilized and not misdirected or otherwise targeted by the organization to support immoral projects.

An example of the need for this due diligence can be seen in the case of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which promotes scientific research to cure type 1 diabetes. The ethical concern arises because this organization has gone on record in support of a highly unethical form of research, namely, human embryonic stem cell research. Similarly, we may need to consider whether it is appropriate to support Susan G. Komen Foundation’s Race for a Cure, which seeks to promote breast cancer research and awareness. One of the rarely-discussed problems with the Komen Foundation’s activities is that some of the money they raise may be used to support morally objectionable actions that run counter to their mission of fighting breast cancer: some of Komen’s funds are made available to Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the U.S., even though abortion of a woman’s first pregnancy has been shown to correlate with an elevated incidence of breast cancer. More than 28 different studies over a period of 45 years have shown abortion to be a significant risk factor for breast cancer.

In fiscal year 2009, Komen affiliates contributed about $569,000. In fiscal year 2010, they contributed around $316,000. In and in fiscal year 2010, they contributed around $316,000, supported by Planned Parenthood, affiliates contributed around $280,000. In the fiscal year 2009, Komen Foundation’s activities were channeled to Planned Parenthood, having served as an advisory board member for the organization’s Texas affiliate. John Hammarley, a spokesman for Komen, indicated that about 20 of Komen’s 122 affiliates are responsible for the money that goes to Planned Parenthood and has claimed that those funds are used only for breast cancer treatment, education or screening programs that happen to be affiliated with the abortion group. Planned Parenthood, however, is not licensed to provide screening beyond Level 1 breast examinations — the same exam that can be done by a woman in her shower, or in any clinic or physician’s office. They do not even perform mammograms. Ever if they did provide serious breast cancer screening, it would still remain a financial fact of life that an organization that receives money for Project A can divert other funds in its budget to Project B. Every dime that Komen provides to Planned Parenthood allows a different dime to be freed up for overhead, supplies, equipment and personnel to perform abortions.

When donors have a generally sound list of activities, but promote an intrinsically immoral activity as well (e.g. abortion, human embryonic stem cell research, contraception, etc.), one must consider the serious matter of the fungibility of donated funds. If we engage in fundraising for such organizations, even storm that ensued, Komen experienced the backlash reserved for those who dare to cross the pro-abortion lobby. After being more than 24 hours, the Komen Foundation withdrew under the pressure, reversed itself, and assured the public it would continue to make funds available to Planned Parenthood. This backsliding solidified the beliefs of many donors that the Komen Foundation could not be trusted with their funds.

Komen’s support for the abortion provider may stem from the fact that Komen’s founder, Nancy Brinker, is a long-time promoter of Planned Parenthood, having served as an advisory board member for the organization’s Texas affiliate. John Hammarley, a spokesman for Komen, indicated that about 20 of Komen’s 122 affiliates are responsible for the money that goes to Planned Parenthood and has claimed that those funds are used only for breast cancer treatment, education or screening programs that happen to be affiliated with the abortion group.

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Our fundraising initiatives need to be carefully directed towards foundations and organizations without such connections to intrinsically immoral actions. Donors who are concerned about the use of funds by Komen may wish to consider alternative groups such as the National Breast Cancer Foundation, an organization that funds mammograms, or the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, which offers information on avoidable risks including abortion. The Iacocca Family Foundation, to consider another example, promotes cutting-edge diabetes research without supporting human embryonic stem cell research. Some smaller, local organizations may also have suitable profiles for us to be able to support their work unreservedly. A determined decision to redirect our fundraising energies can also have a powerful practical impact, serving to evangelize and provide witness, as organizations become aware of the reasons why such efforts are being channeled away from them.

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Scripture Search

Gospel for October 27, 2013

Luke 18:9-14

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the story of two men before God. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Dear Bishop Rhodes,

The 2013 CCHD Collection is coming up in most dioceses the weekend of Nov. 23-24. Please direct the CCHD collection by encouraging your pastors and parishioners to participate generously. I appreciate your contributions.

Dedicated Valentine’s Day to The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). With its 75 percent share of the annual collection, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports people living in poverty across the United States working together to improve their communities. This collection is the principle source of funding for CCHD. Your generosity makes a difference.

More than 46 million Americans live in poverty in the United States. In many areas of the country, unemployment continues. Too many parents face heart-breaking choices between health care, child care and feeding their children. With its focus on long-term solutions, the work of CCHD is an essential complement to services like Catholic education, Catholic Charities and pro-life activities. Your donation helps to take poverty off the map, one community at a time.

Your steadfast support reveals the faithful love of God to those living on the margins of our society. Let us join together in prayer for the courage to continue defending human dignity and promoting the sanctity of all human life.

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us to care for our brothers and sisters living in poverty. May we “serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at His command.” (Eucharistic Prayer IV for use in Masses for various needs)

Most Rev. Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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What does it say about our faith if God is only relevant in “God’s world” confined to Church, families and communities where we play nice, act gracious, break bread and leave behind the “dirty” work of making a living?

Is “God’s world” a retreat, a bubble, an escape from what is real? Did Christ not come into the real world to dwell among us with all our failings, hurts, failings, needs, fears and pride? Did God not charge us to go into the world and proclaim His Good News? How can we do that if we do not believe He is there? What Good News would we have to proclaim?

Did God not take the fruits of our work and convert these into His own Body and Blood? Why do we assume that this “real world” is impenetrable to God’s grace, His goodness, His wisdom, His power, His unbounded love and mercy?

Doesn’t “Lumen Gentium” tell us that it is in the expanse of our daily life (including work) that we are to be the light of the world?” Now the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth. Thus every layman, in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon him, is at the same time a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the Church itself according to the measure of Christ’s bestowal.”

Carolyn Y. Woo is the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.
BISHOP LUERS SOCCER ADVANCES TO SEMI-STATE COMPETITION

Both the boys’ and girls’ soccer teams from Bishop Luers were crowned regional champions and will advance to IHSSA semi-state competition on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Lady Knights were led by senior midfielder Addie Reimbold, the SAC player of the Year, in their 8-1 victory over Eastbrook. Seth Caldwell scored twice and Logan West added another goal for the second-ranked Luers boys’ team in their 3-2 win over Blackhawk Christian. The Knights improved to 17-3. — Michelle Castleman

GAME OF THE WEEK:

Panthers take on Crusaders

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — The coats were donned, the hot cocoa was warming and the battle for the Inter-City Catholic League Championship matchups was at stake at Otoleski Field Sunday, Oct. 20.

The league champion Mishawaka Catholic Saints had dispatched the upset Blazers of St. Matthew earlier in the day. 14-0, thanks to the nifty running and scoring of Julian Keultjes and John Cataldo.

That was set up the marquee contest of the day as the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders would test their metal against the Panthers of St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius X to see who may get a shot at redemption in the finals.

The two formidable opponents met in Week 1 and played to a tie, neither team able to penetrate the goal line. This go around would have a more defined result.

Big plays for the maroon-and-gold clad Panthers, and “almosts” for the Crusaders would be the defining story line.

The first series saw a Drew Sutton pass attempt find Panther JP Lewis for an interception to the 10. Four plays later, bruising back Charlie McFadden pierced the goal line for the 6-0 lead with 4:45 still remaining in the opening quarter.

After a couple of short drives by both teams, again McFadden galloped into the endzone this time from 41 yards pushing the margin to 12.

The Crusaders put their hopes in the big arm of Sutton. Time and time again, he would find his receivers, only to come up short on yards or just-missed catches.

The balanced attack of the Panthers would pay dividends again in the second half as with fourth and 12 at the 43. Ben Lamont found Lewis for yet another touchdown making the score, 18-0.

Crusader Jeremy Klima picked off an errant pass and ran it back to the 10 giving his team new life, but that was shortchanged as on a fourth and 10 play. Ben Terry hauled in a Sutton pass just out of bounds in the endzone, ultimately ending the game and the season for Holy Cross/Christ the King.

Slykar Bays scored late for the Panthers making the final, 24-0.

“We had our opportunities during the game. Some plays, it was a matter of inches and execution,” remarked Crusader Skipper John Krzyzewski. “I’m proud of our kids, they played hard. McFadden is a beast. He really plays hard on every play. I was impressed.”

“I was really happy with the focus of our kids in both the preparation in practice and then to follow through on game day,” quipped Coach Shawn Bays. “We know we will have our hands full with Cataldo and Keultjes in the championship game.”

Looking ahead, Carroll showed some concern, “It will be a tough task to knock off Holy Cross. They are big, have twice as many kids and a big advantage over the other CYO teams. However, we will show up. We’ll buckle up tight and let the fur fly. Turn up the radio if you can’t make it to the game!”

CYO teams advance in playoff action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/ St. Joseph Hessen Cassel (SJFW) advanced to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship game against Holy Cross with a 34-0 victory over a talented unit from St. Charles. The Crusaders advanced with a tight win over St. Vincent. The Panthers capped off a stellar season in their final outing.

In the SJFW win, Lashon Bright, Deshawn Bussell and Camry Greer all scored, while Taryeon Hambright added two touchdowns. Bright also had two PAT conversions. The defense played strong and was led by the tough Dominic Easley and the energy of Chase Roffelson.

“Those two were everywhere. However, everyone truly contributed and that’s what made it so rewarding.”

Carroll continued, “I was proud of our effort, toughness and execution in this one, beating a well-coached team like St. Charles.”

Although the Cards did not advance to the championship game of the CYO finals, they had a phenomenal season and will be the second team to represent Fort Wayne in the diocesan playoff games against South Bend on Nov. 3 at the University of Saint Francis.

Mark Forrest is an acclaimed Irish tenor, whose melodic voice has filled concert halls and cathedrals from Carnegie Hall to the Vatican. He has sung inspirational Hymns for luminaries such as Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. His soothing Broadway melodies have entertained award-winning performers including Charlton Heston and John Krzyzewski. From the White House to his own house, with his wife and seven children, Mark continues to inspire the world with his music.

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Holiday bazaar Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vista Vista Rd., will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with over 60 crafters. Piggy Raffle booth, bazaar raffle, and breakfast and lunch available.

Craft show, bake sale scheduled Nov. 2 Fort Wayne — Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a craft show, candy and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. Door Prizes every half hour. Handmade ceramic Christmas tree, Vera Bradley Bags and more. Refreshments available. Wheelchair accessible.

Holiday craft bazaar set Nov. 2 South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium, 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd. A lunch and bake sale will also be offered.

Fifth annual craft show South Bend — The Kris Kringle Craft Show will be Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Little Flower Church. Sixty crafters, food pantry drive, bake sale and lunch available.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Turkey Bingo Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, 10070 Aboite Center Rd., will have Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo will be called from 1-3 p.m. Winners receive a turkey, pizza, pop and snacks available for purchase. Donations benefit SJSE HASA.


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