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On All Saints’ Day, Bishop visits ‘saints’
at St. John the Evangelist School

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made his first pastoral visit to St. John the Evangelist School on All Saints’ Day, and, as he celebrated Mass beforehand, he told the students and congregation, “I was really surprised — I thought I was going to be the only bishop here. But I see there are two others!”

Bishop Rhoades was referring to the fourth-grade students who were dressed as the saints they chose for their class project. One student was dressed as St. Nicholas and the other as St. Patrick.

“Two of the bishops here are saints and one is trying to be,” the bishop said.

He told the students that they were celebrating all the saints in heaven and the next day the Church celebrates all the souls in purgatory. He said when we speak of the Church, it includes all on earth, the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory.

He spoke of the first reading where St. John had a vision of all the multitudes in heaven, of all languages and nations.

Bishop Rhoades told the students that in the Gospel on the Beatitudes, “Jesus teaches us how to get to heaven. He gives us a roadmap — if we follow Him, obey the commandments and follow the beatitudes, which imitate the way Jesus lived. Jesus was so full of love for everyone; especially the sick, suffering and poor and He always did the will of His Father.”

Bishop Rhoades quizzed the children on the sacraments that God gave to aid His people. He spoke of the sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation. He shared with the congregation that he chose St. John the Apostle as his Confirmation name and patron saint.

“So I feel a special connection to your parish and school. It’s the only one in the diocese named...”

FORT WAYNE — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish celebrates its silver jubilee this year as a vibrant and ever-growing service-focused parish. Situated on Fort Wayne’s southwest side, with over 7,000 members that represent 2,275 families, the parish offers myriad programs, ministries and opportunities, including Christ Renew His Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, and religious education, just to name a few.

The parish saw its humble beginnings in 1984 when parish priests travelled to a St. Joseph mission in Aboite to begin celebrating Mass in Haverhill Elementary School’s auditorium. In 1988, then-Bishop John M. D’Arcy appointed then-Father Robert C. Schulte as the founding pastor of the new parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with its faith community of 375 families, and through fund-raising efforts and donated land, the first Mass was celebrated in the newly-constructed church building in 1990. Since then the parish has grown to include a rectory, athletic fields and a school building for kindergarten through fourth grades.

An expansion is currently underway to increase the education facility to house a full school of pre-kindergarten through eighth grades.

The dynamic parish community celebrated its 25-year anniversary of ministry and growth throughout the year with special events from a...
All Saints, All Souls feasts are time to renew hope, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At the end of the feast of All Saints, just before the sun set, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass at Rome’s Verano cemetery and urged Christians to hang on to hope as they reflect on the promise that earthly life ends with eternal life in heaven.

In his homily at the evening Mass Nov. 1, Pope Francis set aside his prepared text, looked out at the thousands of people gathered between long lines of tombs and told them, “We reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord.”

“The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love — all that awaits us,” the pope said. “And all those who preceded us and died in the Lord are there,” in heaven with God.

Even the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, the pope said, but by the blood of Christ.

“God is the one who saves. He is the one who carries us like father — at the end of our lives — to that heaven where our forebears are,” he said.

The feast day reading from the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation described a multitude of people from every race and nation standing before God. They were dressed in white, the pope said, because they were “washed in the blood of the Lamb. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of the Lamb, the blood of Christ.”

“If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, there are they because they were washed in the blood of Christ,” he said. “That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, He will never disappoint us.”

“We are children of God,” he said, and live in hope of one day seeing God as He is.

Pope Francis uses incense to venerate a statue of Mary as he celebrates Mass at the Verano cemetery in Rome Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

“On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope,” he said.

The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, he said, and “to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is — that is hope. That is the hope that doesn’t disappoint.”

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are “days of hope,” he said. The virtue of “hope is like a bit of leaven that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us. Today is a day of hope; our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God, and we, too, will be there in the Lord’s arms if we follow the path of Jesus.”

“Before sunset today, each one of us can think of the sunset of our lives,” the pope said. “Do we look forward to it with hope and with the joy of being welcomed by the Lord?”

Throughout Italy, like in many predominantly Catholic countries, people take advantage of the All Saints public holiday to tidy up and take flowers to the graves of their loved ones on the eve of the Nov. 2 celebration of All Souls’ Day. After the Mass, Pope Francis was to visit some of those graves, praying for the deceased and blessing their tombs.

Saints aren’t superheroes, they just never strayed from God

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Saints aren’t superhuman, they just never strayed from God’s love, not material things, he said.

The kingdom is for those “who have a simple, humble heart; who don’t assume to be righteous and don’t judge others; who know how to suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice; they aren’t violent, but are merciful; and they seek to be builders of reconciliation and peace,” the pope said.

Saints always tried to reconcile people and help bring peace to the world, the pope said, and that is what makes holiness beautiful; “it’s a beautiful path.”

Saints “suffered lots of adversity, but without hating,” he said.

“The saints never hated” others because love comes from God and hatred “comes from the devil, and the saints stayed far away from the devil.”

“The saints are men and women who have joy in their hearts and bring it to others. Never hate, never serve others — the neediest, pray and be joyful, this is the path of holiness.”

The pope said the saints’ message to women and men today is to “trust in the Lord because He never disappoints.”

“He’s a good friend who is always at our side,” he said.

With the example of the way they lived their lives, the saints encourage all Christians “to not be afraid to go against the tide or to be misunderstood and derided when we speak about (Jesus) and the Gospel.”

After praying the Angelus, the pope asked for a moment of silence and prayer for the more than 90 people from Niger, most of them women and children, who died from hunger, thirst and fatigue while trying to cross the Sahara desert, heading to Algeria.

He said he also was praying for “victims of violence, especially Christians who lost their lives because of persecution.”

The pope greeted the many men and women who ran in the annual 10-kilometer Race of the Saints.

“St. Paul would say that a Christian’s whole life is a race for winning the prize of holiness; you are giving us a good example. Thank you for this race,” he said.
Holy Cross Father Ronald Tripi dies

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Ronald Russell Tripi, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 31, at Holy Cross House.

Father Tripi was born May 14, 1935, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Joseph and Jenny (Castiglia) Tripi. He graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, in 1953 before attending the University of Notre Dame. After his freshman year, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross' Sacred Heart Novitiate in Jordan, Minn., on Aug. 15, 1954, and made his first vows a year later on Aug. 16, 1955. Father Tripi returned to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and then studied theology for four years at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., where he received a master's degree in sacred doctrine. He professed final vows on Aug. 16, 1959 and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 6, 1962.

From the time of his ordination until 1985, Father Tripi served in Holy Cross Foreign Missions in the East Pakistan/Bengal region, which is now Bangladesh. Father Tripi studied language and culture for a year at the Oriental Institute in Barisal City and also served as a parochial vicar at Corpus Christi Parish in Jalchatra.

From 1963 to 1966, he served as an assistant and teacher at Little Flower Seminary in Bandhura. In 1986, Father Tripi returned to the United States and served as associate pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend for 15 years.

In 2001, Father Tripi assisted Father Ronald Russell Tripi, CSC pastor and associate pastor of various parishes in the region, including Corpus Christi Parish in Jalchatra. From 1963 to 1966, he served as an assistant and teacher at Little Flower Seminary in Bandhura. In 1986, Father Tripi returned to the United States and served as associate pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend for 15 years.

In 2001, Father Tripi assisted Father Ronald Russell Tripi, CSC. He has served as associate pastor there for the past 12 years until he moved to Holy Cross House on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013. While at Christ the King, Father Tripi assisted with Masses at nursing homes in the area, visited with the homebound parishioners and served as chaplain to the elementary grades at Christ the King School.

Father Tripi celebrated his 50th jubilee in 2012. Father Tripi's parents and his brothers, Carl and Howard, are deceased. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Wendy King (widow of Howard), several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation, rosary and wake service were Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. Kaniewski Funeral Home handled the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions for Father Tripi may be made to the foreign mission work of the Congregation of Holy Cross can be made to: Holy Cross Mission Center, P.O. Box 543, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0543 or online at donate.holycrossmissions.org.

Bishops asked to assess marriage, family life to prepare for synod

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops around the world are being asked to take a realistic look at the situation of families under their care and at how effective pastoral and educational programs have been at promoting Church teaching on sexuality, marriage and family.

The preparatory document for the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, which will be held in October 2014, ends by encouraging bishops to reflect about how Church teaching is promoted, how well it is accepted and ways in which modern people and societies challenge the Catholic view of marriage and family.

Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the synod, asked bishops to distribute the document and questionnaire “as widely as possible” to deaneories and parishes, summarize the responses and send them to the Vatican by the end of January.

Distributing an outline of the chosen topic and related questions, seeking responses from bishops, religious orders and interested Catholics around the world is a normal part of the preparation for a synod. Archbishop Baldisseri, encouraging even wider consultation, did not specify how bishops should seek input.

The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales put the questionnaire online in June and is leading to news stories about “polling” Catholics for their opinions and suggestions. The extraordinary synod on “pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization” was convoked by Pope Francis for Oct. 5-19 and will bring together presidents of bishops’ conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic churches and the heads of Vatican offices to describe the current situation and “to collect the bishops’ experiences and proposals in proclaiming and living the Gospel of the family in a credible manner,” the document said.

A second gathering, a world Synod of Bishops on the family, will be held in 2015 “to seek working guidelines in the pastoral care of the person and the family,” it said.

“Vast expectations exist concerning the decisions which are to be made pastorally regarding the family,” the document said.

Church teaching always has been clear that marriage is a lifelong bond between one man and one woman open to having and educating children, it said, and the synod’s goal will be “to communicate this message with greater effectiveness.”

The preparatory document specifically mentioned modern contributions to Church teaching, including the Second Vatican Council’s defense of the dignity of marriage and family, Pope Paul VI’s encyclical “Humanae Vitae” on fidelity and procreation in marriage, and Blessed John Paul II’s teaching on God’s plan for married love.

“The Church’s pastoral ministry,” it said, “finds inspiration in the truth of marriage viewed as part of the plan of God, who created man and woman and, in the fullness of time, revealed in Jesus the completeness of spousal love elevated to the level of sacrament.”

The questionnaire asks bishops to describe how people understand Church teaching, how their local Churches and Catholic movements try to promote it and what difficulties people face in accepting it.

Synod organizers ask the bishops to estimate the percentage of local Catholics living together without being married, the percentage of those divorced and remarried, and the proportion of children and adolescents in the local Church.

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The questionnaire surveys the bishops about the legal status of same-sex unions in their local area and Church efforts to defend traditional marriage, but also asks them what kind of “pastoral attention can be given to those who have chosen to live” in same-sex unions and, in places where they can adopt children, what can be done to transmit the Gospel of the family.

Several questions focus on “Humanae Vitae” and Church teaching against the use of artificial contraception. The bishops are asked if people understand the teaching and know how to evaluate the morality of different methods of family planning. The bishops are also asked if the question comes up in same-sex unions in their local area and what might be done.

The pre-agenda for the Synod on the Family starts on Nov. 10 and will bring together presidents of bishops’ conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic churches and the heads of Vatican offices to discuss the proportion of children and adolescents in their local families in those situations.

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CONFIRMATION MASSES IN SPRING 2014

Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne — May 24: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Joseph Church, Garrett — May 17: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Joseph Church, Garrett

St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne — May 18: 5 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — May 22: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne
St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven
St. Louis Besancon Parish, New Haven
St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel
Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn
Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw — May 23: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw — May 24: 6 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola — May 27: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola
St. Joseph Parish, Lagrange

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — April 24: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne
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St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Mary Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Monroeville
Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Mary of the Lake Church, Culver — April 26: 9 a.m., Bishop Higi
St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver
Culver Academy students
St. Adalbert Church, South Bend — April 27: 5 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend
St. Casimir Parish, South Bend
St. Paul of the Cross Church, Columbia City — April 28: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City
St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco
Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington — April 29: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington
St. Mary Parish, Huntington
St. Joseph Parish, Rounokc
St. Catherine Parish, Nix Settlement
Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne — May 2: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Joseph Church, Garrett

St. Pius X Church, Granger (two Confirmation Masses) — May 3: 5:30 p.m. and May 4: 12:15 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Pius X Parish, Granger
St. Bernard Church, Wabash — May 6: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Bernard Parish, Wabash
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne — May 6: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart — May 8: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 15: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Holy Family Parish, South Bend
Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend
St. Patrick Parish, South Bend
St. Hedwig Parish, South Bend
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 17: 10 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka
St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka
St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka
St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka

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hese following Confirmation schedules is for spring of 2014. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and guest bishop, Most Reverend William Higi, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Lafayette, will confer the sacra-

Holy Cross Church, South Bend — Jan. 25: 11 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
Holy Cross Parish, South Bend
St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame — March 30: 11:45 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
University of Notre Dame
Saint Mary’s College
Holy Cross College
St. Michael Church, Plymouth — March 30: 4 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Michael Parish, Plymouth
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — April 21: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne
Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne
Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne — April 22: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur — April 23: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
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Pope moves causes, including of U.S.-born nun, toward beatification

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Moving four candidates closer to beatification, Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom of a bishop in communist-controlled Romania and the heroic virtues of three religious women: one born in the United States, one Irish and one Italian.

The recognition of the martyrdom of Bishop Anton Durocacci of Iasi, Romania, in 1951 clears the way for his beatification, a step toward sainthood.

Honora “Nano” Giacomo Spagnolo, asked her Fathers when one of them, Father

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U.S.-born Mother Celestine Bottego, founder of the Xaverian Missionary Sisters of Mary, was born Dec. 20, 1895, in Glendale, Ohio. She lived in Butte, Mont., until she was almost 15, and then moved with her mother to Italy.

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POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES MEMORIAL MASS IN ST. PETER’S BASILICA AT VATICAN

Pope Francis celebrates Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 4. The memorial Mass recalled the cardinals and bishops who died during the past year.

NEW HARTFORD ARCHBISHOP PLEDGES TO LOVE, SERVE CHRIST ‘BY SERVING YOU’

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (CNS) — Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, named to head the Hartford Archdiocese, acknowledged he has much to learn about his new home, then the Detroit native quipped, “I don’t know if I’ll ever be able to say ‘Hartford’ with just the right New England accent.

But I pledge all my love and effort to serve Christ by serving you, as together we seek to walk, and help others to walk, what Christ Himself calls ‘the narrow road that leads to life,’” he said Oct. 29 in remarks to more than 100 clergy, religious and media representatives assembled at the archdiocesan center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

The news conference followed the announcement earlier that morning that Pope Francis had appointed then-Bishop Blair of Toledo, Ohio, 64, to succeed Hartford Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, 76, who is retiring. Archbishop Blair said he was in Rome Oct. 17 when he received word from Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, the pope had appointed him to the new post. “The next day at a papal audience, I was able to thank Pope Francis in person for the confidence he has placed in me, and I asked for his blessing on the Church in both Hartford and Toledo,” he said.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has no evidence its calls were monitored by the U.S. National Security Agency and, even if they were, “we have no concerns about it,” the Vatican spokesman said.

Vatican officials said about the possibility that the NSA’s electronic eavesdropping program had monitored Vatican calls, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told reporters Oct. 30: “We have no evidence of this.”

The spokesman made his comments after the Italian newsweekly Panorama announced that its issue going on sale Oct. 31 would include a report that phone calls to and from the Vatican were among the 46 million calls in Italy monitored between Dec. 10, 2012, and Jan. 8, 2013. The magazine said it also is possible the eavesdropping continued for months and included calls made on the eve of the conclave that elected Pope Francis in March.

The NSA said in a statement the eavesdropping claims were false. The agency “does not target the Vatican,” said a statement from the NSA Public Affairs Office dated Oct. 30 and sent to Catholic News Service in Washington Oct. 31. “Assertions that NSA has targetted the Vatican, published in Italy’s Panorama magazine, are not true.”

The magazine’s story was prepared in the midst of growing European coverage and anger over the NSA’s alleged call-monitoring program.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Four petitions on court docket ask intervention on health law**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government’s requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to include contraceptive coverage. Three petitions filed in the last six weeks involve private, for-profit companies owned by Christians who object to their employee insurance funds being used for treatments they consider immoral. A fourth case related to the Affordable Care Act is Liberty University’s appeal of the “employer mandate” to purchase government-defined health insurance for employees as applied to the Christian university. The soonest the court might decide to take or deny certiorari in any of the cases would be at its conferences of late November or early December.

The court typically holds conferences to review petitions three or four days each month. The Justice Department Oct. 21 filed three documents weighing in on whether the court should take the cases. The department’s legal opponents now have time to respond to those filings before the cases are put on the justices’ conference list. Meanwhile, organizations and individuals with an interest in the outcome of the cases also may file petitions arguing for or against the Supreme Court becoming involved. As of Oct. 31, a handful of such friend-of-the-court briefs had been filed for some of the petitions. They were filed on behalf of coalitions of employers, physicians, states and faith-based organizations.

**Cardinal to Congress: Disclose abortion coverage in health care law**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley urged members of Congress to support the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, a measure that would require health plans to disclose if they subsidize abortion coverage.

Cardinal O’Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the legislation would address one part of the abortion-related problem in the Affordable Care Act. In his Nov. 1 letter, the cardinal pointed out that under the federal health care law — unless state law requires otherwise — each insurer may choose whether to include coverage of elective abortions in health plans it offers on a state health exchange. He noted that if the insurer does cover such abortions, the overall health plan may still receive federal tax subsidies, which he said violates the policies governing all other federal health programs. “In no other program may federal funds subsidize any part of a health plan that covers such abortions; and nowhere else does the federal government forbid insurers to allow an ‘opt-out’ from such coverage on conscience grounds,” he wrote. The cardinal added that the health care law also has “unique secrecy provisions” protecting the insurer from having to answer if the plan covers abortions — except when it lists all services at the time the consumer is already enrolling in the plan. The insurer also does not have to reveal how much of the person’s premium goes into a separate abortion fund.

**Catholics must make space for the soul online,** Vatican official says

BRAINTREE, Mass. (CNS) — The Internet will host the parish community of the future, according to Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. “Social media is redefining how we understand local community,” he said. “The digital revolution will be where people cluster around shared interests and shared ideas.” Msgr. Tighe made the comments in a keynote address at the sixth annual Catholic New Media Conference held at the Archdiocese of Boston’s Pastoral Center in Braintree. He stressed the importance of Catholics bringing their faith to the digital arena, a place where people are spending a greater portion of their lives. According to data compiled by eMarketer in August, the average American adult spends more than five hours online every day. A 2011 survey of Brits found that one in four spend more time on the Internet than they do asleep. Msgr. Tighe said that people are becoming online to connect with others. “I am extremely hopeful because look what people are doing in social media — relationships and friendships, searching for information, sharing ideas, following. They are all fundamental human realities,” he said in his Oct. 19 address.

Vatican, American Bible Society offer ‘lectio divina’ manual

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican publishing house, the American Bible Society and the vicar general of the Diocese of Mar del Plata, Argentina, have teamed up to develop a step-by-step manual in the Catholic art of praying and meditating with the Bible.

“The aim of the project is to get Catholics to read the Bible and the other is to get them to Rediscover ‘lectio divina,’” the traditional Catholic method of reading, meditating on and praying with the Bible, said Mario Parecidos, who runs Catholic programs for the American Bible Society. The manual, in Spanish and English, will be available for purchase through the American Bible Society’s website, www.bibles.com. Presenting the manual, “Pray With the Bible, Meditate With the Word,” at the Vatican Oct. 30, Father Gabriel Mestre, the author and Mar del Plata vicar general, said Pope Francis’ morning Mass homilies “are the result of ‘lectio divina.’” He said the homilies offer a glimpse into the pope’s process of reading the text, meditating on it, praying with it and reflecting on what it is calling him and other Christians to do.

**At Mass near John Paul II’s tomb, pope focuses on experiencing God’s love**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Surprising pilgrims at Blessed John Paul II’s tomb, Pope Francis made an early morning visit to St. Peter’s Basilica and celebrated Mass with the mostly Polish pilgrims. More than 100 priests and pilgrims were gathered Oct. 31 at the basilica’s Chapel of St. Sebastian for a morning Mass near Blessed John Paul’s tomb. Pope Francis arrived unannounced to preside at the liturgy and prayed for the late pope’s intercession to help today’s Christians “rediscover the heart of the Church.”

Being Christian means putting God at the center of one’s life and drawing strength from His boundless love in order to persevere in hard times, Pope Francis said in his homily. “Without Christ’s love, without living this love, recognizing it and being nourished by it, it is impossible to be a Christian,” he said, according to a full transcript of the homily released by Vatican Radio.
FORT WAYNE — The Women’s Care Center at 823 Webster St. in Fort Wayne has relocated to a new downtown location at 419 E. Wayne St. The phone number remains the same at (260) 424-9377. The Webster Street site, part of a downtown redevelopment project, closed on Oct. 31. They opened at the Wayne Street site on Monday, Nov. 4.

“While leaving our beautiful, first Fort Wayne center is bittersweet, we are looking forward to welcoming our moms and babies to our new, equally charming center on Wayne Street,” said Anne Koehl, director. “As always we are especially grateful for the generosity of our Catholic community in making this move possible.”

Women’s Care Center’s downtown location relocates

ST. ADALBERT STUDENTS STUDY THE SAINTS

Religious education student “saints” pose with Holy Cross Father Gerry Barmasse, associate pastor of St. Adalbert Church in South Bend, celebrating All Saints Day. The students are in their second year of preparation for reception of their First Communion.

Sister Mary Cecilia Schlebecker, Fort Wayne native, celebrates 60th jubilee

Evansville — A native of Fort Wayne, Daughter of Charity Sister Mary Cecilia Schlebecker will celebrate her 60th jubilee in November. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Erwin C. Schlebecker, of Fort Wayne, Sister Mary Cecilia is one of four children.

A 1951 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, sister earned her bachelo r’s degree in business administration and French from Regis College in Denver, Colo., in 1969, and she earned her certificate in gerontology from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1985. Sister entered the Community of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 6, 1953.

From 1956 to 2007, Sister Mary Cecilia ministered as business manager, executive secretary, provincial secretary, elderly outreach worker, assistant administrator, director of admissions, administrator and foundation office assistant in many cities in the U.S., including St. Louis, Mo.; Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Chicago, Ill.; and Evansville.

From 1973 to 1981, Sister Mary Cecilia served as an English-speaking secretary at the Daughters of Charity Motherhouse in Paris, France. In 2007, Sister Mary Cecilia joined the Ministry of Prayer at the Seton Residence of the Daughters of Charity in Evansville. She continues in that ministry today.

Nagel awarded Outstanding Art Educator of the Year

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne resident and art teacher Teresa Nagel will receive the Outstanding Art Educator of the Year award at the American Art Education Association of Indiana annual convention Oct. 18 -20 in Indianapolis. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and are teachers who show outstanding artistic achievement and service in education.

Nagel teaches at Kekionga Middle School in Fort Wayne and is a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

An Indiana resident since 1999, Nagel has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to the arts. She has not only been an amazing art teacher, but has served on the advisory board of the Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Award, Executive Board member of the Lilly Fellows, and is a member of the Lilly Fellows.

Entries sought for Family Rosary’s contest

EASTON, Mass. — The call for entries has been announced for the 2014 “Try Prayer! It Works!” Contest. In this national competition sponsored by Family Rosary, children are encouraged to express their faith through art, poetry and prose.

The “Try Prayer! It Works!” Contest is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

This year’s theme — “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.” — is based on the fourth joyful mystery.

“We all struggle with faith at times,” said Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

The “Try Prayer! It Works!” Contest asks entrants to use creativity to depict their faith. Children in grades K-12 enrolled in a Catholic school, religious education program, parish, home school or other organization are eligible to participate. Visit www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2014. Call Holy Cross Family Ministries at (800) 299-PRAY (7729).

PRIEST SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS ATTEND RETREAT

The Priest Support Group (the remnant of seven priest members) recently spent three days on retreat at the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery in Ferdinand. Father Paul Bueter had a reunion with Benedictine Sister Mary Victor, who collaborated with him for over a decade, serving Hispanic people in Milford. Pictured, from left, are John Crowley, facilitator; Father Paul Bueter; Benedictine Sister Mary Victor Kercher; Father Bob D’Souza; Benedictine Sister Kathryn Huber; and Father Ed Ruetz.
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At the end of Mass on Friday, Nov. 1, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is presented a spiritual bouquet from the students of St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen.

The second-grade students of Sister Colleen Bauer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, fold their hands in prayer as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is about to begin a prayer.
ST SCHOOL SHINES DURING VISIT FROM BISHOP

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to the fourth-grade “saints” of St. John the Evangelist School, Goshen, at a pastoral visit on Nov. 1.

During his pastoral visit, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits Anita Laughlin’s kindergarten class at St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen.

Standing in front of the St. John the Evangelist statue in the school are, from left, Father Tony Steinacker, pastor; Mattie Willerton, principal; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; and Father Fernando Jimenez, parochial vicar.
Rapper priest energizes Luers students

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — Father Norman Fischer, a black Catholic priest from the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., recently preached to the entire student body of 600 at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne on Oct. 8. He returned to the diocese after his participation in the Faithfest for teens a couple years ago was so well received. Father Fischer is currently a priest chaplain at Lexington Catholic High School and pastor of the historically black parish, St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, in Lexington.

The son of an African-American father and Filipina mother, Father Fischer enjoys preaching, rapping and reaching out to youth and their families, creatively spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though raised in a devout Catholic family, he had no experience with priests of color as a child. But by his freshman year in college when he became involved in the National Black Catholic Congress, he was able to interact with other black Catholics and black priests.

Following college graduation, he entered St. Mary of the Lake seminary in Chicago where he earned his master of divinity in 2000. He became the first black priest to serve in the Diocese of Lexington.

Father Fischer’s interest in rap music began when he was a child listening to positive hip-hop music. Today, he listens to contemporary music and converts the lyrics to Christian words. A popular Motown hit such as “My Girl” by the Temptations will become “My God.” With his high energy and penchant for fun, when he forms a new rap song to perform for his audience, teen musicians from the audience are often asked by Father Fischer to accompany him.

“Rapping is something young people, because they are bombastically bombarded with music. It is important to know what they are listening to and to cultivate faith that is inspirational,”explains Father Fischer. “Christian rap is equal to the Word of God taken to another level with a beat. Music is the crossroads where the church and teens can meet.”

During his talk at Bishop Luers, Father Fischer was joined by poet and fellow rapper Dewayne Smithers. The two met just three and a half years ago through a mutual friend. Smithers helps Father Fischer keep his creativity fresh and relevant to teenagers today.

The morning at Bishop Luers began with an all-school conference with group dynamics, ice breakers, and a freestyle rap to “Christ be the Light of Our Lives.” Smithers shared with teens through his poetry and rap how he fell into darkness away from Christ and how he eventually turned back to Christ.

“All an all-school mass concluded the morning activities and Holy Hour was held from 5-6 p.m. at the school.”

She Mathias, campus minister at Bishop Luers, said the day was simply “incredible.”

Senior Logan Gillie felt that the activities really opened her eyes to her faith and said that beyond Luers, she will “always listen to God and look to Him for direction.”

Classmate Megan Lee felt inspired by the day and believes that she will pray more and “listen to God so he can help me figure out what I want to do with my life.” Lee also took away from the presentations to treat people as we want to be treated.

Additionally, junior Tyiona Griggs remembered, “No one’s perfect. Everyone’s different, and you should not treat people differently because of your own insecurities.”

Father Fischer hopes that his time spent at Bishop Luers High School grades others with renewed insights in this Year of Faith. “It’s our great privilege to be in one rhythm with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We’ve come this far by faith

BY DEACON MEL TARDY

“I am very happy with the response I’ve received, especially from the black Catholic community.”

I n 1887, Daniel Rudd — a prominent black Catholic from Gary, Ind. — delivered a major speech about “colored Catholics” at Catholic Library Hall in Fort Wayne. Rudd’s story of faith is unique in the annals of American Church history. His parents had been slaves, but also Catholic. Rudd, a cradle Catholic, came of age in the first generation freed by the Emancipation Proclamation; but, he never forgot the concerns of his fellow kinfolk suffering in slavery’s aftermath.

Rudd’s enduring faith, however, assured him that the Catholic Church — “the only place on this continent where rich and poor, white and black, must drop prejudice at the threshold and go hand in hand to the altar” — was the “one great hope” for colored folk. Such faith drove him to devote his life and message, by God’s grace, to spreading that very message, far and wide — including to Fort Wayne.

To engage black Catholics regarding common concerns, Rudd founded a national newspaper, the American Catholic Tribune, and the Black Catholic Congress; the latter being the first significant lay Catholic movement in America. Both institutions founded by Rudd still engage Catholics today (see www.nbccongress.org).

Lay leadership perhaps emerged in large part because various factors, including racism, had stymied efforts to ordain blacks in America. Convened in 1889, that first congress included Mass with Father Augustine Tolton presiding: America’s first recognizable black priest. But, Rome had ordained him; America had refused.

Did Rudd’s presence inspire local black Catholics — perhaps the ancestors of several black Catholic families once active at St. Mary’s Parish of Fort Wayne? That story remains to be told.

Today, its vibrant black liturgy speaks of hope — to the loving presence of Christ in the midst of our suffering. In him, we know that God literally has our back — beaten, bloodied and left to die like those of our ancestors. If we identify with His suffering and death, we embrace His Resurrection and promise of liberation. And our story must embrace the Eucharistic presence of Christ for others — such as Father O’Conner and so many advocates — who broke bread with us in order to break the bondage of racial division.

And in that sense, ours is also a joyful faith — a celebration that something better is coming. The song by Daniel Rudd so many years ago.

“Porta Fidei” calls the Year of Faith “a summons to an apocalyptic and radical conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world.” It will conclude in November, which also happens to be National Black Catholic History Month, initiated in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus to celebrate the particular faith and gifts of black Catholics. Perhaps their convergence in November can be a clarion call to celebrate the faith stories of black Catholic across our diocese: parishes, schools and institutions.

One resource for assistance is the Diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board (BCAB), whose mission in part is “to help guide the diocese . . . to effectively address pastoral, social and cultural concerns relating to Catholics of African descent.” BCAB is currently drafting a plan for the pastoral care of blacks in the diocese. On Nov. 5, BCAB and St. Pius X Parish (a parish also founded by Father O’Conner) showed the documentary “Enduring Faith.” On Nov. 24, the St. Augustine Gospel Choir will join other choirs for the closing Mass for the Year of Faith.

BCAB will also bring Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago to South Bend on Feb. 1, 2014, to speak on the cause of sainthood for Father Augustine Tolton.

We’ve come this far by faith — an enduring faith, but also a joyful faith. Let us continue to lead and witness to the collective faith stories of the past, so that ALL may have a future brimming with the hope that love inspires.

Deacon Mel Tardy serves at St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, and is the chair of the Diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board.
Caveats from a Catholic doc

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DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

November 10, 2013

Honor Flight … thanks for the memories

BY MARK WEBER

It was G.I. style all over again. Reveille (at home) at dawn with presentation of the colors by the D.C. National Guard, and I.D. to guards at a military post where jeeps, flags, huts, and a camo clad aura made me wonder what I was in for. I was off to report- ing for duty at another new post. I wasn’t … I was a guest of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana and on my way to the U.S. Air Force Memorial, D.C., with other World War II veterans who would see the capital city’s sights and memorials, swap stories, eat box lunches and get the V. I. P. treatment all day long.

The Honor Flight saga began as many others have — purely an idea based on fulfillment and entitlement due others. In this case, the idea man was Earl Morse, a physician’s assistant and retired Air Force captain serving in a small clinic in Springfield, Ohio. Despite that, I am sure there will be those who disagree.

As early as 2000, opposition to this idea was widespread. The multi-billion dollar industry that is selling you vitamins and make money. Study after study has been done to sell you vitamins and make money. Study after study has been done. In recent years multiple supplements has shown that mega or super doses of vitamins do not enhance your health. In recent years multiple mega-B vitamin (B6, B12, folic acid) research studies have been very disappointing and proven to be of no benefit. A large study on high dose vitamin E has actually shown a trend toward harm. No benefit has been proven for high dose vitamin C, echinacea, ginkgo biloba and so many other supplements. The recently published Physician Health Study II in which over 14,000 physicians participated, showed that after 11 years of taking a popular multivitamin (Centrum Silver) there was no benefit at all in reducing cardiovascular disease, which was the main goal of the study. At least there was a trend toward less cancer in the vitamin group.

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A partnership between generations

A recent ad for a Swiss watch shows a well-groomed father getting out of a first-class Pullman car and putting his arm around his 8-year-old son, also nattily attired in khakis, Docksideks and a sport coat. “You never actually own a Patek Philippe,” the ad said. “You merely look after it for the next generation.”

It was a little rich for my taste. But there were some things I liked about the ad. It showed a father in a positive light — something one rarely sees on Madison Avenue or in Hollywood. The fathers there are typically absent, unconcerned or inept.

The ad also invoked a laudable concern for the next generation. Edmund Burke, in his “Reflections on the French Revolution,” wrote that society is “a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead and those who are to be born.”

It was incongruous to see Burke’s sentiment used to sell watches. But at least it showed we haven’t forgotten about it entirely. So does the environmental movement, a political effort you might not associate with an instinctive conservative like Burke. In his 2013 inaugural address, President Barack Obama made a typical appeal for sustainable energy, saying, “Our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves, but to all posterity.”

How is it that we can invoke this intergenerational covenant to sell watches and to prevent possibly ruinous climate change over the next few centuries but ignore it in the face of certain fiscal ruin over the next two or three decades? Detroit’s bankruptcy is a social tragedy that resulted in part from unrealistic promises made to present workers at the expense of future city taxpayers. As the city’s economy and population declined, it failed to trim back its government workforce, maintaining one of the nation’s largest for cities its size.

The city kept promising larger and larger retirement benefits for employees. It even paid bonuses out of the retirement fund in years when it made good money in the market, even as it ratcheted up the tax burden on its ever-shrinking population. When the market turned south, the fund became incapable of paying out what it had promised.

As a result, more than half of the Motor City’s $18 billion in debt is unfunded retirement benefits for public employees, who now stand to lose everything in the city’s bankruptcy. To put it in Burke’s terms, the retiring generation took on a debt their children could not pay.

Federal entitlement spending is, sadly, going in the same direction. Never mind the new health care law. Even without that, entitlement spending accounts for nearly two-thirds of the federal budget (twice what it was in 1960).

Most of this is for Social Security and Medicare programs whose beneficiaries are defined by age, not need. We call them insurance programs, but they’re not. Today’s workers pay for today’s retirees and ask the next generation to support them.

But we’re asking too much of the next generation, because people are living longer, costs are rising and birthrates are falling. We aren’t leaving our children fancy watches. We’re leaving them debts they cannot pay.

Both of our major political parties have been equally guilty of making promises our children are being asked to keep, but probably cannot. Both are equally afraid to acknowledge the problem.

Unrealistic and false promises do not fulfill our duties of social justice. Surely our noble desire to care for the sick can take a better form. But these false promises persist as politicians keep putting the next election ahead of the next generation.

John Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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at high doses and artificically put them in a pill the magic goes away.

What about alcohol? The bottom line is moderate consumption of alcohol in epidemiological studies has shown benefits, particularly reduced cardiovascular disease. Moderate consumption means three to seven adult beverages a week (sorry, it does not mean seven drinks in one night!). The most beneficial appears to be red wine, but white wine, various spirits, and even beer are also acceptable.

Don’t forget there are plenty of calories in alcohol, so you have to cut back on calorie consumption someplace else. Finally, if you don’t drink alcohol at all now, don’t start because of what I just said. If drinking has caused problems in your life or you know you’re an alcoholic, then avoidance is a must.

Did you know lifelong smokers live an average of 10 years less than nonsmokers? That means many smokers will not see their 70s. It’s never too late to stop smoking and improve your health and prognosis.

There is an epidemic of adult onset type II diabetes in this country. A significant percentage of these people can reverse their diabetes with a simple plan — weight loss. For example, somebody that is 5-feet, 10-inches and weighs 230 pounds can very likely get off all their diabetic meds if they lose weight through diet and exercise to get down to 180 pounds. For diabetics that are not at ideal body weight, the best solution is not more pills or even insulin. It is weight loss! I suspect you have all taken notice when you have seen an 85-year-old man or woman walk by with the speed and vigor of a 30 year old. Do you know what the secret is? It’s exercise. If you want to enjoy your golden years, keep moving and keep exercising!

I always try to end with Scripture. “Or do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” 1 Cor 6:19-20.

Mark Weber recalls a day in Washington, D.C. and the events experienced by veterans who make an Honor Flight.

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you. This final thoughtful touch was carefully rearranged by the staff of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana and my daughter, Libby, who secretly notified many relatives and friends of the flight. I received loads of letters and cards and someone even sent me an American flag.

Recalling this star spangled, beautiful day in May and the sights of the trip ... the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, those beautiful bronze eagles, and taps at Arlington, my most vivid and touching memory is of two veterans of the 82nd and 101st airborne, one of whom was heard to say as our flight left Fort Wayne, “This will be the first time I will be on a plane that landed.” These one-time hell for leather G.I.’s who leaped out of airplanes wearing 60-pound packs while clutching rifles, now carefully used both grab rails as they slowly left the bus.

Mark Weber works in advertising composition and is a writer for Today's Catholic newspaper.
ICCL FIFTH-SIXTH GRADE SOCCER CHAMPS NAMED

The Inter-City Catholic League St. Joseph, South Bend, fifth-and-sixth-grade Eagles beat St. Adalbert, 3-1, in the boys’ soccer tournament championship game on Oct. 20 at Marian High School Abro Field in Mishawaka. The Eagles’ coaches were Eric Horvath and Jay Caponigro.

ICCL, CYO football champs square off for diocesan playoff

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The best of the best met in youth football’s pinnacle, the 2013 diocesan showdown, on a crisp, sunny Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2, at Fort Wayne’s University of Saint Francis field. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams won both contests, but the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) teams from South Bend did not go down without a fight.

The first game slated two like-matched teams, but it was Fort Wayne’s St. Charles Cardinals that outlasted a powerful Panther squad from St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius X by a score of 20-14 to claim the bragging rights for the south.

The Panthers scored first to start the back and forth. The St. Charles team answered with a drive of its own highlighted by a 46-yard Eddie Morris to Bradley Black pass and capped off by a 7-yard run by T.J. Tippmann. The Panthers responded with another score but St. Charles answered before the half with Morris scoring on an 18-yard bootleg run to tie the score at 14-14 heading into halftime.

Coach Sam Talarico described the second half as two heavyweight boxers throwing punches at each other. With four minutes remaining in the game, Morris found Tippmann on a screen pass that was good for a 27-yard touchdown scamper. The Panthers then put together an impressive drive down to the 2-yard line but with just over a minute left in the game, however, their drive stalled when Tippmann forced and recovered a fumble for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals found themselves with their backs against their own endzone and were not out of danger until Morris’ cannon connected with Collin Reed on the game sealing 35-yard pass.

“You can not make mistakes against a good team like St. Charles,” Panther Coach Shawn Bays admitted.

“It was a very tough loss, but a good battle,” he summarized.

Once again, the Panthers’ workhorse, Charlie McFadden, dominated the ground game with another 100-yards-plus rushing game and a score. Quarterback Ben Lamont hooked up with J.P. Lewis for the other touchdown.

A pleased Cardinal Coach Sam Talarico summed up his unit’s outstanding year.

“Anytime you can not make mistakes and our defense played the entire game, we still lost,” Talarico said. “We were not good enough today. We made mistakes to the tune of 13 penalties and 112 yards, and we lost by 16 points.”

Talarico concluded, “I am really excited for next year since so many seventh graders played a key role in our victory today.

Next up, the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) Eagles squeaked by the Saints from Mishawaka Catholic after an explosive fourth quarter of action, 25-20. It was another gritty showdown, a classic contest of power vs. speed full of athleticism, talent and aggression. The Saints scored first and took a 8-7 lead at halftime. They kept control until... PLAYOFF, PAGE 14

In the diocesan playoff battle on Nov. 3, St. Charles Cardinals, shown in the team photo at left, beat the St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers, 20-14.

The Mishawaka Catholic Saints team photo is shown at left at the diocesan playoff game on Nov. 3. The Saints won the ICCL championship a week ago in double overtime.

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BY MICHIELLE CASTILEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) lost to Holy Cross Lutheran School, 42-8, in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship game on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Despite the tough day, Coach Jim Carroll was very proud of his young Eagles whose only losses the whole season came against the Crusaders, “It has been a pleasurable, fun group to coach. We plan to rebound and play our best in the diocesan championship.”

In his 13 years at the helm, Carroll’s teams have been in the championship game seven times. He credits all the kids and all his assistants over that time period.

Holy Cross remained undefeated for the 2013 season but per CYO regulations, are not allowed to participate in the playoffs against the Inter-City Catholic League winner on Nov. 3.

The mighty Cardinals from St. Charles will be the second place team to represent Fort Wayne in the much anticipated showdown.

In junior varsity playoff action, the St. Charles Cardinals defended their CYO title with a 24-6 victory over an outstanding, gritty group of Raiders from St. John, New Haven, to win the 2013 fifth- and sixth-grade championship.

Coach Mike Eddy’s squad finished with a perfect 10-0 record for the second year in a row and surrendered just 1.9 points per game over the season. The Cardinals were led by quarterback Drew Lytle and got touchdowns from Patrick O’Keefe, Patrick Finley and Hayden Ellinger.

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Carroll, who tallies a career record of 88-30 and four diocesan championships will step down after 12 years as head coach. He hopes to help out at the junior varsity level next season and wishes to thank all the coaches, great kids and his wife, Amanda, “I have been blessed, honored and touched to have had the joyful opportunity to coach the Eagles.”

Remembering Bishop John M. D’Arcy

August 18, 1932 - February 3, 2013

St. John’s Seminary in Boston, MA has recently opened a new Lecture Hall & Library at the former Our Lady of the Presentation Church, the home parish and baptism site of the beloved Bishop of Fort Wayne - South Bend, Indiana, Bishop D’Arcy. After being closed for close to a decade, Saint John’s Seminary has breathed new life into this holy house and is planning to honor the memory of Bishop D’Arcy by naming a conference room after him.

To join us in this quest, please visit www.sjs.edu/gift.html and make your gift in his name, or mail a check made out to Saint John’s Seminary to:

Friends of Bishop D’Arcy, attn: Sandy Barry
Saint John’s Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, MA 02135

May God bless you for your generosity as we honor Bishop John M. D’Arcy and the holy legacy he left behind.

Questions? Call 617-746-5413 or email contact@sjs.edu.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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

USF presenting free fall concert
Fort Wayne — The University Singers and Jazz Ensemble of the University of Saint Francis will collaborate on a free fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium at 2701 Spring St. The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Sam Smiley, will perform its annual winter concert of jazz standards, contemporary pieces and holiday classics, joined by the University Singers, under the direction of Robert Nance. Call (260) 399-8064 for more information.

Divine Mercy Ministry offers post-abortion healing
Fort Wayne — Divine Mercy Ministry, a Catholic support ministry devoted to the healing of the post-abortion woman or man, meets twice a month. Location and times are confidential. For information, call (260) 445-8119 or email mary@divinemercyministry.com. All inquiries are confidential.

Holiday bazaar
Bristol — St. Mary Parish will have a Holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 411 W. Vistula St. Bake sale, handcrafted items and lunch will be available.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Mishawaka — Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. Frist St., will host a spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 8, from 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti is available with or without meat and dinner includes salad, breadsticks, dessert and coffee. Other beverages available for purchase. The price is $8 for adults, children 5-12 are $5 and children under 5 are free. Carryouts available.

Prison ministry to begin
Yoder — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus are hosting a “Prison ministry angel tree” for children in Allen County who have parents in prison. If you would like to sponsor a child with a gift call (260) 622-4042.

Notre Dame choir concludes Year of Faith
The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Folk Choir and Women’s Liturgical Choir will each perform an individual piece of sacred music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart before coming together to sing the Mozart Coronation Mass with orchestra.

Craft bazaar and bake sale
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1720 E Wallen Rd. will have a craft bazaar and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homemade crafts, baked goods and lunch available.

Bishop Luers plans fall fundraiser
Fort Wayne — Turkey Trot will be Sunday, Nov. 24, from 6-10:30 p.m. at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St. Tickets are $20 per person before Nov. 16 and $25 per person after and include food, beer, wine, soft drinks and music by “Actual Size.” Proceeds benefit the Bishop Luers High School Athletic Booster Club and the Performing Arts Department.

Craft fair helps Dwenger
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters craft fair will be Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is free. Nelson’s Chicken will also be available at the event. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Bishop Dwenger.

St. Augustine plans winter bazaar
South Bend — St. Augustine Parish, 1501 Washington St., will have a winter bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, and Sunday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music Director
St. Therese Catholic Church in Fort Wayne seeks a music director. This is a part-time position and qualifications include ability to play the organ and piano. Main duties include playing the organ and piano at weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation, choirs and cantor practices, scheduling of the cantors and choirs, organizing and setting the musical liturgy for weekend Masses and Holy Days plus playing for weddings and funerals as needed and paid separately.

Interested parties are to contact:
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St. Therese Parish Office - (260) 747-9139
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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 rsculte@diocesefwsb.org by November 15, 2013.

REST IN PEACE

Angola
Robert Clifford, 77, St. Anthony of Padua
Elkhart
Georgeanna Kalman, 97, St. Vincent de Paul
Fort Wayne
Lilliana Huneck, 85, St. Vincent de Paul
Godfrey F. Strack, 89, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel
Helen L. Larry, 77, St. Peter
Katherine DeWald Blichert, 93, St. Charles Borromeo
Ray F. Mata Jr., 76, St. Joseph
James R. Barrand, 70, St. Charles Borromeo
Elvira A. Ryan, 88, St. John the Baptist

Granger
Oville Lewis, 87, St. Plus X
Eugene J. Botka, 74, St. Plus X

Mishawaka
Thelma M. Blume, 92, St. Monica
Chester T. Walker, 85, St. Bavo

New Haven
Donald M. Cheviron, 86, St. John the Baptist

Notre Dame
Anne Mullern Hickey, 87, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Father Ronald R. Tripi, CSC, 78, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Plymouth
Bette J. Buchanan, 86, St. Michael

South Bend
Betty J. Lagocki, 89, Holy Family
Lloyd James Rouhsellang, 84, St. Anthony of Padua
Alice Pajakowski, 97, St. Adalbert
James Vincent Lynch, 84, Christ the King
Monica E. Szaveda, 81, Christ the King
Margery Rose Hintz, 76, St. Matthew
Yoder
Mary C. DiCola, 92, St. Aloysius
Sister Frances Joan Baker, 97, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne
PBS program featuring interviews with founding pastor Msgr. Robert Schulte and current pastor Father James Shafer to bulletin accounts of portions of the history of St. Elizabeth Parish by Tom Castaldi and special contests.

On Nov. 3, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined the faithful to celebrate a special anniversary Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish on Nov. 3 along with Deacon Jim Kitchens, former parochial vicar Father Drew Curzy, former parochial vicar Father Dave Ruppert, founding pastor Msgr. Bob Schulte, current pastor Father Jim Shafer, current parochial vicar Father Ben Muhlenkamp and former St. Joseph Parish pastor Father Bill Sullivan. Father Larry Kramer, retired and in residence at St. Elizabeth, also concelebrated.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the 25th anniversary Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish on Nov. 3 along with Deacon Jim Kitchens, former parochial vicar Father Drew Curzy, former parochial vicar Father Dave Ruppert, founding pastor Msgr. Bob Schulte, current pastor Father Jim Shafer, current parochial vicar Father Ben Muhlenkamp and former St. Joseph Parish pastor Father Bill Sullivan. Father Larry Kramer, retired and in residence at St. Elizabeth, also concelebrated.

St. Elizabeth pastor Father Jim Shafer receives a standing ovation for his service to the parish at the gala that followed a special anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Nov. 3.

We’re celebrating the past and starting a future.” Her friend Cassie Lee added, “I love to see the support of the bishop. It’s nice to have him and the past priests here.”

Neysa Myers, who is new to the parish, remarked, “It’s nice to see the support for the future of the parish. We look forward to being a part of the parish for a long time.”

Before dinner, Bishop Rhoades blessed medals of St. Elizabeth that were distributed to the ladies in attendance by Sylvia Denice dressed as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton herself, after which he blessed the meal. Following the meal Father Shafer, Msgr. Schulte and Bishop Rhoades all spoke of the history and the future of the expanding parish of Catholic faithful named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

A truly vibrant parish, the bishop said, “is a community that evangelizes by word and action — reaching out to the poor, the outcast, those trapped in sin, those who are suffering, those without hope, those who are unchurched or inactive in the practice of the faith.”

Closing his homily, Bishop Rhoades, who has a personal devotion to St. Elizabeth, prayed, “May St. Elizabeth Ann Seton intercede for us and for this parish, that it may be renewed by Christ’s love. May we, like Zacchaeus, experience the joy of being visited by the Son of God, that we may bring His mercy to others. May God abundantly bless you and all the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.”

A formal adults-only gala followed Mass that began in the atrium with cocktail hour, after which guests of the celebration gathered in the Parish Activity Center for a magnificent buffet catered by Blue Spoon Catering. The gala featured the musical entertainment of the University of Saint Francis jazz quartet.

Clergy and parishioners alike had uplifting comments to share about the jubilee celebration. Founding pastor Msgr. Schulte remarked, “Twenty-five years is certainly worth celebrating. I have a lot of good memories!”

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