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JOE ROMIE

The Knights of Columbus lead the 40th Annual March for Life through the streets of Fort Wayne from the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center to the E. Ross Adair Federal Building Saturday, Jan. 18.

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Carrying pro-life banners and filled with hope and encouragement, thousands of area citizens gathered at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center for a noon rally followed by the 40th annual March for Life through downtown Fort Wayne on Jan. 18.

The 40th annual March for Life marked the 41st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. More than an estimated 55 million unborn children have been victims of abortion since the Supreme Court decision, including more than 30,000 children in Allen County.

Allen County Right to Life Executive Director Cathie Humbarger, also the event organizer, announced, "By the grace of God and with the sup-

port of every one in this room, I am pleased to tell you that since Jan. 1, there have been no abortions done at the abortion clinic (in Fort Wayne)."

After a rousing applause, Humbarger said due to circumstances that occurred at the end of last year, "the abortion business is at least 'temporarily' shut down. And I implore you to please continue to pray that this is a permanent closure."

The rally's keynote speaker, Angela Minter, is the executive director of Sisters For Life, a Kentucky-based, nonprofit dedicated to defending the sanctity of life at every stage from conception to mature adulthood.

Minter, who was also the keynote speaker at the Elkhart County Right to Life rally and march just a week earlier on Jan. 11, is a born again

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Indiana bishops endorse proposed constitutional amendment on marriage

BY SEAN GALLAGHER

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — The six Catholic bishops in Indiana have endorsed a proposed state constitutional amendment that would define marriage as exclusively between one man and one woman.

The proposed amendment also states that other legal unions "identical or substantially similar to that of marriage" will not be recognized by the state.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana regarding state and national matters, spoke on behalf of the bishops Jan. 13 when the Indiana House Judiciary Committee met to hear testimony on House Joint Resolution 3, or HJR 3.

"We support HJR 3 as a means for defending the nature of marriage as the union of one man and one woman," Tebbe said.

He was joined by several other witnesses representing various groups — some supporting the measure, some opposing it.

The committee meeting ended without a vote being taken on the proposal. No date has been set for a vote.

In his testimony, Tebbe affirmed the Catholic Church's teaching on the dignity of every human person, "including persons with same-sex attraction."

At the same time, he noted that the Church upholds the "dignity and sanctity of marriage," which, "by its very nature ... is a permanent partnership between one man and one woman."

Tebbe also explained that marriage so understood is the "foundation of the family" and provides a solid context for the raising of children. He also said that "it is not within the power of either the church or the state to redefine marriage since God is its author."

Much of his testimony was either based on or taken directly from a pastoral statement about the dignity of all human persons and the dignity of marriage issued in December by Indiana's Catholic bishops.

The statement, issued Dec. 4, was signed by: Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Indianapolis, who is vicar general; Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette; Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend; and Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville.

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Bishop Rhoades to celebrate Memorial Mass for Bishop D'Arcy

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop John M. D'Arcy at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 — the first anniversary of the passing of Bishop D'Arcy. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, and all the faithful are welcome to attend.



After Mass, the annual blessing of throats for the feast of St. Blaise will be offered.

In addition, the Cathedral Choir will perform the Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré in memory of Bishop D'Arcy at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, (the anniversary of Bishop D'Arcy's priestly ordination) in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Admission is free, and all are invited to attend.

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Bishop Rhoades makes pastoral visit, announces patron saint, confirms student

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and visited classrooms during his recent pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger High School. He also made a surprise announcement of the newly named patron saint of the school, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of All Saints, whose feast day is Aug. 22. Since the school mascot is a saint, the bishop said he thought the designation was especially appropriate and the students reacted with pleasure and spontaneous applause. And Bishop Rhoades also conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on senior Alex Schenkel during the Mass, an unprecedented event on school grounds for the more than 1,000 students in attendance.

In greeting the student body, Bishop Rhoades said, "It's great to be with you today ... one of my favorite things as a bishop is my visits to high schools."

In opening his remarks during the homily, he said, "I'd like to reflect with you today on three people, Hannah, Samuel and Alexander."

Hannah, one of the great women of the Bible, was unable to bear children. Because she was reproached, criticized and ridiculed for her frailty, she was deeply hurt and fell into depression. This was her weakness, that she drew her self-esteem from the opinions of others, the bishop said. We too can be strongly influenced by others and by our culture.

"This weakness reveals a lack of knowledge, in our heart as well as our mind, that our true worth comes from our identity as beloved children of God," said Bishop Rhoades.

However, we can learn from Hannah's strength as well, he pointed out. She had a deep faith in God and never doubted His power. She beseeched Him until God finally answered her prayer and she conceived and gave birth to a son, Samuel. Hannah teaches us to persevere in prayer.

Her son Samuel teaches us lessons as well, said Bishop Rhoades. He was a prophet and a judge, a great figure of the Old Testament. He anointed the first king of Israel, Saul, and Saul's successor, King David. Samuel was honest and fair and dispensed God's law impartially. As a prophet, he exhorted the people to turn away from idolatry and to serve God alone. Samuel was a man of great integrity who loved God and obeyed Him without question. His first loyalty was to God, regardless of what the king or the people thought of him.

"This is the faith and loyalty that is so needed in our culture today. ... Sometimes being a good Catholic is unpopular," he said. We need the courage to live our faith even when it brings criticism or rejection. "We need courageous young people like you, Bishop Dwenger Saints."

The third person Bishop Rhoades spoke of was Alexander, a student at Bishop Dwenger High School, not about his background or life, but about the event taking place that day, his reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Principal Jason Schiffl, chaplain Father Jacob Meyer and student council member Audrey Rang greet Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the main entrance to Bishop Dwenger High School at the start of the bishop's pastoral visit on Jan. 14.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Eucharist at Bishop Dwenger High School during his pastoral visit.



Girls from the Bishop Dwenger freshmen class enjoy lunch in the cafeteria.



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Alan Hoyle rallies in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington Jan. 15. The high court heard oral arguments in a challenge to a Massachusetts law that created a buffer zone around abortion clinics to keep protesters a distance from the facilities. Supporters of the law say it addresses public safety concerns of women patients seeking health care at clinics that also offer abortions.

Court takes up whether buffer zone excessively limits free speech

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Supreme Court justices Jan. 15 pressed attorneys about when it is constitutional to prohibit certain kinds of speech in a case over buffer zones around abortion clinics.

In oral arguments in a case over a 35-foot buffer zone around Massachusetts Planned Parenthood clinics, the attorney for people who want to approach clinic patients for “sidewalk counseling” to discourage them from having abortions argued that the state law “runs into a big First Amendment problem of even eliminating peaceful, consensual conversation that doesn’t disrupt anything.”

Mark Rienzi, attorney for the people who sued the state, told the court that the idea of the government picking one topic, in this case abortion, “and saying, well, around this, suddenly the character of the public forum changes from a place where people can have peaceful, consensual conversations to a place where we will imprison them for doing that, I think that’s a dramatic restriction of First Amendment rights.”

Several justices questioned attorneys on both sides about how a law could be structured narrowly enough to prevent aggres-

sive conduct at clinics that was targeted by the Massachusetts statute, without stepping too far into First Amendment rights.

Attorneys conceded that no other states have laws creating such large restricted zones at abortion clinics.

The case, *McCullen v. Coakley*, was brought by several people who volunteer as “sidewalk counselors” outside Planned Parenthood clinics in Boston, Springfield and Worcester, Mass. Under a 2007 state law, there are yellow semicircular lines painted 35 feet from the entrances to the clinics, delineating how far away the sidewalk counselors and abortion protesters must stay.

The law prohibits conversations about abortion within the zone by anyone except employees of the abortion clinics.

In arguing that the 35-foot zone and its restrictions are necessary, Jennifer Grace Miller, Massachusetts assistant attorney general, disagreed with Justice Antonin Scalia’s assertion that “this is not a protest case. These people don’t want to protest abortion. They want to talk to the women who are about to get abortions and try to talk them out of it.”

Scalia said “if it was a protest, keeping them back 35 feet might not be so bad. They can scream and yell and hold signs from 35

feet. But what they can’t do is try to talk the woman out of the abortion. It’s a counseling case, not a protest case.”

Miller said “it’s a congestion case,” adding that people can have the conversations with clinic patients, “it’s just that those conversations are moved back a few feet.” She said the 35-foot zone was necessary to prevent people from impeding the entrances to clinics. A federal law that prohibits blocking clinic entrances is not applicable, she said, because it only applies to activities such as sit-down protests and people chaining themselves to doorways, not to the act of trying to converse with patients.

The last time the court considered the constitutionality of buffer zones around abortion clinics in 2000, it upheld Colorado’s law prohibiting abortion protests or sidewalk counseling within eight feet of people approaching any medical facility. The court ruled 6-3 that the law was not a regulation of speech but “a regulation of the places where some speech may occur.”

Eleanor McCullen, a parishioner of St. Ignatius Parish at Boston College, is the lead plaintiff among those who sued, saying the law limits their ability to exercise their rights under the First and 14th Amendments to free speech and equal protection



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Saturday, Jan. 25, 5 p.m. — Mass at Saint Patrick Church, Walkerton
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. — Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass of Bishop Dwenger High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Hotel Fort Wayne, Marquis Ballroom, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Jan. 27, 2:30 p.m. — Meeting with seventh- and eighth-grade religion teachers, Bishop Dwenger High School
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Meeting of Advisory Board of Our Sunday Visitor, Detroit, Mich.
- Thursday, Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. — Light of Learning Luncheon, Hilton Garden Inn, Gillespie Conference Center, South Bend
- Thursday, Jan. 30, 2:30 p.m. — Meeting with seventh- and eighth-grade religion teachers, Marian High School
- Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Black Catholic Advisory Board, Saint Augustine Parish, South Bend
- Friday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Saturday, Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. — Mass at Day of Reflection for College Students, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

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

• Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.

• St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.

• Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

• St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

• Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

• St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for life, marriage and religious liberty on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

under the law.

Last summer after the court agreed to take the case, several people who do sidewalk counseling told *The Catholic Free Press*, newspaper of the Worcester Diocese that they hoped for a ruling in their favor so they could be more low-key in their approaches to people.

Nancy Clark, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Worcester, told the newspaper that with a change in the law, “I wouldn’t have to yell.” When yelling to get clinic clients’ attention from a distance “you look like a fanatic” and “they may not hear what we are saying,” she said.

Sidewalk counselor Mark Bashour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Melkite Catholic parish in Worcester, said even those not against abortion should see that

the law is unconstitutional and dangerous.

“What happens when the government doesn’t like what you’re doing with your freedom of speech?” he said. “What are they going to do next if this is found constitutional?”

“This is a First Amendment right,” McCullen told the *Free Press*. “My feeling is, I should be able to speak to whomever I want, wherever I want. I shouldn’t be curtailed by this line, because I lose people. I’m not harassing. ... I’m just a grandmother trying to offer help.”

Other plaintiffs in the suit include Father Eric Cadin, a priest who does sidewalk counseling or praying outside the Boston Planned Parenthood location.

A ruling in the case is expected before the court adjourns for the summer in late June.

Vatican representatives testify before U.N. committee looking at abuse

BY CINDY WOODEN AND CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Testifying before the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child, a Vatican representative acknowledged the horror of clerical sexual abuse and insisted the Vatican was serious about protecting children.

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican observer to U.N. agencies in Geneva, said the Church recognizes abuse of children as both a crime and sin, and the Vatican has been promoting policies that, “when properly applied, will help eliminate the occurrence of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church personnel.”

The archbishop spoke in Geneva Jan. 16 during the committee’s annual session to review reports from states that signed the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Holy See signed the treaty in 1990.

“There is no excuse for any

form of violence or exploitation of children,” the archbishop said. “Such crimes can never be justified, whether committed in the home, in schools, in community and sports programs, in religious organizations and structures.”

Pope Francis, in a homily at his early morning Mass the same day, spoke generally about the shame of the “many scandals” perpetrated by members of the Church. Those who abuse and exploit others, he said, may wear a holy medal or a cross, but they have no “living relationship with God or with His word.”

Instead of giving others “the bread of life,” he said, they feed them poison.

Archbishop Tomasi told the committee that, in December, Pope Francis approved the establishment of an international commission to promote child protection and prevent abuse. He said Vatican City State recently updated its laws to define and set out penalties for specific crimes against minors, including the sale of children, child

prostitution, the military recruitment of children, sexual violence against children and producing or possessing child pornography.

In late November, the Vatican responded in writing to questions from the committee about its last report on compliance with the treaty; much of the Vatican response involved explaining the difference between the Vatican’s direct legal jurisdiction over Vatican City State and its moral and canonical influence over Catholics around the world.

“Priests are not functionaries of the Vatican,” Archbishop Tomasi told the committee. “They are citizens of their own state and fall under the jurisdiction of that state.”

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said in a statement Jan. 16 that questions posed by the committee and others “seem to presuppose that bishops and religious superiors act as representatives or delegates of the pope, something which is without foundation.”

Since responding in November,

Archbishop Tomasi told the committee, “a citizen of Vatican City State has been placed under investigation for alleged sexual crimes committed against children outside the territory of Vatican City State.”

Asked by the committee about the case, Archbishop Tomasi declined to give details because the investigation is still underway, but he said it would be handled “with the severity it deserves.”

The archbishop was referring to Archbishop Jozef Wesolowski, who the Vatican removed as nuncio to the Dominican Republic in August after he was accused of paying for sex with boys in the Caribbean country.

Father Lombardi confirmed Jan. 11 that the former nuncio was being investigated canonically by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and also was the subject of a criminal investigation by Vatican City State legal authorities.

The Geneva committee asked Archbishop Tomasi whether Archbishop Wesolowski would be extradited, but Archbishop Tomasi said that, as a diplomat, he would be tried at the Vatican, under Vatican civil laws.

Archbishop Tomasi acknowledged that “abusers are found among members of the world’s most respected professions, most regrettably, including members of the clergy and other Church personnel.”

Abuse by clergy, he said, is “particularly serious since these persons

are in positions of great trust, and they are called to levels of service that are to promote and protect all elements of the human person, including physical, emotional and spiritual health. This relationship of trust is critical and demands a higher sense of responsibility and respect for the persons served.”

In the days before the U.N. committee meeting, organizations representing victims of clerical sex abuse and others continued to make public criticisms of the Vatican and to claim that it had direct responsibility for handling or mishandling cases of abuse around the globe.

Archbishop Tomasi told Vatican Radio, “The criticisms are easy to make and sometimes have a basis in reality; any crime is an evil, but when children are involved it becomes even more serious.”

At the same time, he said, “the accusation that the Holy See has blocked the carrying out of justice seems to be unfounded.”

The Committee on the Rights of the Child broadcast the session live on the Internet.

Auxiliary Bishop Charles Scicluna of Malta, the former sex abuse investigator in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, also appeared before the U.N. committee and answered questions, specifically about canon law and Vatican policy in dealing with allegations of clerical sexual abuse.

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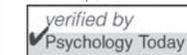
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Testimony heard on HJR3 to ban same-sex 'marriage,' holds vote

INDIANAPOLIS — Last week, the Indiana House Judiciary Committee heard testimony on HJR 3, a resolution to change Indiana's constitution to ban all same-sex unions, but failed to take a vote on the measure. A committee vote is still pending.

The Indiana Catholic Conference supports HJR 3 as a means of defending the nature of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Current Indiana law defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman, but concerns that without a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex unions a challenge to Indiana's current law could force Indiana to recognize them.

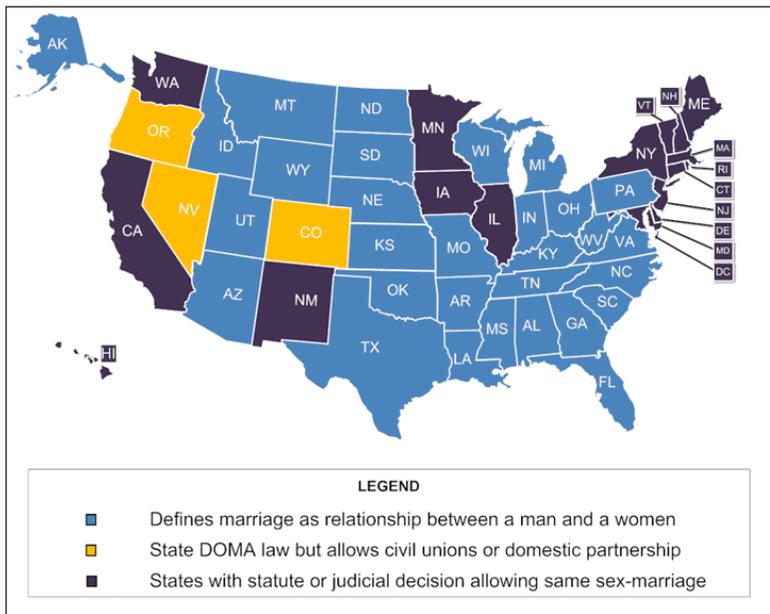
Rep. Eric Turner, R-Cicero, author of the proposal HJR 3, said, "Not having constitutional protection makes our state susceptible to judicial interpretation. The future of marriage belongs in the hands of Hoosiers," he said.

Turner also refuted claims that passing a same-sex marriage ban would hurt Indiana's economy citing the economic growth in the states that have a same-sex marriage ban.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, testified in support of the measure saying, "The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the truth about marriage according to God's plans and laws even as it supports the dignity of all persons. We call on all citizens to defend and protect these truths. We do support HJR 3 as a means of defending the nature of marriage as the union between one man and one woman."

Ryan Anderson, a Heritage Foundation fellow and doctoral candidate in public policy at the University of Notre Dame, said marriage developed over time and cultures as the institution to maximize the likelihood that man and woman unite, and take responsibility to raise their children. Social science evidence says that gender different human parenting is necessary culturally and biologically for the optimum development of the child.

"The state's interest in marriage is not that it cares about my love life or yours for the sake of romance," said Anderson. "The state's interest in marriage is to ensure that those



kids have fathers who are involved in their life because the consequences for fatherless children are really serious.

"Redefining marriage fundamentally reorients the institution of marriage away from the needs of children and toward the desires of adults," said Anderson. "It no longer makes marriage about creating a family life that's ideal for kids, but it's more about adults' romance."

He asked, "How do we insist that fathers are essential, when the law redefines marriage to make fathers optional?" The poor and society are better served by the state defining marriage to ensure that a woman and man take responsibility for their children.

Anderson also raised concerns about religious liberty noting that in states that recognize same-sex marriage institutions, churches and private commercial businesses are coerced by law to recognize same-sex unions even if doing so violates their conscience. Anderson discussed further concerns that redefining marriage also raises new legal challenges and opens up a legal "slippery slope" to challenge three other historic tenants of marriage: monogamy, sexually exclusive and permanent unions. This action would cause further family fragmentation.

Jackie Simmons, vice president and general counsel of Indiana University, who testified in opposition to the measure, said she

believed the amendment would prohibit Indiana from extending same-sex couple benefits.

Representatives from Eli Lilly and Co., Cummins Engines Inc., and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce among other business leaders testified in opposition to the legislation stating that the legislation would inhibit their ability to recruit the best and the brightest talent to Indiana. Individuals also testified in opposition to the measure claiming that same-sex couples would be denied the same marriage rights as heterosexual couples so the proposal infringes on their civil rights.

Jim Boop, a constitutional law attorney of 35 years, argued that the much debated second sentence in HJR 3 does not prohibit a "few peculiar benefits being extended" to same-sex couples who are unmarried, such as visitation rights, protection in domestic violence situations, domestic partner benefits or naming beneficiaries.

"These rights are being given now to single people. These claims by the opponents are just red herrings that the opponents like to use to keep Indiana's statute in its very vulnerable position," said Boop.

Maureen Gutsell, a celibate Catholic lesbian from Jasper, Ind., testified in support of traditional marriage.

"People probably wonder how a lesbian could be opposed to gay marriage," said Gutsell. "It's really quite simple, I'm Catholic. We are

paper, the bishops' statement did not directly address the proposed amendment because at that point the state legislators had not yet decided they would take it up for consideration.

"The pastoral statement was more to help people focus on what the big issues are, how people can form their consciences about the teachings of the Church," Tebbe said.

In early January, the legislators announced they would consider HJR 3.

"Once we had this particular question posed in terms of if we support this amendment or not, we did answer that," Tebbe said, adding that his testimony affirmed "what our position is and that, given the

circumstance right now, (HJR 3) is a means of defending the union in marriage of a man and a woman."

The resolution was passed by both the Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives in 2011. For it to become a ballot measure for the 2014 general election, it will need to be passed without change by a simple majority in both bodies during the upcoming session.

In Indiana, constitutional amendments are voted on in a ballot measure only after they are approved by two separately elected legislatures.

Sean Gallagher is a reporter at *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

all called to live holy and chaste lives. It is not an injustice to anyone to define marriage between one man and one woman."

Rev. Andrew Hunt, III, pastor of New Life Community Church, Indianapolis, who testified in support of HJR 3, said, "I'm an African American who lived through the civil rights movement and there is no comparison between the civil rights movement and same-sex marriage."

If HJR 3 passes the Indiana General Assembly this session, Hoosiers voters will have an opportunity to approve it by referendum vote during the General Election Nov. 4.

Constitutional bans on same-sex unions in the United States, by state

Thirty-one U.S. state constitutional amendments banning legal recognition of same-sex unions have been adopted. Of these, nine make only same-sex marriage unconstitutional; 17 make both

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same-sex marriage and civil unions unconstitutional; two make same-sex marriage, civil unions and other contracts unconstitutional; two have been found unconstitutional.

As of January 2014, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire, Maine, Maryland, Washington, California, Rhode Island, Minnesota, New Jersey, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Illinois allow same-sex marriage. The District of Columbia also allows same-sex marriages.

(Source: National Conference of State Legislatures) Updated January 2014



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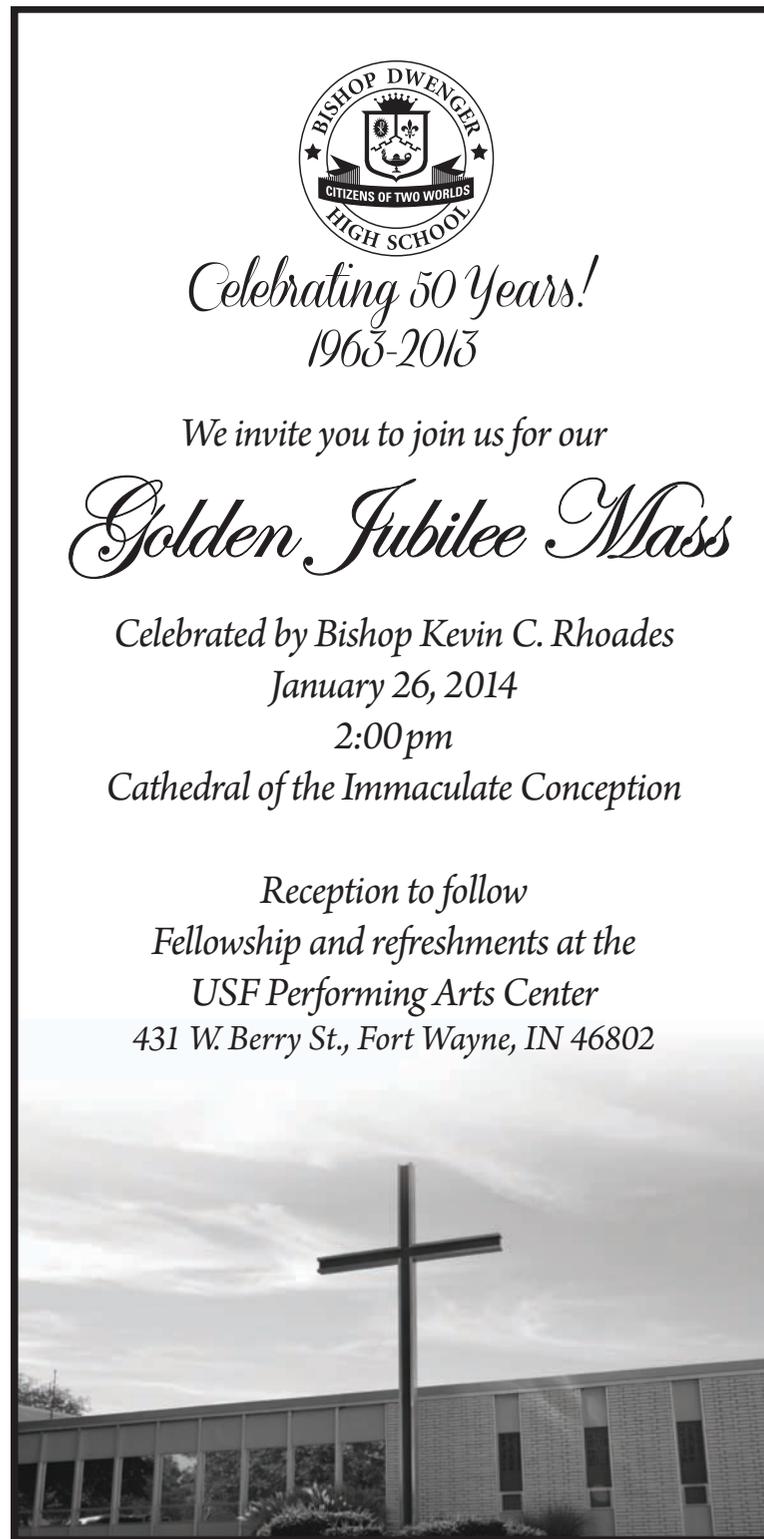
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It quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church and affirms the dignity of all people, "including persons with same-sex attraction, who 'must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.'"

At the same time, the bishops said, marriage is a "natural institution established by God" that exists only between one man and one woman.

After the committee hearing, Tebbe told *The Criterion*, Indianapolis' archdiocesan news-



Proclaiming Gospel at 'heart' of Catholic education, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — National Catholic Schools Week will be observed in U.S. dioceses Jan. 26-Feb. 1 with the theme: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." "Our schools have educated millions of young people over the years by providing them a superior academic background, always pointing the way to eternal life," said Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha, Neb., chairman of the education committee of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "The success of Catholic schools in handing on the faith, generation after generation, is a bright light in the history of the Church in the United States," he added. About 2.1 million students are currently educated in more than 6,600 Catholic schools across the country. Of these students, an estimated 99 percent graduate from high school and 85 percent attend college. "The heart of the apostolate of Catholic education is the mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools provide a rich environment of faith and learning where students experience how much God loves them in Christ," Archbishop Lucas said.

'Extension Day' video contest exhorts filmmakers to 'make some noise'

CHICAGO (CNS) — Catholic Extension is encouraging young filmmakers to celebrate an "Extension Day" of their own choosing and to film the encounters as part of a video contest sponsored by Catholic Extension. The contest is called "Make Some Noise!" and will award multiple prizes of up to \$1,000 for the ministry of the winner's choice and the opportunity to have the winning videos seen by Pope Francis. Extension Day is meant to be a day dedicated to extending the gifts of the Catholic faith through acts of prayer, service or philanthropy. And, because Catholic Extension's mission is to build the Church in areas where challenges are great and resources are scarce, part of the intent is that acts extend beyond the typical boundaries of a parish or youth group or similar organization. Videos submitted for the contest should be less than two minutes long, explain the activity chosen for Extension Day, and complete the sentence: "Our Extension Day is extending the Church's presence by ..." Videos do not need to be polished; they can be recorded on whatever is available.

Official's calls to remove pro-life march banners seen as censorship

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Banners displayed on light posts to promote the Jan. 25 pro-life march in San Francisco received the proper permitting from the city and calls for the signs' removal are ridiculous, said a leader of the event. David Campos of the Board of Supervisors introduced a resolution Jan. 14 opposing the banners posted

NEWS BRIEFS

CARDINAL GREETS CARETAKER OF HORSE DURING BLESSING OF FARM ANIMALS AND PETS



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Cardinal Angelo Comastri greets the caretaker of a horse dressed in traditional Sicilian style during the blessing of farm animals and pets outside St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Jan. 17. The tradition involves a range of animals, from cows brought by ranchers to small dogs and kittens brought by children.

along Market Street to promote the 10th annual Walk for Life West Coast. The flags, a common sight in many a city to announce various festivals and civic events, carry the slogan "Abortion hurts women," and announce the date and place for the march, along with the event's website, www.walkforlifewc.com. Campos contended the message on the banners "isn't true. Not only is abortion one of the safest medical procedures in the United States, but denied, abortion care is what hurts women," he was quoted as saying. He called for a review of the city's process of granting permits for banners and his resolution claimed the march organization violated various city regulations, including "an accurate date for a related event." But photos of the banners clearly show "January 25" as the date.

Pope encourages ecumenism in response to secularism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis said the evangelization of secular society requires focusing on the essentials of Christianity in collaboration with other Christian churches. The pope made his remarks Jan. 17 at a meeting with representatives of the Lutheran Church in Finland, who were making their annual ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome on the feast of Finland's patron, St. Henry. The meeting occurred one day before the start of the annual Week of Prayer

for Christian Unity. Pope Francis told the group that ecumenical relations lately have been undergoing "significant changes, owing above all to the fact that we find ourselves professing our faith in the context of societies and cultures every day more lacking in reference to God and all that recalls the transcendent dimension of life. For this very reason, our witness must concentrate on the center of our faith, on the announcement of the love of God made manifest in Christ His Son," the pope said. "Here we find space to grow in communion and in unity, promoting spiritual ecumenism."

Poor, elderly at most risk in chemical spill aftermath, say officials

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (CNS) — For 72-year-old Ben Dettinger and his wife, Wanda, 70, of Mink Shoals, just north of Charleston, the chemical spill that has crippled the water system in West Virginia's capital has been a particularly scary turn of events. "We didn't hear about it until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday (the day of the spill) and that was three hours after they put a ban on water use; and we had water with our meal," Wanda said. "Of course we were very concerned when we heard the news." Frantically, they tried to call the West Virginia State Police but were unable to get through. They did get in touch with the governor's office, where officials told

them not to drink anymore of the water. Thankfully, Wanda said, they had not gotten sick. The Dettingers are part of the population that officials with Catholic Charities West Virginia in the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese are most concerned about in the disaster — the elderly and the poor. "For you and me, it's an inconvenience not to have water," said Elizabeth Hardy, the Catholic agency's western regional director in Charleston. "We can go to the store and buy it. For those who are low-income (or elderly), it's difficult. ... We assisted about 1,400 families Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 11 and 12) with donations of water. All of our services right now are geared to those who have limited income or who are poor."

Kerry, Vatican counterpart meet on Syria, Mideast, U.S. health mandate

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal-designate Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, hosted a lengthy meeting with his U.S. counterpart, John Kerry, to discuss ongoing tensions in the Middle East, as well as the U.S. bishops' concerns about the Obama administration's health care mandate. "The meeting was very broad; it lasted about one hour and 40 minutes," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. Father Lombardi said the two secretaries of state did not meet alone Jan. 14, but had top aides with

them for the discussions. Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican's foreign minister, participated, as did Victoria Nuland, Kerry's assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs; Shaun Casey, special adviser to Kerry for faith-based and community initiatives; and Ken Hackett, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. "Various themes were discussed and naturally those regarded the Middle East first of all — the situation in Syria and preparations for the (upcoming peace) conference in Geneva," Father Lombardi said, referring to the U.N.-sponsored peace talks scheduled for Jan. 22.

Vocations are calls to build up God's kingdom, pope says in message

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A vocation to the Priesthood, consecrated life or marriage is a call to center one's life on Christ and build up His kingdom, Pope Francis said. "The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace," the pope said in his message for the 2014 World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All Christians are called to adore the Lord and allow the seed of His word to grow in their lives and be transformed into service of others, the pope said in the message for the day, which will be celebrated May 11 at the Vatican and in many dioceses around the world. In his message, released at the Vatican Jan. 16, Pope Francis said that while God calls each person individually by name, "no vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well-cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service," the pope said, and that takes place in the context of an authentic Christian community.

Pope replaces cardinals serving on Vatican bank oversight commission

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis replaced four cardinals serving on a five-person commission overseeing the Vatican bank. The new members include Canadian Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto and Cardinal-designate Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, is the only serving member the pope asked to stay on. The Vatican made the announcement Jan. 15. The responsibilities of the five-member Commission of Cardinals Overseeing the Institute for the Works of Religion, the formal title of the bank, include appointing the bank's president — an appointment, which then must be approved by the pope. In addition to Cardinal Collins and Cardinal-designate Parolin, the new members are Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna and Spanish Cardinal Santos Abril Castello, the archpriest of Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major.

National author Sherry Weddell to speak at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

FORT WAYNE — Nationally known speaker and noted author Sherry Weddell will speak at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. Weddell's message is very much the message of Pope Francis and is very much the message of the New Evangelization. Her latest book is titled "Forming Intentional Disciples" and is published by Our Sunday Visitor.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades encourages director of religious education and catechists, religion teachers, lay ministers of all types, as well as the general Catholic in the pew to attend this free event. The event is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor.

Theology on Tap offers winter series for young adults

GRANGER — Theology on Tap, a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith, will be offered on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Villa Macri, 225 Toscana Blvd., Granger. The winter series, with the theme "Purifying our Passions in Pursuit of Holiness," dates, speakers and topics are:

- Feb. 4 — "Happiness" with Jesuit Father Brian Dunkle
- Feb. 11 — "Love & Sex" with Lisa Marino
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Dr. Ray Guarendi, Bishop Rhoades to speak at Marriage and Family Conference in March

NOTRE DAME — The diocesan Office of Family Life will be hosting the third biennial Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference on Saturday, March 29, at the Notre Dame Conference Center (McKenna Hall). The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the conference with morning prayer and a reflection. Dr. Ray Guarendi, an internationally known speaker, author and host of his own radio show, will speak at both plenary sessions on "Marriage: Small Steps, Big Rewards and Standing Strong as a Parent."

The conference will also feature two workshop sessions. The sessions will include three workshops from which to choose. Topics will include theology of the Eucharist and marriage, communication and intimacy in mar-

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ST. MARY, BRISTOL RELIGION STUDENTS SUPPORT LIFE



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St. Mary of the Annunciation religion classes in Bristol held their third annual pro-life march on Sunday, Jan. 19. The students and their teachers made signs in support of life, in defense of the unborn, and in encouragement of adoption as a loving option to abortion. The marchers were greeted with applause as they processed silently and solemnly through the halls of the education center, past the adult education area, around Annunciation Hall, and finally through the high school classroom. Through this peaceful demonstration, these young pro-lifers were encouraged to remember the over 54 million babies who have lost their lives since the 1973 Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in this country.

riage, family life, parenting issues and the Christian family as the Church of the home. Confirmed workshop and panelist speakers include Msgr. Michael Heintz, Fred and Lisa Everett, Theresa Thomas and John Sikorski.

To register for the conference, go directly to the conference website at cce.nd.edu or call the Notre Dame Conference Center at (574) 631-6691 for more information. The cost for this daylong conference, which includes continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and afternoon snacks, is \$35 per person.

IGNITED retreat for teens slated Feb. 7-9 at Bishop Dwenger

FORT WAYNE — The second annual IGNITED, Acts 2:3, a retreat specifically for high school teens, will be held Feb. 7-9 at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, diocesan high schools and various parishes, this retreat is designed to bring hundreds of high school teens together before the Eucharist for conversion through music, talks, sharing and

prayer.

Teens are encouraged to attend and help promote the retreat. Last year's retreat was a huge success with over 130 teens, and the hope is that even more will attend the 2014 retreat.

For retreat information, registration and to watch the highlight video from last year's retreat, visit www.ignitedretreat.com.

For registration, teens and parents may visit www.ignitedretreat.com. Adult volunteers may also sign up by linking to www.ignitedretreat.com.

USF hosting math competition for high school students

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10/12 for high school students in grades 9-12 on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments, and the 75-minute test will follow. A program will be available to parents during the test, and the event

will wrap up with awards.

An optional 90-minute preparatory session will be offered in the Doermer Center on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. For additional practice materials, go to amc.maa.org. To register for the competition, contact Carolyn Exner at cexner@sf.edu or (260) 399-8067.

First administered in 1950, the AMC's purpose is increasing interest in mathematics and developing problem-solving ability through a series of friendly mathematics competitions for junior (grades 8 and below) and senior (grades 9-12) high school students.

Notre Dame alumnus Archbishop Felix named cardinal

NOTRE DAME — Archbishop Kelvin Edward Felix, emeritus archbishop of Castries, Saint Lucia, who will be made a cardinal by Pope Francis next month, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

Archbishop Felix, who enrolled at Notre Dame in 1965, studied sociology and earned a mas-

ter's degree from the university in 1969.

A native of Roseau, Dominica, Archbishop Felix oversaw the West Indian dioceses of Castries in St. Lucia, St. George in Grenada, Roseau in Dominica, and St. John Basseterre in Antigua and St. Kitts from 1981 until his retirement in 2008. He now lives in Dominica where he assists as a priest in several Catholic parishes.

At 81, Archbishop Felix is one of three new cardinals older than the age of 80 and, therefore, ineligible to vote in a papal conclave.

All 19 of those whose names Pope Francis announced Sunday, Jan. 12, will be made cardinals during a ceremony on Feb. 22 at the St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Theology on Cap for high school students planned

MISHAWAKA — Theology on Cap is a free evening event for high school students to be held Monday, Feb. 3, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Knights of Columbus No. 1878, 114 W. 1st St., Mishawaka. Robert Kloska, philosopher and vice president of Mission Advancement at Holy Cross College will speak on "Atheism: Why it Doesn't Make Sense." Please bring a snack to share. Hot drinks and pop will be provided.

Stations, mosaics painted by Lupkin

SOUTH BEND — In the recent renovation of St. Jude Church in South Bend, the oil painting Stations of the Cross were painted by Peter Lupkin and the mosaics were by Benjamin Lupkin. Both were completed by William L. Lupkin Designs of Fort Wayne.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center announces relocation of downtown Plymouth's Saint Joseph Health Center

PLYMOUTH — Effective Jan. 20, Saint Joseph Health Center (SJHC), the community health center located in downtown Plymouth, will relocate to a new, larger space within the Marshall County Community Resource Center (CRC). SJHC will share the facility with numerous human service agencies, including WIC, Real Services, the Center Township Trustee and the SJRMC Health Insurance Services Department.

The new address of the center will be Saint Joseph Health Center, 510 West Adams St., Suite 150, Plymouth, IN 46563. The telephone number is (574) 335-7900.

Further information on the health center can be found at www.sjmed.com/saint-joseph-health-center.

Haverstick leaves heartfelt legacy for Saint Anne Home

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Twenty-seven years ago Mary Haverstick took the administrative reins of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and has built a heartfelt legacy that she hopes will endure for years to come. She will be retiring Feb. 7.

"It's been a great journey. Lots of things have changed through the 27 years I've been here. But I still love it," says Haverstick.

Directing a large staff at a nursing facility such as Saint Anne's requires a person with sound leadership skills but also a heart for people. Haverstick feels she has both. "It's not just a job with a paycheck. ... It's a mission. ... You have to have a heart for it," she says.

"I bring compassion, understanding and a willingness to work with anyone who needs anything," she says, noting that with the exception of skilled nursing care she has assisted staff in all areas of the facility. "I would never ask anyone to do what I wouldn't do myself," she says.

Her interest in an administrative vocation in a nursing facility stems, she says, from her own experience with at home care-giving. Her youngest daughter Jennifer is disabled requiring around the clock care. And, she says, her experience caring for her 105-year-old grandmother after she broke her hip years ago helped her realize that services for those needing care and their caregivers were badly needed in the community. "If I can help make a difference at the end of someone's life and their family can't help, then that's what I want to do," she says.

Saint Anne Home, a nonprofit



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Mary Haverstick, who has been administrator of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community for the last 27 years is stepping down Feb. 7. She leaves a legacy of heartfelt care.

health care and retirement community, began its mission in 1967 as a three-story nursing center. Over the years three sections of apartments were added to include independent and assisted living quarters. A large memory care

floor has also been established on the second floor of the nursing home where residents receive exceptional care.

A relatively new and well-received program, The Courtyard Club at Saint Anne's, provides

adult day services and Saint Anne's offers inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech therapies.

According to its website, "Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community offers residents a culture of self-respect and dignity in a Christian atmosphere. Each resident is offered individualized, high quality health care that encourages freedom and independence while preserving their dignity and uniqueness as creations of God."

Haverstick notes that Saint Anne's Christian atmosphere "makes a big difference in the feeling throughout the building and the way staff treats the residents." Catholic Mass and Protestant services are offered regularly there and activities are person-centered. Of the 310 staff members a significant percentage are long-time employees, and that continuity makes all the difference.

Haverstick says of the job she loves so much, "I love the excitement of all of it. No day is ever the same." But the best part, she admits is "The residents and how I feel that we've been able to make a difference in their lives at the end of life. To see their smiles and the staff that works with them and how attentive they are to them. They become like a big

family."

Haverstick has resided in Fort Wayne most of her life with Bob, her husband of 51 years. They have three grown children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. A member of Blackhawk Church in Fort Wayne, Haverstick has enjoyed her working relationship with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"The board is an advisory board with wonderful members," says Haverstick. "They are accepting and receiving about what we think Saint Anne's needs. They are very helpful." She appreciates Bishop Rhoades' interest in the facility and his personal visits. "He is very kind," she says.

Board President Dan Kohlen has known Haverstick since 2007 and says she is strong, decisive and fair. "Mary uses a balanced approach in analyzing the information available to her, enabling her to make informed decisions," he says, adding that she is also "a passionate individual who puts others' needs above her own. She cares deeply for our residents and employees. She is genuine and authentic."

Kohlen continues, "Mary has a passion for helping people succeed and tends to bring out the best in others. Her dedication and commitment to our current and future residents has shown through her willingness to listen and adapt as the needs of the home changed. ... She has shown tenacity and determination over the years as she championed the growing demands for various levels of care needs within our community."

Board member and deacon of the diocese, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, who has known Haverstick for 15 years agrees, saying, "Mary has always brought a big heart for the people in her care, not just the residents of the home but her vendors and employees as well."

Retirement is a hard won prize for Haverstick who admits it is a bittersweet affair. "I'm going to miss this place," she says. As her husband's health continues to decline she plans to spend more time with him as well as with her beloved grandchildren and the family's newest addition, their great grandson. She also hopes to engage in her favorite hobbies that include rubber stamping, gardening and cooking.

Her hope for Saint Anne's as she leaves in February? "I hope Saint Anne's continues to be Christian-based, and the person who takes over for me makes it the best it can be. ... I'll leave it in God's hands and He'll provide and take care of those that He's entrusted us with."

A retirement celebration will be held in Haverstick's honor at Saint Anne Home on Jan. 31.



Mary Haverstick, left, speaks with Carol Shoemaker, who has manned the reception desk at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community for 16 years. Haverstick, administrator there, is retiring Feb. 7. Saint Anne Home is located at 1900 Randallia Dr. in Fort Wayne.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic schools remain strong in faith, knowledge and service

BY MARSHA JORDAN

“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service,” is the theme chosen for Catholic Schools Week, 2014. The heart of a Catholic education is a strong Catholic school community, and the foundation for that community is our faith.

Catholic education is an expression of the mission entrusted by Jesus to the Church He founded. Through education, the Church seeks to prepare its youth to proclaim the Good News and to translate this proclamation into action. We believe very strongly that we have a mission and that it is to build up members of the Church by nurturing the mind, body and spirit of young people today.

Our children are why Catholic schools exist, but it is the dedicated teaching staff that constitutes the heart of the school. For Catholic educators, every year is a “year of faith,” for every year is an opportunity to provide a vibrant faith-filled academic program, as well as a commitment to service. While noted as schools of academic excellence, the special character and reason for the existence of the Catholic school is the quality of the religious instruction integrated into the overall education of the students (“Catechesi Trendendae,” 69). Our faith is the sturdy framework around which everything else is integrated: a challenging curriculum rooted in Gospel values and Catholic teachings, the sacraments, liturgy, prayer, religious instruction and service experiences. If it is truly effective, the religious education and faith formation touches all members of the school community — students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff — forming them in the way of holiness.

Teachers in Catholic schools are in a privileged position. It is they who have the opportunity to model the faith, and guide both students and parents, instilling in them a sense of the Gospel challenge to acknowledge God’s central place in their lives. With their enthusiastic devotion to the mission of the Catholic school, teachers do whatever is necessary to help children grow and develop their gifts, and to form disciples — students who know, love and serve Christ, in this world and the next.

When Blessed John Paul II visited New York in 1979, he inspired thousands of Catholic teachers who were present with the following words: “Jesus shares with you His teaching ministry. Only in close communion with Him can you respond adequately. This is my hope, this is my prayer: That you will be totally open to Christ. That He will give you an ever-greater love for your students and an even stronger commitment to your vocation as Catholic educators. If you continue to be faithful to this ministry... you will be doing much to shape a peaceful, just and hope-filled world for the future. Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to the nation.”

The mission of our Catholic schools is perhaps more important today than ever. Over the last academic year, 3,900 students have been admitted to diocesan schools with state school choice support. These 3,900 new students have been afforded the opportunity to learn and embrace their faith through the support of a community of dedicated, faith-filled teachers, administrators and pastors.

An 11 year old from one diocesan school described his enthusiasm for his new Catholic school: “Our teacher helps us learn math and reading, but we get to pray and talk about Jesus, too. I like it when we go to Mass together as a school, and it’s special when you get to do the readings. Most of all, I’m glad I’m learning to be an altar server.”

Currently, across our diocese, there are approximately 900 children with some identified special need being served within our schools. We must continue to minister to the needs of special education students, while securing additional specialists with various areas of expertise who can address all aspects of students’ learning and respect the challenges they face.

Over the last three years, teachers and administrators in our diocese have been diligently working together to strengthen diocesan curriculum, subject by subject, in order to improve upon not only what is taught, but how it is taught. As these very knowledgeable educators work together, they have a constant awareness that our curriculum must integrate fully with our faith.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2014, we offer gratitude to the many parents, past and present, who have entrusted the treasure of their children to the care of Catholic schools. We also offer sincere gratitude to the 1,400 Catholic schoolteachers, administrators, staff members and pastors who lead the 41 schools of our diocese. They truly are, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, “great gifts to the Church.” These

men and women understand their important vocation and are answering the call to shape a “peaceful, just and hope-filled world for the future.” For this, 14,000 diocesan students and their parents are the fortunate and grateful beneficiaries.

The continuing success of the ministry of Catholic schools depends upon the commitment and support of teachers, parents and the whole Catholic community. Through their generous

contributions of time, talent, treasure and prayer, the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will long remain strong in faith, knowledge and service.

Marsha Jordan is the interim superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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St. Charles School alum drawn back home to teach

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles School in Fort Wayne is one of the largest Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Founded in fall of 1959 with 247 students in grades 1-6, the school now boasts a student body of over 775 children in grades kindergarten through 8.

Of the staff of over 40 regular and specialist teachers 18 are graduates of this exemplary Christ-centered elementary school. They each have returned as dedicated classroom teachers and administrators to carry on the educational and spiritual legacy for which St. Charles has come to be known.

Principal Rob Sordelet, in his 13th year as principal at St. Charles, is the first male administrator to take the helm in the school's history. With parents who were founding members of the parish, he and his six siblings all graduated from St. Charles School and he feels at home there in every way.

"We have been very blessed at St. Charles. We are a stable community. ... The continuity helps us know where we want to go as a school community because we know where we have been," he says.

As a student at St. Charles, Sordelet recalls the supportive, caring lay teachers, sisters and priests with fondness. He says of his childhood, "The Catholic system was a rich experience." And he is proud to be a part of passing that legacy of faith-formed education on to the next generation.

"Today's young people are very resilient and they still have the same hunger for God's guidance that we did," he says. "That is the beauty of comparing the school atmosphere of yesterday and today — the grace and continuity of the Catholic faith — are still permeating the daily lives of the students. The daily prayer, religion classes, Mass attendance, the symbolism, and the faith teachings provide the foundation for everything we do.

"Truly, I have been blessed to attend school here and be a part of continuing the good work of those who were here before me. I will be a St. Charles Cardinal, in one way or another, for the rest of my life," he says.

Sordelet notes that roughly a third of the teaching staff at St. Charles are alum. "Our graduates come back and want to work for us," he reports.

One such alum, Becky Silkworth, sixth-grade math and science teacher, is in her fifth year of teaching at St. Charles. She is thrilled to be part of a staff where so many of the teachers were the inspiration for her career choice.

She says, "The family presence at St. Charles has always been and continues to be very strong."

Silkworth finds little has changed about performance levels and the



ROB SORDELET



BARB RICHTER



BECKY SILKWORTH



SUZIE FRAZIER

faith-based community since her days as a student at St. Charles.

"St. Charles students, staff and families still have the Cardinal pride. The school still builds and maintains a strong faith within its community," Silkworth says.

"We strive to serve others, share faith and seek knowledge daily," she says, adding that the school family is much more diverse today.

Coworker Barb Richter, who is in her seventh year of teaching seventh- and eighth-grade grammar classes, and was also inspired by her teachers at St. Charles, says, "Even though St. Charles had a large faculty and a large student body, I always felt as though we were just a big family and St. Charles was our home."

Having taught elsewhere before coming to St. Charles, Richter is delighted to be able to talk about her faith openly and work at the same school her two children attended.

Richter says, "I would be able to give back to the same school where I was so richly formed in the Catholic faith. Above all, I would truly be able to come back home."

That home, she says, is still top notch. "The students are the best part of my job as they really do challenge me to grow and to be a better teacher and a better person each and every day," she says.

"Our superb priests, administration, staff and parents support me in

and out of the classroom. I cannot say enough about my coworkers," she adds.

And though Richter sees technology differences and more opportunities for student involvement today, she notes gratefully that, "The focus of living the Catholic faith still filters through all aspects of the school day."

Seventh-grade literature and religion teacher Susie Frazier remembers always wanting to be a teacher. With so many fond memories of attending St. Charles, she says, "As a student at St. Charles I felt safe and loved by my teachers while being able to grow in my Catholic faith. ... It was only natural for me to seek my teaching profession back at St. Charles."

Frazier, in her 10th year of teaching at the school, is passing that feeling of safety and love to her students now and embraces the atmosphere that nurtures faith, academics and community.

"I love everything about being a teacher at St. Charles," she says. "Most specifically, I love the staff, my students and the family atmosphere that gives me the opportunity to continuously grow in my Catholic faith."

Frazier adds, "I also feel that the staff today genuinely cares for each

St. John the Baptist, New Haven Alum reaps benefits as teacher

BY KAY COZAD

NEW HAVEN — Sandra Weikel is a fourth-grade teacher at St. John the Baptist School in New Haven and brings a unique perspective to her teaching. She's been teaching there for four years as an enthusiastic alum of that very school. She says of the opportunity to teach at St. John, "I accepted the opportunity to teach at St. John's because I have so many great memories from when I was a student there. St. John's is rich in faith, education and fellowship."



SANDRA WEIKEL

Weikel's fond childhood memories of St. John School include opportunities for faith, service and friendship.

She says, "It was a smaller school so I was able to participate in many things: student council, sports and clubs. I also appreciated the chance to attend Mass twice a week. I created a relationship with God and made lifelong friendships."

Now as a teacher in the school of her youth she once again embraces that sense of community, and the support of the other teachers, Principal Janice Comito and their pastor, Father Bill Sullivan. "Everyone is involved and pitches in to make our school a great place to be. The enthusiasm is contagious and the students reap the benefits," she says.

As Weikel grows her teaching career at St. John, she can see similarities between when she was a student and now as a teacher.

"It has always been a community that worked together for the greater good. St. John's has always been a smaller school, which leads to many opportunities for our students," she reports, adding, "St. John's also has many familiar faces. Many of the teachers I had as a

student are now coworkers, former schoolmates have become coworkers, and former classmates now have families of their own attending St. John's."

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The differences Weikel has experienced from youth to now only benefit the students. She reports, "St. John's is different today from when I attended as a student in the fact that there is more technology. Each classroom is equipped with computers, televisions, projectors, ELMOS and some with SMART boards."

She also recalls quite different luncheon foods. "We now have lunches that are prepared daily in the cafeteria, a huge upgrade from the satellite lunches we were provided," she says.

Weikel is grateful to be teaching at her alma mater and says, "St. John's has always fostered faith and relationships with God and others. ... I couldn't have asked for anything more."

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WASHINGTON — The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2014 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2014 is Jan. 26 to Feb. 1. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large.

The 2014 theme was developed in response to member requests for a theme and logo that would last more than a year. The new theme will be used for at least three years. This will provide opportunities for schools to brand the week and their ongoing marketing activities with repeated mentions and use of a consistent



logo. It's especially appropriate that this new brand will mark National Catholic Schools Week 2014 —

the 40th anniversary of this annual event.

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St. Matthew teachers find a 'homecoming' at school of their youth

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — When Kevin McMahon began his college career at Purdue University he planned to study computer science. Over the course of his first year, however, he realized that he was more interested in interacting with people than sitting behind a desk, and started to discern other career paths.

"I had an epiphany moment, when I realized that I loved being around kids and that I wanted to have an impact on young people," McMahon explains.

It occurred to him that education might be a good fit for his skills and interests. He thought back to his days in primary school at St. Matthew Cathedral School in South Bend, where he attended kindergarten through eighth grade. Just a few months after graduation from Purdue with a degree in elementary education in hand, McMahon found himself once again within the walls of his grade school, this time interviewing for a position as a kindergarten teacher.

A South Bend native, McMahon had hoped to find a teaching job in the area and was delighted when the opportunity at St. Matthew's presented itself. He described his return to the school in the fall of 2012 as a "homecoming" of sorts, because of the continuity of the faculty and the families that have remained at the school over the years.

"So many of the teachers that influenced my life when I was going through school are still here, so I was excited to join that trend of influencing people," McMahon added.

One of those particularly influential teachers was Steve Dance, who now teaches seventh- and eighth-grade social studies and literature.

"Mr. Dance was actually one of the reasons that I thought about coming to teach here," McMahon commented, recalling the path that led him back to St. Matthew's.

Among the four current alumni faculty at St. Matthew's, Dance is by far the one with the most experience under his belt. He was hired by Bishop Robert Crowley 38 years ago at a time when the school's faculty was making its gradual transition from strictly religious to primarily lay.

Dance was among eight new teachers brought on staff during the 1976-77 school year. He was hired explicitly to be a "disciplinarian," but he says that his role and ministry as a teacher have evolved over the years.

"My students' memories of me

are different, depending on when they were here," he said wryly. "But I have one passion in teaching. I'm passionate about those who sit in front of me."

If the return of alumni teachers such as McMahon is any indication, it would seem that Dance's passion for students has indeed returned a rich harvest. McMahon was joined at the beginning of this academic year by Paige Manley and Anna Capannari both St. Matthew's alumni who overlapped with McMahon during their grade school years.

Manley currently teaches fifth- and sixth-grade math and has also juggled several other subjects this year as she covers for two teachers who are on leave. A lifelong member of St. Matthew Cathedral, Manley is one of six siblings who all attended the cathedral school, the youngest of whom is currently an eighth grader.

She has been grateful in her first year of teaching for the supportive teaching staff at St. Matthew's. Though apprehensive at first about teaching sixth grade, she found an abundance of resources amid her fellow teaching staff and many willing mentors.

Capannari too has felt warmly welcomed by her fellow teachers at St. Matthew's. She feels that "not much has changed" at the school since her days on the other side of the desk, but that this is a good kind of stasis.

Capannari graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka and earned her degree in elementary education from Saint Mary's College. A veteran of the local Catholic education system, she is convinced that the faith-based education offered at St. Matthew's is an invaluable asset to its students.

"Every class period begins and ends with prayer. All the learning is rooted in faith and everything relates back to it," she said.

Each of the four alumni teachers mentioned the essential role that faith plays in their classrooms. While the influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph (the founding teaching staff of St. Matthew's) diminished over the years, the school's Catholic identity has not.

"We're a traditional school," Dance emphasized. "To be Catholic is to be traditional. We maintain that which is tantamount to our faith."

He senses that the coming decade will bring a season of change for St. Matthew's as long-time teachers retire with younger counterparts stepping in

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St. Matthew has four teachers who were educated at the school and returned to teach. From left are Paige Manley, Kevin McMahon and Anna Capannari. They join Steve Dance, also an alum of St. Matthew, who has been teaching there for nearly 40 years.

St. Michael teachers have fond memories as student and teaching

BY TIM JOHNSON

PLYMOUTH — Linda Shorter and Jena Dreibelbis have not only a love for teaching, but teaching at the very same school where they were educated as children — St. Michael School in Plymouth. They join Principal Amy Weidner who is also a “product” of St. Michael School.

“I attended St. Michael Catholic School for eight years grades 1-8,” Shorter told *Today's Catholic*. “I have nine brothers and sisters who all attended St. Michael.”

She said her parents purchased a home two blocks from the school and “we walked to and from (school) daily. We also walked home for lunch.”

Shorter teaches grades 6-8 science, grades K-5 computer, grade 6 math and is the technology coordinator.

Dreibelbis recalled, “I have fond memories of the teachers and my principal, Mrs. Helen Shorter. I now currently teach with my former fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Linda Shorter.”

“St. Michael’s has a strong tradition of annual programs such as the Christmas play, speech contest and spelling bee,” she added.

Dreibelbis started teaching at St. Michael because her children were attending the school at the time. In her 17 years of teaching, she taught 10 years in public school and seven years at St. Michael.

“I love the fact that we are a small family at St. Michael’s,” Dreibelbis said. “It’s also nice to get a little smile from my son as he passes by my room on his way to art class.”

Shorter recalled that she received a great Catholic education and “wanted to give back.”

“Teaching in a Catholic school is a vocation not a job,” she said.

What she likes most about teaching at the school of her childhood is “the privilege of including God in everyday instruction,” she noted.



LINDA SHORTER



JENA DREIBELBIS

Shorter, who has taught 30 years with 27 of those years at St. Michael, said, “There is a new addition and some upgrades but basically it is the same building that holds wonderful memories.”

One change over the years, she said, is “the demographics of the school have changed from two-parent families to single parent, step parents and grandparents caring for the students.”

Dreibelbis, who teaches grades 6-8 language arts, grade 6 reading, and grade 7 religion, told *Today's Catholic*, “Now that I’m a teacher, I see students do innocent little things that make me laugh, and I often wonder if my teachers used to chuckle at me in much the same way.”

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to take their places. McMahon, Capannari and Manley represent that shift.

“It’s pretty neat to have former students as colleagues now,”

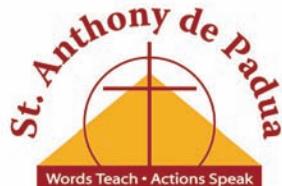
Dance remarked.

Principal Susan Clark is similarly pleased to have alumni return as teachers. “I think they’re a wonderful addition to our faculty here at St. Matt’s.” Clark taught sixth grade at the school when McMahon, Capannari and Manley were students. “It says a lot about our school and the education they received here that

they would want to come back and continue it on.”

While each of the alumni may have taken a slightly different route, Capannari knows that it’s the common love for the faculty, students and families of St. Matthew’s that brought them each back to where they started.

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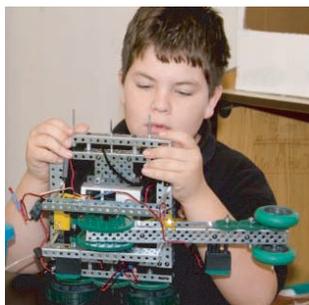


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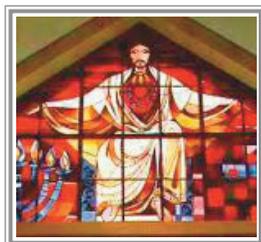
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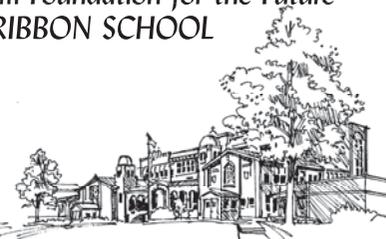


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Another gift mentioned by the bishop was that of courage. He said, "The Church needs young people who have the courage to be Catholic, not just in name, but in reality."

Bishop Rhoades exhorted his listeners to think about their own Confirmations and to open their hearts daily to God's gifts of right judgment and courage.

He likened receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation to receiving a new credit card, which can't be used until it is activated.

"We activate it when we open ourselves to the gifts we receive," he said, "when we listen to the Holy Spirit in our lives, when we allow ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit's guidance."

This especially happens through prayer, he reminded them, and asked them to pray for Alex and themselves. "May the Holy Spirit guide you in the way of Jesus and help you to become saints!"

Another highlight of the day

was the announcement of the Light of Learning Award, which was bestowed on Jessica Hayes, theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School, by Principal Jason Schiffli. In accepting the award Hayes thanked her students, especially those in her landmark Dignity of Women class. She said, "You've made me a perpetual student of our Catholic faith."

The day concluded with classroom appearances, meetings with Student Council members, faculty members and later with the principal.

Bishop Rhoades clearly enjoys visiting Catholic schools and interacting with the students. Principal Schiffli summed up the students' reaction to the special day with their bishop: "They enjoy it (when he visits.) He's a tangible person, not just a figurehead."



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City of Fort Wayne proposes investing \$3 million in Legacy Fort Wayne funds to renovate future USF Downtown Campus

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis and Fort Wayne officials announced Friday, Jan. 10, that they have reached an agreement that will spur development in the heart of the city's financial and arts districts. The agreement is ready to move to the City Council for approval. The Legacy Fort Wayne funds are a three-to-one matching award supporting the \$12 million USF downtown development plans.

The funds will be used to renovate and upgrade the USF Performing Arts Center, the former Scottish Rite Center at 431 W. Berry St., and the former Fort Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce building adjacent to it at 826 Ewing St.

Since 2012, the university has purchased the chamber building and the Scottish Rite with plans to locate its business school and Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) and music technology programs within the buildings. The USF programs compliment the thriving business and arts districts that flourish in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne.

"This Legacy Fort Wayne funding supports our downtown momentum," said university President Sister M. Elise Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. "With the grant, upgrades and renovations can be made to create the space, technology and resources our innovative programs require."

"Locating the school of business near the USF Performing Arts Center supports the META program's development," she said. "Since META intersects with business courses, locating the study centers near one another creates convenience for



our students while partnering with the city to draw visitors to an enhanced downtown. The move also provides more space

for the business school's other programs."

"The University of Saint Francis has already made a significant commitment to the revitalization of downtown Fort Wayne with the purchase of the former Chamber of Commerce Building and the former Scottish Rite," said Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry. "The university's plans to renovate these buildings and fill them with 250 to 300 students will advance educational attainment and the continuing positive momentum in our vibrant and exciting downtown. We're investing in our future with a strong commitment to education and quality of life."

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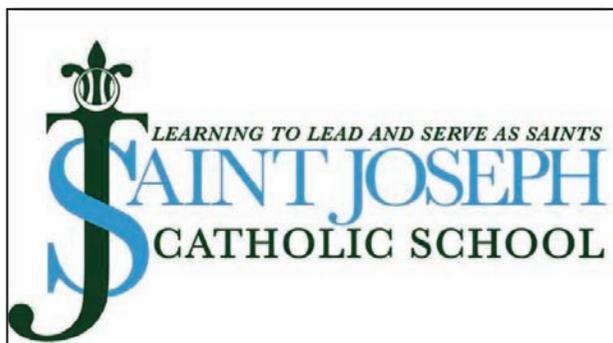
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St. Aloysius School in Yoder was the recipient of a \$2,500 award through the Monsanto Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities. Wyss Farms, whose owners are members of St. Aloysius Parish, was selected as the Allen County winner for the program. They directed the award to St. Aloysius School. The award was presented to the school on Jan. 15 at the Fort Wayne Farm Show, an agricultural exhibition at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. St. Aloysius Principal Tina Voors said, "I plan to use this gift to purchase online site licensure for math programs that will serve every student at every performance level." In the photo are, from left: Cori Wyss with her son Andrew, Pat and Andy Wyss, owners of Wyss Farm Enterprises with son Don Wyss, who was not available for the photo, and St. Aloysius Principal Tina Voors and Monsanto representative Ryan Sanders.



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Violinist violence

In her still-widely-read 1971 article, "A Defense of Abortion," Judith Jarvis Thomson sets up a thought experiment known as "The Famous Violinist Problem" to argue that abortion ought to be morally justified when a pregnancy arises out of sexual assault:

"You wake up in the morning and find yourself back to back in bed with a ... famous unconscious violinist. He has been found to have a fatal kidney ailment, and the Society of Music Lovers has canvassed all the available medical records and found that you alone have the right blood type to help. They have therefore kidnapped you, and last night the violinist's circulatory system was plugged into yours, so that your kidneys can be used to extract poisons from his blood as well as your own. ... To unplug you would be to kill him. But never mind,

it's only for nine months. By then he will have recovered from his ailment, and can safely be unplugged from you."

Most people would share the intuition that they should be able to unplug themselves from the violinist, since they didn't consent to being hooked up in the first place. Others would suggest an analogy with becoming pregnant from rape, so the mother could "unplug" herself from the child by abortion.

At least two serious problems, however, exist with this analogy.

First, the famous violinist is not a good parallel for the child conceived by sexual assault. The violinist in Thomson's thought experiment is basically a stranger to us. But the child conceived in rape is not, properly speaking, a stranger at all, and the analogy should probably be corrected to indicate this: "When the woman wakes up, she finds



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herself connected to a prodigy violinist who also happens to be her 12-year-old son." In such a scenario, she would far more easily admit an obligation to remain attached to him, even for an extended period of time. Following a rape that results in pregnancy, a woman likewise finds herself connected to her own progeny, her own child *in utero*, with similar natural moral obligations to nurture and care for

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Allow divine grace to empower us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 4:12-23

The Book of Isaiah supplies this weekend's first reading. It offers us a powerful lesson.

Isaiah lived in time when God's people were skating on thin ice. They still had their independence, at least after a fashion. Hebrew kings still reigned in the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. The religious, social and political structures all still gave lip service to the ancient religion and to the holy covenant between God and the chosen people.

Everything, however, was at risk because devotion to the covenant and obedience to God's law were at low ebb. Isaiah loudly warned that disaster was just around the corner.

He also said that the people could rescue themselves by returning to religious faithfulness and by obeying God, as the prophets had taught. He thereby implied a certain potential within the people.

They did not sin because they were helpless in the face of temptation. Rather, they were weak because they ignored God. If they were determined, they could be virtuous.

For its second reading, the Church has selected a section from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Paul obviously loved the

Corinthian Christians. He yearned to see them saintly and eternally with the Lord, but obviously they troubled him, because they seemed so attracted to the many vices of their great, worldly and wealthy city, and they seemed so vulnerable to the feelings of competitiveness and insecurity that vex all humans if not checked.

Never willing to be passive or indifferent, he loudly called the Christians in this community to be true to their identity with Christ.

He taught a basic message. Earthly reward will pass, more quickly than many might realize. Earthly wisdom is only folly. True wisdom is to understand the meaning of the cross, and this understanding requires grace, available only to those who earnestly follow the Lord.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is situated in Capernaum, the fishing village located at the northern tip of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is there having left Nazareth. His public ministry has begun.

As a center of commerce, albeit very modest commerce, Capernaum saw many people come and go. Jesus used this coincidence as an opportunity to encounter many people. He called them to fidelity to God. He repeated for them the admonitions of the Hebrew prophets.

In this place Jesus met Andrew, and then Jesus met Simon, whom Jesus renamed Peter. These brothers became the first of the Apostles in the sequence of calling. In time, Christianity was to grow from, and build upon, the Apostles.

It is interesting that the Gospels, such as the case in this reading, refer to these Apostles so specifically by giving their names. The Gospel leaves no doubt whatsoever about their identity. It was vital in the early Church that the teachings

of the genuine Apostles be known and be kept intact.

Reflection

These readings remind us of how blind we humans can be, and also of how powerful humans can be.

In the first reading, Isaiah criticized the people for their religious listlessness, but he also presumed that, if they wished, they could reverse their wayward hearts and turn again to God.

In essence the same message was in the second reading, from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. He boldly denounced the Corinthians' sins and quarrels. By calling them to conversion, however, he insisted that they had the power within themselves to be holy.

We are sinners, but we need not be sinners. Sin binds us. We truly can be free by seizing the power of our wills, allowing divine grace to empower us even more, and disdain sin to be one with Christ.

The teachings of the Apostles guide us and draw us to the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

The cost of sainthood: Cardinal announces plan to contain fees

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Having a holy son or daughter formally recognized as a saint by the universal Church could easily cost a quarter of a million dollars. But experts say the Church isn't selling halos; it's compensating professionals doing serious research, so that a pope can solemnly declare his certainty a person is in heaven.

The costs involved in moving a cause from local fame to universal veneration as a saint depend on a variety of factors, such as whether the postulator — the official promoter — is volunteering his or her time, and how many potential miracles must be investigated before the pope formally recognizes those required for canonization.

Expenses typically include: collection and translation of eyewitness statements and documents; exhumation and reburial of the candidate's body, if necessary to verify the location of the grave; preparation and publication of the "positio," a biography and official position paper documenting the candidate's holiness; fees for theological, historical and medical consultants; and the beatification and canonization ceremonies themselves.

The head of the Congregation for Saints' Causes announced Jan. 13 that his office had established a reference list of standard charges for the process. Reporting the next day on Cardinal Angelo Amato's announcement, the Vatican newspaper said it was a move "inspired by a sense of sobriety and equity, so there would no longer be a lack of uniformity" in the costs borne by different causes.

Jesuit Father Marc Lindeijer, vice postulator of sainthood causes for his order, told Catholic News Service Jan. 15 that if a cause "is not too complicated" — for instance, if the candidate died hundreds of years ago, making it impossible to interview eyewitnesses — the normal cost of bringing the candidate to beatification is about 50,000 euros — or just more than \$68,000 at current exchange rates — including the cost of the ceremony.

U.S. Catholic officials traditionally have used \$250,000 as a benchmark for the cost of a cause from the initial investigation on a diocesan level to a canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

"The costs are relatively low compared to what similar services would cost in the real world," Father Lindeijer said.

For example, obtaining a decree of the process' validity — issued after the congregation has studied all the paperwork and made sure everything was done properly — costs 150 euros, he said, "which is nothing, considering the amount of work involved."

The cause also must pay 150 euros each to as many as nine historians, theologians or other professional consultants chosen by the congregation to study the "positio," a document of at least 600 pages,

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and usually over 1,000 pages, Father Lindeijer said.

The congregation charges 350-400 euros for the decree opening the cause, the postulator's "mandate," the assignment of a relator (the investigating judge), and the "nihil obstat" ("no objection") permitting a diocesan bishop to open a local inquiry into a candidate's sanctity, one official said. The cause must pay 700 euros to each of the consulting physicians assigned by the congregation to study a potential miracle.

Cardinal Amato did not say if the congregation would publish the pricing guidelines, which are currently available only to bishops and other officials.

Postulators for religious orders, such as the Jesuits, generally do not draw a salary or stipend, even if the candidate is not a member of their order.

But some postulators are laypeople doing the work as a profession and they have to live off what they make, Father Lindeijer said.

"There have been unscrupulous people," who have taken advantage of dioceses and religious orders, he said, "so it is good to have guidelines so that people beginning a cause know what it is likely to cost."

Waldery Hilgeman, a 33-year-old layman serving as postulator of the cause of the late Vietnamese Cardinal Francois Nguyen Van Thuan and others, said he has no set price for his services.

"I never refuse a cause, even if it's a poor cause, because for me it is a pastoral work," he said. "I try to have a dialogue about what they can pay me. I cannot expect people in Africa to pay what a European or North American can."

One of the biggest expenses of a canonization is the booklet, usually multilingual and in color, handed out to everyone at the Mass, Hilgeman said. But if a candidate is being canonized with other saints, the cause needs to pay only for copies sufficient to supply its own pilgrims.

Msgr. Greg Mustaciolo, chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York and postulator of the cause of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, said the cause has "spent almost as much as we've taken in sending out information and prayer cards."

He and the others working on the cause, mainly employees of the archdiocesan Catholic Charities, are not asking for a stipend, which is just as well since the two largest groups of Catholics supporting the cause tend not to have money to donate.

What popes can and can't do

A good friend habitually refers to the *Wall Street Journal* as his “favorite Catholic newspaper” — a bit of whimsy not without foundation, given the openness of the *Journal*'s op-ed pages to serious Catholic argument on numerous issues. But just as Homer occasionally nods, so does America's best newspaper. And on Jan. 2, the *Journal* nodded, big-time, in this description of why Pope Francis was one of the “People to Watch” in 2014:

“After raising expectations for shifting views toward homosexuality, divorce, the environment and society's obligations to the poor, the pontiff is expected to also undertake bureaucratic reform at the Vatican, as well as the possible expansion of the role of women in the Church.”

By my count, and bypassing the unnecessarily split infinitive, there are four errors in that one sentence, plus one grave misconstrual of ecclesiastical “roles.”

Although it is very difficult for those who see Catholicism through political lenses to grasp this, popes are not like presidents or state governors, and doctrine is not like public policy. Which means that a change of papal “administration” does not — indeed cannot — mean a change of Catholic “views.” Doctrine, as the Church understands it, is not a matter of anyone's “views,” but of settled understandings of the truth of things.

Nor are popes free agents who govern by the seat of their pants, if you'll permit the phrase. Prior to the completion of Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Pope Paul VI proposed adding to that seminal document

a sentence stating that the pope is “accountable to the Lord alone” — an effort, I suspect, to protect papal authority and freedom of action from potential civil or ecclesiastical encroachments. But the council's Theological Commission rejected Pope Paul's proposed amendment, noting that “the Roman Pontiff is ... bound to revelation itself, to the fundamental structure of the Church, to the sacraments, to the definitions of earlier Councils, and (to) other obligations too numerous to mention.”

Those “other obligations” include honoring the truth of things built into the world and into us. At an academic conference years ago, a distinguished Catholic philosopher remarked (perhaps hyperbolically) that “If the pope said that ‘ $2+2=5$,’ I'd believe him.” An even more distinguished Catholic philosopher gave the correct, and far more Catholic, response: “If the Holy Father said that ‘ $2+2=5$,’ I would say publicly, ‘Perhaps I have misunderstood His Holiness's meaning.’ Privately, I would pray for his sanity.”

Popes, in other words, are not *authoritarian* figures, who teach what they will and as they will. The pope is the guardian of an *authoritative* tradition, of which he is the servant, not the master. Pope Francis knows this as well as anyone, as he has emphasized by repeating that he is a “son of the Church” who believes and teaches what the Church believes and teaches.

Thus the notion that this pontificate is going to change Catholic teaching on the morality of homosexual acts, or on the effects of divorce-and-remarriage on one's communion with the Church, is a delusion, although the Church can



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GEORGE WEIGEL

surely develop its pastoral approach to homosexuals and the divorced. As for the environment and the poor, Catholic social doctrine has long taught that we are stewards of creation and that the least of the Lord's brethren have a moral claim on our solidarity and our charity; the social doctrine leaves open to debate the specific, practical means by which people of good will, and governments, exercise that stewardship, and that solidarity and charity.

And “the role of women in the Church?” No doubt various Church structures would benefit by drawing upon a wider range of talent (irrespective of gender) than the talent-pool from which Church leaders typically emerge. Still, in an interview with *La Stampa* before Christmas, Pope Francis made it clear that identifying leadership in the Church with ordination is both a form of clericalism and another way of instrumentalizing Catholic women. Flying a Vatican desk, Francis was suggesting, is not the acme of discipleship.

As for Curial reform: *Oremus*, as we used to say.

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her own flesh and blood.

The second problem with Thomson's analogy is that abortion is not like “unplugging” a tube connecting one person to another, and allowing the dependent individual to expire from a condition like kidney failure. Instead, abortion invokes various surgical and obstetrical procedures that directly end the life of, and even dismember, the *in utero* child.

Norma McCorvey, the former “Jane Roe” of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, herself once worked in an abortion clinic and later described what happened there:

“When a later abortion was performed, workers had to piece the baby back together, and every major part — head, torso, two legs, and two arms — had to be accounted for. One of our little jokes at the clinic was, ‘If you ever want to humble a doctor, hide a leg so he thinks he has to go back in.’ Please understand, these were not abnormal,

uncaring women working with me at the clinic. We were just involved in a bloody, dehumanizing business, all of us for our own reasons. Whether we were justifying our past advocacy (as I was), justifying a previous abortion (as many were) or whatever, we were just trying to cope — and if we couldn't laugh at what was going on, I think our minds would have snapped.”

McCorvey's comments remind us that abortion is essentially a violent and deadly act, not a euphemistic “unhooking” or “separating” of mother and child. Thus we might wish to modify Thomson's analogy once again in order to maintain parallelism: “A woman wakes up in the morning and finds herself attached to a violinist. To free herself from any further involvement with him, she asks a doctor to come in with a knife and to dismember the renowned musician.” The absolute wrongness of such direct killing would remain beyond dispute, as would the wrongness of any direct killing actions by a raped woman directed against her unborn son because of the sins of his father.

In reflecting on the specifics of “The Famous Violinist

Problem,” we begin to appreciate the importance of never subjecting an innocent third party, whether a musician or an *in utero* child, to direct lethal harm simply because they find themselves in a state of radical dependence upon another human being. Although we aren't obligated to use extreme or extraordinary measures to try to save the violinist in Thomson's thought experiment, we shouldn't make the error of supposing that the state of pregnancy itself is somehow extraordinary or extreme, even in the tragic case of sexual assault, given that it objectively embodies the natural and familial line of duty to care for our own offspring.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 26, 2014

Matthew 4:12-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: calling the first of the Twelve. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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ARRESTED	NAZARETH	THE SEA
NAPHTHALI	ISAIAH	JORDAN
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St. Vincent de Paul Society offers thanks

On behalf of the St. John-St. Patrick and Sacred Heart-St. Henry Conferences, we wish to thank you and your employees at the Archbishop Noll Center for the Christmas collection of food and money for those in need.

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thanks to all those who contributed to this most worthy cause.

On behalf of the District Council, I wish you all of God's blessings in the new year. We appreciate so much your participation in our functions and support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

United in Christ,
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Executive Secretary
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Sports

GIRLS' SOCCER COACH WINS HONOR Johan Kuitse has been named the Private/Parochial Coach of the Year for the Central Region by the NSCAA. Kuitse has coached at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend since 1986. His career record is 423-95-2. Saint Joseph High School has won three state championships under Coach Kuitse.

St. Joseph, Decatur, captures Commodore Classic title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — St. Joseph Catholic School in Decatur hosted its annual Commodore Classic boys' basketball tournament on Jan. 3-4. This year, seven teams from New Haven, Fort Wayne, Ossian and Decatur participated and it was Catholic Youth Organization's (CYO) eighth-grade Eagles from St. John, Fort Wayne, (SJFW) who went undefeated to capture the title.

The Eagles earned the No. 1 seed entering the knockout stage of the tournament, having given up the fewest points of all of the undefeated teams after pool play had concluded. By virtue of their top spot, SJFW received a bye in the quarterfinals and advanced directly to the semifinal round.

In the semifinal game, the Eagles defeated the No. 5 seed, St. John, New Haven, 40-27. In the championship, the Eagles faced Belmont Middle School's eighth-grade team (No. 3) in what was the fourth game of the day for both teams. The game was close and extremely competitive the entire way, until the Eagles hit two key three-pointers in the final two minutes to pull out a 34-26 victory over the Braves.

Coach Andre Goodwell attributed the win to his team's defense, "Our motto is better defense will lead to more offense. The more the ball is in our hands,



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The St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Eagles earned the top spot in the Commodore Classic which was hosted by St. Joseph School in Decatur on Jan. 3-4. In the photo, from left, are Chad Fritz, assistant coach, team members Jack Vassle, Tyreon Hambright, Carston Fritz, Camry Greer, Connor Green, Hannible Hall, Joe Parnin and Lamar Hudson, and Andre Goodwell, head coach.

the more opportunities we have to score."

Leading by just one point at the half, Goodwell continued, "Our defense really got after it. We had some big late steals and took advantage of their big guy being fouled out."

Goodwell lists eight on his roster. This is his second year

with a strong core group of Eagles who were CYO runners-up a year ago as seventh graders. "We also have some great additions which rounded things out nicely," he added. SJFW has a goal to always be competitive and hopes to advance to the CYO championship this season.

Eighth-grade Squire girls ding to dream team

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn Knapke and Jessica Dodane are the only two girls in the eighth-grade class at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJHC) this year. And the two have won a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) title playing basketball together every year since the fourth grade.

So, even when their numbers were low, the girls did everything they could to wear the Squire uniform one last time. Just to have enough for a team, SJHC had to pull up four sixth graders and combine with three players from St. Therese.

In her sixth season back at SJHC, a pleased Coach Maria Parsenow explained, "Kathryn and Jessica are

hardworking basketball players and have really stepped up as our leaders."

And in their quest for another championship, the two had a big game against league rival, St. Rose/St. Louis, on Saturday morning, Jan. 18.

Knapke led all scorers with 11 points and Dodane made clutch-free throws in the final minute of regulation and the winning basket in overtime in a 31-29 win over the Twins, who had previously beaten the Squires at the Hoopsfest Tournament over Christmas break.

The matchup was once again a battle with a 7-7 score after one quarter, the Twins leading 14-12 at the half and the Squires up 21-18 after the third. The Squires hung on in an all-out team effort.

Parsenow noted defense as a strong point this season and detailed, "We are really starting to gel as a team."

Alivia Beard added nine points in the win, while Grace Castleman had 10 and Erica Renninger finished with seven in the loss for the Twins.

Although Hessen Cassel finished in the middle of the pack in two different tournaments, Parsenow felt the experience was beneficial.

"We knew it would be tough competition against the bigger schools with all eighth graders," she said.

However, with a win over Most Precious Blood on Jan. 11, SJHC is now 2-0 in the Blue League. The Twins dropped to 1-1. The two will face each other again on Feb. 2.

Holy Family Trojans, Crusaders of Holy Cross square off

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The titans of the Inter-City Catholic League's St. John Bosco Division squared off to determine who would rule the roost and have the inside track for the title at Saint Joseph High School.

The Crusaders of Holy Cross and the Holy Family Trojans pitted their unblemished division records against each other in what would become a classic duel amongst rivals.

The scoring started pretty uninspiring as Crusader guard Antonio Blackman netted a couple of free throws from the charity stripe a couple of minutes into the game.

The Trojans would counter punch with their big man, Ben Ujdac, as he rebounded and scored inside basket after inside

basket giving the Columbia-blue-clad clan an early 10-9 lead at the end of one.

The stingy press on the Crusaders would rule the second quarter as run-out face break points off of turnovers would push them into the lead and heading to halftime guarding a 24-21 margin.

The lead would change if Trojan wingman Mason Ryans had anything to say about it, as the hard nosed guard knocked down a three-point shot for the tie and another for the lead and yet one the old-fashion way to push the expanse to six.

The Crusader tandem of Blackman and Elliot Zynienwicz persisted by slashing the heart of the defense and getting to the basket eventually narrowing the deficit to three after three.

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WRESTLERS COMPETE IN NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE



PAUL TINCHER

Marian High School wrestler Derek Glon made school history at the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) at Mishawaka High School by winning the school's first conference championship. Glon wrestles in the 138-pound class and won by a 6-0 decision. The NIC is a conference with state powerhouses, which include Penn High School and Mishawaka High School. Saint Joseph High School's Ryan Jankowski also was conference champion in the 182-pound class. Shown is Glon and opponent Peter Rymysza of Saint Joseph High School in the final match to determine the 138-pound champion. Glon placed first and Rymysza placed second.

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Holy Cross forward Mitchell Coleman powered a shot up and Blackman added another free throw to knot the game up and change the momentum of the game once again squaring the score at 37.

Four of Blackman's 15 points fell to the bottom of the net as the now powerful Crusaders were up three with about a minute left in the contest.

Holy Family's John Kehoe knocked down a big shot making the lead only one with 45 seconds left bringing the partisan fans to their feet.

And as the game's scoring had started, at the charity stripe, that's where it would end as the Trojans' Chris Morris and Ryans (18 points) knocked down five of six free throws to extinguish the

Crusader valiant rally and put the contest and the division lead to bed, 47-43.

"It looked like they were keying on our big guy, Ujdac. So he became a screener and it opened up the floor for the rest of our kids," explained Trojan skipper Tate Ryans. "Holy Cross rushed us and our possessions in the first half. In the second, we focused on taking care of the basketball and used the old Coach Wooden quote, (Be quick, but don't hurry)."

"We were pretty successful with penetration against their man-to-man defense. But when they went to a zone late, we were not able to respond," remarked Crusader Coach Jason Ball. "I think our guys played hard as always. This is a painful loss."

In action from around the league, the Blazers of St. Matthew escaped the reach of the Cougars of Corpus Christi, 41-39, thanks to the 13 points of Coley Quinn. Brady Powers netted 13 in the loss.

Ike Branson and the Mishawaka Catholic Saints squeezed out a W over their north side rivals, Christ the King.

St. Adalbert got their first win of the season as double digits from the dynamic duo of Garrett Vangundy and Avery Shurm caged the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 24-22.

The pride of Lions from St. Pius remained undefeated as they dispatched the Panthers of St. Anthony, 40-29, behind the scoring of Reese Jackowick and Sam Padmor and despite the 14 thrown in by Chris Tiley in the losing cause.

St. Thomas pummeled the Eagles of St. Joseph, 41-22, as Jacob Maxwell lead all scorers with 10.

Brady Holiday was the leading scorer of the day. Unfortunately his 21 was not enough to hold off St. Jude and Brasen Bonnell's 13 in the overtime setback.

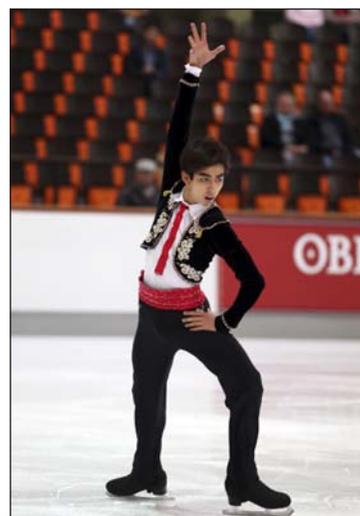
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Filipino figure skater who can't always afford coach turns to prayer

BY SIMONE CRENDAIN

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — In the lobby of a luxury hotel, Michael Christian Martinez balanced on one leg and swung the other forward. The lanky 17-year-old was on the ball of his foot and looked like he was about to spring upward into the air.

"I've been in therapy for almost three weeks," said Martinez. "I'm having this feeling like I need to go. It feels like I'm getting crazy like when I'm not in the ice because I've been there and my life (has been) in



CNS PHOTO/ROBIN RITOSS

Philippine figure skater Michael Christian Martinez performs in the 2013 Nebelhorn Trophy competition in Oberstorf, German.

the ice for so long."

Less than two months before the Winter Olympics, Martinez was off the ice, being treated for an inflamed knee. He told Catholic News Service it was one of many injuries likely caused by skating on the rough ice in the Philippines.

Martinez, ranked fifth in the World Junior Figure Skating Championships, will be the first skater ever to represent the Philippines in the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, in February.

In eight short years, the shy kid from a Manila suburb made a life for himself on the ice, where he said he feels like he has "super powers," despite some significant challenges. The most obvious challenge: being from a tropical country that has only two skating rinks, without competition-grade ice or competition-level training.

Martinez has asthma, which kept him indoors and away from sports

for practically all of his childhood until he discovered ice skating at a shopping mall. He pushed hard for a maintenance regiment when his doctor initially advised against it. But the biggest hurdle has been scarce funds to pay for a coach at competition time.

Martinez said he regularly feels intense pressure before a competition, not because he has to impress judges, but "because of lack of training, lack of a coach. The jumps make me really nervous because they're not consistent."

"Before there was no one to hold on to, only my mom but no one else," said Martinez, a Catholic. "So I'm holding on to God. Every competition I ask Him for help and confidence and it really works!"

He and his mother, Maria Teresa Martinez, were convinced prayer helped him win his first senior-level gold medal at the Crystal Skate competition in Romania in 2012. Martinez followed that up with a bronze at the seniors' New Years Cup in Slovakia in 2013.

Teresa Martinez told CNS: "I just tell him to prepare and pray, because sometimes really we cannot afford to bring the coach. ... I know some skating skills, some techniques, but I'm not as good as, you know, the real coaches. So I told him just pray."

"Every competition it's 'Mom did you bring my Baby Jesus? Mom did you bring my Mama Mary? Mom did you bring your rosary?'"

She said each competition takes 10 days of travel and lodging for her son, herself and a coach. Because of the steep costs, which she said can run at least \$10,000 each time he enters, Martinez sometimes goes before the judges without the trained eyes of an expert to give him tips and assessments between the short program and the longer free skate.

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**Bishop Luers plans winter homecoming**

Fort Wayne — Welcome back Bishop Luers' Dance Teams (2000-2013) Friday, Jan. 31, with a Casa dinner at 4:30 p.m. in the café — reservations required. The varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams will play at 6 p.m. At half time of the boys' game the Bishop Luers' dance teams will perform. Adult reception in the café following the games. For information contact Sarah Shank at sshank@bishopluers.org or (260) 456-1261 ext. 3039. Dance team alumni contact Cindy Figel at cfigel@bishopluers.org.

**Tenderloin dinner planned**

Wabash — The Knights of Columbus Council 2957, 595 S. Huntington St., will be have a tenderloin dinner on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 4:30-7 p.m. Cost for adults is \$8, children 6-12 \$4 and children 5 and under are free.

**Hungarian goulash and langalo dinner**

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a goulash and langalo dinner Saturday, Feb. 8, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per dinner, children 6-12 \$4.50 and children under 6 free. Additional goulash \$6, additional langalo \$2. Carryout available. Tickets available at the pastoral center.

**Knights to host breakfast at Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels**

Fort Wayne — As part of Catholic Schools Week, the Knights will host a breakfast including sausage, pancakes, eggs, hash browns and biscuits and gravy Sunday, Jan. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St. and in the Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and \$20 per family. Carryout will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Bill Roth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Buffet chicken dinner announced**

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Rosary and Holy Name societies are sponsoring a buffet style Polish chicken dinner Sunday, Feb. 9, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center. Tickets are \$11 for adults and carryouts, children under 12 are free. Advanced sales only by Feb. 3. For tickets or information, call Sal at (574) 287-4821 or the parish rectory at (574) 287-4821.

**Spaghetti dinner planned by Boy Scouts**

Fort Wayne — Troop 20 will have a spaghetti dinner Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Tickets are \$8 for adults \$6 for seniors \$6 for students pre-school free and \$28 families.

**Women's fertility workshop offered**

Fort Wayne — A NaPro TECHNOLOGY introductory meeting about women's cycles and standardizing monthly record keeping is being presented at the St. Jude Parish Center in room C, Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Contact (260) 494-6444 or theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com.

**Holy Family Parish to host wedding event**

South Bend — Chiara Home will have its sixth annual "It's a Polish Wedding," Saturday, Feb. 8, at Holy Family Parish, 56405 Mayflower Rd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Entertainment provided by "Soundsations." Contact Beth Mengel at (574) 287-5435 for information. Proceeds will benefit Chiara Home.

**Big game hog roast**

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish, 2211 Brooklyn Ave., will have a family hog roast Sunday, Feb. 2, at the church. Pulled pork dinners will be available for dine-in or carryout from 4-8 p.m. The

Super Bowl will be shown on a big-screen TV in the gym with adult beverages available and other snacks and games. Family entertainment from 4-8 p.m. will include face-painting, board games, karaoke for kids, crafts, movies and more. All proceeds will benefit the new St. Joseph Catholic School. Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door while supplies last. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free.

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# RALLY

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Christian and the wife of her high school sweetheart, Parnell. They have enjoyed over two decades of marriage and are blessed with three children. Angela and Parnell also lost two pre-born babies to abortion while in their teens.

They bear the scars of abortion, which only heightens Minter's commitment to pre-born babies, their parents and families. Minter discovered later in life that her parents had attempted to abort her.

Minter's story was one of forgiveness and healing through Christ.

Sisters For Life is a Christian, nonprofit organization based in Louisville, Ky., and is inspired by God to take a holistic approach in advocating for preborn babies, and mothers and fathers that are faced with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. They are also advocates for God's family values and believe God has a good plan and purpose for every life and family. Sisters For Life's goal is to serve and assist them in fulfilling that plan.

Other rally participants included 16-year-old Emma MacDonald, a member of St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne. MacDonald provided the music called "Deliver Us" that she wrote and performed. The song will be included in an upcoming album that will be released in April.

After the rally, the nearly full

auditorium reassembled for a march through the downtown streets of Fort Wayne and to the Federal Building.

Seminarians from the Lutheran Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, to a large Catholic contingency from several parishes and Knights of Columbus councils to the IPFW Students for Life group filled the streets in the multi-block procession.

Father George Gabet of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, prayed the rosary with fellow marchers, as did Father Daniel Whelan, pastor of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, who also led the opening prayer at the rally, and Father James Bromwich, both Sons of St. Philip Neri.

Ralph Stark, assembling with the St. Patrick, Arcola, Knights of Columbus, attended the rally and march. He recalled the loss he felt when his son died in 1970 at the age of three. "The loss of a child is very important, and that's where I come from," he told *Today's Catholic*. "He was only three and a half years old when he died, but he was still my son," Stark said. "I believe that everybody should have a chance at life."

Ruby Gunkel of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, has 25 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. "I'm very much pro-life," she acclaimed.

Emily Croy attended the march with her young daughter and dad. "This is my fourth year," Emily Croy said about the march. "I chose life. The first year I did it, I was pregnant with my daughter.

The second year, I did it when my daughter was a newborn. ... We will do it every year. ..."

Emily's dad, Jim Croy, has always been pro-life. He is a member of the St. Patrick, Arcola, Knights of Columbus. While Emily was a student in school in Chicago, she became pregnant. The birth father's parents, he said, encouraged his daughter to have an abortion.

"She was mortified," Jim Croy said. "She had marched in other pro-life events with me before," and pointing to his two-year-old granddaughter, "there's the testament to why you don't ... and she would not be here if Emily had made that decision."

"I just don't understand how you couldn't choose life," Jim added. "So here I am holding the banner," for the Arcola Knights.

Jim Conroy of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, has participated in the march for a number of years. He said this year is a bit different than other years because he is now a grandfather.

"You appreciate life more," Conroy said. "You realize your life has been passed on to your grandchildren. Everybody should be able to enjoy the feeling of having grandchildren. And every time there's an abortion, a grandbaby dies."

At the conclusion of the march, representatives from "Silent No More," the awareness campaign for men and women with an abortion in their past, offered their testimonies in front of the E. Ross Adair Federal Building.



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Keynote speaker Angela Minter, the executive director of Sisters For Life, shares her testimony at the pro-life rally preceding the 40th annual March for Life on Jan. 18.



Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, pastor, Father George Gabet, of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, prays the rosary with Catholics joining him in the 40th annual March for Life in Fort Wayne on Jan. 18.



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