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Gloria Whitcraft named executive director of Catholic Charities

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has named Gloria Whitcraft as Catholic Charities new executive director. Her appointment, which begins March 3, marks an exciting new chapter for the nonprofit social service organization.

Bishop Rhoades says of the appointment, "I am truly happy that Gloria Whitcraft will be the new director of Catholic Charities in our diocese. Gloria's extensive background in social services and her strong commitment to the mission of Catholic Charities are a blessing for the future of Catholic Charities in our diocese. I am looking forward to working together with Gloria, the Board of Directors, and the staff and volunteers in extending the charitable work of the Church in our diocese."

"The service of the poor and needy is an essential part of the Church's mission," Bishop Rhoades adds. "I am very grateful to Lisa Young for her excellent service as interim director of Catholic Charities the past several months and for her continued service as associate director."

Whitcraft is honored by the appointment and says, "As a Catholic, it is truly a dream come true to do the work I'm so passionate about in service to the Church to which I am completely devoted, and in this diocese where I am proud to live and worship."

As a devoted Catholic she brings that identity to the position and says, "I consider social service work to be a mission and vocation, not simply a job. My faith is the most important part of my life. The love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is my guide and what makes it possible for me to demonstrate the same with the people I am privileged to meet and serve."

A native of Massachusetts, Whitcraft and her family moved to Florida where she graduated from high school and began her professional career in human resources for a leading bank in that state. She moved to Fort Wayne in 1992, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education with a



GLORIA WHITCRAFT

marriage and family counseling major at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. She is licensed in the state of Indiana as a marriage and family therapist.

In the past 17-years, Whitcraft has worked for several social service agencies covering multiple counties in northern Indiana, including 13 years at Lutheran Social Services of Indiana and most recently Choices, Inc.

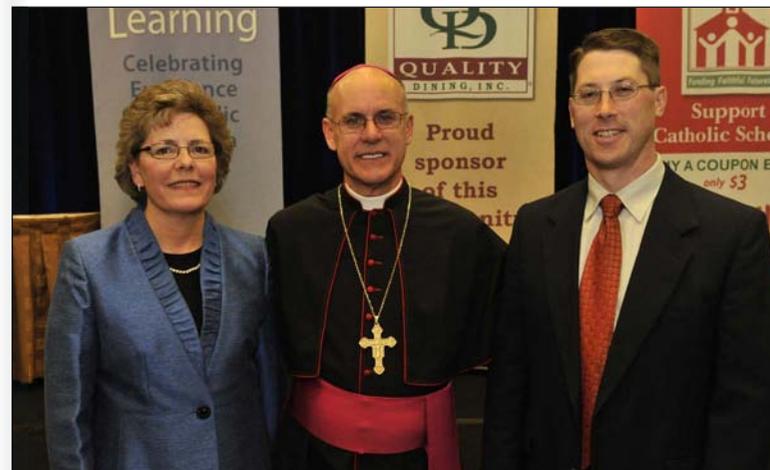
Whitcraft holds high hopes for the organization she will soon lead. "I will hold myself accountable to our stakeholders, donors, staff and most importantly the people who come to Catholic Charities for help, healing and support," she says, adding, "I am excited about the prospect of expanding our service opportunities to and our leadership role in the communities that are a part of our diocese. I hope to cultivate additional collaborations with other social service organizations in the diocese so that together we can make the greatest impact in the lives of individuals and families in need."

Whitcraft notes that she also hopes to extend more information about Catholic Charities to the parishes of the diocese, saying, "I want people to know what we're doing. I want people to be excited and want to volunteer and donate."

Lisa Young, who for the past several months has stood in as interim director, is pleased with Whitcraft's appointment noting that she will bring a balance of administrative skills and a firm belief in

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Carl Loesch appointed Secretary of Catholic Education, Jordan to be Superintendent



JOSEPH RAYMOND

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced the appointments of Marsha Jordan, left, as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Carl Loesch, right, as the Secretary of Catholic Education for the diocese. Loesch will oversee the Catholic Schools Office and the Office of Catechesis in a reorganization of diocesan departments.

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced a reorganization of diocesan offices and has appointed Carl Loesch, current principal of Marian High School in Mishawaka, as the Secretary for Catholic Education, and Marsha Jordan, who has served as the associate superintendent and the interim superintendent of Catholic Schools, as the new Superintendent.

In making the appointments, Bishop Rhoades said, "I am very happy and grateful that Mr. Carl Loesch has accepted my appointment to serve as Secretary for Catholic Education of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Carl has much education and experience in school administration, teaching and theology. He has been an excellent principal at Marian High School. I am looking forward to his leadership now on a broader scale, serving the important mission of catechesis and education throughout our diocese. He will assist me in my ministry of teaching the faith and will serve on the Bishop's Cabinet. I am really looking forward to our work together."

Bishop Rhoades added, "I am also very grateful to Mrs. Marsha Jordan for accepting my appointment to serve as Superintendent of Schools. Marsha's education and experience and her strong commitment to the mission of our Catholic schools have been a blessing to our diocese. I also look forward to working closely with Marsha in ensuring the excellence of our Catholic schools."

The diocese is forming a search committee for a new principal of Marian High School. Loesch's appointment as Secretary for Catholic Education begins July 1.

Loesch is a highly trained administrator and award-winning teacher with 20 years experience in Catholic secondary and post-secondary schools. He has earned masters degrees in educational administration and theology, and a master of science in education from the University of Notre Dame. He also has a bachelor's degree in theology from Notre Dame.

He has been the principal of Marian High School since July 2004. He also teaches math at Marian. For three years, he directed the

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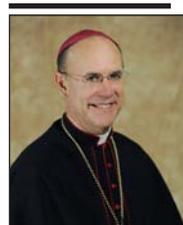
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First anniversary of death of Bishop D'Arcy



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Bishop Rhoades delivered the following homily at the Memorial Mass for Bishop D'Arcy on February 3rd, 2014, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Bishop D'Arcy died one year ago today, February 3rd, the feast of an early bishop and martyr of the Church, Saint Blase. He died on the feast of a holy bishop whom we remember every year with the popular custom of the blessing of throats. We will have the blessing of throats at the end of Mass today.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. In these words, Jesus foretells that he will be the grain of wheat that must die to produce fruit. When wheat dies in the ground, mysteriously life is released from its shell and it produces thousands of other grains containing its same nature. Through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, many sons and daughters are born unto God, inheriting eternal life and participating in the divine nature. We receive these fruits in Baptism. Yes, with the death of Christ, much fruit has been produced, indeed the greatest fruit — our redemption and new life.

This mystery of death and life also comes about in the earthly existence of the followers of Christ. For faithful Christians too, being cast into the earth to die brings much spiritual fruit. We can think today of Saint Blase and the fruits of his death as a martyr in the land of Armenia. And, of course, we think today of Bishop D'Arcy. One year ago, like the grain of wheat, he died. We rejoice today at the fruit that has been produced. It is necessary to die in order that our life may bear full fruit, a fruit that goes beyond life, for our life produces its full fruit in God.

This is a Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of a shepherd whose life among us was a beautiful gift. Bishop D'Arcy was a man in love with his ministry to his people. I don't think I've ever met a bishop so in love with his diocese. He loved the clergy, religious, and laity of our diocese. When a bishop is ordained, he receives the episcopal ring, a sign that he is to love the Bride of Christ, the Church. He is configured to Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church, and is called to imitate the Bridegroom who gave his life for his Bride.

Pope Francis has told bishops to avoid all ambition. He warned new bishops against spiritual adultery, against being bridegrooms of the Church who are awaiting another bride which is wealthier or more beautiful or more important. The Holy Father spoke of such careerism as a form of cancer. Well, there was not one molecule of



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades wears the vestments once worn by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Feb. 3 in memory of Bishop D'Arcy on the first anniversary of his death. Shown before the memorial Mass, Bishop Rhoades holds the olive wood crozier that was gifted to Bishop D'Arcy by the parishioners of St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne.

this cancer in Bishop D'Arcy. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was his bride. He had no ambition to go elsewhere. And he loved his bride and gave himself totally for her. In retirement, Bishop D'Arcy continued to serve in many ways, not slowing down until the end: conducting parish missions, offering Masses, celebrating Confirmations, helping at Bishop Luers High School, giving spiritual direction, and helping me in any way he could. What was his motivation? It was simply love. Bishop D'Arcy loved the Lord, loved being His priest and bishop, loved celebrating the sacraments, loved preaching and teaching, and loved helping those in need.

Jesus said in today's Gospel: *Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.* This promise gives us much hope and consolation: for John Michael D'Arcy, as priest and bishop, served the Lord wholeheartedly. He did so with joy, with fidelity, and with courage. Bishop D'Arcy was able to do so because he was a man whose life was firmly rooted in faith and prayer. His faith and prayer in the last weeks of his life are a witness that I will never forget, a memory I will always treasure.

The words of Saint Paul to the Romans resound in our hearts today as we remem-

ber Bishop D'Arcy: *None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.* We all know and experienced that Bishop D'Arcy did not live for himself. He lived for the Lord and he died for the Lord. He offered his sufferings for us. On February 3rd, 2013, Bishop D'Arcy joined his last breath with that of the last breath of Jesus. He did so with hope, entrusting his soul to the mercy of God. He left us a beautiful example of how to live for the Lord and how to die for the Lord.

Bishop D'Arcy asked us during his last weeks on earth to pray for him, not only as he approached death, but also after his death. We do so today. We gather at this altar to offer the Eucharistic sacrifice for Bishop D'Arcy whose body rests in the crypt below the altar. In the Eucharist, the power of Christ and of his Spirit unites us in a profound way with Bishop D'Arcy and all our deceased brothers and sisters.

We give thanks to the Father for giving Bishop D'Arcy to his Church. May Christ the Good Shepherd welcome him to the Father's house. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom Bishop D'Arcy was a devoted son, lead him to the joyful liturgy of heaven!

Catholic identity must be clear, uncompromising, pope tells university

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholic universities must give “uncompromising” and “unambiguous” witness to Church teaching and defend themselves from all efforts to dilute their Catholic identity, Pope Francis said.

Catholic universities, “by their very nature, are committed to demonstrating the harmony of faith and reason and the relevance of the Christian message for a full and authentically human life,” he said in an audience with members of the board of trustees of the University of Notre Dame and other officials.

The pope met Jan. 30 with some 130 people representing the Indiana-based Catholic university, who were in Rome for the inauguration of the university’s new Rome center.

Speaking in Italian, Pope Francis praised the university, saying it “has made an outstanding contribution to the Church in your country through its commitment to the religious education of the young and to serious scholarship inspired by confidence in the harmony of faith and reason in the pursuit of truth and virtue.”

He said the institution’s original vision, guided by its religious founders of the Congregation of Holy Cross, “remains, in the changed circumstances of the 21st century, central to the university’s distinctive identity and its service to the Church and American society.”

Catholic identity and missionary discipleship are critical, the pope said, and need to be evident in the way Catholics live and in the workings of all Catholic institutions.

Catholic universities play a special role in being faithful missionaries of the Gospel because of their commitment to showing the compatibility of faith and reason, and showing how the Christian message offers people a fuller, more authentic human life, he said.

“Essential in this regard is the uncompromising witness of Catholic universities to the Church’s moral teaching, and the defense of her freedom, precisely in and through her institutions, to uphold that teaching as authoritatively proclaimed by the magisterium of her pastors,” he said.

“It is my hope that the University of Notre Dame will continue to offer unambiguous testimony to this aspect of its foundational Catholic identity, especially in the face of efforts, from whatever quarter, to dilute that indispensable witness,” he said.

The pope then looked up from his prepared text and told his audience in Italian, “This is important: Your own identity — as it was intended from the begin-



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University of Notre Dame President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins shakes hands with Pope Francis.

ning — to defend it, preserve it, carry it forward,” he said.

Though the pope made no references to any controversies, the University of Notre Dame had reignited a heated debate about maintaining the Catholic identity of U.S. Catholic institutions of higher education when it invited President Barack Obama to deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary law degree in 2009.

In the homily at Mass in the chapel of his residence that morning, Pope Francis focused on the importance of humility and fidelity to the Church and its teaching.

“The first fruit of Baptism is to make you belong to the Church, to the people of God,” he said, according to Vatican Radio.

That’s why it is “absurd” to imagine a Christian who loves Christ, but doesn’t love, listen to or stay close to His Church, he said.

People who follow the Gospel their own way without the Church are living “a fantasy,” he said, “an absurd dichotomy.”

Humility is needed to feel part of the Church, he said, because a person who isn’t humble “will hear what she or he likes” and not what God and the Church really say.

“We receive the Gospel message as a gift and we have to pass it on as a gift, but not as something that is ours; what we give is a gift received” from Jesus, the pope said.

People need to be faithful “to the Church, to its teaching, to the Creed, to doctrine, to safeguard doctrine” as they seek to live it

and hand it on to others, he said.

Christians don’t “become masters of the Gospel, masters of received doctrine, to use it as we like,” he said.

Biggest Notre Dame project ever a ‘crossroads’ of academics, student life and athletics

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame announced Jan. 29 the largest building project in its 172-year history, integrating the academy, student life and athletics with the construction of more than 750,000 square feet in three new buildings attached to the west, east and south sides of the university’s iconic football stadium, at a projected cost of \$400 million.

The Campus Crossroads Project will add significant academic space at the same time the university is hiring 80 new faculty to build on Notre Dame’s existing strengths.

“The integrated nature of this project will maintain the compact walkability of campus, facilitate deeper connection and collaboration across the various units of the university and offer an exciting addition to what we believe is the best on-campus student learning experience in the country,” Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame’s president, said in the letter to the campus community Jan. 29.

“At a time when some are questioning the future of the residential college campus,” he said, “we believe the investment in these new facilities, which will house new research and teaching venues,



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several academic departments, a much-expanded student center, a digital media center and a variety of hospitality and programming spaces, will greatly enhance the campus experience for all those who study, live, work here and visit Notre Dame, as well as new amenities that will deliver outstanding game day experiences for Irish fans. Since its founding, one of Notre Dame’s greatest assets has been the boldness of its vision — the ability to see possibilities and connections where others saw only obstacles and fragmentation. This project continues that boldness of vision.”

Construction will begin in two years or sooner and take approximately 33 months to complete.

“Notre Dame alumni and friends have always displayed remarkable generosity,” Father Jenkins said. “Upon reviewing the extraordinary

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Wednesday, Feb. 12, to Friday, Feb. 14 — “Current Issues in Science and Human Dignity” Conference of Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 5:15 p.m. — Mass at Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Saturday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting and Tour with Marian High School Students, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 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 St. 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.

This rendering shows the overall view of the Campus Crossroads Project.

plans we have in place for advancing the mission of their university, I’m certain that benefaction combined with stewardship will allow us to move forward on this project sooner rather than later.”

The plan features three new structures attached to and serving the stadium — a west building for student life services, including space for student organizations, a recreation center and career center; an east building for the anthropology and psychology departments and a digital media center; and a south building for the Department of Music and the Sacred Music at Notre Dame program. The east and west buildings also will include some 3,000 to 4,000 premium seats for the football stadium with supporting club amenities.

Details of the project are available at www.crossroads.nd.edu.

Weddell speaks on intentional discipleship

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Nationally known speaker and best-selling author Sherry Weddell challenged an audience of nearly 200 faithful from around the area who braved the frigid temperatures to hear her message of intentional discipleship at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne on Jan. 28. Weddell not only presented some startling facts on the current shift in religious identity but also provided an outline of steps Catholics can take to make a deliberate decision to follow Jesus as a disciple.

The presentation, sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, opened with an introduction by Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor publishing division, and an opening prayer by Father Ben Muhlenkamp, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

Weddell, author of "Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus," (Our Sunday Visitor, 2012), engaged the assembly with surprising statistics on the fluidity of religious identity around the world today. She noted that the majority of American adults have left the religion of their childhood. And the majority of Catholics are not certain one can have a personal relationship with God. Though there is a "capacity to believe" one must perform an "act of faith," Weddell said, making a free choice for God.

One of the markers of current Catholic parish culture is the pressure to "not talk about (faith)" said Weddell, who added that



Sherry Weddell challenges an audience of near 200 faithful with her message of intentional discipleship during a talk at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne on Jan. 28. Weddell presented some startling facts on the current shift in religious identity and also provided an outline of steps Catholics can take to make a deliberate decision to follow Jesus as a disciple.

that pressure causes Catholics to suppress the expression of their discipleship. Statistically, of practicing Catholics, 62 percent are less likely to talk about their faith. That, stated Weddell, stifles evangelization at the most basic level.

A pyramid divided in three sections including seeker, disciple and apostle illustrated Weddell's message that a Catholic who has talked about the faith, shared their conversion story and the story of Jesus Christ and integrated that

faith into their lives live a mature faith. And, when that mature faith is witnessed fully shared and discerned by others, intentional disciples are born.

Weddell spoke of how gifts discernment helps the faithful move from someone who follows Jesus to someone who is being sent by Him. "God has anointed you," Weddell told the crowd, "with gifts and a mission. He gives you the grace and power to go out."

Unfortunately only 1 percent

of vocations are being lived, noted the speaker.

Most parishes are in the early and passive seeker stage of the process of discipleship, said Weddell, who charged those assembled with the "Double in Five Challenge," saying, "What if you set out to double the disciples in your parish in five years?" Parish and diocesan life would be transformed around the country, she speculated.

She offered these tips to discern as a means of sharing faith at the parish level.

"Break the silence," she offered. "Talk of the personal relationship with God who loves you. Talk especially about Jesus Christ," Weddell suggested, adding, "Inquiry is important... our job is to help people fall in love

with Jesus and His Church. Ask others about their lived relationship with God."

Offering opportunities to encounter Jesus in the Church is paramount she said, which can include RCIA, parish based retreats and processes. "Everything we do in the parish can be tweaked to evangelize," she said.

Weddell cautioned to expect conversion and prepare for it and to lay the all-important foundation of intercessory prayer. "For the spiritual renewal of the church community," she noted, "It will change the atmosphere!"

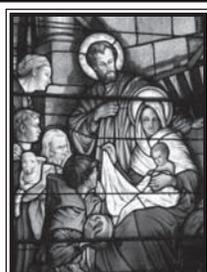
Among the crowd composed of clergy, lay ministers and faithful, was Annie McCrory, long-time parishioner of St. Elizabeth Parish and a member of the RCIA team. McCrory said her focus was renewed by Weddell's talk.

"It was a good reminder to have those seeking to be Catholic to fall in love with Christ first and then the Church. We must focus on the love of God," she said.

Marti Trout from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, who had recently finished reading Weddell's book on intentional discipleship, praised the message, saying, "We do need disciples. It changes the world. The life and joy of a Christ-centered Church is wonderful."

Father Muhlenkamp was "encouraged to know that we can make little steps and get back to the basics — Christ wants a personal encounter with you! If we could engage 10 percent... wow! We have to be prayerful for this to happen. That brings a lot of hope."

Weddell, who joined the Catholic Church as an adult, co-founded with Dominican Father Michael Sweeney the Catherine of Siena Institute to equip parishes to form lay Catholics for their mission in the world. She leads its international team of teachers as well. Weddell also created the first gifts discernment program.



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Abortion legislation moves to clarify

INDIANAPOLIS — Three bills to clarify laws affecting Indiana's abortion industry are advancing in the Indiana General Assembly this year. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation.

House Bill 1123, authored by Rep. Jeffery Thompson, R-Lizton, would prohibit elective abortion coverage in standard health insurance plans.

Thompson explained that the bill would make Indiana's law uniform regarding elective abortion coverage. Currently, this prohibition is in effect for policies purchased as part of the Exchange or the Affordable Care Act. Under the bill, abortion coverage would be covered in a health policy only in cases of rape or incest or if necessary to avert death or substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily functions of the pregnant woman.

"Unless we bring further clarity to this issue, what's going to happen is that private health insurers will be required to cover abortion," said Thompson. "Some private insurance companies should not be forced to do so because of religious beliefs."

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, said, "The bill is a positive step because it will allow persons whose company plan now includes elective abortion coverage to know that their premiums will no longer support abortion. It also may have the effect of reducing abortions."

Testimony indicated that if a person wanted to have coverage of elective abortion, it would have to be purchased as a separate rider.

House Bill 1123 was approved with bi-partisan support from the House Insurance Committee 11-1, and on approved by the full House by a vote of 80-14, on Jan. 24. The House proposal now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Senate Bill 292, authored by Sen. John Waterman, R-Shelburn, would change Indiana abortion law to enhance information for follow-up care.

The bill requires an abortion

provider to provide an emergency telephone number where the post-abortive mother could call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for medical follow-up care. It also requires a name and telephone number of a hospital where the abortion doctor has medical admitting privileges. The abortion doctor's admitting privileges must be in writing and kept on file at the abortion clinic and a copy on file at the state department of health.

Current law requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges in the county or adjacent counties that the abortion is performed, but the privileges do not need to be documented in writing.

The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the bill as a clarification in the law.

Cindy Noe, representing Indiana Right to Life said HS 292 is focused on the women's health and making sure a woman who has had an abortion procedure and needs some follow up of a medical nature has "full knowledge" of where to go and how to get it. Noe said, "We ask that those women get this information twice." Noe explained that current practice of admitting privileges have not been as effective because the privileges were not in writing. Noe explained that no one is keeping track if abortion doctors have admitting privileges or not, or if they have a back-up doctor.

Liz Carroll, vice president for Patient Services for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, said, "A first trimester abortion procedure is one of the safest medical procedures a woman can have." Carroll who testified in opposition to the legislation said they have concerns about requiring abortion doctors to give their admitting privileges in advance of the abortion. They also had concerns with the requirement of making the back-up physicians name made available to the state department of health for fear the information would be made public.

Another proposal, Senate Bill

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228, authored by Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, urges Legislative Council to begin a study committee to examine the issue of coerced abortion. Tomes explained that the study committee would determine the illegality of coerced abortion; and the obligations of healthcare workers to notify patients of the illegality of coerced abortions or report them when it occurs.

Tebbe, who testified in support of the bill, said, "We support the idea of a study to find out if coerced abortion is happening."

Noe, who supported the bill, said that many of the specific questions about coerced abortion are unknown, but we do know that "it flies under the radar." Noe said the study committee would provide "an in depth, well-rounded approach to fill in some blanks to out what is going on." Betty Cockrum, CEO of Planned Parenthood also supported the legislation.

Tebbe said he expects Senate Bill 292 to pass the Senate. However, he said Senate Bill 228, dealing with a study of coerced abortion was likely to fail because the language in the bill was too broad and there wasn't enough time to adjust it properly this year.

House bills cross over to the Senate beginning Feb. 4, and Senate bills cross over to the House beginning Feb. 6. The process begins again in the second chamber with a first reading of the bill; a hearing; a second reading where the bill can be amended, followed by a third reading for a final vote.

Fetal Remains Legislation HB 1190

Women who have miscarriages would have the option of burying their fetus under a proposal authored by Rep. Hal Slager, R-Schererville. The bill, HB 1190, would require hospitals to offer the option of burying a fetus that's less than 20 weeks old after miscarriages. The bill passed the House, 92-3, and is headed to the Senate for further consideration.

Get Involved:

The Indiana Catholic Conference provides a Legislative Action Center. Go to www.indianacc.org Visitors to the Center can sign-up for the weekly I-CAN Update newsletter, identify his or her representatives, contact lawmakers, and much more. To explore the new means of political engagement go to www.indianacc.org and click "Legislative Action Center."

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University of Notre Dame's Appalachia Seminar and Educational Immersions and was the activity director of the National Youth Sports Program. From 1991 to 2000, Loesch taught theology at Bishop Dwenger High School and was the theology department chair, service coordinator and head wrestling coach. While at Bishop Dwenger, he started the first high school Habitat for Humanity chapter in the state of Indiana, the 13th chapter in the nation.

Loesch told *Today's Catholic*, "I am deeply grateful to Bishop Rhoades for this opportunity to serve the Church. As we near the anniversary of Bishop D'Arcy's death (Feb. 3), I recall very clearly his love for our Catholic schools. I pray that I may carry that same love with me into this work."

"I am also grateful for the guidance and support of my pastor, Msgr. Michael Heintz, and my mentors, Father Ron Nuzzi, Dr. Tom Doyle, John Gaughan and Fred Tone," Loesch continued. "Last and certainly not least, I am grateful for and inspired by the dedicated faculty and staff of Marian High School. Like so many of our schools, Marian is truly blessed with faculty and staff who live their vocation every day to pass on the faith to our students."

Loesch recounted his family's deep connections to the Catholic faith and the diocese.

"My grandmother, Marie Loesch, graduated from St. Aloysius in Yoder," Loesch said. "My father and aunt graduated from St. Aloysius and Central Catholic. My father taught with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at St. Francis College. I have been blessed to work with the dedicated faculties and staffs of Marian and Bishop Dwenger."

"This diocese has blessed my family for generations," he added. "I look forward with great joy to working with Bishop Rhoades, the Catholic Schools Office and the Office of Catechesis to educate the precious young people in our Catholic schools and the people of all ages in our parishes so that together we may draw closer to Our Lord and His Church."

He asked that all the people of the diocese "pray daily for the schools and parishes of our diocese."

"May the Lord continue to bless us with priests, brothers, sisters and lay people to guide us and our families as we grow in our knowledge, love and service of Our Lord," he said.

In announcing his appointment to the Marian community, he said, "It has been my joy to celebrate our successes together and my consolation to walk with you during difficult times. I pray that you will continue to look kindly upon my family as it is my wife's and my desire to have our children blessed to be educated at Marian. I will continue to work hard throughout this semester to accomplish the many important tasks before us."

Loesch and his family — wife Marie and four sons — will remain in South Bend where they attend St. Matthew Cathedral Parish. His oldest son will be a freshman at Marian next fall.

Marsha Jordan

As associate superintendent for three-and-a-half years and the recent interim superintendent, Jordan finds a level of peace in accepting the role of superintendent.

"I thank Bishop Rhoades for his confidence in my abilities to assume the role of superintendent of Catholic Schools," Jordan told *Today's Catholic*.

"I have always believed that the Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways, and that He always places us where we need to be for a purpose," she noted. "I have also learned to be open to that call and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in my life."

"When Bishop Rhoades first asked me to accept the position of superintendent," Jordan said, "I accepted without hesitation, and with a sense of peace. I really believe that the Holy Spirit was leading me."

"I know that I have the support of many colleagues, and a wide variety of experiences to guide me as I begin a new chapter in my educational career," she added. "I also know that I can rely on prayer and on the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Jordan is no stranger to diocesan work. Even as a college student at Indiana University, she worked as a cleaning lady at the Fort Wayne chancery in the summer months.

After graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in biology, Jordan was a biology teacher and dorm mother at Wawasee Preparatory from 1973 to 1975.

Jordan also holds masters degrees in education in biology, counseling and guidance.

At St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne, she taught religion, Latin and junior-high science for nine years.

In 1984, Jordan became the dean of girls at Bishop Dwenger High School and taught biology part-time. Eventually, Principal John Gaughan decided to move Jordan out of the dean's office and make her the science department chair.

But in 1994, Jordan became a stay-at-home mom to raise her daughter, Emily, who is now a freshman at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. Jordan used the six years as a stay-at-home mom to finish up coursework for her administrative license. In 2000, Jordan became the principal of Queen of Angels, the school of her childhood and the church where she and her late husband, Denver, a Fort Wayne attorney who died just last summer from esophageal cancer, were parishioners.

Jordan's parents built a home across the street from the "new" Queen of Angels Parish in 1952, she said, and lived there until their deaths. "I am one of the eight 'Shaffer' sisters, all of whom are Queen of Angels graduates," she

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Bishop says groundswell of interest, excitement needed in Father Tolton's sainthood cause

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — Members of St. Augustine Parish in South Bend gathered Saturday, Feb. 1, for a presentation on the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, the first Catholic priest of African American descent in the U.S. The presentation was given by Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who is the diocesan postulator for Father Tolton's cause.

The Black Catholic Advisory Board of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend sponsored the event, in conjunction with the St. Augustine Parish Tolton Society.

After an invocation of saints and ancestors led by Deacon Mel Tardy, Bishop Perry told the story of Father Tolton, a figure whom he regards as the "architect for African American Catholicism in the United States."

Tolton was born into a Catholic slave family in Missouri in 1854, but escaped with his mother and siblings to the free state of Illinois as a young boy. His childhood in Quincy, Ill., was marked by the strife of the nation's Civil War and the pervasive discrimination against people of his race.

Despite the marginalized position of African American Catholics in his day, Tolton discerned a call to the Priesthood. After numerous rejections from American seminaries, Tolton entered the seminary in Rome and went on to be ordained at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Following his ordination in 1886, Tolton was sent back to Quincy and served an integrated parish community of both blacks and whites, which was a novelty in his time and a scandal to many. Eventually Tolton was moved by his superiors to the Archdiocese of Chicago where he died of heat exhaustion in 1897, at the age of 43.

The cause for Father Tolton's canonization was formally introduced in 2011 and in February 2012 the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints granted him the title "Servant of God."

In his presentation, Bishop Perry highlighted the significance of Tolton's cause for the African American Catholic community.

"This is the story of a man who overcame great odds. He is an icon



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Father Augustus Tolton, also known as Augustus, is pictured in a photo from an undated portrait card. Born into slavery in Missouri, he was ordained a priest April 24, 1886. He served as pastor at St. Joseph Church in Quincy, Ill., and later established St. Monica Church in Chicago. The canonization cause of Father Tolton, the first U.S. diocesan priest of African descent, was opened in Chicago earlier in March.



PHOTOS BY ALLISON CIRAULO

Bishop Joseph Perry, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, presents on the canonization cause for Father Augustus Tolton at St. Augustine Parish in South Bend, Feb. 1.



Bishop Perry celebrates Mass at St. Augustine Parish assisted by Deacon Mel Tardy. The Mass concluded the presentation for Father Tolton sainthood cause.

of perseverance and charity, and he paved the way for future generations of Catholics of African descent," Bishop Perry said.

"Father Augustus Tolton lived before terms like civil rights, segregation and discrimination were popular words in common parlance," he

added. "He lived a life of isolation, anxiety and persecution because he was the first priest of our ethnic definition to prevail amidst the evil of racial apartheid. He lived at a time when in this country a Roman collar around the neck of a black man was unimaginable. He lived through the

aftermath resulting from slavery, the nation's Civil War, and the tumultuous period of Reconstruction. And yet he remained a Christian through it all."

While numerous civic heroes and heroines have emerged from the African American community, Bishop Perry noted, the Black Catholic community has not raised up its own saints. The distinction between a civic hero and a saint, he says, is crucial.

"A saint is not a celebrity. A saint is a baptized man or woman of our Catholic tradition who took the Gospel and lived it with heroic seriousness," Bishop Perry said.

During the question-answer period of Bishop Perry's presentation, he discussed practical steps that Catholics can take to advance Tolton's canonization cause, including offering Masses for the intention, asking for miracles through Tolton's intercession, studying his life and holding informative presentations, and contributing financially to the cause.

But what is most needed, Bishop

Perry urged, is a groundswell of interest and excitement surrounding Father Tolton's cause. "In the end, the pope does not make saints; they come from the people."

"What Rome needs to see is that the people want Tolton to be declared a saint," Bishop Perry said.

Twice a year Bishop Perry leads pilgrimages to the important sites in Tolton's life in Missouri and Illinois that draw pilgrims from all over the country. He says support for Tolton's cause is growing.

After several years of rigorous research of Tolton's life, Bishop Perry's office will soon submit the documentation to Rome for review. The next step is to secure the first of two miracles necessary for canonization.

Lifelong St. Augustine parishioner Charlotte Huddleston has recently started asking Father Tolton's intercession for her health. "I've been praying to him for more than 20 years," Huddleston said. "But it never occurred to me to ask for a miracle for myself."

Bishop Perry is insistent on the power of prayer for Tolton's cause.

"Unless we ask God for this, the Father Tolton story will remain just a nice human interest story," he said.

Wendy Summers, a member of the Black Catholic Advisory Board, believes that the cause for Tolton's canonization must be a concern for the entire Church, not just Black Catholics.

After the presentation she commented, "What we just talked about is Catholic history, not just Black history. It is the history of all of our faith."

The group of parishioners gathered for the bishop's presentation embodied precisely the mix of white and African American Catholics that Summers would like to see working on Father Tolton's cause together.

Bishop Perry celebrated a vigil Mass at St. Augustine Parish to conclude the event. Music was provided by the Notre Dame Voices of Faith Gospel Choir.

Resources and information for the promotion of Father Augustus Tolton's cause can be found at www.toltoncanonization.org.

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said. Jordan is also a 1969 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

In July 2010, she was appointed the associate superintendent of Catholic Schools and earlier this year was named the interim superintendent.

"I have always valued my experience as a Catholic educator," Jordan said, "because it provides the

opportunity to teach the whole child — body, mind, heart and soul."

"As a teacher, I had the opportunity to model my faith and infuse Catholic identity into everything I taught," she said. "As an administrator, I was again presented with the same opportunity, leading not only students, but teachers and parents."

She likes the quote from Winston Churchill who once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

"I have always viewed my role as a teacher or administrator as that of a servant leader, and I am hum-

bled to have the privilege of serving the students, teachers and parents of our diocesan schools," Jordan said. "I am quite certain that I will gain much more than I give."

She said she looks forward to visiting the diocesan schools' principals and teachers in their school buildings.

"Our diocese is blessed with outstanding Catholic schools, talented and dedicated teachers and administrators, and thousands of students and parents who love and embrace our Catholic mission," she said.

"My vision is that we continue

this great tradition by continuing to attract great leaders for our schools, leaders who are focused on their professionalism, creative in their thinking, and above all, fully committed to integrating our Catholic faith into every aspect of school life," Jordan added.

She said it is imperative that "we continue to attract teachers who are on fire, not only with a love of teaching children, but also a love for their calling as Catholic school educators who can transform their classrooms and students with their faith, passion and competence."

Jordan said as the schools of the diocese grow in size and diversity, "It is my vision that our parents continue to understand and appreciate the mission of Catholic education and their partnership with our schools in raising our children in the way of holiness."

She said, "I am confident that our students will continue to be nurtured in the knowledge and love of their Catholic faith, and that they will not only practice their faith, but understand and accept their role as missionaries of the faith as they move into adulthood."

Bishop Luers announces 40th anniversary of show choir competition

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers is proud to be the place where high school swing choir competitions began more than 40 years ago.

In January of 1975 the Minstrels, the swing choir at Bishop Luers High School, conceived the idea of organizing and hosting a swing choir contest. The Minstrels felt they and other young groups might learn and benefit by observing some of the area's most distinguished choirs performing in an open competition. They felt it would help stimulate a wider interest in and appreciation for swing choirs by making it possible for many groups to perform the same day before large audiences.

In less than two months, judges were contacted, rules were established and trophies acquired. Seven fine swing choirs were invited to perform. The idea worked so well that the following year 15 high school groups were invited to the contest.

By 1979, 20 swing choirs from around the Midwest accepted the challenge of coming to Fort Wayne to compete for trophies and medals. That year, more than 600 students and 1,500 parents attended the contest.

The local PBS station broadcasted the early years of the competition, and in 1983, the program aired on PBS stations around the country. That attracted international exposure and growth in swing choir competitions around the country.

The yearly invitation to participate in the Bishop Luers High School Annual Show Choir Invitational is mailed to over 250 show choirs throughout the country, and appears on show choir websites. Show choirs then register and are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis for the invitational. Welcome packets are mailed and another invitational is under way!

In 1994, the 20th anniversary was marked with a special swing choir directed by the founder, Franciscan Father Fred Link. In 2004, the 30th anniversary Bishop Luers Show Choir Invitational marked another milestone in Minstrel history. Father Link returned to welcome 18 choirs and a large group of Minstrel alumni who gathered to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment.

To mark the 40th anniversary, Father Link will return to judge and all past Grand Champions have been invited to compete on this grand day.

Bishop Luers will host the 40th Annual Show Choir Invitational with middle school competition on Friday, March 7. Six local middle schools will compete at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5.

The high school competition will be held Saturday, March 8. Bishop Luers High School will welcome show choirs from 19 high schools to its 40th annual competition. Some of the most talented

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. CHARLES STUDENTS CELEBRATE 'FAITH QUILT'



PROVIDED BY ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL

Students, faculty and staff of St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne were "tied" together in faith as part of their celebration for Catholic Schools Week on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Several seventh- and eighth-grade students gathered around the "faith quilt," comprised of patches representing various aspects of the school's life. Each patch was designed and decorated by a homeroom class.

high school singers and dancers in the region will provide spectacular entertainment throughout the day and night. Day competition begins at 8 a.m. and runs until 7 p.m. The evening competition begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door and are \$10 for the day show, \$10 for the evening show or \$15 for the day and evening performances.

For more information call Bishop Luers at (260) 456-1261.

USF Best Practices Showcase coming for educators

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis invites area education professionals to the seventh annual Best Practices Showcase, in which educators from across Indiana share their teaching strategies as they learn and share with colleagues in a professional community. The showcase will be March 1 from 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Center and Doermer Family Center.

The showcase focuses on research-based teaching strategies promoting the success of a diverse range of students. Talented educators will share "what-works" practices. Presenters will address a variety of topics, including: integrat-

ing technology from kindergarten through high school; engagement strategies; the "flipped classroom;" literacy across content areas; integration of fiction and non-fiction; and assessment strategies, among others.

Participants will earn five professional growth points by attending the showcase. Pre-registration for workshops of choice is available at sf.edu/best-practice. Seating is limited. Free Wi-Fi will be available to all attendees. Purchase orders will be accepted as payment. Contact Nancy Hankee at nhankee@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 8405, for more information.

Bishop Luers announces National Achievement Scholarship Program finalist

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School senior, Quenten Riley Bubb, has moved from semi-finalist status to finalist status in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Bubb has demonstrated potential for future academic success based on his outstanding performance on this exam. Selection of winners from the finalist group is now in progress and will be announced in February.

Students attend National March for Life

SOUTH BEND — A record 170 Saint Joseph High School students traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to participate in the 41st National March for Life.

Arriving in the nation's capital at 8 a.m., the marchers had some time to sightsee. On Tuesday evening all of the participants from the diocese gathered to celebrate Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. At the conclusion of the day, the groups spent the night on the floor in a Washington, D.C., school.

On Wednesday there were many events scheduled for the participants leading up to the March.

The March for Life began with a rally at the National Mall and was followed by a march down Constitution Avenue ending in front of the Supreme Court. Caitlin Rosswurm, a junior at Saint Joseph, was marching toward the front of the crowd.

"I turned to see how many people were behind me," Rosswurm said. "I couldn't believe it. There were so many different types of people in the crowd, people of all ages, from all over the country who were there marching for the cause."

Sarah Mead, a sophomore, thought it "was cool to be part of something so much bigger than South Bend. There were people from South Bend, but also people from Texas, Wisconsin and Florida," she noted. Sarah's mother also served as a chaperone, and according to Sarah, "She had a lot of fun!"

After participating in the march, the buses were loaded, and the trip back to South Bend was underway. The group arrived back home at 7 a.m. Thursday morning.

ST. PIUS STUDENTS 'DASH FOR CASH'



KIM MAUCH

St. Pius X Catholic School embraced the spirit of Catholic Schools Week with an activity called "Dash for Cash," sponsored by Teachers Credit Union (TCU). Select students had 30 seconds to pick up as much cash and play money as they could. All cash collected supports the school's Adopt-A-Seminarian project. Each year, classrooms adopt seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Students send prayers, well wishes and a care package to their seminarian. The generous sponsorship from Teachers Credit Union will provide funding for a portion of the care packages.

Changing music, but not the message

The Parti Quebecois has proposed a new Charter of Values for the Province of Quebec. The most controversial provision of the bill (Bill 60) would forbid state workers to wear conspicuous religious symbols — kippahs, turbans, hijabs and large crosses, for example. There is something about religious garb that the party finds out of place in the kind of society Quebec wants to be.

Isn't it ironic, in an era when it's fashionable to impose this kind of secularism, that *Esquire* magazine should choose Pope Francis as its best dressed man for 2013? (Last year it was Joseph Gordon-Levitt, a movie star.)

Pope Francis is undeniably charming, but he wears a white cassock and a big cross. Neither

is, as they say in Quebec, a la mode. His zucchetto would not pass muster under the proposed bill. Perhaps the folks in Quebec are just that different from Americans. Quebec looks to France for cultural cues, and the French are devoted to an ideal of laicite.

But we see a lot of that in America, too, these days. Take, for example, President Barack Obama omitting the words "under God" when he recited the Gettysburg Address for a Ken Burns documentary last fall. Or think of the stories we now hear every year about public school Christmas Concerts (excuse me, Winter Festivals) that omit any music mentioning the Lord's birth, as if Christmas doesn't count as part of our culture.

So what explains the pope's



JOHN GARVEY

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popularity, even in matters sartorial, in the face of these secularizing trends and growing public embarrassment over religiosity?

Maybe the best explanation is that Pope Francis' wardrobe has a different cultural meaning. Our trendsetters like the fact that he kept his old black shoes and that he turned down the red cape with ermine trim that some popes have

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Discipleship is intentional resembling of Christ



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:13-16

The Book of Isaiah's third section is the source of this first weekend's reading. Scholars believe that this section was written perhaps in Jerusalem for the Hebrew remnant that had returned from Babylon.

This would put this section of Isaiah at a date after the epic Babylonian captivity. As political fortunes turned, the Persian ruler, Cyrus, had overtaken Babylon, and his decree allowed the Jewish exiles to return to their homeland after an absence of four generations. Indeed, probably few had ever seen their homeland.

Nevertheless, release from Babylon brought utter exhilaration to the exiles. They were free to go home!

However, the opportunity was bittersweet. When the exiles reached their ancestral homeland, they found deprivation and want, conditions worse than those that they had experienced in Babylon.

In this section of the Book of Isaiah, the prophet reaffirmed God's goodness, but the prophet also called upon his people themselves to provide for those in need. Then they would experience the fullness of vindication, the fullness of God's promise to give them life and peace.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. This epistle was addressed to Christians living in Corinth, then one of the major cities of the Roman Empire. Rich and sophisticated, Corinth was a virtual center of the culture at the time. Nearby was Athens, the very symbol of wisdom and logic. Paul had preached in Athens, not with great success.

He encountered skeptics who asked if the Christian Gospel made any sense. After all, the Gospel ran counter to every conventional pattern of thought. And, finally and most importantly for so many, the founder of Christianity, Jesus of Nazareth, had been legally executed as a common criminal and as a traitor to the empire.

In response, Paul insisted that he relied upon a source greater and more dependable than human wisdom, namely the Holy Spirit.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading, a collection of two brief statements by Jesus, given in the highly descriptive but clear imagery.

In the first statement, Jesus tells the disciples that they are the "salt of the earth." In the second, the Lord admonishes followers to be the "light of the world." These images, salt and light, hardly are unknown today, but an ancient aspect of each of them is not known in this culture.

At the time of Jesus, salt was precious. Roman soldiers were paid in salt. ("He is not worth his salt.") "Salary" derives from this practice. Salt also was unrefined. Dust or sand mixed with salt. The less the dust and sand, the better the salt.

Today people are accustomed to bright light at night. Darkness was a serious obstacle at the time of Jesus. Light, then, was

precious in its own sense.

Jesus urges disciples to uplift the earthly society by being "salt" and "light."

Reflection

Gently, but deliberately, the Church is guiding us onward from its introduction of Jesus of Nazareth as son of the human Mary, and Son of God, and Redeemer of the sinful human race, as given at Christmas, Epiphany and the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. It is challenging us to respond to Jesus.

These readings are clear. Discipleship is no mere lip service. It is the actual and intentional resembling of Christ in our daily lives.

However, and Matthew makes this clear, believers have a strength upon which to draw as they illuminate the world. It is within the grace of their faith. As disciples, they are precious. Being a disciple is demanding, but it is not impossible.

Of course, to be pure, worthy and therefore strong as was salt free of impurities, so disciples must rid themselves of sin and fortify their Christian resolve. This is the task of holiness.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-36

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

I remember Larry

BY DON CLEMMER

Bishop William McManus once met an old woman at the train station in downtown Fort Wayne. In their conversation, it quickly emerged that she was the mother of one of his priests: Father Larry Kramer.

"Kramer," the bishop shook his head. "Sometimes I don't know whether to suspend him or make him a monsignor."

The comment captures much of the character of Father Larry Kramer, right down to its being uttered in a train station. His Amtrak adventures were a favorite hobby. In addition to being a lover of trains, Father Kramer embodied the wisdom of decades spent learning from and loving the people he served. That wisdom came with a heavy dose of impish humor that relished the surprises of the Holy Spirit.

Ordained on the eve of the Second Vatican Council, his priesthood was shaped by the reforms of a Church that "didn't know how to move. We hadn't moved in 400 years!" He stopped wearing the cassock following the observation of one inner city child to another: "Look! He's wearing a dress!"

Amid the upheaval of the

1960s, he met Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King Jr., but didn't trumpet those experiences. In his words, "I'm not in it for my own ego." He later said that he thought it was a recipe for disaster for a priest to regard himself as some kind of intellectual.

"I always saw myself as a missionary," he said, "sent to evangelize this jungle of America."

Perhaps Father Kramer's greatest evangelical work was his pioneering role in campus ministry. Convinced that the Church needed to be present to college students, he pushed the issue as hard as he dared, quietly letting word get back to the chancery: "I am so set on this that I'm prepared to do something public in protest, and I don't even know what that is yet." The next round of priest assignments transferred him to Elkhart as an associate pastor, with the addendum "and campus ministry."

Father Kramer's ministry of presence on numerous campuses (he later asked Bishop McManus if he could be pastor at Our Lady of Good Hope, given its proximity to IPFW) laid the groundwork for what has become

a major diocesan outreach. "I just kept the bench warm," he later said of his contribution.

It also brought him into the orbit of students like me, whose first recollection is of that bald priest with the glasses often seen around Bishop Luers High School. We would later learn that his calm demeanor emanated from the serenity of someone who knew, "If the world's problems have to be solved before I stop breathing, we're in big trouble."

Two of Father Kramer's great perennial pieces of wisdom were the reassurance that "God grades on effort" and his knack for presenting Catholic teaching in creative ways that prompted people to rethink a Church they may have rushed to judge. The first piece gave a person hope to keep trying to do better, to realize that the Church walks with people in their struggles. The second piece we'd probably now call "Francis-can."

It's tempting to think of Moses looking down into the Promised Land at the thought of Father Larry dying not even a year into Pope Francis' pontificate. But I'm sure he would scoff and probably laugh at the overwrought self-importance of that image.

However, he didn't shirk every comparison: "I can't get over this pope's behavior. Sometimes it feels like he's me!" he shared over the summer.

With Jorge Bergoglio set loose on the entire Church, including Fort Wayne-South Bend, perhaps both God and Larry saw the redundancy.

"Why aren't there more priests like you?" I asked

him as a young reporter for the diocesan newspaper, struggling with what Pope Benedict would later call "questions of deep relevance for the life of faith."

"Do you really think that's a good idea?" was the incredulous reply.

"I always saw myself as a missionary, sent to evangelize this jungle of America."

FATHER LARRY KRAMER

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Accelerating Catholic reform

Two recent books suggest that, amidst challenges and problems, the pace of authentic Catholic renewal is accelerating in these United States.

Anne Hendershott and Christopher White's "Renewal," (Encounter Books) was nicely timed to coincide with Pope Francis's recently published comments on seminary reform. There, the pope stressed the imperative of integral formation, in which human development, spiritual growth, intellectual formation and the development of pastoral skills mesh together in preparing the priests of the future. As Hendershott and White demonstrate, American seminaries, once deeply troubled by the confusions of the immediate post-Vatican II decades, are at the forefront of that renewal, in ways that might well be imitated by other countries in the West.

The Long Lent of 2002, and the corruptions it exposed, made it clear that dumbing down seminary formation had had disastrous consequences for the Church's ministry and credibility. Not without difficulty, the bishops of the United States took seminary reform in hand. And today, rather than playing defense, American seminaries like Mundelein in Chicago are exploring how the Church might go on offense — not in an offensive way, but by developing new models of a 21st century apologetics that invites disenchanted post-moderns to experience the divine mercy and come to know the truths to which that experience leads.

As Hendershott and White show, the days of seminaries dominated by various forms of psychobabble are, in the main, over. Moreover, the recent increase in the number of applicants for priestly formation

demonstrates both the enduring influence of John Paul II (who many 21st century seminarians continue to identify as their role model) and the importance of a strong sense of Catholic identity in attracting and forming future pastors.

That strong sense of Catholic identity will yield evangelical effectiveness if it is deepened by a man's immersion in the mystery of the Eucharist, in which the redemption wrought by the unique, salvific priesthood of Jesus Christ is extended through history sacramentally. Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, himself a reforming seminary rector when that was no easy thing, once remarked, that "a man will give his life for a mystery, but not for a question mark." That is why, in the reformed American seminaries of the 21st century, immersion in the Eucharistic mystery, theological scholarship, pastoral skills, a strong sense of Catholic identity and a commitment to evangelical mission go together.

And that, Hendershott and White suggest, is true of U.S. Catholicism as a whole, especially in its pastoral leadership. Among the most effective priestly and episcopal leaders in U.S. Catholicism today, there is no antinomy between pastoral compassion and evangelical zeal, on the one hand, and robust Catholic identity, on the other. It's all of a piece. The growing ends of the Church in the United States are those that have grasped that truth and are living it in mission.

Then there is Duncan Stroik's splendidly illustrated essay collection, "The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence, and the Eternal," (Hillenbrand Books). The book's publisher takes its name from a pioneer of the Liturgical Movement in its classic



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

period, Chicago's Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand. And it's altogether appropriate that a house named in Hillenbrand's honor should publish 23 reflections by one of the architects who is leading American Church architecture into a nobler future.

If seminaries were in trouble in the immediate post-conciliar period, so was church design. Happily, the days of Pizza Hut "worship spaces" seem over. And in no small part that's because scholar-practitioners like Stroik have helped Catholicism rediscover how various classical approaches to architecture and decoration can suggest, through stone and glass and other worldly materials, something of the divine mystery at the center of Catholic worship.

Beauty, Stroik knows, is a uniquely attractive path to the true and the good in a world confused about truth and goodness. Thus in the approach to church design and decoration taken by Stroik and those who share his convictions, the full richness of Catholic theology, not a spare modernism, informs the architect's vision — and the Church's worship.

Identity and mission, as always, go together.

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a long interview with Pope Francis in September, in which he affirmed the teachings of the Church about abortion, gay marriage and artificial contraception, but added, "it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."

The proposed Charter of Values in Quebec claims to uphold "the values of state secularism and religious neutrality and of equality between women and men." Perhaps the real meaning of secularism, the real importance of religious neutrality, is that these ideologies fit well with our sexual politics about reproductive freedom and gender roles. Members of traditionally orthodox religions — Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Sikh — need to keep their opinions to themselves when they appear in public.

What is wonderful about Pope Francis is that he is no less Catholic than his 265 predecessors, but he seems to have found a way past all the cultural bar-

riers. He has not changed the Church's teaching at all, but he has changed the music — so said *Time* magazine, another publication that made him its Person of the Year.

Let us hope everyone remains this willing to listen after they have heard everything he has to say. It could be good for people of all faiths.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 9, 2014

Matthew 5:13-16

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a lesson about salt and bushel baskets. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

YOU ARE TASTE TRAMPLED BE HIDDEN BUSHEL IT GIVES SHINE	SALT GOOD UNDERFOOT LAMP BASKET TO ALL BEFORE OTHERS	THE EARTH THROWN OUT A CITY UNDER LAMPSTAND HOUSE FATHER
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SALT & SHINE

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Different living

As Christians, we must discern whether our lifestyle is different from our non-believing neighbor. We live in the same neighborhood, drive similar cars, push similar lawn mowers and snow shovels. Yet, if I am a Christian and my neighbor is not, what's the difference?

We both live in a materialistic society. The American way of life is a mad rush of millions of consumers chasing that never-ending quest for more and more. Without a stewardship challenge, it seems that our religion simply blesses the consumer to go out and purchase more in the name of successful-living (as long as we share with the poor).

Certainly, there is nothing wrong with having possessions — even a lot of possessions — yet the owner carries responsibility. Our Lord reminds us that "much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." — Lk 12:48.

Our catechism teaches: "The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence. ... Those who hold goods for use and consumption should use them with moderation, reserving the better part for guests, for the sick and the poor." — Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 2404, 2405.

In other words, we are caretakers (stewards) of something that does not truly belong to us, and we have a responsibility for how we use these gifts. The real owner of our property is God. Pope Francis has



A WAY OF LIFE

HARRY VERHILEY

been sharing this important message with the world for the past year.

Jesus describes the final judgment in the 25th chapter of Matthew as a separation based on how well we have "given" — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, receiving the stranger, and clothing the naked, caring for the sick and visiting imprisoned. God judges us by how we share with those in need. This would mean that we have a need to give, and our spiritual well-being relies on our giving practices.

We need to allow Jesus to live in and through us. Jesus speaks of our heart being where our treasure is. Are our hearts and treasures invested in the lives of God's people and the building of His kingdom, or are they invested somewhere else? If we are friends of Christ, we must seek to build His kingdom and respond to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This is the defining difference between how I live and how my non-believing neighbor lives.

Harry Verhiley is the director of Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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worn. ("Carnival time is over," the BBC records him as saying.)

Here is what *Esquire* said by way of justifying its choice: "The black shoes and unadorned, simplistic regalia are just an outward acknowledgment of his progressive orthodoxy."

Pope Francis is both religious and orthodox, but it's OK because to them he seems "progressive." The *Advocate* — a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender interest magazine — picked Pope Francis as its Person of the Year, too, for this perfectly orthodox statement about people with homosexual inclinations: "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

Pope Benedict could have easily said the same.

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Sports

BISHOP DWENGER WRESTLING TEAM HOSTS CYO WRESTLING CAMP The Bishop Dwenger wrestling team will host a CYO Wrestling Camp, which will run Feb. 24-27, March 3-5 and March 10-13, and conclude with the CYO/South Bend tournament at Marian High School on Saturday, March 15. All boys in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome to participate. Camp for grades pre-K through 4 will be held at Bishop Dwenger High School from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and grades 5-8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Visit www.bishopdwenger.com for the registration form. Registration will be open on the first night of camp. Cost is \$25 payable to John Tone. Please contact Coach Tone with any questions at (260) 496-4701 or jtone2@comcast.net.

ICCL back in the game

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — The heavy storms that this winter has brought subsided just for a brief moment to allow the teams of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) to compete at St. Joseph and Marian high schools, after weeks of cancellations.

This week saw the St. Martin De Porres Division going head to head against the St. John Bosco Division for supremacy and bragging rights.

The St. Martin De Porres Division leaders, the St. Pius X Lions, remained undefeated by clobbering the Falcons of St. Jude, 40-22. Walter Ellis led all scorers with a dozen for the winners. Branson Bonnell chipped in 11 in the defeat.

Christ the King matched up with the Holy Cross Crusaders and edged out the win, 38-33, as Kerry Reese netted 19 in the win, as the 14 points of Elliot Zyniewicz fell short.

St. Thomas put their best foot forward by knocking off the Panthers of St. Anthony, 41-35, led by the double-digit duo of Jacob Maxwell and Tommy Gropp.

The big scorer of the day was

Martin De Porres								
Team	Division				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
St. Pius	3	0	0	1.000	5	0	0	1.000
St. Joseph South Bend	3	2	0	0.600	4	2	0	0.667
St. Thomas	2	2	0	0.500	4	2	0	0.667
Christ the King	2	2	0	0.500	4	2	0	0.667
Mishawaka Catholic	2	3	0	0.400	3	3	0	0.500
St. Matthew	1	2	0	0.333	3	2	0	0.600
Corpus Christi	1	3	0	0.250	3	3	0	0.500

John Bosco								
Team	Division				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Holy Family	4	0	0	1.000	4	2	0	0.667
Holy Cross	3	1	0	0.750	3	3	0	0.500
St. Anthony	3	1	0	0.750	3	3	0	0.500
St. Jude	3	2	0	0.600	3	3	0	0.500
Queen of Peace	1	3	0	0.250	1	5	0	0.167
St. Adalbert	1	4	0	0.200	1	5	0	0.167
St. Michael	0	4	0	0.000	0	6	0	0.000

again Brady Holiday of St. Michael dropping in 16. But his effort was fruitless as the Eagles of St. Joseph, with the help of Ben Lamont's 12, outlasted them, 32-22.

In other action, the St. Martin De Porres teams completed the sweep

in knocking off all the St. John Bosco squads: St. Matthew over St. Adalbert, 44-14; Corpus Christi crushed Holy Family, 62-37; and finally, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints upended the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 37-9.

Additional 'makeup' games mark busy CYO weekend

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With a short break in the weather, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams had a busy weekend of basketball games, Feb. 1-2, with matchups added to both days to make up for cancellations.

In an effort to reschedule games, many squads saw play on both days with the regular season winding down and the CYO tournament quickly approaching.

Coach Paul Gerardot's St. Louis/St. Rose Twins split their games with a win over St. Mary/St. Joseph on Saturday and a beating by St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJHC) on Sunday.

Gerardot continues to be pleased with his team's progress and effort. "We are making great strides, coming together and playing well as a team," he summarized.

In girls' action, the Lady Squires from SJHC had another big weekend and remained undefeated in Blue League play with wins over Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels.

Coach Jerry Feasby's St. Rose/

St. Louis Twins also picked up two more Blue League victories edging by Queen of Angels, 31-28, on Saturday, and beating Most Precious Blood, 31-21, Sunday afternoon.

In the battle with the Royals, the Twins trailed, 8-6, after the first quarter, but claimed a narrow one-point margin both at the half and end of the third quarter. The back and forth continued in the fourth quarter but the Twins' Grace Castleman scored 10 of her 12 points in the final six minutes to seal the deal for the Twins. Nevaeh Feasby added 10 for the Twins, while Queen's Caitlyn Ryan led all scorers with 16 points. In their other close contest with Most Precious Blood, Castleman scored 19 and Feasby added another 10 including two treys for the Twins.

The St. John the Baptist, New Haven, Raiders also split their games with a win over St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, on Sunday and barely missing out to St. Joseph, Decatur, by three points on Saturday.

To see your CYO scores and highlights here, contact Michelle Castleman at mmcastleman@aol.com.

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St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

BY CORINE ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — During the week of Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with the theme "Celebrating our History." Principal Lois Widner and Assistant Principal Greg Slee gave short talks to parishioners before all the Masses on Jan. 26. Parishioners also had an opportunity to ask them questions about the school after Mass, and see the new school uniform for the future St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

The new St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School held an open house for visitors interested in seeing the school and assemblies at both campuses were held to reveal the contents of a time capsule, which will be buried and opened in 2024.

On Jan. 31, the students recited a living rosary led by the National Junior Honor Society in St.



CORINE ERLANDSON

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth students help to recite a living rosary before the all schools Mass at the St. Elizabeth campus.

Elizabeth Ann Seton church, followed by an all-school Mass.

Catholic Schools Week wrapped up on the evening of Feb. 1 with the annual Legacy Auction, a gala evening with dinner and an auction for schools parents, staff and friends of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Seton School. The PAC was festively decorated with the theme of Mardi Gras.

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VOLUNTEERS

After-school mentors sought

South Bend — St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks volunteers (retired teachers, substitutes and people who enjoy working with children) for after school mentoring on Tuesdays and/ or Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m. Contact volunteer coordinator Mary Eme at (574) 234-6000 ext. 12126 or Mary.Eme@svdpsb.org.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Valentine get-away

Hartford City — A Valentine Get-Away: "Time for You and God" retreat will be Friday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at John XXIII Retreat Center. Couples, friends, individuals or siblings are invited. A special dinner and movie on Friday night and a morning talk by Sister Joetta Huelsmann. Register by Feb. 12 to (888) 882-1391 or visit www.john23rdretreatcenter.com.

Panel to focus on prayer for TOT

Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap will be Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Calhoun Soups, Salads and Spirits. "Pray like a Saint," will consist of a panel of three Christian adults, looking in unique ways at prayer as one of the cornerstones of the spiritual life.

Open house planned

Notre Dame — Holy Cross Village will hold an open house at Andre Place Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Options for those who can no longer safely remain in their homes will be offered. Breakout sessions on knowing when it's time to move and affordability. Tours and refreshments. Call (574) 251-2235.

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.

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 for families.

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 by "Soundsations." Contact Beth Mengel at (574) 287-5435 for information. Proceeds will benefit Chiara Home.

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will sponsor three pancake breakfasts on Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13 immediately following the 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses, in the auxiliary gym at St. Pius X. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 children 6-10 and free for children 5 and under. St. Pius X is located on Fir Road south of SR 23 in Granger.

Spaghetti dinner to raise funds

Mishawaka — Hannah's House and the Knights of Columbus Council 1878 will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Friday, Feb. 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the council, 114 W. 1st St. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free. For tickets call (574) 259-5427, or Erin Price at (574) 254-7271. All proceeds benefit Hannah's House.

Fish fries starting during Lent

Wabash — The Knights of Columbus, 595 S. Huntington St., will host fish dinners on Friday evenings during Lent, beginning March 7 thru April 11, from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost for adults \$8, children 6-10 \$4 and children 5 and under are free.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 7, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Beef and noodle dinner with auction

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, 319 E.

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Sister Ann Francis Hammersley, 87, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at Cathedral in Fort Wayne.

Diamond St., will have a beef and noodle dinner Saturday, Feb. 15, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass with an auction including home-made as well as donated items.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 7, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Chicken strips for \$8.50 and shrimp for \$9 will be available.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Feb. 7, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the Cathedral Center by guest speaker Ed Waldschmidt, Senior Programmer Analyst – Team Lead at Brotherhood Mutual. Refreshments will be provided by The National Catholic Society of Foresters.

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Remembering Bishop D'Arcy



JOE ROMIE

The Cathedral Choir, accompanied by the organ and musical instruments, performs the Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré in memory of Bishop John M. D'Arcy in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Feb. 2, the anniversary of Bishop D'Arcy's priestly ordination. Afterwards attendees were invited to visit the grave of Bishop D'Arcy in the cathedral crypt.



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades raises the chalice that had belonged to Bishop John M. D'Arcy during the Eucharistic Prayer at a special memorial Mass for Bishop D'Arcy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Feb. 3, the first anniversary of the bishop emeritus' death.



KAY COZAD

Father Jason Freiburger, pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart, blesses the throat of a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, following the memorial Mass for Bishop John M. D'Arcy on the first anniversary of his death, celebrated at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception on Feb. 3, the feast of St. Blase.

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vocation.

"She's a good fit," says Young, "with her extensive background in social services, working with clients and stakeholders. She'll work well with the different components of the diocese."

Young and Whitcraft met years ago and are both excited to be working together again. "She's a wonderful person. We'll make a good team," says Young, adding, "This will make our move complete."

Board of Directors President Pat Houlihan agrees that Whitcraft is a good fit. He says, "We were fortunate to have some very fine candidates applying for the position, many of which were motivated by more of a calling within their faith than a furtherance in their employment career. That was very apparent in Gloria who also had a career background of experience that was very compatible with Catholic Charities services and its mission.

She feels extremely excited and blessed to be offered the position and the board shares similar feelings about her acceptance and role providing new leadership at Catholic Charities."

Whitcraft is confident that, as part of the Catholic Charities team she can make a difference. "I manage with compassion and love and serve the staff as well as those they serve. ... I found I have the greatest impact in a leadership position. I'm very much a servant-leader," she says.

She continues, "I look forward to serving under Bishop Rhoades' leadership and partnering with the Board of Directors and staff of Catholic Charities to maintain the organization's outstanding reputation in our community. ... I also look forward to meeting the other members of the Catholic Charities staff and hearing from them about their vision for the future of the organization."

Whitcraft has three children. Her oldest is a senior in college in Florida and the younger two children attend Catholic schools in Fort Wayne. The Whitcrafts attend St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne.



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