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. “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. 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 specialization in social services.

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 and to 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 the mission of Catholic Charities.
First anniversary of death of Bishop D’Arcy

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

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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 foretold 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 Word 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.

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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 all the 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 authentically 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 public criticism, 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-

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 does not 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.

“I am one of the 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 so many 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, 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 gifts 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.

“Our Dame alumni and friends have always displayed remarkable generosity,” Father Jenkins said. “Upon reviewing the extraordinary plans we have in place for advancing the mission of our 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 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.

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• 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

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• 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.

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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.

One of the markers of current Catholic parish culture is the pressure to “not talk about” (faith) said Weddell, who added that that pressure causes Catholics to suppress the expression of their discipleship. Statistically, 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.

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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-Litzon, would prohibit elective abortion coverage in health plans. 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 fund abortion, and I do so because of religious beliefs."

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, said, "This bill is a positive step in the direction that 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 by both 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-Shelburne, 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. If they do not have those privileges, the abortion doctors are to notify the patients of the illegality of coerced abortions and report any information the doctors get about coerced abortions to the state department of health.

"As we near the anniversary of Bishop D'Arcy’s death (Feb. 3), I recall very clearly his love for our community. I pray that I may carry that same love into my work with this bill," said Thompson.

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

BY ALLISON CIRIAUO

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 stresses 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 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 sincerity,” 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 finish the documentation to Rome for review. The next step is to secure the first of two miracles necessary for canonization.

Lifelong St. Augustinian 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 on 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 us, all Catholics.

The group of parishioners gathered for the bishop’s presentation embodied precisely the mix of African and 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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The presentation on the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton was given by Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In July 2010, she was appointed 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 humbled 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 marked 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 compete.

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 across 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-served basis for the invitational. Welcome packets are mailed and another invitational is underway.

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 that 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 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, $15 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. to 1 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Center and Deemer 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: integrating 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 Hankey at hankee@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 finalist to National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Bishop 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.

ST. CHARLES STUDENTS CELEBRATE ‘FAITH QUILT’

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.

ST. PIUS STUDENTS ‘DASH FOR CASH’

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 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 chaplain, 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.

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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.
Discipleship is intentional resembling of Christ

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

John Garvey

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. This epistle was addressed to Christians living in Corinth, 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. Why? Because 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 inconvenience 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


Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 94:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-20 Ps 37:5-28, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

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


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

I remember Larry

BY DON LEMMER

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. Kramer was bittersweet. When the exiles were free to go home! They found deprivation and want, and their experience in Babylon. 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 endured 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.

T he 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 zuccheto 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 laicité.

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 name, as if Christmas doesn’t count as part of our culture. So what explains the pope’s 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
Accelerating Catholic reform

T
ow recent books suggest that, amidst challenges and problems, the chance of authentic Catholic renewal is accelerating in these United States. Anne Hearndshott 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 Hearndshott 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 American Church architecture of the 21st century apologetics that invites developing new models of a 21st century evangelistic 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 priests and episcopal leaders in U.S. Catholicism today, there is no antimony 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 Hillenbrand publisher takes its name from a pioneer of the Liturgical Movement in its classic 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 Catholic 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 wondrous 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 pages of church design and decoration taken by Stroik and those who share his convictions, the full richness of Catholicism modernism, informs the architect’s vision — and the Church’s worship.

Identity and mission, as always, go together.

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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 decoration can suggest, through various classical 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. America magazine printed a long interview with 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 barriers. 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 willingness 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.

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Different living

As Christians, we must discern whether our life-style is different from our non-believing neighbor. We live in the same neighborhood, drive similar cars, push similar lawnmowers 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 a little.” (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 for 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 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 VERNHLY is the director of Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

SCRIPIRE 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.
**Sports**

**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 leading the way with the help of Ben Lamont's 12, dropping in 16. But his effort was outdone by the Panthers of St. Anthony, who outlasted them, 32-22.

In other action, the St. Martin De Porres/John Bosco squads: St. Matthew over Holy Family; Most Precious Blood and Queen of Peace, 37-9.

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**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 barely missing out to St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 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 of 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/Saints upended the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 37-9.

In boys’ action, the 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, 8-4, 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 matchups with Most Precious Blood, Castleman scored 19 and Feasby added another 10 including two treys for the Twins.

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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 Shee 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. Thomas Aquinas and opened in 2024.

### St. John 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 mncastleman@aol.com.**

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**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.

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**FRESHMAN REGISTRATION**

**February 18-20, 2014 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

For more information, to schedule a personal tour, or to plan a shadow visit, please contact Cindy Johnson at (260) 496-4703 or cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com.

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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) 888-1391 or visit www.johnxx3rdretreatcenter.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 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 langaloo dinner South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a goulash and langaloo 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 langaloo $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 the Magnificat Chapel. Mass will be followed by 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.

Fish fries starting during Lent Wabash — The Knights of Columbus Council 1478 will have Wednesday fish fries starting during Lent, beginning March 7 thru 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) 254-7271. All proceeds benefit Hannah’s House.

Frisco meat drawing Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus, 595 S. Huntington St., will host a meat drawing on Saturday 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 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.

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Remembering Bishop D’Arcy

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.

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.

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.