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Pope Francis prays during Ash Wednesday Mass at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome March 5.

Lent comes 'to reawaken us'

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Lent is meant to wake up Christians and help them see that God can give them the strength to change their lives and their surroundings, Pope Francis said.

Before receiving and distributing ashes at an evening Mass March 5, Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis gave a homily focused on a line from the prophet Joel: "Rend your hearts, not your garments."

The prophet, he said at the Mass at Rome's Basilica of Santa Sabina, "reminds us that conversion can't be reduced to exterior forms or vague resolutions, but involves and transforms one's entire existence, starting with the center of the person, the conscience."

The Mass began after a penitential procession from the nearby monastery of St. Anselm. To a chanted litany of saints, the pope walked behind Benedictines from St. Anselm, Dominicans from Santa Sabina and cardinals who work in the Vatican.

The pope received ashes from Slovakian Cardinal Jozef Tomko, the cardinal-priest of Santa Sabina.

Conversion starts with recognizing that "we are creatures, that we are not God," the pope said in his homily at Mass. Too many people today, he said, think they have power and "play at being God the creator."

During Lent, he said, Christians are called to use the three elements the Gospel recommends for spiritual growth: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to

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Luers visit includes Confirmation, first Communion and ashes

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE— Ash Wednesday at Bishop Luers High School was like no other in the school's history. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made his pastoral visit that day — after two other scheduled visits were cancelled due to winter weather school closings — and confirmed six students and gave first Communion to two students.

Bishop Rhoades had multiple topics in his homily, beginning with Lent and Ash Wednesday. He pledged to the students, since he was beginning the Lenten journey at Bishop Luers, that the school would be part of his prayers every day. He asked for the prayers of the Bishop Luers community as well.

He spoke of the ashes that are dispensed on

Ash Wednesday, referring to the Old Testament where there are many uses of ashes as the sign of repentance.

"Sinners would wear ashes as a sign that they were sorry for their sins," Bishop Rhoades said, "and they would often wear sackcloth."

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This continues, he said, even into the New Testament.

In the early Church, "when a catechumen was preparing for Easter to be baptized, they would have some days beforehand when they would wear ashes as a sign of their conversion from sin," Bishop Rhoades said.

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MONICA ZWICK

Bishop Luers High School celebrated its 40th Midwest Show Choir Invitational on March 7-8. From left are host Larry Bowers, Franciscan Father Fred Link, Kevin Manley, Findlay, Ohio's First Edition director and honoree of the Luers Spirit Award in honor of Father Fred Link, Karlene Krouse, and co-host Tony Schaab '96.

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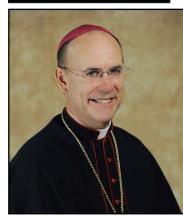
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Battling the capital sin of anger



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On Ash Wednesday, the Collect (Opening Prayer) of Mass referred to our "taking up battle against spiritual evils" during Lent. We prayed that "we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint." One of the evils that is ever too common today is the sin of anger.

Anger is one of the seven "capital sins," the sins which engender other sins. Anger certainly can lead to many other sins: like cursing, violence, hatred, etc.

It is important to point out that anger is not always sinful. As a feeling or a passion, it is not necessarily sinful. To become angry at an injustice is not sinful. For example, who would not feel anger if he sees a child being harmed? In the Bible, we read about the righteous anger of God (God's wrath) in the face of evil. Such anger is virtuous, not evil. We read about the anger of the Old Testament prophets because of the people's idolatry, oppression of the poor, etc. And in the New Testament, we read of Jesus' anger when He drove the money changers out of the temple.

The sin of anger is different from righteous anger toward evil. When feelings of anger are not moderated by the control of reason, the anger becomes sinful. It is an emotion that hardens into resentment and hate. The capital sin can be called unrighteous anger. Anger is an unruly passion that can easily become sinful. Sinful anger is opposed to both justice and charity. It is something seriously counter to the love of God and neighbor. It is often rooted in self-absorption and pride.

I write about this sin because of the great harm it does to others and to ourselves. It is a big impediment to growth in holiness. It can have devastating effects on human relationships, including within families and between spouses. It can have harmful effects in the Church. Angry priests easily hurt parishioners and angry parishioners can easily hurt their priests.

Sadly, I see or hear about such anger regularly, most often in letters and e-mail communications. People can get angry over something, and without reasonable deliberation, quickly shoot off an angry text or e-mail. The easy and rapid means of communication today have a downside — in the anger of a moment, we can send out an angry and hurtful comment. I don't like to read blogs since so often anger is spewed out in a manner that displays a real lack of charity towards others. We should not underestimate the harm done by angry words.

I sometimes will ask: how can a follower of Christ be so angry and communicate in such an uncharitable way? It is obviously a spiritual problem. As we prayed on Ash Wednesday, we must take up battle against spiritual evils, including battle against the capital sin of anger.

We read in the book of Sirach: *Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight* (27:30). Lent is a good time



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke of the seven capital sins, including anger, during his homily at the Mass celebrated March 5 during his pastoral visit to Bishop Luers High School.

to let it go. Letting go of anger can require much spiritual effort. People do trespass against us at times. We need God's grace to forgive and be merciful. Regular confession can help us and open our hardened hearts to His grace.

Saint Paul wrote to the Ephesians: *If you are angry, let it be without sin. The sun must not go down on your wrath; do not give the devil a chance to work on you* (4:26). This is good advice for all of us.

Every capital sin or vice has a corresponding, contrary virtue. In the case of anger, the contrary virtue is meekness. Jesus taught the Beatitude: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*. Jesus also described Himself as *meek and humble of heart*. He calls us to imitate His meekness.

Meekness helps us to control anger. Meekness is closely connected to love. It can be described also as gentleness, kindness, and mildness. It moderates, controls, and calms angry feelings. It is related also to clemency. Meekness is not weakness. On the contrary, it is a strong and vigorous virtue whereby one gains authority over one's

anger.

If we wish to grow in holiness, we cannot be angry persons. We may experience angry feelings. That is part of being human. But to persist in anger and become angry persons is a tragic and dangerous thing. It is like a cancer in a person's soul.

We live in a culture where there is a lot of anger on display. I could give plenty of examples, from things like road rage to uncivil political debates. It seems like it is all around us sometimes. But it can also be in our homes and in our hearts and yes, even in our church communities. Let's fight this spiritual evil that is so poisonous, this sin against charity.

Let us remember the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: *You have heard the commandment imposed on your forefathers, 'You shall not commit murder; every murderer shall be liable to judgment.'* What I say to you is: *everyone who grows angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; any man who uses abusive language toward his brother shall be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and if he holds him in contempt he risks the fires of Gehenna* (Mt 5: 21-22).

Vatican medical experts OK reported miracle attributed to archbishop

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — A seven-member team of medical experts convoked by the Vatican reported there is no natural explanation for the survival of a child delivered stillborn and whose heart did not start beating until 61 minutes after his birth.

The survival of the child, James Fulton Engstrom, now 3 years old and developing normally, was credited by his parents to a miracle attributable to the intercession of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, a Peoria diocesan priest who gained fame for his 1950s television show "Life Is Worth Living" and his 16 years at the helm of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The medical experts' report was announced March 6 in Peoria by the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, which is headed by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria.

"Today is a significant step in the cause for the beatification and canonization of our beloved Fulton Sheen," Bishop Jenky said in a statement. "There are many more steps ahead and more prayers are needed. But today is a good reason to rejoice."

James' mother, Bonnie Engstrom, described what happened when she addressed a 2012 gathering of the Midwest region of the Catholic Press Association in Peoria.

When Engstrom was pregnant with James, a feeling came over her that "God wants this baby to exist," she said. "Maybe he's going to be the pope. We didn't know, but we were shooting high."

During delivery, what caused James to be stillborn was that his umbilical cord had knotted itself, cutting off his blood flow and oxygen supply. The more he progressed through the birth canal, the tighter the knot became. "He was born stillborn," Engstrom said, remembering how "his arms flopped by his side" when she reached for him to hold him.

Others at the home birth did CPR and chest compressions for 20 minutes waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Engstrom said she had no pre-composed prayer asking for help from Archbishop Sheen. "I just kept repeating his name over and over in my head: Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen," she recounted. "I didn't know what else to do."

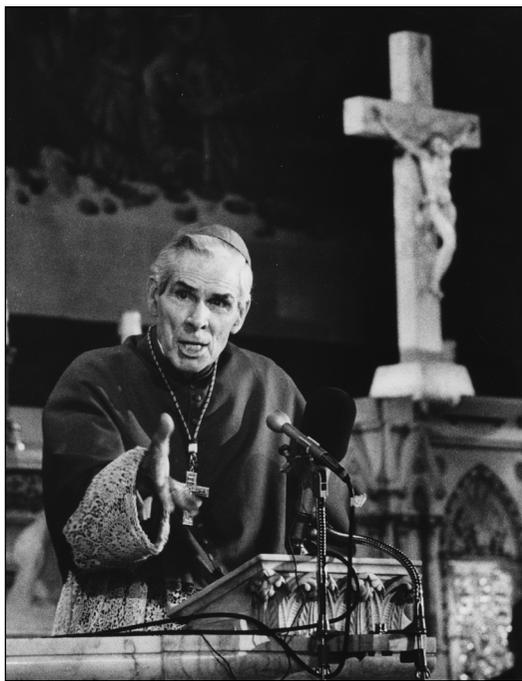
At the hospital, James was described as "PEA," for "pulseless electrical activity." Medics tried two injections of epinephrine. Neither worked. A nurse held one of James' feet in an effort to give him some measure of comfort, and Engstrom said she remarked later, "It was so cold, it was so cold. It was like in the saying 'cold and dead.'"

Engstrom remembered that a doctor in the emergency room said, "We'll try for five more minutes, then call it," meaning recording the time of death. "If he



CNS PHOTO/TOM DERMODY, THE CATHOLIC POST

With evidence of her son's alleged miraculous healing boxed and sealed in front of a portrait of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Bonnie Engstrom gives a reading at a 2011 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, Ill. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, president of the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, said early March 6 he received word that the seven-member board of medical experts who advise the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes has unanimously approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Archbishop Sheen.



CNS FILE PHOTO

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is pictured at a pulpit in an undated file photo.

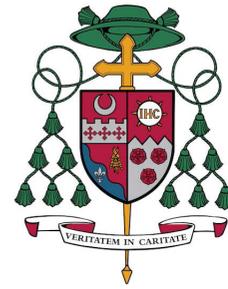
had known about the previous 40 minutes" of efforts to revive him before arriving at the hospital, she said, "he would have just called it."

She added, "They were just about to call it when his heart started beating — 148 beats per minute, which is healthy for a newborn. And it never faltered."

The case will next be reviewed by a board of theologians. With their approval, the case could move on to the cardinals and bishops who advise the pope on these matters. Finally, the miracle would be presented to Pope Francis, who

would then officially affirm that God performed a miracle through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. There is no timeline as to when these next steps might take place.

If the Engstrom case is authenticated as a miracle, Archbishop Sheen would be beatified, elevating him from "venerable" to "blessed." A beatification ceremony could conceivably take place in Peoria, according to the foundation, which promotes his sainthood cause. In general, a second miracle would need to be authenticated for canonization.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m. — Rite of Election, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, March 17, 5:15 p.m. — Saint Patrick's Day Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Wednesday, March 19, 2 p.m. — Mass of Installation of Most Reverend Ronald Gainer as Bishop of Harrisburg, Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Thursday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, March 21, 12 noon — Luncheon Presentation of Father O'Connor Light of Christ Award, Saint Mary's Parish, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. — Mass for Deanery Council of Catholic Women, Saint Mary's Church, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, March 22, 6 p.m. — Dinner and Auction, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend

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

- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

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dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience His tenderness," the pope said.

With more regular and intense prayer during Lent, he said, Christians are called to think of the needs of others, "interceding before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering" in the world.

As for fasting, Pope Francis said the point isn't just to follow the rules for Lenten fasting and abstinence, because that could lead to self-satisfaction.

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him," he said.

Fasting, he said, should "exercise the heart" to recognize what is absolutely essential and to teach one how to share with others. "It is a sign of becoming aware of and taking responsibility for injustice and oppression, espe-

cially of the poor and the least, and is a sign of the trust we place in God and His providence."

Almsgiving is a practice that should be common among all Christians, but especially during Lent, he said. Christians give concrete help and attention to those in need — asking nothing in return — because they recognize how much God has given them even though they were not deserving.

Almsgiving also helps free people from "the obsession of possession, from the fear of losing what they have and from the sadness of not sharing their well-being with others," the pope said.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy," the pope said.

The need for conversion is clear, he said. "There is something not right with us, with our society, with the Church and we need to change, to turn, to convert!"

The call of the prophets to turn back to God, he said, "reminds us that it is possible to realize something new within ourselves and around us simply because God is faithful, He continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and He is always ready to forgive us and start all over."

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Because we are all sinners, the bishop said, we all need to wear ashes and repent of our sins.

"Ashes are not only a symbol of our sinfulness and our desire to repent, Bishop Rhoades said, "they also remind us of our mortality."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the opening prayer of the day. "We do battle against spiritual evils," he said. "That's what Lent's about."

Life is often a battle between good and evil, the bishop noted, "not only in the world, but in our own hearts, not only between people, but within ourselves, because we all experience temptation and we all can fall into sin."

"And we need to do battle, we need to fight," Bishop Rhoades rallied. "We can't be weak in our spiritual lives and just conform, just accept our sins. No, we have to fight them, fight the temptations that come from the world or from Satan."

"And Lent is a special time of doing battle," Bishop Rhoades continued. There are three weapons in this battle that the Church recommends during these 40 days — prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Bishop Rhoades spoke about the battle against spiritual evil and related how the seven capital sins, the seven deadly sins, have an effect on all in some way, but offered the virtues that fight the sins.

He called the capital sins sinful attitudes or dispositions that lead to other vices.

He quizzed the students to name the sins.

He spoke of avarice, among the seven sins, also known as greed. "Greed is fundamentally selfishness regarding material things, material goods and money," he said. Pope Francis often speaks on this theme. The pope says in the world today there is an idolatry of money.

"There is the temptation to ordering our lives to gaining riches and putting that ahead of not only other people, but also maybe money is more important in our lives than God," Bishop Rhoades said.

He proposed that the opposite of greed is generosity. One of the things we are called to do in Lent is almsgiving, making sacrifices for the poor and needy. "It is also a way to combat greed in our lives," Bishop Rhoades said.

Sophomores named the capital sin of sloth, "laziness especially regarding our duties in life, but also laziness in our spiritual lives," Bishop Rhoades said. To be slothful in spiritual matters, the bishop said, can be problematic — for example shirking our responsibilities toward God like not praying, not going to Mass, or not giving attention to the presence of God in our lives every day.

Prayer is the battle tool to combat sloth. A good examination of conscience is an aid for those struggling with sloth.

The seniors gave the capital sin of lust. "What is sinful is when we do not control our sexual drive or passions and commit sexual sins," Bishop Rhoades said. "Basically

lust is looking upon another, not as another person, but an object of our sexual desires, looking at treating a person as an object."

The way to combat lust is self-control and prayer.

The freshmen mentioned the capital sin of gluttony, an inordinate desire for food and drink. It leads to physical problems, addictions. One practice that can help fight gluttony is fasting. The virtue that is the opposite of gluttony is temperance, controlling our appetites.

The bishop also spoke of pride, "the root of all sins." Pride, the bishop said, is self-centeredness and egoism and was the fall of Lucifer, Satan. Pride was the fall of Adam and Eve. It means that we see ourselves as more important than other people and put ourselves before God, the bishop said.

The opposite of pride is humility. "I think the best way to develop humility is prayer," Bishop Rhoades said. "Every time we pray, we come before God recognizing that He is God and I am not."

Another capital sin is envy, "jealous of somebody else's good fortune." It can lead to anger, resentment and self-torment.

Wrath or anger was the final capital sin discussed. When anger is not righteous, it needs to be controlled. The answer to anger is patience and love.

Bishop Rhoades also spoke about Confirmation and the saints the candidates chose. Those students confirmed included Zachary and Cassidy Blackburn, Luis Munoz, Shayna Coy, Shelby Gillenwater and Samantha Falk. The Blackburns also received their first Communion at the Mass.

The conference of Confirmations and first Communions was an inaugural and historic event at Bishop Luers High School. Principal Mary Keefer said of the event. "It's exciting. I loved the witness for the rest of the student body. It gave them a chance to revisit their own Confirmations. We are a school to evangelize."

Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan, who attended the Mass, agreed saying, "The Confirmation of six Bishop Luers students ... was a wonderful testament of our faith to the student body who witnessed this event. These students witnessed first hand their role as missionaries of the faith..."

Bishop Rhoades administered the distribution of ashes at the Mass. Those who were confirmed, received ashes on the top of their heads, rather than their foreheads where the precious Chrism oil was administered during Confirmation, following Roman tradition.

Following Mass, Bishop Rhoades blessed Lenten bracelets that were distributed to students and faculty to wear through Lent reminding all to "Put on Christ."

He also blessed a crucifix encased in the gymnasium, which was gifted to the school by the Andorfer family in memory of their late son Gary, a 1976 graduate.

The pastoral visit included lunch with student council members, visits to theology classrooms and a meeting with theology teachers and campus ministry staff as well as Principal Mary Keefer.



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Bishop Luers High School students assemble in the gym for Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on March 5. March 5.

Father Ben Muhlenkamp, chaplain of Bishop Luers High School, proclaims the Gospel during Ash Wednesday Mass in the gym on March 5.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits Debbie Baum's senior Catholic Social Teaching class during his pastoral school visit on March 5 where after discussing his role with the USCCB, heard about several of the projects the students are working on.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed a new crucifix that hangs in the gym of Bishop Luers High School at the end of the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated there on March 5.



Director of the Bishop Luers music program Karlene Krouse assists Bishop Luers Liturgical Choir members Andrew Mourey, left, David Johnson, center, and Hudson Fairchild right, practice for the Ash Wednesday Mass.

Abortion-related bills in home stretch toward becoming law

INDIANAPOLIS — Two abortion-related bills designed to clarify Indiana law are in the home stretch toward becoming law. One measure, Senate Bill 292, aims to improve informed consent regarding access to follow-up care and abortion doctor accountability. A second bill, House Bill 1123, would prohibit elective abortion coverage in standard health insurance plans. Both bills passed the second chamber and are expected to become law. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports both bills.

Senate Bill 292, authored by Sen. John Waterman, R-Shelburn, passed the House in a bipartisan vote, 88-9, and the Senate concurred with the House amendment March 6, with a vote of 34-6. The governor is expected to sign the bill.

House sponsor of the bill, Rep. Tom Washburne, R-Evansville, told members of the House Public Policy panel, "This is really a simple bill and essentially does four things."

He said, "It clarifies that the State Department of Health may inspect abortion clinics one time per calendar year and may conduct a complaint inspection if needed."

Washburne also said that the bill adds to the informed consent law a requirement that women be given an emergency telephone number 18 hours before the procedure. "Finally, (it requires) that the admitting privileges (of the abortion doctor) be in writing."

The bill requires an abortion provider to provide an emergency telephone number where

the post-abortive woman 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.

Current law requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges in the county or an adjacent county where the abortion is performed or have a back-up doctor that has admitting privileges.

Liz Carroll, vice president of patient services for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, raised concerns about a provision in the bill requiring the back-up physicians' names to be made available to the State Department of Health as part of the admitting privileges therefore making them accessible to the public. Carroll wanted these physicians' confidentially protected.

Rep. Tom Dermody, R-LaPorte, House chairman of the Public Policy Committee offered an amendment to address this concern to protect the anonymity of the back-up doctor, while providing the accountability of the admitting privileges.

He said, "If someone wanted to call the State Department of Health, the department will verify the hospital admitting privileges are on file."

He said that the document can be sent to anyone requesting this information, yet "the department can redact important information." The purpose of information redaction allows the abortion physician's back-up doctor's identity to remain confidential.

In spite of the changes, Carroll said Planned Parenthood still opposed the legislation calling it "unnecessary."

Cindy Noe, representing Indiana Right to Life who testified in support of the bill in both the Senate and the House said, "HS 292 is focused on the women's health," and making sure the woman has "full knowledge" of who to call and where to go to get follow-up care.

Noe said, "The legislation is necessary to close loopholes in the language, which was committed into law in 2011. It will now give the State Department of Health the tools to determine whether or not the providers are in compliance."

Micha Clark, representing the Indiana Family Association of Indiana, who supported the bill called the legislation "simply a transparency issue" that public policy leaders want and expect in Indiana.

Waterman speaking from the Senate floor explained to his fellow Senate colleagues that the House changed the original bill.

"This bill dealing with hospital admitting privileges ties the submission of admitting privileges to clinics licensed application instead of having a separate submission. It requires the department of health to verify the information of the admitting privileges."

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

House Bill 1123 was approved with bi-partisan support by the House by a vote of 80-14, on Jan. 24. The Senate amended the bill to extend the effective date of the bill giving insurance providers more time to make adjustments to their policies. The Senate passed the bill March 4, 37-10. The bill goes back to the House for a final vote to approve or disapprove the Senate amendments.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference said that even though the Senate amended the bill, he believes the House will concur or agree with the Senate amendments and the governor will sign the bill.

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Before beginning Lenten retreat, pope cites need for silence, prayer

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Less than a week before he was to take top Vatican officials and head out of town for a weeklong Lenten retreat, Pope Francis said retreats should renew the faith of participants, transforming their ministry and their relationships with others. “Those who live a retreat in an authentic way,” the pope said, “experience the attraction and fascination of God and return renewed and transfigured in their daily lives, their ministry and their relationships.” The pope met March 3 with an Italian federation of spiritual directors and those who run retreat houses throughout the country, offering Christians “space and time to listen intensely to the word of God in silence and in prayer.” Pope Francis and senior members of the Roman Curia were scheduled to hold their annual Lenten retreat March 9-14. The Vatican had announced in October that rather than holding the daily Lenten prayers and meditations in the Vatican, Pope Francis had decided the retreat would be at the Pauline Fathers’ retreat and conference center in Ariccia, a town about 20 miles southeast of Rome. The Vatican press office distributed copies of the 20th annotation from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. The note encourages people making a retreat to leave their home, their office and “all earthly care” to concentrate only on their prayer and meditation.

Chicago’s Cardinal George to undergo new round of chemotherapy

CHICAGO (CNS) — Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George is preparing to undergo a new round of chemotherapy to address “current signs of activity of cancer cells surrounding his right kidney,” according to a March 7 announcement by the Chicago Archdiocese. The cardinal has met with his medical team, which recommended the course of treatment based on the results of several recent tests. Cardinal George, 77, was diagnosed with urothelial cancer in August 2012 and underwent chemotherapy at that time. The cancer, dormant for well over a year, is still confined to the area of his right kidney. “After extensive testing, scans, biopsies and diagnosis, it was agreed that the best course of action is for the cardinal to enter into a regimen of chemotherapy, with drugs more aggressive than those used in the first round but for a more limited duration initially,” the archdiocese said. Cardinal George intends to maintain his administrative and public schedule during this current round of chemotherapy, although it may occasionally be reduced because of lowered immunity. In a column titled “Lent: Taking stock of our lives,” in the *Catholic New World*, the archdiocesan newspaper, the cardinal addressed his health and the cancer treatment ahead.

NEWS BRIEFS

POPE FRANCIS ATTENDS RETREAT WITH CARDINALS AND BISHOPS OUTSIDE ROME



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Pope Francis, in white, attends a weeklong Lenten retreat with senior members of the Roman Curia in Ariccia, Italy, March 9.

Pope, in interview, suggests Church could tolerate some civil unions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church could tolerate some types of nonmarital civil unions as a practical measure to guarantee property rights and health care. He also said the Church would not change its teaching against artificial birth control but should take care to apply it with “much mercy.” Pope Francis’ words appeared in an interview published March 5 in the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*. In the wide-ranging conversation with the paper’s editor-in-chief, Ferruccio de Bortoli, the pope defended the Church’s response to clerical sex abuse and lamented that popular mythology has turned him into a kind of papal superhero. He also addressed the role of retired Pope Benedict XVI and the Church’s relations with China. “Matrimony is between a man and a woman,” the pope said, but moves to “regulate diverse situations of cohabitation (are) driven by the need to regulate economic aspects among persons, as for instance to assure medical care.” Asked to what extent the Church could understand this trend, he replied: “It is necessary to look at the diverse cases and evaluate them in their variety.”

Synod reports point to poor understanding of family teachings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A handful of U.S. bishops have released some results of public responses to a survey for the Vatican in preparation for the upcoming synod on the family. Several U.S. bishops wrote short reports for the public giving a general sense of the responses. The material was to be submitted to the Vatican by the end of January. Among the comments in common with many of the brief reports was that Catholics admit to a poor understanding of the Church’s teachings on the family. Father Dennis Gill, director of the Philadelphia Archdiocese’s Office for Divine Worship and coordinator of the project, told CatholicPhilly.com, the archdiocesan news website, that the Church has its educational work cut out for it. He said the nearly 900 responses to the survey showed poor knowledge of Catholic teaching. “One thing we did learn was that we have to be much more proactive,” he said. “We cannot just depend on Church teaching filtering through the cracks. We need to have an evangelical (aggressiveness) to putting on the table just what we believe on all these issues.” What is needed, Father Gill said, is not simply a renewed effort to present Church teaching in the same ways. “Somehow the

Gospel has to be presented in a way that is compelling, engaging, insisting on a response,” he said.

Pope Francis’ appeal not measurable yet in Church attendance

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis’ popularity began immediately after his March 13, 2013, election when he walked onto the balcony and humbly greeted the crowd in St. Peter’s Square. His appeal has been on a fast track ever since, causing many to speculate a possible “Francis effect” of increased numbers of Catholics going to Church. Although there has been anecdotal evidence of a resurgence of interest in the Church since the pope’s election, it may still be too early to see if this interest translates to new or returning members to the fold. A Pew Research Center report released March 6, reiterates what most people likely realize: Pope Francis is immensely popular among U.S. Catholics — so much so that eight in 10 have a favorable view of him. But according to the poll’s results, the pope’s popularity has not brought more people to Mass or the sacraments. The polling — conducted Feb. 14-23 among 1,821 adults nationwide that included 351 Catholics — found no change in the number of Americans — 22

percent — who identify themselves as Catholic now and those who did prior to the election of Pope Francis. The data also found no change in self-reported rates of weekly Mass attendance among Catholics, which the report said remains at 40 percent.

Crisis in Ukraine ‘replay’ of what led up to World War II, says priest

PHOENIX (CNS) — Russia’s aggression against Ukraine is an extremely dangerous situation that should be of concern to all Americans, said a prominent Ukrainian Catholic priest. “We are seeing a replay of the lead-up to World War II going on now,” said Father Andriy Chirovsky, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Tucson and founder of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario. “It’s very similar events to what happened before World War II, except that in World War II, it was Hitler doing it.” Ukraine, a nation of 46 million people with its own language, culture and traditions, sits just west of Russia and east of Poland. To put it in perspective, Syria, another hot spot, has a population of 22 million. Many members of the Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Church, like Father Chirovsky, are children of World War II refugees who fled Ukraine in the face of Soviet repression, when the Church was outlawed. “If you claimed to be Ukrainian Catholic, you faced either imprisonment because you were a counterrevolutionary ... or they would put you into a psychiatric hospital because you claimed to belong to a Church that didn’t exist,” Father Chirovsky said.

FDA weighs possibility of allowing research into three-parent babies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Fertilization techniques that would create babies from the DNA of three or four people to prevent the transmission of inheritable genetic diseases are being questioned by ethicists and others who say the procedures fail basic ethical and moral standards. Chief among the concerns is that the techniques, which involve replacing a mother’s mitochondria with that of an egg donor, would pass on genetic alterations with unknown implications for future generations. The techniques are controversial because they involve altering an embryo’s DNA, leading to questions about whether the government should approve the creation of, in effect, genetically modified humans. In addition, the techniques rely upon in vitro fertilization, which the Catholic Church has long opposed as immoral. In IVF, a woman’s eggs are removed, united with sperm in a lab, and then implanted in the womb of the mother or a surrogate. The two forms of the technology to overcome mitochondrial disease — maternal spindle transfer and pronuclear transfer — were discussed during a hearing called by the Cellular, Tissue and Gene Therapies Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration Feb. 25-26.

Redeemer Radio to expand on FM

FORT WAYNE — In a surprising and unique development for the local radio community, Redeemer Radio, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will receive the gift of an FM radio station in exchange for its AM station. The exchange comes about thanks to the recently announced purchase by Adams Radio Group LLC of two commercial radio groups in Fort Wayne.

To comply with FCC ownership rules, the Adams Group will exchange WHPP 106.3 FM for WLYV AM 1450 on which Redeemer Radio currently broadcasts. Notably, no cash will be exchanged in the transaction between Adams and Redeemer Radio.

Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, said, "This is an incredible opportunity for Redeemer Radio made possible by Adams swapping 106.3 WHPP-FM for AM 1450 WLYV. Because of their generosity, Redeemer Radio will grow even further as we reach thousands of new listeners on the FM dial 24-hours a day. Our local radio ministry will now reach new northeast Indiana listeners from Angola to Decatur, Huntington to Warsaw and throughout the Fort Wayne area. In our eight years of broadcasting on AM 1450, over 6,000 Catholics and non-Catholics, throughout the area, have regularly supported Redeemer Radio allowing us to share the truth and beauty of our faith. Even more listeners will now be welcomed home to our family of faith."

In the transaction, Adams Radio Group is acquiring FM stations WJFX, WBTU, WXKE and WNHT, and AM stations WLYV and WGL. Calvary Church acquires WGL-FM in an exchange for an FM Translator to Adams as Redeemer receives WHPP-FM for WLYV-AM. The deal is expected to close in approximately 90 days pending FCC approval.

Sacred Heart to host day of reflection

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, will host a day of reflection on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme for the day is "Why Did God Create Me?"

Mary Pohlman, pastoral associate at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, will be the presenter.

Participants are asked to register by March 18 and must be 18 years or older. Sign-ups are available after the Masses on March 15-16 or by calling the parish office at 574-267-5842.

The cost for the day of reflection is \$5 per person and includes continental breakfast and a box lunch.

The Knights of Columbus are cosponsoring the day.

Sacred Heart Church is located at 125 N. Harrison St., in Warsaw.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOLY CROSS BROTHER NICH PEREZ SAYS 'FOREVER'



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Holy Cross Brother Nich Leanda Perez professed his final vows as a religious brother in the Holy Cross community on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame. Holy Cross Father Richard V. Warner, superior general, was the celebrant and homilist. Holy Cross Brother William Zaydak, provincial superior of the Moreau Province, received Brother Nich's vows.

Evening symposium on Marriage, the Church and the Common Good

NOTRE DAME — Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life and several other organizations are sponsoring an evening symposium on Marriage, the Church and the Common Good: Philosophical, Pastoral and Social Reflections, on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Debartolo Hall 101 on campus, and speakers include Jennifer Roback Morse, founder and president of the Ruth Institute; Ryan Anderson and Sherif Girgis, co-authors of "What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense"; and Ron Belgau, founder of the website Spiritual Friendship. The symposium is free and open to the public.

New foundation established to extend mission of OLVN Sisters

HUNTINGTON — From their founding in 1922 by Father John Joseph Sigstein, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters have been dedicated to living the mission of Jesus. They proclaim the Word of God, foster justice, stand in solidarity with those living in poverty and oppression and promote the development of leaders. The John Joseph Sigstein

Foundation has been created to offer grants to organizations that will extend their approach to mission.

The grant process for 2014 is underway and applications are currently being accepted. Organizations applying for a grant must have 501(c)(3), or equivalent, status and be geared toward effecting systemic change.

Grant applications are available for download at www.olvm.org/jjs-foundation. For more information, check the website or email at jjsfoundation@olvm.org, or by regular mail at John Joseph Sigstein Foundation, P.O. Box 109, Huntington, IN 46750-0109.

St. John the Baptist school recognized for essays

FORT WAYNE — Angelina Possemato and Joe Parnin, both eighth graders at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, are being recognized for their outstanding middle-school essays in the Abilities Abound writing contest sponsored by Anthony Wayne Services (AWS).

The contest is part of the campaign "Spread the Word to End the Word," which aims to end the use of the "R word."

The two students were honored Saturday, March 8, during the Abilities Abound: A Gleeful Celebration of Disability Awareness Month event.

Possemato and Parnin will get a chance to meet Lauren Potter who plays "Becky" on the "Glee" television series. Lauren is a strong activist for individuals with developmental disabilities and travels around the country to speak out against bullying that this population faces.

Dismas House dinner and silent auction set March 26

SOUTH BEND — For men and women returning from incarceration, the Dismas House makes returning to a productive life a reality.

The community is invited to celebrate forgiveness and support the Dismas House by attending the 28th annual dinner and silent auction on Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at the Palais Royale. Guests will enjoy a wonderful meal, a great speaker, an exciting silent auction and fellowship.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the keynote speaker. He serves on several committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is the co-chair of the International Catholic-Reformed Theological Dialogue on behalf of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. He is committed to helping improve the lives of men and women behind bars and those returning to the community.

Dismas House will also honor outstanding volunteers, who have assisted men and women on their journeys of reconciliation.

Advanced reservations to the event are required. For more information on the event or to place a reservation contact Maria Kaczmarek, at the Dismas House office, 574-233-8522 or email: dissouthbend@sbcglobal.net.

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James Berlocchi, center, executive director, Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership, interacts with the audience at the USF Performing Arts Center March 4. Berlocchi presented the topic "Four Levels of Happiness: A Christian Philosophy of Life and Work" to over 200 local business people. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offered the opening prayer. This lecture is the second in a series sponsored by the University of Saint Francis School of Arts and Sciences and the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Saint Joseph High School students reflect on opportunity to be extraordinary ministers of holy Communion

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Sharing the Eucharist with others is a wonderful way to practice one's faith and students at Saint Joseph High School enjoy the opportunity and privilege of being part of such a special ministry.

"Becoming an extraordinary minister of holy Communion is like a right of passage at St. Joseph Grade School. We received the sacrament of Confirmation in seventh grade and became ministers of the Holy Eucharist in eighth grade," said senior Veronica Miller. "It was exciting to contribute to the celebration of the Mass as a fully initiated member of the Church. I continue to do so because it allows me to become closer to Christ and share that closeness with others."

"The more I actively participate in the Mass, not only as a respondent, but as one who is able to help

the celebrant with the Mass itself, the more fulfilling the celebration is. I have been an altar server and a lector and when the opportunity came to become an extraordinary minister of holy Communion, I took it as the natural progression towards participating fully in my faith. Becoming an extraordinary minister of holy Communion has played a key role in my vocation to discernment as well," said senior Colin Crawford.

Being part of the Mass in such a special way has created many memorable moments for these ministers.

"I remember the first time I ministered at an all school Mass my junior year. Bringing the Eucharist to my classmates, many of whom I look up to as role models and true examples of faithful Catholics, was the most humbling experience I've ever had. This feeling grows each opportunity I'm given to minister," commented Crawford.

"The look that appears on individual faces as they receive

Communion, showing that they are fully conscious that they are actually receiving the Body of Christ is so moving," stated Miller. "It reminds me of how important the service I perform is."

Sharing Communion with people of all ages at Mass enhances the entire Eucharist experience.

"When you proclaim 'this is the body of Christ' to every individual who comes to receive, it becomes concrete in your mind that this is truly Christ's body and blood. That stays with you even when you are not the minister of Communion at the service. It allows you to think more deeply about the mystery of the Eucharist and how much of a miracle it truly is," said Miller.

"I now know firsthand what a great responsibility ministering the Eucharist actually is and with that has come a greater respect for the Church's priests and the services they render," commented Crawford.



LISA KOCHANOWSKI
Senior Veronica Miller distributes the Eucharist in the Saint Joseph Chapel at Saint Joseph High School.



Senior Colin Crawford poses in the Saint Joseph Chapel at Saint Joseph High School.

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Communion Closet offered at St. Joseph Parish

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne has started a new parish ministry called Communion Closet.

"Our goal is to dress as many children in need as we can with the clothing they will need to make their day special," reported Georgia Baldus, who started and coordinates the ministry with her sister CeCe.

"Our inventory includes dresses, veils, shoes, jackets, shirts, ties and pants," Baldus said. "We started Communion Closet last summer after meeting with our priest, Father Tim Wrozek, who thought it was a good idea."

A refundable deposit of \$50 will be charged for the use of the garments. The money will be refunded when items are returned.

Over the past seven months the Balduses have collected a nice inventory. Some friends and parishioners even purchased

brand new outfits — head to toe — for the students.

On Sunday, March 16, the parish will "launch" the ministry with a day for students to come see and try on the clothing.

"If/when an appropriate outfit is found, a refundable deposit will be made and returned when the clothing is returned," Baldus said.

Baldus told *Today's Catholic* she hopes other parishes may take on the initiative. She is also looking for more people who would be willing to donate their used Communion clothes.

In the next few years, they hope to expand their ministry and collect even more clothes. Donations of money received have been used to dry clean and mend some items.

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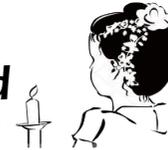
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Teens make first Communion, Confirmation at Bishop Luers

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Ash Wednesday of 2014 will always be a special day for siblings Zachary and Cassidy Blackburn. Zachary is a freshman at Bishop Luers and his sister Cassidy is a junior.

On March 5 the two made their first Communion at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who made his pastoral visit to the school that day after two other scheduled visits were cancelled due to winter weather school closings. The Blackburns were also among six Bishop Luers students — including Luis Munoz, Shayna Coy, Shelby Gillenwater and Samantha Falk — who were also confirmed that day by Bishop Rhoades.

Although the Blackburns are from St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, they have attended other churches, changed schools and did not make their first Communion in second grade like most of their peers at Bishop Luers.

Meg Hanlon, theology teacher at Bishop Luers, had announced earlier in the school year that she was offering classes to prepare students interested in receiving the sacraments.

Hanlon explained that last year at his pastoral visit, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the school community to seek out young people who had been baptized Catholic as infants but had not received the other sacraments of initiation. He also gave permission to begin a RCIA-type program at Luers.

“At the end of last school year, we asked all of our students, through theology classes if they needed

Confirmation or Eucharist and, if they were non-Catholic, if they were interested in learning more about the Catholic faith,” Hanlon told *Today's Catholic*. “We had a very positive response.”

“This year we invited all who had showed interest to meet and see how we could serve their specific needs,” she added. “We had 11 students who had been baptized as infants but needed the other sacraments of initiation. Six students committed to the sacramental preparation meetings.”

Hanlon said the meetings were held after school and involved the theology of the sacrament and a close look at the specific sacramental rite.

“It is our hope that the witness of the six young people this past week will encourage others the ‘come and see,’” Hanlon said.

“In our initial survey, we had also had some non-Catholic and unbaptized students express interest in becoming Catholic,” she noted. “Two students, baptized non-Catholics, responded to our invitation and we will be meeting with them and help them discern if they desire to become Catholic.”

“We try to bring all of our students into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ,” Hanlon said. “This opportunity, begun with Bishop Rhoades’ encouragement, will be a wonderful way to accomplish that goal.”

Zachary and Cassidy were eager to sign up for the meetings.

On the morning of the sacraments, Zachary, spoke to *Today's Catholic* about receiving his first Communion later that morning. His freshman theology teacher Ann Isch,



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

Bishop Luers High School freshman Zachary Blackburn poses with his sister, junior Cassidy Blackburn following Ash Wednesday Mass during which they received the sacraments of first Communion and Confirmation.

who served as a proxy Confirmation sponsor for Zachary’s uncle, joined him.

“It means a lot to me,” Zachary said. “It’s nice to be able to receive a blessing,” at Communion time, he said, but he was excited to be “receiving Holy Communion every time I go to Mass,” he added.

Zachary said he was nervous, “but it is wonderful to receive Communion.”

He came with the strong backing of Ann Isch, who said, “You can

really see the Spirit is moving in him today.”

After the Mass, Cassidy echoed her brother’s words and said of her first Communion, “It was very exciting.”

When Mrs. Hanlon began talk-

ing about sacramental preparation classes, “I just really wanted to do it. I wanted to feel like everyone else in the school and be able to receive Communion,” Cassidy told *Today's Catholic*.

Cassidy is known as an optimistic student in the hardest of circumstances, noted English teacher Eileen Brodmerkel.

Cassidy said going through the sacramental preparation with her brother Zachary made the experience a bit “less nerve-wracking. But I was nervous.”

The two talked about the sacramental preparation on the side to make sure they understood the instruction.

Cassidy spoke about receiving first Communion as a teen. “The second graders look cute and stuff,” she said, “but I think I understood it more than what the younger students would.”

Madison Smith, Cassidy’s close friend and mentor, served as Cassidy’s Confirmation sponsor.

Zachary and Cassidy’s mom, Tammy, sat near her children at the first Communion and Confirmation and has been supportive of bringing the children into full participation in the Church.

Next up, Cassidy said she looks forward to graduating from high school next year and then plans to go to college and study speech pathology.



Bishop Luers High School freshman Zachary Blackburn, left, along with his sister Cassidy, a junior, center, receive their first Communion from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated at the school on March 5. The Blackburns were among the six Bishop Luers students to also received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Mass.

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Students spearhead collection for Haitian orphanage

FORT WAYNE — “And a small child shall lead them.” The Biblical verse from Isaiah refers to a time of great harmony, when animals and men live together in peace rather than destroying one another.

It's a good example of what happened when third-grader Cassie Smith of Fort Wayne's St. Charles Borromeo School met Father Andre Sylvestre of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage in northern Haiti, and decided to launch a project she knew would help his kids — a pencil and eraser collection.

Father Sylvestre visited Fort Wayne in July to talk about building a new orphanage through funding and in-kind gifts raised by the University of Saint Francis, through its Formula for Life 5K spring walk/

run and other community outreaches.

To date, the university and its community have raised over \$100,000 in cash and in-kind donations to build the new orphanage and provide for the nutritional needs of the 100 children there. Construction is in progress, and the university will send more funds to the project through the sixth annual Formula for Life, scheduled to take off April 13, at 1 p.m. from Hutzell Athletic Center.

A USF student founded Formula for Life after encountering a starving infant during a medical mission trip.

For more information about Formula for Life and how to participate, contact Dr. Amy Obringer at aobringer@sf.edu or 260-399-7700, ext. 8210.



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Cassie Smith, center front, holds a photo of the Haitian children who will receive the pencils and erasers she, her Girl Scout troop, school and parish collected for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage. With Cassie, a St. Charles Borromeo third-grader, are members of her troop and members of the student-led University of Saint Francis Formula for Life 5k walk/run event, founded to support the orphanage in Haiti.

Sister Carmel brings cheer to Saint Joseph High School family

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — They say you are only as old as you feel and Holy Cross Sister Carmel Marie Sallows must be pushing 21 with all the activities she does to help others around Michiana.

Whether it's volunteering at nonprofit organizations or simply helping fellow sisters travel to doctor appointments, Sister Carmel is in constant motion.

Sister Carmel Sallows graduated from Saint Joseph's Academy in 1950. That school, along with Central Catholic High School, St. Hedwig School and South Bend Catholic High School later became the current Saint Joseph High School. And every week Sister Carmel visits Saint Joseph High School to volunteer her time in the library.

Sister Carmel worked full-time in the library for 11 years with Jane Goldsberry, Saint Joseph High School librarian.

Sister Carmel retired from teaching — first and second grades — at South Bend St. Joseph Grade School. She also started the Catholic grade school's first kindergarten class.

At Saint Joseph High School, Sister Carmel worked in the mornings in the attendance office where Susan Richter, now the principal, was in charge of attendance and discipline.

Librarian Goldsberry noted, “When I needed a sub in the afternoon, she was usually available — sometimes as a volunteer, sometimes as a paid sub. During her last three years of working at SJHS she worked part-time in the mornings in the library. As she stated, ‘I started out in the library when I first came, so I should finish out my working career at SJHS in the library.’”

Some of Sister Carmel's duties in the library include shelving books, making copies, straightening the bookshelves, checking in the catalogs and periodicals and helping the students when needed.

“Working with Sister Carmel in the attendance office for nine years is one of the best memories I have from my early years at Saint Joseph High School,” said Principal Richter. “Her positive attitude, smile and laugh always made each day a joy. Throughout her time at Saint Joe, she has loved working with the students, and they love sister!”

“Sister Carmel has always been extremely generous toward my family,” added Richter. “Every holiday was made special with sister's cookies and treat bags for our sons. And I could count on my pencil supply being replenished, as sister would always give me holiday pencils with a prayer card attached. Her kindness and generosity comes straight from the heart.”

Sister Carmel's volunteer activities over the years include working on the social committee at Saint Joseph High School, faithfully going to hospice once a week to



LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Pictured is Holy Cross Sister Carmel Marie Sallows working at the annual Saint Joseph High School open house. She greeted visitors who wanted to check out the library.

do whatever is needed and serving as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at Holy Cross Rehab. Sister also volunteers at the hospice-sponsored Camp Evergreen for children who have lost a loved one. And Sister Carmel and Sister Mary Pius have volunteered for two weeks in Park City, Utah, to help children in the Holy Cross Ministries summer reading program.

Goldsberry said, “Sister Carmel has a quiet unassuming demeanor when going about her work. Sometimes she would put a little note in a staff member's mailbox in the faculty lounge to bring that person some cheer.”

“She used to carry her baking pans in the trunk of her car,” Goldsberry added. “Once in a while a staff member would be the recipient of cookies or Irish soda bread. There is a priest at Notre Dame that she would give a package of M&Ms to every year on his birthday.”

“Living her faith, Sister Carmel is a true disciple of Christ,” noted Principal Richter. “Humble, caring, compassionate and joy-filled, Sister Carmel teaches all of us how to live life by putting Christ in the center. She fulfills our mission and loves serving our students and staff.”

“She models the faith in all that she does and lives her vocation as a Holy Cross Sister,” added Richter. “She is a true gift to the Saint Joe family. I am blessed to call her my friend.”

Students enjoy seeing Sister Carmel in her Saint Joseph High School spirit wear, spreading school spirit and smiles throughout the day.

Goldsberry noted, “Sister has attended many Saint Joe sporting events and other extracurricular (activities) including dances and drama productions. When I first started working at Saint Joe there was a strong religious presence, mostly Holy Cross.”

“I felt so fortunate to be work-

ing in a place with nuns, brothers and priests; and where prayer was a daily presence,” Goldsberry said. “I always felt it was so wonderful for the students and staff to be able to interact with those who were living in religious life. I know for myself that working with Sister Carmel and the other religious, my faith and prayer life deepened.”

“Sister Carmel has made the Saint Joe community a better place to study and work by her example, her work ethic, her sense of humor, her friendly conversations with all, her smile and her prayers,” said Goldsberry. “I have been very blessed to have Sister Carmel in all aspects of my life and count her as a good friend and role model.”

Local sisters celebrated National Catholic Sisters Week March 8-14

National Catholic Sisters Week, held March 8-14, kicked off with an inaugural event at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn., that brought together undergraduate, college-age women and women religious from a variety of congregations and institutions.

The Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sisters that participated in the event were Marybeth Martin, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ and Ancilla College student and Poor Handmaid volunteer, Amanda Amstutz, from Fort Wayne representing the Poor Handmaids and Ancilla College.

Also participating are the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters who joined with others to celebrate the more than 50,000 women religious in the United States. With their motherhouse located at Victory Noll in Huntington, OLVMSisters serve in mission centers across the United States.

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The process of saying good-bye

I recently read an informative quote on a website designed to bring God's healing grace to the bereaved through grief education. It read, "Saying good-bye is not a one-time action. It is a process with many different steps, difficult steps. It's okay if you don't feel ready for this now. Understand that saying good-bye occurs gradually over time." This profound statement delivers key elements that can help guide us all on our journey through grief.

The notion that saying good-bye is a difficult multi-step process that occurs over time can help those mourning the loss of a loved one face and understand the emotional turmoil that can arise as they learn to integrate the loss into their lives. We don't simply say good-bye at the bedside of a dying loved one or later at the funeral. There are many good-byes that occur gradually over

time.

I recall with clarity the sequence of events following my husband Trent's death 24 years ago. Saying good-bye to his body at the end of his funeral was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. Following his burial, it was presumed that I would simply resume life and get on with things. And as it was I was determined to keep everything including what belonged to him exactly as it was the day he left for work and never came home again. The thought of any more change at that time brought a fear of the future that was near paralyzing to me.

But as my life progressed, as it tends to do, and I engaged in the difficult work of mourning my loss and developing a new normal for my little family, I found that my perception of things changed with time. In the



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early days I would never have considered giving Trent's clothes, books or trinkets to anyone other than my immediate family. With them I knew his things would be cherished and safe.

But I found in the subsequent months and years, when I was ready, that it brought me joy, albeit bittersweet, to say good-bye to many of his things, knowing that they would be enjoyed by others. That was a

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Catholic Relief Services and Guatemala

Three hundred forty one million young people in developing countries and 17 million in developed countries were either unemployed or not enrolled in an educational program in 2010.

In Guatemala, the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is guided by the principle of rights and responsibilities. This principle emphasizes that every person has basic rights and responsibilities that flow directly from their human dignity. These rights include the right to life, food, shelter, education and employment, as well as political and cultural rights.

Guatemala has the largest economy in Central America, but there is a great divide between the poor and middle class. The indigenous population is especially affected; almost 50 percent of children under age 5 suffer from malnutrition; 80 percent of these children are indigenous. While the national language of Guatemala is Spanish, Guatemala recognizes 22 different Mayan language groups, as well as three dialects — the Iadino, the Xinca and the Garifuna. These languages reflect the rich cultural and ethnic groups of the nation.

Often times in Guatemala, young people must work to provide for their families and this gets in the way of going to school. The average length of school attendance for people living in extreme poverty is three years, and 1.5 for those in rural areas.

CRS has developed a community education program to encourage families to protect their child's right to an education, to play and personal development. This program sets the goal to teach families the importance of education and the dangers of sending children to work. CRS visits families at home, coordinates community events and shares information through announcements on the radio.

This week, challenge yourself and your family to pray, fast and give alms for the people of Guatemala. You could include the young people of Guatemala in your morning and evening prayers or pray through the intercession of St. Rose of Lima, the patron saint of Latin America.

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MELISSA WHEELER

Loving God, we know that sometimes we do not understand the plans You have made for us. Give us the courage to hold fast to Your ways, even if it seems that we must do so alone. May we never forget the great needs of your people all over the world, so that by truly loving our neighbors as ourselves, we may come to love You better. We pray in a special way, through the intercession of St. Rose of Lima, for the Church in Latin America, for those communities that still fight for those rights that each of us as a human being deserves. Increase our holiness so that we may better do Your work. Amen.

You could fast from a resource you have come to depend on for news or an educational pursuit in order to unite yourself with those in Guatemala who may go without schooling. You could give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for every year you have had the blessing of education.

Pope Francis calls us to the Christian mission of providing for the basic needs of all of humanity. On June 5, 2013, he wrote, "We are called not only to respect the natural environment, but also to show respect for, and solidarity with, all the members of our human family. These two dimensions are closely related; today we are suffering from a crisis which is not only about the just management of economic resources, but also about concern for human resources, for the needs of our brothers and sisters living in extreme poverty, and especially for the many children in our world lacking adequate education, health care and nutrition."

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Transfiguration reveals Jesus' divinity



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

2nd Sunday of Lent Mt 17:1-9

The Book of Genesis is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. As its name implies, Genesis reveals the divine origin of life, and it also reveals the divine plan in the forming of the Hebrew race.

Genesis is a splendidly vivid revelation of God's majesty and power, and indeed of the dignity of humanity. It is a great pity that this marvelous book has been so tortured and misconstrued by well meaning but uninformed readers over the years. In their earnest attempt to preserve the divine character of this book, they lose much of its impact.

This weekend's reading is about Abraham. Considered by scholars to have been an actual person and not a myth, Abraham is regarded as the father of the Jewish people.

The reading makes several points. The first is that God is active in human affairs, and that humans can communicate with God. Abraham has very strong faith. God rewards this faith by pledging that Abraham's descendants, until the end of time, will be God's special people. It is not a dignity conferred without obligation. The people who descend from Abraham must be loyal to God and by their lives of faith reveal God to the world.

For its second reading, this weekend's liturgy presents a

passage from the Second Epistle to Timothy.

Timothy was a disciple of Paul and is venerated by the Church as a great saint, important in the formation of Christianity. According to the New Testament, Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a devout Jewish mother. He was Paul's secretary at one point. He once was imprisoned with Paul but was released.

Tradition is that Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus.

In this reading, the epistle encourages Timothy to be strong in his Christian belief despite the difficulties and obstacles that will arise.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of the Transfiguration. Similar readings appear in the other Synoptic Gospels, Mark and Luke.

As often occurs in all the Gospels, this is a scene in which only Apostles experience the full reality of Jesus, or hear the more complete message of Jesus. They were the Lord's specially chosen followers. Jesus had called them for a purpose of their continuing to reconcile God with humanity, humanity with God, as had Jesus.

For this purpose, the Apostles were educated. Since this purpose would take them far and wide, and inevitably into unfriendly conditions, their faith needed reinforcement.

There can be no doubt that the Transfiguration revealed the Lord's divinity. The imagery would have been familiar to Jews contemporary with Jesus.

Brilliant light symbolized God. Mountaintops symbolized God. Pure white symbolized God. Finally, surrounding Jesus were Moses and Elijah, the great heroes of the religious tradition.

Reflection

Lent is just more than one week in progress, and already the Church is encouraging us and reinforcing our faith, as Jesus strengthened the faith of the Apostles who stood trembling and in dismay before the divine sight manifested on the mountain.

By inference, the Church also reminds us that Jesus was a human. The Apostles had seen this humanity day after day. Now, in the Transfiguration, they saw the divinity of Jesus.

Of course, it is a story of God's power and supremacy. Also, however, it is a revelation in context. Jesus had come into the world, as a human as well as Son of God, to reconcile sinners with God, God with sinners.

Yet, Jesus did not drag anyone kicking and screaming into the kingdom. We all must enter the kingdom willingly. But God supports us and guides us. He gives us the revealed word in Second Timothy and in all the Scriptures.

Most of all, God gives us Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Saint of the Week

Luigi Orione
1872-1940
March 12

The founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, which encompasses two active and two contemplative religious orders for men and women as well as a lay movement, was born in Italy's Piedmont. After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in 1895. Always devoted to the care of others, especially the poor and sick, Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were "Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus."

Lessons from my mom's dying

As I walked through the hospital earlier this week, someone wished me a very late happy New Year! I smiled and wished her one back, but I spent the rest of the day wondering: What does it mean to have a happy New Year? Is it possible? What will that phrase do to me next year? You see, my mother died on New Year's Day.

Mom was in terrible agony for six weeks before she died. My family and I were happy she was finally out of pain. We were also devastated that we no longer had her with us. I had read that the day she died was the birthday of her new life. We celebrate each saint's day on the day of his or her death, not birth. What better birthday could there be than New Year's Day? — I'm not ready for that answer yet.

I want to pass on just a few bits of what I have already learned from the dying process of a loved one. I'm sure most of you have been through this already and could add to my list.

Ask for help! Prayer is very powerful. God always listens, and His answer may be "no," but it may be "yes." So if you think someone you love is in danger of dying, ask for help. Call a prayer line. Put it on Facebook. Ask your friends to pray. Pray to the saints. My mother's friends even organized a meeting at church to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. I was very grateful for that, especially in the hour of her death when I was too distracted to pray it myself. Pray for conversion, if that is needed.

Be there for your loved ones. Do not expect there will be another day to resolve conflicts or to get questions answered. Talk to them about what they are afraid of. Make sure their spiritual needs are being met. Beware of living wills and POST forms; the Catholic answer to these is

a combination document that spells out principles of end-of-life care and authorizes a personal representative to make decisions for you if you cannot. An updated will may be necessary. Don't forget to ask questions about desired funeral Mass songs and readings and burial choices, if that is important to the dying person.

You never know when some general knowledge of Catholic medical ethics regarding end of life, such as the sort of information mentioned in these Catholic Doctor Is In columns, could come in handy. If you are involved in decision making in any way, be sure to ask questions of the doctors that come by.

Write things down. Make sure you understand what is being treated and why. Decisions should be made together by the patient and physician. Think ahead of time about whom you could trust to call if you suddenly need help in making ethical decisions. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (<http://www.ncbcenter.org/>) is available for phone consultation if you are faced with tough choices.

Remember, even in times of great suffering, be kind to others. Try to be friendly and show the love of God to those you see. They will often respond in kind. However, be an advocate for your family member and make sure he or she is getting the care needed; speak up if you think something important is lacking.

Keep praying even after someone dies. We are not supposed to assume that even the most saintly person we know will go straight to heaven. Purgatory is a state in which the person is saved, although he is suffering and can't help himself by prayer. So continue praying for the souls of the people you know who have

of grief and an urgency to say good-bye. My own sainted mother encouraged me the very day we buried my beloved to clean his closet out and erase all evidence of Trent's life in my home. Though my burdened heart was bruised and broken, I knew that it was not time yet for me to say good-bye. I knew eventually when the time was right.

We as grief-stricken individuals must take the time to be in our grief and move at our own pace. We must follow our hearts as we learn to say the many good-byes that are part of the path through grief, one difficult step at a time. Only then will we truly begin to heal.

With that said I have learned through my own experience and that of those I've walked with in their grief, that timing is everything in saying good-bye. There may be those in our lives who will encourage a quickening

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died. Offer up sufferings for their benefit. Talk to your parish about having Masses said for those people.

Finally, remember that it's OK to grieve. Grief is a normal reaction — don't bottle it up — and the process takes months to years. Share what you are feeling with your family; they will understand.

I stopped by Hallmark to look at the leftover ornaments last week, something Mom and I used to do yearly. There wasn't much left, as this was nearly February, but I did find a beautiful ceramic bell called Glad Tidings. It felt like a message just for me! It'll be the first thing I take out for the upcoming Christmas season, to remind me to rejoice in the hope of mom's new life.

For more information and a fill-in-the-blank Indiana Catholic Health Care Directive that includes both key principles of moral health care and a place to designate health care representatives, go to www.indianacc.org — click "resources" on the left — open the first document under "Health Care."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 16, 2014

Matthew 17:1-9

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Second Sunday in Lent, Cycle A: the glorious mountaintop experience. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| JESUS | LED THEM UP | MOUNTAIN |
| SHONE | LIKE THE SUN | MOSES |
| ELIJAH | LORD | IS GOOD |
| THREE | BRIGHT CLOUD | BELOVED |
| LISTEN | HEARD | FELL |
| AFRAID | NO ONE | ALONE |
| VISION | RAISED | THE DEAD |

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The throw-away culture

"We have created a 'throw-away' culture which is now spreading."

— Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 53.

People around the world, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, have been fascinated by Pope Francis. He first impressed us with his humility: paying for his hotel room, driving a used vehicle and residing in a simple apartment. He has kept our attention with his touching gestures of love and affection. More recently he has challenged us with his apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium." In this exhortation and other communications the Holy Father has referred to a "throw away culture," a culture in which some people are not only exploited, but seen as not even human. The throw away culture is pervasive, and Catholics must challenge it.

What is the throw away culture? It is an aspect of modern life of which most of us are probably vaguely aware. In the throw away culture, people are treated as objects rather than as people. In fact, they are often treated as objects whose value is measured by the pleasure they bring to people who are perceived as having more power. A man coerces his girlfriend to abort, because the little girl she carries may ruin his career plans. He sees his daughter as a "value-less object" that can be thrown away. A mother learns from pre-natal testing that her son may have a genetic abnor-

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mality. The throw away culture tells her about her "choices." If the struggles are expected to outweigh the amount of happiness that the boy will bring, those choices include discarding the child.

People of life, and especially we who are Catholics, must counteract the throwaway culture by cherishing every life. Pope Francis challenges every Christian to do her or his part. Certainly, we must confront and overturn laws that treat human beings like mere clumps of cells. Within our various activities and spheres of influence, the dignity of every human person must come to the forefront. In a world where some people are not even considered as a part of society, the disciple of Jesus is called to foster a culture that acknowledges the dignity of all. In this way we can embrace the fullness of the joy of the Gospel.

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very difficult but monumental step for me to take, but a necessary one on my personal grief journey. Letting go of those linking objects allowed me the room to create new life and I came to believe he would have appreciated that. Saying good-bye to that tangible evidence of Trent's life was an important part of my healing.

Those in mourning must not only say good-bye to those tangible things that are held so dear but also to the future that they had planned and the very self-identity that was enjoyed within the specific relationship with a loved one.

Saying good-bye to what might have been at the next anniversary, birthday or holiday event can be devastating at first.

Sports

USF BASKETBALL TEAMS RANK IN TOP 25 POLL The University of Saint Francis closes the 2013-14 regular season with the No. 1 ranking in the final NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the national office announced March 5. This is USF's 10th consecutive No. 1 ranking, which ties the record set by the 1999-2000 team. The Lady Cougars have won 21 consecutive games since becoming No. 1, which ties the USF record for most consecutive wins as the No. 1-ranked team set by the 1999-2000 team. The USF men's basketball team is ranked No. 14 in the final NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll released by NAIA on March 5.

Teams battle for diocesan titles

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Old man Winter could not and would not cancel out the traditional rivalry between the top teams of Fort Wayne's CYO and St. Joseph County's Inter-City Catholic League as they matched up in the final contests of the year at Marian High School.

During the course of this season plagued by inclement weather, teams from both leagues fought for their prospective championships and added icing to the cake by representing their league for diocesan boasting rights.

The first contest was a consolation matchup between the visiting Eagles of St. John the Baptist of Fort Wayne and coincidentally the Eagles of South Bend St. Joseph.

The game couldn't have been any closer as both squads fought tooth and nail. St. John's dynamic duo of Carston Fritz and Tyreon Hambright both contributed double-digit scoring, but the big man in the middle from St. Joseph, Josh De St. Jean's 20 points were too much to

overcome as the host Eagles drew first blood of the day holding on to win a 38-36 squeaker.

The perennial powerhouse, the Squires of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, wanted to represent with pride and even the score as they squared off against Christ the King in the second contest of the afternoon.

It seemed that the Squires always punch a ticket west for the ICCL-CYO Invitational and this year would be no exception as they came ready to play and matched up with the Kings who had been peaking at just the right time.

The Kings tied and retied the game behind their scoring leader Michael Dunkelberger until premiere players Dashan Bussel and Abram Beard of the Squires, who scored 21 and 18 points respectively, finished them off, 49-41.

That would leave the two big dogs from each league to settle the score in the traditional matchups.

The Panthers from St. Vincent would represent the CYO and the mighty Lions of St. Pius X the ICCL in the battle of champions.

The Panthers started the scoring early and the Lions counter punched

their way back in the game to hold a 14-13 lead after one.

Again the game went back and forth, both teams matching the other's intensity and resolve leaving a slight two-point margin at the half for the host Lions.

Both teams raced to their perspective locker rooms optimistic that the season would end with the grand prize of the diocesan championship in their grasp.

The answer to the \$64 thousand question would be in the form of one player — Walter Ellis — as the lengthy eighth grader sliced, diced, dished, rebounded and scored as the Lions blew out the game and went on a 16-4 run in the third quarter.

As Ellis lead all scorers with 13, he also lead both teams in assists and rebounds as the Lions coasted home with a 53-42 championship.

The efforts of Isaac Kino's 10 points, and Mitchell Campbell's nine points paced the Eastern Champion Panthers during the hotly-contested game. The Lions' Michael Godfrey and Reese Jackowiak aided St. Pius X on the scoreboard as they tallied 11 and nine respectively.

Taylor Reust wins Knights' free throw contest

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NOBLESVILLE — In the fourth and final step of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge, sixth-grader Taylor Reust of Huntington shot a personal best, 18 of 25 free throws to win the 2014 state competition in the 12-year old girls' division. The annual competition, representing six regions with 70 participants from across the state was held

at St. Theodore Guérin High School in Noblesville on Sunday, March 9.

Reust, the youngest daughter of Steve and Rose Reust of Huntington, was presented a trophy for her outstanding achievement by Frank Joseph, host district deputy, Thomas Beck, state finals coordinator and Craig



TAYLOR REUST

Hanusin, state youth director.

Reust attends Huntington Catholic School and she and her family are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

Because they did not have enough for a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) school team, Taylor played in a YMCA league with boys this winter. To prepare for the contest, Taylor practiced after school on Fridays.

"I was excited to beat my own record of 13 of 25," Taylor said.

After the parade of athletes and national anthem, the lengthy competition began. Those in attendance witnessed a historical feat as Moore's Hill, 13-year old, Drew Miller made a remarkable 25-25 for a perfect effort of concentration and mental toughness.

The Fort Wayne region fared well with Grace Castleman of Monroeville earning the runner-up title making 18. Others who did not place in their respective age divisions were Elizabeth Matter of Wabash making eight, Landen Brown of Auburn sinking 16, Jayden Lepper, Fort Wayne, and Caleb Nixon, Auburn, connected on 20 each, Hailee Wilcoxson, Huntington, made six and Angola's Alexandra Cranston hit 16.

Bishop Dwenger cheerleaders reign as national champs

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger cheerleaders' varsity team competed with over 96 teams at the Contest of Champions Nationals in Orlando, Fla., on March 2. The 22-member team won the extra-large varsity division consisting of teams of 20 members or more. The team also received the highest score of any team at the competition and was crowned National Grand Champions.

Team members include: seniors Emily Budzon, Elizabeth Budzon, Lauren Didier, Haley Enrietto, Mariah Tippmann, Allison White; juniors Clare Anderson, Alexis Eddy, Dominique Effinger, Maggie Houlihan, Graisen Proctor, Lucy Schenkel and Emily Tippmann; sophomores Jenna Eckland, Grace Gillig and Maddy Tippmann; and freshmen Katie Eddy, Jaclyn Grutsch, Raina Gulachek, Carson Jasper, Sylvia Schenkel and Amy Weilbaker.

This is the ninth national title won by Bishop Dwenger and the fourth consecutive won by the girls. Amy Gonzagowski, Vicki Kuker and Doris Derheimer coach the team.

The Saints started the season with a big win at the Central Indiana Championships where the girls were awarded the Grand Champion title for the highest score at the competition, setting the stage for state qualifiers where Bishop Dwenger was in second place going into the finals. But a fall cost them the state title.

Gonzagowski said, "We had one fall at state. This resulted in a five-point deduction and we placed third — only 4.3 out of first place."

However, the team cheered at over 60 basketball games this season and practiced extra hard for their competition in Florida from the end of November until their plane left Fort Wayne for Orlando.



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The Bishop Dwenger cheerleaders' varsity team recently was crowned National Grand Champions in national competition in Orlando, Fla.

Bishop Dwenger hockey team wins 2-A State Championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School won the Indiana State High School Hockey Association 2-A State Championship Saturday in thrilling fashion. It took extra minutes, but the Saints pulled off the 2-1 win over Evansville for an overtime victory on their home ice at Lutheran Health SportsCenter on March 8.

Senior Justin Richardson scored both Dwenger goals, including the championship winner in overtime.

An excited head coach, Jeff Sather, credited his eight super seniors' efforts claiming, "We have been working at this for the past four years."

The Saints' theme for their program has revolved around Proverbs 17:17, "A friend is loving at all times and becomes a brother in times of adversity."

The young men on this special team witnessed this band of brotherhood on and off the ice always having each others' back and in their pregame prayer asking for focus, determination and to remain injury free.

Bishop Dwenger alum and Assistant Coach John Shupe explained, "We had T-shirts made with the verse and even a sign the boys touched as they left the locker room before each game."

He summarized, "It was a great cap to an incredible season."

The team truly was a family. Tom Centlivre whose son Frankie incurred a concussion during the season was so impressed with how Shupe assured the family of his prayers and that he had offered the intention of his Mass for the situation.

Centlivre described, "The coaches have used hockey to instill faith and fun in the boys."

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'Jerusalem' subjects grow into their roles away from the big screen

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Despite having been seen in theaters with Imax and 3-D capabilities, the three teen girls featured in the movie "Jerusalem" seem much bigger in real life.

And it's not because they're a little older now than when they were filmed. The girls — one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim — display an effortless maturity well beyond their years.

Never having known each other before filming began, their first encounter was on a street in the Old City that serves as the final scene of the movie.

They subsequently talked with one another with the cameras rolling for possible inclusion in "Jerusalem," but even as teenagers, their minds were so full of presuppositions and stereotypes that the result was unsatisfying.

Not knowing who would be cast as her counterparts, "I thought the Muslim girl would be dressed in a hijab. I thought the Jewish girl would be dressed in black and white" garb worn by Israel's ultra-Orthodox Jews, said Nadia Tadros, now 20, the Christian featured in "Jerusalem." Each of them later individually asked director Daniel Ferguson to not include their conversation in the movie.

Tadros, whose mother is a Latinrite Catholic and whose father is

Greek Orthodox, said that during a two-week late-winter tour of the United States and Canada, they have since found out they're all "crazy about shoes," but also proud of their respective religious and cultural traditions.

Nor have they been afraid to talk among themselves about the political issues that have roiled Jerusalem, the Middle East and its interfaith inhabitants throughout the centuries.

"I describe it as an open relationship," said Revital Zacharie, 19, who represented Judaism in "Jerusalem." She was headed back to continue her compulsory service in the Israeli military after the tour ended.

But not all are returning to Jerusalem. Farah Ammouri, now 18, was making a comparatively short flight from Washington to Dallas, where she is studying at a nearby college. "My brother lives in Dallas and my father has business in Dallas," said Ammouri, the movie's Muslim representative, during a March 4 interview with Catholic News Service in Washington.

Ammouri, a Palestinian, graduated last year from a Catholic high school, Rosary Sisters' High School, in Jerusalem. In fact, it was the same high school from which Tadros graduated. "I knew of her," Ammouri said of Tadros, but never forged a friendship until the movie was being made, and that friendship has grown even more during the North American trip.

The three young women, none of



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Farah Ammouri, who is Muslim, Nadia Tadros, a Christian, and Revital Zacharie, who is Jewish, are featured in the Imax and 3-D film "Jerusalem," about how the three religions are lived in the city. Never having known each other before filming began, the three first met on a street in the Old City that serves as the final scene of the movie.

whom claim English as a first language but all of whom can speak at least four languages, were cast in the movie in different ways.

Ammouri said a notice was posted on a bulletin board at Rosary Sisters' High School looking for Muslims who had lived in the Old City. Zacharie said she saw a Facebook posting and was initially skeptical, but decided to respond. Tadros said she was grooming her younger brother to be chosen as the Christian representative, but in the interview session with the movie's producers "I did all the talking," she said.

Even though she was beyond the age the producers were looking for, "they decided they could go with a mature woman," Tadros joked.

That final scene, where all three appear together for the only time in the film, looks as if it was arranged by chance. Not so, they said. "One hundred and twenty takes," Tadros sighed. None of them currently live in the Old City, which is the focus of "Jerusalem," although all worship there. Zacharie has cousins who live there — "having cousins who live in the Old City is a big deal," she said — and Tadros has worked there the last five years.

They all rue the fact that "Jerusalem" is only 45 minutes long. All three get equal time, but also have to cede screen time to an archaeologist, Jodi Magness, who literally unearths truths about the city from digging expeditions conducted before new construction

takes place. Zacharie, for instance, said she would have liked the film to examine the greater diversity of Jewish life than what the movie displays, and for the film to show the Jerusalem that has grown beyond the walls of the Old City.

The film has not yet been seen there; Zacharie said the equal treatment given to each of the Abrahamic faiths would upset some Jews who want their religion to be dominant on screen.

Back home, Tadros, because of her dual Christian heritage, will celebrate "two Easters" to go along with the "two Christmases" celebrated on different days by Catholics and the Orthodox. She is also enrolled at two schools: Birzeit University in the Palestinian territories for marketing, and Magnificat Institute in Jerusalem for vocal studies. A soprano with a wide range, she has already recorded several songs she's written, is seen in "Jerusalem" with a guitar slung across her back, and is preparing to sing as part of Pope Francis' late-May visit to the Holy Land.

During a March 4 screening of some "Jerusalem" scenes and behind-the-scenes clips at George Washington University in Washington, Tadros remarked: "There is a wall surrounding the city. But there are another million walls inside the city — borders that will need forever to be broken."

Ammouri, Tadros and Zacharie have taken the first steps to crumbling those barriers.

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LENTEN FISH FRIES

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 14, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-12 \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 will be available.

Jonah fish fry planned

Mishawaka — St. Bavo Parish will be hosting a Jonah fish fry Friday, March 14, in the school gymnasium, 524 W. 8th St., from 4-7 p.m. Ticket prices prior to the event are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for K-8, and preschoolers are free. Tickets purchased at the door are \$9 for adults and seniors, \$5 K-8, and preschoolers are free. Carryout is available. Beer and wine will be available. Contact St. Bavo at 574-255-1437 for information.

Fish fry

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary will have a fish fry Friday, March 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the school gym, 735 W. Calvert St. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children 6-12 and children under 6 free. Carryout available. Proceeds will purchase new altar server albs.

Christ the King Jonah Fish Fry

South Bend — Christ the King will have a Jonah fish fry Friday, March 28, from 4-7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 10 and under. Dine in and drive-through carryout available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Christ the King rectory office. For information call 574-272-3113.

Fish and chicken strip dinner planned

Monroeville — A fish and chicken strip dinner will be Friday, March 28, from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Youth Center, 19819 Monroeville Rd. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$5.50 for youth 6-10 and children under 5 free. Carryout available. Call 260-623-3972 for information.

Drive-through fish fry

Arcola — St. Patrick Parish, 12305 Arcola Rd., will have a drive-through-only fish fry on Friday, March 28, from 4:30-7 p.m. Dinners are \$8.

Fish fry

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish near Lakeville,

63568 U.S. 31, will have a Lenten fish fry Friday, March 21, from 4-7 p.m. Adult/drive-through tickets \$8, children 6-12 \$3 and children 5 and under free. Tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis by calling 574-291-3775.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Legion of Mary - ACIES

South Bend — The Legion of Mary will celebrate the annual ACIES on March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Hungary Church, 828 W. Calvert St. All active and auxiliary members are invited. Contact Elsie at 574-259-6215 or Connie at 260-486-1001 for information.

Casino night planned

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic and Performing Arts Departments will have a casino night Friday, March 21. Blackjack, roulette, Texas hold'em and March Madness games on the big screen. Doors open at 5 p.m., casino games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, tables reserved for \$200 includes six people, food, beverages and premiere dealer for the night. Contact 260-456-1261, ext. 3020 for information.

Casino night to include Texas hold 'em tournament

Monroeville — St. Rose Parish will have a casino night/Texas hold 'em tournament on Saturday, March 22, at the Monroeville Park Pavilion, 421 Monroe St. All proceeds will benefit St. Rose School. Free admission. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, drinks, blackjack and casino games. Must be 21 to enter. Tournament begins at 7 p.m. with \$30 registration at 6 p.m. Cash prizes for top 10 finalists. First place \$700. Indiana License No. 133405. Call Tony at 260-623-6368 or email asimshouser1@frontier.com for information.

St. Joseph School plans bookfair

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph School and Barnes and Noble will have a bookfair, Saturday, March 22, at Jefferson Pointe. Pictures with the Easter bunny offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Story-time readings throughout the day. Support the new St. Joseph Catholic School library with any purchase that day, March 22, at Barnes and Noble, Jefferson Pointe or your online purchase from March 22-27 by entering Bookfair ID No. 11320488 at checkout.

Ministry fair planned

South Bend — St. Therese, Little Flower Parish will hold a ministry fair after all Masses the weekend of March 22 and 23. Community service opportunities will be offered.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, March 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Do You Have the Time?" Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by March 21 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

Salon-A-Thon supports Hannah's House

Granger — Masters Salon, 14500 State Road 23, Suite 4, will offer a spa day Sunday, March 16, from noon to 5 p.m. A minimum donation of \$20 will receive a choice of designer haircut, manicure, express pedicure or upper body massage as well as a \$10 gift certificate for your next appointment. Call 574-277-6721. Call to schedule a reservation. Walk-ins are welcome. All proceeds will benefit Hannah's House in Mishawaka.

Reconciliation service set March 20

Rome City — St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City, has set its Reconciliation service date for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

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Pierogi dinner planned

South Bend — St. Stanislaus Parish, 415 N. Brookfield St., will have a pierogi dinner Friday, April 11, from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets must be pre-purchased by April 1. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children six and under. Dinner includes four pierogi of your choice, soup, bread, dessert and drink. Contact 574-233-1217 for information.

Soup fundraiser at Ancilla

Donaldson — Empty Bowls soup supper will be Saturday, March 15, from 5-7 p.m. at Cana Hall in the Ancilla Domini Mother House. A meal of soup and bread made by Earthworks Market will be offered. Participants will choose an empty handmade bowl from MoonTree Studios to take home as a symbol of the profound impact a single effort can make to end world hunger. Proceeds benefit The Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' performed

South Bend — Christ the King Drama Club will present "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Saint Mary's College O'Laughlin Auditorium. Tickets are \$5, \$3 for children.

Lenten concert

Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Church, will have a Lenten concert on Sunday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the church. This year's program features major works for voices, strings and harpsichord: J. S. Bach's solo cantata Ich habe genug sung by Stephen Lancaster, baritone and Professor of Voice at the University of Notre Dame, and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater sung by Elizabeth Schleicher, soprano, and Colleen Lovinello, mezzo-soprano, both from the Chicago Lyric Opera Chorus. This program is free and all are welcome.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Rite of Election and Call of Candidates to Continuing Conversion on March 9 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. During his homily, the bishop spoke about the unique faith journeys of each, "Catechumens, men and women, who have been moved by God's grace to embrace the Christian life. Candidates, men and women, also moved by God's grace, to enter into full communion with the Church Jesus founded, the Church built on the foundation of the apostles. At Easter, you, our catechumens and candidates, will receive the fruits of the Paschal Mystery through the sacraments, actions of the Holy Spirit at work in Christ's Body, the Church."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades signs the Books of Elect presented by each parish in the Fort Wayne area during the Rite of Election of Catechumens. The catechumens were presented, affirmed by their godparents and the assembly, and invited to enroll their names.



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Candidates and their sponsors stand during the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on March 9.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with the six Bishop Luers High School students who were confirmed during the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated at the school on March 5. They are from left, Cassidy Blackburn, Zachary Blackburn, both of whom also received their first Communion at the Mass, Shayna Coy, Samantha Falk, Shelby Gillenwater and Luis Munoz. This was the first time in the history of the school that students were confirmed at a school Mass.