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Father Zachary Barry
ordained to Priesthood

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — A day of rejoicing marked June 7 as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ordained Father Zachary Barry to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

“On this day before the great feast of Pentecost, we gather here in our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mary’s church, to celebrate the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Deacon Zachary Barry in the sacrament of priestly ordination,” Bishop Rhoades said as he began the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood.

“We gather with great joy, the joy of the Holy Spirit,” Bishop Rhoades continued. “Our diocese rejoices today in receiving this gift from the Lord. Zak’s parents, Vince and Becky, and his brother, sisters, grandmoth- ers, relatives and friends rejoice in a special way. Our priests rejoice that a new brother enters our priestly fraternity.”

Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude for the presence of Msgr. Stephen Rohlfis, Bishop Rhoades’ successor as rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary. Msgr. Bernard Galic, vocation director who will be retiring from the post at the end of month, affirmed the readiness of candidate Barry for the Priesthood, and the homily followed.

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Tiffany Albertson appointed principal of Bishop Luers

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a Diocesan Eucharistic Holy Hour for Religious Liberty on Friday, June 27, the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, from 7-8 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Warsaw. The shrine is located at 225 Gilliam Dr.

“During the Fortnight, our liturgical calendar celebrates great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power — St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, John the Baptist,

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munity as principal. God has truly blessed me with the opportunity to work with our students, staff and families.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told Today’s Catholic, “I am very grateful that Mrs. Tiffany Albertson has accepted the position of principal of Bishop Luers High School. She has been an excellent assistant principal at Luers and has great experience

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Pope tells presidents only God can bring peace to Holy Land

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Praying for peace in the Holy Land alongside leaders of long-antagonistic nations, Pope Francis called on God to act where human efforts had failed, to end what he described as violence inspired by the devil.

“More than once we have been on the verge of peace, but the evil one, employing a variety of means, has succeeded in blocking it,” the pope said June 8 at an evening ceremony in the Vatican Gardens. “That is why we are here, because we know and we believe that we need the help of God.”

The pope addressed his remarks to Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during an “invocation for peace” in the Holy Land, to which he had invited them during his visit to the region two weeks earlier.

“I was young, now I am old. I experienced war, I tasted peace,” Peres said in an English portion of his statement. “Never will I forget the bereaved families, parents and children, who paid the cost of war. And all my life I shall never stop to act for peace for the generations to come. Let’s all of us join hands and make it happen.”

According to an official translation of Abbas’ prepared Arabic text, the Palestinian president said: “We want peace for us and for our neighbors. We seek prosperity and peace of mind for ourselves and for others alike.”

The event, at which Christians, Muslims and Jews prayed in each other’s presence, was almost certainly the first of its kind at the Vatican, according to Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office.

The starting time of 7 p.m. had been chosen in part to avoid the midday heat, yet temperatures were still in the mid 80s less than an hour earlier, when Peres arrived by car at the Vatican guesthouse, where the pope lives. Abbas arrived at the Vatican Gardens June 8 at an evening ceremony in the Vatican Gardens June 8.

Along the hedge to their left sat what the Vatican described as “political” members of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations, including both nations’ ambassadors to the Holy See; Christian religious leaders, including Patriarch Bartholomew, Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem and Palestinian Lutheran Bishop Monib Younan; and musicians who performed between prayers during the ceremony.

Along the other hedge sat various Muslim, Jewish and Druze religious figures, including Rabbi Abraham Skorka and Omar Abboud, longtime friends of the pope from Buenos Aires and leaders respectively in their city’s Jewish and Muslim communities, who accompanied Pope Francis during his visit to the Holy Land.

Members of the Palestinian and Israeli delegations and guests of Pope Francis read a selection of Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers, in order of their religions’ historical precedence. Each set of prayers prayed God for creation, begged forgiveness of sins and asked for peace in the Holy Land.

Patriarch Bartholomew read in English from the Book of Isaiah: “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust.”

At the end of the ceremony, which lasted about an hour and 45 minutes, the pope, patriarch and the two presidents kissed each other on both cheeks, then took up shovels and added dirt to the base of a newly planted olive tree. They then spent about 15 minutes speaking privately inside the nearby Casaio Pio IV, a 16th-century villa, which now houses several pontifical academies.

Franciscan Father Pierbattista Pizzaball, custos of the Holy Land and the principal coordinator of the event.

The five men rode together in a white minivan the short distance to the site of the ceremony, a triangular swath of lawn walled off by tall hedges along two sides. The setting had been chosen, according to Father Lombardi, because of its “neutral” appearance, lacking in religious imagery.

Pope Francis and the two presidents sat at the corner of the triangle where the two hedges met.

Pope Francis looks on as Israeli President Shimon Peres, left, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas embrace during an invocation for peace in the Vatican Gardens June 8.
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sacrament of Holy Orders a share in this priesthood, in the vocation and saving mission entrusted to Him by the Father.

Bishop Rhoades addressed Deacon Barry in the honol, and said, “Deacon Zak, the priests pres- ent here today can testify with me that the ordination liturgy takes the faithful back in spirit to the upper room, both to the Last Supper and to Pentecost.”

Candidate Zachary Barry declares his intention to assume the responsibility of the Office of the Priesthood.

Tiffany is an excellent choice to lead Bishop Luers,” Keefer said. “She is a faith-filled woman, a hard worker and she knows education.

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“Bishop Luers is a great place for students,” she said, “and I hope to continue the great Luers tradition of excellence as we move forward. I would love to see our parish families realize the great gifts that Catholic education has to offer and choose to become a part of the Luers community.” Albertson reflected on what it means to her to be a principal of a Catholic school. “As a principal of a Catholic school, I value the opportunity to practice and grow in my faith with others in the Luers community,” she said. “We must work on building our relationship with Christ as well as with each other. The Luers family should be a living Catholic community, one in which our Catholicity is embraced by all, young and old, rich and poor, Catholic and non-Cath- olic, and all races and ethnicities. Being in a Catholic school means that our faith is not something that we keep private, but something we share,” she added.

“Within a Catholic school, Christ-centered principles guide the decisions that I make,” Albertson said. “I frequently take time to pray before making difficult decisions. I will continue to pray for His wisdom in making decisions that are in the best interest of our students, as well as other stakeholders.”

“I want students, as well as our parents and staff, to know that I am here to listen, and to love them for who they are,” she added. “When I speak with students, I frequently tell them they are the Church. I want every student to discharge his priestly duties in imitation of Christ.”

The ordination rites concluded with Bishop Rhoades and all the priests in attendance bestowing the fraternal kiss of peace on Father Barry. "As a priest, when you pronounce the words of consecration, your words will have the same efficacy as those spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper. Deacon Zak, by the gift you receive today, you will become a minister of the sacrament that is at the very heart of the life of the Church, the sacrament of charity from which the Church draws her life."

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St. Thomas the Apostle celebrates the 50th anniversary of its church

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — Parishioners and clergy at St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church building on Saturday, May 31, with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The Mass was followed by a reception in the school hall.

“It’s so wonderful to be here with you today, especially as we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the 50th anniversary of His church,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“It’s a special joy to be with you on the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord.”

The bishop told members of the congregation he’d celebrated Confirmation earlier that day at St. Thomas’ “mother parish,” St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart.

He celebrated the anniversary Mass with Father Jason Freiburger, pastor and Holy Cross Father Leonard Banas, the weekend associate who has been at St. Thomas for 28 years.

During the homily Bishop Rhoades recalled when Father Joseph A. Hession from St. Vincent de Paul was asked by Bishop John F. Noll to organize a second parish in Elkhart. St. Thomas the Apostle was founded when Father James Elliott was asked by Bishop Rhoades to invite others to Christ, he told the congregation and encouraged them to invite others to share in the Eucharist with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

“He asks us to continue his saving mission on earth, to evangelize, to spread and defend the Gospel, to be His collaborators in extending the kingdom of God on earth,” Bishop Rhoades added.

“This is our mission as Catholics. This is the mission of St. Thomas Parish. It is an exciting mission and one that the Lord equips us to do, by sending us the Holy Spirit.”

He reminded them that before Jesus ascended He said, “Behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.”

St. Thomas the Apostle pastor Father Jason Freiburger, left, distributes the Eucharist with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to parishioners as they marked the 50th anniversary of the church building on May 31.

Before Father Freiburger thanked the bishop for celebrating the anniversary especially after having such a long and busy day. He also thanked everyone who played a part in the celebration.

Ascension Bishop Rhoades invited the faithful to reflect on the mandate Jesus entrusted to His apostles. To go forth and make disciples of all nations. Bishop Rhoades said that missionary mandate of Jesus before His Ascension expresses the fundamental mission of the Church, of the diocese and of every parish.

“A parish turned in upon itself is not vibrant and does not attract others to Christ,” he told the congregation and encouraged them to invite others to share in the kingdom. “I especially encourage you to reach out with love to non-practicing Catholics of your parish and to the unchurched in the Elkhart community,” the bishop said.

“May God bless you with joy and help all of us to follow His Son, whose ascension is our glory and our hope,” Bishop Rhoades concluded.

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WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Things have not gotten better in Pakistan for religious minorities. Paul Bhatti, former Minister for National Harmony and head of the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance, left the country in May 2013 to escape death threats. His brother, Shahbaz Bhatti, the first Christian Minister for Minority Affairs, was assassinated in March 2011 for criticizing Pakistan’s draconian anti-blasphemy laws. Having taken up Shahbaz’s work to fight for harmony and peaceful coexistence among all Pakistanis, Christians and Muslims alike, Paul faces great challenges as the human rights situation continues to deteriorate.

In 2013, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said, “The government of Pakistan continues to engage in and tolerate systematic, ongoing and egregious violations of freedom of religion or belief.” In a July 2013 fact sheet, it detailed 203 incidents of sectarian violence over an 18-month period that resulted in over 1,800 casualties, including 700 deaths. The great majority of these attacks were directed against Shi’a Muslims, but Ahmadis, Christians, Hindus and other religious minorities were also targeted.

In September 2013, suicide bombers set off explosives outside a church in Lahore. At least 81 were killed and over 130 injured, many of them women and children. The Pakistan Catholic Bishops’ Conference issued a statement asking their government to cooperate and those responsible for the attack, better protect all places of worship, and address the growing religious and sectarian intolerance that threatens the security of all Pakistanis. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) wrote to Secretary of State John Kerry, sharing the Pakistan bishops’ statement and asking our nation to work with Pakistan to restore the rule of law and promote tolerance in that country. Pope Francis mourned the loss of life in Pakistan, decried the “choice of hatred” and prayed that “the Virgin always help us to work for a better world, to take the path of communion, the path of peace, and never the route of destruction and war.”

That is Paul Bhatti’s mission — to forge a path of peace. But it was his brother’s effort to revise the blasphemy laws that got him killed. These laws are used with impunity to accuse someone of having insulted or defamed the Prophet Muhammad, the Quran or Islam. Like Shahbaz Bhatti, the Muslim governor of Punjab province was assassinated by his own bodyguard because he advocated for changes in the blasphemy laws. Both men had spoken in support of Asia Bibi, a Christian mother of five unjustly accused of blasphemy in 2009, convicted and sentenced to death. Bibi remains jailed pending an appeal, her family in hiding.

Ordinary Pakistani minorities live in constant fear of violence. Churches and mosques, home and businesses are burned and livelihoods destroyed. Blasphemy laws make it easy to denounce minorities, often to gain economic or personal advantage or to take revenge. Police are reluctant to register complaints by minorities. Some accused of blasphemy have been acquitted, only to be gunned down on the steps of the court.

Paul Bhatti intends to return to Pakistan. He called “on all Christians and on the West to be close to us. We need help to continue our work for peace and dialogue … following the path indicated by my brother Shahbaz.”

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Local Catholic Charities agencies around the country have long provided adoption and foster care services to the neediest children. Catholic Charities agencies often take on the most difficult placements, including older, abused children and children with disabilities and special needs. When placing children with couples, Catholic Charities makes sure that those children enjoy the advantage of having a mom and a dad who are married.

In 2006, Catholic Charities of Boston, which had been one of the nation’s oldest adoption agencies, faced a very difficult choice: violate its conscience, or close its doors. In order to be licensed by the state, Catholic Charities of Boston would have to obey state laws barring “sexual orientation discrimination.” And because marriage had been redefined in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities could not simply limit its placements to married couples. Catholic leaders asked the state legislature to change the law or face contempt of court. As a result, Catholic Charities of Boston was forced to shut down its adoption services.

Later that year, Catholic Charities in San Francisco faced a similar untenable choice and was forced to end its adoption services as well.

In Washington, D.C., Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington — which has provided support to children and families for over 80 years — had a partnership with the District of Columbia for its foster care and public adoption program. However, in 2010, a law redefining legal marriage to include two people of the same sex took effect in the District. The District of Columbia then informed Catholic Charities that it would no longer be an eligible foster care and adoption partner. Why? Because, as a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities was committed to placing children with married couples so that each child would have the experience of a mother and a father. Concerned District of Columbia residents appealed to bring the issue of marriage before voters so that they could have a voice in the debate, but the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics repeatedly denied voters’ request to put marriage on the ballot.

In 2011, Catholic Charities affiliates in Illinois closed down instead of complying with a new requirement that they could no longer receive state money if they refused to place children with persons in same-sex relationships as foster or adoptive parents. “In the name of tolerance, we’re not being tolerated,” said Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., a civil and canon lawyer who fought for Catholic Charities to retain its religious freedom in Illinois.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, several state governments have sought to trample on the conscience rights of Catholic charitable service providers. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, including the neediest children seeking adoptive and foster families.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom.
Pope remembers ‘heavy sacrifice’ of Allied forces on D-Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People must continue to recognize the sacrifice of the Allied soldiers who liberated Europe from “Nazi barbarism,” but also should not forget that the German soldiers “dragged into this drama,” Pope Francis said. The pope believes “present generations should express their full recognition to all those who made such a heavy sacrifice,” said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, in a message commemorating the June 6, 1944, invasion of Normandy. The cardinal’s D-Day message was sent to Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois of Paris and Bishop Jean Claude Boulanger of Bayeux-Lisieux, who were marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the liberation of France. The bishops blessed a commemorative binnacle, naming it after St. Edith Stein, a co-patron of Europe, who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Cardinal Parolin said Pope Francis hoped the commemoration would “remind us that excluding God from the lives of people and society cannot but bring death and suffering.”

Franciscan, only priest killed in D-Day invasion, recalled for heroism

GUETTEVILLE, France (CNS) — Franciscan Father Ignatius Maternowski was remembered for his bravery and commitment to serving soldiers in the battlefield during a ceremony in Normandy marking the 70th anniversary of the Allied-led D-Day invasion, a major turning point in World War II. Father Maternowski began his religious service as a Conventual Franciscan, before being killed in a Nazi death camp.

For one regional school district, Good Friday no longer a day off

MATTAPoisSETT, Mass. (CNS) — Despite several residents’ vocal opposition to removing Good Friday as a day off from next year’s public school calendar, Massachusetts school and union officials voted June 2 to uphold a previous decision to treat April 3, 2015, as a regular school day. Members of the joint Old Rochester Regional District School Committee and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 approved a decision reached in March. The committee sets policy for all public schools in three towns — Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. Making the day Catholics and other Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Christ a normal school day in the 2014-2015 academic calendar eradicates years of tradition that always dictated the Friday before Easter of Jesus to be a day off. “I know that everyone I spoke to who signed my petition, they’re keeping their kids home, so they’re going to find out eventually that people aren’t going to show up,” McGee told The Anchor, newspaper of the Fall River Diocese.

Advocates pressing Congress on immigration as time runs out

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Advocates for comprehensive immigration reform are reminding members of Congress that they will be held accountable at the polls if they fail before their summer recess to pass a bill that fixes the system. From protest actions in congressional offices to prayer campaigns and statements, advocates have been targeting Republican members of Congress to take up and pass an immigration reform bill that has been languishing since the Senate approved it last June. With midterm elections looming in November, it’s considered extremely unlikely that Congress will take up any significant legislation after the summer recess. In one statement, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., June 5 asked the bishops to join him in offering the “prayers, works and joys” of their upcoming general assembly “for the intention that the human dignity of all immigrants be fully respected, that they may be treated, truly, as ‘brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved,’” as Pope Francis has said. The bishops will meet in New Orleans June 10-13. He also called on political leaders to “reform our nation’s broken immigration system.”

Pope internationalizes Vatican financial watchdog agency

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis named a slate of new members to the Vatican’s financial watchdog agency, replacing an all-Italian panel with members from Italy, Switzerland, Singapore and the United States. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, also promoted Tommaso Di Ruzza, an Italian, to be the agency’s “ad interim” vice-director. A former official at the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Di Ruzza had been an assistant at the financial authority, which is directed by Rene Brulhart. The Vatican made the announcements June 5. Pope Benedict XVI established the Financial Intelligence Authority in late 2010 to monitor Vatican financial operations and ensure they met international norms against money laundering and the financing of terrorism. In November 2013, Pope Francis revised the agency’s statutes. He clarified the roles of the authority’s president, board of directors and director, and specified that it would have two separate offices: one concerned with supervision and regulation, the other with financial intelligence. New financial laws passed in October formally expanded the competence of the Financial Intelligence Authority by including the task of “preventive” vigilance, which involves ensuring the proper organization and trustworthiness of all Vatican financial operations.

Injunction stops enforcement of HHS mandate for Catholic benefits group

BALTIMORE (CNS) — A federal district court in Oklahoma issued an injunction June 4 preventing several Catholic entities from being forced to comply with the federal Department of Health and Human Services’ contraception mandate. Of the Catholic entities granted relief by the court’s action, four are based in Baltimore, three in Oklahoma, one in North Carolina and one in Kansas. The class-action suit was filed in March to protect the plaintiffs’ free exercise of religious belief by exempting them from the HHS mandate that would require them to provide coverage for free contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs, devices, sterilization and related counseling. “The administration has already effectively granted exemptions from the mandate to various employees whose plans cover more than 130 million employees. We’re simply seeking the same exemption for Catholic employers who have religious objections to the unjust requirements of the mandate,” said a June 5 statement from Archbishop Paul E. Coakley of Oklahoma City, vice president of one of the plaintiffs, the Catholic Benefits Association. The association, formed last October, has 450 Catholic employer members and 2,000 parish members. Among the members are eight archdioceses, 15 dioceses, include religious orders, local Catholic Charities and affiliates, colleges, nursing homes, cemeteries, retreat centers and medical facilities. “We formed the Catholic Benefits Association to support Catholic employers in providing quality, cost-competitive, morally compliant health care coverage for their employees. Yesterday’s decision makes this a reality,” said a June 5 statement from Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, himself a plaintiff in the case.

U.S. Army veteran lights a candle during the 70th anniversary of World War II’s D-Day

(CNS) — U.S. Army veteran Julian Oleaga, 89, lights a candle during a June 6 ceremony at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook, N.Y., marking the 70th anniversary of World War II’s D-Day landings. Oleaga participated in the seaborne invasion of France that accelerated the defeat of Nazi Germany in the war.

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Mass for the Deaf offered June 14

FORT WAYNE — A Mass for the Deaf, celebrated by Father Mike Depeik, one of 10 priests in the world who is deaf and celebrates Mass through sign language, will be celebrated Saturday, June 14, at 4 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. Fort Wayne. A light dinner will be served afterward.

‘Stand for Life’ boot camp to be held

MISHAWAKA — “Stand for Life” boot camp for high school and college-aged students will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Learn to simplify the abortion debate by focusing on the central questions, “What are the unborn?” “What makes humans valuable?” and “What is our duty to the unborn?” Participants will leave equipped to serve as a powerful voice for the unborn. Cost is $10 and includes T-shirt and pizza lunch. Scholarships available if needed, and discounts for family multiples. Register by June 18 via Facebook, prolifeinichiana.org, or call 374-232-LIFE (5433). The boot camp is sponsored by the Kloska Family and hosted by St. Joseph County Right to Life.

Notre Dame priest honored by National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations

NEW YORK (CNS) — Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully, co-founder of the University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education, or ACE, received a Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations May 10 at a ceremony on Ellis Island.

The coalition presents Medals of Honor every year to a group of American citizens “who live a life dedicated to helping others; preserve and celebrate the traditions and values of their ancestry; hold monthly Masses and arranges programs and activities related to the intellectual and religious growth of the members.

The society awarded its inaugural St. Thomas More Award in honor of those professionals that represent the principles and ideals of St. Thomas More. Attorney Tom Blee was the first recipient. “There was no debating the selection of Tom Blee,” stated Judge Craig Bobay, president of the society. “Tom Blee is the epitome of what the society believes the St. Thomas More Award should recognize.”

Blee has served on the board of Our Sunday Visitor as well as executive director of the OSV Institute, past chairman of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, 30 years on the Diocesan Finance Committee, director of the Center for Law and Justice, president of the Bishop Dwenger Board of Education and St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

In addition to Bobay, the elected officers are: Vice President — Liz Brown, Civil and Domestic Mediator; Treasurer — Thomas Nieder, Barrett and McNagny LLP; Judge Michael J. Kramer, Noble Superior Court; Chaplain — Father Mark A. Gurtner.

The Board of Governors includes: Kathleen Anderson — Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Michael Barrand — Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton and Bloom, LLP; Judge Kent W. Kiracofe — Wells Circuit Court; Scott Hall — Hall and Gooden, LLP; Judge Kent W. Kiracofe — Wells Circuit Court; Chris Nancarrow — Chief Deputy, Allen County Clerk of Courts.

Professionals interested in membership opportunities may contact Membership Chair Chris Nancarrow at cnancarr@gmail.com.

Additional information is available at the St. Thomas More Society website, www.stthomasmoresociety.org. Information on the Red Mass can be found at www.diocesefswb.org/2012/10/red-mass-2012/.

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School students Joan Becker and Brenda Cuevas holding the art and photography pieces that won silver medals at the national level of the Scholastic Art Awards.

Dave and Jan Torma, directors of the Catholic Summer Youth Camp for youths entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades, meet with parents of the 45 campers registered for the camp. The Tormas met for a parent information meeting at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, one of the sponsoring camp parishes on June 5. They were to meet parents on the South Bend side of the diocese at St. Jude Parish, another sponsoring parish, on June 12. The Torma said 18 parishes across the diocese will be represented at the camp, which will be held at Camp Mack July 20-25. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass and visit the campers on July 25. The Tormas are seeking a volunteer registered nurse to attend the camp and counselors, college age and older, to assist. Contact the Tormas at 574-291-3381 or fisherofmendjt@msn.com.

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Catholic Camp Leaders meet with parents

FORT WAYNE — Catholic leaders of northern Indiana met on May 29 for the first Annual Meeting of the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne. The organization was formed last year as a private association of lawyers, judges, law students and elected officials affiliated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, serving under the oversight of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

In addition to its continued role in preparing for and hosting the annual Red Mass, the society holds monthly Masses and arranges programs and activities related to the intellectual and religious growth of the members.

The society awarded its inaugural St. Thomas More Award in honor of those professionals that represent the principles and ideals of St. Thomas More. Attorney Tom Blee was the first recipient. “There was no debating the selection of Tom Blee,” stated Judge Craig Bobay, president of the society. “Tom Blee is the epitome of what the society believes the St. Thomas More Award should recognize.”

Blee has served on the board of Our Sunday Visitor as well as executive director of the OSV Institute, past chairman of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, 30 years on the Diocesan Finance Committee, director of the Center for Law and Justice, president of the Bishop Dwenger Board of Education and St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

In addition to Bobay, the elected officers are: Vice President — Liz Brown, Civil and Domestic Mediator; Treasurer — Thomas Nieder, Barrett and McNagny LLP; Judge Michael J. Kramer, Noble Superior Court; Chaplain — Father Mark A. Gurtner.

The Board of Governors includes: Kathleen Anderson — Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Michael Barrand — Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton and Bloom, LLP; Judge Kent W. Kiracofe — Wells Circuit Court; Scott Hall — Hall and Gooden, LLP; Judge Kent W. Kiracofe — Wells Circuit Court; Chris Nancarrow — Chief Deputy, Allen County Clerk of Courts.

Professionals interested in membership opportunities may contact Membership Chair Chris Nancarrow at cnancarr@gmail.com.

Additional information is available at the St. Thomas More Society website, www.stthomasmoresociety.org. Information on the Red Mass can be found at www.diocesefswb.org/2012/10/red-mass-2012/.
I will appoint over you shepherds

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is formally presented with the candidate, Deacon Zachary Barry, in the name of the Church at the beginning the Rite of Ordination on June 7 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

During the Litany of Supplication Zachary Barry lays prostrate on the floor of the sanctuary of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as the prayers of the saints are invoked.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prays the Prayer of Ordination over Zachary Barry.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades anoints the palms of the newly ordained Father Barry with Chrism, a consecrated and perfumed oil, the symbol of wisdom and strength.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades hands the paten and chalice to the newly-ordained Father Barry during the Handing Over of the Bread and Wine of the Rite of Ordination. The bishop says, “Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s Cross.”
Father's Day
God may be calling you to be a priest.
Call us and we'll talk.

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Zachary Barry ordained to the Priesthood Saturday, June 7, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

On June 7, 2014
In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ordained Zachary Barry in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

God may be calling you to be a priest.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Ps. 23

‘I will Appoint over you shepherds After my own Heart’ Jer. 3:15

The Barry Family gathers with newly-ordained Father Zachary Barry.
FORT WAYNE — Writing music has been child’s play for Emma MacDonald since age 7. “I was totally rotten when I was little — a brat,” she admits. “I was bouncing off the walls and kept getting put in ‘time outs.’” Finally, after her parents Dave and Jennifer had tried about everything to calm her down, her Dad got her a small, plastic keyboard. “He taught me to play one song, from ‘Sesame Street’ or something. I kept playing it over and over. Often, I would wander off from a ‘time out’ to go play the piano.” Soon she started making up stuff, Emma related, since she didn’t know how to read music, and singing to what she was playing.

Two years later, Emma resumed piano lessons since, admittely, she knew only a few chords. She found an instructor from church and they exchanged lessons for babysitting. “It’s been a total blessing,” Emma said. “She’s really helped with my songwriting and I learned to read music rather quickly this time around.”

When asked how a song comes about, she said: “Lots of times I’ll be doing the dishes, singing some song that I know. All of a sudden I’ll get that tune in my head with lyrics,” she explained. “I’ll try to sing it again to make sure it’s legit. I’ll turn off the water and run upstairs to where my piano is and record that one musical phrase. Then I’ll go finish the dishes.” Later, she’ll come back to the piano and add more music and lyrics. Emma estimates she’s written more than 100 songs and many half-written works.

“I actually, I don’t write the music first and then add lyrics,” she continued. “I do both at the same time. Often, when I’m upset … or I have some sort of inspiration … I just sit at the piano and it all comes out.” Emma estimates she averages about a song a day, usually in about 30 minutes.

Emma cited the example of when she went on a mission trip to the jungles of Costa Rica in December 2012. While there she journaled about her surrounding experiences. “When I was in Costa Rica … I sang to our new friends. Despite the fact that many of the songs were in English and they didn’t even know what I was saying, the sweet people of Costa Rica listened. They listened with their ears and with their hearts. More often than not they tried to sing along. It was a most humbling experience that truly opened my eyes to the love God bestows upon each one of us,” she concluded.

FORT WAYNE — “Deliver Us,” a song she composed, at the Allen County Right to Life rally and march in January.

South Bend-Elkhart chapter of Legatus commissioned

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The new South Bend-Elkhart chapter of Legatus was chartered on June 4 at a special Mass in St. Patrick’s Church celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A Fort Wayne chapter of Legatus was established last year.

Legatus is an international organization of Catholic lay business and professional leaders, and their spouses. The Legatus mission is to assist members to dedicate themselves to studying, living and spreading the Catholic faith in their business, professional and personal lives. Businessman Tom Monaghan was inspired to found the organization in 1987 just hours after meeting Pope John Paul II. Bishop Rhoades remarked that he was very pleased to have two chapters of Legatus chartered in the diocese within one year. Professional people are nominated for membership by their bishop or another Legatus member. New chapters may be established when there are at least 21 potential members in a diocese.

Members of Legatus chapters and their spouses meet monthly with a set program of praying the Rosary, opportunity for Reconciliation, Mass, dinner and a speaker.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades said that the readings for the day were very appropriate for the Legatus chartering. The first reading was a farewell discourse by St. Paul before he left the
Three generations of Catholic fathers

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — With Father’s Day on June 15, Today’s Catholic sought the insight of three generations of Catholic fathers in the Klauer family. The eldest and youngest of the generations interviewed, Roger F. Klauer, Roger G. Klauer and Daniel G. Klauer, provide insight into their lives, the values and teachings that have been passed down to other generations.

Today’s Catholic: What is your definition of being a father?

Roger F. Klauer: A father first and foremost loves his wife, the mother of their children. It is a devoted relationship that does not break its promise to the children. A father, along with their mother must teach their children how to listen to their internal voice of truth. That voice can come in dreams, internal impulses to do the right thing, but most frequently in the voice of conscience, which is formed through and by the values the family has learned with the help of the Church, Scripture and traditions.

Today’s Catholic: What role does/did the Church play in helping you to be a father?

Roger G. Klauer: The Church taught me the value of reconciliation, inclusivity, human dignity, value of work, value of a preferential option to those in need, the value of mysticism. A mystic is someone who takes on the fullness of a Christian life and suffers the consequences of its reality in today’s world. The Church offered the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, the name of God, I Am Who Am, as truths that if explored take you to a place that transcends yet includes reason.

Today’s Catholic: What characteristics did/do you admire in your father that helped you to be a better person and father for your children?

Daniel Klauer: I always admired the love and compassion my father showed us. He always said “I love you.” He always greeted us with a hug and a kiss no matter the venue. He always told us how proud he was. He always said the seemingly uncomfortable things that needed to be said. He encountered the awkward situations that needed to be discussed. I only hope that I have the courage, love and strength to embody this as I grow in being a father.

Today’s Catholic: Are there any family faith traditions that have been passed down to other generations?

Roger F. Klauer: The traditions that have been passed down include grace at meals. Saying the simple prayer, “Angel of God,” any time we left one place to go to another. Saying our morning offering to dedicate our day to God upon first arising in the morning and then in my travel to work offering my work up to God. Evenings praying with our children and then kneeling at my bed saying my prayer, while at the same time my wife is saying her private prayers perhaps in the same room, or downstairs in the kitchen just before putting the finishing touches on a home before it goes to sleep. We blessed our children with hugs or pats on the head or a “God be with you” as they left the house, left the car or set out with friends.

Today’s Catholic: How does society as a whole benefit from a father’s presence in their children’s lives?

Roger G. Klauer: Society as a whole loses one half of the intelligence of its child rearing capacity if there is the absence of a father. Presence, the holy energy of the loving masculine proximity is a mysterious vital ingredient in the life of a child. The core family is wonderful, but it must be remembered that the core family was an innovation made necessary by the breakdown of something even greater, the core community. The absence of a father is a significant loss if society is made up of the core family unit, which is itself deteriorating. If we loved each other enough and if we learned to love the way others seem to have been called to love, then we could be a community that raises its children when they come from fathered or fatherless families.

Today’s Catholic: Do you have a special memory of a moment/event that you shared with your father?

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Today’s Catholic: What do you feel is a definition of being a father?

Roger G. Klauer: I think that is what Legatus is all about. It helps us to recognize the greatness of our Christian vocation as it helps its members to grow in the faith and to be ambassadors of the faith. Bishop Rhoades concluded. At the end of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades presided over an induction ceremony for the new members, who declared they would, “by the grace of God,” fulfill the charge given to Legatus by Pope John Paul II: “The world needs genuine witnesses to Christian ethics in the field of business, and the Church asks you to fulfill this role publicly and with perseverance.”

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The Lord Jesus revealed the Trinity

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Parul C. Rhoades announced that he will

The concept of perinatal hospice was initiated over 30 years ago by Dr. Byron Calhoun, an obstetrician and fetal/maternal medicine specialist currently practicing in Charleston, W. Va. He urges communities to offer an alternative to the automatic decision to abort unborn babies diagnosed with fatal fetal anomalies such as trisomy 13 or 18. Dr. Calhoun, a committed Christian, believes and has demonstrated that when the inherent value of even the smallest and youngest of human lives is honored, their families benefit. Experience over the years has shown that there is improvement in the grieving process and fewer marriage breakdowns when perinatal (around the time of birth) hospice is chosen. According to perinatalhospice.org, perinatal hospice and palliative care is an innovative and compassionate approach to care for support that can be offered to parents who find out during pregnancy that their baby has a life-limiting condition. Perinatal hospice incorporates the philosophy and expertise of hospice and palliative care into the care of these very young patients. Perinatal palliative care helps parents embrace whatever life their baby might have, before and after birth. Dr. Calhoun explains that people’s unfaithfulness and sin, the mountain, for example.)

The concept of the communication of the Father to humanity came through and in Jesus of the Holy Trinity. The Sunday Gospel celebrates the Feast of the Trinity Sunday with the Three Days of Preparation. The first reading is from the Book of Exodus. It tells the story of the escape from Egyptian slavery. Moses, the great prophet who, in God’s presence, led the Hebrews in their flight from Egyptian slavery.

The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews. It is famous for the title, "The truly humble. Anyone who accepts the Son wins eternal life."

The unifying concept in hospice remains the holistic approach to the physical, emotional and spiritual support for dying patients and their families. The core belief in hospice is to offer treatment of the dying that respects their dignity and sees them as truly alive and not yet dead.

Consecration to Mary from those who experienced the journey

BY TIM JOHNSON

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oon, many of the faithful will be embarking on a spiritual jour-

ney to entrust themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Archdiocese of St. John Paul II will be offering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from June 29 to July 7, 2014.

The pilgrimage will include visits to the sites of the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Passion and the Resurrection of Our Lord. The group will also have the opportunity to visit the Holy Family's House, the Church of the Nativity, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

The pilgrimage will be led by Father Thomas J. Schmitt, S.J., who has been to Israel several times. He will be joined by Father James E. Doyle, S.J., who has also been to Israel.

The pilgrimage will conclude with a Mass at the Vatican Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on July 7.

The pilgrimage costs $4,500 per person, which includes airfare, land arrangements, meals, and admission fees. A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 is required to reserve a spot on the pilgrimage.

For more information, please contact the pilgrimage office at 212-933-1025 or visit the website at http://pilgrimage.toisrael.com.
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Hospice support begins at the time of diagnosis, not just after the baby is born. It can be thought of as “hospice in the womb” (including birth planning and preliminary medical decision-making before the baby is born) as well as more traditional hospice and palliative care at home after birth (if the baby lives longer than a few minutes or hours). Palliative care can also include choosing medical treatments intended to improve the decision-making before and after birth and assisting families through their grief. Perinatal hospice also enables families to make meaningful plans for the baby’s life, birth and death, honoring the baby as well as the baby’s family. As Catholics, we know the inestimable value that conferring the sacraments of Baptism and anointing would gain for such a child.

Perinatal hospice is not a place; it is a frame of mind that can easily be incorporated into standard pregnancy and birth care. Ideally, hospice care is provided by a comprehensive multidisciplinary team that can include obstetricians, peri-natologists, labor and delivery nurses, neonatologists, neonatal intensive care unit staff, chaplains and social workers as well as genetic counselors, midwives, traditional hospice professionals and others. Perinatal hospice is a beautiful and practical response to one of the most heartbreaking challenges of early prenatal diagnoses.

Local medical professionals with perinatal hospice experience have an interest in establishing this service in Fort Wayne. Since no charges are made for perinatal hospice care, our community must develop a source of funding to make local perinatal hospice a reality so that attending nurses and social workers can be paid.

Ideally, a local perinatal hospice operating under an umbrella nonprofit corporation, will be available at each local medical facility that delivers babies. Several of us are exploring these possibilities and welcome any suggestions, business experience, prayer and financial support that would allow us to bring this to fruition. If you have questions or an interest in helping establish a local perinatal hospice, please contact me.

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CYO Panthers crowned soccer champions

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent Panthers were crowned this year’s girls’ Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer champions. The eighth-grade squad defeated the defending champs, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 4-1, for the 2014 title after a 7-1 regular season finish.

The winning roster, 14-strong, had a good mix of brand new players and experienced club players with the core unit being coached by Pete Schenkel and Joe Kumfer for the past four years. They also won a CYO title as sixth graders.

Schenkel, the head coach, cited goalie, Josie Ray, as a key position, “Josie did a great job only allowing five goals the whole season.” Also crucial to St. Vincent’s success, were top scorers Brooke Kumfer, Ava Kennedy, Victoria Cooper and assist leader Lily Schenkel.

The Panthers’ lone loss came at the hands of St. Charles early in the season. The loss motivated the team and was a turning point. “Once we got a line up squared away, there was no chance of stopping us,” Schenkel summarized.

The Panthers avenged the loss to St. Charles in the semifinals of the tournament and finished an impressive 10-1 overall.

The St. Vincent de Paul CYO girls’ soccer team won the league championship. The team consists of Ava Kennedy, Erin Tippmann, Victoria Cooper, Brooke Kumfer, Lily Schenkel, Allie Strzelecki, Winnie O’Brien, Madeline Parent, Morgan Bair, Vanessa Wilson, Josie Ray, Lucy Backstrom, Emary Koehl and Allie O’Daniel. Pete Schenkel and Joe Kumfer coached the team.

In life and sports, aim to win, have fun, don’t hog the ball, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis urged athletes to live life the same way they play sports: Don’t hog the ball, don’t fall back on offense and make sure to keep it fun.

He also called on policymakers and communities to guarantee all kids have access to sports, education and jobs early in life, “and I guarantee that there will be no addictions to drugs, alcohol and many other vices.”

The pope made his comments during a gathering in St. Peter’s Square June 7 with tens of thousands of children, young adults, coaches and athletes to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Italian Sports Center, the Catholic Action’s sports association in Italy.

The square had been turned into a “sports village” with make-shift basketball and volleyball courts, mini-soccer fields and gymnastic equipment.

The pope told participants to make sure sports always stayed fun.

“Only if it stays a game does it do the body and spirit good,” he said.

He urged athletes to approach life the same way they approach sports by “putting yourself in the game on a quest for the good, in the Church and in society, without fear, with courage and enthusiasm,” he said.

He warned against “individualism” and just playing or living for oneself.

The pope, an avid soccer fan, said nobody likes to see a player who “hogs the ball.”

“Don’t hog the ball, play as a team,” he said.

The pope thanked the organizers for bringing the square together.

“Put yourself in the game with enthusiasm,” he said.

He urged athletes to approach life the same way they play sports: “Don’t hog the ball, play as a team, run goals, make goals, but — and this is very important — better yet, give priority to ‘team’.”

As your captain, I’m going to push you to not fall back on offense, but to play offense, and to play our match — the Gospel, pope says

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne claimed a baseball regional title beating Yorktown, 11-7, in the championship game. The Saints will face No. 1 Andrean in Plymouth Saturday, June 14, at the Class 3-A semistate. The team’s mantra this season has been, “It’s time.” Bishop Dwenger’s last regional title was 1991. — Michelle Castleman
What’s Happening?

Central Catholic alumni to gather
Fort Wayne — An all alumni reunion will be Saturday, June 28, at 4 p.m. at the Classic Cafe Catering and Event Center. Buffet dinner and cash bar. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 due by June 20. Call 260-485-0290 for information.

Reunion planned
South Bend — As part of the 60th birthday celebration, Saint Joseph High School will have a reunion of former faculty, staff and administrators the weekend of July 11-12. For information contact Henry Chandler at 574-234-2094, ext. 547 or e-mail hchandler@saintjohuichigh.com.

Corpus Christi Procession planned
Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a Corpus Christi procession immediately following the Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m. Mass. Process with the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction in front of the church before 1 p.m. Adoration will continue in the church until 5 p.m. The day will conclude with Vespers and Benediction.

Summer camp registrations begin
South Bend — Registration for Saint Joseph High School Summer Camps is available at saintjohuichigh.com. Camps run June 16-July 10 and include athletics and fine arts classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Knights to host bus to ballpark
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will host a bus trip to Chicago for the Chicago Cubs vs. the L.A. Dodgers baseball game on Friday, Sept. 19. Cost is $50 per person. Adults only. Bus leaves St. Pius X Church at 10 a.m. For tickets call 574-272-1565.

Christ Child Society annual garage and bake sale to benefit children in need
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will hold its annual garage and bake sale Thursday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State St. All proceeds will be used to fund programs to improve the lives of local children in need.

40 Hours devotion
Warsaw — Sacred Heart Parish will host a 40 hours devotion Friday, June 20, at 9 p.m. to Sunday, June 22, at 4 p.m. with closing Benediction. Dinner will follow at 5 p.m. Call 574-267-5842 for information.

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Refugee resettlement program grateful for community support

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Imagine traveling across the globe to escape persecution and resettling in a foreign land with nothing but a couple of articles of clothing, a pair of sandals and a personal documentation packet. That, says Nyein Chan, director of Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program, is how over 70,000 refugees from Myanmar (Burma) and other countries enter the U.S. each year. “There is something to be said for leaving home, family, loved ones, friends and possessions,” says Nyein Chan.

Upon arrival in the U.S. there are immediate and basic needs to be met for the refugees. The Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program in Fort Wayne works diligently to meet those basic needs, and collaboration with the community, Nyein Chan stresses, is essential to the success of the program. “Many of the refugees are women and children who spend many years in the refugee camp. The resettlement program is the only hope for them to stay in a permanent home, reunited with their family, and be able to send their children to school again,” says Nyein Chan.

Community assistance with these basic needs is always welcomed, says Lisa Young, assistant director of Catholic Charities. Cash donations as well as personal items such as shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, dish soap and cleaning products, bed linens and blankets, bath and kitchen towels, kitchen utensils, and pots and pans — would benefit newly arrived refugees as they settle in housing in Fort Wayne.

But, says Nyein Chan, the refugees’ need goes beyond the scope of basic survival donations to encompass employment and communication skills as well. “Besides donations, we are in need of volunteers,” says Nyein Chan.

Young agrees saying, “When we have people who are willing to provide their time, and/or talents and treasure to help serve others, they are becoming a part of a greater picture of providing hope to those in need.”

Of the current volunteer staff at Catholic Charities a group of three octogenarians have driven from Ohio for the past six years to assist the caseworkers with welcome packages designed specifically for each refugee family member arriving in Fort Wayne. “They get a list prior to their (refugee family) arrival. So they get donations and gather sizes to fit the family members. It’s like preparing a care package. It’s very helpful,” says Nyein Chan. But he says, there is a greater need for “someone to teach English as a second language, so clients can communicate.”

Employment readiness is an essential program for those settling in the Summit City and learning the language as well as the nuances of the American culture is crucial to their successful integration. And though many refugees consider employment their first priority, Nyein Chan understands better the challenges and frustration a language barrier creates. “They worry about who will pay the rent and buy food, so employment is a priority,” says Nyein Chan, adding, “But when you look at the language barrier — they need to learn the language for the long term.”

To assist with the initial challenges these refugees experience, Father Peter Dee De, parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Catholic Charities board member, actively works with the refugees providing transportation and language interpretation at medical and other appointments. He says, “I am involved when they arrive. I help with reading letters for employment, and rides and helping with English.” Father Dee De encourages volunteers to consider assisting refugees on the weekends in their homes and also reports there is a need for toy donations for the children.

Another aspect of resettlement concerns the school-aged children. Catholic Charities provides an after school program for refugee students in need of homework assistance at Autumn Woods Apartments and volunteers are always needed. English as a second language classes are also taught at this site to prepare the refugees for citizenship. There are ample opportunities at Catholic Charities in which the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend can offer the charity of Christ with their time, talent and treasure. In addition to donations, volunteers can offer their time to assist with welcome/care package preparation, setting up refugee apartments, teaching basic English, homework assistance and more.

Gloria Whitcraft, executive director of Catholic Charities says, “At Catholic Charities we are dedicated to service to the most vulnerable. There is no more vulnerable a group of human beings than those seeking refuge from unspeakable trauma, tragedy and persecution. At times, their circumstances and our commitment to them is misunderstood. Overall, however, we are blessed to have the support of compassionate volunteers, devoted staff and faithful community partners.”

World Refugee Day is celebrated June 20. In Fort Wayne Refugee Services of Catholic Charities will host a celebration at the Archbishop Noll Center that will include light refreshments, native costumes, dances, and foods.

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