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St. Mary, Mother of God, parishioners connect with their history

BY MARK WEBER



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi at St. Mary, Mother of God Church in downtown Fort Wayne on June 22. At the Mass he blessed a tabernacle that was restored with salvaged pieces from the church that was destroyed by fire in 1993.

FORT WAYNE — Parishioners at St. Mary, “Mother of God,” recaptured a bit of their history on June 22. Celebrating Mass on the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades reminded the parishioners that Mother of God is part of the historical downtown Fort Wayne’s church’s title and blessed a restored tabernacle with parts that were salvaged from a 1993 fire that destroyed the old church.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades explained that he had received a letter from Father Phillip Widmann requesting that the parish and church title be “Mary, Mother of God” (“Muttergottes” in German). In his research, Bishop Rhoades discovered that Bishop John M. D’Arcy kept the same title and dedicated the new church to “Mary, the Mother of God.”

“So I let Father Widmann know that this ‘is’ officially the title of your church and parish,” Bishop Rhoades said. “The parish feast day, therefore, is Jan. 1, the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.”

“This is the most ancient title of Our Lady, a title confirmed by the Council of Ephesus in the year 451,” Bishop Rhoades said. “This title was an affirmation by the Church not only of Mary’s identity, but also a defense of the truth about the identity of Christ as God, that He is the Son of God, one Divine Person, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, with two natures, human and divine. Since Jesus is truly God from God and consubstantial with the Father, as we profess in the Nicene Creed, His mother is rightly called the Mother of God.”

Bishop Rhoades recalled how St. John Paul II called Mary the “Woman of the Eucharist.”

“It is great to be with you today on this beautiful

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Diocesan vocations get a boost from Msgr. Galic

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — When Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades recently asked Msgr. Bernard Galic how he felt about giving up the vocation work, Msgr. Galic said, “I won’t miss the work one bit, but what I will miss is my close association with seminarians.”

Bishop Rhoades told *Today’s Catholic*, “Msgr. Galic has served with great dedication for many years as our diocesan Director of Vocations. I am immensely grateful for his promotion of priestly vocations as well as his wise guidance of our seminarians. Most importantly, I am grateful for Msgr. Galic’s example of prayerfulness, joy and goodness as a priest. He has helped



MSGR. BERNARD GALIC

in the formation of dozens of our priests who are also deeply grateful to him.”

“Twenty years-plus on the job is a long time to be a part of the life and formation of the seminarians, and I’ve grown to love it,” Msgr. Galic said.

And those seminarians who have been guided by Msgr. Galic through the process quickly return their admiration for

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MASS FOR DEAF CELEBRATED



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Father Mike Depcik, one of 10 priests in the world who is deaf and celebrates Mass through sign language, celebrates Mass through sign language on Saturday, June 14, in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

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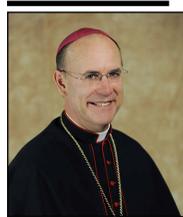
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The Princes of the Apostles and the Pillars of the Church



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Saints Peter and Paul, the Princes of the Apostles and the Pillars of the Church. We remember their faith, the faith that has come down to us, the Church's unchanging faith in the one Simon Peter confessed to be "the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Peter was the first to profess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Paul spread this profession to the Gentiles, throughout the Greek and Roman world. The Church first received the faith through the preaching of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Both ended their missionary lives in Rome, the center of the empire, where they poured out their blood for the faith. On June 29th, we remember their martyrdom. Consumed by love for Christ and His Gospel, Peter and Paul fulfilled their apostolic mission and made the field of the Church fertile with their blood.

The lives of Saints Peter and Paul show us the great power of God's grace. As human beings conscious of our own weaknesses, we can identify with their failings. Peter had denied Jesus three times. Paul had persecuted Jesus by persecuting His Church. Both experienced, by God's grace, a deep conversion to the Lord.

Peter repented and wept bitterly for his sin of denial. The Holy Spirit strengthened him to declare to Jesus three times that he loved Him. Jesus then gave him the mandate to tend His sheep. Jesus gave Peter the primacy as the Rock of His Church.

Paul's conversion is well-known. On the road to Damascus, Jesus called him and radically transformed him. The persecutor of the newborn Church became the tireless Apostle of the Gentiles. God gave him the grace of belief in the mystery of the redemption accomplished in Christ.

Saints Peter and Paul teach us the power of conversion and are models for us of trust in divine grace. The Lord delivered them both from their sins. And He delivers us when we turn to Him for forgiveness.

As apostles, Peter and Paul faced many difficulties and a lot of suffering. They faced these hardships with trust in God and His love. Their trust wasn't focused on themselves or based on their own resources, but on the grace of the Lord who gave them courage in their mission. Saint Paul wrote to Timothy: *The Lord stood by me and gave me strength.* This must be our conviction as well. Saints Peter and Paul teach us to trust that the Lord stands by us and gives us strength in our daily lives of faith. This is especially important to realize when we face difficulties and trials in our lives.

On July 13th, we will begin our 33 days of spiritual preparation for the Marian consecration on August 15th. Reflecting on the faith of Saints Peter and Paul, we are also



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A Peruvian relief sculpture depicts Sts. Peter and Paul. The Catholic Church commemorates the martyrdoms of both apostles with a June 29 feast.

reminded of the faith of the Queen of the Apostles. The faith of the princes of the apostles, confirmed by their martyrdom, is the same faith as that of Mary, the Mother of the Church. This is the same faith we proclaim, profess, and strive to live. The Marian consecration is a means that the Church recommends to deepen our faith in Jesus, the Savior of the world.

I conclude this column with words from the Preface of this Sunday's feast:

Lord, by your providence the blessed Apostles bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul its outstanding preacher; Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call... each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us!



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

• Sunday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. — TV Mass at WNDU, Notre Dame

ACE study concludes junior-senior high school not feasible at this time

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has accepted a recommendation by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Consulting feasibility study to forgo a new junior-senior Catholic high school in the central part of the diocese.

In an executive summary, it was noted, "it is the point of view of ACE Consulting that the central region of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend does not currently possess the density of population and some of the essential attributes necessary to establish a new 7-12 Catholic school that operates on a traditional model."

The report added, "We do not, however, believe that such an opportunity is permanently inaccessible."

Bishop Rhoades told *Today's Catholic*, "I am grateful to all who participated in the feasibility study. While I had hoped that the proposed Catholic junior-senior high school in the central area of our diocese would be feasible, I think that the recommendations arising from the study will be very helpful for the future."

Bishop Rhoades added, "I think there must be more efforts to reach out to the large number of Hispanic families in the area with school-age children about the opportunities of Catholic education."

Bishop Rhoades had requested that ACE Consulting, based at the University of Notre Dame, provide recommendations as to the feasibility of opening a junior-senior high school in the greater Warsaw or Goshen area. ACE conducted the study between August 2013 and March 2014.

"The parish and school families provided considerable breadth and depth to the feasibility study," said Holy Cross Father Thomas Doyle, who led the study for ACE Consulting. "Families with students in Catholic schools as well as families without children in Catholic schools generously participated in focus groups that explored their perceptions, experience and priorities for Catholic education."

In addition, Father Doyle said more than 300 families responded to a comprehensive on-line survey. "The families were passionate about Catholic education and both their spoken and written contributions were honest, insightful, sober and hope-filled," he said.

"Our interviews and focus groups revealed a number of parents and community leaders who are true champions of Catholic education," Father Doyle said. "The presence of these kinds of leaders will serve to galvanize the community and necessary support when there exists a sufficient number of families and students who are willing to capitalize on the extraordinary education and opportunities provided by a Catholic

education."

"The pastors interviewed from the 12 parishes in the region are deeply committed to Catholic education," Father Doyle said. "They expressed consistent willingness to ensure that families have access to excellent Catholic education."

Father Doyle said the parishes with Catholic schools are providing substantial financial support to their schools and making them affordable and accessible to private paying as well as school voucher paying families.

Father Doyle also noted the Catholic school principals are ensuring that their schools are providing an excellent education for students, and the parents at Catholic schools are pleased with the education that their children are receiving. Principals are actively encouraging and recruiting students and families into their schools.

The report noted, "However, all of the pastors expressed skepticism about the likelihood of their parish providing financial support to the school. A review of the parish income statements by ACE Consulting confirms that, for the most part, the parishes' annual operating budgets did not produce material surpluses of net income."

The principals and the pastors identified the two most significant challenges for a new school were location and cost.

The public high schools in the central part of the diocese have their own strong and separate identity.

The report said, "Some interviewees admitted that, even if a Catholic high school were nearby, choosing not to be a part of the local public high school, particularly with regard to sports and extracurricular activities, would be a difficult decision to make."

The traditional small Catholic high school, the report said, serves grades 9-12 and operates at a scale of efficiency when it enrolls approximately 100 to 125 students per class, for a total of 450 students. The report said a school serving grades 7-12 "tends to be most efficient and effective with an enrollment of 500-700 students."

ACE Consulting's "best estimate suggest that a new school located in the central part of the diocese will initially yield approximately 40-65 students per class."

Father Doyle said the low population density and wide geographical dispersion added the expense and travel time of student transportation. Busing students for regular school hours as well as for after

school activities was calculated as part of the feasibility.

"The most vibrant Catholic schools provide an educational environment with a robust Catholic culture and strong curriculum in a learning community that prepares graduates to live and lead in a nation marked by significant diversity," Father Doyle said. "School choice vouchers help to ensure access and economic diversity in our Catholic schools."

"Trends of families utilizing the school vouchers were calculated in the feasibility study," Father Doyle said. "One of the best predictors of attendance in Catholic middle and high school is enrollment in Catholic primary school and participation in parish religious education. Currently some of the parish schools have capacity for additional students, which suggests that both private paying and voucher paying families are not yet taking full advantage of the excellent Catholic schools in the diocese."

"As the current Catholic schools fill their classes with private paying and school voucher paying students, it will reveal the readiness of the region for a Catholic middle and high school," Father Doyle added. "Additionally, continued and expanded vibrancy in parish religious education will serve as natural feeders to a Catholic middle and high school."

"Even with the benefit of school choice vouchers and transportation, it did not appear that, at this time, sufficient numbers of students would enroll to create the appropriate social context and economic scale for an excellent Catholic middle and high school," Father Doyle said.

"The conclusion of our feasibility study was that the central region of the diocese was not yet positioned for a Catholic middle and high school," Father Doyle said, but offered, "There were a number of factors that suggest a thriving Catholic middle and high school could be established in the not-too-distant future."

He concluded, "Ultimately, when a critical mass of parents make the faith-filled decision and sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education, a Catholic middle and high school will rise and provide the community, and generations of students, the extraordinary benefits of Catholic education."

Father Doyle said, "Our study suggests that it is not feasible at this time, but it is a real possibility within the community's reach."



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Pope Francis uses incense as he celebrates a Mass attended by 250,000 people in Sibari, in Italy's Calabria region, June 21. During his homily, the pope said "mafiosi" are not in communion with God and are excommunicated. The Calabria region is home of the 'Ndrangheta crime organization, known for drug trafficking.

Pope condemns mafia, says members are excommunicated

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In the stronghold of an Italian crime syndicate believed to be richer and more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia, Pope Francis said, "Those who follow the path of evil, like the mafiosi do, are not in communion with God; they are excommunicated!"

During a Mass June 21 in the southern region of Calabria, Pope Francis made clear that even if the mob families continue to go to Mass and decorate their homes and hideouts with religious pictures, they have cut themselves off from communion with the Church and with God.

"When instead of adoring the Lord, one substitutes the adoration of money, one opens the path to sin, personal interests and exploitation," Pope Francis said to applause from an estimated 250,000 people gathered in a field near the town of Sibari. "When one does not adore the Lord God, one becomes an adorer of evil, like those who live lives of crime and violence."

"Your land, which is so beautiful, knows the signs and consequences of this sin. This is what the 'Ndrangheta is: the adoration of evil and contempt for the common good," Pope Francis said. The 'Ndrangheta is a crime syndicate based in Calabria.

The pope began his nine-hour visit to the Diocese of Cassano allo Ionio meeting prisoners at the Rosetta Sisca jail in Castrovillari. At the jail, he met the father and grandmothers of Nicola Campolongo, a 3-year-old killed with his grandfather in January. The boy's parents, and several other relatives, are in jail on drug trafficking charges. Italian police said it appeared the boy was caught in the crossfire between rival clans over a drug deal.

In a speech to all the detainees and staff, Pope Francis called for prisons to offer programs aimed at rehabilitation: "When this objective is overlooked, the penalty becomes an instrument only of punishment and social retaliation, which damag-

es both the individual and society."

The pope also told the prisoners to use their time in prison to think about the impact of their crimes on their families, society and their relationship with God.

"The Lord is a master at rehabilitation," the pope said. "He takes us by the hand and brings us back into the social community. The Lord always forgives, always accompanies, always understands; it is up to us to let ourselves be understood, forgiven and accompanied."

Before leaving, Pope Francis made his usual request for prayers, then added: "Because I, too, have done wrong and I, too, must repent."

The pope also visited a hospice for the terminally ill, where a doctor removed a small splinter from one of his fingers, according to Vatican Radio.

Although he did not give a formal speech at the facility, Italian news media quoted him as telling the staff, patients and their family members that holding and caressing someone are the best uses of one's hands. "Sickness is awful, but hands are powerful," he said. Through people's hands, "the caress from God's hands touches the depths of one's being."

Before having lunch with a group of poor families assisted by the diocesan Caritas and with participants in an addiction-recovery program, Pope Francis stopped in the diocesan cathedral for a meeting with priests.

The pope handed out copies of his prepared text, the Vatican said, and spent an hour personally greeting each priest and listening and responding to their questions.

In his prepared text, the pope urged them to remember "the joy of being priests," of being called by the Lord "to follow Him and be with Him in order to go out to others, sharing Him, His word and His forgiveness."

Priests, he said, must be "open, generous channels through which His love and grace flow," and not "screens" where the priest is the star who blocks access to God.

Bishops focus on religious liberty, election document, synod

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — During their June 11-13 spring general assembly in New Orleans, the nation's Catholic bishops voted to extend their Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty and to approve work on a limited revision of their quadrennial document aimed at guiding Catholics in election decisions.

They also were urged to promote and support Catholic families by paying close attention to the upcoming synod on the family at the Vatican and to promote the World Meeting of Families next year in Philadelphia.

The bishops heard about the progress made and the work that still needs to be done on efforts to protect children from sexual abuse. They received a report about their aid to typhoon victims in the Philippines and were advised about the work being done to make sure religious educational materials conform to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The public sessions of the meetings took place June 11 and the morning of June 12 before the bishops went into executive session.

"It is always a great joy for us to be together," Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, told the bishops at the start of their meeting. There is "unity and strength from the Holy Spirit when you gather as one Church," he added.

The nuncio emphasized the need to be in solidarity not only with each other but also with Catholic leaders and the faith community in the Iraqi city of Mosul, where Christians



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, La., smiles amid fellow bishops June 12, the second day of the annual spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in New Orleans.

were among the hundreds of thousands of people who began fleeing June 9 after Islamist forces took over much of the city.

"We join with them in solidarity and hope that the international community will not remain insensitive" to the attacks, he said.

Prior to the vote on a three-year extension of the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, its chairman, compared the body's work to the "humble beginnings of the pro-life movement."

The ad hoc committee was formed in 2011 and the "need for its sustained work is at least as great as when it started," he told the bishops.

Several bishops said they appreciated the materials the committee provided them and their dioceses and felt the work was important.

Another item the bishops unanimously approved was a limited

revision of the 2007 statement "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" and the draft of a new introductory note for it. The revision and draft will be presented for a vote by the U.S. bishops at their annual fall assembly in November.

The document has been issued before every presidential election for almost four decades.

A note in the current introduction, revised in 2011, clarifies that the document "does not offer a voters' guide, scorecard of issues or direction on how to vote," but instead "applies Catholic moral principles to a range of important issues and warns against misguided appeals to 'conscience' to ignore fundamental moral claims, to reduce Catholic moral concerns to one or two matters, or to justify choices simply to advance partisan, ideological or personal interests."

The bishops also voted to per-

mit the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations to seek a renewed recognition, or approval, from the Vatican for the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States. Vatican approval to the text would be for another five-year term.

The bishops, by applause, showed their support of a letter to be sent from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to Pope Francis, inviting him to attend the World Meeting of Families next September in Philadelphia.

Read at the meeting by Archbishop Kurtz, the letter said the pope's presence would "add significance" to the gathering and "deepen the bonds of affection" many Catholics feel for the Holy Father.

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, said the Philadelphia gathering was a key factor in promoting family life, which he said is currently in crisis.

"The family today is living out a paradox," he told the bishops. "On the one hand, great value is given to the bonds of family, everywhere in the world" but he also noted that today's families are weakened and often "lose their way."

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput told the U.S. bishops the 2015 gathering "comes at a time when the Church in the United States urgently needs an opportunity for joy and renewal. It's also a time of great confusion about the nature of marriage and the family."

"Our goal is to exclude no one from the excitement of this meeting. Our goal is to offer the beauty of Catholic teaching about marriage and the family with confidence and a spirit of invitation to every person of good will," he said. "That's the heart of our theme: 'Love is our mission; the family fully alive.'"

Archbishop Kurtz spoke about the upcoming extraordinary synod on the family at the Vatican, noting that it will take its cue from responses given in surveys of Catholic families worldwide. He said while the responses remain confidential, one trend they indicate is Catholics' eagerness to respond to questions about family life; many have expressed a desire to hear a clearer explanation of Church teaching about marriage and families.

He also said many parents indicated that they are "at a loss" for how to transmit the faith to their children and they also face challenges from today's economy, busy

schedules and from living in a culture that they've described as being "hostile" to their faith.

The synod will bring together presidents of bishops' conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic churches and the heads of Vatican offices to discuss "pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization."

In his presentation June 11, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, noted that the redefinition of marriage is not only occurring at the state level but federally.

He urged the bishops to move forward recalling the words of Pope Francis: "Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment."

A report by the bishops' national advisory council called the bishops' effort to defend marriage "an urgent priority."

The report emphasized an agreement with issues on the bishops' agenda for the spring meeting and also urged the bishops to develop materials to help dioceses address "how it cares for those in pain" and alienated from the Church.

The group asked the bishops to continue to review the federal government's Common Core State Standards initiative and to consider more diocesan programs to help men to get more involved in the Church.

At the opening Mass June 11 at St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Kurtz urged his fellow bishops to encourage Catholics, society at large and each other. He also thanked New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond for the "truly warm New Orleans welcome."

On June 12, the bishops heard from Helen Alvare, law professor at George Mason University Law School in Arlington, Virginia, who spoke about the link between New Evangelization and poverty; and Brad Wilcox, associate professor of sociology and director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, spoke about marriage and the economy.

Alvare urged bishops to continually bring Jesus to those they minister to and to act as He did, making time for people and having personal interaction with them.

Wilcox, citing numerous studies, spoke of the erosion of marriage in society and its negative impact on children. He urged the bishops to articulate with Catholics the benefits of an "intact marriage" but also to "stand in solidarity with couples in crisis."

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Why we need a Health Care Conscience Rights Act

The right of religious liberty, the First Freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Especially since 1973, when abortion became legal nationwide, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate their conscience.

But the need to improve current laws is clear, because the right of conscience is still under attack:

- Under the new health care reform law, the federal government is demanding that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and a wide range of drugs and devices to prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Even individuals and organizations with a religious objection to abortion, sterilization or other procedures are forced to take part.

- A Catholic agency that for years had provided excellent service lost its federal grant to serve the victims of human trafficking, because it could not, in conscience, comply with a new requirement to facilitate abortions and other morally objectionable procedures for its clients.

- Dedicated health care professionals, especially nurses, still face pressure to assist in abortions under threat of losing their jobs or their eligibility for training programs.

- In some states, government officials are seeking to force even Catholic hospitals to allow abortions or provide abortion coverage in order to continue or expand their ministry.

This is why members of Congress of both parties sponsored the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204). The Act would improve federal law in three ways:

1. Correcting loopholes and other deficiencies in the major federal law preventing governmental discrimination against health care providers that do not help provide or pay for abortions.

2. Inserting a conscience clause into the health care reform law, so its mandates for particular "benefits" in private health plans will not be used to force insurers, employers and individuals to violate their consciences or give up their health insurance.

3. Adding a "private right of action" to existing federal conscience laws, so those whose consciences are being violated can go to court to defend their rights. (Current enforcement is chiefly at the discretion of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is itself sponsoring some attacks on conscience rights.)

All House and Senate members should be urged to support and co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, so our First Freedom can regain its proper place as a fundamental right protected in our health care system. For more details, visit www.usccb.org/conscience.

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

Text the word "Freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Also, please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for more information on how you can take action to protect religious liberty.

Discrimination against Christian students on campus

In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law (UC Hastings) had never denied student organization status to any group. That is, until the law school decided in 2004 to strip the campus chapter of the Christian Legal Society (CLS) of recognition.

The UC Hastings student CLS chapter welcomed all members of the university community to participate in its activities but required its officers and voting members — who spoke on its behalf, voted on its policies and programs, and led its Bible studies — to share and abide by the group's core beliefs. These beliefs included being Christian and abstaining from sexual activity outside of marriage. UC Hastings decided at the beginning of the 2004 school year that CLS's voting membership and office-holder requirements violated the religion and "sexual orientation" provisions of its Policy on Nondiscrimination. UC Hastings then denied CLS "Registered Student Organization" (RSO) status.

That same year, approximately 60 RSOs — organized around diverse interests in politics, religion, culture, race, ethnicity and human sexuality — existed on campus. However, the CLS student chapter became the only group ever denied RSO status at UC Hastings.

CLS then sued, claiming that UC Hastings violated its constitutionally protected rights of free speech, expressive association, free exercise of religion and equal protection of the laws. Unfortunately, CLS was denied relief by the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, because of the specific nature of the policy at UC Hastings, which allegedly required student groups to accept all students, regardless of their status or beliefs. The Court concluded that public universities may override a religious student group's right to determine its leadership only if it denies that right to all student groups.

The decision in *CLS v. Martinez*, 561 U.S. — (2010) could have a damaging effect on the religious liberty of all students attending public colleges and universities. The decision puts many other student groups across the country at risk and leaves room for absurd scenarios, such as requiring CLS to allow atheists to lead its Bible studies. Recently, a similar policy at private Vanderbilt University forced the school's Catholic student group off campus because Vanderbilt Catholic requires that its leaders be Catholic (although it allows anyone to be a member of the group).

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, such extreme "nondiscrimination" policies deprive students of the right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the rosary at home. It includes our ability to gather with other members of our faith outside of church and reinforce our beliefs within a group setting. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans, including students on campus, suffer.

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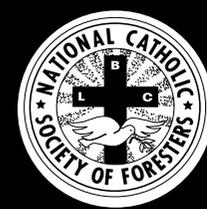
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the retiring vocation director, who is also the pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. Seminarian Bob Garrow, who will enter third-year theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. in the fall, said, "Msgr. Galic, was great to work with when going through the process of discernment. He has a way about him that puts one at ease. His kind words and helpful advice, which assist a man to grow in holiness, are attributes I will miss."

"He always gave practical words of wisdom regarding what the Priesthood is and what it demands," Seminarian Garrow added.

Recently ordained Deacon Jonathan Norton said, "Msgr. Galic is very patient and great at calming 'stormy seas' of vocational discernment. I met with him once during my senior year about applying for the seminary. I decided against applying but a few years later when I revisited the issue he was ready to pick up right where we left off. Again, when Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy asked me to take two years to grow in my spiritual life before going to seminary, Msgr. Galic was there to mentor me through those two years. He is a wonderful priest who radiates the priestly identity of fatherhood."

Recently ordained Father Zachary Barry, parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, said, "Msgr. Galic was a great guide in discernment from the first time I met him during my senior year of high school. His great knowledge of all the ins and outs of seminary and his calm and straightforward manner of explanation helped to keep me on track and focused in the right direction. I have learned much from his priestly wisdom and example and am very thankful for all the help and support he has given to me during my years in seminary."

With the ordination of Father Zachary Barry to the Priesthood on June 7, Msgr. Galic can claim 24 priests ordained since he became vocation director. Looking ahead, if all the men in seminary persevere, "we're going to ordain 13 more men in the coming three years," Msgr. Galic noted.

Msgr. Galic recounted, "I know God is blessing our diocese when I look at the figures. Twenty years ago we had eight seminarians. This fall we will have 38. That's quite a change."

He attributes this change to prayer and God's graces at work in the diocese. He also thinks the presence of happy priests is a boost. "I think every happy priest is a vocation recruiter, and all you have to do is look where our seminarians are coming from and you'll see that borne out," he noted. "They are coming from parishes where their priests exhibit love for the Priesthood."

One of those parishes is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort

Wayne. Father James Shafer, pastor there, said, "Monsignor has been very helpful to me during times I have been meeting with the seminarians from our parish. Then when it came time to make application to the diocese and seminary, he was extremely helpful to them. More than a few times, they have commented about his gentle spirit and good wisdom. He has been very encouraging with our young men."

Msgr. Galic also attributes the growth in the numbers of seminarians to the tremendous influence St. John Paul II had on young people. "I believe in his continued intercession for vocations," Msgr. Galic added. "And I think it is due in no small part to Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy and his intercession on behalf of the diocese before God's throne, because he always had a very keen interest in vocations."

Ordained in 1970, Msgr. Galic loves the Priesthood. "When I meet someone who is interested in the possibility of Priesthood in his future, I'm excited to talk about Priesthood with him. That's one of the joys of being a vocation director. I get to hear their stories and nurture their interest and encourage them when I believe they are good candidates."

Msgr. Galic's interest in the Priesthood reaches back to his childhood. Reading *Maryknoll* magazine, he wanted to be a missionary priest in Africa teaching the faith "to savages."

He entered a religious missionary order with African missions, but was assigned to teach in a seminary high school for 10 years. He likes to say, "I taught the faith to 'savages,' but in a classroom."

Msgr. Galic was incardinated as a diocesan priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1981.

"My model for the Priesthood as a kid was the old Monsignor we had for a pastor. He was a most caring man," Msgr. Galic said. "He taught CCD classes of the high school students. I had him as a religion instructor for four years. All of us admired that man."

"He was my idea of what I wanted to be when I grew up — my inspiration to apply to the seminary," he said. "He personally drove me ... to the seminary when I entered in 1959."

Msgr. Galic added, "I am delighted with the bishop's choice of Father Andrew Budzinski to follow me in this office."

He has known Father Budzinski since he was a child at Holy Family Parish and grade school while Msgr. Galic was pastor there. Msgr. Galic suspected that Father Budzinski had a vocation to the Priesthood and involved him on weekends with the television Mass at WNDU to nurture his interest in the Priesthood.

Father Budzinski received a degree in communications from the University of Notre Dame and worked in radio as an on-air personality and in sales for eight or nine years and then went to the seminary.



KAY COZAD

Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of vocations for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, center, poses with 13 of the 24 priests who were ordained during his tenure. After 20 years at the post, Msgr. Galic will retire July 1. At left is Father Andrew Budzinski who will become the new vocations director at that time.

It's off and running for Father Andrew Budzinski

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — It's off and running for the new director of vocations, Father Andrew Budzinski. After Father Budzinski takes his post on July 1, he has planned a Come and See retreat for July 18-19 at St. Vincent Parish.

A two-day retreat will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19. It is open to Catholic men who will be high school sophomores this coming fall or older. Priests from across the diocese will come in to give conferences on topics such as discernment, priestly identity, spirituality, "a day in the life" of a priest or seminarian and celibacy. The retreat will include small group discussions with seminarians leading, prayer after every conference, meals, recreation time, Mass, Confession and Adoration. A number of St. Vincent families have offered to be host families for all of the retreatants who attend from out of town.

Father Budzinski's vision is this retreat will be offered next year on the South Bend side of the diocese.

Information and sign-up forms for the retreat can be found at diocesefwsb.org.

Many of the plans Father Budzinski has for vocations stem from successful programs implemented at St. Vincent de Paul, where he serves as the parochial vicar.

Father Budzinski implemented an idea from Father Daniel Scheidt, who is the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, that when a young person expresses an interest in the Priesthood, Father Budzinski snaps off his collar and hands it to the youth. Often the collar has a sticker to the Vocation Office phone number and a verse from Mark 4:19, "... I will make you fishers of men."

Effective for a young person in grade school, Father Budzinski said he tells the young person, "Here, this is a bookmark, and you use it as a bookmark until the day of your ordination, and then you can begin to use it as a collar."

The Knights of Columbus at St. Vincent buy the collars in bulk.

Another vision that Father Budzinski hopes to extend to diocesan parishes is The Melchizedek Project, an initiative of Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, that offers young men, high school and college age, a study group to read and learn more about the Priesthood. It uses a book, "To Save A Thousand Souls," by Father Bret Brannen that is a guide to discerning a vocation to the diocesan Priesthood. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades called the book the finest he has read on the topic.

The Melchizedek Project makes that book available for free to any parish or group that has an interest. St. Vincent started a group a few years ago. They met once a month to discuss the book, finished the study and went on to other books about Priesthood.

The group offers an opportunity to enter into prayer and discernment with other like-minded individuals. The evening includes dinner, a discussion and then prayer.

The group is open to any men in the diocese and meets on Tuesday nights at the Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center from 6-7:30 p.m. They will meet the following dates this summer: July 1, July 15, July 29 and Aug. 12.



FATHER ANDREW BUDZINSKI

Similarly, a young women's group focusing on religious vocations, called Totus Tuus (All Yours), meets as well and is coordinated once a month during the school year at St. Vincent Parish by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. The group follows the same format.

Msgr. Bernard Galic invited young Father Andrew and another classmate to alternate weekends working at the TV Mass. Msgr. Galic prepared the priests, and young Andrew prepared the Mass servers for the televised Mass. Msgr. Galic told *Today's Catholic*, he hoped it would plant a seed of interest in young Andrew's heart for the Priesthood.

Before entering the Priesthood, Father Budzinski earned a degree in communications from the University of Notre Dame and enjoyed a successful career in radio both on air and in sales in South Bend.

Father Budzinski noted, "Years later when I sat in Msgr. Galic's office to apply for the seminary, I said, 'thank you for asking me to do the TV Mass. I don't know if I would be here today had you not done that.'"

Father Budzinski said, "I'm ecstatic, very excited," about being named the new vocation director. "It's a very important work because we have to promote vocations in our diocese. We have to help all the young people of the diocese understand that God indeed does have a vocation planned for each of them and how to discern that vocation and then the courage to follow that."

One half of his job, he said, is helping people to discern vocations, specifically to the diocesan Priesthood.

"The second half of the job then is shepherding the seminarians," Father Budzinski added, "not only through the application process, but while they are in seminary and assisting them in their formation."

Homecoming for Notre Dame national bus tour salutes two South Bend school leaders

NOTRE DAME — After a 30,000-mile, seven-month string of visits to Catholic schools around the country, the University of Notre Dame's "ACE Bus" returned to campus Monday, June 9, and drove up to the Main Building for an event presenting awards to two champions of local public schools.

Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully, who founded the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) 20 years ago, bounded from the bus, greeted by more than 200 current ACE teachers and members of the campus community while the Notre Dame fight song rang out across the quad.

As part of the homecoming celebration, Father Scully presented University of Notre Dame Champion for Education Awards to Maritza Robles, retired director of the bilingual services department of the South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC), and Jay Caponigro, a member of the campus administration who also serves as vice president of the board of the SBCSC. Robles continues to serve on that panel as an at-large member, as well.

Father Scully said Robles, who served South Bend schools as an educator and administrator for 30 years before her 2012 retirement, has been "a pillar of our community in education."

Robles, in remarks aimed largely at the audience of young ACE teachers preparing for the classroom this summer, encouraged their dedication to public service and dubbed education "a calling." She said they will be rewarded because "you'll be remembered by a lot of people" who will express appreciation years later.

Caponigro, after receiving his Champion for Education Award, encouraged the next generation of teachers to look at the talents of their students and "also look at all those in the community who want to help you make your students achieve their fullest capacities — whether those are parish staff or business leaders or folks from non-profits."

Father Scully also presented a University of Notre Dame Sorin Award for Service to Catholic Schools to Brian and Jeannelle Brady of Elkhart, who generously donated the bus that was used for the National Bus Tour. Brian ('74), an Irish Angel, serves on the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council and Gigot Advisory Board. Jeannelle, a graduate of Saint Mary's College ('74), is a member of the Performing Arts Advisory Council. Together, they have three sons, all graduates of Notre Dame: Coley ('00), Terry ('01, '02 MSA), and Ryan ('05). Notre Dame's message along the way has consistently affirmed a dedication, through research and service, to provide the opportunity for all children to receive a quality education.

Teaching is "immensely important" in kids' lives, Brian Brady said, encouraging the ACE participants in

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FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MINOR MAKE FINAL PROFESSION



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant of a Mass on June 15 in which four Franciscan Brothers Minor professed their final vows. In the photo, from left, are Brother Lawrence Mary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Brother Pascal Mary of Our Lady of Fatima, Bishop Rhoades, Brother Leo Maria of the Mother of Mercy, Brother Juniper Mary of Our Lady, Cause of Our Joy and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, minister general. In his homily, Bishop Rhoades said, "Today, Brothers Leo, Juniper, Lawrence and Paschal put their lives at the service of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Church. This is an incredible thing we are witnessing here today. They are making a definitive life commitment to live as Franciscan Brothers Minor, a very radical way of living the Gospel on this earth." The bishop spoke also of the fourth vow the friars make of consecration to the Immaculate Mother Mary.

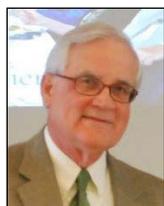
their career goals. "I would like to see every child have the same opportunity my grandchildren have."

May to retire after 46 years, honored at Ancilla College

DONALDSON — After nearly 46 years in education, with the past eight years spent as president of Ancilla College, Dr. Ron May, was honored Saturday, June 7, as he prepares to enter retirement.

May, a native Hoosier from southern Indiana, began his education at Vincennes University and eventually earned a doctoral degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. He has had a long career in education including teaching K-12 and higher education and serving in higher education administration.

Saturday's celebration, hosted by the Ancilla College Board of Trustees, took place at the Center at



DR. RON MAY

Donaldson where over 100 family, friends, colleagues and community members gathered to wish May well. May was presented with several honors and departing gifts including a resolution from Tusculum College in Tennessee honoring him as an alumnus and former dean of faculty, a plaque featuring the Ancilla Domini Chapel from the sponsoring sisters of Ancilla (PHJC), and a captain's chair engraved with his name, years of service and Ancilla College seal from the board of trustees.

May reflected after the event: "It has been a great honor to have served as president of Ancilla College these last eight years. The mission and values of the college are close to my heart and that made it easy to serve and hard to step down. My entire career has been a blessing. It has led me and our family to many colleges and communities. That diversity has enabled us to enjoy a broad range of experiences over the course of my career. But this is not an end. It is a new beginning and we look forward to what the next phase of our lives together may bring."

Hatfield and Bals earn Eagle Scout rank

SOUTH BEND — C.J. Hatfield and Christian Bals, both graduating seniors from Saint Joseph High School in South Bend and both members of Boy Scout Troop 451, have recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

For his service project, Hatfield cleaned up and built shelving for the new food pantry room at Christ the King Church in South Bend. He is the son of Linda and Chris Hatfield.

Bals' project involved cleaning up the wooded area behind Corpus Christi Church in South Bend and building an entrance from the church property into Highland



C.J. HATFIELD



CHRISTIAN BALS

Cemetery. Bals is the fourth brother in his family to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. His brother John earned his Eagle in 1999, Bryan in 2001, and Kevin in 2008. Bals is the son of Barb and Carl Bals.

USF, MLK Club co-sponsor 'Future of Civil Rights'

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) will continue its free "future of" series in collaboration with Fort Wayne's Martin Luther King Club and *Frost Illustrated* with "The Future of Civil Rights 2014" on July 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the USF Robert Goldstone Performing Arts Center, the former Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne.

The moderated panel discussion marks 50 years to the day that the signing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 changed the landscape of race relations in America. Questions from a political and civil rights perspective will be posed, as citizens examine the evolution of social attitudes in regard to race over the past five decades. USF's Dr. Thomas Schneider, political science professor, and Martin Luther King Club member Dr. Clifford Buttram Jr. will moderate discussion based on questions both developed.

Panelists will be community leaders Dr. John Aden, Dr. Crystal Bush, John Dortch, Dr. Ruby Cain, Larry Lee, Maye Johnson, Geoff Paddock and Jonathan Ray, who will bring their expertise to bear on the civil rights discussion from the perspectives of government, business, non-profit management, religious institutions and other areas.

The presentation is free, but registration is necessary and can be completed at futureofcivilrights.eventbrite.com.

For more information contact Schneider at 260-399-7700, ext. 8125 or tschneider@sf.edu.

Capuchin Friar Jerome Johnson elected to council

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Capuchin Friar Jerome Johnson has been elected to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph's provincial council. Also elected, provincial minister Michael Sullivan, provincial vicar Gary Wegner, councilors Steven Kropp and Robert Roemer.

Brother Johnson, son of Raymond and Mariella of Huntington, has served on the Capuchin novitiate staff since 2011. He also served as co-vocation director (2008-2011) and St. Lawrence Seminary High School faculty member (2003-2008).

"Being asked to serve on the provincial council, I hope to work with the other friars to support the good work of the Capuchins," Brother Johnson explains. "I'm excited about our future in terms of recent vocations learning from the experienced friars our Franciscan style of prayer, fraternal life and care for people who are suffering."

Over 140 friars attended the four-day chapter, held every three years, to elect the Provincial Council, their governing body, and to discuss theological and social/justice issues.

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate jubilees

DONALDSON — Twelve Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) are celebrating their 75, 70, 60, 50 and 25th jubilees. They will be honored at a community celebration on June 22 at Donaldson.

75th jubilee

Sister Maxine Peepenhorst

was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1936. She professed her final vows on June 24, 1944. Her mission work includes education, administration, as sacristan and in PHJC community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at St. Monica and St. Bavo parishes. Sister is currently retired at St. Catherine Kasper Home.



SISTER
MAXINE
PEEPENHORST

70th jubilee

Sister Florence Kuhn

was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1941. She professed her final vows on June 24, 1949. Her mission work includes education, administration, pastoral care and in PHJC community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at St. Monica School, Ancilla Domini Convent and Catherine's Cottage. Sister currently serves in hospitality at Catherine's Cottage.



SISTER
FLORENCE KUHN

Sister Mary Edward Mason

was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1941. She professed her final vows on June 24, 1949. Her mission work includes education, administration, pastoral care and in PHJC community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at St. Vincent Villa, Ancilla Domini Convent and the motherhouse. Sister is retired at Catherine Kasper Home.



SISTER
MARY EDWARD
MASON

60th jubilee

Sister Julia Huelskamp

was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1951. She professed her final vows on July 15, 1959. Her mission work includes education, administration, councilor, child-care and food services in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at Bishop Dwenger High School, Ancilla Domini Convent, Catherine Kasper Home and Catherine's Cottage. Sister currently serves in ministries at the Ancilla Domini Motherhouse.



SISTER
JULIA HUELSKAMP

Sister Lucy Megaro

was born in Chicago and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in



SISTER
LUCY MEGARO

1951. She professed her final vows on July 15, 1959. Her mission work includes childcare, councilor, education, healthcare and volunteer service in four states including Indiana, where she served at St. Vincent Village. Currently, Sister is retired at St. Catherine Kasper Home.

50th jubilee

Sister Ann Linzmeyer

was born in Michigan and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1960. She professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1970. Her mission work includes education, pastoral care, formation, chaplain, secretarial services, editor, as physical therapist and in PHJC services in four states including Indiana, and Paraguay. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend sister ministered at the Ancilla Domini Motherhouse, Catherine Kasper Home and Catherine's Cottage. She currently resides at Ancilla Domini Convent ministering in massage/PHJC services.



SISTER
ANN LINZMEYER

Sister Catherine Katie Bobber

was born in Chicago and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1961. She professed her final vows on Aug. 6, 1969. Her mission work includes childcare, education and minister in four states including Indiana, where she served at St. Monica and



SISTER
CATHERINE
BOBBER

St. Joseph schools. She currently resides in Chicago and is campus minister at St. Matthias School.

Sister Christine Styka

was born in Chicago and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1961. She professed her final vows on Aug. 5, 1969. Her mission work includes pastoral associate, administration, education and hostess in Illinois and Indiana. She currently ministers at Casa de Esperanza in Chicago as math tutor and resource for all grades.



SISTER
CHRISTINE STYKA

Sister Edith Schneider

was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1961. She professed her final vows on Aug. 6, 1969. Her mission work includes education, pastoral care, as minister and vocation administrator in Illinois, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Veracruz and Indiana, where she served at St. Monica School. Currently, sister ministers as vocation director and director of aspirants at Casa de la Esperanza in Mexico.



SISTER
EDITH SCHNEIDER

Sister Joellen Tumas

was born in Chicago and entered the Poor Handmaids of



SISTER
JOELLEN TUMAS

Jesus Christ in 1961. She professed her final vows on Aug. 6, 1969. Her mission work includes pastoral associate, administration, education, childcare and community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at Ancilla Domini Convent. Sister is currently pastoral associate and director at Casa de Esperanza in Chicago.

Sister Melanie Rauh

was born in Ohio and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1961. She professed her final vows on Aug. 6, 1969. Her mission work includes education and as liturgist in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at Bishop Dwenger High School, St. Vincent de Paul School and St. Peter and St. Michael parishes. Sister serves currently as liturgist in Michigan City.



SISTER
MELANIE RAUH

25th jubilee

Sister Catherine Ann Schwemer

was born in England and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1986. She professed her final vows on Aug. 12, 1995. Her mission work includes pastoral associate, administration and in PHJC community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at Clare House/St. Mary Medical, PHJC Ministry Center, NACAR office/Clare House and Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center.



SISTER
CATHERINE ANN
SCHWEMER

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate jubilees

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Eighteen Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years of consecrated life in Holy Cross on July 20, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame. One sister is celebrating 75 years since her first profession, 14 are marking 50 years and three are celebrating 25 years — a collective 850 years of vowed life in the congregation.

Four of the 50-year celebrants have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including:

Sister Suzanne Patterson

(formerly Sister Mary Allen) has served in various ministries in South Bend. She was director of religious education at St. Stephen Parish, performed



SISTER SUZANNE
PATTERSON

community services/social work for Holy Family Catholic Worker House, was a substitute teacher at St. John the Baptist School and a bilingual domestic violence advocate at the YWCA of St. Joseph County. She currently ministers with the poor through Broadway Christian Parish and also serves in congregational leadership as an area councilor.

Sister Joanne Becker

(formerly Sister M. Clare Therese) has been a teacher and librarian during most of her ministerial life. She served at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart and Holy Cross, Christ the King and Holy Family schools in South Bend. Formerly a library assistant at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, she currently serves as assistant archivist for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.



SISTER JOANNE
BECKER

Sister Eileen Flavin

(formerly Sister Mildred Eileen) has spent most of her religious life in parish ministry, but taught at St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart from 1970 to 1971. She currently serves as parish life coordinator at St. Agnes Parish in Nashville.



SISTER EILEEN
FLAVIN

Sister M. Rose Edward

(Goodrow) taught at Holy Cross School in South Bend for six years and worked at Fatima Retreat House for more than 17 years. She is now director of development for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.



SISTER M. ROSE
EDWARD

Other jubilarians honored

Sister Marie Julie (Shea), who resides in Kensington, Md., celebrates 75 years of consecrated life. Marking 50 years are Holy Cross Sisters Katherine Kase, Roberta Bennett, Paula Goettelmann, Ruth Marie Nickerson, M. Jean Barbara (Korkisch), M. Adelaide (Cannon), Frieda Roth, Madeleine Marie (Clayton), Karla McKinnie and Lillian Sullivan. Twenty-five year jubilarians include Holy Cross Sisters Thecla Dinila Nokrek, Nirmola Maria Goretti Cruze and Angela Golapi Palma.

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Felician Sisters depart Holy Family School after 60 years of service

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — On Aug. 23, 1954 the first teaching Felician Sisters for Holy Family School arrived in South Bend from their motherhouse in Livonia, Mich. Nearly 60 years later, the two remaining Felician Sisters assigned to the school for the past two decades, Sister Joan Marie Shillinger and Sister Mary Annelle Krych, are retiring and returning to the convent in Livonia.

The first group of Felician Sisters, who are officially known as the Congregation of Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi (CSSF), came to St. Adalbert School in South Bend in September of 1911.

According to the Felician Sisters archives in Livonia, the sisters took charge of over 500 children at St. Adalbert. By 1926, the registration at the school totaled 1,056 pupils in grades 1-8 taught by 16 sisters and two secular teachers.

From 1944 to 1954 the Felician Sisters of St. Adalbert School conducted religion classes for the children of Holy Family Parish in South Bend. When Sister M. Adonia, superior, Sister M. Marietta, Sister M. Firmina, Sister M. Bernice and Sister M. Francesca officially began teaching at the new Holy Family School on Sept. 8, 1954, there was an enrollment of over 200 students.

Sister Joan's journey began in seventh grade at St. John Vianney School in Wyoming, Mich. Sister Caesaria was the principal and a teacher at the school. Sister Caesaria did not drive and Joan asked her mother if she could drive Sister to different locations around town. During this period Joan became close to Sister Caesaria and the sister convinced Joan to go to the Felician Academy in Detroit, which was designed for those aspiring to the vocation of becoming a nun.

Although initially reluctant to go to the academy, Joan completed her education there and entered the adjoining convent in June of 1958.



KAREN CLIFFORD

Sister Joan Marie Schillinger, left, and Sister Mary Annelle Krych ready for their retirement in Livonia, Mich.

After completing her final vows at the convent, Sister Joan was assigned to St. Damian School in Westland, Mich., as a second-grade teacher with 58 students. After teaching for a number of years, Sister Joan went into school administration and has been a principal at Holy Family School for the past 21 years.

Coming from a large family of eight children, Sister Annelle describes her youth as "being a tomboy." With two brothers dying in infancy, and a third brother at age 14, Sister Annelle's mother, who was pregnant with her older sister Mary, "promised the Lord to give the child to the convent," Sister Annelle recalls.

Her sister Mary did indeed become a nun, and because Sister Annelle loved her sister and the other nuns, she entered the convent in 1940. Six years later after taking her final vows, Sister Annelle became a first-grade teacher.

One of the things Sister Annelle has enjoyed teaching is showing sounds of words through "blowing"

consonants, blends and diagraphs. She believes this method is very helpful in teaching children to read.

Over the years, there have been several memorable events at Holy Family School. During construction of Holy Family's new church building in the late 1990s, the students of the school took up a challenge to raise money for church bells. Money collected from the students each morning went into a large gallon water bottle that was stored in the back of the principal's office. By December of 1998, approximately \$3,000 had been collected.

On Dec. 3, 1998, while Sister Joan was at a meeting and the school secretary had momentarily gone across the hall to the kindergarten room, the water bottle, along with its contents, was stolen. After a local media outlet reported the theft, money flowed in from donors eager to replace the stolen funds. Eventually over \$10,000 was raised for bells, which can still be heard today at the church.

Sister Annelle's big moment came during her 50th anniversary of becoming a Felician Sister. While the students surprised Sister Annelle with a pizza party, another surprise was awaiting outside of the school building. At a dedication ceremony attended by students, staff and local South Bend leaders, a street sign

named Sister Annelle Drive was unveiled. "Of course I cried," says Sister Annelle.

The most difficult part of the sisters' retirement will be missing the students. Sister Joan recalls that one student who claimed he could not wait to graduate from Holy Family School as an eighth grader and moved to Ohio, recently returned as a high school senior to tell the sister how much he missed them and the school.

With the departure of Sister Joan and Sister Annelle, only two Felician Sisters remain in the South Bend area. Sister Mary Anthony Kubat is a pastoral minister at St. Adalbert Parish, and Sister Catherine Ryzewicz is an administrative assistant at St. Adalbert School.

School Sisters of St. Francis celebrate milestone anniversaries

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Seventy-three U.S. School Sisters of St. Francis will celebrate milestone anniversaries of service as women religious on June 21.

One sister served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and one sister hales from the diocese.

75th jubilee

Sister Clarella Werth was born in Schoenchen, Kans. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, she was a teacher/organist at St. Rose of Lima School in Monroeville from 1957-1962. Sister currently resides in Milwaukee.



SISTER CLARELLA WERTH

70th jubilee

Sister Celestine Schall was born in Monroeville. She has a bachelor's degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis., and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, she serves in a wide variety of ministries.



SISTER CELESTINE SCHALL

She also served as a member of the provincial team for the School Sisters of St. Francis U.S. province (1995-1999). Sister currently resides in Milwaukee.

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Brothers of Holy Cross celebrate jubilees as religious

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will celebrate 12 brothers who have lived the vows of a Holy Cross religious for 60 and 50 years. There is also a brother from the Holy Cross Moreau Province, celebrating 50 years with the group.

The 13 religious brothers have a total of 700 years living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The five brothers who have served 60-years are: Brothers James Everett, John Ptaszek, Douglas Roach, Thomas Rock and Paul Rosonke. Brothers being honored for 50 years include Brothers James Blaszak, Francis Boylan, David Martin, Donald Morrison, Peter Nault, Carlos Parrilla, James Reddy and John Paige of the Moreau Province.

Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O'Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O'Hara replaced Holy Cross Father André Léveillé, chaplain at Holy Cross Village, due to illness. Father André was a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross when he took his first vows 50 years ago as a member of the brothers who celebrated 50-years of vows.

Nine of the brothers have ministered or now live in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Brother James counseled during his active years as a brother serving in Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago beginning in 1957 before returning to South Bend in 1969 to become the director of aspirants at James Hall, Holy Cross Junior College. He also counseled classes at Saint Joseph's High School, until 1977, when he was assigned to St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, where he now lives in retirement.

Brother Douglas Roach has served as an educator and administrator for the past 60 years. His years in Holy Cross has taken him on a long road of educational endeavors from South Bend to Florida. Over the past 12 years he has ministered to the elderly and homeless in the Venice and Sarasota, Fla., area. Brother Douglas served on the provincial council of the Midwest Province from 1970-73 and from 1973-1979 was the director of personnel for the province. He lives in Venice, Fla., and volunteers there at the Senior Friendship Center founded by the late Brother of Holy Cross, William Geenen.



BROTHER DOUGLAS ROACH

to Watertown, Wis., as an assistant cook. He has also cooked at Notre Dame, Lakewood, Ohio, Terre Haute, Chicago, and back to Notre Dame. During these 60 years Brother Thomas has cooked and supervised kitchens in restaurants, schools and religious houses. His last assignment was cooking at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village. Brother lives in Schubert Villa, Holy Cross Villa, Notre Dame. Though retired, he still cares for a number of people in the community. He is known for his creative Christmas decorations at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House.

Brother Paul Rosonke has spent his religious life as a community maintenance man. Brother Paul has expertise in carpentry, welding, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and construction. His service to the schools was always generously given in Illinois, Wisconsin and later in New Mexico, South Dakota and Texas. Brother Paul served in South Bend from 1984-85 on the staff of the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame and from 1985-91 doing maintenance at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. From 1989-93 he was on the staff at St. Stephen Parish, South Bend. After a yearlong sabbatical at the Pecos Benedictine Monastery in New Mexico, he served at a school and parish in Austin, Texas, before returning to Columba Hall Notre Dame last year, where he is retired.



BROTHER PAUL ROSONKE

50th jubilee

Brother James Blaszak has been a community chef, farmer, parish pastoral assistant and presently on the staff of the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo., the past 50 years. His formal cooking career lasted 15 years, including service at Columba Hall, Provincial House and Brothers Center in South Bend, along with LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie. He began to work on Silver Lake farm in Rolling Prairie until it closed at the end of 1995. Following his years at Silver Lake Farm he would become a pastoral associate at Sacred Heart Parish, LaPorte. At Sacred Heart he cooked, did maintenance, visited the sick and was the jack-of-all trades for the parish. A few years ago, after serving at Sacred Heart for 16 years, in 2011 he joined the staff of the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo., where he is the procurator but also cooks and teaches cooking.



BROTHER JAMES BLASZAK

ness office at Notre Dame for five years. Other assignments took him to other states. In 1975, he joined the staff of St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, for a year. From 1976-79, he was a student at Indiana Vocational Technical School and Ivy Tech, South Bend. After a year serving at a hospital in Florida, he returned to the Province business office at Notre Dame for two years, from 1982-87. He was a payroll clerk at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, from 1987-2001. After serving Boysville for 14 years, Brother Donald returned the business office at Notre Dame. Brother is presently the administrative assistant at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, and lives in South Bend.

Brother Carlos Parrilla has been a high school teacher, religious superior, Hispanic youth coordinator for the Diocese of Cleveland, director of religious education at his home parish, director of vocations for the Brothers, Holy Cross College Spanish teacher and religious superior of the Brothers at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, for the past 50 years. Brother Carlos was born in 1943 in Río Grande, Puerto Rico, but settled in Ohio. Brother Carlos holds a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame and taught at Saint Joseph High



BROTHER CARLOS PARRILLA

60th jubilee

Brother James Everett was born in South Bend and was educated by Holy Cross sisters and brothers.



BROTHER JAMES EVERETT

Brother Thomas Rock has spent all of his religious life as a chef and caregiver. After taking his first vows in 1954, he was assigned

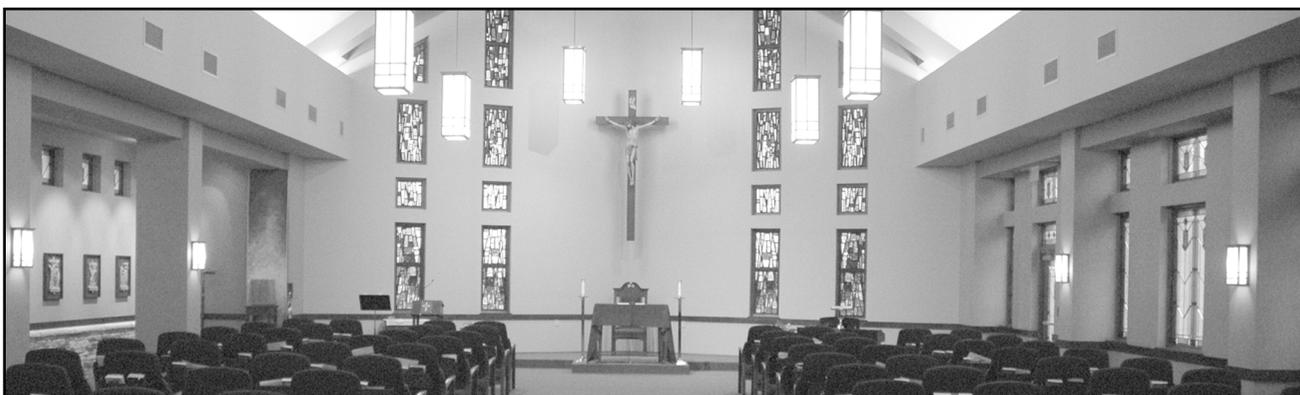


BROTHER THOMAS ROCK

Brother Donald Morrison has spent the past 50 years in ministry offices. His ministry began in 1964 when he worked at the brothers' administrative busi-



BROTHER DONALD MORRISON



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School in South Bend for 12 years during which he served as superior of the brothers. In 1985 he was Hispanic youth coordinator for the Diocese of Cleveland and was named director of vocations for the Midwest Province at Notre Dame in 2001. He is presently the religious superior for the brothers living at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House at Notre Dame.

Brother James Reddy has served in a variety of ministries using his organizational talent and clerical skills. After serving in the U.S. Navy and working for an insurance company he joined Holy Cross. Following his formation years he worked in the brothers' provincial office followed by assignments in Terre Haute, Chicago and River Grove, Ill. Brother James completed his degree at DePaul University (1982-84), and received a Master of Arts from Roosevelt University in sociology /gerontology. After his three-year term of local superior at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Brother James served a number of years at the Berwyn Cicero Council on Aging in Cicero, Ill., as a caseworker. Brother James is currently the transportation director at Columba Hall where he has resided since 2006.



BROTHER JAMES REDDY

Brother John Paige, Ph.D., is the fourth president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. He began his service in January 2011. Brother John is a member of the Moreau Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a 1968 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in physics. A native of Albany, N.Y., Brother John came to Holy Cross College after serving six years as the vicar and first general assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome, Italy. He has a long and distinguished career in education as a teacher, coach, athletic director, academic dean, principal, supervisor, board member, president/CEO and college professor. Brother John was also a director of the National Association of Religious Brothers from 1989 through 1994, and served as its president from 1990 through 1994. He served as director and supervisor of secondary education teacher preparation at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, beginning in 1999; in 2001 he was named dean of the School of Education at St. Edward's and an associate professor. In 2004, Brother John was elected and served as vicar and first general assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the Congregation's General Chapter in Rome, Italy, until he was selected to become president of Holy Cross College.



BROTHER JOHN PAIGE

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters celebrate jubilees and honored with special Mass

HUNTINGTON — Six members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters are celebrating jubilees this year, with five of those sisters honored with a special Mass May 24 at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.

80th jubilee

Sister Dorothy Anne Lengerich was born in Decatur and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 29, 1934. Her mission work includes catechetics, home visitation, choir work and music/liturgy in 11 states including Indiana.



SISTER DOROTHY ANNE LENGERICH

75th jubilee

Sister Millicent Peaslee hales from Gary and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 28, 1939. She has served in six states including Indiana with her mission work of catechetics, House of Prayer coordinator, Spiritual Renewal Center coordinator, pastoral assistant and in the diocesan religious education office.



SISTER MILLICENT PEASLEE

60th jubilee

Sister Elizabeth Anderson was born in New York, N.Y., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 6, 1954. Her mis-



SISTER ELIZABETH ANDERSON

sion work in five states including Indiana includes catechetics, social services, chaplaincy and OLVM Leadership Team.

Sister Rose Ann Trudell was born in Enosburg, Vt., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 6, 1954. She has served in four states including Indiana in catechetics and as a nurse's aide.



SISTER ROSE ANN TRUDELL

Sister Lucy Marie Vega comes from Mason City, Iowa, and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Jan. 6, 1955. Her mission work in five states including Indiana includes catechetics, pasto-



SISTER LUCY MARIE VEGA

ral ministry, community administration, pastoral life planning, development program director and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters archivist.

50th Jubilee

Sister Lucille Martinez was born in Española, N.M., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 8, 1964. She has served in five states including Indiana in catechetics, pastoral ministry, preschool program, codirector of vocations, home visitation, Leadership Team and as parish pastoral coordinator. Her 50th jubilee celebration will be held Aug. 5 at Victory Noll.



SISTER LUCILLE MARTINEZ

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka are honoring six of their sisters who are celebrating jubilees of 75, 60 and 50 years of religious life. The congregation was founded in 1863, in Olpe, Germany, by Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, who was beatified Nov. 10, 2013. In 1875, the first sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

75th jubilee

Sister Evelyn Marie Czaplewski was born in Omaha, Neb., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1939. Sister served in the education apostolate as a high school teacher in various schools staffed by the sisters for 25 years, including St. Mary School in Huntington, Marian High School in Mishawaka and Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. For nine years, sister taught at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Since 2003 sister has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.



SISTER EVELYN MARIE CZAPLEWSKI

Sister M. Clarice Sobczyk was born in Omaha, Neb., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1939. Sister taught for 11 years in various schools including St. John the Baptist School in South Bend and St. Therese and St. Andrew schools in Fort Wayne. For 23 years, sister was principal of Our Lady of Grace School in Highland. Sister has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka since 2003.



SISTER M. CLARICE SOBczyk

60th jubilee

Sister M. Joseph Ann Vogel was born in Wolcott and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1954. Sister served in the educational apostolate as a teacher/organist for 10 years in various schools including St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne and St. John the Baptist School in South Bend and the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. In 1969, sister volunteered to serve in the Philippines and faithfully served there for 43 years. She returned to the Province in 2012 and is assigned



SISTER M. JOSEPH ANN VOGEL

to Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister M. Elizabeth Ann Schildmeyer was born in Ossian, Iowa, and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1954. For 28 years, sister served in nursing positions in various hospitals staffed by the sisters. For 12 years, sister served at Our Lady of Angels Convent as nurse/superior. For 13 years, sister served in the mission in Honduras, and presently is serving in Franciscan Healthcare in Indianapolis.



SISTER ELIZABETH ANN SCHILDMEYER

50th jubilee

Sister M. Elaine Brothers was born in South Bend and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1964. Sister served for 20 years in the education apostolate as a teacher or principal in various schools including St. Therese in Fort Wayne. She was director of education for the community for two years, and undergraduate dean at the University of Saint Francis for nine years. For



SISTER M. ELAINE BROTHERS

eight years, sister served as academic dean at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. Presently she is corporate vice-president of education for Franciscan Alliance and resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister M. Janice Kolesiak was born in South Bend and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1964. For 38 years sister served in the education apostolate as teacher/principal in various schools including St. Mary in Huntington and St. Bavo in Mishawaka. For eight years she has been the librarian in various schools and is presently the librarian at St. Agnes School in Chicago Heights, Ill.



SISTER M. JANICE KOLESIAK

Congratulations to
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The healing power of forgiveness

I recently read a quote that has changed the way I think of mercy and the healing power of forgiveness. "I forgive you for not being the person I want you to be." Take a moment and reread the quote. Amazing, isn't it?

Okay. But what, you ask, does forgiveness have to do with grief and loss? For many it is an essential component in the process of moving toward healing. I will remember the extra layer of pain unforgiveness can cause one who mourns.

After 24 years of working through my own grief after the untimely death of my husband, Trent, and subsequently working with hundreds of others as they walk their unique path of mourning, I have long since come to peace about the tragic events of the day Trent was killed. I can honestly say I never placed blame on the driver of the truck in question but I have

realized over time that I had to forgive someone for the tragic death of my husband and the subsequent pain and confusion that my family endured.

When the notion of forgiveness first came to me all those years ago, I wondered why it had become a concern. Eventually after much introspection and prayer I realized that although I logically accepted Trent's death as an accident, I held myself responsible.

If I had only talked him for a second longer, perhaps offering one last kiss before he drove off on that fateful morning, he would not have been at the spot where the accident took place when that gravel-loaded truck sped through. The guilt I felt was irrational I know, but very real at the time. The years have smoothed the edges of my memory and I can now see that I could not have changed what was, no matter how I desired it. And I learned that



KAY COZAD

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

all the "what if?" questions and self induced guilt served no purpose other than to keep me stuck in my grief. So, I forgave myself for not being the person I wanted myself to be at that time.

My friend Kate still mourns the sudden loss of her beloved adult daughter Bernice. It was a traumatic death and Kate is mired in the muddy bog of blame. As she described the surprising behavior of Bernice's young husband who

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Clearing the air around marijuana use

A June 2014 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM), written by researchers from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institutes of Health, points out that marijuana is not the harmless drug that many imagine. Rather, it is associated with "substantial adverse effects, some of which have been determined with a high level of confidence."

These negative outcomes include the risk of addiction, symptoms of chronic bronchitis, an elevated incidence of fatal and non-fatal motor vehicle accidents, and diminished lifetime achievement and school performance in cases of long-term use, especially beginning in adolescence. We can add that the decision to use a drug recreationally for the purposes of dissociating ourselves from reality through induced euphoria raises significant moral concerns, and, like all unethical human choices, can be expected to correlate with significant adverse ramifications.

Part of the unethical character of drug abuse flows from the fact that we are treating something good, namely our personal, conscious experience as if it were an evil to be avoided. Recreational drug users seek to escape or otherwise suppress their lived conscious experience, and instead pursue chemically altered states of mind, or drug-induced pseudo-experiences. Any time we act in such a way that we treat something objectively good as if it were an evil by acting directly against it, we act in a disordered and immoral manner.

The decision to pursue inebriation and drunkenness, similarly, is a choice directed against the good of our human conscious experience that raises serious moral concerns. The responsible enjoyment of alcohol, meanwhile, presupposes that a moderate use of the fruit of the vine can aid us in the pursuit of certain aspects of friendship



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

and interaction by stimulating conversation with others, and by diminishing the hesitations that people may have when they interact with each other. The moderate use of alcohol also appears to offer positive physiological effects on health. The notion of the "responsible enjoyment of marijuana and other mind-altering drugs," meanwhile, is a dubious concept, given that the more powerful and varied neurological effects of these substances readily take us across a line into alternate states of mind, detachment from reality, "getting stoned," etc.

Whenever we look at alcohol, marijuana or other more powerful drugs, additional moral concerns arise due to the risk of addiction, which threatens authentic freedom and constitutes a serious form of human bondage. Alcohol, of course, poses a significant risk of addiction for some people, and the responsible use of alcohol may become nearly impossible for them, necessitating complete abstinence to maintain their freedom. Marijuana, despite some contentious debates about the matter, similarly has a significant addictive potential, as noted in the *NEJM* article:

"Approximately 9 percent of those who experiment with marijuana will become addicted ... The number goes up to about one in six among those who start using marijuana as teenagers and to 25 to 50 percent among those who smoke marijuana

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Peter and Paul strengthen Christianity



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Mt 16:13-1

This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, both of whom were martyred in Rome in the first century A.D.

Peter, or Simon, was the Galilean fisherman whom Jesus called to be an Apostle, and whom Jesus then assigned as the head of the Christian community. Paul was a Jew, from Tarsus. Son of a family of means, obvious since his family was financially able to educate him quite well. Paul studied under the great rabbi, Gamaliel, in Jerusalem. Furthermore, Paul's family members were Roman citizens, a great distinction at the time.

At first, Paul campaigned against the new Christian movement, but, after a dramatic encounter with the Risen Lord, Paul converted. He became the greatest Christian missionary, taking the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean world.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, centers on Peter. This emphasis filled a need for the first Christians. They were vitally interested in Peter, their interest surely rising from his status at the head of the Church.

In this reading, King Herod, the Roman pawn who had tried the Lord on Good Friday, turns his evil attention to the Lord's followers. (The reading notes that the king already has beheaded James, the brother of

John.) Herod arrests Peter.

Imprisoned, Peter seemingly is at Herod's mercy. The entire Christian community is praying for Peter. Suddenly angels appear, break his chains and escort him to freedom.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy provides the next reading. Timothy was Paul's convert and disciple. They were so close that Paul regarded him as a son. Timothy accompanied Paul on some of the Apostle's missionary trips. The tradition is that Timothy eventually became the first bishop of Ephesus.

Paul tells Timothy in this letter that the end is near. Paul says that he has finished the race. Perhaps the Apostle realizes that his cat-and-mouse game with the Roman authorities is in its last stage. His earthly life is at risk.

Regardless, Paul insists that he has kept the faith. Called by Jesus, Paul says that he has never wavered.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading. The setting is Caesarea Philippi, then and now a very picturesque site at the headwaters of the Jordan. Critical in this reading is the exchange between Jesus and Peter. Peter states that Jesus is the "Son of the living God." The Lord replies that God inspired Peter's statement. The Lord goes on to confer authority over the community upon Peter.

Jesus refers to "keys." In the ancient world chief stewards, or officials akin to modern prime ministers, wore the keys to the ruler's house on a necklace, as a symbol of their position. The reference made the Lord's action immediately clear to all present.

Reflection

The first reading, from Acts, and the last reading, from Matthew's Gospel, come together in this

important fact. Peter and Paul were called by Jesus. In Matthew, the Lord gives Peter the task of leading the community. Acts is filled with examples of Peter's leadership as it actually unfolded.

God protects Peter and intervenes to allow Peter to continue to serve the Church. Then, Paul testifies to his own vocation in Second Timothy.

Both Peter and Paul played indispensable roles in the formation and strengthening of Christianity. They, and the other Apostles, did not just happen upon the scene. The Lord chose them and commissioned them for a purpose.

Through them, generations in the future, including our own, would be able to know God's mercy.

For us, it is important to remember that Peter and Paul were ordinary human beings, as are we. They encountered God in Christ, and the experience of knowing Jesus changed their lives, and they have changed untold millions of other lives.

The Sunday Gospel reflection for July 6 can be found online at todayscatholicnews.org.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16b-23 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-8 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 9:14-17



Saint of the Week

John Fisher

c. 1469 - 1535
feast - June 22

A Yorkshire draper's son, John was one of the "new men" of Tudor England, a distinguished scholar at Cambridge University who was ordained at age 22. Privately austere, John held several high offices: chaplain to a king's mother, vice chancellor and chancellor of Cambridge, bishop of Rochester, counselor to Catherine of Aragon during King Henry VIII's divorce proceedings against her. But John steadfastly refused to accept Henry as head of the church in England, and was imprisoned. The pope named him a cardinal, which further enraged Henry, who ordered John's beheading. He shares this feast with his friend and fellow martyr, Thomas More; their heads were impaled on London Bridge two weeks apart.

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daily. According to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 2.7 million people 12 years of age and older met the DSM-IV criteria for dependence on marijuana, and 5.1 million people met the criteria for dependence on any illicit drug (8.6 million met the criteria for dependence on alcohol) ... Indeed, early and regular marijuana use predicts an increased risk of marijuana addiction, which in turn predicts an increased risk of the use of other illicit drugs."

The *NEJM* article also notes that adults who smoke marijuana regularly during adolescence have decreased neural connectivity (abnormal brain development and fewer fibers) in specific brain regions. Although some experts have disputed a cause-effect relationship for this phenomenon, studies of brain development in animals strongly suggest a causal effect. The authors surmise that the effects of marijuana on brain development may help to explain the association between frequent marijuana use among adolescents and significant declines in IQ, as well as poor academic performance and an increased risk of dropping out of school. These deleterious effects speak to us of the fundamentally unethical character of inhaling, injecting or otherwise ingesting harmful chemical substances into our bodies.

The litany of marijuana's adverse health effects raises major doubts about the wisdom of promoting its legalization for recreational purposes. The authors note that the health effects of a drug (whether legal or illegal) are related to its "availability and social acceptability." They conclude, "In this respect, legal drugs (alcohol and tobacco) offer a sobering perspective, accounting for the greatest burden of disease associated with drugs not because they are more dangerous than illegal drugs but because their legal status allows for more widespread exposure," leading to more abuse and more harmful effects. It's critical for us to acknowledge these negative effects rather than seeking, like drug addicts, to dissociate ourselves from this reality.

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HOPE

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has sold or given away all of his wife's belongings after only a few short months and distanced himself from her family, we talked of forgiveness.

"I want him to understand that we're not judging him or placing any blame. But it hurts me to see how he is erasing all traces of my daughter from his life," Kate lamented, clearly distressed by his confusing behavior — behavior that she had no control over. My thoughts immediately turned to the forgiveness quote by which I try to live these days and I felt compelled to share it with her.

"Maybe you can forgive him for not being the person you want him to be in his grief," I said. "Hmm," she mused, "I never thought of it that way. Maybe it's just too hard for him. Maybe he really is grieving, but just in a different way than we are." We talked about the importance of forgiveness and mercy in loss and in life and agreed to pray for peace in this situation.

A few weeks went by when I met with Kate again. As the conversation turned to her daughter and Kate's deep grief over her loss, she smiled and repeated the forgiveness quote. "That," she said, "has made such a difference in the way I think of Bernice's husband. It still hurts that he doesn't come around anymore, but I am finding

some peace in knowing that he is who he is and all I can do is forgive him."

We know, of course, that forgiveness is not the only component to healthy mourning — but it is a step toward healing. Some deal with anger toward the medical personnel who are perceived to have failed at the task of healing their loved one. Others blame family members or friends for doing or saying (or not doing or saying) things that were not to their liking as they dealt with a loved one's illness or faced a sudden death. Some, like me, blame themselves, while still others blame their loved one for dying and leaving them alone. Death places heavy demands on the order of life and can sometimes turn that order into chaos and confusion. It's there in the chaos that we sometimes feel the need to blame.

But forgiveness is not about forgetting a hurtful situation or releasing the person (who may or may not even be aware their behavior has offended) from their responsibility — but rather it's about our hurting hearts and letting go. Forgiveness recognizes that what is, simply is, and releases the hurt. And that can set our aching hearts free.

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'33 Days to Morning Glory'

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How will the diocese "as a whole" participate in this Marian Consecration?

The diocese will use the book written by Father Michael Gaitley, a priest of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, "33 Days to Morning Glory" that includes the works of Blessed Mother Teresa, St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Louis de Montfort (who developed the original Marian Consecration). Parishes are invited to participate in a way that best suits their needs and may include:

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- A format where participants read and ponder the daily meditations on their own.

How do I get started?

Check with your parish to see if it is providing the format to form small groups or if you will need to participate on your own. Your parish may choose to order the materials (book and guide in bulk).

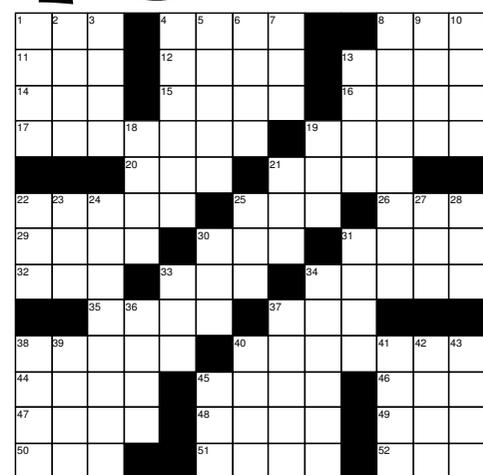
Where can I order the book and companion guide if I want to do it on my own?

Contact Marian specialist, Ida List, idalist@gmail.com or at 574-453-3143 (evenings) or 574-376-0046 (cell) for questions and ordering.

For more information on "33 Days to Morning Glory," visit www.diocesefwsb.org/special-ministries.

The CrossWord

June 15, 22 and 29, 2014



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Based on these readings: Ex 34:4b-9, 8-9; 2Cor 13: 11-13; Jn 3:16-18 & Deut 8:2-3,14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58 & Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19

ACROSS

- 1 Space between
- 4 Sit for a picture
- 8 Valentine month
- 11 Compass point
- 12 Crossbeam of Cross
- 13 Lord told Moses his
- 14 Did with fish & loaves
- 15 Mob activity
- 16 Fem. German name meaning "complete"
- 17 Jezebel eaten by
- 19 Christ's body
- 20 Long time
- 21 Crown of thorns rested here
- 22 Capital of Jordan
- 25 Nickname for Theodore
- 26 Snake like fish
- 29 Eat of one ____
- 30 Shepherd knows his ____ sheep
- 31 Otherwise
- 32 Incorporated (abbr.)
- 33 Spanish "one"
- 34 Battle royal
- 35 Church vaulted ceiling
- 37 Harden
- 38 Trinity
- 40 Wrecked
- 44 Lifespan
- 45 Biblical Persia

- 46 Hubbub
- 47 ____ of Judah
- 48 "I have run the good ____"
- 49 Pastor (abbr.)
- 50 European sea eagle
- 51 Water pitcher
- 52 East northeast

DOWN

- 1 Bite
- 2 Negative (prefix)
- 3 Take the rind off
- 4 Grant forgiveness
- 5 Constellation
- 6 Air pollution
- 7 Time zone
- 8 Paul was writing his
- 9 Austin novel
- 10 Rosary bit
- 13 Persecuted Christians
- 18 Jesus healed ____ man
- 19 Abbr. for monk title
- 21 Abbr. for Benedict
- 22 Popular Arab name
- 23 Easter, not Sunday
- 24 Coconut almond cookie
- 25 # of stone tablets
- 27 Compass point
- 28 Downwind
- 30 We believe in ____ God
- 31 Snaky fish
- 33 Employ
- 34 Less nice
- 36 Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- 37 God's gift
- 38 Fable
- 39 God's son
- 40 Birds have one
- 41 Tortoise and the ____
- 42 Eve's garden
- 43 Symbol of Holy Spirit
- 45 Anger

Answer Key can be found on page 15

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 28, 2014

John 21:15-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Vigil Mass of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| TEND | MY SHEEP | THIRD TIME |
| SIMON | PETER | LORD |
| EVERYTHING | YOUNGER | GROW OLD |
| STRETCH | SOMEONE ELSE | TO GO |
| DEATH | GLORIFY GOD | FOLLOW ME |

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FATHER'S DAY FOOTBALL YIELDS DIALOGUE BETWEEN GENERATIONS



FATHER LEONARD COLLINS, CSC

The St. Augustine CrewSaders (boys) and Geritol Giants (men) played an exciting, hard-fought football game, which ended after three overtimes in a 20-20 tie. The game kicked off by having both teams lead the stadium in the Lord's Prayer for an end to violence. Both teams gathered for a pasta dinner in the church fellowship hall to get to know each other better on the Saturday prior to the game. The men mentored the boys about life and responsibility. The men and boys then exchanged concerns and ideas about ending violence in the community. The teens also had an opportunity to share concerns about their generation that adults don't understand. They noted how there are many youth being raised by youth — by siblings or by the youth themselves — rather than parents, and they are exposed to a plethora of violence, both physical and mental. They said that having positive opportunities like the game and mentoring dinners would be helpful.

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Bishop Dwenger golf caps season with seventh-place finish in state finals

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School capped off a stellar season with a seventh-place team finish at the IHSAA state finals in Franklin at The Legends of Indiana golf course, June 17-18. Solid rounds by the Saints' leaders added up to the impressive two-day performance carding 37-over 613.

The Saints won all but a dual match with Carroll (the night of baccalaureate for their seniors) during the 2014 regular season then went on to win a conference and sectional title — their seventh in nine years. At the regional competition, where they finished second, James Wagner led Dwenger with a 4-over 75. Senior Spencer Gillig shot a 77, while John Hope, Callahan Elzey and Patrick Allgeier all had 78s.

At the state finals, it was Gillig who shone tying for 12th place overall shooting an outstanding 70 on day two. Allgeier and Elzey tied for 40th with Hope right behind in 45th. Young Wagner rounded out the scoring for the Saints with a

72nd place finish. Tied for fourth and down just six strokes after the first day, the Saints hoped to top their seventh place finish from 2013.

"We didn't play bad, but just couldn't make up enough ground on the second day," Coach Dave Scudder admitted.

At the helm of the golf program for over a quarter of a century,

Scudder was very pleased with the season, "We had eight players who could perform at the varsity level and consistency was our key."

The veteran summarized, "Overall, we had a great group of guys to work with."

The Saints return four of their top five for next season.

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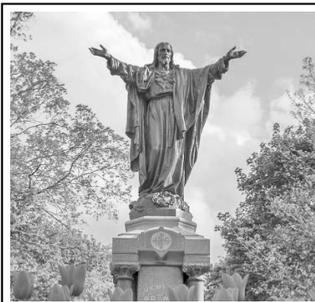
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Bishop Dwenger class reunion planned
Fort Wayne — The class of 1974 will celebrate its 40th class reunion on Saturday, July 5, from 6-11 p.m. at Parkview Field's 400 Club. A TinCaps game and fireworks are included in the \$45 fee. Visit the "Bishop Dwenger Class of 1974" Facebook page or mail \$45 to BD 40th Reunion, 1233 Winnsboro Pass, Fort Wayne IN 46845.

Saint Joseph High School plans Christian service camp
South Bend — A Christian Service camp is planned for July 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph High School. Students will explore local service sites available in the area. Participation in the camp will count toward the service requirement for upcoming school year. Cost is \$35.

St. Vincent Villa alumni plan reunion
Fort Wayne — The SVV alumni reunion will be Sunday, June 29, at Queen of Angels activity center, 1500 W. State Blvd., at 11 a.m. Contact Mel Claymiller at 260-483-6501 for information.

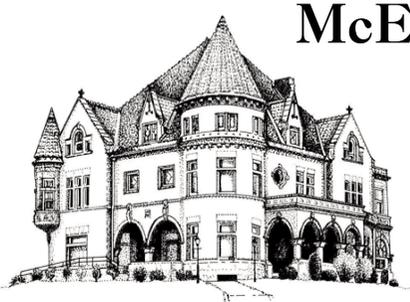
Rummage sale
Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, July 11-12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact 574-293-6689 for information.

Patriotic concert planned
Fort Wayne — The Immaculate Conception Cathedral Choir will present a Patriotic Concert, Wednesday, July 2 at 7 p.m. Free parking, free admission, and free ice cream following the concert.

The Cross Word

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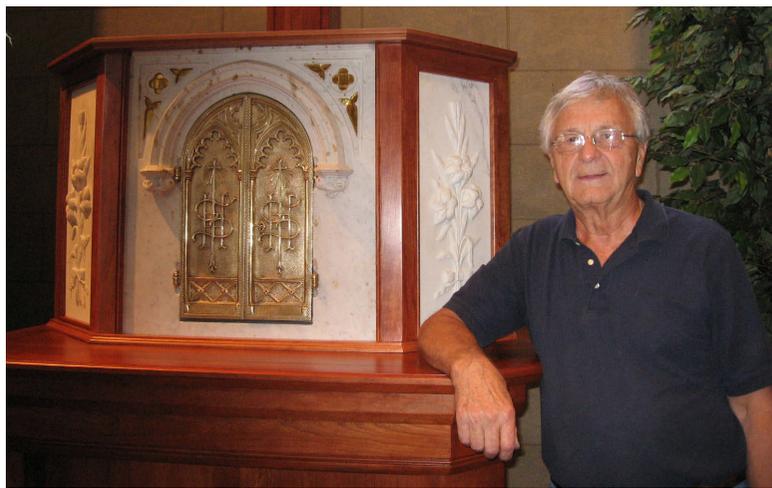
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MARK WEBER

Woodworker Tom Braun stands by the restored tabernacle of St. Mary Church, Fort Wayne. Braun fashioned the new tabernacle from two pieces of marble and brass doors, which survived the 1993 fire that destroyed the church.

Ruined tabernacle restored to glory

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — On a lazy day late in the summer of 1993, as Fort Wayne folks waited for the Labor Day weekend to kick in, a supercharged lightning bolt blasted the steeple of St. Mary Church downtown Fort Wayne zipping flames everywhere through the century old mainly wooden house of God and beloved Fort Wayne landmark. There was no question of controlling the flames and sadly, the fireman's old joke, "We saved the foundation," said it all.

For a long time the busy traffic on Lafayette Street rolled by the rubble wrapped in wire fencing. Destruction was nearly total, yielding little in the way of salvage.

Surprisingly, among broken pieces set aside was a vital item encrusted with cinders and stains and lay hidden in the rectory garage with unexamined debris for nearly two decades. Metaphorically, the hidden item symbolized the impossibility of destruction of the Divine Presence; charred and unrecognizable, it was the original tabernacle.

Following discovery of the brass tabernacle door and two marble sidepieces, the marble was sent to Classic Marble and Stone Company in Hoagland for restoration and the brass doors, with six brass candleholders were sent to a company in Detroit for regilding.

Once this cleanup was complete,

the real challenge presented itself — how to make two marble slabs and brass doors go together as a tabernacle. Through the mysterious goodness of God, the assignment went to the skilled hands of Tom Braun, a longtime parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. Braun is a retired pattern maker, affectionately nicknamed "St. Joseph" by the priests who call on him to design and build custom made church furniture.

Using beautiful cherry wood, Braun fashioned a triptych-style form with the brass doors as the centerpiece and the marble panels bearing lily designs as the sidepieces. The tabernacle is designed to support a monstrance for occasions of Divine Exposition.

Also found in the ashes and saved was a marble panel bearing the names of German families who mortgaged their farms to acquire the land for the future St. Mary Church as they separated from St. Augustine, (Fort Wayne's first Catholic church and immediate predecessor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) in order to have a German parish with Mass in Latin but sermons and announcements in German, all under the name of Der Mutter-Gottes Kirche, the Mother of God Church. Honoring the spirit of these charter members and knowing that conversationally the church will continue to be called "St. Mary's," the church is officially listed as St. Mary, Mother of God Church.

MARY

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feast of the Holy Eucharist, Corpus Christi," Bishop Rhoades said. "Very appropriately, on this feast I will bless your beautiful new tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved so that holy Communion can be brought to the sick and the dying. The Eucharist is reserved in our churches also for your prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament."

"This tabernacle is very special since parts of it were built from pieces of the old tabernacle that were preserved from the fire of 1993," he said. "It connects you with your history and the thousands of ancestors in the faith here at St. Mary's who prayed before the old tabernacle. The parts that have been preserved, as you probably know, are the brass doors and the two marble side pieces with lilies (the lily being a symbol of Mary)."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of St. John Paul's encyclical letter written on the Eucharist. The pope wrote: "the Eucharist, as Christ's saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history."

Bishop Rhoades said, "Today, on this special feast, we thank Christ our Lord for this amazing gift. The Eucharist is truly the Church's most precious possession! It is the greatest of the sacraments."

"When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord," he said. "As Catholics, we firmly believe the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades closes the brass doors of the tabernacle at St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Fort Wayne. Parts of the tabernacle were recovered and restored after the devastating fire destroyed the old church in 1993. Bishop Rhoades blessed the tabernacle on June 22.

eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world."

The Eucharist is the food for our journey through life, the bishop said.

Near the end of his encyclical on the Eucharist, St. John Paul II wrote: "In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into His Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and He enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason enlightens by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love."

After the homily, Bishop Rhoades blessed the tabernacle.

Ken Yahne, longtime member, recalled salvaging relics after the fire: "I remember after the fire in 1993 being in the church, taking apart the altar to get to the relics, literally taking it apart brick by brick and it was amazing to see the destruction caused by the falling timbers. The altar was crushed."

"When we created the new building, we built a 5,000 square-foot soup kitchen, which is the mainstay of our social ministry," Yahne noted. "The old building was destroyed, the spirit of St. Mary's lives on."

Therese Spencer, former RCIA director at the parish and now the religious education director, said, "When the fire happened, I wasn't here yet, but when I became RCIA director in 1998, a lady came through RCIA who had witnessed the actual lightning strike and saw the burning fire and said that moved her so much that she began looking into the Catholic faith. She felt like God got her attention and from that she became a Catholic. She was in my first class to be brought into the Church. So that's my memory of the fire."

Jan Kortenber, office manager at St. Mary Mother of God Church since 2002, said, "The tabernacle is fabulous. I love seeing the old blended with the new, and Bishop Rhoades is always inspiring. I have never been in his presence when he was not inspiring."

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the University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Indiana
August 1-3



Gather your family for an enriching and joyful summer retreat as we live and pray:

**Being about
the work of
My Father**

Your families' lives are so busy all year long. Sometimes it isn't even possible to have a meal together. Here's a weekend to totally dedicate your time to each other and to God. Enjoy an uplifting candle-light procession, beautiful liturgies, enriching presentations on prayer, fun recreational activities, and more — all while your housing and meals are taken care of!

Retreat Leaders:

- Father John Phalen, C.S.C. • Father Steve Gibson C.S.C.
- Father Ken Grabner, C.S.C. • Beth Mahoney

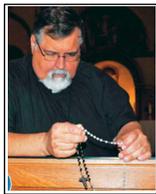
Don't miss out on this powerful Family Retreat!

For more information, call: 1800-299-7729
or email: amelanson@hcfm.org
www.FamilyRosary.org/Events

Remember: The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.

HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

Divine Mercy Devotion



Speaker: Father Dan Cambra, MIC
(Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, MA)

Weekend Masses

August 9 & 10, 2014

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Church

500 East Seventh Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706

www.iccauburn.com

Luncheon will follow 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday