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

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The Princes of the Apostles and the Pillars of the Church

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 embodied 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.

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 the Corinthians: “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 15th, 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 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 that all of us, the faithful 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, 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!
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BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has accepted a recommendation by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Consulting feasibility study to forge 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 inacce- ssible.”

Bishop Rhoades told Today’s Catholic, “I am grateful to all who participated in the feasibility study. While I had hoped that the recommended option to forge the new Catholic 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 online 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 par- ents and community leaders who are truly ready and eager to serve in this new school,” said Father Doyle.

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THE Most vibrant Catholic schools provide an educational environ- ment 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 diver- sity,” Father Doyle said. “School choice vouchers help to ensure access and enhance 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 educa- tion. Currently some of the parish schools have capacity for additional students, which suggests that both private paying and voucher paying families are not yet tak- ing full advantage of the excellent Catholic schools in the diocese.”

“As the current school enrollment will 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 to cut natural feeders to a Catholic middle and high school.”

Even with the benefit of school choice vouchers and transporta- tion, it did not appear that, at this time, suf- ficient numbers of students would enroll to create the appropriate social context and economic scale for an excep- tional Catholic middle and high school,” Father Doyle said.

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He concluded, ""Ultimately, when a critical mass of parents make the faith-filled decision and sacrifices to provide their chil- dren a Catholic education the Catholic middle and high school will rise and provide the communi- ty, and generations of students, the extra- ordinary benefits of Catholic education.""

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BY CINDY WOODEN

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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 their aid to typhoon victims in the still needs to be done on efforts Vatican and to promote the World

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

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

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 ‘consensus’ 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 permit 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 of 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 their 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.

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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.
- 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 mission.
- 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.

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 its registration.

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 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 both 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 over-ride 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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BY TIM JOHNSON

It’s off and running for Father Andrew Budzinski

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, the young man’s role in the Priesthood, fatherhood, and more. 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 host families for all of the retreatants who attend from out of town.

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 Brunnen 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.

Similarly, a young women’s group focusing on religious vocations, called Totus Tuus (All Yours), meets as well and is coordinated once a 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 at 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.”
AROUND THE DIocese

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.

Dr. Ron May

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 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 (PHIC), and a capitan’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 is 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 shelves 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 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 Fort Illustrated with “The Future of Civil Rights 2014” on July 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the USF Robert Goldstine Performing 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.

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 Marilla of Huntington, has served on the Capuchin novitiate staff since 2011. He also served as co-vocation director (2008-2011) and Lawrence Seminar 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 am excited about our future in terms of recent vocations coming from the experiences friars our Franciscan style of prayer, fraternal life and care for people who are suffering.”

A little 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 (PHIC) are celebrating their 75, 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 prosed her final vows on June 24, 1949. Her mission work includes education, administration, as sacristan and in PHIC 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.

50th Jubilee

Sister Mary Edward Mason was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1941. She prosed her final vows on July 15, 1959. Her mission work includes education, administration, parish and community services/social work for Holy Family Catholic Worker House, a substitute teacher at St. John the Baptist School and a bilingual domestic violence advocate ae at the YWCA of St. Joseph County. She currently ministers with the poor through Broomway Christian Parish and also serves in congregational leadership as an area councilor. Sister Joanne Becker (formerly Sister Mary Allen) has served various in ministries in South Bend. She was director of religious education at St. Stephen Parish, performed

50th jubilee

Sister Ann Unizmeyer was born in Michigan and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1960. She prosed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1970. Her mission work includes education, pastoral care, formation, chaplain, secretarial services, editor, as physical therapist and in PHIC 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/PHIC services.

60th Jubilee

Sister Julia Huelskamp was born in Illinois and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1951. She prosed her final vows on July 15, 1959. Her mission work includes education, administration, parish and community service 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 ministry at the Ancilla Domini Motherhouse.

70th Jubilee

Sister Lucy Megaro was born in Chicago and entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1951. She prosed her final vows on July 15, 1959. Her mission work includes education, administration, parish and community service in Illinois and Indiana, where she served at St. Monica Church, Ancilla Domini Convent and Catherine’s Cottage. Sister currently serves in hospitality at Catherine’s Cottage.

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

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.

Other jubilarians honored

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

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 galloon water bottle that was stored in the back of the principal’s office. By December of 1998, approximately $33,000 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, 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 the 1997 50th jubilee 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 to 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.

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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 Panasz, 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, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O’Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O’Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O’Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O’Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O’Hara, provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist.

Holy Cross Father André Léveillé, chaplain at Holy Cross 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 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 Columbia 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, Col., where he is the procurator but also cooks and teaches cooking.

Brother Donald Morrison has spent the past 50 years in ministry offices. His ministry began in 1964 when he worked at the brothers’ administrative business 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 Columbia 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 Rio 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 James Everett was born in South Bend and was educated by Holy Cross sisters and brothers. 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 the director of personnel for the province. He lives in Venice, Fla., and volunteers there at the Senior Friendship Center started by the late Brother of Holy Cross, William Geenan.

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 Columbia Hall, Notre Dame. From 1989-93 he was on the staff of 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 Columbia Hall Notre Dame last year, where he is retired.

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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.

75th jubilee
Sister Millicent Pealee 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.

60th jubilee
Sister Elizabeth Anderson was born in New York, N.Y., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Jun. 6, 1954. Her mission work in five states including Indiana includes catechetics, pastoral ministry, community administration, pastoral life planning, development program director and Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters archivist.

50th jubilee
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.

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 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 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 Mishawauka.

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/principal for 10 years in various schools including St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne and St. John the Baptist School in South Bend and St. Therese and St. Andrew schools in Fort Wayne. Sister served as principal of Our Lady of Grace School in Highland. Sister has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawauka since 2003.

50th jubilee
Sister M. Elaine Brothers was born in South Bend and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1964. Sister served for 28 years in the education apostolate as a teacher/principal in various schools including St. Mary in Huntington and St. Bavo in Mishawauka. For eight years she has been the librarian in various schools and is presently the librarian at St. Agnes School in Chicago Heights, Ill.
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 well 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 with the tragic events of the day. I never placed blame on the driver about the untimely death of my husband, and I have long since come to peace with the extra layer of pain unforgiveness can cause one who mourns.

I have come to realize 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 struck 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 realize now that I could in this have changed what was, no matter how I desired it. And I learned that 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 took the blame for everything, Kate was responding to a societal expectation. At the time of the accident, Kate was not able to forgive and the years have not changed how she feels. As I reflect on my experience with unforgiveness, I have come to realize that forgiveness is an act of mercy. “I forgive you for all that you have done,” Kate’s husband said. “I do not accept the blame. I accept the consequence.” Kate was in fact responding to the societal expectation and not the reality of the situation. The years have made it clear that Kate needs to forgive herself for not being the person she wanted to be in the situation.

In the last reading from the Apostle’s Gospel, the Lord continues to teach his followers about the meaning of forgiveness. “I forgive you,” the Lord said to Peter. Peter needed to hear it. Sometimes, we need to hear forgiveness repeated. When we hear the forgiving words of God, we need to hear them repeated. In the same way, we need to forgive others when they do not accept the responsibility for their actions. We can only accept their responsibility for their actions when they accept the responsibility for their actions.

Forgiveness is an act of mercy. “I forgive you for all that you have done.” It is the act of forgiving our own earlier actions. “I forgive you for all that you have done.” It is the act of forgiving the person who has done the action. “I forgive you for all that you have done.” It is the act of forgiving the person who has done the action of forgiving the person who has done the action. Forgiveness is an act of mercy. “I forgive you for all that you have done.”

The healing power of forgiveness

The Sunday Gospel

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 meaning had been 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 vastly interested in Peter, their interest surely rising upon his status at the head of the Church. This reading, King Herod, the Roman pup 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.

The 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.

God protects Peter and intervenes 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 we are. 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 todayscriptureinnews.org.

Readings

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:1-23 Mt 5:22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12 Ps 54:8-9 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 507-13, 16-17 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b 2 In 253-5
Friday: Am 8:4-9, 11-12 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

John Fisher was born in London on May 14, 1469, the second son of Lord Thomas More. His older sister, Mary, was married to King Henry VIII’s younger brother, John. John was a scholar and writer, and was a close friend of Thomas More. He was a prominent figure in the English court and was a key figure in the early stages of the Reformation in England.

Fisher was a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and was known for his奖学金 to the University of Orléans, where he studied philosophy and theology. Fisher was later ordained as a priest and was appointed as a canon regular of the College of St. Mary of Brompton.

In 1529, Fisher was appointed as the Royal Chaplain to King Henry VIII. He served as the royal tutor to the young princes and was involved in the politics of the time. Fisher was known for his loyalty to the king and was involved in several important events, including the break with the Catholic Church and the establishment of the Church of England.

In 1530, Fisher was appointed as the Bishop of Rochester, and in 1534, as the Bishop of London. He was a key figure in the negotiation of the Treaty of Windsor, which led to the end of the marriage of Catherine of Aragon.

In 1535, Fisher was appointed as the Archbishop of Canterbury, but he was never consecrated as a cardinal. He was known for his close relationship with Catherine of Aragon and was involved in the negotiations for her release from prison.

Fisher was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1535 and was later executed by beheading on July 16, 1535. He was beatified in 1929 and canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1939.

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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.

Feedback

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**Father’s Day Football Yields Dialogue Between Generations**

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 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.

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**BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN**

**FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School capped off a stellar season with a seventh-place team finish at the IHSSA 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.

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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 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint Vincent Villa Alumni Home, 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 2 p.m. Contact 574-293-483-6501 for information.

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
Fort Wayne — 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 374-293-6689 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.

Director of Development – Redeemer Radio Fort Wayne
Redeemer Radio, a 501(C)(3) non-profit is seeking a full-time Director of Development for the 106.3FM and 89.9FM listening areas. The Director of Development (DOD) is chiefly responsible for enhancing and maintaining donor revenue both for capital and operating budgets to achieve Fort Wayne Redeemer Radio’s financial needs.

The DOD must have a passion for the station with a demonstrated ability to build and develop long term relationships inside and outside of their own circle of influence securing the funding necessary to continue the work of our apostolate.

Responsibilities include:
• Leading and directing all strategies and activities for donor cultivation, solicitation and communication
• Developing new and improving existing fundraising programs to support the annual budget including capital and long term needs as well as operational fundraising programs like Sharathon
• Responsible for donor communications and relations
• Good faith efforts to recruit and hire applicants without regard to race, color, national origin or gender, among those who are qualified for employment based on their religious belief or affiliation.

Requirements include:
• Practicing Catholic in full communion with the church
• A four-year Bachelor’s degree and four years related professional experience
• Demonstrated volunteer experience in parish and Catholic environment
• Strong computer skills
• Previous public speaking/presentation experience
• Non-profit experience helpful but not required

Interested candidates should send resume, references, salary history, and salary requirements (necessary for consideration) to: Redeemer Radio Attn: Executive Director 4618 East State Blvd. Ste. 200 Fort Wayne, IN 46815

You may also choose to email all of the above information to: jobs@redeemerradio.com

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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 stained and lay hidden in the rectory garage — 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 Rhodes spoke of St. John Paul II’s encyclical letter written on the Eucharist. The pope 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 experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened 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 Rhodes blessed the tabernacle.

Ken Yahne, longtime member, recalled salvaging relics after the fire: “I remember after the fire in 1993 and 1995, in the fall of the tabernacle. The parts that have been preserved, of course, saved. The tabernacle is designed to function 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 at St. Mary, Mother of God Church.