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Supreme Court decision on Hobby Lobby:
A great day for the religious freedom of family businesses

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on June 30 in favor of Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties means “justice has prevailed,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. The Court ruled that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) “preventive services” mandate violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) as applied to these employers to the extent that it would have forced them to provide insurance coverage for drugs and devices that violate their religious convictions on respect for human life. The statement follows: “We welcome the Supreme Court’s decision to recognize that Americans can continue to follow their faith when they run a family business. In this case, justice has prevailed, with the Court respecting the rights of the Green and Hahn families to continue to abide by their faith in how they seek their livelihood, without facing devastating fines.”

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Indiana bishops say judge’s decision ignores truth of marriage

Recently, a federal judge in Indiana struck down the ban on same-sex marriage, calling it unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Richard Young ruled that Indiana’s ban on same-sex marriage violates the Constitution’s equal-protection clause on June 24. A federal appeals court issued a stay on that ruling on June 25.

In response to the ruling the Catholic Bishops of Indiana have issued a formal statement upholding the sanctity of marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The statement, which follows, was formulated by Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Bishop Charles C. Thompson of the Diocese of Evansville, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Dale J. Melczek of the Diocese of Gary and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIANA

“The dignity of the human person, rooted in his or her creation in the image and likeness of God, is a fundamental principle of Catholic social teaching. The Church upholds the dignity of every human person, including persons with same-sex attraction, whom we accept and love as our brothers and sisters.

At the same time, the Church upholds the dignity and sanctity of marriage as a natural union established by God between one man and one woman, intended towards the establishment of a family in which children are born, raised, and nurtured. This is not simply a matter of belief. It is at the very heart of the nature of marriage. Thus, it is not within the power of any institution, religious or secular, to redefine marriage since it is God who is its author.

Today’s decision by Richard L. Young, Chief Judge United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, to redefine the institution of marriage as an emotional partnership between two consenting adults regardless of gender ignores this fundamental and natural truth and opens its definition to the whims of public opinion.

With deep respect for all our brothers and sisters, we nevertheless see no basis in law or in nature for any definition of marriage that seeks to expand it beyond that of a covenant between one man and one woman. Our position on this matter seeks only the common good of all men and women as well as the health and well being of families.

As pastors, we will continue to preach and teach the truth of marriage as it is ordered by God, encouraging all people to embrace the fullness of that truth, while upholding the dignity of all persons. We will continue to work through the Indiana Catholic Conference to encourage our legislators and judges to uphold this truth as well. We urge all involved in this issue to conduct themselves with mutual respect and civility in public discourse.”

33 DAYS SET TO BEGIN

Faithful encouraged to join in preparation for Marian consecration

BY KAY COZAD

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades has recently announced that he will renew the consecration of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Blessed Mother during the 6 p.m. Mass on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The Mass will be followed by a Marian procession, organized by the Knights of Columbus, from the cathedral to Headwaters Park, which will mark the beginning of the third annual summer Festival of Faith.

The bishop has invited all to join him and many others in the consecration to Jesus through Mary and proposes following the 33 days of preparation written by Marianist priest Father Michael Gaitley. The guidebook, entitled “33 Days to Morning Glory,” includes prayers and meditations for each day, using the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II, who were all deeply devoted to Mary.

St. Louis Marie de Montfort set forth the traditional method of Marian consecration, which seeks a deeper union with both Jesus and Mary for those who participate.

In a recent interview, Father Gaitley explained, “St. Louis was the first to take all the threads of Marian consecration, popularize them and synthesize them. The way I look at it, ‘33 Days to Morning Glory’ is written in the same spirit, meant to combine and promote the main streams of Marian devotion that have"
The 33 Days to Morning Glory begin

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday, July 13th, we begin our spiritual journey of 33 days in preparation for our consecration to Jesus through Mary. So many people throughout our diocese have shared with me their joyful anticipation of these days when we will prepare as individuals and communities to make the Marian consecration on August 15th. I think it is a beautiful thing that we will be meditating on the same spiritual reflections during these 33 days, creating a real “spiritual communion” among us. We will together be guided by the lives and examples of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Saint John Paul II.

You may wish to view the audio-visual introduction that I have prepared for the beginning of the 33 Days. It can be found on our diocesan website’s homepage.

Why does Father Gaitley (whose book we are using) speak of the 33 days until our Marian consecration as 33 Days to Morning Glory? He explains on page 20: I chose this part of the title (Morning Glory) because I think it best captures what Marian consecration is all about: A new way of life in Christ. The act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary marks the beginning of a gloriously new day, a new dawn, a brand new morning in one’s spiritual journey. It’s a fresh start, and it changes everything. Father Gaitley then goes on to explain how making his own consecration to Mary was an experience of a gloriously new morning in his own spiritual journey.

My hope for the Marian consecration we will make is precisely this: a new impetus for all of us in our journey of faith. From my own experience, our mother Mary truly does help us grow in Christ and to live more fully our baptismal promises. As Father Gaitley writes: The whole goal of true devotion to Mary is our ongoing, post-baptismal transformation in Christ (page 100).

In the second week of our 33 days of preparation, we will be guided by the wisdom of a great apostle of Marian consecration, Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. You probably know about his heroic death as a “martyr of charity” in Auschwitz. While he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, the end of July 1941, three prisoners escaped the concentration camp. The Nazi SS picked ten men to be starved to death in order to deter further escape attempts. One of the ten cried out for them to spare his life since he had a wife and children who needed him. Father Kolbe stepped forward and asked that they take him in place of the man who had cried out. And so they did.

Father Kolbe led the other condemned prisoners in prayer and songs as they lay starving in an underground bunker. He encouraged them in faith. After two weeks, they were all dead, except for Father Kolbe. The guards then gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. Witnesses say he died praying the Holy Mass. His body was cremated the next day. August 15th, 1941, the feast of Our Lady’s Assumption.

In Auschwitz, a place of unspeakable hatred and evil, Father Kolbe brought goodness and love. He made himself like Christ by laying down his life for a brother. Throughout his life and to the very end, Father Kolbe experienced help and inspiration from Mary, whom he affectionately called “the Immaculate.” He had a lifetime devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and let himself be led by her hand. He established little “cities of the Immaculate” in Poland and Japan. These were centers of great apostolic and missionary work, under the banner of the Immaculate Conception.

Like Father Kolbe, we can find in Mary Immaculate a support in difficult times and a sure guide to holiness. We allow ourselves, like Father Kolbe, to be led to Jesus by the hand of Mary. The day before we make our consecration, August 14th, is the feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. It is the day he was killed by that lethal injection. We know that his life was not a defeat. His death was a victory, a triumph of love over hate, of grace over sin.

My brothers and sisters, Saint Maximilian Kolbe teaches us that when we welcome Mary into our lives, she brings us to a deeper knowledge and love of the Gospel. And when we consecrate ourselves to her, we become instruments of divine love and mercy in her hands. So let’s let Mary take us by the hand and lead us on our pilgrim way to heaven!
Infertility website offers resources and community for struggling couples

BY KAY CZAD

A new website has recently been launched by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that focuses on the burden of infertility. Infertilitycross.com premiered appropriately on June 24, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, who was conceived after many years of Elizabeth and Zechariah’s infertility.

The website, two years in the making, provides a safe and hope-filled resource for those who carry the cross of infertility, says Cindy Black, director of Adult Faith Formation, and member of the team who created the site. “It provides community with others who share their suffering, and offers suggestions for prayer and other possible paths,” she says.

The site’s content, first developed by Natalie Kohrman, past associate director of Youth Ministry and Black is specific to the challenges faced by couples that are dealing with infertility. “…This website offers suggestions for prayer and other possible paths,” she says.

The creative, pastoral team’s hope for the visitors of the site is, “I hope that this website is just the beginning of an increase in pastoral outreach and care to couples experiencing infertility,” says Swaim. Kohrman agrees, adding that having a child is not a right but a gift from God. Children are a gift, not a right. Children are a gratuitous gift, not a reward,” Black concludes, adding, “In less than 24 hours, I’ve received many messages thanking us for the site, an offer to help in an infertility ministry, a gift of a book to a couple wanting to add its story to the site.”

“Infertilitycross.com is a gift, not a right. Children are the truest witnesses that babies are a gift, not a right. Children are a gratuitous gift, not a reward,” Black concludes. The site offers a DVD set, retreat companion guide and group discussions, articles, Church documents, blogs, audio files, links to other websites and books, but also stories of hope from couples who have faced infertility, answers to frequently asked questions and a page specifically designed as a resource for friends and family who want to support a couple dealing with infertility.

The featured resources offer the Church’s teaching on infertility, natural family planning, NaproTechnology, miscarriage, adoption, dealing with suffering and strengthening marriage and more. These teachings are not arbitrary rules, says Black. “Rather, the Church upholds the dignity of every life to be co-created with God in the way He intended — through the one flesh union of husband and wife. As my morality professor taught: human persons in the image of God are to be begotten, not made,” Kohrman agrees, adding, “I hope that couples find loving assurance that they can persevere with this cross and even grow closer to Jesus through it.”

“In my hope is that couples find love in their suffering and strength in times of difficulty.”

To view the website visit Infertilitycross.com.

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come since St. Louis’ model. The way it is written also provides an easier to use and updated version from the traditional method."

The book is to be a read a few pages each day, which “allows for deeper reflection as you ponder the teachings of the saints, leading you to formally acknowledging and accepting Mary as your spiritual Mother,” said Father Gaitley, adding that the consecration may be done individually or as a group. As a guide to make the consecration the Hearts Afire program offers a DVD set, retreat companion guide and group discussion manual for group use.

Father Gaitley explained the purpose of making a Marian consecration: “Mary brings us to a personal relationship with Jesus, shows us how to love, and how to pray. The Holy Spirit, through St. Mary, leads us to Jesus.”

To participate individually contact Marian specialist, Ida List, idalist@gmail.com or at 574-453-3143 (evenings) or 574-376-0846 (cell) for questions and to order a book.

To complete the 33 days of preparation participants will begin on June 13 to be ready for the consecration on Aug. 15. Individuals and parishes are invited to participate in the consecration in a way that best suits their needs and may include meeting once a week for six weeks as a small faith group to watch Father Gaitley’s DVD and discuss the daily readings with the aid of a companion manual, meeting as a group without the companionship of a group, or reading and pondering the daily meditations individually. Those who wish to participate may contact their parish to see if it is providing the group format or if they will participate on their own.

To participate individually contact Marian specialist, Ida List, idalist@gmail.com or at 574-453-3143 (evenings) or 574-376-0846 (cell) for questions and to order a book. Those unable to attend the Mass and rededication on Aug. 15 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be able to view a video stream of the Mass on computer at www.diocesefwb.org or listen to the live broadcast on Redeemer Radio 106.3 FM.

Now is the time to redouble efforts to build a culture that fully respects religious freedom. The Court clearly did not decide whether the so-called ‘accommodation’ violates RFRA when applied to our charities, hospitals and schools, so many of which have this burden on their religious exercise. We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their cases as well.”

Bishop Rhoades concurs with the statement of Archbishops Kurtz and Lori in welcoming the Supreme Court’s decision respecting the religious liberty of family businesses. He stated: “Every American, including family business owners, should be free to live and work according to their beliefs without fear of punishment by the government. I continue to hope and pray that the courts will also uphold the religious liberty of our faith-based charities, hospitals, colleges and universities. The HHS mandate is an unjust burden on our Catholic teaching and health care entities which serve the common good. Though many of the Catholic institutions in our diocese have received injunctive relief from the HHS mandate at this time, the University of Notre Dame did not. I thank all those who stand with us against government coercion to act against our religious beliefs.”

Priest assignments

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades announces the following priestly assignments, effective July 17:

- Rev. Ayi Tiu from Administrator to Pastoral, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne.
- Rev. Christopher Smith from Pastor, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, to Replacement Ministry and residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Fort Wayne.

Visit us online to view the full Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.
Synod document cites cultural and economic threats to family

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The working document for the October 2014 extraordinary Synod of Bishops offers a picture of the Catholic Church today struggling to preach the Gospel and transmit moral teachings amid a “widespread cultural, social and spiritual crisis” of the family.

The 75-page “instrumentum laboris,” published by the Vatican June 26, is supposed to “provide an initial reference point” for discussion at the synod, whose theme will be the “pastoral challenges of the Church on the theme of the family in the context of evangelization at the synod, whose theme will be the “pastoral challenges of the family” for discussing the moral teachings of the Catholic Church today.

The working document for the extraordinary Synod of Bishops, held Oct. 5-19, 2014, is supposed to “provide an initial reference point” for discussion at the synod, whose theme will be the “pastoral challenges of the family.”

The document is based principally on comments solicited in a questionnaire last November from national bishops’ conferences around the world.

Topics in the working document include some of the most contested and controversial areas of Catholic moral teaching on the family, including contraception, divorce and remarriage, same-sex marriage, premarital sex and in vitro fertilization.

Bishops’ conferences responding to the questionnaire attributed an increasing disregard of such teachings to a variety of influences, including “hedonistic culture; relativism; materialism; individualism; (and) the growing secularism.”

Recognizing that most Catholic couples do not follow the Church’s teaching against the use of artificial birth control, the document says that “bishops hold Catholic a response to ‘responsible parenthood’ encompasses the shared responsibility in conscience to choose the most appropriate method of birth control.”

The document says the use of natural family planning, conditioned by the Church, encourages responsible decisions about family size while respecting human fertility and “the dignity of the sexual relationship between husband and wife.”

Bishops expressed particular concern with “the ideology called gender theory, according to which the gender of each individual is not out to be simply the product of social conditioning and needs” without “any correspondence to a person’s biological sexuality.”

The bishops see a need for better teaching of “Christian anthropol,” the document states. Noting that contemporary culture dismisses misunderstandings of “natural law,” which seek to “found human rights on reason,” bishops increasingly prefer to invoke Scripture in support of Catholic moral teaching.

The document also points to economic factors behind Catholics’ disregard of that teaching. Cohabitation without marriage can be driven by financial need; youth unemployment; and a lack of housing. A widespread “contraceptive mentality” reflects, in part, a shortage of “child care, flexible working hours (and) paid leave.” Long working hours and commuting times “take a toll on family relationships.”

“The Church is called to offer real support for decent jobs, just wages and a fiscal policy favoring the family as well as programs of assistance to families and children,” the document states.

The document refers briefly to scandals over the sexual abuse of children by priests, which it says “significant-ly weaken the Church’s moral credibility,” as do other forms of “counter-witness in the Church,” including the lavish lifestyles of some clergy and unwelcoming attitudes in some parishes toward separated, divorced or single parents.

The bishops recognize the challenges of ministering to growing numbers of people in “irregular” situations, including divorced Catholics who have remarried civilly without obtaining an annulment of their first marriage, leaving them ineligible to receive Communion.

Their predicament, which Pope Francis has said exemplifies a special need for mercy in the Church today, has been a topic of unusually open debate at the highest levels of the Church over the last year.

Many in such situations feel “frustrated and marginalized,” the document states, noting proposals to simplify and quicken the divorce process “take a toll on family relationships.”

“The Church is called to offer real support for decent jobs, just wages and a fiscal policy favoring the family as well as programs of assistance to families and children,” the document states.

The document also notes proposals that the Church consider adopting “orthodox practice, which allows for second even third and fourth marriages under certain circumstances.”

On the other hand, some bishops and others “want to see more attention given to separat-ed and divorced persons who have not remarried but have remained faith-ful to their nuptial vows,” and who often “have the added suffering of people who are being given proper care by the Church and thus overlooked.”

The document draws a connection between family breakdown and a “crisis of faith,” noting that, with the increase in single-parent households, “many children now miss experiencing the ‘love of a father, thereby making it particu-larly difficult to experience God’s love and support their school. Use All Saints SCRIP!”

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The 27th Annual Bishop’s Appeal another success

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The 27th Annual Bishop’s Appeal is being called another success.

Harry Verhiley, Secretary for Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and director of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, told Today’s Catholic the goal for the 2013-2014 appeal was $4,900,049. “We raised $6,185,704,” Verhiley said, which accounts for 124 per-cent of the goal.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told Today’s Catholic, “The faithful of our diocese are always very generous in the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. I pray all the donors to the appeal for their donations, their witness of faith and good-will, and their evident love for the Lord and His Church, I pray that the Lord will bless all for their generosity and stewardship.”

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal is about funding the missions and ministries of our Lord Jesus throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.” Verhiley said. “This is important work of the Church, such as: evangeliza-tion, seminarian support, religious education, Catholic school fund- ing, youth ministry and works of charity are all means of witness to our Catholic faith.”

“A successful Bishop’s Appeal also means that the work of Christ in our parishes remain strong, because this year we raised $1,190,660 over our $4,9 million goal and the parishes that went over goal will received their respective overage once it is col-lected,” Verhiley said.

In a summary of statistics, 21,368 gifts were received for this appeal. Thirty seven percent of the 57,019 families of the dio-cese participated.

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Bishop Rhoades celebrates Fortnight Holy Hour in Warsaw

WARSAW — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Eucharistic Holy Hour for religious liberty Friday, June 27, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Warsaw. The Holy Hour was being celebrated in conjunction with the third annual Fortnight for Freedom established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to bring awareness to threats to religious liberties.

During his homily Bishop Rhoades told attendees that it was the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. “Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is profoundly Eucharistic. In fact, we can call the Eucharist the outstanding gift of grace which flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” he said.

“The Eucharist is the sacrament of love.”

He told those present for the Fortnight that day.

Bishop Rhoades told the congregation, “During this Holy Hour, we pray in the presence of Jesus and draw close to Him in the mystery of His heart, where we learn love, meekness and humility. We learn to abide in His love. This strengthens us and inspires us to imitate His love and to help build a civilization of love.”

He told those present for the bi-lingual service that during this particular Holy Hour the primary prayer intention was religious liberty at home and abroad. The Fortnight for Freedom brings attention to how religious liberties are increasingly threatened in this country. He said as Catholics the faithful continue to oppose the HHS mandate (requiring employers to provide insurance for contraceptives and abortions) and oppose the HHS mandate (requiring contraception and abortions) and prayed that it is overturned.

“The Eucharist is the sacrament of love.”

He also spoke about the recent judge’s decision to strike down Indiana’s ban on same sex marriages. He said the ramifications are unknown and wondered, “What will happen to those who adhere to the truth about marriage as the union of one man and one woman?”

He continued, “Love for our brothers and sisters with same-sex attraction is part of our faith. At the same time, we know and believe that marriage, by its very nature, is a communion of life and love between one man and one woman. So let us pray during this Holy Hour for the preservation of our religious liberty in this new and real threat that arises from the redefinition of marriage in our state.”

The bishop also asked those gathered for silent prayer before the Eucharist to remember their brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith and who have no religious liberty.

The service concluded with the Litany for Liberty and the Divine Praises. Afterwards Bishop Rhoades greeted those who attended and bestowed a blessing upon one couple celebrating their 20th anniversary that day.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades kneels in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at a Eucharistic Holy Hour held June 27 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw for religious liberty as part of the Fortnight for Freedom.
Pope meets sex abuse victims, says clergy actions cloak in complicity

BY CAROL GIATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Asking for forgiveness, Pope Francis told abuse survivors that “despicable actions” committed by clergy have hidden for too long and had been “camouflaged with a complicity that cannot be explained.”

“There is no place in the Church’s ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any adult, whether a cleric or not,” and to hold all bishops accountable for protecting young people, the pope said during a special meeting Monday for six survivors of abuse by clergy. The Mass and private meetings held later with each individual took place in the Domus Sanctae Marthae — the pope’s residence and a Vatican guesthouse where the survivors stayed.

In a lengthy homily in Spanish July 7, the pope thanked the three men and three women — two each from Ireland, the United Kingdom and Germany — for coming to Rome for an audience with the Vatican to meet with him. The Vatican provided its own translations of the unscribed homily.

“The pope praised their courage for speaking out about their abuse, saying that telling the truth was “a service of love, since for us it shed light on a terrible darkness in the life of the Church.”

The pope said the scandal of abuse crimes has “left deep pain and suffering. So much time hidden, camouflaged with a complicity that cannot be explained.”

“Many times I have made a ‘crime and grave sin,’ that was made even worse when carried out by clergy. This is what causes me distress and angers me the most. Priests and bishops, by sexually abusing minors” violated the innocence of children and their own vocation to God, he said.

“It is something more than despicable actions. It is like a sacrilegious cult, because these boys and girls had been entrusted to the care of those who betrayed their mission, who abused innocent persons” and left life-long scars.

He told the men and women sitting in the pews that God loved them and he prayed that “the remnants of the darkness which touched you may be healed.”

In an effort to help the abuse survivors heal, the pope met individually with each one, accompanied by a loved one or family member and a translator, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told journalists.

The pope spent a total of three hours and twenty minutes in closed-door talks with each person, Father Lombardi said.

The Jesuit priest said the men and women were visibly moved by the Mass and meetings and had “felt listened to,” and that the encounter was “something positive on their journey of healing.”

The length and nature of the pope’s very first meeting with abuse survivors represents “a sign, a model, an example” for the rest of the Church, that “listening is needed” along with tangible efforts for understanding and reconciliation, he said.

Responding to critics that the July 7 meeting and Mass were institutional and part of a “public relations event,” Father Lombardi said that if people had been able to see, as he had, the reactions of the men and women who took part in the private gathering, “it was clear that it was absolutely not a public relations event.”

The raw emotion on people’s faces, including the pope’s, as well as his comments during the meetings all showed the effort had been about “a dialogue with a father and a pastor who tries to understand deeply” the harm and devastation, and the need “to be honest about reality,” the Vatican spokesman said.

It was the first time Pope Francis met directly with a group of victims of clerical abuse, following a tradition begun by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI. But even before its founding, the pope had worked to expand the number of members, especially from Africa and Asia, before the next meeting in 2014, Father Lombardi said.

The commission also said it was necessary to set up a permanent and staffed “working office” at the Vatican, he said.

The commission, which currently has eight members, including a survivor of clerical sex abuse, mental health professionals and experts in child protection, was tasked with laying out a pastoral approach to helping victims and preventing abuse.

In his homily, the pope said he was looking to the commission to help the Church “develop better policies and procedures” for protecting vulnerable children.

“We will continue to exercise vigilance in priestly formation,” the pope told the victims, and “we need to be more effective in our power to ensure that these sins have no place in the Church.”

Just as Jesus told Peter to feed his sheep, the pope said, “it would add, ‘Let no wolf enter the sheepfold.’”

Wall Street Journal cultural reporter Margot Sanger-Katz contributed to this report.

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Supreme Court strikes down ‘buffer zones’ at abortion clinics

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a June 26 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that 35-foot buffer zones around abortion clinics — a zone meant to keep demonstrators or protesters — but people who “seek to protect the rights of their opponents.”

“At the end of the day, the court decided, he thinks it unnecessary,” Scalia wrote.

Servia cited ways in which he says the main opinion cited single out abortion-only speech in reaching its conclusion that the law was unconstitutional. And he concluded that although he agrees with the conclusion of the court’s majority, he has “no basis in law” to address the issue of whether the law was sufficiently narrowly tailored.

“The obvious purpose of the challenged portion of the Massachusetts Reproductive Health Care Facilities Act to ‘protect’ prospective clients of abortion clinics from having to hear abortion-opposing speech on public streets and sidewalks,” he said.

“The provision is thus unconstitutional root and branch and cannot be saved, as the majority suggests, by limiting its application to the single fact of being within the safety and access problems to which it is quite obviously not addressed,” he concluded.

Justice Samuel Alito also had a scathing dissent. In it he faulted the majority for concluding that the Massachusetts law is viewpoint neutral, but he nevertheless agreed that it is unconstitutional because it burdens free speech more than necessary to accommodate state interests.

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Contributing to this report were Patricia Zapor in Washington and William T. Clew and Margaret M. Russell in Worcester.
The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has recently announced that the Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka has been renamed the St. John Paul II Center. The center is located at 1328 W. Dragon Trail in Mishawaka and houses the South Bend area diocesan offices.

During the dedication, who were inspired by seminarian talks on vocations throughout the week, raised over $1,000 that was donated to the seminarian support fund.

**Saint Joseph High School celebrates 60th birthday July 12**

SOUTH BEND — As part of the 60th birthday celebration of Saint Joseph High School, alumni are invited to reconnect with former and current members of the Saint Joseph faculty, staff and administration at a reception on Saturday, July 12, from 2-4 p.m. in the new building at 453 N. Notre Dame Ave.

Those attending are asked to RSVP to Henry Chandler, alumni coordinator, by phone at 574-234-2904, ext. 547 or via e-mail ahtchandler@sjohihs.com.

**Hispanic Ministry events serve diocese**

WARSAW — The Office for Hispanic Ministry held a liturgical workshop day at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw, on June 14 that included four breakout groups for the proclaimers of the Word, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, extraordinary ministers of holy communion for the sick and ushers. One hundred fifty faithful attended.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for the Educación para el Ministerio graduates at Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, on June 21. In his homily he encouraged the graduates to “no avere paura,” — have faith and to meditate on how the Lord provides.

The Office for Hispanic Ministry sponsored a vigil prayer celebration, including “el Santo Rosario,” to celebrate St. John the Baptist feast day on June 23. A celebration was enjoyed by two Hispanic communities — the Mexicans from Mequaqueat and the Puerto Ricans from San Juan and Moca, Puerto Rico. This is one of the most celebrated events on the island of Puerto Rico in which on the eve of “San Juan Bautista” the islanders go backwards into the ocean three times as a symbol of the sacrament of Baptism.

**FOUR JOIN THIRD ORDER OF CARMEL**

The local Lay Carmelite Community celebrated the reception of four new members into their Third Order Saturday, June 14, at a Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur. James Cheviron, Beverly Lowery, Jan Pawlowski and Jun Watts completed Phase 1 of the six-year formation process. The community meets monthly at St. Henry Parish in Fort Wayne. Community members of the Third Order of Carmel are in the front row, Beverly Lowery, Judy Kruk, Teresa Tallon, Jan Pawlowski and James Cheviron; second row, Anne Mallett, Pat Bader, Jan Watts and David Yee; third row, Bob McIver, Jim Kimes, Nancy Simmonds and Robin Yee. For more information visit www.thirdoptionfw.org.
Shrine of Christ’s Passion attracts pilgrims to northwest Indiana

BY DENISE FEDOROW

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The parish has the fifth largest pipe organ in the state of Indiana and it will be heard every Sunday. Although located close to the church and commissioned by parishioners, the shrine is not a part of the church. It is privately owned and operated and is maintained solely by donations and proceeds from the large two story gift shop.

The Shrine of Christ’s Passion is located at 10630 Wicker Ave. St. John, Ind., 219-365-6010 or toll free 855-277-7474, www.shrineofchristspassion.org. Spring and summer hours (June to September) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sun and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays.


ST. JOHN, Ind. — Hours for a guided tour of St. John the Evangelist Church are more limited than the Shrine of Christ’s Passion, but it is worth the time to discover not only its beauty, but how so many of its designs and construction elements were incorporated to represent and teach the faith.

The parish is the oldest in the county. The Romanesque-style church building was constructed facing east, the direction traditionally symbolizing the second coming of Christ. The church has always envisioned the risen, Glorified Christ as facing east when offering Eucharistic sacrifices. Parishioners were actively involved in all aspects of the construction of the church from fundraising to architectural design, as the architect of record is a parishioner, as well as construction aspects.

Visitors first enter the Garden of Angels with 10 pillars displaying Michael the Archangel on one end and Gabriel the Archangel of the Annunciation on the other, representing the parish’s devotion to Mary. In front of the church and facing the statue of Mary is a bronze statue of the patron saint, John the Evangelist, designed especially for the parish by Mickey Wells of Texas, who also created the statues of the Shrine of Christ’s Passion.

The curved ramps flanking the stairs are not only for accessibility but also represent “arms of welcome for all who enter this sacred place.”

Russian artist Leonid Bodnia created the relief statues of St. Peter and St. Paul on the towers and like most of the art in the church, was created especially for this church. Inscribed into the doorpost are the Latin words, “Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam” — to the greater glory of God.” The guide explains that to glorify God is the reason parishioners sacrificed to build the $13 million church.

The three entrances to the church represent the Trinity; the 12 doors in the entrances represent the Apostles, whose translucent images are etched into the glass of the doors. The seven corporal works of mercy and the seven spiritual works of mercy are also etched into the glass by local artist Sharon Palazolo. The star cross, a predominant design of the old church has been incorporated into the design of the new church, starting with the star cross inlaid into the flooring in the narthex and continuing into the sanctuary in the stained glass window designs and in the almost 70 hand carved crosses, carved by a parishioner.

Once inside the sanctuary, all the liturgical symbols are in ascending order, starting with the Baptismal and Holy Water font. The woodwork throughout the church was created by several parishioners. The octagonal shape of the Baptismal font is reminiscent of the old church’s back altar. The octagon shape representing the eighth day is also incorporated into the 80-foot soaring ceiling above the altar where it frames the stained glass image of the Holy Spirit — a copy of the Bernini window in the Vatican.

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An impressive pipe organ is located behind the tabernacle. Circling the church are stained glass windows of saints, each with meaning to the parish and its parishioners. The parish received special permission to include St. John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa before they were canonized to represent contemporary witnesses of lives of holiness to which the parishioners hope to aspire.

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High youth unemployment rates are ‘defeat’ for society, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Job creation, respect for the environment and the second chances God grants to every sinner were recurring themes as Pope Francis visited the southern Italian region of Molise July 5.

“We cannot resign ourselves to losing a whole generation of young people who don’t have the strong dignity of work,” Pope Francis said during a meeting with the region’s young people in the town of Campobasso.

“We work gives dignity,” the pope said. “A generation without work is a future defeat for the country and for humanity,” the pope told the young people gathered under the hot sun outside the town’s Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The Italian national statistics bureau reported in early June that the Molise region’s unemployment rate was 16.4 percent, which is worse than the national average. The situation is particularly bad for job seekers between the ages of 15 and 24, a full 50 percent of whom cannot find jobs.

Visiting three towns in Molise in just under 11 hours, Pope Francis began the day meeting with workers, business leaders and local politicians at the regional university in Campobasso.

“Not having work does not just mean not having what one needs to live,” the pope said. “People can survive on charity and assistance, but ‘the problem is not being able to bring bread to the table and this takes away one’s dignity.’

Pope Francis called for a serious effort by national and local politicians, business leaders and workers to come up with some kind of “labor pact” that would create jobs.

Gabriele Maglieri, a 28-year-old farmer like his father and grandfather before him, told the pope about the importance of family farms in producing traditional Italian wines, olive oil, salami and cheese while protecting the soil, water resources and biodiversity.

In response, the pope said, “to stay and work, the land is not to be stuck. It is to be in dialogue — a fruitful, creative dialogue with the land, making it flower.”

The pope said he “fully shares what was said about the importance of safeguarding the earth so that it bears fruit without being exploited. This is one of the greatest challenges of our age: to convert to a form of development that respects creation.”

Setting aside his prepared text, as he did repeatedly throughout the day, Pope Francis told the 600 people gathered in the university lecture hall, “In the Americas, and in my own country as well, so many forests are mowed down completely. It becomes land that no one can cultivate; it cannot give life.

“This is your sin: to exploit the earth and not let it tell us what it can give if we care for it,” the pope said.

During his afternoon visit to a prison in Isernia, Pope Francis told inmates, “We all make mistakes in life. And we all must ask forgiveness and make a journey of rehabilitation so we don’t make them again.”

“Some people do this in their own homes and in their own professions, Others, like you, do this in a prison,” the pope said. “But all of us, all of us — anyone who says they do not need to go through a process of rehabilitation is a liar.”

Whether trying to be a better person at home or in prison, he said, “the important thing is not to stand still. We all know that when water is still it stagnates.”

The pope told the prisoners that he continues to make a phone call every two weeks to young prisoners jailed in Buenos Aires.

“I’ll tell you a secret. When I meet one of you who is in prison, who is walking this path of rehabilitation but is jailed, I sincerely ask myself, ‘Why him and not me?’ That’s what I think. It’s a mystery.”

Everyone, he said, “must walk, taking a step forward every day with the help of the Lord.”

Moving forward also was on the pope’s mind earlier in the day when he met an estimated 20,000 young people in Campobasso.

“The challenge, he said, “is not to wander, but to set out” with a clear goal in mind, looking for values and ideals “that enlighten your minds and warm your hearts, not just for the morning or a brief section of the road, but forever.”

Modern society’s “culture of the provisional” tries to convince young people that no vocation, no relationship and no passion will last, he said, but deep down people yearn to construct their lives on “the rock of love and responsibility rather than on the sands of shifting emotions.”

“The human heart aspires to great things, important values, deep friendships and bonds that are strengthened, not broken, by trial,” he said. “The human being aspires to love and be loved.”

Pope Francis told young people they could look to their “big brother,” Jesus, for help and guidance in discerning their vocations and finding the path that will lead to happiness in serving God and others.

At Mass in Campobasso, the pope said that Christians are called to serve God through prayer, proclaiming the Gospel and charity.

“The witness of charity is the high road of evangelization,” he said.

During his homily, the pope renewed his appeal to politicians, business leaders and investors to work together to create jobs.

“It is necessary to put the dignity of the human person at the center of every plan and every action. Other interests, even legitimate ones, are secondary,” he said.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

These recent graduates received $500 scholarships from St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of rural Waterloo on June 8. In the picture are Brycen Spangler and Madison VanWye of DeKalb High School. Spangler will attend Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne and VanWye will attend Wingate University in North Carolina this fall. Father David Carkenord, pastor, is in the photo with Spangler, left, and VanWye, right.

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Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2013. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, our total gain was $2,327,163 (from our audited financial statements), which you see on the attached. This is only for the central operations of the diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the diocese. Investments gained 9.9 percent versus a budgeted amount of 6 percent. Our health insurance fund gained $1,900,000, a significant improvement from the previous amount of 6 percent. Our health insurance fund gained

The Diocesan Finance Council

The Diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Anderor & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan budget and actual expenses and revenues are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council, and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

The Diocese is also an accountability and transparency in parishes. According to Canon Law, every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past seven years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the Parish Finance Council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality.

The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek

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Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana

Both the Development Office and the Business Office helped put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which enables parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for ongoing endowment. Currently, there are 129 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains $39,965,815.

Our investments are overseen by Slocum & Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum & Associates meet with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments gained 9.9 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

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**Grants receiving groups grants from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal**
- St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- Women’s Care Center, Fort Wayne
- Christ Child Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Pantry
- Chia Home
- Francis Center
- The Soup Kitchen

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- St. Martin’s Health Clinic
- Hannah’s House
- Life Athletes
- Dismas House, South Bend

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## Diocesan High Schools

### Income

| Tuition/Fees                  | $16,832,057       |
| Diocesan Assistance           | 1,447,000         |
| Other Grants/Scholarships     | 126,326           |
| Fund Raising                  | 1,944,877         |
| Athletic/Other                | 4,238,845         |

### Total Income

| Total Income                  | **$24,589,105**  |

### Expenses

| Administrative Cost of Employee | $3,449,800 |
| Other Administrative            | 4,189,791   |
| **Total Administrative**        | **$7,639,591** |

### Operational Expenses

| Cost of Employee                | $1,073,837 |
| Other Expenses/Operational      | 1,914,613   |
| **Total Operational**           | **$2,988,450** |

### Miscellaneous Income

| Capital/Miscellaneous          | 0             |
| Other Miscellaneous            | 3,726,046     |
| **Total Miscellaneous**        | **$3,726,046** |

### Total Expenses

| Surplus/(Loss)                 | ($1,362,973)  |

## DIOCESAN PARISHES

### Income

| Church Income                  | $53,262,046    |
| School Income                  | 36,623,393     |
| **Total Income**               | **$89,885,439**|

### Expenses

| Church Expense                | $37,576,557    |
| School Expense                | 50,961,286     |
| **Total Expenses**            | **$88,537,843**|

### Surplus

| **Surplus**                   | **$1,347,596** |

### *Diocesan Assistance*

| Bishop Dwenger High School    | $439,110       |
| Bishop Luers High School      | 271,204        |
| Saint Joseph High School      | 368,831        |
| Marian High School            | 367,855        |
| **Total**                     | **$1,447,000** |

### Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal

- Holy Cross, South Bend
- St. Henry, Fort Wayne
- St. Theresa, Fort Wayne
- Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
- St. Monica, Mishawaka
- St. Mary/Assumption, Avilla
- Corpus Christi, South Bend
- St. Adalbert, South Bend
- St. Augustine, South Bend
- St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- St. Martin’s Health Clinic
- Hannah’s House
- Life Athletes
- Dismas House, South Bend

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Praying with the sick

**P**rayer, the seeking of union with God, is the most comforting and powerful experience for many people who are ill, especially those suffering with life-threatening diagnoses. This is true, even for those who have little hope. How could it be, particularly at a time when people are most vulnerable and in need? After all, prayer draws us deeper into the life of God, into ultimate reality beyond the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not only that, prayer helps us confront our own brief and fragile earthly existence and unite us with this reality of eternal life. Prayer, then, becomes the key that unlocks the mystery of suffering and death. The very first prayer helps us confront our own life, passion, death and resuscitation, and our vulnerability and need? After all, is the most common goal of accomplishing them, of walking with them on their journey. With this in mind, how are we to pray with those who are seriously ill? Many people are at a loss in this area. Too often, in my many years of healthcare experience, I have observed people offering comfort in an uncomfortable way that ill or dying loved one’s bed not sure what to do or say. My first task, especially if I am present, is to help them how to pray and how to recon- cile. Reconciliation, asking for forgiveness, saying we are sorry, and forgiving others is an essential tool, particularly when helping others at the end of life. For healthcare workers it is important to pray, too, perhaps silently if the patient and/or family are not able to open up to such action. Considering the vulnerable and dependent situation in which a sick person often finds herself, it is critical not to impose prayer on anyone, but only propose it.

How should we pray? If the sick person is dying, it’s families will want us to pray with their loved one and them, but ask first anyway. If she is not dying and able to interact, make the offer of prayer: Would you like to pray together? Try suggesting different types of prayer, such as the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotions, even simply the Lord’s Prayer. If the person does not know how to pray these devotions, ask her if she would like to learn.

Always have a prayer book ready to give the person the Knights of Columbus “Prayer Time” is an excellent and inexpen- sive choice). Another option is to read sacred Scripture together and to perhaps even discuss the passages read. Spontaneous prayer is another good option. Further, it is important to talk about the meaning of prayer, simply if the person is not acquainted with the practice. Talk about your own experience of praying (hoping you have something to talk about). In praying with the sick, we should never forget the importance of explaining redemptive suffering and how each of us can participate in the sufferings of Christ as a way to pray. Many Catholics are not familiar with this basic teaching. Perhaps you have heard the phrase “Offer it up!” This is the gist, but often the phrase has been used in a rather unfeeling way. It is the familiar “groans” in agony, Paul wrote. Jesus is the Redeemer amid this unhappy situation. He gives true freedom to people. This freedom opens the way to peace and eternal life, despite the hostility or chaos all around.

St. Matthew’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the familiar parable of the farmer who sows seed in different places. Some seeds sprout. Others die. Jesus called this a great crowd. As are people everywhere, at any time, these people thirsted for the truth and insight that only God gave.

Almost certainly, everyone is a Galilean, and therefore involved in, or familiar with, agriculture. The imagery of a farmer, and the sowing of seed is taught understood.

Agriculture still often is a game of chance. It was all the more so when Jesus challenged Galilee. Hot days easily scorched seeds that fell on shallow soil. Birds and pests were everywhere. Yet, inevitably, some appeared, but there and here good soil received the seeds planted by farmers and produced a yield.

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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mt 13:1-9

T**he third and last section of the Book of Isaiah is the source of the first reading for this weekend. This reading was composed when pious Jews must have been disillusioned, heartstricken and uncertain in their devotion to God. For decades they had lived as exiles in Babylon, capital and center of the once powerful Babylonian Empire. They despised the pagan religious environment of the great city, coincidentally in present-day Iraq, and longed for their own homeland. Life in the camp was brutal, but once again, Father Kapaun provided material relief, moral leadership and spiritual guidance. For instance, the Chinese and North Korean only gave their captives a handful of birdseed to eat daily. Despite starving himself, Father Kapaun often gave his seeds away to set an example of sharing. The Allies also didn’t receive any water to drink from their trophies, so they scraped snow and ice off the ground to hydrate themselves. As a result of ingesting unclean water, they often got dysentery.

Because of his youth working on a farm, Father Kapaun found a solution. Wenzl said, “He took roof- shingles and repurposed them into bowls that they could use as little cooking pots.” That saved lives because it allowed them to boil water before drinking it. And for the soldiers who did suffer from dys- entery, Father Kapaun would hand wash their underwear, demonstrat- ing that absolutely no act of service was beneath him.
Mission time

T he Office of Readings for the solemnity of the Ascension offers a lovely excerpt from one of St. Augustine’s sermons “de Ascensione Domini,” in which the learned Bishop of Hippo takes as his text Colossians 3:1-2. “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated, at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

A familiar enough text, right? But then Augustine, as is his wont, gives it a striking twist: “For just as He remained with us even after His Ascension, so we, too, are already in heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. . . . While in heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His divinity, His power and His love. We cannot be in heaven, as He is on earth, by divinity; but in Him, we can be there by love.”

There are something on the order of 70 million Catholics in the United States. How many of us think of ourselves as being “already in heaven” with the Lord? And if we really believed that — if we really believed that the most important part of our being was united to Christ and thus incorporated into the life of the Holy Trinity — how would we comport ourselves here on earth?

We’d be on fire with a sense of mission.

There are many reasons to deplore the change in liturgical nomenclature for the weeks after the Easter Season, from Sundays “after Pentecost” to Sundays “in Ordinary Time.” As has been noted previously in this space (perhaps a point of reader-tedium!), there is nothing “ordinary” about time after the Resurrection and Ascension.

For, as that Colossian text suggests and Augustine makes explicit, human “time” has now been drawn into the divine life through the mystery of Christ’s return to the Father and His being seated “at the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3) as Lord of history. History, in that sense, is “inside” the Godhead.

And there is nothing ordinary about that.

Sundays “after Pentecost,” by contrast, reminded the Church that the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, continues in the Church throughout history, so that the Church can continually bear witness to “that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands” (1 John 1.1) — the Risen Lord, who offers us, in our friendship with Him, a participation here-and-now in the life of God himself.

The Pentecost Season (if you’ll permit a lapse into a relevant bit of liturgical antiquarianism) lasts from Pentecost itself through midday of the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. It is the longest of the Church’s seasons; it is the season of hope (hence the green vestments); it is a season for lengthening the stride of the spiritual life, in a steady rhythm of pilgrimage toward the Kingdom where our hearts already rest because they rest in the Lord. But it is also, and above all, the season of mission. Because Pentecost is not simply about celebrating the gift of the Spirit to the Church; as the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles illustrates, Pentecost is about giving that gift away.

The Pentecost Season is when those who truly believe that “we are already in heaven with Him” offer others the possibility of living like Him. The offering is made in many ways: in acts of compassion and charity; in acts of explicit witness to Christ; in explaining why the Church believes the way it does. If, as St. John Paul II and Pope Francis propose, the quality of our discipleship is measured by our commitment to giving others the gift we have been given, the lengthy weeks of the Pentecost Season are divinely ordered to that gift-giving. About which, there is nothing “ordinary.”

George Weigel

GROW OR NOT

M Y A W A N E K A T W L
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Heaven and the oenophile

Fathers face many challenges in raising their children. My latest, choosing the wine for our youngest daughter’s wedding, was (to put it simply) before Wine. By disposition, I am pro-wine. Our children have often heard me recite Richard Wilbur’s touching poem written for his daughter’s wedding: “Saint John tells how, at Cana’s wedding, was performed a miracle. He is here with us by His divinity, His power and His love. We cannot be in heaven, as He is on earth, by divinity; but in Him, we can be there by love.”

“Saint John tells how, at Cana’s wedding, the water pots poured wine in such amount, that by his sober count, there were a hundred gallons at the least.”

I have to confess that I don’t know what I’m doing when it comes to wine, not even a little bit. I can tell red from white in a well-lit room, to wine, not even a little bit. I can tell red from white in a well-lit room, but Pinot Noir, Malbec, Chianti and Merlot are really all the same to me. Within each category I cannot tell them apart, with our dear future son-in-law, I could tell that I’m probably missing out on something rather important.

I can’t be sure of this, of course, because wine is a habit I never cultivated. The experience of great wine remains one of those “known unknowns” that former U.S. Secretary Donald Rumsfeld once talked about. When it comes to how a great wine is supposed to taste with the right cut of beef, I don’t even know what or how much I don’t know.

“We’ve all had similar experiences. When freshmen walk into our class-rooms at The Catholic University of America this fall, many will have no idea what to expect. Many will not have studied calculus yet grasped what it is good for.”

Or, to get back to the wedding again, one could think of marriage this way. For all the preparation the Church gives engaged couples, they can’t possibly understand what they’re in for when they pledge their lives to one another until death. These are things they can only appreciate after diving in headfirst.

The greatest known unknown is heaven, and we hear about that in Corinthians: “what eye has not seen, ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart.”

The first time children hear about heaven, they may wonder whether they will like it. (“We’re there forever? What will we do all day?”) Later in life, we learn more about the beatific vision and the completion of our nature that unity with God offers. Even then, it remains a mystery we can’t fathom.

But a happy marriage may offer the closest approximation. Husbands and wives complete one another in a natural kind of unity that God envi-sions for us on earth. And which binds them together, with God’s grace, is love.

That is a fitting thought to finish John Garvey

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Catholic University of America.

The Cross Word

Based on these readings: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30 and Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

ACROSS

1 2 and you shall receive._
4 Bag-like tumors
8 Water container
11 North northeast
12 Healing plant
13 _You shall see the___ of God._
14 2,000 pounds
15 Decile
16 Related to lyre
17 WWII Island conquest (2 wds.)
19 Jesus’ burden is
20 Numero __________
21 A walkway
22 Gallant
23 Reporter’s question
24 Number of Testaments
26 Compass point
27 He knows the Father
28 Pulls the chariots
30 Southwest by west
31 Front
33 2014
33 33 34
38 39 40 41 42 43
47 Gentle as Jesus
48 United for anoning
49 Incorporated (abbr.)
50 _powerful
51 This is my___
52 Pod vegetable

DOWN

1 Opposed
2 “My sins shall be
whiter than”
3 Card game from China
4 Glossy
5 “Remember the___
6 Spirit of unconsciousness
7 “They look but do not__
8 “Rejoice, ___ Zion”
9 Homestone
10 Sports event
13 Dart about
14 Month of Julius Caesar
15 Now I ___ me down
20 Cardinal degree
21 Cut grass
23 Type of brakes
24 Former movie part
25 Beat
27 Used to be
28 Miner’s goal
30 Banished with the horse
31 Jesus did from dead
32 North by west
34 False teaching
36 Heavy burden
37 Output
38 __“mother
39 Spool
40 Traid
41 Leaky faucet noise
42 Alley
43 Young Women’s
Christian Association
45 Watch chain

Answer Key can be found on page 15

SCREPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 13, 2014
Matthew 13:1-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: when Jesus taught about seeds from a boat. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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**Re Redeemer Radio 95.7 FM**
Coming to Michiana
Hiring three Full-Time Positions

Redeemer Radio, a non-profit, Catholic Radio Group is seeking to fill three staff positions for its new listener supported Catholic Radio Station coming to Michiana. Redeemer Radio will soon have local studios and will be broadcasting on 95.7 FM.

**Station Manager/Development Director responsibilities include:**
- Manage staff and volunteers, introducing a quality Catholic Radio station on-air and in the community
- Instill and maintain a strong Catholic faith atmosphere amongst staff, volunteers and donors
- Develop and enhance funding sources for both operational and capital needs while ensuring budget attainment in both revenue and expenses

**Community Relations Director responsibilities include:**
- Promote and create local on-air announcements about parishes and Catholic apostolates free of charge
- Develop relationships with local Priests and Deacons for locally produced Readings and Reflections and future local programming
- Provide direction for station events including: Sharathon (on-air fund drive), Catholic Schools Week and special Diocese local broadcasts

**Operations Manager responsibilities include:**
- Production (live recording and editing) of long and short form on-air messages
- Technical production—broadcast of all live and remote broadcasts
- Equipment maintenance, repair of broadcast transmission and studio production equipment with assistance of technical volunteers and contract engineer in an advanced telecommunications/data center environment

To learn more about Redeemer Radio and these positions go to RedeemerRadio.com and click on the careers tab.

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.

As a religious broadcaster, St. Joseph Catholic Radio (Redeemer Radio) has established a religious qualification for all employee positions. In accordance with all FCC rules and EEO Program compliance measures, Redeemer Radio makes reasonable, 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.

**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

**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

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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
Rose Hughes at 574-293-6689 for
information.

Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of
Columbus Council 5570, 5202
Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti-
dinner Thursday, July 10 and
Aug. 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are
$8 for adults and $2.50 for
children 5-12.

Festival and polka Mass
South Bend — Our Lady of
Hungary Parish, 829 W. Calvert
St., will have a festival and polka
Mass Saturday, July 19, from
4-10 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m., live
music starts at 6 p.m. Hungarian
Goulash, Langalo, sausage sand-
wiches, Mexican food, cabbage
and noodles, hot dogs, pastry
booth, pop and adult beverages
will be offered. Raffles, kids
games and music by Just Us ...
featuring Our Lady of Hungary
alumni. For information contact
the Dononkos family at 574-255-
1906.

Catholic Apostle Build: Habitat
for Humanity
Fort Wayne — Area Catholic
churches are partnering with Fort
Wayne Habitat for Humanity to
help make the dream of home
ownership a reality for a local
family. There will be a build in
Fuller’s Landing, 4308 W. Cook
Rd., near the intersection of Cook
and Huguenard roads. Build dates
are July 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, and
Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Volunteers must be
16 and over. Sign-ups are done
online at www.fortwaynehabitat.
org. Groups are also needed to
supply breakfast and lunch for
workers. If you can assist contact
Vicki Welch at welchhouse5@gmail.com or 260-413-4886.

Alumni reunion planned
Garrett — St. Joseph School will
have an alumni reunion Saturday,
July 19, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in
Bennett Hall. Mass will be at 5
p.m. Light refreshments will be
served. Graduates and former
students only admitted for $5.

Theology on Tap offers summer series
Granger — A Catholic speaker
series for young adults in their
20s and 30s, single and married,
to share in food, fellowship and
faith will be held Tuesdays at
6:30 p.m. at Villa Macri, 225
Toscana Blvd. Series theme of
Spiritual Warfare will include:
July 22 — Combating Sin and
Evil — Msgr. Michael Heitzen;
July 29 — Divine Intervention:
Miracles — John Cavadin;
Aug. 5 — Putting on the Armor of
God through Works of Mercy —
Mary Ann Wilson; Aug. 12 —
Discernment of Spirits: Distinguishing Ally from Enemy — Father Brian Dunkle, SJ, and
Aug. 19 — summer cookout (at
Holy Cross College). More infor-
mation available at www.diocese-
fwbs.org/tot.

Community dinner planned
Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier
will have a free community din-
ner at the parish hall on Monday,
July 14, from 5-7 p.m.

Limited openings
South Bend — Saint Joseph
High School has limited openings
in grades 10-12. Go to www.saintjo-
ehigh.com or call 574-233-6137.

Dwenger to host football camp for boys
Fort Wayne — The Bishop
Dwenger football team will host a
skills development camp for boys
entering grades 6-9. Camp will
run July 21-24 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Cost is $40. Walk-up registrations
will be accepted the first day of
camp. Visit bishopdwenger.com
for registration form.

Summer festival
South Bend — A St. Patrick fam-
ily fun summer festival will be
Sunday, July 20, from noon to 5
p.m. at the corner of Scott Street
and Western Avenue. A beer
garden, casino games, face paint-
ing, children’s activities, ethnic
foods, raffle and silent auction
will be offered. A cow limousine
or dream coach horse and wagon
ride will be available. Live enter-
tainment by Rick Clifford and the
Dream Team.

Indoor yard sale
Fort Wayne — The Confraternity
of Penitents will have an indoor
yard sale on Saturday, July 19,
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Lady
of the Angels Oratory, 2610 New
Haven Ave. Baked goods, pulled
pork sandwiches and lunch avail-
able. Donations accepted Friday,
July 18, from 4-7 p.m. For infor-
mation, call 260-739-6882.

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Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fthogan@diocesefwbs.org. Events that require an admission charge
or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please
call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

Development Director
St. Paul Catholic Parish, Marion, Indiana
seeks a Development Director. St. Paul is a parish of
approximately 800 families and a school (pre-school
through sixth grade) with approximately 120 students.
The applicant must have strong interpersonal and
technical skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Office,
Publisher, social media sites and the updating of web-
sites through web based content management systems
is required. The ability to speak both English and
Spanish would be a plus but is not required. Prefer-
ence will be given to applicants with both marketing
and grant writing experience. Position description is
available upon request. Please send application and
resume to:
Search Committee, St. Paul Parish
1031 West Kem Road, Marion, IN 46952
or email to: kbrowder@stpaulcatholicmarion.com
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- A guaranteed immediate increase to your estate at death.
- Tax favored treatment of living AND death benefits.
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  Funds to offset Nursing Home or Home Health Care costs.
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