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JERRY KESSENS

Food items collected by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne were unloaded Nov. 16 as part of a food drive for Thanksgiving boxes to be distributed to clients of The Franciscan Center, Fort Wayne on Turkey Tuesday — Nov. 25. The center is accepting food and monetary donations for the purchase of turkeys or hams at the 1015 E. Maple Grove location or at the store at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd.

Pope confirms he will visit Philadelphia in 2015

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis said he would attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, making it the first confirmed stop on what is expected to be a more extensive papal visit to North America.

The pope made the announcement Nov. 17 in a speech opening an interreligious conference on marriage.

“I would like to confirm that, God willing, in September 2015, I will go to Philadelphia for the eighth World Meeting of Families,” the pope said.

The announcement had been widely expected, since Pope Benedict XVI had said before his retirement that he hoped to attend the Philadelphia event. Popes typically fulfill their predecessors’ publicly known travel plans, as Pope Francis did in July 2013 when he attended World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, who was in Rome for the families meeting, told Catholic

News Service the announcement was “a surprise in the sense that it was announced so early; you know usually they don’t make these announcements — four months out is the typical and here we are 10 months away, and the Holy Father said he is coming to Philadelphia.”

“The Holy Father has said that he’s going to be coming to Philadelphia for quite a few months,” he told Catholic News Service. “He’s been telling me that personally, but for him to announce it officially that he is coming so early is really quite an unusual thing, so it’s going to re-energize our efforts. There’s lot of enthusiasm already, but I think 90 percent of the enthusiasm’s based on the fact that the Holy Father will be with us, and now that he’s said that I expect that there will be even a double amount of enthusiasm ... and I’m very happy about that.”

Catholicphilly.com reported the archbishop noted that Pope Francis has focused “on the many challenges that families face today globally. His charisma, presence and voice will

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Bishops talk liturgy, sainthood cause, hold elections

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Though there were no actions on the U.S. bishops’ agenda in Baltimore dealing with immigration, poverty and other public policy issues, the president of their conference said Nov. 11 that he hopes to meet with President Barack Obama and House and Senate leaders soon on several topics.

In a brief comment during the annual fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, said he had heard from many of his brother bishops about those issues and hopes conferring with the politicians will supplement the work that committees and USCCB staff are doing.

He told Catholic News Service that he intends to pursue a meeting with the president and congressional leaders as soon as December.

In other action on the second public day of the Nov. 10-13 meeting, the bishops:

- Approved several liturgical items, including a revised translation of the ritual book used whenever a new church is built or when

a new altar is made; the first official English translation of the ritual book “Exorcisms and Related Supplications”; and a supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours that is an English translation of the prayers used for the feast days of saints who have been added to the general calendar since 1984.

- Voted to proceed with a revision of a section of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services dealing with partnerships.

- Endorsed the sainthood cause of Father Paul Wattson, co-founder of the Society of the Atonement in 1899, and in his day a leading advocate of Christian unity.

- Approved a 2015 budget of just under \$189.5 million. They also voted on a 3 percent increase in the diocesan assessment for 2016, but the vote fell short of the required two-thirds majority of the 197 bishops required to approve it. Eligible members absent from the Baltimore meeting will be canvassed to

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Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski responds to a question during a Nov. 11 news conference at the annual fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore. Also pictured is Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services.

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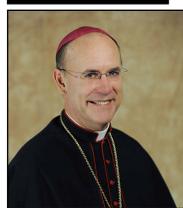
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Christ the King



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This coming Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. This beautiful feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI at a time when Fascist dictators were rising to power in Europe. It is said that the specific impetus for the Pope establishing this universal feast of the Church was the martyrdom of a Catholic priest, Blessed Miguel Pro, during the Mexican revolution.

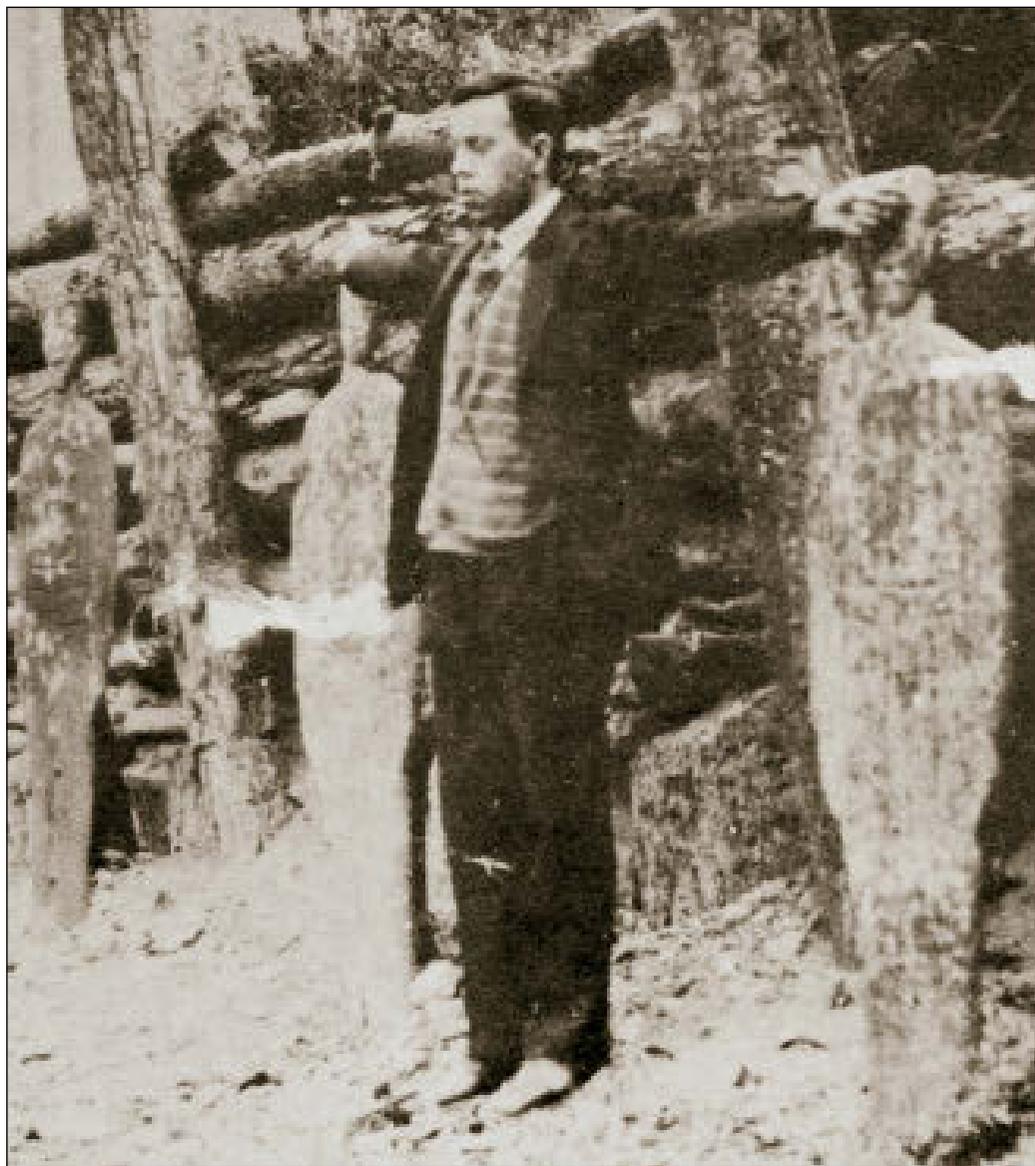
Cardinal Gerhard Muller, the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, explains:

As Father Pro was being taken out to be shot — his only crime being that he was a Catholic priest — in one last act of defiance he stretched out his arms in the shape of a cross and shouted “Viva Cristo Rey.” His cry rang out throughout the whole Church and the Pope declared that a feast of Christ the King should be included in the general liturgical calendar. The institution of this feast was, therefore, almost an act of defiance from the Church against all those who at that time were seeking to absolutize their own political ideologies, insisting boldly that no earthly power, no particular political system or military dictatorship is ever absolute. Rather, only God is eternal and only the Kingdom of God is an absolute value, which never fails. And this because all political or military kingdoms are ultimately based on and maintained by force or coercive power.

The Solemnity of Christ the King still has great relevance today. There are still currents of thought and action that seek to absolutize particular political ideologies, ignoring the sovereignty of God and the absolute value of His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is not imposed by force. Jesus did not want to rule a political kingdom by force. He said clearly to Pontius Pilate: *My kingship is not of this world.* Jesus teaches that real power is not the ability to coerce or conquer others. The power of Christ the King is the strength to love and to serve. Jesus turns the values of the world upside down when He proclaims His Kingdom. That is the Kingdom we pray for when we recite the Our Father.

In the beautiful Preface at Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Kingdom of God is described as *an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.* This is the Kingdom Christ brings. We became citizens of this Kingdom when we were baptized. Our primary allegiance should always be to Christ, the King of the Universe, since we are first and foremost citizens of His Kingdom.

Having said all this, it is important to keep in mind that we are also members of the earthly kingdom. We live in a civil society with duties as citizens of this society. We are called to love and serve our nation. It is our duty “to work with civil authority



CNS PHOTO

Jesuit priest and martyr Blessed Miguel Pro Juarez is pictured just before his execution by firing squad Nov. 23, 1927, in Mexico. Though he did not support the armed insurrection against the Mexican government's anti-Catholic actions, he was arrested and executed without trial. His final words were reported as, “Viva Cristo Rey!” (“Long live Christ the King!”).

for building up a society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom” (CCC 2255). At the same time, we are “obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel” (CCC 2242).

Blessed Miguel Pro recognized the primacy of Christ the King over the unjust dictator who was suppressing the Church in early 20th century Mexico. He gave his life, like so many martyrs of the past and even now in the present, for the sake of the truth of Christ. Father Pro, as he was being shot, extended his arms, making the sign of the cross with his body. He preached Christ the King to the end, by giving his life for the sake of His truth. How many Christians in the world today are doing the same in the face of religious persecution! This is the calling we have all received: to make our lives into a sign of the cross and preach Christ the King by living in His Truth.

We live in Christ's truth by witnessing to the Gospel in our everyday lives. We live by Christ's truth when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, defend the unborn, welcome the immigrant, and serve the needy. We live by Christ's truth when we defend and promote marriage and family life, according to the divine plan. We live by Christ's truth when we are merciful and forgiving. We live by Christ's truth when we reach out with the

love of Christ to those who are lonely or abandoned. We live by Christ's truth when we stand up for what is right and good in a culture of increasing secularism and relativism.

The Church teaches that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of God and that this Kingdom belongs to *the poor and lowly*, that is, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Pope Francis is constantly reminding us that Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom. *Jesus invites sinners to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast joy in heaven over one sinner who repents* (CCC 545). On the Solemnity of Christ the King, it is good for us to reflect on the kingdom that Jesus inaugurated, the kingdom present in the person of Jesus, the kingdom that begins in the Church and that remains in our midst in the Holy Eucharist.

The true nature of Christ's kingship was revealed when He was raised high on the cross. The cross is His throne. May Christ the King, the King of love on Calvary, reign in our lives! This happens when we conform our wills to His. Immediately after we pray *Thy kingdom come*, we pray *Thy will be done*. These two petitions go together.

May the Holy Spirit help us to be faithful followers of Christ our King!

In Turkey, pope will visit Blue Mosque, hold Mass in Istanbul cathedral

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although prayers and meetings with Orthodox leaders dominate the schedule of Pope Francis' Nov. 28-30 trip to Turkey, he also will meet government leaders and visit Istanbul's Blue Mosque.

His visit to this secular but Muslim country of nearly 77 million people also offers the opportunity for Pope Francis to join Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople for celebrations in Istanbul of the feast of St. Andrew.

The pope and the patriarch send delegations to each other's churches each year for the celebrations of their patron saints' feast days: the Vatican's June 29 feast of Sts. Peter and Paul and the Orthodox churches' Nov. 30 feast of St. Andrew.

While the pope will pray with and meet privately with Patriarch Bartholomew Nov. 29 and attend his celebration of the Nov. 30 feast day liturgy in Istanbul, Pope Francis also will visit the city's Hagia Sophia Museum, an architectural masterpiece once regarded as the finest church of the Christian Byzantine Empire. It was later converted into a mosque in the 15th century and then turned into a museum in



CNS PHOTO/MEHMET GULBIZ, EPA

Istanbul's Sultan Ahmet Mosque, known as the Blue Mosque, is seen in this 1998 file photo. Pope Francis will visit the mosque during a trip to Turkey Nov. 28-30.

1935 after Turkey became a secular state.

Pope Francis will visit the grandiose Sultan Ahmet Mosque, or the Blue Mosque, as it is often called because of the turquoise ceramic tiles that adorn the 400-year-old structure's interior.

The scheduled stops underline Turkey's varied cultural heritage and history as being at the crossroads of Christian Europe and the Muslim Middle East.

The first day of his trip, which will be spent in Ankara, the capi-

tal, will be dedicated to relations with the Turkish government, its office overseeing religious affairs and ambassadors serving in the country. The head of the department of religious affairs is Turkey's highest Muslim authority.

The Vatican published the pope's schedule Oct. 21, but without providing the exact time and features of many of the events because details remain to be finalized.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

• Saturday, Nov. 22, to Sunday, Nov. 30 — Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy



Priest assignment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades has made the following assignment:

• **Father Jose Panamattathil, VC**, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur, effective Dec. 1, 2014.

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

• St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.

• Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

• St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

• Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana recognized with national award

FORT WAYNE — The Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana was recently recognized by the Catholic Medical Association and received the fifth annual "Outstanding Guild Award for Exemplary Efforts in Prayer, Education and Public Awareness." Dr. Kate Heimann, guild vice president, accepted the award at the Catholic Medical Association's gathering in Orlando, Florida, Sept. 25-27.

With the increasing attacks on religious liberty and congressional passage of the Affordable Care Act, new guilds have been springing up rapidly around the country with about 10-15 new guilds approved per year during the last several years. The northeast Indiana guild was approved less than two years ago in December 2012.

The Catholic Medical Association Award Committee recognized Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana for a multitude of activities where they have sought to inform both medical professionals and the lay community regarding medical issues they face.

Some of the activities garnering the recognition include "The Catholic Doctor is In" column that has appeared monthly in



PROVIDED BY THE DR. JEROME LEJEUNE GUILD OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Board members of the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana, from left, include Dr. David Moran, Dr. David Kaminskas, Dr. Julie Bryan, Dr. Thomas McGovern and Dr. Andrew Mullally. Board members not available for the photo are Dr. Maria Cuda, Dr. Eustace Fernandes, Dr. Kathleen Heimann and Dr. Christopher Stroud.

Today's Catholic since April 2013. The column has been written by a number of guild members to educate members of the diocese.

"Faith and Medicine" minutes have begun playing on Redeemer Radio courtesy of Dr. David

Kaminskas.

In July 2013 during the Fortnight for Freedom, guild members spoke during a rally on the steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The guild has sponsored visit-

ing speakers during the October White Mass banquets who have also spoken to University of Saint Francis ethics classes, Bishop Dwenger High School classes, Fort Wayne Medical Education Program Family Practice Residency, Theology on Tap, the IPFW Newman Group and other groups.

The guild has sponsored several Holy Hours led by their chaplain, Father James Bromwich, a priest of the Sons of St. Philip Neri.

The first physician retreat in March attracted 20 doctors. Another retreat is scheduled Saturday, March 7, 2015, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church spiritual center in Fort Wayne. The topic, "The Beauty of Medicine," will offer an emphasis on prayer in the life of the physician.

The guild holds monthly spiritual formation meetings at the Cathedral Center on each third Saturday morning after the 8 a.m. Mass where they study and discuss St. John Paul II's document "On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering." This course was written by Dr. Thomas McGovern and has an imprimatur from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The guild hosted an evening dinner with members of the

board and Congressman Marlin Stutzman to discuss relevant medical issues for northeast Indiana.

In the works are increased efforts for collaboration between physicians and priests of the diocese and increased presence during the local March for Life and Banquet for Life.

This was the first year the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild was eligible to apply for the award.

"For such a young guild to win the award goes to show the commitment of our local members," reported Dr. Thomas McGovern, guild president. "We have many more ideas for how to impact the medical and lay community in northeast Indiana; all we need are more members willing to give of themselves for the culture of life."

For more information on the guild and how any health care worker can join or participate go to www.fortwaynecma.com.

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electrify the gathering.

"As I've said many times before, I believe that the presence of the Holy Father will bring all of us — Catholic and non-Catholic alike — together in tremendously powerful, unifying and healing ways. We look forward to Pope Francis' arrival in Philadelphia next September, and we will welcome him joyfully with open arms and prayerful hearts."

In August, Pope Francis told reporters accompanying him on the plane back from South Korea that he "would like" to go to Philadelphia. The pope also noted that President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress had invited him to Washington, D.C., and that the secretary-general of the United Nations had invited him to New York.

"Maybe the three cities together, no?" Pope Francis said, adding that he could also visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico on the same trip — "but it is not certain."

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters Nov. 17 that Pope Francis wanted to "guarantee organizers" that he would be present at the meeting in Philadelphia, "but he did not say anything about other possible stops



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The Philadelphia skyline is seen in a 2012 file photo. Pope Francis confirmed he will visit Philadelphia in September for the World Meeting of Families.

or events during that trip. And for now I do not have anything to add in that regard."

Although few details of the papal visit have made public, organizers for the families' congress expect Pope Francis to arrive Sept. 25 for an afternoon public visit with civic officials.

That would begin his first trip as pope to the United States and the second papal visit to Philadelphia in a generation; St. Pope John Paul II visited the city in 1979. The visit will mark the fourth time a sitting pontiff has visited the U.S.

During his visit, Pope Francis is expected to attend the Festival of Families Sept. 26, a cultural celebration for hundreds of thousands of

people along Philadelphia's main cultural boulevard, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Donna Farrell, executive director for the 2015 World Meeting of Families and its chief planner, said although Philadelphia has hosted St. Pope John Paul's visit, the city has "not had anything like this unique Festival of Families. It's really going to be something special."

Registration for the congress opened in mid-November. The meeting will be a weeklong series of talks, discussions and activities.

Pope Francis is expected to celebrate a public Mass for an estimated 1 million people on Sept. 26 on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in full view of the crowds arrayed from the museum down the Ben Franklin Parkway.

Contributing to this story were Matt Gambino in Philadelphia and Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.

Pope says defending marriage is matter of 'human ecology'

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis called for preserving the family as an institution based on marriage between a man and a woman, which he said is not a political cause but a matter of "human ecology."

"The complementarity of man and woman ... is at the root of marriage and the family," the pope said Nov. 17, opening a three-day inter-religious conference on marriage. "Children have the right to grow up in a family with a father and mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity."

Pope Francis said that "marriage and the family are in crisis. We now live in a culture of the temporary, in which more and more people are simply giving up on marriage as a public commitment. The revolution in mores and morals has often flown the flag of freedom, but in fact it has brought spiritual and material devastation to countless human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable."

According to the pope, the "crisis in the family has produced an ecological crisis, for social environments, like natural environments, need protection. And although the human race has come to understand the need to address conditions that menace our natural environments, we have been slower — we have been slower in our culture, and also in our Catholic culture — to recognize that our frag-

ile social environments are also at risk. It is therefore essential that we foster a new human ecology."

Pope Francis voiced hope that young people would be "revolutionaries with the courage to seek true and lasting love, going against the current." But he also warned against falling into the "trap of being swayed by ideological concepts."

"We cannot speak today of the conservative family or the progressive family," he said. "The family is the family."

The pope also stressed that the complementarity between male and female does not necessarily entail stereotypical gender roles.

"Let us not confuse (complementarity) with the simplistic idea that all the roles and relations of the two sexes are fixed in a single, static pattern," he said. "Complementarity will take many forms as each man and woman brings his or her distinctive contributions to their marriage and to the education of their children."

Pope Francis said Christians find the meaning of complementarity in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, "where the apostle tells us that the Spirit has endowed each of us with different gifts so that — just as the human body's members work together for the good of the whole — everyone's gifts can work together for the benefit of each."

"To reflect upon complementarity is nothing less than to ponder the dynamic harmonies at the heart of all creation," the pope said.

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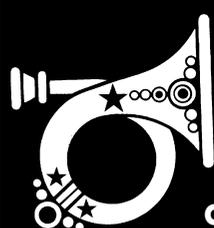
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Bishops endorse sainthood cause of founder of Society of Atonement

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two years ago, the U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Dorothy Day, who was born an Episcopalian but later became a Catholic and co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement that still flourishes today.

This year, the bishops endorsed the cause of another former Episcopalian: Father Paul Wattson, who was ordained an Anglican priest but became a Catholic and whose legacy includes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, observed each January.

Support for his cause came on a voice vote Nov. 11, the second day of the bishops' annual fall general assembly in Baltimore.

Born Lewis Thomas Wattson, the Episcopal priest was in ministry in Omaha, Nebraska, in the spring of 1897 when he received a letter from a novice in an Episcopal convent in Albany, New York.

Lurana White, though, was not content at her convent. In the letter, she expressed her frustration in finding a religious community whose members publicly professed the vow of poverty and lived according to the Franciscan tradition. Rev. Wattson knew of no such community, but he responded to White his vision of establishing a religious community of his own.

Rev. Wattson and White, through their correspondence, concluded they shared a similar dream. When they finally met face to face in October 1898, they established the Society of the Atonement, with separate orders for men and for women: the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement and the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

The society's members would live according to the Franciscan

tradition, and have as its charism the promotion of Christian unity and mission.

White, who by this time was back home in Warwick, New York, suggested as a home base for the society a relatively secluded spot in present-day Garrison, New York, that some people called Graymoor. Before the winter set in, White had settled into an old farmhouse on the land; there also happened to be a small chapel on the property called St.-John's-in-the-Wilderness. Rev. Wattson, for his part, lived in an old painted shack on the land, which he called the "Palace of Lady Poverty."

They decided early on to take as their cause convincing Episcopalians to join the Catholic Church.

This did not sit too well with the Episcopalians and Anglicans they knew. Rev. Wattson, who took the religious name Paul, found pulpits closed to him and donations drying up. White — now known as Sister Lurana and later Mother Lurana — would take her fellow sisters with her to New York City to beg at subway turnstiles.

Things came to a head following a 1907 decision at the Episcopal Church's convention to permit other Christian preachers to speak at Episcopal pulpits with the approval of the local bishop. Seeing how much more closely linked Anglicans were to Catholics than to other Christian denominations, Rev. Wattson and Mother Lurana decide to leave the Episcopal Church and become Catholics themselves.

In October 1909, they and a few companions were received into the Roman Catholic Church. It is believed to be the first time since the days of the Reformation the members of an entire religious community had become Roman Catholics on a corporate, rather than individual basis. Father Wattson was ordained a Catholic priest in 1910.



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY SOCIETY OF THE ATONEMENT, GRAYMOOR

Father Paul Wattson, who co-founded the Society of the Atonement in Graymoor, N.Y., is pictured in an undated photo. The U.S. bishops Nov. 11 endorsed the sainthood cause of the onetime Episcopal priest who joined the Catholic Church more than a century ago along with the members of the Society of the Atonement. The bishops' support for his cause came on the second day of their annual fall general assembly in Baltimore.

At first, they were as unpopular within the Catholic Church as they had been in the Episcopal Church. Many Catholics thought them to be "secret Protestants," a label that took several years for them to overcome.

Father Wattson "really did reach out to people of other denominations at a time when it was not popular," said Sister Nancy Conboy, who is minister general of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

"I think his emphasis on Christian reconciliation and ecumenism in this day and age when there is so much division could be a real

catalyst for helping people to say 'we can talk about what we have in common'" she told Catholic News Service in a phone interview in early November.

Despite suspicions about their ministry, Father Wattson and Mother Lurana's projects took on new impetus.

The Lamp, a magazine devoted to Christian unity and mission, was published monthly for a much wider audience. The Union-That-Nothing-Be Lost, an organization which aided missionaries, grew larger and more enthusiastic. St. Christopher's

Inn, an expression of the Society of the Atonement's commitment to Franciscan ideals, continued to receive thousands of homeless, needy men each year, providing them with hospitality in the spirit of St. Francis.

Father Wattson married a theological perspective with "very practical things," said Father Jim Gardiner. A Franciscan Friar of the Atonement for more than 54 years, he oversees special projects at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington.

On one hand, Father Wattson very much wanted to see the "reunion of Rome and Canterbury," the Anglican Church, Father Gardiner said, and at the same time he cared for wayfarers with St. Christopher's Inn, emphasized the role of prayer and "took the Gospel very seriously."

Father Wattson also co-founded the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and among other things organized Graymoor Press and the "Ave Maria Hour" on radio.

In 1903, Father Wattson started the annual Church Unity Octave — now known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is observed from Jan. 18, the feast of St. Peter's Chair in Rome, to Jan. 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Father Wattson wanted Christians to understand Christian unity as a realistic goal for churches and not some pie-in-the-sky dream. The Society for the Atonement now publishes a monthly journal called *Ecumenical Trends*, which collects speeches and documents written by ecumenists and interreligious figures worldwide.

Both the men's and women's branches of the society continued to grow through the Jazz Age and the Great Depression. Mother Lurana died in 1935, and Father Wattson in 1940.

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determine the final vote.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, gave a presentation on the newly revised "Guidelines for Receiving Pastoral Ministers in the United States."

As the number of priests and pastoral ministers from other countries increases in the United States, he said the resource — now in its third edition — provides information for dioceses, eparchies and religious communities to prepare international ministers for their service and help the communities that receive them.

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, USCCB secretary and chairman of the Committee on Priorities and Plans, told the bishops that a myriad of activities revolving around four key goals of the USCCB is an indication that "the conference planning process is working quite well."

The current four goals, or priorities, are faith formation and sacramental

practice; strengthening marriage and family life; the life and dignity of the human person; and religious liberty.

The bishops also heard a report on the work of various committees — pro-life, domestic justice, international justice, evangelization and religious liberty — which together are trying to pinpoint what Catholics in the pew are thinking and why they accept or disregard Church teaching.

The compilation of vast data is being assembled for bishops to read and also will be relayed in a series of workshops. One of the major findings from the study — that Catholics want to find out more about their faith — has prompted plans for a 2017 convocation in Orlando, Florida, the week of July 4.

In considering the bishops' ethical directives for Catholic health care, the discussion focused on whether to revise Part 6, "Forming New Partnerships with Health Care Organizations." It will take into account principles suggested by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Once completed, the revision will be presented to the bishops for final approval.

Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, chairman of

the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, invited the bishops to a 2015 Lay Ecclesial Ministry Summit. The June 7, 2015, event will mark the 10th anniversary of the bishops' statement "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord." It will be held just prior to the USCCB spring general assembly in St. Louis.

In elections, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans won the secretary-elect spot. The committee chairmen-elect are: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, pro-life activities; Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Indianapolis, communications; Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, cultural diversity; Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit, doctrine; Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, national collections. Each will assume their offices next November for a three-year term. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was one of five bishops chosen to serve on the Catholic Relief Services board.

The meeting included reports on the recently concluded extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family; Catholic education and an outreach to Hispanic students in underserved

communities; the progress of planning for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia; the status of the 2013-16 USCCB strategic plan, "The New Evangelization: Faith, Worship, Witness"; the 2015 Fortnight of Freedom; and the defense of marriage.

Several bishops who participated in the synod talked about their experience there, and also discussed it in one of three news conferences during the meeting's public sessions. Cardinal Dolan said at the news conference that he thought reports of the synod as "confrontational and divisive" conflicted with his impressions. "The one we were at was hardly as spicy (and) juicy," he said.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington and chairman of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Church in Africa, reported on continuing strong growth for the Church in Africa and said U.S. Catholics deserve thanks and credit for their financial support for the effort. "Some dioceses (in Africa) have more catechumens than Catholics," he said, adding that in some dioceses as many as 5,000 people have joined the Church in a year. Such growth rates "are somewhat like

the early centuries of the Church," he said.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, said the committee — extended for another three years — planned to focus more on teaching and expanding networks with Catholic lay groups and interfaith and ecumenical partners. He said threats to religious liberty remain a great concern.

"The challenges to religious liberty with regard to the redefinition of marriage grow daily," said Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, in his report.

He said that for several years, the subcommittee has "sought to defend marriage's unique meaning, while also calling attention to the real negative consequences and anticipated threats that marriage redefinition poses to religious liberty and freedom of conscience."

Contributing to this roundup were Patricia Zapor, Mark Pattison and Carol Zimmermann.

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New “Cross” Scholarships Will Benefit Kenya Kids Eager to Attend School

Cross Catholic Outreach's launch of a new scholarship program for the poor (see story on opposite page) is poised to have a major impact halfway around the globe in the African nation of Kenya. The benefits will bring blessings to both the poor and two of the country's most effective Catholic schools.

“This is a significant story in light of the recent teachings of Pope Francis and the excitement building around the Church's call to a New Evangelism,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “Our plan is to help American Catholics establish inexpensive scholarships to lift up the neediest children in Kenya.”

In addition to helping hundreds of young children gain a primary education, Cross Catholic's efforts will have an important second benefit. It will encourage and empower the priests and nuns behind two of the nation's most exciting outreaches — the Brother Beausang Catholic School and St. Andrew Nkaimurunya School. Both are located near the city of Nairobi.

“The priests and nuns who established these Catholic schools have made tremendous personal sacrifices to extend Christ's love in the communities they serve. When American Catholics step forward and fund a \$110 scholarship to their schools, it will be incredibly encouraging to them. It will show them that we American Catholics are grateful for their work and want to help them in their noble cause of educating the

poorest of the poor.”

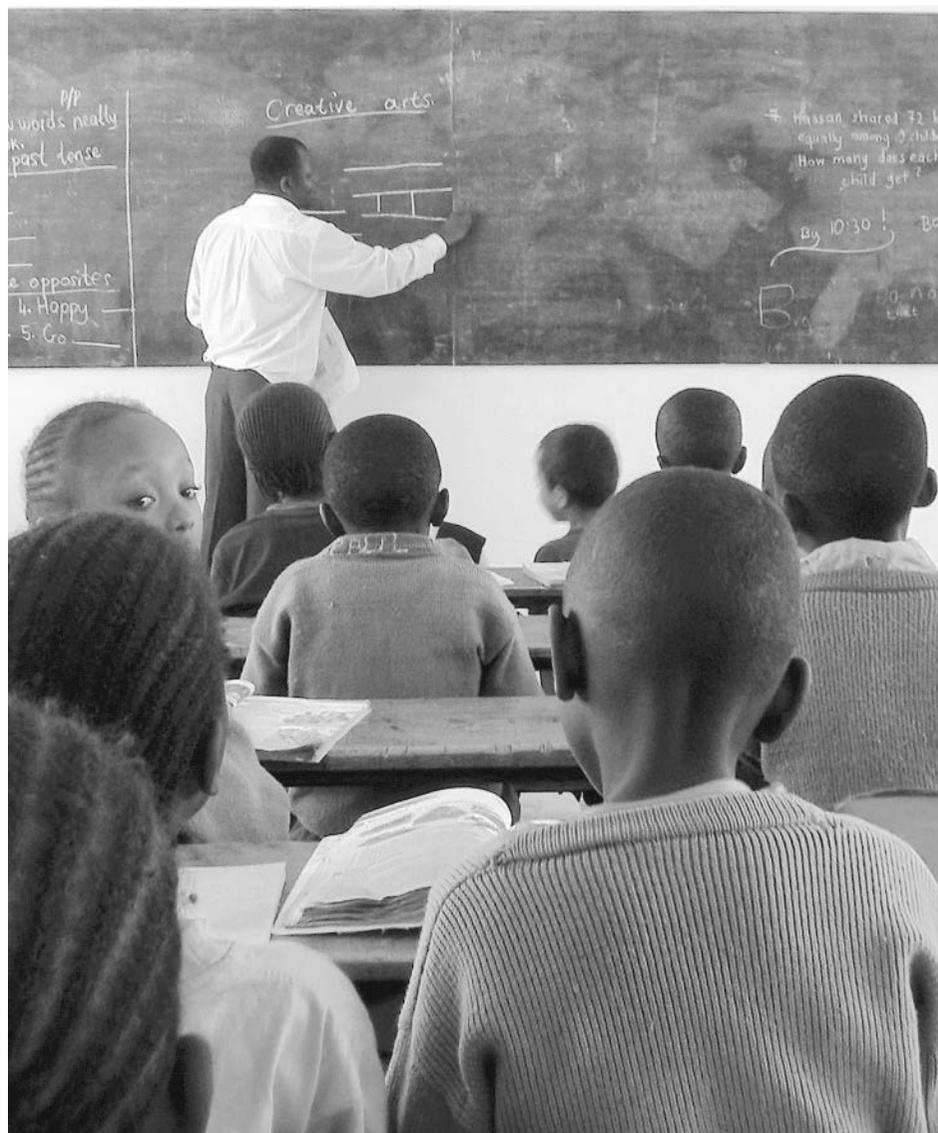
Why is the scholarship so important? The answer is simple. Without this support, children would simply go unschooled. Families subsisting on only a few dollars a week can't afford the luxury of sending a child to school.

“Those who establish a scholarship are helping put a child in school for a full year and the daily classroom experience also includes a meal — sometimes the only meal that child eats all day,” Cavnar said. “And what is the alternative? Leaving a child illiterate and without hope? Is that really an option? I doubt Pope Francis would see it that way.”

Some will ask if there is a way to support the goal without funding a full \$110 scholarship for a school year. The answer, Cavnar emphatically said was “yes!” Donors who contribute to the scholarship fund in any amount are helping to build the general scholarship pool which will also fund students in need.

“Every gift, large or small, will make a difference,” Cavnar said. “As we collect up to \$110, another scholarship will be funded. As a newspaper reader responding to this need, you can have a profound impact on the poor with any and every gift they make toward this cause.”

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred during the current calendar year. In the event that more



Children will walk miles to attend school — if they are given the opportunity to learn.

funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet Cross Catholic Outreach's most urgent needs.

To support the Cross Catholic Outreach scholarship program for the poor, use the ministry brochure

enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your donation to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01074, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. Please write “SCHOLARSHIP” in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed to the proper fund.

Bishop Endorses International Mission of Cross Catholic Outreach

Visit the website of Cross Catholic Outreach (www.CrossCatholic.org) and you will notice three indisputable strengths of the organization and its mission — its cost-effectiveness in serving the poor, its strong Catholic leadership, and its impressive list of endorsers.

Cross Catholic Outreach is clearly having an impact both overseas and here in the United States.

“We do get a lot of positive feedback about our effectiveness at helping the poor around the globe,” admitted Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “Donors want their gifts to be used wisely and to have a clear impact. They appreciate the fact that nearly 95 percent of our donations are used for program services. They like what the way their donations can be traced to specific projects that do tangible and meaningful things to benefit the poor.”

When you want help the poor with food, safe water, medicines, housing, educational supplies and other resources, there are few ministries that deliver those blessings as

effectively as Cross.

Among those looking for strong Catholic leadership in a ministry, Cross Catholic Outreach also impresses. Six prominent bishops lead on Cross Catholic Outreach's board of directors, and the organization also has ties to the Vatican itself through a collaborative relationship with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Holy Father's own outreach to the poor.

These factors undoubtedly lead to the 80-plus endorsements Cross Catholic Outreach has gained, including praise given by Bishop Jarrell.

“I appreciated learning the extent to which Cross Catholic Outreach works to cultivate and encourage the human and Christian growth of people in the developing world — areas where it is needed most,” Bishop Jarrell said in a letter to James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “Please know of my prayers and support for this vital work in the name of Christ and in communion with His Church and Her missionary Spirit.”

The other things that draw attention



Pope Francis recently met with Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.

to Cross Catholic Outreach are its global reach and its consistent results. The charity is particularly popular with donors who want to fund specific, tangible projects for the benefit of the poor.

“When Cross Catholic Outreach distributes food, digs wells, builds homes,

launches medical programs, equips schools and funds educational scholarships, we are simply fulfilling the wishes of donors who have a concern for the poor,” Jim Cavnar explained. “We are giving compassionate Catholics a way to accomplish the outreaches they believe are important.”

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\$110 Scholarships for Catholic Education Can Lift African Children from Hopeless Poverty

A door of opportunity is opening for impoverished African children, and whether or not they will pass through that door will largely depend on the generosity of American Catholics. The “door” to this brighter future is a scholarship, and its availability is tied to sponsors who fund the certificates at a cost of just \$110 for a full year of schooling.

“This year, Cross Catholic Outreach established a unique new scholarship program to fight illiteracy and poverty in Africa and if it is successful, we may extend the program to Latin America and the Caribbean regions too. The Cross Catholic Scholarship Outreach was established to help unschooled children aged 4 to 12, and it allows us to provide a life-changing education for a boy or girl at a cost of just \$110 for the full school year,” explains Jim Cavnar, president of the relief organization, Cross Catholic Outreach.

Now that the program is in place, we need benefactors to step forward and fund a scholarship in their family’s name. Mr. and Mrs. Jones family can create the Jones family scholarship, for example. Dr. Smith can establish the Mary Smith Scholarship to honor his mother. Each scholarship can be for a single school year or renewed annually to keep the gift going as part of a family legacy to benefit the poor.

“With a gift of just \$110 you can launch a scholarship with a life-changing impact on a child in need,” Cavnar explained. “A certificate is sent to you, the donor, to commemorate the new scholarship, and the child overseas is blessed with the grant of aid. It’s really a priceless gift you are giving — an education brings opportunities, new hope and self dignity. Those are things you can’t buy off a shelf but they come with this outreach.”

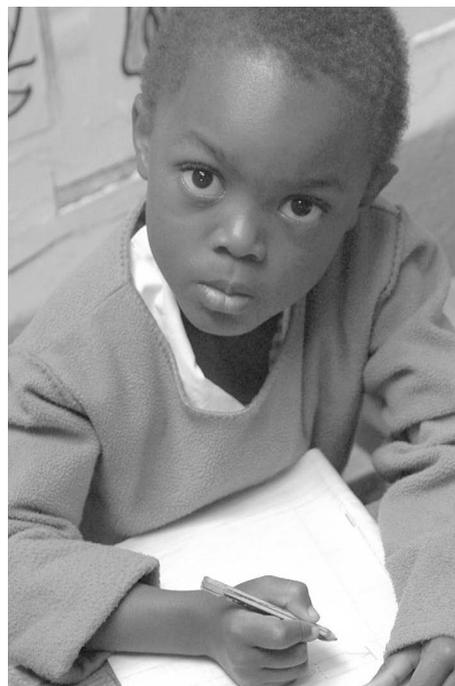
How many scholarships does Cross Catholic Outreach hope to launch this year? Their initial goal is to educate 5,000 needy youngsters who are currently “on the outside, looking in.”

Some children are literally in that position. They stand outside schools and watch longingly as others enter. They’re fearful they’ll forever be left outside the educational system.

“When you travel to places like Haiti, Kenya, Zambia or the Philippines, you encounter the terrible hardships of the poor and you see how hungry they are for hope,” Cavnar said. “In some of the countries where we serve, children literally stand outside schools praying to get in. These kids are illiterate, but they’re wise enough to know an education provides new opportunities and a way out of the slums. They pray the school door will someday open for them — but most realize that is only going to happen if their families get help. Their parents are too poor to afford even the few, meager expenses needed to attend.”

The new Cross Catholic Scholarship Outreach meets this need. It serves as a “golden ticket” — opening the door to a quality education. Amazing, considering the scholarships can be provided for just \$110 per year. And, despite the low cost, the quality of the education is high.

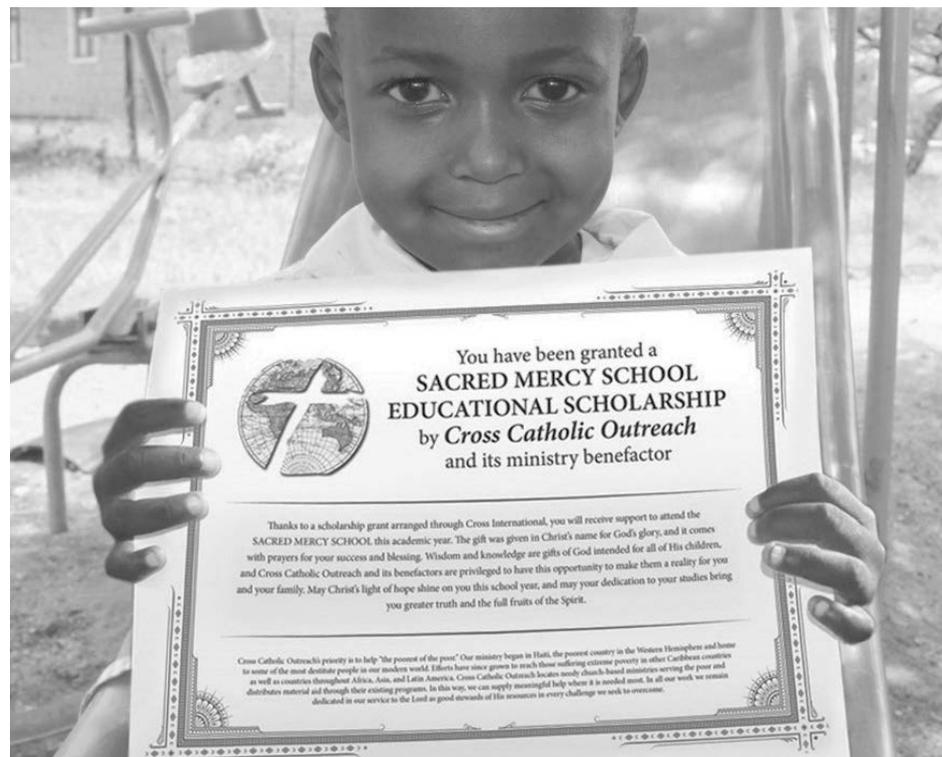
“In establishing this scholarship program, we started by choosing quality institutions that could qualify as Cross-accredited Catholic Schools,” Cavnar says. “These schools are also monitored to ensure they continue to meet our standards. We insist each school has a strong Catholic identity, hires a capable



staff of teachers, includes spiritual teachings within the curriculum and provides students with a broad, practical education. It’s important that our scholarship students end up with a solid education — one that gives them greater opportunities in their communities.”

Some potential benefactors are likely to be surprised at the low cost of establishing a scholarship. Most of us are only familiar with U.S. college scholarships which are typically valued in the thousands of dollars. The difference, Cavnar admits, is startling. But, he adds, it also makes the program affordable to virtually everyone who wants to help the poor.

“Who among us can deny the value and impact of this program? The Catholic schools overseas are extremely efficient. The teachers who work there are also sacrificing. Many work for a few dollars a day in order to ensure these children get an education. When a donor contributes his or her portion by funding a scholarship, amazing things are being accomplished,” he says. “So my hope is that many will step forward. I envision Cross Catholic Outreach offering a young boy or girl the Williams Family Scholarship, or the Brown Family Scholarship, or a scholarship in your family’s name. If just a few dozen



work being done overseas, and its efforts have produced impressive results. Catholic priests and nuns working “in the trenches” have been empowered by Cross Catholic Outreach and its U.S. benefactors to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide safe water to the thirsty, house the homeless, protect the orphaned and — as this case demonstrates — educate the poor.

The ministry has accomplished these outreaches in more than 40 countries worldwide, and it does its work in an extremely cost effective way. Less than 6 percent of its resources are used for administrative or fundraising expenses — nearly 95 percent are spent on program services to benefit the poor.

“Of all of the work we do, we consider educational outreaches among our most important and effective,” Cavnar says. “Why? Because a Catholic education has three critical benefits to the poor. It elevates the poor out of illiteracy. It opens doors of opportunity that help create self-reliance — teaching a man to fish, as the saying goes. And, just as important, it communicates Catholic truths that transform lives from the inside out. That is why we encourage donors to establish these scholarships. They are one of the most valuable gifts a donor can give.”

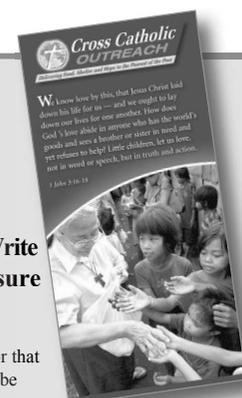
of this newspaper’s readers make that decision, the impact will be profound. It will turn lives around. It’s a simple fact. When Catholics focus their compassion on meeting a specific need, amazing things can be accomplished. I’ve seen it happen again and again and again.”

This optimistic view of Catholic charity flavors everything Cross Catholic Outreach does. It was founded more than ten years ago to create a stronger link between American Catholics and Catholic mission

How to Help:

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach scholarships for the poor, use the postage-paid brochure inserted in this newspaper or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01074, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. Write “SCHOLARSHIP” in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed properly.

If you identify an aid project, 100% of the proceeds will be restricted to be used for that specific project. However, if more is raised for the project than needed, funds will be redirected to other urgent needs in the ministry.



St. Michael, Plymouth, plans retreat

PLYMOUTH — St. Michael Church will hold its fourth annual women's retreat in the school cafeteria on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The retreat titled, "Woman at the Well," will begin at 8 a.m. with Mass and will include spiritual talks given in both English and Spanish by Darlene Leitz and Claudia Diaz. Closing prayer concludes the day at 3 p.m. Women 18 and older are invited. There will be no childcare provided. Cost at the door is \$10, which includes light breakfast and lunch. The school cafeteria is located across from the church building at 611 N. Center St. in Plymouth. Register online at www.saintmichaelplymouth.org or call Laurie Lemler at 574-208-3830. Registration deadline is Nov. 23.

Eucharistic Adoration hours extended at Christ the King Parish

SOUTH BEND — Christ the King Parish community has extended their hours of Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Benediction will be at 4:30 p.m.

The first Friday of the month Adoration will occur in the main worship space. All other Fridays, the Eucharist is exposed in the Holy Cross Chapel, located on the north side of the church.

Christ the King Parish is located at 52473 State Road 933.

For additional information, contact Megan Urbaniak at murbaniak@christthekingonline.org.

Huntington Knights to hold 'Pitch-In'

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Knights of Columbus will hold their 37th annual Pitch-In campaign on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with collection stations located at strategic intersections in the city of Huntington.

Pitch-In, in conjunction with Love, INC, pays for services for people with an immediate need and nowhere else to turn to for assistance. There are no administrative costs because the program is run by Knights of Columbus volunteers. Service providers are paid directly by Love, INC from the Pitch-In fund.

In the 37-year history of Pitch-In, the Huntington Knights have raised over \$240,000 to provide needed services.

People can also support Pitch-In by sending a tax deductible contribution to: K. of C. Pitch-In, P.O. Box 973, Huntington, IN 46750.

USF to launch marching band program fall 2015

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will begin immediately to recruit students to form a USF Marching Band. The band

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Susan Curtis' second-grade class at St. Mary School, Avilla, sponsored a Pumpkin Patch Food Drive for the Avilla Food Pantry. Addison Meyer and her parents Brian and Katie donated pumpkins that the students decorated and put on display at the school. Members of the St. Mary community voted for their favorite by donating canned goods and paper products. Over 375 items were collected with Kaleb Strater's Baby Pumpkin earning the most votes.

will have one year to form and rehearse for their debut in the fall of 2016. The university's goal is to build a band of 100 members including a color guard within four years.

USF officials hope the new band will be instrumental in enhancing the spectator experience at sporting events. Awards up to \$3,000 will be available to students accepted to join the band.

Musicians interested in joining the USF marching band are encouraged to reserve their spot in the talent audition by contacting 260-399-7700, ext. 8001. Admissions and financial aid information is available by calling 260-399-8000, emailing admiss@sf.edu, visiting sf.edu/admissions, or by visiting the campus at 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne.

University of Notre Dame to host international crèche exhibit

NOTRE DAME — Christmas Nativity scenes from around the world will be on display at the University of Notre Dame from Nov. 19 until Jan. 31, 2015. The crèches, on loan from The Marian Library at the University of Dayton, will be located at several sites on the Notre Dame campus. The University's Institute for Church Life is sponsoring the exhibit to celebrate the Christmas season and highlight the beauty and diversity of religious culture.

The crèches from Asia, Africa, South America and Europe will be on display in the Eck Visitors Center, the Morris Inn, McKenna Hall, the Main Building and the Hesburgh Library. The exhibit will open on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center auditorium with a lecture by Society of Mary Father Johann G. Roten entitled, "The Crèche: A Celebration of Christmas and Culture."

On Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m., guests are invited to make a pilgrimage by visiting each of the exhibit locations while listening to Christmas music performed by the Notre Dame Glee Club and Children's Choir. Notre Dame president Holy Cross Father John Jenkins will welcome pilgrims to the Main Building and refreshments will be served. The lecture and pilgrimage are both free and open to the public.

Visitors are invited to take a self-guided tour of the exhibit using a full-color booklet that can be found at any of the display sites. Each crèche reflects the particularity of its native culture while pointing to the universal joy experienced by Christians at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Angola parish to host parish mission Nov. 23-25

ANGOLA — St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola will hold a parish mission, "Divine

Intimacy," on Nov. 23-25 featuring Franciscan Father David Mary Engo.

Father Engo will share his own powerful experience of rediscovering his faith as a senior in a New York City high school that led him to the Franciscan order in 1986. Eleven years later he was ordained a Franciscan priest. He is the superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor community. A key component of Father Engo's message will offer inspiration to pray as a family.

"The most intimate thing is to pray together," notes Father Engo. "Praying together creates real intimacy, and then the relationship is bound in unity with God."

Father Engo will speak on the following topics:

- Sunday, Nov. 23 — Divine Adoption
 - Monday, Nov. 24 — Forgiveness, with the sacrament of Reconciliation available
 - Tuesday, Nov. 25 — Eucharist
- The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be available. For more information, call 260-665-2259 or email the mission team at StAnthonyMissionTeam@yahoo.com.

Ancilla College hosted second annual Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner

DONALDSON — Ancilla College hosted its second annual Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner Friday,

Nov. 7.

The event provided an opportunity for the college to raise money to help fund the scholarships, grants and awards that last year totaled over \$1 million and were given to approximately 90 percent of its students.

"The Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner was a wonderful occasion celebrating all those who have earned scholarships to attend Ancilla and thanking all those who continue to make those scholarships possible," stated Dr. Ken Zirkle, president of Ancilla College. He continued, "It was heartwarming to see so many people who believe in the mission of Ancilla College. The thoughts, prayers and generous donations of all those present certainly contribute to the success of Ancilla."

The evening included a live auction, silent auction, dinner, awards ceremony and entertainment by Andrew Jennings. Most tables were hosted by a current Ancilla College student so guests had a chance to interact with one of many recipients to benefit from the generous donations made each year.

Two awards were presented including the Sister Mary Dolores Outstanding Alumni Award. This award is granted in memory of the founder of the Ancilla Alumni Association and an English teacher for more than 30 years at Ancilla, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sister Mary Dolores Greifer. The award recognizes dedicated alumni that have demonstrated steadfast involvement with Ancilla College. The award this year was awarded to Dale A. Adams.

The other was the Ancilla Award. Initiated in 1975, the Ancilla Award is the college's highest award and honors an individual, couple or organization that has shown distinguished community service and who has been a loyal and dedicated supporter of Ancilla College. This year's winner was Richard and the late Suzanne J. Biddle Belcher.

Chorale concerts in NYC and on campus to celebrate women's voices

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Department of Music will celebrate women's voices this month with two events, one in the Lincoln Center in New York City over the Thanksgiving weekend and one on campus.

Music professor Nancy Menk, director of choral activities and the Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Chair of Music, will feature the music of American composer Gwyneth Walker. Walker, who will attend both performances, will work with Saint Mary's music students while on campus.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., the choir will perform in "With Grace, The Choral Music of Gwyneth Walker" in Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center.

The Fall Choral Concert will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Little Theatre. The concert will also include performances by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir, the Collegiate Choir and Bellacappella, a student a cappella group. Ticket information is available at MoreauCenter.com.

COMMISSIONED STATUES HONOR HOLY CROSS FOUNDER, BROTHER-SAINT



PROVIDED BY SEAN KENNEDY

St. Joseph Parish in South Bend received two new statues that were commissioned with money received from the Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Campaign. The statues of Blessed Basil Moreau and St. André Bessette, Congregation of Holy Cross priest and brother, were custom crafted at a studio in Italy. The statues will be placed in newly created niches in the sanctuary of Saint Joseph Church.

WORK FOR SAINT JOE PROJECT SERVES COMMUNITY



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More than 400 students, 82 parents and 15 Saint Joseph High School faculty and staff served 89 sites around Michiana in the Work For Saint Joe community outreach program. Students worked in teams with adults to rake leaves and do other yard work for those who are unable to do so for themselves. Students enjoy providing this very tangible, visible sign of their love for their neighbors.

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Second generation finds faith on the farm

BY KATHLEEN KERSHNER

SOUTH BEND — When Mary Ann Weber was growing up on a dairy farm in upstate New York, she took as a matter of fact, that faith was as natural as the land. “The connection with the land, growing all of our own food — this was a spiritual exercise,” she says.

She remembers whatever she was doing — riding the tractor or baling hay — was always done as a spontaneous conversation with God.

“All we did on a daily basis was very spiritual. We worked together as a family,” she shares, adding, “Our father was the leader and he taught us ‘no matter what, with prayer and faith, we were going to get through.’ Everything we did, we did with this spiritual background.”

Stories about the difficult seasons when — but for the generosity of the members of the church, there may not have been a Thanksgiving turkey; the joy of sharing that came with and through the community; and the simplicity of life that provided more than enough, though in adult retrospect, may have been rife with poverty — captured the heart and imagination of her newly wed spouse, Bob, who believed there was something very rich in a life so lean.

“I grew up in a suburban area and the mindset is much different,” recalls Bob. “Mary Ann’s experience was so different than mine. I thought it was important to have the experience of living on a farm where the family is together, not just running around with your friends and being whatever society is telling you to be. I felt that was very important and we decided we wanted that for our children.”

The Weber family grew to include five children. “Five Sisters Farm” was established in 2003 when Bob and Mary Ann Weber purchased three acres of land about a mile west of Quince Road on U.S. 20 in South Bend, and named it after their five lovely daughters. Abundant in fruit and vegetables, the farm also provides farm-fresh, cage-free eggs year round. Vendors at the Farmer’s Market in Three Oaks, Michigan, the Weber family depends on one another in every aspect of their lives. This mutual dependency is credited to the closeness that the sisters share.

“I do think that we are very close to our family,” explains Saint Joseph High School junior Emily Weber. “It stems from all of us always being together and working together.”

Every one of the sisters has a role to play. “There is an expecta-



KATHLEEN KERSHNER

“For me, faith was always connected to my family and having the farm. I wanted to re-create that for our children. I wanted them to have an experience of the family and the farm together,” explains Mary Ann Weber of Five Sisters Farm, South Bend. Shown from left are Mary Ann, holding Sheldon the goat, Emily, Bob, Mary Rose and Esther.

tion that this is a family enterprise and that the children will help,” says Bob. “We go to market to sell our goods and each of the girls has to participate. Getting up early on Saturday mornings is not what a teenager likes to do. But there is an expectation, and I think that is an important thing to instill within your children; ‘we are here for each other and no matter what, your family is number one.’”

Saint Joseph High School freshman Mary Rose Weber speaks in bemusement at the difference between her life out in the country and her friends in town. “They can just walk out their door and go to the Taco Bell,” she giggles. “I really don’t have that option. Everything I need is right here.”

Bob comments on the difference he hoped to be able to make in his daughters lives by raising them in a rural setting. “I think that secular society places too great of a focus on material things and consumerism. We hope to show the children a different life. We hope that the life that we have given them here will give them an alternative view, a more spiritual view.”

Daughter Mary Rose edifies this hope by recounting her own experience of living so close to the land.

“I would definitely say that living on the farm deepens my relation-

ship with God,” she says. “It kind of relates back to people in the city. They have all these distractions, and here it is so quiet. At night, you can see all the stars. I love that. It is so beautiful. You can see God’s incredible work in action and talk with Him.”

With the two eldest daughters, Adelle and Anita, away at college, Emily, the oldest daughter at home has assumed the role of the eldest sibling.

“We have a kind of prayer ritual that we do together at night,” describes Emily. Seven-year-old Esther’s favorite prayers are prayers of blessing and the Guardian Angel prayer.

With openhearted generosity and warm, gentle smiles, the Webers gratefully agree, that the Five Sisters Farm is a three-acre slice of heaven. “Outside is so beautiful,” says Bob. “I find my peace and my serenity in my life on the farm. It is where God is.”

Seeds of gratitude: St. He

BY JIM MOUNT

FORT WAYNE — Like a seed planted in the ashes of what once was, the community gardens on the campus of St. Henry Parish at Paulding and Hessen Cassel roads in Fort Wayne are growing the parish into something new.

After the closing of the school, St. Henry has found new life as a community center and one of the main attractions that has taken off like a wild shoot is the community gardens. Starting off small, St. Henry’s began offering the community gardens as a service to the community, providing an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other and to plant and raise food together.

From its inception two years ago, the community gardens have grown with boxed plots starting to fill the adjacent north field of the campus.

When Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy located in the former St. Henry’s School, closed in 2006, the parish was left with a vacant building. St. Henry pastor, Father Dan Durkin, and property manager Paul Gerardot contemplated the impact the closure of the school would have on the struggling southeast side parish. Losing the school was a blow that left St. Henry struggling to find a new role and service they could provide absent the school.

For over 50 years, the parish had served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the community at large as a school and parish.

“We took a leap of faith with what the Lord wanted us to do,” Gerardot says about the establishment of the community garden. Soon after came the formation of the community center and with that in place came new avenues and ideas of how to utilize the campus for the benefit of the community — hence, the creation of the community gardens.

“We started it with no expectations of growth,” explains Gerardot about the community garden. “I initially had about 16 4x8 (foot) boxes and wound up the first year ballooning to 90 boxes. This year, we’re close to 300. We also have Twila, who’s running the thrift store, and she’s a volunteer. She donated the hoop house, which we hope to have up by Thanksgiving.”

The garden outreach has spread to the neighborhood, involving local residents in the planting and cultivation.

“The community gardens, from my perspective,” says John Morgan, a 38-year resident of the Hoewelwood neighborhood, “has been very helpful and beneficial to me as a neighbor because I’m able to raise a lot of vegetables on my own. I have eight plots there and I’ve raised so many vegetables I’ve been able to share with my neighbors, family and friends throughout the city. It’s been very fruitful for the neighborhood.”

Morgan also has high regard for the staff of the gardens saying, “The staff there that runs it and controls the community gardens has been more than helpful to everyone down there in any way that they can, advising and giving any aid that they have been able to provide to help grow our gardens.”

For Father Durkin, the community gar-



The St. Henry Community Garden



A hoop house will be completed

den is a blessing, fleshing out for St. Henry. With the garden to Father Durkin, the opportunity to bring different people together, effort as well as to teach the uses of appreciation and gratitude.

“It brings people together,” Durkin says, “Working together, different nationalities of people in the garden have benefited those chosen to participate and cultivate the garden. It’s also a good teaching tool to teach the young people what care needed to cooperate with nature to help things grow. It can help them understand because we don’t know where our food comes from, from God through our effort.”

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“It’s still serving,” Gerardot says about St. Henry offering the garden, “Still doing something good. We don’t have a school like what we went to growing up, but it’s still doing a service.”

And that’s something any community can benefit from.

For more information about the community garden, contact Paul Gerardot at 260-441-7000, ext. 126. The boxes are available at no charge. Participants in the fall harvest sale are encouraged to give a portion of their profits to church.

Gratitude: The forgotten virtue

BY CAROLINE PETERSON

Hilda van Stockum, a 20th-century Dutch children’s author, is known for her gentle stories of children and their families. But her output isn’t limited to simple tales of home life. In her 1962 novel, “The Winged Watchman” (parents of small children may want to preview this book), van Stockum takes the tough subject of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during WWII.

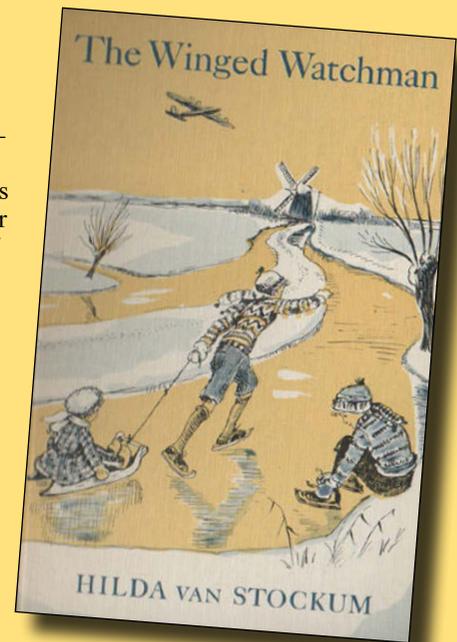
She portrays the sufferings of a Dutch family, the Verhagens, with matter-of-fact pathos. Joris and Dirk Jan, the two sons, are often hungry and afraid. They witness the immense suffering inflicted on the Dutch people after they take in a Jewish child whose family has been deported, risk their lives to rescue a downed aviator and even come near to starvation themselves.

Despite these miseries the book does not descend into despair. The characters retain their humanity and humor throughout the war, continuing to love one another even in the face of hunger and fear. Paradoxically, as circumstances worsen, they become more compassionate and generous towards their fellow citizens.

Van Stockum’s novel contrasts with the contemporary trend in children’s literature that dwells on the sorrows and disappointments of life. Many authors desire to speak to the needs of abused and maladjusted children, and so their books delve deeply into harsh realities. It’s a trend that reflects a larger cultural tendency towards cynicism.

Cynicism is a sure soul-destroyer. A cynic does not believe that his fellow human beings are capable of goodness, and thus he subverts his own power to do the good. Furthermore, cynicism renders us incapable of compassion, since sympathizing with another person requires humility and trust, taking seriously the concerns of others. Cynicism has become a chief tenet of our culture, resulting in a callused society that simultaneously ignores and repels suffering.

And just as the simple goodness of the Verhagens counteracts the evil of the Nazi regime, gratitude overcomes cynicism. It is a necessary virtue, and perhaps the forgotten one of our time. Like love, it’s a simple word to say, but requires a lifetime of patience and hard work to fully internalize. Gratitude appreciates the good things in life, yet it is not just rose-colored glasses. Like the dikes that keep the North Sea from destroying the reclaimed land of the Dutch people, gratitude is like a bulwark that enables us to face the troubles of life with a solid foundation of hope.



While

I know that the Verhagen’s situation is far removed from my own, the lessons I can learn from it are many. Few families face war, but all families face suffering. “Life is a bad night at a bad inn,” St. Teresa of Avila said. While I think this statement can be true at times — sometimes life is just hard — I’ve also come to realize that dwelling on the hardships ultimately exhausts and weakens us. We have to live in the moment and recognize the power of good, even if it seems small. Dirk Jan says, “(The Nazis) can do terrible things to you and to all of us. ... We have nothing.” “Yes, you have,” the aviator they are helping answers. “You have right on your side.”

At the same time, we must recognize the suffering of others. Otherwise we will lose our power of compassion. We cannot reduce pain to clichés and abstract statistics. Mrs. Verhagen gives from what she needs to the starving; so should we all. A Christian must exercise great hope in his own life, yet at the same time he must take seriously the suffering of his fellow human beings.

There’s no better day than Thanksgiving to recall this paradox. Just as “perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 14:18), perfect gratitude casts out cynicism, and enables compassion. As I sit down to eat with my beautiful family, I pray I will remember those who do not have what I do — who are ill, who struggle in their relationships, who are too poor for a meal. “Hildebrand,” the student hiding with the Verhagens, tells them, “It’s been a terrible winter, but somehow I think I will only have happy memories.” On this Thanksgiving, may we all possess that liberating joy.

Caroline Peterson is a teen writer from St. Pius X Parish, Granger.

The first fruits of faith: Donation of grain benefits St. Mary Church

BY KAY COZAD

"We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord." Nehemiah 10:35

MONROE — St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Decatur has been the grateful recipient of the generosity of its faithful parishioners' time, talent and treasure for over 175 years. One particular donation, unique to the traditional tithes of monetary resources the church enjoys, is the gift of grain from its rural faith community. One farm family feels it's the natural thing to do.

Charlie and Carol Bowers farm 34 acres in rural Adams County where they plant and harvest fields of wheat, soybeans and corn. With each harvest they thank God for His bounty. "We're thankful for everything we have," says Carol.

About four years ago the Bowers learned from a business associate that farmers of different faith denominations in the area donated a portion of their grain harvest to their church. The unique seed of giving that had been planted took root and that year at harvest time the Bowers donated the grain of a three-acre



KAY COZAD

Carol and Charlie Bowers are life-long parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur where they donate a portion of their grain harvest to the church each year.

patch of their farm to St. Mary's where they have been life-long parishioners.

The grain donation is above and beyond their weekly tithe to the church that has nourished their faith since infancy. And according to St. Mary's Business Manager Judy Converset, the Bowers' donation is distinctive in that the grain is taken to the area grain elevator where it is relinquished to the church. "We were contacted by the grain company and had to sell the grain ourselves," says Converset.

After being contacted by the grain company St. Mary's instructed the company to put the grain on the commodity market and thereafter received the proceeds, which were added to the general church fund. "It goes to pay the bills. We count on that income," says Converset.

Though most years the Bowers' grain donation is incorporated into the general fund, one year Charlie directed the church to add it to St. Mary's roof fund. "They were doing that construction at harvest time and I told them they could use it there," he says.

Faith is the driving force in the lives of the Bowers. After living 35 years on their beloved farm in a deep abiding 41-year marriage that has produced four children and 14 grandchildren, the Bowers feel the grain donation is "giving back to

God."

Charlie believes that everyone has gifts and talents to share with others and says, "It's like a musician who plays his music at church. I farm and so I give my grain to God."

Though donating grain felt strange in the beginning, Charlie says, now it's a way of life.

"Farmers put the seed out and it brings forth — you reap what you sow," he says, adding, "My dad always said, 'He (God) will give you what you need.'"

"You put the seed out there and then someone else is in control," says Charlie thoughtfully.

Carol adds, "Then you wait. And you wait. You wait on the sun. You wait on the rain. ... Being a farmer I think you have to have a lot of faith."

Charlie agrees saying, "Faith in the coming forth."

"That," adds Carol finishing her husband's thought, "but also faith to keep going every year. There's something about working the earth."

Even as Charlie admits that there have been a few difficult years when his harvest was slim he revisits his father's faith-filled counsel that reminds him, "He'll (God) take care of you. ... It's a win-win deal for everyone."



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We hope we communicated to all our appreciation for the wonderful ways we Poor Handmaids and so many others, have been shaped by you through our ministry in your area.

We continue to try to bring God's care to a new generation of people through our ministries, St. Joseph Community Health Foundation and HealthVisions Fort Wayne. We recall our past experiences as graces and blessings and look forward to partnering with you in the work of the Spirit.

Gratefully,

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

Journey with a saint through the new St. Mother Theodore shrine

BY NATALIE HOEFER

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

— In the 1840s, one might see Mother Theodore Guérin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods under the leaves of the linden tree she brought with her from France, surrounded by the walnut trees that populated the western Indiana landscape.

Today one can still see her there lying under linden leaves and surrounded by walnut wood.

The difference is that the founder of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is now a saint herself, and the linden and walnut make up the chapel in the new shrine dedicated for the reverence of her holy remains.

The final part of the new, permanent shrine for Indiana's only saint opened on Oct. 25. According to Providence Sister Jan Craven, coordinator of the shrine, around 550 people traveled to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods near Terre Haute for the grand opening.

Their journey did not stop at the doors of the shrine.

"The theme of the whole shrine is a journey with a saint," Sister Craven explained. "It's not just the journey of a saint — it's a journey with a saint."

The journey — and the shrine itself — actually begins at the entrance of the Providence Spirituality and Conference Center on the grounds of the Sisters of Providence's motherhouse and proceeds to the Ministry Circle, which describes the various ministries of the sisters.

Next on the indoor journey is a long corridor with signs and audio-



PHOTO BY NATALIE HOEFER

Providence Sister Jan Craven, coordinator of the Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, describes the replica of the saint's habit during the shrine's open house on Oct. 25.

narrated dioramas depicting St. Mother Theodore's life and the history of the order she founded.

The hall leads to the culmination of the shrine — the most recently opened portion located under the

sister's Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

"The Blessed Sacrament was near and dear to (St. Mother Theodore's) heart," said Sister Craven.

The first room of the newest part

of the shrine, the French Room, tells the story of Mother Theodore's life in France, her native country where she lived from 1798-1840.

Around the corner from the French Room is the Ship Room, depicting the size of the berth Mother Theodore and her sisters used during their journey across the sea to America.

Next, visitors enter the Immersion into the Forest Room along one side of the shrine. The room gives visitors a feel for the densely forested, frontier region that Mother Theodore and her sisters found themselves in upon their arrival at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

But the journey of Mother Theodore met with some resistance,

as depicted in the next section of the shrine, called Immersion into Suffering.

After passing a small prayer room, visitors enter the centerpiece of the shrine — the chapel containing the remains of the saint for prayerful veneration.

Her remains were transferred from her temporary shrine in the Church of the Immaculate Conception to the new chapel in the shrine on Oct. 3, her feast day.

On Oct. 22, Founding Day for the Sisters of Providence, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, represented Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin in providing the official blessing of the shrine by the archdiocese.

'It's not just the journey of a saint — it's a journey with a saint.'



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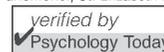
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Fight or flight

“What happens if I don’t do the work of grief?” a newly bereaved widow innocently asked at a recent grief retreat. “It’s so hard and painful. I don’t think I want to do it.”

I suspect this sentiment voiced for many who have experienced the death of a loved one the very heart of their thoughts on grief.

To be honest, I don’t know a single soul, including myself, who chose to be immersed in the uncharted and tumultuous waters of grief. Not a single one of us had any inkling as to what grief entailed or how to go about navigating through it safely. I recall many moments in time following my husband Trent’s death those years ago when I didn’t think I could go on, didn’t want to go on. The pain and loneliness could be all but paralyzing during those times.

But I’ve learned that avoiding the hard work of acknowledging and expressing our grief only postpones the inevitable and

prolongs our pain. And to dismiss our thoughts and feelings about our loss sets us up to experience the depth of the pain in other more insidious ways.

My response to this lost soul at the retreat was brief but focused. “Grief work is difficult,” I affirmed. “But to move on in life we must find our way through the pain and discover who we are without the presence of our loved one. Grief is a natural response to the loss of love and we must honor that in whatever form it presents itself. It is hard and painful, but avoiding it will only open us to a different kind of pain.”

Addressing the group then on this very issue, I reminded the ladies that the work of grief entails acknowledging our heightened emotions and their purpose, and finding healthy ways to express them. I acknowledged that every journey is unique and what works to express grief for one may not



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work for another. We move in and out of our emotions as our need takes us and it becomes trial and error as we search for meaningful ways to mourn our loss.

If we chose to avoid the work of expressing ourselves in meaningful ways we walk an entirely different path. I have witnessed those who immerse themselves in work shortly after they bury their dead to stave off the pain. Others choose to travel excessively away from the home where the memories bring tears

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Church liturgical year closes



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Christ the King Mt 25:31-46

This weekend closes the Church’s liturgical year of 2014. Next week, a new year will begin with the First Sunday of Advent. Closing the year means that the Church has led us through 12 months of careful instruction about Jesus.

The feast of Christ the King joyfully summarizes the lessons of the past year. The Lord is king! He reigns! He lives!

The first reading comes from the ancient Book of Ezekiel. In this reading, God speaks in the first person, promising protection of the flock, in other words the people of God. He is the shepherd, seeking the lost, caring for the injured, rescuing the imperiled. Also, God will distinguish between the sheep and others who assume other identities because of their voluntary unfaithfulness.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. This selection is a proclamation of the Resurrection, and of the role of the Lord as Redeemer of humankind. He is the Risen Lord, the first of those who will rise to everlasting life. Those who will follow Jesus in being raised from the dead are “those who belong” to Christ, in other words, those persons who have admitted God, through Jesus, into their lives,

and who have received from the Lord the gift of grace, eternal life and strength.

The reading frankly admits that at work in the world are forces hostile to God. These forces cannot be dismissed as insignificant. However, they are by no means omnipotent. In and through Jesus, the power and life of God will endure. God will triumph over all evil. No one bound to God should fear the powers of evil, although all must resist these powers.

For its final reading on this great feast, the Church offers us a passage from St. Matthew’s Gospel. It looks ahead, to the day when God’s glory will overwhelm the world, to the day when Jesus will return in majesty and glory.

This expectation was a favorite theme in the early Church, in the community that surrounded and prompted the formation of the Gospels.

The reading repeats the description given in Ezekiel. In Ezekiel, God, the shepherd, separates the sheep from the goats, the good from the unfaithful. In this reading from Matthew, Jesus promises a final judgment that will separate the faithful from the sinful.

Beautifully, in this reading, the Lord defines who will be judged as faithful, and who will be seen as unfaithful. The faithful will not be those who only give lip-service to their belief in God, but those who, in the model of Jesus, give themselves to care for the troubled and the distressed, who bring relief and hope to others.

Reflection

Sixty years ago, the parents of the current British monarch enjoyed the people’s highest esteem because of their uncompromising commitment to the wellbeing of the

nation.

At the height of the German *blitz*, or bombing, of London and other major cities in the United Kingdom, the rumor spread that the royal family, as well as the government, would desert the country.

One day, arriving on the scene of a horrendous bombing attack, Queen Elizabeth, the wife of King George VI, and mother of Elizabeth II, was asked if she and her husband would send their young daughters to Canada for their safety. Moreover, would she and the king follow them?

Elizabeth, better known later as the Queen Mother, answered, “My daughters will not leave without me. I shall not leave without the king. And the king? The king will never, ever leave you!”

If we are Christians truly, come what may, Christ the King will never, ever leave us. He protects us. He will bring us to the glory of heaven after the wars of earth are ended.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36

The mission of love: the family fully alive

Good news! The diocese has been able to reserve 40 hotel rooms in downtown Philadelphia — just a three-minute walk from the Pennsylvania Convention Center where the Theological Congress of the World Meeting of Families will be taking place next fall. These rooms are being reserved primarily for families from our diocese that would like to participate in the four-day congress that begins midday on Tuesday, Sept. 22. At the congress, there will be both an adult track and a children’s track for those aged 6-17. The Courtyard Philadelphia Hotel is also less than a mile from Independence Hall and other historic landmarks and museums.

This past week, an impressive list of names of all the keynote presenters for this historic gathering were announced: Father Robert Barron (Mundelein Seminary), Cardinal Sean O’Malley (Boston), Cardinal Luis Tagle (Manila) and Cardinal Robert Sarah (Vatican) along with Professor Helen Alvaré (USA) and Drs. Juan and Gabriela de la Guardia (Panama). In addition to these, dozens of breakout sessions have also been scheduled. If you would like to see them, you can visit the website for the 2015 WMF to find the latest information: www.worldmeeting2015.org.

The diocese is also seeking funding from Our Sunday Visitor Foundation so that we can make partial scholarships available for the congress. We will have more information on our diocesan website soon. Finally, below is an excerpt from Part Two of the WMF Catechesis: The Mission of Love. It focuses on marriage as the icon of the relationship between God and His people.

Catechesis: Part Two

Marriage imagery is central in describing God’s covenant with Israel and, later, His covenant with the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI taught, “Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and His people and vice versa.” God’s covenant is a central theme of Scripture, and marriage is the Bible’s privileged metaphor for describing God’s relationship with humanity. . . .

This marital imagery begins in the Old Testament. Here we learn that God loves us intimately, with tenderness and longing. “The Prophets, particularly Hosea and Ezekiel, described God’s passion for His people using boldly erotic images.” In Hosea, God promises to “allure” Israel, speaking “tenderly to her,” until she will “respond as in the days of her youth” and call me “my husband.” In Ezekiel, God speaks to Israel in sensuous imagery: “I spread the edge of My cloak over you, and covered your nakedness; I pledged Myself to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord God, and you became



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Mine. Then I bathed you with water . . . and anointed you with oil. . . . You grew exceptionally beautiful, fit to be a queen.” We find similar language in Isaiah, Jeremiah and the Psalms. The Song of Songs has also sparked centuries of sermons using marriage to explain the intensity of God’s love for His people.

The Bible is not sentimental about marital love. The marriage between God and His people can be rocky. “God’s relationship with Israel is described using the metaphors of betrothal and marriage,” so when God’s people sin, our waywardness becomes a kind of “adultery and prostitution.” In Hosea, God’s love for Israel puts Him in the position of a betrayed husband with a faithless bride. As God says to Hosea, “Go, love a woman who has a lover and is an adulteress, just as the Lord loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods.” When the people of God forget His commands, neglect the poor in their midst, seek security from alien powers or turn to false gods — then adultery and prostitution are exactly the right words for their infidelity. Yet God remains steadfast. Reflecting recently on Ezekiel 16, Pope Francis noted how God speaks words of love even when Israel is unfaithful. Israel sins. Israel forgets. Israel prostitutes herself, pursuing false gods. But God will not abandon His covenant people. Repentance and forgiveness are always possible. God’s mercy means that He seeks Israel’s good even as she flees Him.

In like manner, Christian love involves much more than emotion. It includes the erotic and affective, but it is also a choice. Love is a mission that we receive, a disposition that we accept, a summons to which we submit. This kind of love has dimensions we discover as we yield to it. This kind of love seeks and follows God, whose covenant fidelity teaches what love is. God never discards Israel for a more appealing partner. Nor is He deterred by rejection. He is never fickle. He wills only the best, the true and ultimate good for His people. And while His love for Israel is passionate with desire — no one reading the prophets can deny that — this “erotic” aspect to divine love is always leavened with God’s sacrificial fidelity.

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Vatican II and the Berlin Wall

History sometimes displays the happy capacity to arrange anniversaries so that one sheds light on another. On Nov. 21, 1964, Pope Paul VI solemnly promulgated the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which began by proclaiming Christ the "light of the nations" and is thus known as "Lumen Gentium." Twenty-five years later, on the night of Nov. 9-10, 1989, the Berlin Wall was breached and the communist project in Europe collapsed, reduced to rubble like the masonry that divided Germany for decades. Fifty years after "Lumen Gentium" and 25 years after the Revolution of 1989, we can see more clearly that the Council had something to do with the communist crack-up.

Not in the way senior Vatican diplomats imagined, however. In the post-Council euphoria, it was thought that Vatican II's "openness" would help facilitate a "convergence" between East and West, such that the Wall, and the post-war division of Europe, would eventually melt away. What actually happened was far more dramatic, and illustrates the way in which salvation history, working inside what the world sees as "history," can bend history in a more humane direction.

"Lumen Gentium" described the Church as having a sacramental character: the Church is "a sign or instrument ... of communion with God and of unity among all men." That longed-for "unity among all men" is only possible through "communion with God." It can't be created by ultramundane, hyper-secular modernity; as the great Council theologian, Henri de Lubac, once put it, human beings without God can only organize the world against

each other. But whereas many in the West took the Council's call for dialogue and openness as an invitation to modify the Catholic critique of communism, the Polish Church, led by two giants, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and the young archbishop of Cracow, Karol Wojtyła, read "Lumen Gentium" — and indeed the entirety of Vatican II — as an invitation to press hard for religious freedom and other basic human rights, so that the Church could be the unifying, liberating force that Polish communism manifestly could not be.

Wojtyła brought that conviction to Rome with him when he was elected pope in October 1978. Then, on his first pastoral pilgrimage back to his Polish homeland, John Paul II deftly wove together themes from Poland's Christian history with Vatican II's call for a re-energized Catholicism intent on converting the world, and in nine days inspired a revolution of conscience rooted in Christ, the light of the nations: Christ, from whom we learn the truth about the merciful Father and the truth about our humanity; Christ, who is the true liberator because he is, as John Paul styled his first encyclical, "Redemptor Hominis," the "redeemer of man."

John Paul II's revolution of conscience ignited tinder that had been gathering in central and eastern Europe for years — and 10 years later, in November 1989, the Wall came down, demolished by the aroused consciences of men and women who had dared to take the risk of freedom, and who had dared to live in the truth.

Communism would eventually have collapsed of its own implausibility and incompetence. But it might not have collapsed in 1989



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without John Paul II's revolution of conscience. And John Paul's papacy was made possible, in turn, by Vatican II: not by what Pope Benedict XVI called the "Council of the media," which seemed to deconstruct Catholicism, but by the real Council, the Council that called the Church to proclaim Christ as "light of the nations" and to convert the world through all the instruments that form the Catholic symphony of truth.

So: no Vatican II, no "Lumen Gentium"; no "Lumen Gentium" and Vatican II, no John Paul II; no John Paul II, no Revolution of 1989.

What the world knows as "history" is really just the surface of things. Beneath that surface, salvation history — God's liberating providence — is at work, often in hidden ways, but sometimes more clearly. There were two such moments of clarity, 50 and 25 years ago. We should recognize and celebrate them today.

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and heartache. Some stuff the pain so deeply that they become an entirely different person than they were before their loss — frustrated and angry or introspective and lifeless.

Because we grieve as whole persons, we each may experience physical, emotional, cognitive and even spiritual manifestations of grief when we least expect them as we work to dismiss our pain. I have learned that grief has a very real physical feel to it. A noted malady experienced by many who have lost a loved one is physical pain in the back or chest area. Some experience pain in the stomach. Cognitively, some find that sustained memory loss or confusion is an issue, while others' avoidance manifests in frustrated outbursts towards others or God.

So how do we face our grief? The clearest path to healthy mourning is through grief education and support. When we understand the general aspects

of grief we are better equipped to face the challenges that we encounter day to day. But it's important to understand that we are not alone in our grief. Finding a safe person or group to meet with can be a life saving support as we tell our stories of loss — an important aspect of the healing process.

The sweet joy that bloomed on each face that morning as each retreat participant shared a little of what her loved one meant to her was priceless to witness. "He was so generous," one smiling woman said, clutching her heart. Another told us with obvious admiration and pride, "He could fix anything!" Yet another said lovingly of her loved one, "He always put his family first."

Those important memories are the fodder for the spiritual relationship we develop with our loved one as we do the work of grief.

The bottom line is that we were created by God to live and love. He gave us hearts and emotions that respond to joy as well as pain and loss. The process of grieving a loss, though painful, is built in to our very nature. It then becomes our

choice as to whether we dismiss this natural response to loss or allow it, through our hard work and growth, to transform us into persons more fully alive with renewed joy and purpose.

It takes great energy to mourn the loss of a loved one. But as the pain softens over time as we face our grief and move through it, the healing outcome is well worth the effort.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 23, 2014
Matthew 25:31-46

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| ETERNAL FIRE | DEVIL | PUNISHMENT |

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Saint of the week:



Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

18th-19th centuries
Feast — November 24

Andrew Dung-Lac was among the 117 Martyrs of Vietnam killed by government officials during persecutions to suppress European ideals and religious values in the 18th and 19th centuries. The group consisted of 96 Vietnamese and 21 foreign missionaries (11 Spanish and 10 French); the martyrs were bishops, priests and laypeople, including a woman. They endured horrible tortures in prison before being beheaded, crucified, quartered or burned alive for refusing to deny their faith. Andrew, a Vietnamese educated in Catholicism, became a catechist and priest. He was arrested and imprisoned with his companion, St. Peter Thi; they were beheaded in 1839. St. John Paul II canonized the martyrs as a group in 1988.

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic sponsors the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' cross-country



Kevin Hunckler, senior, St. Matthew Cathedral



Matthew Rice, senior, St. Matthew Cathedral

Girls' cross-country



Megan Duvall, senior, St. Monica



Jennifer Waltman, senior, St. Jude

Football



Devin Cannady, senior, quarterback



Dylan Konwinski, senior, running back, St. Thomas the Apostle



Richard Entzian, senior, running back, Corpus Christi



Ryan Schafer, senior, defensive back, St. Thomas the Apostle



Joseph Molnar, senior, wide receiver, St. Bavo

Girls' golf

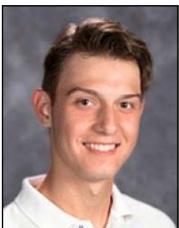


Meghan Sink, senior, St. Matthew Cathedral



Avery Campbell, sophomore, St. Pius X

Boys' soccer



Ethan Hunt, senior, goal keeper



Luis Juarez, senior, defender, St. Adalbert



Joseph Kaucic, senior, defender, St. Jude

Girls' soccer



Shannon Hendricks, senior, forward, Christ the King



Taylor Pooley, senior, defender



Denise Veldman, senior, forward, Holy Family

Boys' tennis



David Hicks, senior, No. 1 doubles, St. Joseph, South Bend



Zac Ericson, senior, No. 1 doubles

Volleyball



Monte Parker, senior, outside hitter, St. Joseph, South Bend



Elizabeth Asdell, senior, middle hitter, St. Matthew Cathedral

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Cross-country



Steve Moore, junior, Most Precious Blood



Hudson Fairchild, junior, Our Lady of Good Hope



Emily McManus, freshman, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Madison Busch, junior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Football



C.J. McCarter, senior, defensive end



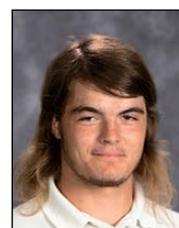
Joseph Lamping, senior, safety, Most Precious Blood



Andrew Baehl, senior, guard, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Peter Litchfield, senior, tackle, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Jonathon Knapke, senior, tackle, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Boys' soccer



Andrew Schenkel, senior, midfielder, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Peter McNamara, senior, midfielder, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Christian Ulman, junior, midfielder, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Girls' soccer



Shayna Coy, senior, midfielder, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Madeline Reimbold, junior, midfielder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Aubrey Feipel, senior, forward, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Boys' tennis



Erik Woehner, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Andy Mauch, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Volleyball



Allison Leja, senior, setter, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Kirsten Comment, senior, outside hitter, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Girls' golf



Summer Horan, senior, Christ the King



Mike Wroblewski, senior, Corpus Christi



David Peters, senior, tackle, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Nathan Abel, senior, defender, St. Jude

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' cross-country



Jacob Turner, senior, St. Pius X



Bri Hart, junior, St. Pius X

Volleyball



Mallorie Kendzicky, junior, middle hitter, Corpus Christi



Jackson Grahovac, senior, tackle, St. Patrick, Arcola



Girls' soccer

Lexie Royal, senior, forward, St. Vincent de Paul

Girls' cross-country



Mara Taylor, senior, Christ the King

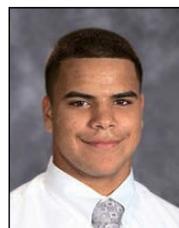


Boys' soccer

Mario Manta, senior, midfielder



Kayli Torres, senior, opposite hitter, Corpus Christi



Marcus Stepp, senior, linebacker, St. Jude



Michelle Adgalanis, senior, defender, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth

Football



Jack Bucky, junior, tight end/linebacker, St. Pius X



Abe Swick, senior, defender, Holy Cross

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL



Megan Brelage, junior, St. Jude



William Blume, senior, linebacker, St. Charles Borromeo



Alexa Siegel, junior, defender, St. Charles Borromeo

Boys' tennis



Griffin Lapan, junior, St. Jude



Brendan Chappell-Cromartie, junior, running back/defensive back, Holy Cross



Collin Veldman, senior, defender, Christ the King



Mary Momper, senior, St. Jude



Sam Schenkel, senior, defensive end, St. Vincent de Paul



Gavin Williams, junior, St. Vincent de Paul



Adam El-Ammori, senior, wide receiver/defensive back, Christ the King



Girls' soccer

Megan Coleman, senior, defender, Holy Cross



Greg Tippmann, senior, St. Charles Borromeo



Amanda Miller, senior, St. Charles Borromeo

Volleyball



Haley Henline, senior, setter, St. Jude



Keaton Oates, senior, wide receiver/defensive back



Madeline Raster, senior, midfielder, St. Joseph



Josh Koehl, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Katie Giant, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Megan Coffin, senior, outside hitter, Our Lady of Good Hope



Paul Revak, junior, offensive line/defensive line, Christ the King



Kelly Welsh, senior, defender, St. Pius X



Andrew Gabet, senior, running back, St. Charles Borromeo



Brian Gore, senior, forward



Boys' tennis

Leo Romanetz, sophomore



Peyton Philpot, senior, split end, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



John Pollifrone, junior, midfield, St. Vincent de Paul

Sports

BISHOP LUERS TO FACE TOP RANKED ANDREAN FOR SEMISTATE TITLE Bishop Luers will face top-ranked Andean (13-0) in the Indiana football semistate round on Saturday night, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m., after a come-from-behind, 26-25 regional victory over the Yorktown Tigers. The win is Bishop Luers' first regional title at the Class 3-A level. Down 19-0 in the second quarter, the No. 3 Knights (11-2) rallied behind two scores each from C. J. McCarter and Austin Mack.

— Michelle Castleman

Bishop Dwenger graduate Sarah Killion up for top college honor

FORT WAYNE — Former Bishop Dwenger standout, Sarah Killion is up for a top college honor — the Senior Class Award. The prestigious nomination is based on community, classroom, character and competition. The psychology major is one of UCLA's top student-athletes carrying over a 3.6 GPA. Known as "one of the most technically-skilled, consistent and intelligent players in the collegiate game," the midfielder led UCLA to its first-ever NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in 2013 and earned all tournament honors after contributing to the game-tying assist late in the semifinals. Killion was also a call-up to the full U.S. Women's National Team and was a member of the squad for the 2014 Algarve Cup. Vote until Nov. 24 by going to seniorclassaward.com/vote/womens_soccer_2014.

— Michelle Castleman

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The ICCL soccer championships were held Oct. 26 at Abro Field at Marian High School in Mishawaka. The St. Joseph Eagles fifth-and-sixth grade boys won the championship. They defeated boys from St. Adalbert, 2-1. St. Joseph was coached by Eric Horvath and Randy Murphy.



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St. Joseph and St. Adalbert competed in the seventh-and-eighth-grade division and St. Adalbert won the tournament crown, 4-3, on Oct. 26. Daniel Reffo was the coach of the St. Adalbert team.

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St. Nick Six
 South Bend — The St. Nick Six will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 226 Hill St. New 3K run in addition to a 6K run, 3K walk and "Run, Run Rudolph .06K" for children first grade and younger. Bring new or gently used shoes to donate to neighbors in need. More details and online registration at www.stjoeparish.com.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
 South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 21, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50.

A shopper's celebration
 Fort Wayne — Donate your shopping bargains to LuersKnight on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 2-4 p.m. at Bishop Luers High School. A tax donation receipt will be given.

Open House planned Nov. 23
 South Bend — Saint Joseph High School will have an open house Sunday, Nov. 23, from 1-3 p.m. at the school. Tour the school, visit with students, meet the faculty, administrators and coaches. Explore the academic programs, co-curricular, athletic, service and spiritual opportunities offered.

Sunday Advent film series planned
 South Bend — A Catholic film will be shown each Sunday of Advent at 2 p.m. at The Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle, followed by a discussion. The Life Center will provide snacks and paper products. Please bring your own drinks. All single Catholics over 18 are welcome.

Day of recollection planned
 Fort Wayne — An Advent Day of Recollection will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at Our Lady of the Angels Oratory, 2610 New Haven Ave. Mass at 7:45 a.m. will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour with Confession. Coffee and pastries followed by stations of the crib, mid-day prayer and potluck lunch ending at 1 p.m. Catholic books and gifts available. Free will offering. Call 260-739-6882 for information. Sponsored by Confraternity of Penitents.

Winter play announced
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers drama department will present 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$10 tickets can be reserved by calling 260-456-1261.

Mission preparations underway
 Angola — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a Parish Mission Nov. 23-25 at 6:30 p.m. each evening in the church. Father David Mary Engo of the Franciscan Brothers Minor will be the keynote speaker each night. Refreshments will be offered on Sunday and Tuesday. Babysitting and transportation available. For information contact 260-665-2259.

Henry-Keefer Merit Scholarship/ Placement Exam time announced
 Fort Wayne — All incoming freshman of Bishop Luers High School are required to take the placement exam Saturday, Dec. 13, for admissions purposes. The Henry-Keefer Merit Scholarship

will be awarded to the top 10 scoring students. Awards total \$10,000. Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. Test at 8 a.m.

Bishop Dwenger High School ThanksGathering set Nov. 28
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger Alumni and friends are invited to a "ThanksGathering" event on Friday, Nov. 28, from 8-11 p.m. at Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center, 1414 Northland Blvd. Enjoy live music by the band "Moderate Pain," which includes BDHS graduates. Admission is free; food and drinks will be available for purchase; games extra. Children are welcome. For information contact Molly Schreck at 260-496-4775 or mshreck@bishopdwenger.com.

Turkey Tuesday in full swing
 Fort Wayne — On Tuesday, Nov. 25, The Franciscan Center will provide turkeys to its clients. Donations are being taken at 1015 E. Maple Grove or the store at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd. Turkeys, hams or monetary donations accepted. Call 260-744-3977 for information.

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Patricia Mary Ward, 80, St. Jude	James L. Mankowski, 88, Basilica of the Sacred Heart	Robert J. Watts Jr., 88, St. Jude
David L. Egts, 70, St. John the Baptist	South Bend Francis A. Lies, 95, Holy Family	Joseph W. Fraser Jr., 80, Queen of Peace
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