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# Humility is key to understanding Easter, sharing its joy, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To enter Christ's empty tomb like the disciples and see that He has risen, Christians today also must "bend down," Pope Francis said in his Easter message.

"Love has triumphed over hatred. Life has conquered death. Light has dispelled the darkness," he told tens of thousands of rain-drenched pilgrims in St. Peter's Square April 5.

Rain fell and fell hard throughout most of the outdoor Mass. While most people had umbrellas, their flimsy plastic ponchos were no match for the wind and downpour. The ciboria used to distribute Communion to the crowd were covered with plastic wrap, only partially pulled back when the faithful approached.

Still, they stayed for the Mass and for the pope's solemn Easter blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

Pope Francis did not give a homily during the morning Mass, but his Easter message before the blessing picked up a theme he had begun at the Easter vigil the night before: The mystery of Easter cannot be understood — and the Christian faith cannot be lived fully — without humility.

"By His death and resurrection, Jesus shows everyone the way to life and happiness: this way is humility, which involves humiliation," Pope Francis said. "This is the path which leads to glory."

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Pope Francis greets the crowd after delivering his Easter message and blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 5.

# 'Take Me to World Youth Day' Sweepstakes begins on Divine Mercy Sunday

BY NATALIE KOHRMAN

FORT WAYNE — During the summer of 2016, pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be traveling to World Youth Day (WYD) in Krakow, Poland, the home of St. John Paul II. The theme for WYD — "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" from Matthew's Gospel — is fitting since Krakow is the final resting place of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska through whom Jesus made known His message of Divine Mercy.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades continues to invite all young people who will be between the ages of 16 and 35 as of July 21, 2016 — the date of departure — to consider joining the diocesan WYD delegation as it visits sites in Warsaw, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Kalwaria and Krakow. The cost to attend is approximately \$4,000 and includes all transportation, lodging, WYD registration and many meals.



A pilgrimage such as WYD is a spiritual journey that parallels a pilgrim's journey toward his or her heavenly home. It is a time for pilgrims to leave their homes, families and comforts to visit a sacred place. WYD 2016 will be a time of reflection and sacrifice.

However, that sacrifice begins before boarding the plane as pilgrims save, earn and fundraise for the money to pay for WYD.

"This considerable investment will require

great sacrifice for our young people, but will certainly be an experience that will impact them and bear great fruit for years to come," noted Cindy Black, diocesan director of the Office of Adult Faith Formation, who has previously traveled to WYD with hundreds of teens and young adults.

Although pilgrims are expected to sacrifice financially in order to attend, it is not uncommon for parishes to assist them. According to Stacey Litchfield, youth minister at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne, "Our parish sees the importance of this opportunity for our youth. Many parents, teens and other volunteers have stepped up to the challenge and poured out countless hours to help with these efforts!"

St. Charles' fundraisers so far have included two "Parents Night Out" evenings, a collection during coffee and doughnuts, a trivia night and a bake sale. Litchfield was particularly excited about

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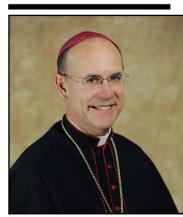


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# Indiana RFRA firestorm



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

A national firestorm erupted after Governor Pence signed into law the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Indiana's RFRA, supported by the Indiana Bishops, was modeled after the 1993 federal RFRA law and its counterparts that have been adopted in 19 other states. Without getting into the technicalities of the laws, they basically prevent the government from "substantially burdening" a person's exercise of religion unless there is a "compelling government interest" and unless such restriction of religious freedom is "the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest."

The federal RFRA law has protected religious freedom, especially that of religious minorities, for over two decades. The federal and state RFRA laws have not been used as tools for discrimination. The RFRA laws, including the Indiana law, do not give people of faith a blank check to discriminate against anyone. In fact, they are meant to protect people against discrimination, in particular, people of faith whose rights to follow their deeply held religious beliefs are increasingly attacked today.

The anger that was expressed in the intense campaign against Indiana's RFRA law was focused on the issue of discrimination against homosexuals. It is important to state from the start our Catholic teaching that opposes every sign of unjust discrimination against homosexual persons. Our Indiana Catholic Conference would have opposed the Indiana RFRA law if it would promote such discrimination.

I think the crux of the matter has to do with same-sex marriage. The Catholic Church and many other people of faith oppose the redefinition of marriage, not as discrimination against homosexual persons, but because of our belief, founded on reason and faith, that male-female complementarity is intrinsic to marriage. The very nature of marriage, as established by our Creator, is a union between one man and one woman. Should we not have the freedom to uphold this perennial teaching of the Church, a teaching affirmed throughout history and

cultures, which has only recently been rejected by many in our society? Advocates for gay marriage are winning the debate as they frame the issue cleverly as "marriage equality," rather than focusing on the deeper question of the nature and meaning of marriage.

The vocal and strident opponents of Indiana's RFRA raise the issue of discrimination against homosexual persons. As I mentioned, RFRA is not a blank check for bigotry. There are other laws that protect people from discrimination. RFRA does not provide immunity to discrimination claims. But the real issue seems to me to be about same-sex marriage. Would Indiana's RFRA, prior to the changes enacted after the national uproar, have allowed businesses and others to deny services for a same-sex wedding? Would this be justified? Should a business owner be compelled to be involved in a ceremony that he or she believes to be against the divine and natural law? I expect this will be an ongoing debate. Opposition to gay marriage is viewed by many as bigotry. Some have even lost their jobs for expressing opposition to gay marriage. Religious liberty has become subjugated to what some claim to be "civil rights." But they seem to forget that religious freedom is a civil right.

Where does the Catholic Church stand? I think it is important to recall the important teaching of the Second Vatican Council in its Decree on Religious Liberty. It declares that "the human person has a right to religious freedom. Freedom of this kind means that all people should be immune from coercion on the part of individuals, social groups and every human power so that, within due limits, nobody is forced to act against his or her convictions nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his or her convictions in religious matters in private or in public, alone or in associations with others. The Council further declares that the right to religious freedom is based on the very dignity of the human person as known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself. This right of the human person to religious freedom must be given such recognition in the constitutional order of society as will make it a civil right." The Council further teaches that "the exercise of this right cannot be interfered with as long as the just requirements of public order are observed."

The Church believes and teaches that the right to religious freedom is founded on the very dignity of the human person. It is not an "absolute" right in that there are "due limits"

and "just requirements of public order." It seems to me that the RFRA laws are in accord with this teaching of the Church. They seek to protect our religious liberty, while also allowing for exceptions when it comes to a "compelling government interest," since the Church also speaks of "due limits." The "common good" would be such a limit. How to apply all this to the present debate? It does not seem justifiable to me to compel believers in authentic marriage to seemingly condone "same-sex marriage" any more than it is justifiable for anyone to unjustly discriminate against persons with same-sex attraction. In other words, not cooperating with same-sex marriage is not unjust discrimination. Not respecting the genuine human rights of homosexual persons would be unjust discrimination.

I think we should be concerned about the changes made by our Indiana lawmakers to the state RFRA. Our legislators and governor were under intense pressure to make these changes. The attacks from opponents were unfair and relentless. The well-orchestrated opposition included not only LGBT activists, but also major corporations, and even the NCAA, threatening retaliation for enacting the law. The hastily enacted changes calmed the storm. I worry about the possible repercussions for religious liberty. Continued vigilance is needed.

I fear that there will be a continual erosion of religious liberty in our country. I think, for example, of the HHS mandate which is still being fought to defend our freedom not to cover abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization in our health care plans. I think also of the present attack on religious freedom in Washington, D.C. The Council of the District of Columbia recently passed the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act (RHND) and the Human Rights Amendment ACT (HRAA). RHND prohibits discrimination on the basis of "reproductive health decisions" even if those decisions conflict with the organization's beliefs. For example, it does not allow religious and faith-based groups to ensure that their employees uphold their teachings. HRAA would repeal the "Armstrong Amendment," which protected the freedom of religious schools not to fund or provide facilities to those who violate the schools' beliefs about marriage and human sexuality. I don't expect these attacks to end. That's why we need RFRA, on both the federal and state levels. We must continue to strive to uphold and protect religious freedom, founded on the dignity of every human person.

## Faith lives on despite suffering in Iraq, Syria, say Vatican envoys

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — More than 1,000 people packed into a tent in a refugee camp in Irbil, Iraq, for the Easter vigil Mass celebrated by Italian Cardinal Fernando Filoni, former nuncio to Iraq and Pope Francis' personal representative to those forced to flee the fury of Islamic State militants.

The cardinal, who brought a personal donation from the pope to aid the refugees, celebrated the Eastern morning Mass in the town of Sulaymaniyah, another town in Iraqi Kurdistan where the displaced have found refuge.

After the Mass April 5, Cardinal Filoni, prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, spoke to Vatican Radio. At both Easter celebrations, he said, he told

the people that "we were not alone at this important moment for our faith, important from a spiritual point of view for all those who find themselves in difficulty."

In many ways, the cardinal said, the situation is calm. "The authorities I met with are very cooperative" and the Christians are celebrating Easter as best they can, "but they have never before celebrated outside their villages and homes. There is hope that next Easter they can celebrate at home again, in their own villages."

The living conditions in the Irbil camp are particularly difficult, he said. "In fact, they live in a structure where, unfortunately, the facilities and the environment are not very good. However, we have received assurances from the authorities that

immediately after Easter they will all be transferred" to a new area where there will be trailers and small portable homes.

Meanwhile, in Syria, Islamic State fighters reportedly took control of a large portion of the Yarmouk refugee camp, a settlement originally built for Palestinian refugees in the 1940s. In a statement April 5, the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which had been caring for the Palestinians, said, "Since April 1 this residential area of Damascus — where some 18,000 people have already been trapped for over two years — has been engulfed by intense fighting."

"The lives of civilians in Yarmouk have never been more profoundly threatened," the statement said. "Men, women and chil-

dren — Syrians and Palestinians alike — are covering in their battered homes in profound fear, desperate for security, food and water, deeply concerned by the grave perils that may yet come, as hostilities continue. It is virtually impossible for civilians to leave Yarmouk as any attempt to move in the open brings high risk."

Archbishop Mario Zenari, the apostolic nuncio to Syria, told Vatican Radio, "As you know, unfortunately, Syria has begun the fifth year of its civil war and is living the Way of the Cross. What is weighing most on people now is not knowing what station we are on: Is this the last station, the one that precedes the light of the Resurrection? Or are we still on the fifth station of this Via Crucis?"

# Hoosier lawmakers clarify Indiana's RFRA; but 'fix' raises unanswered questions

STATEHOUSE — Amid the national media firestorm over misperceptions of the effects of the newly-passed Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), Hoosier lawmakers passed a bill, April 2, to clarify RFRA's intent. However, the "fix" raises questions about religious freedom for citizens and religious institutions.

"The Church supports the efforts to address and correct the mischaracterization of SB 101 as a bill that promotes discrimination. Dialogue to help all understand that the bill establishes a legal standard for judicial review of disputes is important," said Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference.

"Defending dignity of all people means both upholding religious freedom and opposing unjust discrimination," said Tebbe. "At the same time, people of faith should not be coerced to violate their conscience in their daily lives."

Tebbe continued, "The ICC continues to support Senate Bill 101, and believes it strikes the proper balance that has worked well in the federal RFRA for more than 20 years. While well-intentioned, the changes may undermine religious freedom."

The RFRA clarification bill, Senate Bill 50, prohibits a provider, including businesses or individuals, from refusing to offer or provide its services, facilities, goods, or public accommodation to any member of the public based on sexual orientation or gender identity, in addition to race, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, disability, sex or military service.

Senate Bill 50 does not establish a defense to a civil action or criminal prosecution for refusal by a provider to offer or provide services, facility, use of public accommodations, goods, employment, or housing to any member or members of the general public on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or United States military services.

The proposed language also exempts churches and other non-profit religious organizations, including affiliated schools, from the definition of "provider." Senate Bill 50 exempts from the "provider" definition a rabbi, priest, preacher, minister, pastor or designee of a church or other nonprofit religious organization or society when the individuals are engaged in a religious function of a church.

Tebbe said the new language raises questions, such as, "What's the definition or limitation of a 'religious function'? Are professionals such as physicians included? Does a 'non-profit religious organization' include hos-

pitals? Other questions include; "How will Catholic colleges and universities be classified or how will independent schools not connected to a parish be defined?"

Following days of intense negotiation, the Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, and President Pro Tem, David C. Long, R-Fort Wayne reached an agreement on legislative language contained in Senate Bill 50 to make clear that the intent of Indiana's RFRA law is designed not for discrimination, but rather to require the state to pass a compelling interest test before it could restrict the free exercise of religion for any Hoosier.

The announcement of the deal between business leaders, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, House and Senate leaders and the governor's office, came during an April 2 press conference, followed by a conference committee meeting to approve Senate Bill 50.

"Every Hoosier's rights are protected," Bosma said, "Gay, straight, black, white, religious, non-religious: We value each and every Hoosier." Long said, "Religious rights and individual rights can coexist in harmony together." Long said that Hoosier hospitality is more than just a saying, "it's a way of life here."

Following a swift passage of Senate Bill 50, Gov. Mike Pence promptly signed it. Pence said, "I believe resolving this controversy and making clear that every person feels welcome and respected in our state is best for Indiana."

Many Democrats, including House Minority Leader, Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City and Senate Minority Floor Leader, Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, said the "fix" didn't go far enough and wanted the Republican leadership to either repeal RFRA or add sexual orientation and gender identity to Indiana's civil rights law. The Republicans were unwilling to make further changes.

Chris Douglas, a long-time member of the LGBT community in Indianapolis who supports the clarification said, "This statement is a stronger statement than a repeal" of RFRA.

Prior to the legislative clarification, the five Indiana bishops reiterated their support for RFRA, Senate Bill 101, by issuing their own statement April 1. In addition to affirming religious freedom, the bishops restated the Church's position calling for all people "to show mutual respect for one another."

The bishops said, "We urge all people of good will to show mutual respect for one another so that the necessary dialogue and discernment can take place to ensure that no one in Indiana will face discrimination whether it is

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for their sexual orientation or for living their religious beliefs."

While Indiana's initial RFRA law did not mention sexual orientation there are fears held by the LGBT community that the law could potentially be used to deny services based on a person's sexual orientation.

In the final week of March, Indiana joined 30 other states in providing a state legal framework of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), this year 12 states in addition to Indiana are looking to add a state RFRA to their respective state's law.

The original RFRA legislation, Senate Bill 101, which Gov. Pence signed into law on March 26, prohibits state or local governments from substantially burdening a person's ability to exercise their religion, unless the government can show that it has a compelling interest and that the action is the least-restrictive means of achieving it.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 12 — Confirmation Mass at Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Buchanan Valley, Pennsylvania
- Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart
- Thursday, April 16, 5 p.m. — Mass, Saint Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. — Madeleva Lecture, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Friday, April 17 — LuersKnight Dinner and Auction, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Patrick Church, South Bend
- Saturday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Pius X Church, Granger

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

- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, hosts prayer for vocations and religious freedom the first Thursday of each month beginning with Morning Prayer at 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., Litany of the Eucharist and Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. On the second Wednesday of the month, Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty takes place beginning at 5 p.m. and ending with Mass at 7 p.m.
- 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.



## Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, 260-399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at 260-399-1419, email: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficis del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, 260-399-1458, correo electrónico: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al 260-399-1419, correo electrónico: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.

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# Theology of the body curriculum to be added to seventh-grade religious education

BY TIM JOHNSON

MISHAWAKA — The Office of Family Life will showcase their component of the standardized seventh-grade religion program when they introduce the theology of the body curriculum on April 16 in South Bend and April 30 in Fort Wayne. The theology of the body curriculum will utilize Ascension Press' "Theology of the Body for Teens" (middle school edition) program, "which contains a student text, parent guide and DVD series, as well as supplemental lesson plans developed by the junior high religion curriculum committee for our diocese," Lisa Everett, the co-director of the Office of Family Life, described.

The Office of Family Life, in conjunction with the Secretariat for Catholic Education, will be coordinating the implementation of this curriculum this upcoming fall.

"To introduce the program to parish and grade school administrators, our office will be holding two roll-out sessions on each side of the diocese to provide priests, grade school principals and parish DREs with important information regarding the middle school theology of the body curriculum that schools and parishes in our diocese have been required by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to implement beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year," Everett told *Today's Catholic*.

"In brief," she said, "schools will be integrating an eight-week theology of the body curriculum module into religion class during the second semester of grade 7, while parish religious education programs will be integrating two daylong theology of the body seminars into the second semester of grade 7 utilizing some of the same materials."

The rollout sessions are as follows:

- South Bend sessions — St. Hedwig Memorial Center, Thursday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.
- Fort Wayne sessions — Garden Level Banquet Room of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Thursday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Training for teachers and catechists who will be teaching the new theology of the body program will take place this coming fall on both sides of the diocese.

The presenters of the April showcases will be Lisa Everett and John Sikorski, who serves as the assistant director for Pro-Life and Youth Outreach for the Office of Family Life. Besides having presented the First Comes Love program to hundreds of eighth graders in the diocese, Sikorski is currently pursuing his doctorate in moral theology at the University of Notre Dame and brings both a pastoral and a theological perspective to this important project.

Everett described the theology of the body teaching that traces its

roots to St. John Paul II.

She said, "St. John Paul II once commented that as a young priest, 'I learned to love human love.' He numbered many married couples among his friends, and he spent a lot of time with them."

Prior to becoming pope, he had written a manuscript for a book that was tentatively titled "Man and Woman He Created Them," and in 1979 he began delivering a series of Wednesday audience catecheses based on this manuscript, that came to be referred to as his "theology of the body."

"It is a particularly beautiful lens through which to look at the love between man and woman in God's plan, and consists of a rich reflection on Scripture, starting from the book of Genesis and the story of the creation of the human person in the image and likeness of God," Everett said.

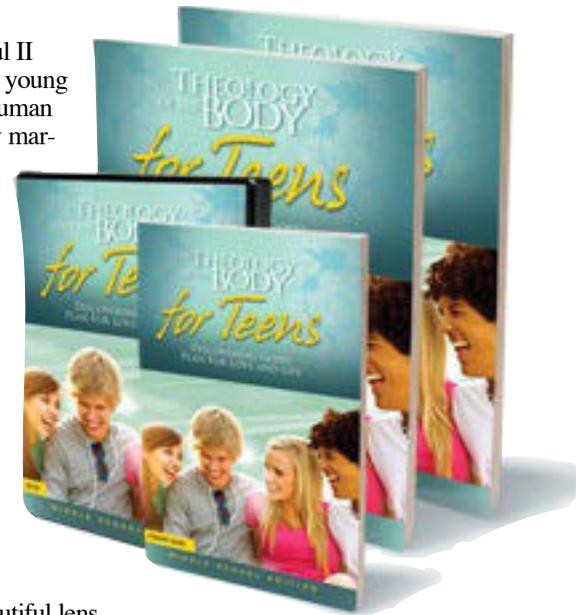
According to St. John Paul II, the primordial model of marriage is to be found in God Himself.

"God is love," she said, "and in Himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion as Father, Son and Spirit. The fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God means not only that both men and women are rational and free beings, endowed with the same personal dignity and the same supernatural destiny, it also means that man and woman 'become' the image of God by living in loving communion with one another. The first and most fundamental form of this communion of persons is the vocation of marriage, in which a man and woman leave their own father and mother in order to live 'with,' and even more deeply, 'for' one another."

Everett added, "Sex is intended by God to be the most intimate sign of this mutual gift of self that a man and woman make to one another in marriage, a dialogue in which the spouses say to each other through the 'language of the body' what they said aloud publicly on the altar on their wedding day: 'I accept you completely as the gift that God created you to be, and I give myself to you completely in return.'"

"And this mutual gift of self that is expressed in sexual union is not meant to end with the couple, but rather, makes them capable of the greatest possible gift: cooperating with God in giving life to a new human person, who is literally the two of them, husband and wife, in one flesh, a living reflection of their love and a permanent sign of their communion, someone created in their own image and likeness, to be sure, but above all, in the image and likeness of God," Everett added. These are some of the key concepts in St. John Paul II's theology of the body.

Everett noted that since the development and implementation



of the diocesan First Comes Love program for eighth graders that began seven years ago, "there have been significant catechetical and cultural changes, which warrant a revision of the way in which middle schoolers are formed in the area of human love and sexuality."

First, the publication of Ascension Press' "Theology of the Body for Teens," (middle school edition) has made available for the first time an attractive and accessible student text and DVD series to introduce junior high students to the theology of the body and the virtue of chastity in a systematic and sustained way as part of the regular religion curriculum.

Secondly, due to the increasing challenges in the culture regarding the vocation of marriage and the virtue of chastity, there is a pastoral need for a deeper and more comprehensive formation of young people before they reach high school.

Everett said, "The goal of providing an intensive introduction to the theology of the body at this grade level is to give the students a vision of human love, marriage, sexuality and procreation that is rooted in a profound reflection on Scripture and which is capable of touching not only their minds, but also their hearts, with the truth and beauty of God's plan."

Everett said that the Ascension Press program, in conjunction with the supplemental curriculum, presents the key concepts in St. John Paul II's theology of the body in a way that is understandable, inspiring and engaging for junior high students.

And parents too will have the opportunity to follow and learn about theology of the body with their children. Everett said each parish and school will hold an annual parent information session prior to beginning the program, which will include a DVD specifically intended for parents, and each family will also receive Ascension Press' "Parent Guide," which is an integral part of the "Theology of the Body for Teens" middle school program.



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Juan Pablo Di Pace portrays Jesus in the 12-week miniseries "A.D.: The Bible Continues," which premiered on NBC Easter Sunday, April 5, 9-10 p.m. EDT. The Archdiocese of Washington developed a series of short catechetical videos to help give a Catholic perspective on the series and are available on the archdiocesan website — [www.adw.org/adtheseries](http://www.adw.org/adtheseries).

WASHINGTON — From executive producers Roma Downey and Mark Burnett comes an uplifting spiritual journey through the later chapters of biblical history. "A.D.: The Bible Continues" picks up where the smash hit mini-series "The Bible" left off, continuing the greatest story ever told and exploring the exciting and inspiring events that followed the Crucifixion of Christ. The 12-week series premiered on Easter Sunday.

This full-length series tells the story of the Acts of the Apostles, and presents in a compelling manner the account of the very beginning of the Church.

The series follows upon the History Channel epic mini-series, "The Bible." It is estimated that 100 million people in the United States viewed that series created by filmmakers Roma Downey, star of the TV show "Touched by an Angel," and her husband Mark Burnett, producer of TV shows like "The Voice," "Survivor" and "The Apprentice."

The series "AD: The Bible Continues" presents those first steps of the early Church, taken in the midst of persecution and strife. The narrative reminds viewers that, even in the midst of hardship and suffering, the Holy Spirit always sustains the mission of the Church.

"My hope is that this series might touch minds and hearts with the story of the action of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church so that all people might be eager to rediscover the Good News of Jesus Christ and rejoice in His saving message," said Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, in a letter to bishops.

Materials have been prepared to help make this series itself a catechetical tool. Sophia Institute Press prepared catechetical aids. Among them is the companion work by Michael Aquilina, entitled, "AD: Ministers and Martyrs: The Ultimate Catholic Guide to the Apostolic Age."

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# Ending death penalty rooted in Gospel values

## Sister Helen Prejean speaks at Our Lady of the Road Catholic Worker Center

BY CATHERINE M. ODELL

SOUTH BEND — Sister Helen Prejean smiled warmly as she scanned the crowded dining room at South Bend's Our Lady of the Road Catholic Worker Drop-in Center. On Tuesday of Holy Week, students, mostly from Notre Dame, sat on the floor on blankets, relinquishing the center's chairs to older knees and backs.

Sister Prejean, a Sister of St. Joseph, nationally recognized advocate for abolishing the death penalty and the author of the best-selling book, "Dead Man Walking," seemed particularly happy to see dozens of young people seated around her podium. Several student leaders had told the group they were studying the death penalty and circulating petitions to end it.

Sister Prejean remarked that she had been speaking out for the abolition of capital punishment for almost 30 years. But, she said, she always begins with her own story and how she "woke up" to what the Gospel really means.

Sister Prejean was born and raised in Baton Rouge "in privilege." The daughter of a lawyer, she attended private, Catholic schools. While growing up, she said, she had no contact with those in need, particularly with African-Americans. "It was Jim Crow days. Even Catholic churches were racially separated," she said, "but I never questioned it." In fact, she added, "For a long time, I didn't even understand that the Gospel of Jesus was also about justice and mercy. I thought it was just about being charitable, being nice to everyone."

When she began to serve in



CATHY ODELL

Sister Helen Prejean makes a point during her talk about the death penalty at Our Lady of the Road Catholic Worker Drop-in Center in South Bend.

the all-Black St. Thomas Housing project in New Orleans, she began to see that many people were being denied charity and justice. She began to "wake up" to the Church's call for a "preferential option for the poor" and what it meant.

In 1981, Sister Prejean began to write to a death row inmate at the Louisiana state prison. A second sort of awakening was about to begin, she said. She had learned that those in prison were typically poor and people of color. Sister Prejean's two-year friendship with Patrick Sonnier began. Sonnier was awaiting the death sentence for the murder of 18-year-old Loretta Bourque and her boyfriend, 17-year-old David LeBlanc. Sonnier, a Catholic, soon asked Sister Prejean to be

his spiritual advisor. Though she didn't realize it then, this role status would officially allow her to attend Sonnier's execution.

As Sister Prejean got to know Sonnier, she avoided reaching out to the families of his victims who were also Catholics. "That was a mistake," she said bluntly. "I felt guilty because they were in such great pain. But, I wrongly believed that I had to be on one 'side' or the other. I didn't think I could advocate for Patrick Sonnier and minister to the families of his victims."

When she met Lloyd LeBlanc, her awakening continued. LeBlanc, the father of the murdered boy, had undergone a conversion. Originally, he was filled with anger and desire for revenge. He'd dreamed of pull-



Students from the University of Notre Dame talk with Sister Helen Prejean about what they've learned about the death penalty.

ing the switch for "twin electric chairs" — one for Patrick and one for his brother and accomplice, Eddie Sonnier.

But, LeBlanc soon saw what hatred was doing to his life and peace. "They killed my son but I'm not going to kill them," he finally told himself and later told Sister Prejean. "Jesus is where life is. I found life going down the road of forgiveness." Sister Prejean was deeply touched by the man's Christ-like compassion and love. "He's really the hero of my book, 'Dead Man Walking,'" she said.

Meanwhile, Sonnier urged his spiritual advisor and friend not to attend his execution. He feared that it would scar her emotionally. But, as Sister Prejean explained, she told Sonnier that he should have "one face there who would represent the face of Jesus and love." On April 5, 1984, she chose to accompany Patrick Sonnier, a "dead man walking," who looked into her face before the leather mask was put on.

"I came out of the electric chair chamber that night, and there were sisters waiting for me. It was cold, and it was about 1 a.m. in the morn-

ing. I just threw up. It was so horrible. But, it was all legal. The Supreme Court had said it was okay. From that moment on, I felt called to tell Americans about this." Executions are done in our name, in the name of the citizens of the state, she said. Many don't understand what's being done because it's hidden.

In 1993, Sister Prejean wrote "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States." A year later, actress Susan Sarandon, who

had read the book, contacted her in hopes of making it into a film.

Today, Sister Prejean said that she is encouraged to see more people rejecting capital punishment. State-sanctioned executions, she said, represent violence — killing — done in the name of the people of a state. Referring to frequent calls for mercy from Pope Francis, she added that the families of victims are now frequently asking for mercy for those who have killed their loved ones.

"When New Jersey did away with the death penalty nine years ago," she said, "62 victims' families testified and said, 'Don't kill for us. The death penalty just re-victimizes us because it can't give us peace. It can't heal the pain and loss we will always feel. Don't kill for us.'"

Sister Prejean's talk was part of a yearlong series about the death penalty sponsored by the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker community of South Bend. It was also sponsored by the Michiana Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and the University of Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns.

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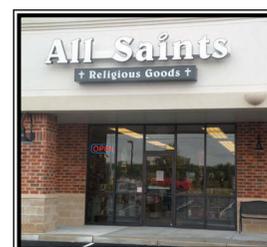
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## Open house, tour to celebrate 175th anniversary of St. Mary

DECATUR — To celebrate their 175th anniversary St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur will host an open house on Sunday, April 19, from 2-3:30 p.m. Friends, neighbors and family are invited to walk through the church and rectory as a volunteer explains church architecture, traditions and faith at each of 15 stations and answers questions.

Enter the Fourth Street doors and receive a walking tour handout.

Before entering, visitors are encouraged to look above the main doors to view the relief sculptures of St. Mary, patron saint of the church; the Visitation, left of St. Mary to St. Elizabeth, who carries St. John the Baptist in her womb; and the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary at the right. These relief sculptures were executed first in full size clay models and then carved in Indiana limestone by Ernest B. Haswell of Cincinnati, Ohio. Inside on each side of the mosaic visitors may view relief sculptures — the Sacred Heart on the left and St. John, Apostle on the right. This relief is registered at the Smithsonian Art Museum.

After the walking tour, all are invited to meet Father Dave Voors and Deacon Jerry Kohrman in the Parish Hall and enjoy refreshments. The bookstore will be open as well.

In the spring of 1838 Father Mueller said the first Mass at the Fettick home on the corner of Third and Monroe where Century Link now stands. From 1838 to Nov. 12, 1840, Decatur was a mission. Then it was organized and named St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

In 1847 the first wooden frame building was erected followed by a red brick building in 1874. It was demolished in February 1949, and ground was broken for the current building in March 1952. Auxiliary Bishop Leo A Pursley laid the cornerstone on Dec. 12, 1952, and Archbishop John Francis Noll dedicated the Lannon limestone building on May 31, 1954.

## Saint Joseph student wins prestigious writing award

SOUTH BEND — Writing comes naturally to Saint Joseph High School student Jordan Mayer. He's been doing it since he was a small child, but really got into it his sophomore year. Mayer was notified on March 16 that he had won Scholastic Art and Writing Awards' National American Voice Award, for his writing piece entitled, "To Mr. Alexander Fuller."



JORDAN MAYER

During Mayer's four years at Saint Joseph he has also won six Regional Gold Keys, three Silver Keys and a National Silver. Mayer was shocked when he first found

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL STUDENTS MEET THE SEMINARIANS



TRINA KOLDYKE

Students of St. Matthew School in South Bend had an opportunity to meet some of the diocesan seminarians up close. Students have been writing to the seminarians throughout the year and on Monday, March 30, the seminarians visited St. Matthew classrooms. In the photo, front row, from left, are Dennis Di Benedetto, Thomas Zehr, David Huneck, Mark Hellinger and Cody Martin; back row, Caleb Kruse, Daniel Koehl, Timothy Horne and Bob Garrow.

out that he had won the American Voice Medal, an award that has only 35 recipients nationwide. "While I am certainly very proud of this award, I'm mostly just glad that the Scholastic judges enjoyed my writing as much as they did," he commented.

The National Awards presentation will be held in June at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

"Writing is only one of my many passions," Mayer said, "the others of which include science, mathematics, film and theater." Mayer is vice president of Drama Club, co-president of Film Club, and captain of the Mathletes. He is a member of NHS, German Club and Liturgical Choir, and participated in this year's Stations of the Cross for the second year in a row.

Also known for his acting talent, Mayer has performed in every Saint Joseph production since he arrived as a freshman.

Mayer will be attending Purdue University next year. He will be studying aeronautical and aerospace engineering.

## Sisters of Providence to host Week of Service

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — To help celebrate 175 years, the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College are sponsoring a "Week

of Service," April 12-18.

To plan various activities for the year, the sisters appointed a committee to develop many ideas and ways to better the communities in which they live as well as communities where their friends live.

"From the beginning of our planning, the committee wanted to ensure that the celebration of the 175th anniversary would not be a time of patting ourselves on the backs," Sister Lisa Stallings said. "Both Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and the Sisters of Providence were established by women who made tremendous personal sacrifices for the good of others, and both entities have continued to hold service of others as a value for 175 years."

Several activities have been planned to take place at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, including picking up trash and more. However, Sister Lisa said those who do not live near the congregation can be active in their own community.

"We are encouraging all staff, alumnae and alumni, sisters, Providence Associates and friends of the congregation to mark the 175th anniversary through service of others wherever they live," she said. "While we have made no plans for future service weeks, it is certainly something to think about as we move forward."

## St. Pius students embrace stewardship

GRANGER — The community of St. Pius X Catholic School, Granger, recently conducted two collections to support the Christ Child Society and St. Vincent de Paul Society of South Bend.

Over 4,100 pieces of clothing were collected in one week and donated to Christ Child Society on March 13 as part of the school's Step-by-Step Stewardship program sponsored by the kindergarten classes.

The Step by Step Student Stewardship Program is designed to teach St. Pius X students as they grow to be good stewards of all the gifts God has given them. This is done in an age appropriate way through a different category of service for each grade level.

The school's student council made a commitment to support Eric's Promise, an annual Lenten program in honor of the late Eric Henry, Marian High School student. Eric Henry made a promise to be more giving during Lent, shortly before he was killed in an automobile accident. Today, many local organizations host collections to continue to fulfill Eric's Promise.

The St. Pius community collected over 1,800 toiletry items ranging from toothbrushes and toothpaste to laundry and dish soap, to support families in need through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The students received a "dress down day" as reward for their efforts and an all-school assembly featured the Spraoi agus Rince Irish Dance Group.

## SISTER TEACHES EDUCACIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO CLASS



PHOTO BY LOURDES SILVA

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sister Margarita Morena, a native of Panama, recently taught a class that was part of the Educación para el Ministerio program. About 80 people attended the in-service offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw. Her topic was "Multiple Intelligence and Inter-generational Catechesis."

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Blessing of the fire during the Easter Vigil at St. Matthew Cathedral.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades washes the feet of a seminarian at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

### GOOD FRIDAY



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Veneration of the cross during the Good Friday service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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This is the official logo and prayer for World Youth Day 2016, which were unveiled July 3 in the event's host city — Krakow, Poland — by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. The logo and prayer focus on the theme chosen by Pope Francis from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

## World Youth Day 2016 in Poland will offer 'Message of Mercy'

BY JONATHAN LUXMORE

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — A new airport, improved road and rail links, a fleet of dream buses and "Youth Bible" are among features projected for the Catholic Church's 14th international celebration of World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, in 2016.

"It's still 16 months to go, but the planning is well advanced," said Msgr. Bronislaw Fidelus, a co-organizer of the event scheduled for July 26-Aug. 1.

"There's huge interest abroad, and we've already registered large church groups from the U.S., Europe and Latin America. We're sure the theme of Divine Mercy, chosen specially by the pope, will create a real openness to Christ among young participants," Msgr. Fidelus said.

World Youth Day organizers expect the 14th international event will attract more than 2 million people from around the world.

Msgr. Fidelus said the program was approved March 13 by a Vatican delegation under Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for Laity, adding that the Polish Church counted on the five-day event to renew the faith among young Catholics everywhere.

Meanwhile, a Krakow official said work was underway to expand the city's communication and transport network and road and rail links with Europe as well as to renovate local schools to

accommodate pilgrims.

"Having hosted several pilgrimages by the late St. John Paul II to his home city, Krakow is well equipped and prepared for large-scale events like this," Filip Szatanik, spokesman for the Krakow City Council, told Catholic News Service.

"It's also a great Church city, full of sacral buildings and objects and closely linked to Poland's Christian history. We can count especially on this side of its character to make this a major promotional opportunity," he said.

Launched by St. John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is celebrated annually on a local level and every two or three years with an international gathering with the pope.

Krakow was announced as the 2016 venue by Pope Francis at the last World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

World Youth Day will have the theme, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7), and will follow April 2016 church-state celebrations of Poland's 1,050th anniversary of Poland's Christian conversion.

Pope Francis is scheduled to lead a televised Way of the Cross procession from the city's Divine Mercy Sanctuary, followed by a prayer vigil on youth issues near the Wieliczka Salt Mine, and a final Mass in Krakow's Blonia Park.

The World Youth Day website said the festival would feature a tent museum with Vatican exhib-

its and concerts and exhibitions at more than 100 locations, as well as "wayside catechesis" sessions in 30 languages and a "reconciliation zone" with several hundred confessionals.

It added that Poland's 16 archdioceses and 28 dioceses had so far pledged accommodation for 373,000 foreign visitors, and said the organizing committee had been asked to add canoe trips and mountain hikes to enable foreign pilgrims to sample the life of St. John Paul II, who was archbishop of Krakow from 1964 to 1978.

Pope Francis also has been invited to visit Wadowice, where John Paul II was born in 1920, during his visit.

Organizers said the "Youth Bible," under preparation at the Catholic University of Lublin, would present the New Testament in contemporary language without "archaic expressions."

They added that the "virtual prayer marathon," launched March 13, would enable young Christians to show where they were "praying to change the world," or requesting prayers, by clicking on a website, [www.may-feelings.com/prayforwyd](http://www.may-feelings.com/prayforwyd).

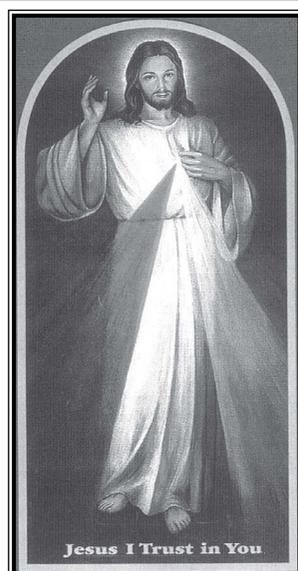
Beginning in July, a fleet of yellow "dream buses," chartered by young Catholics at Poland's Kalwaria Zebrzydowska Marian sanctuary, is to travel throughout Europe to publicize the celebration.

Meanwhile, a World Youth Day cross, made in 1983, has been taken to the Jasna Gora national sanctuary and the former Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. It was to tour Poland until the festival.

Father Tomasz Kijowski, World Youth Day spokesman, predicted the event would also have an "activating effect" on young people in Poland.

"The young have been leaving the Church here — we need some shock, some impulse, to halt and reverse this trend," Father Kijowski told KAI, Poland's Catholic information agency.

"I wouldn't want to suggest we're working out some vision for a Christian Poland, but we want to initiate certain processes, which will continue after the World Youth Day, instead of ending when the pope flies out."



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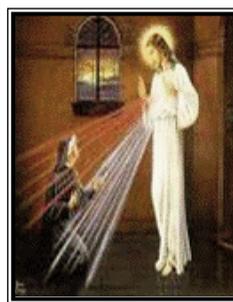
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**Sunday, April 12, 2015**  
**1:00 p.m.**

• *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

• *Rosary*

• *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

**2:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Mass**

# 'Golden thread' links Holy Year of Mercy and St. Faustina Kowalska

BY LAURA IERACI

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The rector of a Rome sanctuary dedicated to Divine Mercy said he sees a “golden thread” connecting the upcoming Holy Year of Mercy and the message Jesus conveyed to St. Faustina Kowalska nearly 85 years ago.

Father Jozef Bart, rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, said the three most recent popes all “insisted on this message of mercy,” starting with St. John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina in 2000 and declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Faustina was a Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. She had visions of Jesus saying He would show mercy to those who prayed for it and shared it with others. The Church of the Holy Spirit, just a block from St. Peter's Square, has a side chapel dedicated to Divine Mercy.

Father Bart, who was born in Poland but is a priest of the Diocese of Rome, said Pope Francis' Year of Mercy is the culmination of the Church's official recognition of the message of Divine Mercy.

“It seems that heaven is in a great rush to come help this world that truly has many problems, that is sick and wounded,” he said.

Pope Francis surprised Catholics March 13 by announcing the special Holy Year, which will begin Dec. 8, 2015, and end Nov. 20, 2016. The biblical theme is “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”



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**Pope Francis walks past a crucifix to a confessional during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 13. During the service the pope announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.**

“Pope Francis does not simply want to dedicate a year to mercy or to call a meeting of the bishops on mercy. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door so that it can be a year for mercy,” he emphasized.

God's mercy is for all of humanity — believers and nonbelievers alike — and Christians are called to bring this message to the world for all to receive, Father Bart insisted.

Reflecting on the challenge of bringing God's mercy to nonbelievers in a secular society, Father Bart described mercy as “a point of encounter with all peoples,” particularly through what are traditionally called the corporal acts of mercy, such as tending to the sick, the hungry and the imprisoned. Through these concrete actions, “I can reach all souls, whether they believe or not,” he said.

In his frequent catecheses on mercy, Pope Francis seems to be “convincing us of the truth of mercy,” said Father Bart. Fundamental to this pontificate is the call to “go out to the peripheries” to bring God's mercy to all people who suffer, he added.

Many people who have made mistakes in their lives “think there is no place for them in the heart of God,” Father Bart said. He attributed this to the human tendency “to erase from our hearts” those people who have been hurtful or who have made grave mistakes.

“But God will never do that,” he said.

He also spoke of the “great battle between good and evil today,” and

said human recourse to God's mercy is impeded by the devil, who wants to keep humanity enslaved by sin.

But God, through His mercy, grants people “new life” when they place themselves before Him, even with all of their wrongdoing, mistakes, weaknesses and fragility, the priest said.

Father Bart acknowledged that the message of God's mercy is not new; it is the message of the Gospel. But the Church's mission, at every point in history, is “to introduce humanity to God's mercy and to make this mercy known,” he said. And St. Faustina “shed new light and gave a particular vigor to the message of mercy preached by the Church.”

To live mercy is to have an open heart, to be compassionate and full of tenderness toward others, just as “Jesus ripped open His heart for us on the cross, before our hardness of heart,” he explained. A merciful heart is moved by the needs of others and springs to action to resolve their hardships.

“We can speak about mercy day and night, but we have to do it,” he said. “If behind our words there aren't concrete actions, then this is not the fullness of mercy.”

He said its fullness can be achieved through proclamation, prayer and works. Though the most important aspect for the jubilee is prayer, he said.

“We must invoke God's mercy,” he said. “We must ask that this mercy come, and that God will have mercy on us all.”

## WYD

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a unique opportunity in May.

“We are collaborating with the University of Saint Francis to volunteer behind the scenes for the Dorothy Day Conference. After we complete our tasks, the volunteers will hear Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, give his talk. In return, USF will be making a donation to our cause for WYD,” Litchfield said.

Because many parishes have support systems such as youth groups already in place for teens, young adults may be more likely to struggle with affording the cost of WYD.

Sean Allen, diocesan director of Young Adult Ministry, added, “The price of the WYD pilgrimage is often one of the biggest hurdles for young adults to overcome. The cost can appear out of reach.”

Allen encourages parishes not to forget that young adults between 18 and 35 are invited to WYD, and has put together a list of ideas specifically for young adults wanting to attend WYD and parishes that want to assist them. This list can be found under the “F.A.Q.” tab on the diocesan WYD website.

At the diocesan level, two avenues of financial aid for pilgrims are available. The first is the “Take Me To World Youth Day” sweepstakes aimed at young adults. Starting on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, and ending on June 12, young adults can go to [www.TakeMeToWYD.com](http://www.TakeMeToWYD.com) and enter a sweepstakes to win a free trip to WYD in Poland or one of two runner-up prizes for discounted pilgrimages.

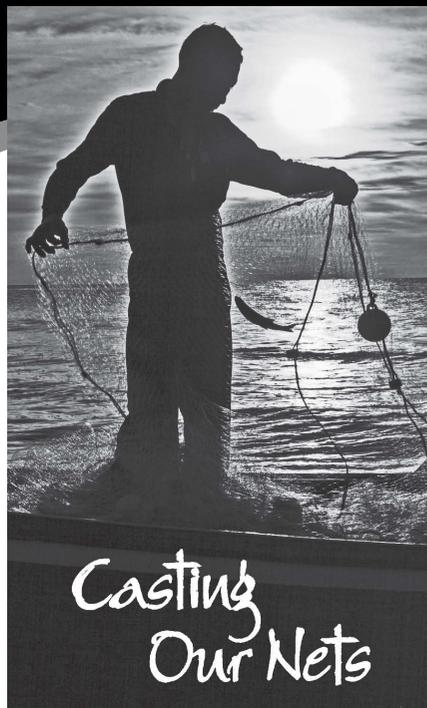
In addition, the Our Sunday Visitor Institute has awarded the diocese a grant to cover the cost of 40 \$1,000 scholarships for both teens and young adults wanting to attend the pilgrimage.

Those interested in learning more about the scholarship or to download an application can visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/WYD](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/WYD). Scholarship applications are due by June 1, and award notification will occur in early July.

“We hope that both the sweepstakes and the scholarship will serve to encourage more young people in our diocese to consider attending WYD. We also want those who have already registered to know that both the sweepstakes and the scholarship are open to them,” said Seng.

Contact Natalie Kohman at 260-399-1420 or [wyd@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:wyd@diocesefwsb.org) for information.

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## In a world of brotherly love

Every year around this time, I go away with my three brothers to play golf for an extended weekend. Next to Christmas, it is my favorite time of the year. We have taken on greater family and professional responsibilities. Still, in more than 20 years, not one of us has missed our golf trip. It is an important commitment.

The principal attraction is not the golf — although we do all love to play and compete. The reason I love it so much is that, outside of my marriage, my closest friends in the world are my brothers. (My sisters too, but they don't play golf.)

For five days, we talk about work, family and faith. We can laugh and share our problems. We do an inventory of our children and their successes or issues. Each of us is godfather to a number of nieces and nephews.

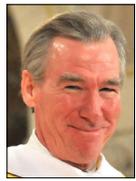
I thought about these family connections recently when I read in the report of the National Center for Health Statistics that the U.S.

birthrate had declined for the sixth year in a row. American women now have, on average, 1.86 babies over the course of their lives. For college graduates, the number is lower.

We're not yet in a class with Japan (1.4 births per woman), Poland (1.33) or South Korea (1.25), but all of us are below the rate (about 2.1) necessary for population replacement. Most developed nations now worry about not having enough young people to support their aging populations.

But an overlooked aspect of the proliferation of one-child families is the effect that a solitary childhood has on children. Imagine a society, not very different from our own, where every child is an only child — no brothers or sisters. Their children, one generation later, would have no cousins, uncles or aunts. How might their perspective on life be different?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in No. 1657 that



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## INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

"the home is the first school of Christian life." My siblings were my classmates in that school. Our parents taught us the Ten Commandments together — and as brothers and sisters we also broke some of them together and learned hard lessons.

I don't mean to attach undue moral valence to family size. Let's not forget that Jesus was an only child. And there are lots of only children in my circle of friends who learned the lessons of Christian life better than I did.

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## Doubting Thomas affirms Jesus is risen



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 2nd Sunday of Easter Jn 20:19-31

As almost always in the Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles furnishes the Liturgy of the Word with its first reading.

Acts claims to be, and scholars assume it indeed to be, the work of the Evangelist who wrote St. Luke's Gospel. Acts, therefore, may properly be seen as a continuation of the story presented in Luke's Gospel. Luke's Gospel closes with the Ascension of Jesus. Acts then begins at this point.

As it progresses, Acts traces for some years the development of the infant Church, describing the plight of its first members. In so doing, it provides a fascinating insight into the formation of the Church's structure, as well as a powerful lesson in the basic beliefs that so compelled absolute loyalty and devotion from the early Christians whom Acts praises.

It also gives great examples of unquailed faith, and of human ignorance and treachery.

In this weekend's reading, Acts presents the first members of the Church as being "of one heart and one mind." Love for, and adherence to the Lord were central to their lives. The Apostles bore witness to the Resurrection of Jesus. The Lord's special followers and students, who Jesus commissioned to continue the work

of salvation, literally had seen the Risen Lord. The first Christians revered the Apostles.

Love for others, in the model of Jesus, was more than a platitude or vague ideal. The early Christians assisted the poor. Indeed, they sold their property or houses and donated the proceeds to assist the needy.

St. John's First Epistle supplies the second reading, defining what being a Christian means.

Each believer must give himself fully in love to God, through trust and faith in Jesus. Because of this commitment, and because of the Lord's redeeming acts, each Christian is a child of God. This term means much more than merely earthly creation. It means eternal life.

Baptism in water symbolizes this absolute commitment.

The Gospel reading for this weekend is from St. John's Gospel. It is a Resurrection Narrative, and it is a story with which most Christians are quite familiar. Recall the dismay among the followers of Jesus when they found the empty tomb? Where had the body of the Lord been taken?

This reading answers the question. The body of the Lord has been taken nowhere. Jesus lives! He is risen! The encounter with the doubting, demanding Thomas affirms this fact.

Resurrection from the dead is stunning in itself, but Jesus further acts as God by conferring the very power of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. He grants them the authority of forgiving sins, a divine privilege as sins affront God. He sends them to the four corners of the world to bring redemption to all humankind.

Passing through locked doors as if they were thin air, Jesus greeted the Apostles with "Peace be with

you," Jesus makes clear that peace only is in God. The living Lord is the sole source of peace.

### Reflection

This weekend, the Church calls its people to have faith and to rejoice. Resurrection and Redemption in Jesus refer not to memories of times long ago, but living realities for us to experience here and now.

It is time for us to find consolation and strength in Jesus, the crucified and risen and living still.

Thus, we observe Divine Mercy Sunday on this date. In and through Jesus, the Risen, the Son of God, divine mercy is with us.

While sin and human limitation present obstacles, often considerable, in our progress toward God, the Lord left us the Apostles.

With their successors in the Church as our guides and the bearers of divine mercy, literally, we find forgiveness and the light to see the way to follow Jesus.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35 Pa 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

## Child Safety: How to Respond

When a child discloses abuse, it is important to respond in a kind, gentle manner. Here are some suggestions:

### If a child discloses abuse, will you know what to do?

Listen

Tell the child that he/she was right to tell.

Assure the child that the abuse is not his/her fault.

Avoid expressing shock, outrage, or disappointment

Do not promise to keep the abuse a secret.

Do not threaten or condemn the perpetrator.

Avoid questions that make the child feel guilty or responsible, such as, "Why didn't you say anything sooner?" or "Why didn't you say no?"

Avoid asking a lot of questions; this is best left to professionals.

Report the suspected abuse to the authorities (DCS and the police)

Remember that the child may have been threatened; assure the child that you will keep him/her safe and that he/she is not in trouble.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Ensuring the Dignity and Safety of Every Child  
[diocesefwsb.org/youth-protection](http://diocesefwsb.org/youth-protection)

### Saint of the Week



### Magdalen Canossa

1774-1835  
Feast April 10

This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age 5 and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried. Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, "Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden."

# Easter and evangelism

**G**alatians 1:15-18 is not your basic witness-to-the-Resurrection text. Yet St. Paul's mini-spiritual autobiography helps us understand just how radically the experience of the Risen Lord changed the first disciples' religious worldview, and why an evangelical imperative was built into that experience.

Here's the Pauline text:  
 "... When He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him for 15 days ..."

Note the sequence: Saul of Tarsus is stunned on the Damascus road by a revelation of the risen Lord Jesus Christ; after being baptized in Damascus, the new disciple disappears into the Arabian peninsula (for how long, he doesn't say); he then returns to Damascus; and only then does he make the pilgrimage to the founding Church in Jerusalem to confer with Peter. Thus Paul's first encounter with another apostolic witness to the Resurrection didn't occur for years: at least three-plus (if the "three years" in verse 18 refer to both his Damascus and Arabian sojourns), and quite probably more.

What took him so long?  
 Paul's snapshot of his early Christian life immediately follows his self-description as one who was "advanced in Judaism beyond

many ... among my people" and "extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers." — Gal 1:14. So it doesn't torture the text of Galatians 1:15-18 to suggest that Paul spent those unaccounted-for years trying to figure things out. What did his undeniable — and shattering — meeting with the Risen One mean? How could this encounter fit within what a Jewish scholar would know as the pattern of redemption?

The Gospels record that it took the first Christian believers a while to understand what the Resurrection meant — their fears and incomprehension (Who is this? Is it a ghost?) bear witness to the unprecedented nature of the experience of the Risen One. Over time, though, Easter and the subsequent appearances of the Risen Lord worked profound changes in how these pious Jews thought and prayed. The Resurrection changed their idea of the Sabbath; they now celebrated the Lord's Day on Sunday rather than Saturday. The experience of the Risen Lord changed their idea of what "resurrection" meant; this was not a resuscitated corpse but an utterly transformed body, recognizably human (he eats and drinks) but not limited by the normal boundaries of time and space (doors mean nothing to Him). And the Resurrection changed their understanding of what time itself meant (the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed in His public ministry dramatically changed history at Easter, but "history" continued).

As a highly educated rabbi, Paul faced an even more complex problem: What did this unexpected Messiah, who died a shameful death but was raised to a new form



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of life, do to Israel's messianic expectation, its sense of its story from the Exodus to the present, its self-concept as the chosen people? The urgency of those questions suggests that Paul, in his wilderness years, was wrestling with the beginnings of Christian theology — stretching, but not abandoning, Israel's messianic hope and the meaning of its mission to be a "light to the nations." For Paul came to see, through his reflection and his ministry, that the redemptive promises God made to the chosen people had been extended to all of humanity — the cutting from the "wild olive tree" of the gentiles had been "grafted ... into a cultivated olive tree," Israel, such that a new messianic people had been formed. — Romans 11:24.

And here was an evangelical imperative: What the Church learned from its experience of the Risen One, who changed both history and the cosmos, demanded to be shared. Easter faith is necessarily, not accidentally, missionary faith — two millennia ago for St. Paul; today, for all of us.

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# Easter message of hope

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

**W**hat the world needs now is hope. There is evil all around us. The Islamic State and other terrorists have no regard for human life. Wars and other forms of violence abound. Innocent people are killed. The number of refugees rises every day. Even the weather has caused a lot of pain and distress. Places that rarely have snow have been inundated with it while in other typically cold areas, there are unseasonably high temperatures. Many people, especially children, go hungry and lack the other necessities of life. One hardly wants to turn on the television, radio or Internet.

Needless to say, it is understandable that many people are beginning to lose hope in the future. I often hear people ask where God is in all of this. Why does God seem to sit back and let it all happen?

But there is hope. Our faith in the resurrection means that we believe good can come from suffering and evil; that love can conquer sin. This, of course, is not a popular stance in today's environment.

During this Easter season, it

might be beneficial to reflect on our own attitudes. Do we feel justified by our desire to punish hatred with more violence? What are our thoughts about the death penalty (which is what Jesus received)? Do we ever pray for the conversion of our enemies or those who terrorize others? Are we able to forgive those who have hurt us or at least pray for them? Or does our anger or bitterness eat at us?

Are we willing to go deeper and discover the roots of evil and use love to conquer it? What does our celebration of Easter really mean?

Do we really believe that violence can destroy evil? Has it ever really worked throughout history? Doesn't love seem to be a better and more logical solution?

We have the resurrection of Jesus to prove that it can happen. Jesus' life conquered sin and evil.

The sisters in our retirement community used the phrase — "the power of one" — as their theme for Lent. It stemmed from their belief that every individual good act makes a difference.

Just imagine what it would be like if every person in the world lived by the commandment of love for just one day. There would be

no war, hatred or violence. People would ask for and offer forgiveness. The only news to report would be good. The front page of newspapers would have life-giving stories. Everyone would have plenty to eat because people would share with one another. And so on and so on. Wouldn't it be awesome?

As Christians who believe in the resurrection, we must strive to be models of love and hope. Our good works of Lent must continue throughout the rest of the year. We have a call and a mission to make Christ known by our love. We must express our belief that, even in this gloomy, dark time, God will not abandon us. God will always be faithful just as He was to His Son, Jesus, by bringing Him to new life. Our world needs this Easter message! Go out and proclaim it to everyone in your world!

And, if current events make it hard for you to believe that God is somehow in all of this, ask God to deepen your faith and help you remember times when He brought you out of difficulties in your life or the life of someone you know. Easter tells us that God never leaves us in our pain and brings good out of evil! Happy Easter!

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 12, 2015

John 20:19-31

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle B: the evening appearance of the risen Lord. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THAT DAY	WEEK	LOCKED
JESUS CAME	PEACE	SHOWED
REJOICED	LORD	FATHER
BREATHED	RECEIVE	SPIRIT
FORGIVEN	THOMAS	TWELVE
MARK	A WEEK LATER	BELIEVE
MY GOD	NOT SEEN	SIGNS

## THROUGH DOORS

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But on an extended scale, the proliferation of the one-child household is surely changing society. Children with no siblings will never share a bedroom or bathroom. Their educational, emotional and material needs and desires get priority at home. Will they find it hard to adjust when they move out and cease to be the center of the universe?

In South Korea last summer, Pope Francis warned young Catholics and their parents about selfish competition and the increasing "idolatry of wealth, power and pleasure." In that

country (and elsewhere), increasing prosperity has led to declining birth rates. This is in one sense odd — parents with more disposable income lavish it on fewer children.

Children in South Korea (and elsewhere) might be happier with fewer things, less pressure and more relatives.

Sometimes the competition becomes intense when my brothers and I compete for the Garvey Cup. But even then, good humor formed by a shared childhood governs our interactions. It never fails to remind me of how important we all were to one another growing up, and still are. It is hard to imagine a world without brotherly love.

**John Garvey** is president of The Catholic University of America.

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 Rev. Msgr. John E. Kozar

# Sports

**FORMULA FOR LIFE 5K RUN/WALK** A 5k run/walk will be Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis. Organized by students, all proceeds benefit orphanage construction in Haiti. Registration is \$15, \$12/person family rate, silent auction, light lunch, live music, event T-shirt. Online registration at RunReg.com.

## St. Charles' CYO eighth-grade team reaps CYO, diocesan title, undefeated season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — An eighth-grade season is always something special, but an undefeated, eighth-grade season is especially rare. This year, coaches Dan Sordelet, Kurt Patterson, Jeff Maxwell and Kristin Sordelet, along with 10 young men — Matt Kochanski, Owen Potosky, Hayden Smithey, Andrew Sordelet, Russell Sordelet, Lyle Yaggy, Alec Bunt, Charlie Howe, Jared Lee and Keaton Broerman — accomplished such a feat as members of the St. Charles Cardinals boys' basketball team finishing 28-0.

As a unit they experienced a highly decorated career and were crowned CYO champions all four years. Besides this year, they also remained unbeaten all season long as fifth and sixth graders. As seventh graders, the Cardinals lost six games, with just one to fellow seventh-grade squad (Woodside) and the rest to all top-notch eighth-grade teams. One of their victories that season was over St. Vincent 8 who went on to claim the Gold League (eighth-grade) title.

The Cardinals outscored their opponents on an average night 47-25 this season. St. Charles' closest matchup of the season came at the hands of Lakeside, which took overtime to claim a 46-44 victory. The elite group also beat St. Paul, the Lutheran league state champs, on three different occasions.

The group, who played together on two different teams in the off-season, played a tenacious defense, keeping opponents from doing what they do and stifling their offense. On a few rare occasions when the Cardinals found themselves trailing at the break, they came back to hold their foes to under 10 points in the second half. In the game against Edgewood, which was all tied up at 24 after three quarters, St. Charles allowed just two points in the fourth quarter and went on to win 34-26.

Offensively, the squad was led in scoring by Kochanski with 244 points, followed by Smithey with 214 and Lee with 167. Kochanski was the top three-point shooter draining 33 from beyond the arc. Potosky followed with 23 and Bunt with 20. Smithey was the team's leader in made free throws with 35, followed by Lee with 26, Russel Sordelet with 23 and Howe with 22.

The coaches noted several different factors to the Cardinals' success: unselfish team basketball, everyone shared the ball, very smart basketball team IQ, excellent shooting team. Once they even had an opposing coach ask, "Do you always shoot 80 percent from the field?"

Smithey summed up their amazing year, "It was a great season with a lot of great talent on the team. It felt fulfilling that we could end our year without a single loss this time. It's sad that it's ended, but I'm glad it happened."

## Holy Family girls claim ICCL basketball crown

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — A venue complete with spotlights, an announcer and a high school floor brought a special touch to a championship game that pitted the two best teams in the Inter-City Catholic League as the ladies of St. Pius X and Holy Family flexed their muscles in a long awaited rematch.

The Lions of St. Pius X were undefeated and owned the only victory over the Trojans, just three

weeks prior by a tally of 14-8.

The Trojans' Jessica Veldman pounced out of the gate by driving hard to the basket and getting the hoop and some harm, converting on a three-point play the old fashioned way to open the scoring.

Holy Family didn't stop with the Veldman show. Power forward Lexie Hester converted on a put back and the Trojans pushed the lead to 9-0.

Finally with 1:59 remaining in the first quarter, Chole Bartz of the Lions knocked down a charity shot

ending the drought and the free throw was quickly followed by a bucket by her teammate Lauren Sandor making the score, 11-3, after one.

The Lions showed some life in the second as Sandor again hit a shot only to have it cancelled out by another two-footer by Hester moments later.

The third quarter defensive battle emerged as the only offense with teams trading baskets.

The final point came on an innocent conversion of a free throw

by the Lions' Claire Cataldo, as the Trojans avenged their only loss and won the ICCL Post Season Tournament, 18-9.

"The first game we were unable to score on them, so I'm happy we were able to put our offense together and get the win," explained Holy Family skipper Scott Tafelski.

"This is a fun group of girls to coach. They are young and really want to do well," remarked Lions' coach, Kevin Bartz.

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South Bend, Indiana**

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Grades PreK-8; Enrollment: 82  
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**We are seeking a candidate who possesses:**

- \*A strong and vibrant Catholic faith
- \*Elementary administrative licensing
- \*Five years teaching or administrative experience
- \*A Commitment to strong Catholic identity
- \*Experience in fundraising and development
- \*Strong leadership skills

Receiving applications through May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Contact the Personnel Manager at the Catholic Schools Office:  
260-422-4611 or [csopersonnel@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:csopersonnel@diocesefwsb.org)  
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# Elementary Principal Position

## St. Joseph Catholic School

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### Qualifications:

- Strong Leadership and communication skills
- Active and Practicing Catholic
- Commitment to maintain our Catholic identity
- Have a passion and commitment to our mission
- Eligible for Indiana Administrative license

### Contact CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

P. O. Box 390 • Fort Wayne, IN 46901

(260) 422-4611 Applications available online at:

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Application deadline April 27 Employment begins July 1



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**WHAT'S HAPPENING** carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

### Royal Fest Family Carnival

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have Royal Fest April 24-26 at the church, 1600 West State Blvd. On Friday, April 24, from 5-8 p.m. all ages can enjoy carnival games, food and silent auction held in the Msgr. Faber Activities Center. On Saturday, April 25, from 7-11:30 p.m. music by Adam Strack with heavy appetizers, beer and wine and late night pizza will be offered in the activities center. Must be 21. Admission \$10 includes food, one drink and door prize ticket. On Sunday, April 26, coffee and doughnuts will be served following all Masses.

### Friends of St. Adalbert School plan Mass, potluck dinner celebration

South Bend — St. Adalbert School will have a Mass and potluck dinner Saturday, April 18, at St. Adalbert Church and Heritage Hall. All alumni, school families, parishioners of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir and friends of the school are invited to attend 5 p.m. Mass with dinner following in the school hall. Dinner attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. For more information contact Linda Cornett at 260-637-6329 or SaintAdalbertAlumni@gmail.com.

### Spaghetti and meatball dinner planned

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 18, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Our Lady of Good Hope hall, 7215 St. Joe Rd. Tickets are adults \$7.50, children 6-11 \$4.50, children 5 and under free. \$25 per family. Proceeds benefit the seminarians.

### Father Kohrman to present

'Islam, Christianity and the Crusades' South Bend — Father Glenn Kohrman will offer the presentation, "Islam, Christianity and the Crusades," on Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5202 Linden Ave.

### Meet and greets planned

Fort Wayne-South Bend — Discussions on how to engage all people with disabilities — cognitive, physical, emotional and mental illness, into a full and meaningful participation in the Church will be Thursday, April 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Center, 1328 W. Dragoon Trail, Mishawaka, and Thursday, April 23, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. A light meal will be provided. Register at www.diocesefwsb.org/Disabilities-

Ministry or contact Allison Sturm at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1452.

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, April 15, from 5-6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Down Syndrome Association.

### Knights host Sunday breakfast

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council No. 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. in the Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, and \$20 per family. Carry-out meals (with drink) will be available for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Bill Roth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 17, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

## PERSONNEL MANAGER NEEDED

The Catholic Schools Office is accepting applications of qualified individuals for the position of Personnel Manager.

Must be flexible, a team player, exceptional multi-tasker, with office or management experience. Proficiency with Word, Excel, FileMaker, and basic web design knowledge preferred.

Applications can be found online at:

<http://www.diocesefwsb.org/cso>

Return completed applications to:

Catholic Schools Office- Personnel Manager  
915 South Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802



ST. JUDE  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is accepting applications for

**Principal of St. Jude Catholic School  
Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Grades Preschool-8 Enrollment: 500

We are seeking a candidate who possesses:

- A strong and vibrant Catholic faith
- Elementary administrative licensing
- Teaching or administrative experience
- Commitment to maintaining our strong Catholic identity
- Strong leadership and management skills

St. Jude is a school with a long history of academic excellence. As a Catholic school, we are interested in the well-rounded development of the whole human person.

Receiving applications through April 24

Contact the Personnel Manager at the Catholic Schools Office:

260-422-4611 or csopersonnel@diocesefwsb.org

Applications available at [www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application)

## MARKETING COORDINATOR AVE MARIA PRESS

Ave Maria Press is currently seeking a full-time Marketing Coordinator to join our Marketing team. This position is responsible for helping to implement marketing plans for the consumer, trade and parish, and school markets. Description of position and requirements can be found at [www.avemariapress.com](http://www.avemariapress.com). Ave Maria Press has an excellent benefits package, competitive compensation, and a professional environment.

This position is located in Notre Dame, Indiana. Qualified individuals should send their resume and salary requirements to Pattie Gates at [pgates1@nd.edu](mailto:pgates1@nd.edu).

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### Mishawaka

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**St. Vincent's Elementary  
School Principal**



**Enrollment: 157 students PK-6**

A historic parish of cultural diversity ministering to a community of over 2000 families in English and Spanish.

- \* Expanding to Middle School beginning with 7<sup>th</sup> grade for 2015/16
- \* Awarded an "A" accreditation grade for exceptional academic growth
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- \* Core curriculum enhanced by differentiated learning supported by Title I teachers and an additional full-time ENL teacher
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### Qualifications

- Devout Practicing Roman Catholic
- Leadership and Administrative Skills
- 5 years of experience in Catholic Schools as teacher or administrator
- Spanish fluency is preferred, but not required
- Eligible for Indiana Administrative license

Employment begins July 1, 2015

For more information and application, contact:  
Rhonda Scher at the Catholic Schools Office  
P.O. Box 390, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801  
(260) 422-4611 x 3335

Applications on the web at:

[www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application)

Applications to be reviewed beginning April 27, 2015

# EASTER

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Only those who humble themselves can go toward the 'things that are above,' toward God."

To enter into the mystery of God's love, he said, "we need to 'bend down,' to abase ourselves. Only those who abase themselves understand the glorification of Jesus and are able to follow Him on His way."

Obviously, he said, that often involves being countercultural. Instead of putting ourselves first, he said, "Christians, by the grace of Christ, dead and risen, are the seeds of another humanity, in which we seek to live in service to one another, not to be arrogant, but rather respectful and ready to help."

"This is not weakness, but true strength!" the pope said. "Those who bear within them God's power, His love and His justice, do not need to employ violence; they speak and act with the power of truth, beauty and love."

As is traditional for the "urbi et orbi" message, Pope Francis offered prayers for an end to war and violence in specific countries, mentioning by name Syria, Iraq, the Holy Land, Libya, Nigeria, South Sudan, Congo, Yemen and Ukraine.

In better news, the pope said, "in hope, we entrust to the merciful Lord the framework recently agreed to" in order to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. The pope prayed that it would be "a definitive step

toward a more secure and fraternal world."

As he had at every Holy Week and Easter service, Pope Francis offered special prayers for persecuted Christians, asking that "Jesus, the victor over death," would ease their suffering.

Pope Francis' Easter celebrations began in the dark of a rainy night April 4 in the atrium of St. Peter's Basilica. Hot embers glowed until the Easter fire was lit and with it the paschal candle. As a deacon carried the candle into the church, Pope Francis followed with a large taper.

Although only the pope and the deacon had candles, the basilica was aglow with smartphone and tablet displays as people tried to get photos. However, as the pope neared the front of the basilica, the congregation — mostly nuns, priests, bishops, cardinals and ambassadors close to the altar — was more disciplined and the impact of scattered lit candles grew.

While the pope was busy with the Easter liturgies, he sent Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, out to the city's train stations, shelters and streets with Easter cards for the homeless. He handed out about 300 envelopes, each of which included an undisclosed amount of money.

During the Easter vigil Mass, Pope Francis baptized, confirmed and gave first Communion to 10 people, who ranged in age from 13 to 66. Four were Italian, three were Albanian and one each came from Cambodia, Kenya and Portugal.

Pope Francis rubbed the chrism oil all over their foreheads and, during the Confirmation rite, tenderly gave each one a kiss on the right cheek.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis uses incense as he celebrates Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 5.

The youngest of the new Catholics — Champa Buceti, a 13-year-old Cambodian, and Francesco Comegna, a 28-year-old Italian — brought up the gifts at the offertory.

As with his "urbi et orbi" message, Pope Francis' homily during the Easter vigil, which lasted just over two and a half hours, focused on the humility required of Christians.

The only way to enter into the Easter mystery, he said, is with humility, "to come down from the pedestal of our 'I' which is so proud, of our presumption; the humility not to take ourselves so seriously, recognizing who we really are: creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness."

"It is good for us, on this vigil night, to reflect on the experience of the women" who went to Jesus' tomb Easter morning to anoint His body, he said. Entering the tomb is to enter "into the mystery which God has accomplished with His vigil of love."

"We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about," he said. "It is more, much more!"

Entering the mystery means being able "to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us."

To enter the tomb and enter the mystery takes courage, the pope said. It "demands that we not be afraid of reality, that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions."

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