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Knights of Columbus receive Evangelium Vitae Medal

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The Knights of Columbus became the fifth recipients of the annual University of Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal at a banquet on the university campus Sunday evening, April 26.

The medal has been awarded annually since 2011 by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture to honor individuals or organizations for outstanding work affirming and defending the sanctity of all human life. It is named for St. Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical "The Gospel of Life" and the honor carries a \$10,000 prize.

The medal was presented to Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, by Carter Snead, a professor in the Notre Dame School of Law and director of the Center for Ethics and Culture. In his comments before the presentation, Snead praised the Knights for their "heroic and tireless efforts" in responding to St. Pope John Paul's call to affirm a culture of life and to protect the most vulnerable members of society.

Snead cited some of the contributions of the Knights, including tens of millions of dollars and volunteer hours donated to worthy causes and ongoing support for various pro-life initiatives.

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight since 2000, accepted the award on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and announced that the \$10,000 prize was being donated to the Notre Dame Charles E. Rice Fellowship Fund, named for the late law professor Anderson described as a good friend and "tireless advocate for life."

Anderson spoke about the challenges to a culture of life in the United States, and cited President Barack Obama's speech at the 2009 Notre Dame graduation. In that speech, the president said that a way to find common ground on the abortion issue was "to honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion and draft a



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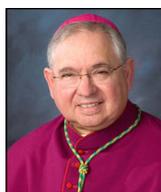
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, front row, fourth from left, pose with Notre Dame Knights of Columbus Council 1477 on April 26. Anderson represented the Knights of Columbus as the fifth recipients of the University of Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal.

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USF Dorothy Day Conference to explore Church — past, present and future

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles will be one of several speakers who will make presentations about the life of Dorothy Day at the University of Saint Francis-sponsored "Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present, and Future" conference, May 13-15.



ARCHBISHOP JOSE GOMEZ

Archbishop Gomez will speak Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne. No reservations are necessary for the archbishop's talk. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Archbishop Gomez will also celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, at 4 p.m. on May 14. The faithful are invited to the Mass.

Archbishop Gomez, who leads the nation's largest Catholic community, told *Today's Catholic*, "Dorothy Day's life fascinates me as a pastor. Her

story is one of the great 'journeys of the soul' in our times. In my contribution to the conference I want to explore how her life tells a kind of spiritual diary of the 20th century and how she engaged with some of the century's most influential ideologies and movements — from pacifism and communism to feminism and the sexual revolution."

Dorothy Day (1897-1980) was famously eulogized as "the most significant, interesting and influential person in the history of American

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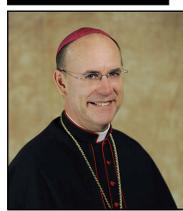
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Thank you, Vincentians



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of a talk by Bishop Rhoades at a fund-raising dinner for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Henry and Sacred Heart Parishes, Fort Wayne, on April 24:

"God's heart has a special place for the poor," Pope Francis teaches us by his words and actions. Our Holy Father is calling all of us to hear the cry of the poor. He says: "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society."

When I think about Pope Francis' call for us to be a Church of and for the poor, I think immediately of the example and work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in our diocese. Hundreds of the faithful, like you, in parish conferences throughout our diocese faithfully, and often quietly, day by day lovingly serve the poor, reach out to the needy, in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul, a great "apostle of charity" who has been called the "father of the poor." I thank you and all the Vincentians throughout our diocese for your witness to God's love through your works of charity.

I have always been inspired by the mission and the spirituality of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. It is much more than a philanthropic organization. It is an apostolate rooted in the Gospel. It has only one purpose, as Blessed Frederic Ozanam said: "to sanctify its members in the exercise of charity and to help the poor in their corporal and spiritual needs."

When the founder of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Frederic Ozanam, was beatified at World Youth Day in Paris in 1997, Saint John Paul said that Blessed Frederic "believed in love, the love of God for every individual. He felt himself called to love, giving the example of a great love for God and others. He went to all those who needed to be loved more than others, those to whom the love of God could not be revealed effectively except through the love of another person. There Ozanam discovered his vocation, the path to which Christ called him. He found his road to sanctity. And he followed it with determination."

These words of Saint John Paul II about Blessed Frederic remind us that your vocation as Vincentians is precisely that, a vocation, a calling. It is a vocation to love: love of God and neighbor. Your love of neighbor is focused especially on those who are poor and marginalized in our society. When you serve them, you are honoring Our Lord in their persons. Remember the words of Blessed Frederic about those whom you serve: "We must fall at their feet and say to them, like the Apostle *You are my Lord*. You are our masters and we are your servants; you are for us the sacred images of the God whom we do not see and, not knowing how to love Him in another way, we love Him through you."

Blessed Frederic Ozanam, as you know, was an exemplary husband and father. He is an example for the laity of living the call to holiness. As a university student in 19th century France, in an atmosphere of much anti-clerical and anti-Catholic opinion, the young Frederic defended his Christian convictions without hating those who were the Church's



JOE ROMIE

Before their fifth annual fundraiser dinner on April 24, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society from Sacred Heart and Saint Henry churches gather in the lobby of Lester's Banquet Hall in Fort Wayne. In the photo, from left, are Ed Weber, St. Vincent de Paul Society president, Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of St. Henry Parish, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Helen Doyle and Lou Ann Weber, St. Vincent de Paul Society vice president.

adversaries. In fact, he loved them, as Jesus taught us. Blessed Frederic was a courageous believer who sought to spread the faith and renew the Church through action on behalf of the poor. I think what he did is very instructive for us today, in the midst of our increasingly secularized culture. We are called to love the Church's adversaries and opponents, remaining firmly faithful to the truths of our faith, while also living that faith with the love that attracts others to the truth and beauty of the Gospel.

Here in our diocese, your ministry as Vincentians is a great testimony of what Blessed Pope Paul VI called "a living Catholicism." You don't just serve the poor, you love them, you see them as brothers and sisters and as friends. You recognize and respect their dignity. It is not just giving material assistance to an anonymous person. You are to see in each person you serve a child of God, a brother, a sister, a unique individual whom God loves. You are to see in each individual the face of Christ.

I encourage you to read the lives of the Vincentian saints and blessed, great models for you and for all of us: Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Saint Louise de Marillac, Blessed Rosalie Rendu, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, and others. These holy members of the Vincentian family are great models and intercessors for you.

I have a special devotion to one of the Vincentians, Blessed Pier Giorgio. At the age of 17, when he joined the Society, he

said: "Jesus visits me every morning in Holy Communion. I repay him with my poor means, visiting the poor." He did not love the poor in general; he loved the poor individual. Blessed Pier Giorgio was a man of prayer who loved Eucharistic adoration and the rosary. He loved his friends and family. He was a vibrant young man and outdoorsman. He died at the age of 24. Blessed Pier Giorgio is a great example for our Catholic youth, a young man of deep faith and love for Christ, a man of prayer, a man who had a passion for life, a man of great virtue who loved and served the poor through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. I think the conferences of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in our diocese have an important task today to reach out to our young people and invite them to become members. The story of Blessed Pier Giorgio should be shared with them. It will attract them to the Vincentian vocation.

I wish to conclude by thanking you again for your dedication and commitment to your holy charism. Your ministry of aid to the needy is a vital part of the Church's mission to bring the good news to the poor. May your service of the poor in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul help you to grow in holiness. Today, April 24th, is the birthday of Saint Vincent de Paul. He was born April 24, 1581 in a village of southwest France. Here we are 434 years later. May Saint Vincent de Paul, the apostle of charity and father of the poor, intercede for you and for all the Vincentians of our diocese and throughout the world!

5,000 join March for Marriage three days before Supreme Court arguments

BY NATE MADDEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called same-sex marriage “the greatest social experiment of our time” and said that “children do not need experiments,” but rather the love of a mother and father at the third annual March for Marriage rally supporting traditional marriage on Capitol Hill.

Addressing a crowd April 25 estimated at 5,000 by the National Organization for Marriage, march sponsors, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, described traditional marriage between one man and one woman as a “beautiful truth,” saying its protection is necessary to “protect the children.”

When asked afterward to elaborate on his statement, Archbishop Kurtz told Catholic News Service that “basically, every child comes into the world through a mother and a father. That child not only deserves to know, but to be loved by the mother and father. Children flourish when they are able to be loved and raised by their mothers and fathers.”

A pre-march rally began with a prayer from Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, in which he thanked God for “the diversity” of the group present and asked for the protection of religious freedom in the United States.

When asked about the religious liberty language in his prayer, Archbishop Lori told CNS that “the word marriage appears hundreds of thousands of times in federal, state and local laws.”



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Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaks at the March for Marriage near Capitol Hill in Washington April 25. The Supreme Court will hear cases April 28 for states to honor the constitutionality of same-sex marriage.

“If that’s completely redefined across the board, it represents a sea change. And not only our preaching and our worship, but also our social services, our education, all the things we do for the common good rest on the understanding that marriage is between one man and one woman and that it’s a lot to do with bringing children in the world and their well-being,” he said.

“So (a marriage re-definition) will raise a lot of religious liberty questions. It raises the question of whether or not churches and individuals who sincerely believe this might not be penalized or denied contracts or the ability to serve the common good,” the archbishop

explained.

The march came three days before the U.S. Supreme Court was scheduled to hear arguments April 28 in four cases weighing whether states that bar same-sex marriage must recognize such unions that are legal in other states.

Participants remained enthusiastic throughout the march despite the gloomy, cool weather as they heard from a variety of speakers. Many carried signs and voiced chants in support of traditional marriage.

Brian Brown, National Organization for Marriage president, said planners wanted to bring a diverse group of people together for the event to highlight to the

Supreme Court “that people have embraced the redefinition of marriage is simply untrue.”

“Marriage is based upon the fundamental, biological reality of husband and wife, mother and father, and that the court has no authority to redefine that truth,” Brown said.

Stressing the march’s theme of religious liberty, Jennifer Marshall, vice president for the Institute for Family, Community and Opportunity at the Heritage Foundation, said standing for traditional marriage often comes with a cost. She cited recent incidents in which individuals have lost jobs and business because of their public expression of traditional marriage.

Marshall called such actions unjust, saying that “marriage existed before this government or any government,” and that marriage is “two halves of humanity coming together for the future of humanity.”

Speakers from groups such as the Family Research Council, Central

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, May 3, 3 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, May 4, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, May 4, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph Parish-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, May 6, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Priests’ Retirement Board, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven
- Thursday, May 7, 12 p.m. — National Day of Prayer, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend
- Friday, May 8, 12 p.m. — Blessing of new St. Vincent de Paul Society Store, Bendix Drive, South Bend.
- Friday, May 8, 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. — Commencement Address at Graduation Exercises, Pfeil Center, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame

Biblico Internacional, the Coalition of African-American Pastors, and the American Orthodox Institute also addressed the march.

The demonstration was not without opposition. As the column of marchers approached the Supreme Court, they were met by a wall of protesters waving rainbow flags.

One of the protesters told CNS he questioned “what God (the marchers) are serving.” Another said, “This is the United States of America. You should be able to marry whomever you want.”

In anticipation of the Supreme Court arguments, a large coalition of faith leaders, several of whom were at the march, penned an open letter April 23 to elected officials and people in public service.

“As religious leaders from various faith communities, we acknowledge that marriage is the foundation of the family where children are raised by a mother and a father together,” the letter said.

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sensible conscience clause” for the Health and Human Services mandate implementing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (commonly called “Obamacare”).

“Six years later, that goal has still not been achieved,” Anderson said, going on to innumerate the various revisions to the mandate requiring employers to provide insurance for contraceptives and drugs that can be abortifacient.

“The history of the HHS mandate shows an administration grudgingly walking back its proposal only by the smallest steps and only when ultimately forced to do so by judicial action,” Anderson said, “and in the end, not really walking it back at all.”

The Obama administration has been “stubbornly intransigent,” even after discussions with Catholic bishops, cardinals and

the Vatican Secretary of State, he continued.

“During a time when the search for common ground and consensus received heightened rhetoric in Washington, the (Affordable Care) Act itself has become an example of the way in which Washington is becoming less democratic and less capable of consensus,” Anderson said.

The message of the HHS mandate is that “Catholic institutions remain free to fashion their own identity as long as that identity conforms to the dictates of government,” he explained. And this adds to concern over the potential for government control of the U.S. economy through “HHS mandate-style regulation that goes far beyond what we may have imagined a few years ago.”

Anderson said the HHS mandate “rests upon the myth that women’s social and economic equality” depend upon reproductive services “imposed, if necessary, by government.” In reality, he continued, “the mandate is not necessary to protect women’s rights” and is merely “cover” to “further secure

the emancipation of men from the responsibilities of fatherhood.”

The Knights’ leader concluded by calling for “bold action,” saying, “It is time for Catholics to take up a new evangelization of American freedom,” for Catholic institutions must be allowed to fulfill their mission of treating each human person with dignity.

The free exercise of religion must be preserved, he stressed, for “the autonomy of our religious institutions is not extrinsic to the missionary nature of Christianity; rather it is essential to it.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated a special 5 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart before the award dinner. In his homily, he noted that it was appropriate to celebrate the Evangelium Vitae Mass during the season of Easter, for the season is about life and the victory of the Risen Christ over death.

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter “are a proclamation of life,” he observed, and he focused on the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, who not only defends His sheep, but is willing to lay

down His life for them.

“In the world today, there are wolves who seek to devour the sheep,” the bishop continued. “There are those who sow hatred, malice, doubt and confusion. They destroy human life. They attack it in the womb. In the name of a false mercy, they attack it at its end. All this happens here in our beloved nation.

“And then in the world, there are the wolves who seek to devour the sheep simply because they profess the name of Jesus or because they are of another religion.”

Bishop Rhoades said that “the culture of death seems to be expanding every year,” and St. Pope John Paul II, “ever the good shepherd,” addressed this fact by urging the building of a new culture of life.

The Knights of Columbus, he continued, heeded that call, and their leader, Carl Anderson, “has been a good shepherd in leading the Knights in service of the Gospel of Life.” Further, he said, the Knights have been “exemplary” in heeding St. Pope John Paul’s call to support and promote human

life through the service of charity.

“They bear witness to the sanctity of life through volunteer works of charity, education, advocacy, and prayer” and “are untiring in their service of the Gospel of Life. They are loyal sons of the Church, ever ready to support the Church and our bishops in working to build a new culture of life.”

Bishop Rhoades reminded the congregation that every Christian also is called to be a good shepherd by practicing the Works of Mercy and by evangelizing those who do not belong to the sheepfold of the Church.

“The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society,” he said. “The Church is convinced, and the Knights of Columbus hold this firm conviction, that a new culture of life, a new culture of love and solidarity, is for the true good of the whole of human society.”

“As St. John Paul II wrote: ‘Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace.’” Bishop Rhoades concluded.

Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day celebrated

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — Members of the University of Notre Dame family gathered outside the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes for a special prayer vigil to witness personal testimonies and reflections in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust on April 15.

Holy Cross Father David Scheidler began the vigil by invoking God's assistance, praying, "While we cannot bring the dead back to life, we can ensure that their memories live on and their deaths were not in vain. Help us remember with regret and repentance the crimes against God and the people first chosen by God. Remind us of our common roots, the deep spiritual patrimony we share, and help us work together for a world of peace and understanding."

The vigil, led by Notre Dame alumnus Trent Spoolstra, was offered for Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day or "Yom HaShoah" in Hebrew. This day was inaugurated in 1953 to commemorate the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust and those in the Jewish Resistance movement

who took a stand against the Nazis.

Raz Revah, the Israeli emissary for the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, also helped organize the event. Revah, who was born and raised in Israel, shared her experiences of this day in her homeland. "In Israel, flags are lowered to half-staff, both the prime minister and president make speeches, and holocaust survivors light 6 torches to symbolize the 6 million Jews killed. Perhaps the most touching tribute of the day, however, happens at 10 a.m. During that time, air raid sirens sound throughout the country and for one minute; everyone in Israel stops everything they are doing to observe in solemn reflection. Even people driving on busy highways will stop their cars in the middle of the road and stand beside their vehicles in silence as the sirens are sounded."

Revah also shared details of her visit to a Nazi concentration camp. "After studying about the Holocaust for years in school, I visited Auschwitz and had the chance to see it with my own eyes," she said. "I visited the gas chambers and saw the scratch marks on the walls where people tried to escape; I visited the crematorium where millions of my people were burned

to death. But I also met a Polish Christian who saved 35 Jews during the war in his small house. There is a saying in Hebrew that says, 'if you have saved one life, it is as if you have saved the entire world.' This Polish Christian saved entire worlds. After this meeting I realized that despite all the evil and unimaginable brutality that took place during the Holocaust, there were good people who risked their lives to do the right thing. This gives me great hope for the future."

Notre Dame sophomore and Jewish Club President Mary Carrigan then read portions of Elie Wiesel's Noble Prize winning memoirs, "Night," which depicted his experiences as a teenager in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

The most intense and tragic testimony however, came from Dora Goldberg, a Polish Jew who was just a young girl at the time of the Holocaust. She recounted heart-wrenching details of the persecutions she endured, including watching her father and mother taken away by the Gestapo and later learning they had both been executed at Auschwitz. Of the approximately 60 people in her family, by the end of the war 52 of them had been murdered. However, God protected

Dora and her younger brother Harry, when a kind and generous Catholic couple risked their own lives to hide them in their home. Miraculously, even with the threat of death an ever-present reality, they were kept safe from Nazi aggressors through the end of the war.

Afterwards, Dora worked as a nanny before receiving a visa to study in the United States where she met a Notre Dame student whom she married. She then earned her undergraduate degree from Saint Mary's College and a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame, spending the majority of her career teaching French at Washington High School.

The vigil also recalled those who fought the injustice of the Nazis through organized resistance groups. The Warsaw Ghetto, where 400,000 Jews were contained in an area of 1.3 square miles led to the rise of the Jewish Combat Unit (ZOB) and the Jewish Military Union (ZZW). With light firearms and grenades they mounted initially successful attacks against the unsuspecting Germans through covert means in the midst of mass deportations to concentration camps. However, the resistance was largely defeated when the Nazis began to burn the majority of the

ghetto, killing many and removing any advantages of clandestine warfare for the Jews.

The service concluded with a communal lighting of candles in remembrance and silent prayer of the "Mourner's Kaddish," a customary Jewish solemn hymn that offers thanks to God for His goodness and love, even in death.

Before closing, University of Notre Dame History Professor Lionel Jensen briefly offered a reflection of the significance of the Kaddish. "This hymn of praise affirms the unending cycle of life into death and it remembers with love and passion what God has given us as life but also to know that at some point that life will be extinguished," he said. "However, despite this loss, we still praise God and glorify His name. We also recall those who have preceded us and those with no one to remember them or pray for them. We continue to affirm through our presence here tonight and by praying the Kaddish that God and our power collected is sufficient to diminish and, if not altogether, even quash the forces of evil."

Diocese disperses parishes-in-need grants

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for financial assistance of church projects. The committee recommended a total of \$182,530.50 be granted to 10 parishes for 16 essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades approved the grants.

"Although, we can't meet every request submitted by the parishes," said Msgr. Robert C.

Schulte, vicar general and chancellor of the diocese. "We carefully consider the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance."

"If all or part of a request cannot be met, often the committee will recommend the parish apply to another fund of financial resource in the diocese or community, or seek other alternatives," Msgr. Schulte added.

Some funds usually remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises, Msgr. Schulte indicated.

If all the money is not used in 2015, however, it will be carried over and allocated to next year's Parishes-in-Need fund.

"Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ," said Bishop Rhoades.

This year's allocation of Parishes-in-Need funds brings the amount granted to \$5,827,921 from the Annual Bishop's Appeal to parishes in need during the 28 years of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

This year's dispersion and the primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

- Queen of Angels — \$10,000 to paint the walls and ceilings in the church, school and activity center

- St. John the Baptist — \$6,642 to replace fireproof stairwell doors and main entry door in the school

Fort Wayne area

- St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, Columbia City — \$24,085 to tuckpoint and seal remaining three outer walls of the church

South Bend

- Holy Cross — \$12,730 to repair leaks on the addition of the Holy Cross School gymnasium and offices

- St. Adalbert — \$40,000 for major repairs on the school roof and boiler room roof

- St. Anthony — \$6,000 to upgrade the intercom system for the school

- St. John the Baptist — \$7,141 to obtain synchronized clocks in the school building

- St. Patrick — \$2,680 to replace backflow device, which is failing and no longer meets code requirement, in tunnel of Parish Center

- St. Patrick — \$8,854 to replace 56-year-old sewage ejector pump in Parish Center basement

- St. Patrick — \$13,688 to replace failing boiler system in the church

- St. Patrick — \$2,066 to replace failing backflow device, expansion tank cold side water heater and main water shutoff before water meter

South Bend area

- Queen of Peace, Mishawaka — \$8,644 to replace the current HVAC system

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$15,800 to tuckpoint the church

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$6,950 to replace church and school drinking fountains

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$4,108.50 to replace eight restroom stalls and toilet seats

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$13,142 to replace carpeting in the school

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Indiana Catholic Conference reports legislative successes for 2015 session

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the Indiana bishops' official watchdog organization for public policy matters in Indiana, worked to promote the consistent life ethic and the common good during 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly, which adjourned during the final week of April.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the ICC, who serves as the chief lobbyist and spokesperson for the Catholic Church in Indiana, said his efforts of bringing the Church's teaching of the consistent life ethic and the common good to the Statehouse took "many forms" this year.

According to Tebbe, the consistent life ethic encompasses a comprehensive pro-life message, which goes beyond the traditional sense of being exclusively anti-abortion. "The consistent life ethic reaches the whole person from conception to natural death, and all the stages in between," said Tebbe. "Within this consistent life ethic, the ICC works to forward it though the legislative channels."

The ICC marked dozens of bills as priorities. The following are some of the ICC's legislative successes.

Legislation to allow growth in availability for school choice scholarship opportunities passed in the state budget bill HB 1001. The school choice expansion allows more students from lower to moderate income families the choice to attend a public or private school of the parents' choice. Tebbe said the expansion came in the form of an increase in the threshold for the scholarship tax credit program, which allows donors who give to privately funded scholarships through a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO's), to get a tax credit.

The ICC supported the original Religious Freedom Restoration legislation, commonly referred to as RFRA. Tebbe said, "Unfortunately, the debate became so factually distorted that the intent of the legislation became lost in the controversy of whether it was discriminatory or not."

Tebbe said, "The purpose and intent of the original Religious Freedom legislation from legal scholars' perspective and in its application, is to allow people of faith, and their institutions like Catholic hospitals or schools for example, to be able to carry out the

Church's mission," he said. "This right, or freedom of religion, is not just the freedom to worship God, but to be able to exercise this faith beyond the church walls in the public square. Religious freedom allows people of faith to engage in active ministry and outreach, without the government forcing it to act in ways contrary to matters of conscience, doctrine or mission. That is the essence of the original religious freedom legislation," said Tebbe.

According to Tebbe, due to misperceptions of RFRA, lawmakers were compelled to amend it to demonstrate that discrimination would not take place. Tebbe said, "While discrimination was neither the intent nor the legal application of existing RFRA's across the country for 20 years, it is still unclear if the new RFRA language, which Indiana lawmakers adopted, will provide religious liberty in its application or practice as it relates to the free exercise of religion. Unlike the original RFRA language, the new RFRA language has not been tested or applied," said Tebbe. "While the ICC is supportive of the principle of religious freedom, it is unclear at this point if Indiana's new law will accomplish its intended goal."

The ICC supported legislation to protect the unborn and those in infancy. Legislation passed to expand Indiana's safe haven law. The newborn incubator bill, HB 1016, aims to help reduce infant mortality by expanding the safe haven law through creating a baby drop box for mothers to surrender their unwanted baby, rather than abandoning it in unsafe conditions. Lawmakers also passed, HB 1093, which creates resources through the Indiana Department of Health for parents who get a pre-born diagnosis of a disabled child, thus providing parents needed information and support systems to carry the child to term rather than aborting the child. Preborn infants will benefit from legislation, dubbed the safety pin bill, HB 1004, which passed. The bill helps provide funding for better prenatal care for low-income families. The RU 486 clarification bill, SB 546, which passed, allows for regulation of the drug to take place after it was held up in court last year. The human egg transfer bill, SB 208, which aimed to expand the use of human eggs from out of state entities was opposed by the ICC, and was defeated.

In the area of death and dying,

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the ICC opposed two bills, which would have allowed the human remains to be dissolved through the alkaline hydrolysis process after death. Tebbe said, "The ICC opposed the bills because the process of dissolving the body and having it run down into the sewer system was not deemed a respectful way to dispose of a human being." The bill was defeated.

The aborted fetal remains bill also passed. The legislation, SB 329, recognized the right of a woman, who has an abortion, to direct the final disposal including a proper burial of the remains of her aborted fetus.

While the ICC supported a bill to ban the death penalty, the bill did not get a hearing this year and died.

The ICC also supported a bill to increase the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to help families. While provisions of the EITC passed in the House, agreement could not be made during the conference committee phase and the legislation died. Tebbe said he expects a version of the EITC to return again next year and will continue to work toward its passage.

To view the details of legislative action and bill summaries in the final days of the Indiana General Assembly go to www.indianacc.org.

DISABILITIES RETREAT INSPIRES HEARTS ON FIRE



BY KAY COZAD

The annual Retreat for Persons with Disabilities was held at St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne on April 25, where over 25 persons with varying ages and abilities gathered at the event titled "Hearts of Fire." The retreat offered prayer, song and inspiring talks and crafts. Those in attendance were entertained by the Soul Brothers and Soul Sisters Premier Dance Company whose members all live with Down syndrome, and an encouraging talk on how to live with hearts on fire by Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, with discussion following. After lunch provided by retired St. Vincent School cook Rosie Munson, the attendees were inspired by Mary Hilger's chalk drawing of the face of Jesus, shown above, which she donated to the church. Crafttime was followed by the reading of the Gospel story of Emmaus and closing prayer. The St. Vincent de Paul Boy Scout Troop 2 provided general assistance for the retreat.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Saint' Serra highlights Hispanic contribution to U.S., official says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra will give the United States its first Hispanic saint, which should help more Americans realize that the country was settled by both Hispanics and Anglos, said the secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. Guzman Carriquiry, the Vatican official who hails from Uruguay, told reporters he hoped the canonization would promote greater acceptance of Hispanic Americans, recognition of the Catholic contribution to U.S. history and a more accurate understanding of how the United States became a country. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, announced April 20 that Pope Francis planned to canonize the 18th-century Spanish Franciscan missionary the evening of Sept. 23 during a Mass on the lawn of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The announcement, and Carriquiry's comments, came during a Vatican news conference about Pope Francis' visit to the Pontifical North America College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, May 2, to conclude a study day about Blessed Serra. An "Anglo-centric" reading of U.S. history, Carriquiry said, ignores the fact that Spaniards explored much of its eventual territory and made important contributions to the histories of California, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

Pope offers prayers for quake victims, solidarity for relief workers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis offered his prayers to all those affected by a deadly earthquake in Nepal and encouraged rescue and emergency workers in their efforts. More than 3,600 people were known to have been killed and more than 6,500 others injured after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake hit a mountainous region near Kathmandu April 25. The devastation included not just buildings collapsing from the tremors, but also people and villages being buried by landslides and avalanches triggered by the quake and aftershocks. "I pray for the victims, those wounded and for all those who suffer because of this calamity," Pope Francis said after reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square April 26. Huge "tent cities" have sprung up in Kathmandu to shelter those whose homes have collapsed or been damaged and those who dare not return as strong aftershocks continue, Caritas Internationalis reported in press release April 27. Jesuit Father Pius Perumana, head of Caritas Nepal, said the Catholic charity has been supplying tarps, tents and food, and was trying to help protect people from the rain and cold. Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Caritas partner, was sending relief materials from north India and working with Caritas Nepal to procure additional relief materials locally and in India.

POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES ORDINATION MASS FOR 19 NEW PRIESTS IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA AT VATICAN



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Ordaining 19 men to the Priesthood in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Pope Francis not only told them to make sure their homilies were not boring, but he offered them advice on how to ensure their preaching would touch people: speak from your heart. Celebrating the Mass April 26, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the pope said priests are called to nourish the faithful, so they must ensure "that your homilies are not boring, that your homilies arrive directly in people's hearts because they flow from your heart, because what you tell them is what you have in your heart."

Alito order stops mandate enforcement against two dioceses temporarily

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — Officials in the Pittsburgh and Erie dioceses hailed a decision by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito to temporarily halt enforcement of the federal contraceptive mandate against Catholic Charities and other social service agencies in the dioceses. The U.S. government was ordered to file a response by April 20. "This stay is a welcome but interim step in pursuit of the religious freedom that our laws and Constitution have guaranteed to all Americans," Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh said in a statement April 17. "We remain in prayer that justice will prevail and that Catholic Charities will be allowed to follow the teachings of the Catholic Church." Anne-Marie Welsh, spokeswoman for the Erie Diocese, said Church officials there also were pleased with Alito's order "responding to our emergency request to the Supreme Court to recall and stay the mandate. We are grateful to the Jones Day law firm, which continues to pursue this on our behalf on a pro bono basis," she added. Pending receipt of the government's response, Alito's April 15 order affects a Feb. 11 ruling by a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that

reversed a November 2014 decision by a lower court judge granting the Pittsburgh and Erie dioceses a temporary injunction against enforcement of the mandate.

Pope to visit Cuba first before heading to United States in September

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will visit Cuba in September before his trip to the United States. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters April 22 that the pope has "received and accepted the invitation from the civil authorities and bishops of Cuba" and has decided to visit the island before going to the United States. The pope is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Washington late Sept. 22 and will visit Washington, New York and Philadelphia Sept. 23-27. However, details such as the dates and itinerary for his trip to Cuba would come at a later time, Father Lombardi said. Visiting Cuba and the United States on the same trip abroad signals Pope Francis' continuing interest in encouraging the normalization of relations between them. In December, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced their nations were working toward re-establishing official diplomatic relations. Both leaders credited Pope Francis with

helping to secure the deal. The pope had been following and supporting the talks. He had also written personal letters to both leaders, and the Vatican hosted a secret meeting between representatives of the countries last fall.

Ethiopian bishops: Martyrs were migrants looking for better life

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (CNS) — Ethiopia's Catholic bishops condemned "in unambiguous terms" the execution of 30 Ethiopian Christian migrants in Libya. "These Ethiopian martyrs who were butchered on the coast and desert of Libya were not politicians, nor military soldiers, or they were not armed people, considered to be dangerous people for security, rather they were young innocent migrants hopeful for a better future on the other end of their destination; capable of transforming their lives, the lives of their family and even contribute for the betterment of the country of their destination," the bishops said in a statement issued during their April 18-23 general meeting. "We are saddened that these young people were killed, because they refused to change their faith in a world where every human being regardless of race, color and religion should live in any country with their human rights respected. In

fact, these terrorist acts do not represent any religion; it is known that these are cruel killers who murder even followers of their own religion," the bishops said.

Cardinal George touched nation, world with his intellect, leadership

CHICAGO (CNS) — To say that Cardinal Francis E. George was an intellectual would be an understatement. To try to quantify his impact on the Catholic Church in the United States and in the world would be an underestimation. "He's the closest thing in recent American Church history to what you would think of as sort of the all-star European cardinal intellectualist," veteran Vatican journalist John L. Allen Jr. told the *Catholic New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper, in December 2013. "Prior to George in Chicago, the American Catholic Church has never really produced such a thing." Cardinal George, who retired in 2014 as Chicago's archbishop, died April 17 after a long battle with cancer. He was 78. The late churchman's intellectualism was sharpened during stints teaching philosophy at several Catholic universities across the nation, and then further honed when writing doctoral dissertations in philosophy and theology. "He is acutely aware that words carry meaning. They shape ideas, and ideas shape actions," Father Thomas Baima, vicar for ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the Archdiocese of Chicago and vice rector for Mundelein Seminary, said during an October 2013 speech on Cardinal George. Probably the most famous words spoken by Cardinal George came during a talk before a group of priests, in which he warned about the dangers of a completely secularized society. Cardinal George wrote about it in an Oct. 21, 2012, column for the *Catholic New World*.

Parents of slain child oppose death penalty for Boston Marathon bomber

BOSTON (CNS) — The parents of Martin Richard, the youngest victim killed in the Boston Marathon bombings two years ago, are asking that the death penalty be taken "off the table" for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. On April 8, Tsarnaev was found guilty on all 30 counts related to the attack that killed three people and severely injured 260 others at the finish line of the 2013 marathon. The penalty phase of the trial began April 21 at the U.S. District Court in Boston and was expected to last about four weeks. Jurors will decide between sentencing Tsarnaev to death or to life without parole. In a letter published in the *Boston Globe* April 17 titled "To end the anguish, drop the death penalty," Bill and Denise Richard asked that the Department of Justice bring the case to a close. "We are in favor of and would support the Department of Justice in taking the death penalty off the table in exchange for the defendant spending the rest of his life in prison without any possibility of release and waiving all of his rights to appeal," they wrote.

St. Joseph County Right to Life to hold Mother's Day Prayer Vigil

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life will hold a Mother's Day Prayer Vigil on Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30-7 p.m., followed by a Rosary for Life, at 2004 Ironwood Circle, South Bend, in the parking lot between the Women's Pavilion abortion facility and the St. Joseph County Right to Life Office. For more information, contact life@prolifemichiana.org or 574-232-LIFE (5433).

Academic All Stars named

INDIANAPOLIS — Forty high school seniors from throughout Indiana have been named 2015 Indiana Academic All-Stars, a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP), and were honored at a luncheon Wednesday, April 15, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. In addition, 34 other students were recognized as Academic All-Star Regional Honorees.

The students were selected from a field of 250 outstanding nominees from the state's private and public accredited schools. Each public and private high school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education may nominate one senior for consideration as an Indiana Academic All-Star.

Thomas Roesler, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, was recognized as 2015 Indiana Academic All-Stars and Nolan Liu, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, and Merisa Middlestadt, Marian High School, Mishawaka, were recognized as Regional Academic All-Stars.

From these nominees, a selection committee chose the regional winners (representing five regions in Indiana) and the 40 Indiana Academic All-Stars. Selection of the school's nominee is based upon the following considerations: A mathematical formula that combines the SAT or ACT composite score and the seven-semester grade-point average; academic achievements and honors; academic courses and academic extracurricular activities; and other extracurricular activities, community service and leadership qualities.

The Indiana Association of School Principals, with support provided by Franklin College, Marian University, Indiana University, Bloomington, and Purdue University, along with corporate partners Herff Jones, IndyStar.com, and Inter-State Studio and Publishing Co. produces the program.

Bishop Luers Academic Super Bowl teams earn first place in Class C

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School Academic Super Bowl teams competed in the Area Academic Super Bowl Match held

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SACRED HEART STUDENTS EXPLORE NEW FORM OF ART



PROVIDED BY WINONA DRAKE

Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, fifth- and sixth-grade students were recently introduced to a new form of art and technology — 3D. Technology Coordinator Winona Drake instructed students to create 3D objects with a computer program, which were then printed out on a 3D printer that was purchased this year. The sixth-grade students created objects that pertained to Greece that were placed on display at the school's Annual Culture Fair. Each class learned about a country as part of the STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts and Math) Learning Program. Pictured are sixth-grade students surrounding the 3D printer, with the projects they constructed.

at Leo High School on April 21. Bishop Luers placed first in fine arts, English, math and social studies; second in science and interdisciplinary.

As a whole team, Bishop Luers earned first place in Class C by beating Adams Central, Bluffton, Churubusco and Garrett high schools.

Team members are Julia Andorfer, Jon Baum, Gabrielle Bearman, Eileen Bond, Margaret Cicchiello, Grace Everett, Isaiah Fisher, Carolina Garcia, Jon Gladding, Chris Heiny, Katie Justice, Isaiah Klotz, Jacob Schall, Luke Scheer, Andrew Schenkel, Sebastian Skordos, James Slocum, Jimmy Sturm, Erik Woehner and Makenna Zwick. Bishop Luers' math team will compete at State on May 9 at Purdue University.

Teams earn top awards at Destination Imagination State Finals

FORT WAYNE — Two middle school teams from St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, and St. John the Baptist, New Haven, competed in the Indiana Destination Imagination State Finals held at Hamilton

Southeastern-Riverside Junior High School in Fishers on April 18, after earning first and second place during the Northern Regional Tournament in March.

Both teams earned the first and second place in their challenge and category, earning an opportunity to compete at Global Finals 2015.

Destination Imagination (DI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering students' curiosity, courage and creativity through open-ended STEM, fine arts and service-learning challenges. It is an educational non-profit that teaches the creative process to 200,000 students each year from pre-K to university level. The program takes place across 48 states and more than 30 countries including Canada, Turkey, Korea, Guatemala, Poland, China, Qatar, Brazil and Singapore.

Students win Rooney Family Entrepreneurial Scholarships

FORT WAYNE — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School announced the awarding of four scholarships from the Rooney Family Entrepreneurial

Scholarships to the following students: Annie Thoma, Jacob Schroeder, Ben Hoffman and Alexis Miguel.

Annie Thoma and Alexis Miguel were awarded \$1,000 scholarships each, and Ben Hoffman and Jacob Schroeder were awarded \$500 scholarships each. The scholarship awards will be applied to tuition for the 2015-2016 school year.

The criteria for winning the scholarships were St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School middle school students writing essays answering questions about achieving future success through entrepreneurial values as well as Christian values. The students submitted their essays to a selection committee who read the essays not knowing who each student writer was.

This is the seventh year that the Rooney Family Entrepreneurial Scholarship has been offered to middle school students. Previously it was offered to fifth, sixth and seventh graders of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Catholic School. This was the first year it was offered to the middle school students of the stand-alone St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

Tim Rooney, an entrepreneur himself, said that the essay questions have changed every year. He said he was impressed by this year's student winners who submitted essays. When the students were asked who will be the biggest influence in their success in their future life's work, the students often said it was up to themselves to uphold entrepreneurial and Christian values as they work to achieve success in their life's work.

SEMINARIANS INSTITUTED IN THE OFFICE OF ACOLYTE



PROVIDED BY BOB GARROW

Seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were instituted in the office of acolyte on Saturday, April 18, at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Shown, from left, are seminarians Dennis Di Benedetto, Nathan Masko and Eric Burgener, Bishop Ronald Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and seminarians Thomas Zehr and David Huneck.

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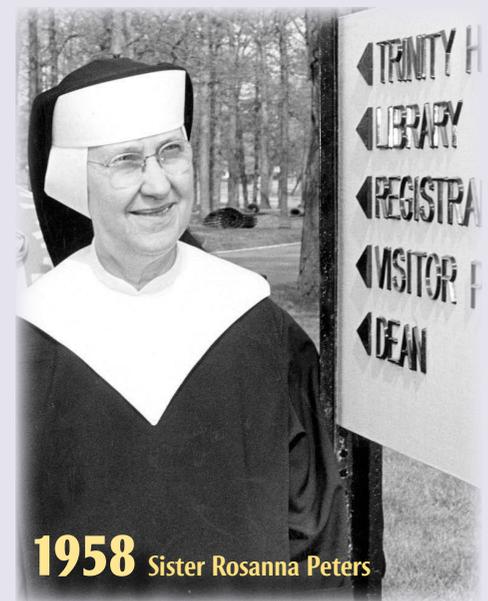
University of Saint Francis offers heritage of academic excellence

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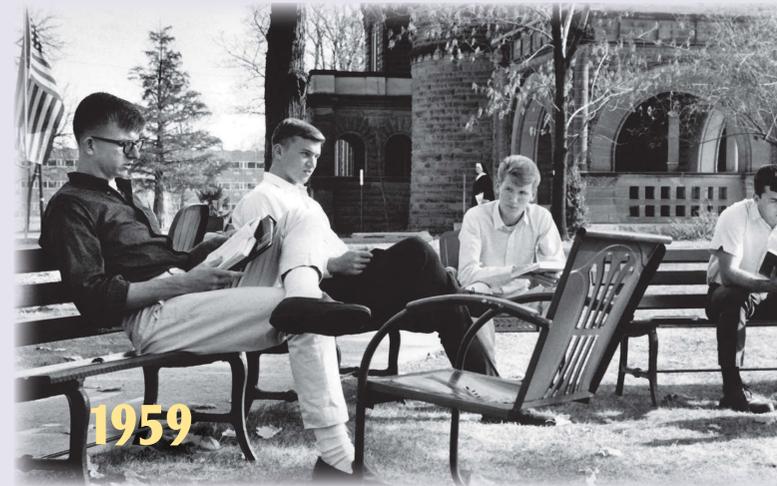
- 1890 Founded in Lafayette, Indiana.
- 1939 Two-year programs become four-year programs.
- 1939 Laywomen are admitted for the first time.
- 1944 Fort Wayne and Brookside become home.
- 1945 The first Fort Wayne commencement honors five lay students and 11 sisters.
- 1948 Trinity Hall construction promises expanded classroom and living space.



1958 Sister Rosanna Peters



1970 Sister JoEllen Scheetz



1959

- 1960 St. Francis College confers Fort Wayne's first master degree.
- 1962 Bonzel Hall welcomes its first students.
- 1963 The Troubadour Athletic Program begins offering baseball, cross-country, soccer and basketball.
- 1968 St. Francis College builds Achatz Hall and Schouweiler planetarium.

- 1970 Sister JoEllen Scheetz becomes president of the college.
- 1975 Mascot changes from Troubadours to Cougars.
- 1981 St. Joseph School of Nursing students join St. Francis College.
- 1993 Sister Elise Kriss, OSF, becomes president of the college.
- 1990 Hutzell Athletic Center opens.
- 1997 Professor Sufi Ahmad sculpts the St. Francis statue.
- 1998 St. Francis College becomes the University of Saint Francis.
- 1998 Lutheran College of Health Professions and Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing join the University of Saint Francis.
- 1999 USF's football team wins its first home game.
- 1999 The Campus Ministry Center opens.



1944

- 1952 Sister Evodine McGrath becomes the first president in-residence on campus.
- 1957 St. Francis College receives its first national accreditation.
- 1958 Sister Rosanna Peters becomes president.
- 1959 The college admits its first male students.
- 1959 The Saturday Evening Post highlights Post-War Era building construction on campus.



1939

- 2000 Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education opens.
- 2000 The Ian and Mimi Rolland Center opens.
- 2005 USF begins offering nursing programs at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Crown Point, Indiana
- 2006 USF builds the Pope John Paul II Center and the Lee and Vann Library.
- 2007 State-of-the-art simulation lab opens in the Doermer Center for Health Science Education.
- 2010 Renovations complete, Bass Mansion reopens as Brookside.
- 2010 Cadaver lab opens in Achatz Hall.
- 2010 Men's basketball team wins NAIA Division II National Champion title.
- 2010, 2011 Jean Marqueling wins the National Outdoor Track and Field Championship in the Hammer two years in a row.
- 2011 Student enrollment grows to largest in university's history.
- 2011 Crown Point campus builds in response to rapidly growing enrollment.
- 2011 Specialty accreditations expand covering 33 programs.
- 2012 New online programs make USF available to more students.
- 2012 Downtown campus spurs community relationships.
- 2014 Women's basketball team completes a perfect season and wins NAIA Division II National Champion title.

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Ellen Scheetz



1993 Sister Elise Kriss



2011

University of Saint Francis today

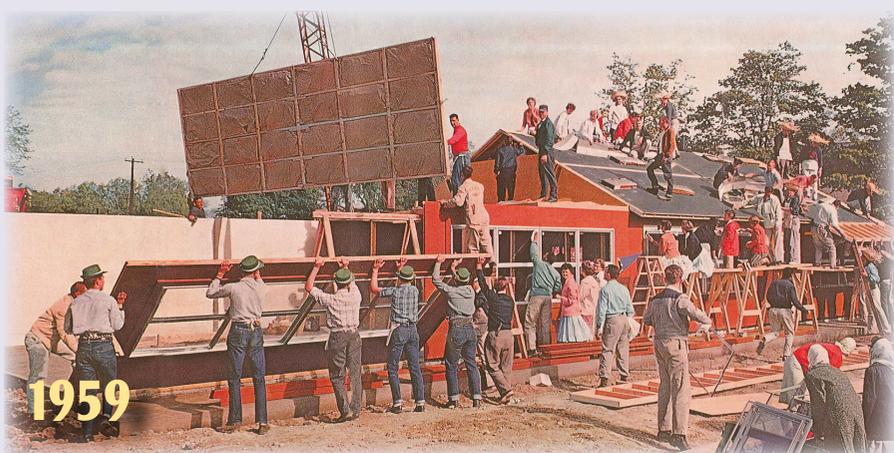
We've grown. We've changed, but some things will always be fundamentally part of the University of Saint Francis' heritage.

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— Robert Hines, director of University Communications



1959



USF announces downtown campus expansion

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will hold a celebration May 6 at 9 a.m. announcing an expansion to its downtown campus. The USF Downtown Campus project kick-off will include brief comments, a "wall-breaking" and guided tours following the ceremony.

This event will officially begin the conversion of the former Chamber building into the new home of the USF Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. The university's signature project-based learning program, META, will also be located in the building. In addition, work will be done to four floors of the West Annex of the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center (former Scottish Rite) to house the School of Creative Arts Music Technology program.

USF President Franciscan Sister M. Elise Kriss, Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and others will speak followed by a ceremony to help "knock down" a commemorative wall.

The event will be held at the future USF Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership (former Chamber of Commerce building) at 826 Ewing St.



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Readers respond, send kindness to Kentucky

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — In the 2014 Christmas issue of *Today's Catholic*, an article titled "Blight Christmas" described two Catholic parishes on hard times in the hills of Kentucky and how, three years ago, their pastor, Father Joe Koury, showed up at Sunday Mass at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in Fort Wayne and appealed for aid for his parishioners.

His plea was heard by parishioners David and Sue Kistner, so Dave and his son Michael visited Kentucky and returned to Fort Wayne and organized aid to the area in the form of four truckloads a year of used household goods ranging from pots and pans to kitchen appliances all donated by St. Joseph parishioners. In describing what was needed, Dave Kistner asked for "anything you use yourself."

One of the heart tugging reactions was the joy of girls who had never before had a prom dress and now had the thrill of seeing themselves in frills and flowers.

Today's Catholic readers responded with typical generosity and Dave

Kistner's donor base expanded suddenly throughout Fort Wayne to Huntington, Warsaw, Mishawaka and South Bend, and when the truck left St. Joseph Parish at Hessen Cassel on its trip to Beattyville and Booneville, it was jammed with a large box of prom dresses, three wedding gowns, eight sofas, two large refrigerators, two table top refrigerators, one stove, three microwave ovens, eight beds, eight mattresses, a baby bed, three dressers, three or four recliners, an old pedal-style sewing machine plus many boxes of clothing that were desperately needed and much appreciated.

Beattyville poverty is as real as an empty cupboard — it's where the bottom line has flat-lined and the nearest outreach programs are 75 miles away on stone roads to Lexington and the gas to get there is a separate problem. It's where Father Joe becomes "Father" to all faiths in the community and beyond with his self-styled Queen of All Saints outreach to everyone as he distributes "Help from Hessen Cassel" supplies and low denomination Wal-Mart gift cards redeemable at a Wal-Mart 20 miles from Beattyville.

Catholics are a rare tribe in these



PHOTO BY MIKE BLANKMAN

A 26-foot truckload of household goods and personal items donated by generous souls in Warsaw, Mishawaka, South Bend and Fort Wayne is unloaded at Queen of All Saints Parish in Beattyville, Kentucky. The cargo was in response to an article in *Today's Catholic* describing the needs brought about by unemployment and hard times in a remote area of the state.

parts. In the five or six years that Father Joe has been at All Saints, this Easter was the first RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for the parish, so it was an extremely joyful occasion to celebrate the Baptism of four ladies all wearing prom dresses donated by students of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne.

Kistner's truck is empty on the return trip to Fort Wayne, but his heart is full of the appreciation and gratitude expressed by those whose needs have been fulfilled by the thoughtfulness and generosity of unseen, unknown others. As he hears the tires hum on the trip north, he reflects on the new comfort felt by a 10-year-old girl troubled by severe allergies, who now has her first bed and no longer sleeps on a dusty floor.

He smiles, recalling the joy of an elderly gentleman who formerly relied on others to cook cornbread because he had no stove. The old gentleman shed tears of appreciation at the thought of preparing his own soup and beans for every meal. It was difficult for him to realize that anyone could make such a huge gift as a stove.

Such stories of thankfulness for the kindness of others are endless as

are the needs of those in this valley of poverty and unemployment. Needs there include personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, razors and shaving cream, brushes and combs, bath towels and washcloths and toilet paper. Babies need diapers and wipes, baby food formula, baby bath, clothes, strollers, bassinets and baby beds. Kitchen needs are towels and dish cloths, potholders, dish soap, pots and pans, dishes and glasses, cups, utensils, coffee pots and coffee, toaster or toaster ovens, microwave ovens and tableware. Clothing is needed for all ages; newborn, children, teenager, adult, shoes and boots in all sizes, hats, coats and gloves for all ages.

The next truckload of help from Hessen Cassel will be in June. For those who would like to have a contribution on board, David Kistner can be reached by email at d.kistner@comcast.net.

Monetary donations (or Wal-Mart Gift Cards in small denominations) are always welcome and should be sent directly to Queen of All Saints Church, 88 Railroad St., P.O. Box 563, Beattyville, KY 41311, Attn: Father Joe Koury.

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Catholicism." Her life embodied the recent call of Pope Francis to build "a poor Church for the poor" — and her combination of political radicalism with Catholic orthodoxy has the potential to lead the Church beyond the categories of "liberal" and "conservative" in its engagement with American culture and politics.

Part of the 125th anniversary of the university's celebration plans, University of Saint Francis conference leaders report, "This conference will explore Dorothy Day's life, legacy and contemporary significance for the Church. Paper and session proposals are welcomed from academics and others familiar with the work of Dorothy Day."

Registration for the conference is available at dorothyday.sf.edu. Onsite registration is \$300. A limited number of reduced registrations (\$100) are available to members of Catholic Worker houses or full-time students.

Besides Archbishop Gomez, the conference will bring to Fort Wayne's USF campus a roster of nationally-recognized speakers whose lives have been impacted by Dorothy Day.

Robert Ellsberg, the publisher of Orbis Books, the publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and the editor of Dorothy Day's diaries and letters, "Dorothy Day: A Saint for Our Time," said, "I was part of the Catholic Worker community



ROBERT ELLSBERG

in New York from 1975-80, arriving at the age of 19. As such, I worked with Dorothy Day for the last five years of her life, including two years as managing editor of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper."

"It was during this time that I formally converted to Catholicism," he said. "That encounter was the decisive event of my life. After Dorothy's death I edited her selected writings. Twenty-five years later I was appointed to edit her personal writings, her diaries and letters. As publisher of *Orbis* I have published many books by and about her. I was one of those who made up the group of Day's associates whom Cardinal O'Connor consulted prior to introducing her cause, and since then I have contributed in every way I can to promote her story and her message."

In his talk, Ellsberg will discuss the spiritual practice and vision that underlay Day's public witness, "drawing on my memories as well as my work on her writings," he noted. "Through this I hope to show why I think she is an important saint for our time."

Martha Hennessy is the granddaughter of Dorothy Day. She continues the legacy of her grandmother by working between her home and family in Vermont and the New York Catholic Worker in lower Manhattan. She is the seventh grandchild of Dorothy Day and a grandmother herself. The small farm in Vermont grows much of the food for the family. On 3rd Street, Maryhouse provides meals, showers, clothing and a home for women, as it continues the tradition of practicing the works of



MARTHA HENNESSY

mercy along with nearby St. Joseph's House for men.

As the granddaughter of Dorothy Day, Hennessy found her grandmother a very engaging person. "I returned to the Church and work at the New York Catholic Worker after raising my own family," Hennessy said. "Dorothy planted seeds in many people's hearts and minds that have come to fruition in God's own time."

Dorothy Day, Hennessy said, "gave the best example of God's love for us and the love He wants us to have for each other. She taught us that war was not what Christians should ever pursue if we are to take the Gospel to heart. She was also such a gifted writer and her words are still with us, guiding and encouraging us to do the work."

Hennessy will speak on the "Domestic Church" and how Dorothy's work embodied this. "As disciples of Christ, we are called to care for the least among us, in direct opposition to the capitalist/war economy," Hennessy noted. "Pope Francis also calls us to direct lay Catholic action which the Catholic Worker Movement has practiced for the past 82 years."

Catholic writer and speaker Brandon Vogt said, "I first discovered Dorothy was a Protestant, while I was exploring the Catholic Church. I had befriended several local homeless men and became passionate about fixing social injustices, but I didn't see the same passion among Catholics at the nearby parish. But then a friend handed me Jim Forest's biography of Dorothy Day and I found a kindred soul: someone deeply committed to the Catholic Church yet who also



BRANDON VOGT

cared about the Church's social mission."

Vogt said, "I'm drawn to Dorothy Day because she embodies all that's great about Catholic life. She was faithful to the Church's spiritual life, committing to daily Mass, the rosary and the liturgy of the hours. She was also faithful to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She mastered both the interior and exterior life, making her an example of the great 'both/and' of Catholicism."

Vogt's talk will explore how Dorothy Day embodied Catholic social teaching, particularly the seven major themes of Catholic social teaching as defined by the U.S. bishops. These include things like the life and dignity of the human person, the dignity of work and the rights of workers, and solidarity.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute, former editor and now editor-at-large of *National Review Online*, and a nationally syndicated columnist who has been published by a wide variety of publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *First Things*, *The National Catholic Register* and *Our Sunday Visitor*. She is founding director of Catholic Voices USA and speaks frequently on faith and public life on college campuses, and on radio and television. A product of New York City Catholic education, she serves on a number of Catholic boards and is a member of the Archdiocese of New York's Pro-Life Commission. At the opening Mass of the Year of Faith in Rome in October 2012, Pope Benedict XVI presented her with a



KATHRYN JEAN LOPEZ

message to women throughout the world.

Her interest in Dorothy Day stems from hometown pride. Lopez said of Dorothy Day: "She's a holy New Yorker — New York is quite blessed with holy women and men who should be household names so we are all saints."

Reflecting upon Dorothy Day's impact, Lopez said, "Well, she's a writer who was no wallflower when it came to politics. I've been at *National Review* — the conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley Jr. — for two decades. Many might think we'd have little in common, but that's a poverty — that she's been seen as more of a left-wing saint. She's a holy woman who worked to radically live the Gospel. She went to the Blessed Sacrament often for answers. More conversations of Dorothy Day should start somewhere like there."

Dorothy Day "really is a saint for our day," said Lopez. "Like Pope Francis does today, she embraced people who might otherwise have been forgotten or ignored. And talk about a close encounter with mercy!"

"A few years ago, I read an article that suggested she could not be canonized because of her abortion," Lopez said. "Talk about missing the point of Divine Mercy. She's the message Pope Francis is trying to drive home about mercy — one that's of the Gospel, that we see on the cross. Having walked modern-day concrete East Coast streets, getting to know her could be quite the healer — and uniter. Politics did an injustice to the Second Vatican Council. With the intercession of this holy woman, we can join the movement for a restoration and robust renewal, one that has been the work of John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and now is what Pope Francis is leading us in."

Weathering everything

Yesterday, I was sitting on my bed, wrapped in my “cancer quilt” (a quilt made for me by friends when I fought the disease 10 years ago), complaining to my husband after a challenging day. I was frustrated and feeling old. It started with a couple of small things — having to purchase 2.25 magnification reading glasses (up from 1.25 in just a few months), and while listening to songs on the radio on my drive home, it hit me that the pop singers were my children’s ages. My premature, bone-on-bone, knee arthritis (yikes — that’s what grandmothers talk about) was acting up. There was the usual hectic-ness and busyness of raising kids, getting them here and there, answering the phone, arranging to have a repairman to come to the house. At the moment, I had just come inside after pulling my winter coat, yes, winter coat in April, around me outside tightly as the wind blew. And, it was raining.

Pathetic fallacy is a literary device that attributes human qualities and

emotions to inanimate objects in nature. It’s like when Shakespeare’s King Lear wanders, bemoaning, in a storm-blasted terrain, with the tumultuous weather mirroring the pain in his own heart.

At that moment, I felt I was in a Shakespearean play with pathetic fallacy raging all around. The stormy weather reflected what was going on in my heart. I was feeling rained on, washed out, drained, old. Cold. Frustrated, and, sitting on the bed in that moment, awash in my tears, under my cancer quilt, I was sharing it all with my husband.

Yes, I am always this melodramatic. Poor David.

Anyway, the icing on the realizing-time-is-passing-quickly-had-a-bad-day-on-top-of-it cake was that I had just been exchanging texts with one of our young adult children, our fourth child, who graduates from college in just a couple weeks. Both at the moment and anticipatorily I missed him. After graduation he is headed out for a great career oppor-



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tunity ... 2,000 miles away. That makes four chickies out of the nest. Four children grown. And one on deck to boot. My mind flew (like the wind, of course) toward nostalgia.

I used to spend hours trying to inspire and motivate my children. I used to draw pictures, first on the second-hand chalkboard in our schoolroom, then on the whiteboard in our kitchen, of ripples from thrown pebbles in a roughly sketched pond to illustrate a point.

“See? This can be you!” I’d tell

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In Christ, we can live forever.



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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5th Sunday of Easter Jn 15:1-8

The Acts of the Apostles, once again, furnishes the first reading for the liturgy in the season of Easter.

This weekend’s reading is about Paul and Barnabas. In the story Paul, who was converted on the road to Damascus, and who then spent much time learning about Jesus, attempts to join the Christian community in Jerusalem. The community fears him — not without cause. After all, Paul had been a very strident opponent of the Christian Gospel, and he indeed had persecuted Jerusalem’s Christians.

Understandably these same Christians must have wondered what dark purpose lay beneath Paul’s wish to enter their community. Was he looking for ways to entrap Christians, or to gather ammunition to attack them before the authorities?

Barnabas, already part of the community, spoke for Paul, urging Paul’s admission into the community. Eventually Paul was accepted.

Paul remained in Jerusalem, speaking boldly about Jesus wherever he went. Such fervor was not always appreciated among those not of the Christian fold. Some tried to kill him, but the Christians rescued him by taking him to Caesarea, the Roman capital of the region, a seaport on the Mediterranean located slightly north of modern Tel Aviv.

There they put Paul on a ship bound for Tarsus.

Meanwhile, as Acts says, the Church in Palestine was growing and its faith was deepening.

Also once more this season, the First Epistle of John supplies the second reading.

As was the case in the readings for the past weekends, this passage is moving and compelling in its eloquence. It refers to its readers as “little children.” This form of address in itself is highly expressive. Believers, as all humans, are vulnerable. They are weak. They are limited. They are “little children,” but God’s children. If they are without sin, God will protect them from peril.

St. John’s glorious Gospel provides the last reading.

Last weekend, the Lord gave us the beautiful image of the Good Shepherd. He is our leader. He guides us away from danger.

This weekend, the image is no less telling and descriptive. Jesus is the vine. We believers are the branches. This image was as immediate in its message to the first hearers of these words as was the story of the Good Shepherd. The society in which Jesus lived was agrarian. Viticulture was popular. Everyone knew about vines, and everyone knew what vine growers did for a living.

Reflection

In last weekend’s Gospel, Jesus appeared as our guide and protector. In this weekend’s reading, the link between believers and Jesus is revealed. His life is within believers. He is bonded with believers. Without Christ, they can accomplish nothing. In Christ, they can live forever.

The key to this wonderful relationship is our willingness to love

the Lord. His love for us is uncompromising, constant and complete.

Our love requires absolute trust and commitment.

Achieving this supreme level of love means recognizing the Lord and setting nothing above our desire to be disciples. Paul is a good model. After despising Jesus, he changed his heart, completely, totally.

The Church is frank this weekend in giving us these details about loving God absolutely. It is more than a question of good intentions or personal conviction. Christ lives in the Church, and we must spiritually incorporate ourselves into the Church to be joined into the vine that is the Lord.

To look again to Paul as a model, he indeed was converted. The process was not instantaneous. Elsewhere Acts speaks of his intense study and reflection as he sought to learn about Jesus. For him, discipleship was no solitary experience. He wanted to be part of the Church.

A secondary lesson is about evangelization. Barnabas reached out to him to bring him into the community.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Debunking myths behind the ‘new cosmology’

NOTRE DAME — Advances in cosmology — the science of the origin and development of the universe — over the last century have revolutionized our ideas about the beginning of the universe. Some of these advances are the work of Catholic cosmologists; for example, a Catholic priest, Georges Lemaître, was the principal architect of the Big Bang theory. Others, such as Stephen Barr, use new scientific discoveries to revitalize medieval proofs for the existence of God. Theologians like Pierre Teilhard de Chardin used the new cosmology to understand in contemporary terms the full cosmic significance of God’s revelation in Christ.

Unfortunately, other less responsible uses of the new cosmology have emerged at the popular level. In this context, the phrase “the new cosmology” refers to a loosely connected network of spiritualities that gratuitously use advances in scientific cosmology to undercut major doctrines of the Christian faith. I say “gratuitously” because there is no actual warrant from new cosmological theories to undercut these doctrines, and because all the critical moves against Christian doctrine were actually made long before the 20th century discoveries, which are invoked as the basis for the critique.

Removing God

The most fundamental move of the new cosmological spirituality is to depersonalize God and to reconceive the divine as a kind of “energy” penetrating the cosmos. There is no “creator” in this spirituality, no one with any will or intention to create, but a force that seems more a part of the cosmos rather than transcendent of it. This “Divine Presence,” as author Michael Morwood calls it in his book, “It’s Time: Challenges to the Doctrine of the Faith” (Kelmor Publishing), is “everywhere, ‘charging’ and holding everything in existence,” a feature of the universe itself, “the capacity to self-organize,” a pervasive mystery in the universe which “reveals itself” in the “patterns of operation discernible in the unfolding of the universe and in the development of life on earth.”

As God is depersonalized, the universe itself seems personalized. As Diarmuid O’Murchu wrote in “God in the Midst of Change” (Orbis Books), we are to trust “the evolving wisdom of creation itself,” and evolution seems like the new name for God, an agent that “push(es) us into a new way of seeing” or “lures” us into the future. It seems to make no difference whether one is speaking of God or the universe:

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“The universe (and God) knows what it’s about,” O’Murchu wrote. Protestations that this is not pantheism, according to Morwood, seem unconvincing because there is no way given to distinguish God from simply a feature of the universe, no matter how all pervasive that feature is. Natural law cannot be broken. There is no one who “hears” prayers in order to intervene in response, miraculous or otherwise, according to Morwood.

The ‘myth’ of Jesus

The second major feature of this spirituality is this: There is no revelation apart from unfolding cosmic patterns. The God of the Bible, so obviously distinct from and transcendent to creation, is caricatured as an “elsewhere overseeing Lord of the universe,” according to Morwood, who adds that the biblical God, “too tied to images of the earth as the center of the universe and of heaven as God’s dwelling place above the earth,” must be rejected.

The world of the Bible is the world of myth, and cannot be accepted by enlightened 21st century man, the author says. This includes the Incarnation, an idea that arises from the “faulty worldview” of a mythic sky-God who descends to earth. The resurrection of Jesus is an equally “mythical story.” If these “myths” have any meaning at all, they are symbolic. For example, the death and resurrection of Jesus is symbolic of the evolutionary pattern that we “die to the small self in order to give way to a ... raised awareness — even in death,” according to O’Murchu — though how that can happen is not explained.

Apart from its symbolic meaning, Jesus’s death is “meaningless,” Morwood states. It is not redemptive, because there is no original sin requiring redemption. There is nothing unique about Jesus, Morwood writes, since “the human species has always lived and died into the Divine Presence.” Jesus embodies “Divine Presence” no more than everyone else does; He just happened to be more fully aware of it and so directs us to find it in ourselves. That is the kernel of truth at the heart of the “myth” of the Incarnation. This is

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reminiscent of nothing so much as ancient gnosticism.

Third, though the word “faith” is still used, there is no room for faith in the classical sense of the response to revelation. Faith is in effect replaced by reason, since there is nothing “revealed” apart from what is inferred from empirical observation of the patterns of the universe. “It is time,” Morwood writes, “to insist that faith be built on sound reasoning, on sound data,” but faith has no independent contribution beyond the reasoning.

Finding perspective

How to assess this spirituality? The appeal to the scientific cosmology of the 21st century only serves to disguise the fact that there is absolutely nothing new here but a simplification and popularization of earlier varieties of gnosticism, pantheism (such as we find in the works of 17th century Dutch philosopher Benedict de Spinoza), materialism (Stoic teaching about “spirit”), and both second- and 19th-century critiques alike of Christianity as a naive “myth” (think Celsus in the second century and David Strauss in the 19th).

Dabbling in their own version of neopaganism, caricaturing

fundamental Christian doctrines as they go, these authors leave in limbo some of the most precious commitments the doctrines represent. Rejecting the doctrine of an utterly transcendent God whose free act of creation is the source of all else, they strip all reality of freedom, including human beings. By leaving behind the doctrine of an utterly free and transcendent creator, they also leave behind the doctrine that such a creator could, in an equally free act, transcend His own transcendence, as it were, and empty Himself to come among us as one of us.

Jesus, as the Word of creation incarnate, is not a myth but the mystery of divine love expressed in history. When Jesus is raised after giving His life out of love, it is this love that is vindicated and triumphant and that calls all creation to live and to grow in its freedom. Though the language of love may remain as a residue of Christian doctrine in the new cosmology, it no longer has any grounding, because there is no one left, in the new cosmology, who can make the free, loving sacrifice in which the world is both created and redeemed. The new cosmology gives up the very truths that are the only basis for proclaiming that, far from an impersonal force that uses creation for its own needs for self-awareness, God is love, and this love reigns as the ultimate mystery of love and freedom in the cosmos, now and forever.

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“We believe that God created the world according to His wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity whatever, nor of blind fate or chance. We believe that it proceeds from God’s free will; He wanted to make His creatures share in His being, wisdom and goodness: “For You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.” Therefore the Psalmist exclaims: “O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all”; and “The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 295*

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my children. “These could be the effects of ‘your’ good deeds, ‘your’ influence on the world! You can’t change everything, but you can change something. We each have something special to do. God has a unique mission for you! Find it! Do it!”

Being the metaphorical geek I am, I’d try to bring home the point in other ways. . . . Blowing the seeds off of a white, ripe dandelion when the children and I were on a walk, I’d say, “Our family is like this dandelion, but some day you have to go, like these little seeds, and spread out goodness in the world.”

The kids grew older. I told them that as long as they keep their faith and live with integrity and character, their dad and I will support them wherever they go, in any honorable and upright career aspiration and job situation utilizing their talents and interests — electrician, plumber, street worker, dentist, astronaut, politician, lawyer, writer, missionary, artist, financial planner, actor, president. . . .

My husband and I told our children it is between them and God to figure out their vocation — married, in the religious life, or single, and that we would help them live it well, whatever they choose.

“What is important,” we said, “is that whatever you do, you do with honor and integrity. Be the best you can be and try to set the example.”

We told them faith without action is hollow, and that actions speak better than words, that people are always watching so keep good the family name, that our prayers will follow them until our dying breaths, and that not only is it okay that they leave home, they “must.” They must forge out their own adult lives, find their own missions in life, make a difference, and live honorably, for themselves and for God.

Shoot. They took us up on it, and left.

I say this only tongue in cheek. We sincerely meant what we said, and there comes a time when stage setting is over and the curtain must come up. But where there is deep love there will be suffering, and the inverse of the beautiful quilt of life and family is the messy stitching and rumpled heavy batting on the other side, the joy and pain of children growing up and moving out.

It’s not easy raising a family — and even when things turn out right, there are challenges and sacrifices and little sad moments, even amidst deep satisfaction. God entwines and juxtaposes them all together in this fabric of life: Happy/sad. Hard/easy. These are stitched together, complementary colors, side by side, each highlighting the other. They make a beautiful pattern, if we step back to really look, and which I believe we shall see clearly and fully in all its glory one day, when life on this earth is finished.

Yesterday I thought the weather couldn’t get worse and life couldn’t get more complicated. It is snowing today. My “to do” list is twice as long, my eyes are no sharper and my

kid is still moving out. But something is different.

I know it’s going to be okay.

I’m completely healthy 10 years after I was diagnosed with cancer. I have a quilt that tells me by its existence that friends care. The quilt is old and torn and faded in places, but it’s a reminder of caring and it keeps me warm. I have a husband who loves me and helps me weather external (and internal) storms. He makes me coffee in the morning before I get out of bed and sometimes brings me chocolate. Even when he can’t fix the weather (inside or out — it’s an act of nature, you know), he sits there patiently when I feel like a demoralized character in a Shakespearean play, hugs me and says, “I get it.” And he does.

In the soft quiet of the evening tonight I heard God say to my heart, “Yes, your children will leave, one by one, into the life I am giving them. They will know joy, like you do, and yes there will be pain, but I will be with them. I promise. I give you the sun and yes, I also give you the rain. It makes the seeds grow. And I give you this life, and this quilt and these friends and this man, who not only lays down his life for you but also just gave you chocolate and a hug. . . .

. . . You have everything, my daughter. What more do you want?”

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 3, 2015

John 15:1-8

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: a warning about how to live as disciples. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TRUE VINE	FATHER	VINEGROWER
BRANCH	FRUIT	PRUNES
MORE FRUIT	THE WORD	THE VINE
BEAR	THROWN	WITHERS
GATHER	FIRE	BURNED
MY WORDS	WHATEVER	WILL BE
DONE	BECOME	DISCIPLES

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You are not alone —

Coping with Parkinson’s

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Just as each of us needs support to live our lives of faith, so too do people who find themselves with coping with Parkinson’s disease or any debilitating illness.

April is Parkinson’s Awareness Month, a time to learn about this disease that cripples many people of all ages, some as young as in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Parkinson’s disease is a neurological movement disorder that slowly steals a person’s ability to move naturally and to function normally in everyday life. One major challenge of living with a chronic illness like Parkinson’s is being forced to “let go” of things that were ordinarily second nature and become very dependent on others.

The good news is that Parkinson’s sufferers in the South Bend area can find some of the support they need through the Michiana Parkinson’s Support Group, which meets the first Monday of every month. Those with Parkinson’s disease and their caregivers gather at Andre Place in Holy Cross Village to share challenges and encourage one another. Participants catch up on the latest reports and developments in care and medicine. Sometimes the group has speakers on topics related to Parkinson’s and provides opportunities to ask questions of health experts. And lastly, there is time for fellowship.

Those in the support group know how helpful and

enlightening the meetings can be. Holy Cross Sister Anna Mae Golden and I both have benefited through participation.

I was shocked when the doctor gave me the diagnosis of Parkinson’s. The group continues to be a big help to me. Hearing others helped me to realize I was not alone, that others experienced many of the same struggles and concerns. And better yet, I learned some new ways of coping with them.

Other members of the group have expressed similar sentiments:

- “The educational programs have been very helpful.”
- “I feel comfortable with a group that has to deal with the same problems I do.”
- “I enjoy the warm times of fellowship and laughter as well as meeting new people with the same struggles.”
- “It brings me up to date on the latest developments in Parkinson’s care.”

Many people in our parishes suffer from chronic illness such as Parkinson’s disease, and we can play an important role in supporting them. We may not be able to provide physical healing, but we can show compassion and direct them to resources that help them and their caregivers cope.

For more information about the Michiana Parkinson’s Support Group, contact Dawn Hatch at dhatch4723@hotmail.com or 574-262-1739 or Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, at mlavonis@csc-sisters.org or 574-876-1599.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS 'RUN WITH THE KNIGHTS' 5K AND 10K RUN SLATED Bishop Luers will host "Run with the Knights!" 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 9, at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd. Pre-registration is \$15/person, and after Friday, May 8, registration is \$20 per person. Race start time is 9 a.m. Day of the race registration will begin at 8 a.m. at Foster Park. Packet pickup will be Friday, May 8, from 4-6 p.m. in the front lobby of Bishop Luers High School or at Foster Park on the day of the race from 8-9 a.m. To register by credit card, visit www.bishopluers.org. Race registration forms can be found at www.bishopluers.org. For more information, contact Sarah Shank at 260-456-1261, ext. 3039.

Bishop Luers golf team takes top honors at Woodlan Invite

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

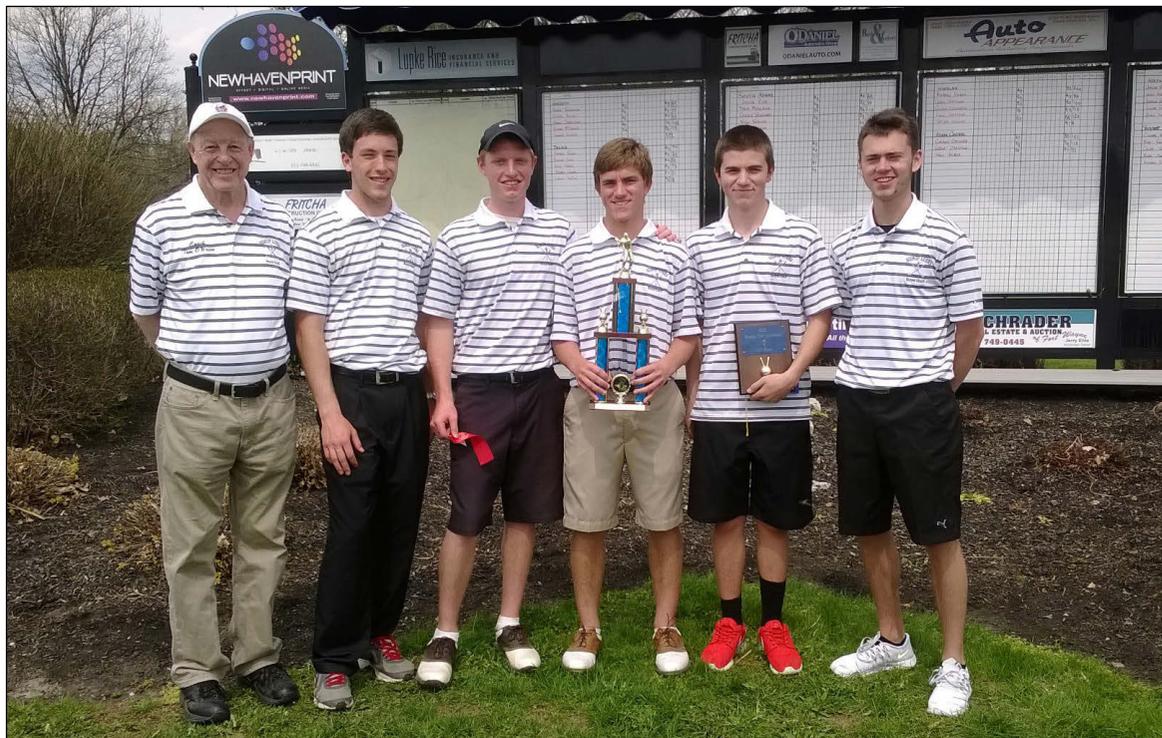
NEW HAVEN — For the first time in over a decade, the Bishop Luers golf team took top honors in a golf tournament with a sizzling team score of 312. Whispering Creek Golf Club in New Haven was the course where Coach Tom O'Brien's Knights

claimed their victory in the Woodlan High School Invite on Saturday, April 18.

Luers boasted three linksters in the tourney's top five. Junior Ben Reuille shot a career low even par 72 round, which included six birdies to take medalist honors. Luers' top golfer, Conner Nix, fired a 73 for the second best score of the day, while Caleb

Kroft fired a solid 80. A pleased O'Brien explained, "It was a great day for the Bishop Luers golf program."

Rounding out the top five for the Knights were Andy Mauch and Andrew Schenkel. Bishop Luers beat out runner-up, Blackhawk Christian (328), by an impressive 16 strokes.



The Bishop Luers golf team took top honors in the Woodlan High School Invite golf tournament on April 18 with a team score of 312. In the photo, from left, are Coach Tom O'Brien, Andy Mauch, Conner Nix, Andrew Schenkel, Ben Reuille and Caleb Kroft.

St. Vincent Panthers' golf club off to a strong start

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent golf club is off to a strong start this season, boasting a 3-0 record. The Panthers have a deep roster this year with several talented golfers.

Leading the team are eighth-graders Jonny Filler and Lucy Wagner. Both plan to continue their golf career at the high school level at Bishop Dwenger. Also posting very strong scores this year are seventh-graders Ariel DeLuna, Corey Ryan and John Smeltzley.

The Panthers have 10 matches scheduled for the spring season, weather permitting. Shoaff Park Golf Course will serve as the club's home course.

"Even though it's a par three course, it challenges our opponents and gives our team work on their short game," Coach Cindy Wagner explains. St. Vincent will face Southwest Allen Golf Club, Northwest Allen Golf Club, Angola, Leo, Crestview, Huntington Catholic and Canterbury this season.

DJ Wagner and John Ryan join Wagner on the coaching staff.

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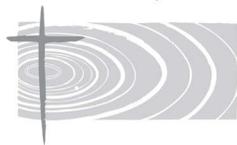
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Religious values, gentle sensibility pervade 'Little Boy'

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — Religious values and a gentle sensibility pervade the family-friendly drama "Little Boy" (Open Road).

Yet, while suitable for a wide audience, director Alejandro Monteverde's good-hearted, nostalgic parable, set in 1940s coastal California, is not without its occasional aesthetic lapses.

At its best, this tale of an undersized, bullied lad named Pepper (Jakob Salvati) who sets out to prove his faith in God by performing a series of good works is reminiscent of the 1983 holiday-themed classic "A Christmas Story."

Whereas the protagonist of that film had no more exalted goal in mind than to receive a B.B. gun as a Christmas present, however, Pepper is angling for a far weightier objective. He's praying for the divinely guided release of his beloved father, James (Michael Rapaport), a GI taken prisoner by the Japanese.

Early scenes narrated by the adult Pepper (voice of Barry Ford) show us the touching bond between the youthful outcast and his sympathetic, resolutely supportive dad.

Under James' guidance and inspired by the example of his favorite comic-book and serial movie hero, Ben Eagle (Ben



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Jakob Salvati and Eduardo Verastegui star in a scene from the movie "Little Boy." The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Chaplin), diminutive Pepper comes to believe in his own potential. Thus he's able to give a positive response to his father's repeated question: "Do you believe we can do this?"

In the wake of James' emotionally wrenching departure for the war, Pepper's kindly parish priest, Father Oliver (Tom Wilkinson), tries to help the

7-year-old recognize the difference between mere wish-fulfillment and trust in God's providence. He presents Pepper with a list of the corporal works of mercy, and encourages the boy to carry them out as a tangible demonstration of his pious devotion.

Along with the more familiar tasks of feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, Father Oliver

also requires Pepper to cleanse his mind of hatred by befriending a fellow outsider, Japanese-American widower Hashimoto (Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa). Since his discharge from a government-run detention camp, Hashimoto has been ostracized by the local community — and threatened by some of its more hotheaded citizens.

Pepper's older brother London (David Henrie) has been among those targeting Hashimoto. Though Pepper himself gradually overcomes his antipathy toward the reclusive stranger, London shows little inclination to greater tolerance. Their compassionate mother Emma (Emily Watson), by contrast, proves more open-minded.

With its lessons about persistence in belief and the need to overcome prejudice, "Little Boy" will be particularly welcomed by viewers of faith. Even those who appreciate its numerous assets, however, may note moments of forced plotting.

James, for instance, is portrayed as having essentially no choice but to take London's place in the ranks after the latter, an eager volunteer, turns out to be flat-footed — and therefore medically unfit to serve.

There are also interludes of undeniable sentimentality. Yet this plucky and positive tale, with its affirmative presentation of the Priesthood — and of Catholic life in general — makes for winning entertainment that's well-suited to all but the youngest potential moviegoers.

The film contains scenes of combat with minimal gore and a couple of crass terms.

John Mulderig is on the staff of Catholic News Service.

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Day of Reflection

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Youth group to sponsor rummage sale
South Bend — A rummage sale will be Saturday, May 16, in the Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donation drop-off day is Friday, May 15, from 2-8 p.m. To arrange another drop-off time, call 574-387-9496. Proceeds benefit the OLH youth group.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 1, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Mass Mob gathering announced

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Knights plan spaghetti dinner

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Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist

Parish will have a fish fry Friday, May 1, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children 5-12 \$4.50 and children under 5 free. The Holy Name Society will meet Sunday, May 3, in the Community Center at 7 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner planned

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

Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be raffled

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50th annual Lourdes Ball planned

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In the footsteps of St. Peter and St. Paul

Notre Dame — A presentation by Dr. John Sehorn will be Sunday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Geddes Hall. Tickets are \$9 and include

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Harvest House announces spring festival

New Haven — A spring harvest house festival will be Wednesday, May 13, at St. Louis Besancon Church at 10 a.m. Rosary at 10:30 a.m., Mass and lunch will follow. Tickets are \$10 by reservation to Bev Kline at 260-623-3979 by May 1. No tickets sold at the door.

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Pope offers catechesis on difference and complementarity of men and women

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God's plan for fruitful, everlasting unions between a man and woman has been lost in a world filled with skepticism, distrust and hostility, Pope Francis said.

A culture that does not value "the stable and life-giving covenant between a man and woman is certainly a loss for everyone. We must bring honor back to marriage and the family," he said April 22 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

But much also must be done to return respect and dignity to women, who are often exploited, objectified and understandably skeptical of the possibility of harmony between men and women, he said.

The pope continued his catechesis about the family with the second of two talks on the complementary nature of men and women.

The Book of Genesis shows how God created the heavens and earth, and then a special creature made in His likeness to care and watch over the earth. Even though man was

"the culmination" of God's creation, still "something was missing," the pope said.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam "is free, is master, but he is alone and God sees that this 'is not good.' It's like a lack of communion, a communion is lacking, a lack of fullness," he said.

God, therefore, creates a woman whom Adam instinctively and "joyfully" recognizes as "part of him: 'bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.' Finally there is a mirrored reflection, a reciprocity," the pope said.

As an example, he said it is like extending a hand to greet someone, but no one is there. "That's how man was, something was missing in order for him to reach his fullness and he was missing reciprocity."

Eve was not an exact "replica" of man, he said, but was made by another original creative act by God.

The image of a woman being made from a man's rib "does not at all express inferiority or subordination, but on the contrary, that man and woman are made of the same substance and are complementary," Pope Francis said.



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Pope Francis prepares to greet a woman lying on a bed while greeting the disabled during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 22.

In fact, he said, it is significant that God formed the woman while man slept to "underline exactly how she is not in any way a creature of man, but of God."

Speaking off-the-cuff, the pope said it also shows the secret to encountering a woman as well as love: "to find the woman, man must first dream about her and then he will find her," he said to applause.

While God generously entrusts the earth to this man and woman, the evil one "introduces suspicion, disbelief, distrust in their minds," which leads to their disobedience, he said.

"They fall into that delirium of omnipotence that pollutes everything and destroys harmony and we, too, feel that inside lots of times — all of us," he said.

"Sin generates diffidence and division between man and woman. Their relationship will be undermined by thousands of forms of abuse of power and subjugation, of deceptive seduction and humiliating arrogance," he said.

People can still see traces of "the negative excesses of patriarchal cultures" and chauvinism, which view women as second-class citizens, he said.

Other lingering effects of this original sin can be seen in "the exploitation and commercialization of the female body in today's media," as well as in "the recent epidemic of distrust, skepticism and even hostility that has spread in our culture — in particular starting from an understandable skepticism by women — concerning the covenant between man and woman being able to perfect the intimacy of communion while at the same time safeguarding the dignity of differences."

If people cannot "jump-start" a renewed drive for God's intended covenant of communion and harmony, protecting young people from "mistrust and indifference, then children will come into the world even more uprooted from this (covenant) starting from the mother's womb," he said.

Pope Francis said the Church has an important task in safeguarding this

covenant even if men and women are "sinners and wounded, confused and humiliated, discouraged and unsure."

In fact, the Book of Genesis shows how even after Adam and Eve disobeyed and sinned, God reached out to alleviate their sudden shame of being naked and "made for the man and his wife garments of skin with which he clothed them."

"It is an image of tenderness toward this sinning couple that leaves us dumbfounded — God's tenderness for the man and woman. It is an image of fatherly protection of the human couple. God Himself takes care of and protects His masterpiece."

In the pope's audience on April 15, the pope said eradicating male and female identities does nothing to solve the problem of unfair or disrespectful treatment based on people's gender.

"Getting rid of the difference is the problem, not the solution," he said during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The right way to solve the problems and conflicts in male-female relations is to have men and women "talk to each other more, listen to each other more, know each other better, care more for each other," he said.

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis said that when God created humanity in His image, He did so for man and woman together, "as a couple," in a state of sharing and harmony.

Sexual differentiation, therefore, exists not for creating conflict or a situation of subordination, but for reciprocity and fruitfulness — "for communion and generation, always in the image and likeness of God," the pope said.

"We are made to listen to each other and help each other," he said. "We can say that without mutual enrichment in this relationship — in thinking and action, in feelings and work, even in faith — the two can't even understand fully what it means to be a man and woman."

Modern culture has done much to open up a new and deeper understanding of men and women, "but it

also has introduced many doubts and much skepticism," he said.

"For example, I wonder if so-called gender theory may not also be an expression of frustration and resignation that aims to erase sexual differentiation because it no longer knows how to come to terms with it," the pope said.

With gender theory, which argues that male and female characteristics are largely malleable social constructs, he said, "we risk going backward."

"God entrusted the earth to the covenant between man and woman: its failure drains the world of affection and obscures the heavens of hope," he said.

There are many "worrying" signs of the failure to live out God's original plan of reciprocity and harmony, he said, as he pointed out two things that "I think we have to commit ourselves to with greater urgency."

"The first: It is beyond question that we have to do much more in favor of women," such as making sure "that women not only are listened to more, but that their voice carries real weight, (is) an acknowledge authority in society and the Church," he said to applause.

A powerful guiding light, the pope said, is "the way in which Jesus considered women," especially in a social and historical context that was much "less favorable than ours" and in which women "were really in second place."

Humanity has gone only "a tiny way" along the path God wants everyone to take, he said.

"We still have not grasped fully the things that the feminine genius can give us, what society and we can be given by women who know how to see things with another pair of eyes that complement men's ideas. It is a path to take with more creativity and audacity," he said to more applause.

The second thing that needs urgent attention, the pope said, is to see "if the collective crisis of faith in God, which is very harmful to us — afflicting us with resignation, skepticism and cynicism — may not be linked to this crisis of the covenant between men and women."

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