Priesthood celebrated, four ordained

FORT WAYNE — “With this priestly consecration, you will be given a mission, an awesome mission — to continue Christ’s personal mission as Teacher, Priest and Shepherd. You will be consecrated for this three-fold mission — to preach the Gospel, to celebrate the sacraments and to shepherd God’s people. You will be equipped for this holy mission by the grace you receive today and every day through the sacrament of Holy Orders,” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during his homily at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 6, just minutes before ordaining four new priests who will serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

On a day of historic proportions — the first ordination of four priests since 1984 — the cathedral resounded with joy, praise and thanksgiving as Royce Gregerson, William Meininger, Jonathan Norton and Matthew Soberalski were ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Rhoades. Family, friends and the faithful filled the cathedral in celebration of the day.

The Rite of Ordination began with the names of the candidates being formally presented by Father Andrew Budzinski, the vocations director of the diocese. Father Budzinski affirmed the readiness of the candidates.

GOSHEN — With trumpets resounding to accompany the choir and the Knights of Columbus in full regalia, St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen began its official celebration with great fanfare. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the anniversary Mass and as he began he said, “What a great day to celebrate the 175th anniversary — on the feast of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi!”

The church was full for the bi-lingual Mass with overflow seating in the parish center. Bishop Rhoades delivered his homily in both languages saying, “Today we celebrate with joy the great gift Jesus left us on the night before He died, the Most Holy Eucharist. And we celebrate with joy that the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated here in Goshen for the past 175 years.”

“Today we give thanks to God for all the faithful Catholics, priests, sisters and laity who built this parish and served here through the past 175 years. They have left you a beautiful legacy of faith, a legacy the Lord calls you to continue through your own lives of dedication to Christ and His Church,” he told the congregation. “And the greatest legacy is the one the Catholics of Goshen have always treasured from the beginning: their devotion and love for the gift of the Holy Eucharist.”

Bishop Rhoades said, “It is an amazing mystery of our faith that the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross becomes present on the altar when we celebrate the Eucharist. Every time we come to Mass, Jesus shows us His love, a love to the end, a love which knows no measure. He gives us His Body broken for us and His Blood poured out for us.”

“In celebrating this 175th anniversary, I encourage your devotion to the Holy Eucharist at Mass and outside of Mass through your Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is the Eucharist that makes us the Church — that makes us one Body in Christ. It’s the Eucharist that gives us the grace and strength to live our faith.
Peace demands passion, patience, hard work, pope tells Balkan nation

BY CAROL GLATZ

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (CNS) — To overcome fear, discrimination and conflict, people must have a deep desire to open themselves up to God and His mercy, and work actively for peace every day, Pope Francis said.

God’s plan for creation is peace, “which always meets opposition from humanity and the devil,” he said during a one-day visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina June 6.

The cold reality today is that the world is facing “a kind of Third World War being fought in piecemeal” amid “an atmosphere of war” worldwide, he said on the 71st anniversary of “D-Day,” the World War II anniversary of Allied forces landing in Normandy marking the liberation of Europe.

But the “ray of sunshine piercing the clouds” is Christ’s appeal to work for peace, the pope said during an outdoor Mass in the capital’s Kosovo sports stadium, where more than 60,000 people gathered from different parts of the Balkan region under a partly cloudy sky.

Signs of peace emerging from a war-torn nation stood out throughout the city, whose residents are mostly Muslim.

Small groups of well-wishers and cheering families lined the main avenues from the airport as armed military helicopters circled the sky.

Steel modern glass and steel commercial buildings were scattered among rows of towering communist-era apartment buildings whose gray cement walls were riddled with bullet holes and gouged by shrapnel.

The holes left behind are marked with large dark grey splotches where the newer concrete was troweled on and left unpainted. Flowers were laid atop the evidence of the war.

A large cross placed on a grassy plot between a snarl of highway bypasses. During the years of urban warfare, it was difficult to bury the dead in the cemetery on a grassy plot near a snarl of highway bypasses. During the years of urban warfare, it was difficult to bury the dead in cemeteries on the outskirts of town, so parks and roadways became burial grounds.

More than 100,000 people died and millions more were displaced during the 1992-1995 conflict, which saw a Serb campaign of ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims after the mostly Muslim nation declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1992.

“War means children, women and the elderly in refugee camps; it means forced displacement of peoples; it means destroyed homes, streets and factories; it means above all, countless shattered lives,” the pope said in his homily.

While there are those who foment war and profit from it by selling weapons, he said, there are those who hear Jesus’ words, “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

“He does not say, ‘Blessed are the preachers of peace,’ since everyone is capable of proclaiming peace, even in a hypocritical or indeed, duplicitous manner,” the pope said.

“No. He says, ‘Blessed are the peacemakers,’ that is, those who make peace. Peacemaking requires putting justice into practice, and it takes patience, passion, experience and the tenacity to never give up, every day, “step by step,” he said.

As a vital step, one that cannot be skipped, he said, is personal conversion since nothing in the world can change without a change in the human heart — one that makes room for God, His love and mercy.

Only with such change can a person see that former enemies “really have the same face as I have, the same heart, the same soul,” he said.

Signs of unity were seen throughout the Mass. A ecumenical choir of 1,600 people from Catholic and Serbian Orthodox churches and the country’s national choir were accompanied by the nation’s military band.

The altar was an intricately detailed chair for the pope, hand carved from dark walnut wood by a Muslim father and son. A large cross placed near the altar still bore the punctures of ammunition from the three-year-long conflict.

In just the first hours of his visit, the pope said he saw signs of hope in the joy and smiles of the Muslim, Jewish, Orthodox and Catholic children who greeted him at the airport.

He told government and religious leaders during a morning meeting at the presidential palace, “I saw hope today in those children. ... That is hope. Let’s bet on that.”

“In order to successfully oppose the barbarity of those who would make of every difference the occasion and pretext for further unspeakable violence, we need to recognize the fundamental values of human communities,” values that help people communicate, forgive, build and grow, Pope Francis said.

“This will allow different voices to unite in creating a melody of sublime nobility and beauty, instead of fanatical cries of hatred,” he said.

People cheer before Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Kosevo stadium in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 6. The pope was making a one-day visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina to encourage a minority Catholic community in the faith, and to foster dialogue and peace in a nation still largely divided along ethnic lines.


Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to celebrate Mass at Kosevo stadium in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 6.
Priest appointments, assignments

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following priest appointments, effective June 23, 2015:

- Reverend William Meininger to Parochial Vicar, Saint Pius X Parish, Granger.
- Reverend Jonathan Norton to Parochial Vicar, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.
- Reverend Matthew Soberalski to Parochial Vicar, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.

Bishop Rhoades has made the following summer assignment, effective June 15, 2015:

- Reverend Royce Gregerson to Parochial Vicar, Saint John the Baptist Parish, New Haven.

Follow diocesan coverage of June 18 encyclical

“Let us be ‘protectors’ of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”
— Pope Francis

Are you wondering what will be in the encyclical? Does it really talk about climate change?

Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si’” (Praised Be), a line from St. Francis of Assisi’s “Canticle of Creatures,” will be released June 18, the Vatican press office announced.

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Vatican ready to announce decision, guidelines on Medjugorje, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (CNS) — Pope Francis said the Vatican was ready to make an announcement concerning the alleged Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith met recently to discuss the issue and “we’ve reached the point of making a decision and then they will say,” he told journalists on the flight back to Rome June 6.

The expected announcement will include “just some guidelines (the congregation) will give to the bishops,” he said in response to a reporter’s question.

An international commission of cardinals, bishops, theologians and other experts, working under the auspices of the doctrinal congregation, was set up in 2010 to investigate the claims of six young people who said Mary had appeared to them daily beginning in 1981. The apparitions purportedly continue and thousands travel to the small town each month to meet the alleged seers and to pray.

After a few years, the commission completed its study in which the members “did a beautiful job, a beautiful job,” Pope Francis said at the end of his one-day visit to Sarajevo.

For years the local bishop, Bishop Ratko Peric of Mostar-Duvno, has said he believes nothing supernatural is happening in Medjugorje.

While the Vatican has said dioceses should not organize official pilgrimages to Medjugorje, it has said Catholics are free to visit the town and pray there, and that the Diocese of Mostar-Duvno and the Franciscans should organize pastoral care for them.

Pope Benedict XVI had reaffirmed that the Church never requires the faithful to believe in apparitions, not even those recognized by the Church.
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After this Election of the Candidates, Bishop Rhoades addressed his homily to the elect, the soon-to-be ordained.

“My sons about to be ordained to the Priesthood, today you will be consecrated/sanctified in the truth and you will be sent by Christ into the world and into our diocese,” Bishop Rhoades said. “You were already consecrated to the Lord when you were baptized.”

He added, “Today, you are immersed in Him again, but in a new way. You will be consecrated to Christ as priests of the new covenant He established. He is not taking you out of the world, but He is removing you from belonging to the world.”

When the men were ordained deacons, a bishop presented them with the Book of the Gospels. “This instruction is good to recall today since the first duty of the priest is to teach the Word of God,” the bishop said.

“You are also consecrated today to celebrate the divine mysteries,” he added. “You will carry out the mission of Christ. The worship of God, the Word is min-...
Fortnight 2015: Freedom to Bear Witness

The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, a time when the liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power — St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year’s Fortnight will focus on the “freedom to bear witness” to the truth of the Gospel.

Religious liberty under attack: Discrimination against small church congregations

In 1994, New York City’s Department of Education denied the request of the Bronx Household of Faith and several other churches to rent space from public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for scores of other uses. Litigation began soon afterward, and now, nearly 18 years later, about 60-80 small church and synagogue congregations continue to fight for their rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The church groups have been serving their communities for years and simply wish to be able to rent vacant school space as the city allows other groups to do.

In 2011, a federal appellate court upheld New York City’s ban on private worship services meeting in vacant public schools on weekends. The court stated that a church could conduct a meeting in the NYC public schools that contained singing, praying, preaching and fellowship, but that they could not conduct a “worship service.” But some denominations’ worship services consist only of singing, praying, preaching and fellowship.

New York City claims that it only goes on the word of the religious group — that is, if the group says that it is not conducting a worship service, then it can meet. However, the churches claim that the city and school employees have been investigating what the churches do in the public schools and that the city has made its own assessments of whether the meetings constitute a “worship service” or not.

Many New York City churchgoers have been protesting the city’s plans to evict them ever since the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case in 2011.

In 2012, a federal district court issued a permanent injunction against the city’s policy, ruling that the policy violated the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. However, the city won its case on appeal, and in March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court again declined to take the case.

Now it is up to the Mayor of New York City to decide whether to reverse the policy or to render these small church congregations homeless for their worship services.

While New York City’s discrimination would not frequently affect Catholic parishes, which generally own their own buildings, this kind of discrimination can be devastating to many smaller congregations, who merely seek to rent vacant space in schools on weekends, as civic clubs and other organizations do. The city’s policy is a simple case of discrimination against religious believers: people may assemble in vacant school space for any peaceful purpose — except worship.

Is our cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, New York City’s policy severely diminishes many churchgoers’ right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes will conclude the Fortnight for Freedom with the celebration of Mass on Saturday, July 4, at 9 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

All are welcome.

International religious freedom: Protecting religious minority rights in Pakistan

Being a member of a religious minority is dangerous in Pakistan. It’s not just that the cards are stacked against you when it comes to getting an education or a job. It’s that you face harassment and attacks. Like Asia Bibi, a Christian mother of five who was falsely accused of blasphemy in 2008, you may be arrested, convicted and sentenced to death. Bibi remains on appeal, unrepentant, her family in hiding. And even if you are found not guilty of blasphemy, you can be gunned down in broad daylight. If you are a young Christian or Hindu woman, you may be kidnapped, forcibly converted and married off to a Muslim, but dare not protest, lest your family be targeted.

It doesn’t matter if you hold a high-level position. The federal Minister for Minority Affairs, Shahbaz Bhatti, who happened to be a Christian, and Punjab Governor Salman Taseer, a Muslim, were assassinated for encouraging changes in the draconian anti blasphemy laws that are used to justify attacks on religious minorities. Taseer was killed by his own bodyguard and some imams have called the bodyguard a hero.

Ordinary Pakistani minorities live in constant fear of violence. Churches, temples and mosques, homes, schools and businesses are burned, and livelihoods destroyed. Blasphemy laws make it easy to denounce minorities, often to gain economic or personal advantage or to take revenge. Police are reluctant to register complaints by minorities.

In 2014, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom declared that “Pakistan represents the worst situation in the world for religious freedom,” given “chronic sectarian violence targeting mostly Shi’i Muslims, but also Christians, Ahmadis and Hindus.” The government of Pakistan appears unable or unwilling to respond effectively to these attacks on religious minorities so a climate of impunity prevails.

According to a worldwide study, Pakistan has the highest level of social hostilities involving religion, meaning it takes very little to mobilize a mob when a charge of blasphemy is broadcast.

That’s what happened in November 2014 to a young Christian couple. An accusation of blasphemy led to them being burned alive in the very brick kiln where they worked. This tragedy and others, such as the September 2013 suicide bombing at All Saints Church in Peshawar, which killed 81 people and injured over 130, and the assassination of noted human rights attorney, Rashid Rehman, who was defending blasphemy cases, have led Catholic bishops to assert that the "increase in violence and religious intolerance threatens social and civil life in Pakistan."

The Pakistani Catholic Bishops’ Conference has asked their government to apprehend those responsible for attacks, better protect all places of worship, and address the growing religious and sectarian intolerance that threatens the security of all Pakistanis. They have said that "intolerance in the name of religion has gone far beyond the rule of law. Such incidents reflect a lack of governance, the failure of the civil and the judiciary administration, which ensure the impunity of these crimes against humanity."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has written letters of solidarity to the Pakistani bishops as well as letters asking the Department of State to urge Pakistan to reconsider the rule of law and promote tolerance in that country. Pope Francis, responding to the Peshawar attack, prayed that "the Virgin always help us to work for a better world, to take the path of construction, the path of peace, and never the route of destruction and war."
Church’s outreach ongoing for immigrants crossing border

MCALLEN, Texas (CNS) — “My family and I were on the wrong side of the political fence,” said Rita of Honduras in Spanish. Her last name has been omitted for her safety. “We received death threats, we were detained by the police for absolutely no reason. Had we not left, I don’t know if we would have survived.” Rita is one of the more than 18,000 immigrants who have passed through the immigrant respite center at Sacred Heart Parish McAllen since it opened June 10, 2014. The immigrants, mostly from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, are dropped off by U.S. Immigration and Customs agents at the McAllen bus station a few blocks away from the church after being detained and processed. They are given a court date and granted permission to travel to their final destination. Many of the immigrants were sleeping on the floor of the bus station and had no food or water. They hadn’t showered in days and sometimes, weeks. For about two months before the center opened, volunteers began taking food to bus station for the immigrants, Sister Norma Pimentel of the Missionaries of Jesus, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, heard about the situation and responded by opening the center in McAllen and for a few months, one in Brownsville on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. The centers, which provided essentials such as food, clothing, water and a place to rest, were opened with the blessing of Brownsville Bishop Daniel E. Flores and the pastors from both churches. Hundreds of immigrants came through the centers in those first days.

Men wearing traditional garb ride their horses during a Corpus Christi procession in the Austrian village of Brixen im Thale June 4. A Eucharistic procession is a traditional feature of the celebration of the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Pray, play … and simply be together! Notre Dame Summer Retreat

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Victory’ app aimed at helping young suffering addiction to pornography

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Matt Fradd, a popular Catholic speaker who said he has dedicated his life to fighting pornography, teamed up with longtime youth minister Mark Hart, known as the “Bible Geek,” and Lifeway Christian Resources to develop an app designed to assist young people find victory in their battle against porn.

“I worked as an apologist at Catholic Answers for three years and I would travel the country and give many talks, and I couldn’t help but feel that while I was up there proclaiming the basic Gospel message to thousands of teenagers, a good number of these young men and women were looking at hardcore pornography,” Fradd explained in a phone interview with Catholic News Service. The app, Victory, is based on a calendar system where the user can mark the days they were victorious over porn, or had a setback, using colors. White represents the days they were victorious, and gray represents the days with a setback. A date with a green square around it signifies a day the user went to Confession. “One of the reasons this app is so helpful is that it enables people to view freedom from porn, not as a destination, but as a daily choice. This app enables us to daily track our progress and reflect upon our victories. ‘Look at that, I had five days in a row that I was victorious,’” Fradd said. After the setback is logged on the calendar, the app assists you in pinpointing what the trigger was so you are more prepared to log a white day the next time that trigger occurs. Users can choose from various “trigger” options — boredom, loneliness, anger, stress or tiredness. According to Fradd, this helps a person to gain self-knowledge.

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Pope’s astronomer to speak at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — Jesuit Brother Consolmagno, astronomer and president of the Vatican Observatory, will speak on his career in science and faith at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, in the University of Notre Dame’s Jordan Hall of Science.

Brother Consolmagno, nick-named “the Pope’s astronomer,” earned advanced degrees in planetary science from M.I.T. and the University of Arizona before his 1991 assignment as astronomer in the Vatican Observatory, where he is also curator of the Vatican Meteorite Collection, one of the world’s largest.

Brother Consolmagno’s lecture, “Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?” will concern this and similar questions addressed to him in emails and letters he receives in the course of his work.

Brother Consolmagno’s astronomical research concerns the relationships between meteorites and asteroids, and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the solar system. The author of numerous articles in scientific journals and six popular books on astronomy, he has spoken widely on the complementarity of religion and science.

An asteroid, “4597 Consolmagno,” also known as “Little Guy,” was named in Brother Consolmagno’s honor by the International Astronomical Union in 2000, and last year he received the Carl Sagan Medal from the American Astronomical Society Division for Planetary Sciences for excellence in public communication in planetary sciences.

The lecture, sponsored by Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life, is open to the public for a $9 admission fee. Tickets may be purchased online by following links at www.nd.edu or at the door.

Luers plans a summer service trip to Haiti

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School will offer a service trip for students to Haiti from July 25-31 to help a school for home-less children, work with orphans and contribute to a construction project. The goal of the trip is not just to positively impact the people that the student will be working with but also to grow and change themselves.

Ancilla College pins new nursing graduates

DONALDSON — Ancilla College Nursing Department held its 10th Professional Pinning Ceremony on Sunday, May 31, in the Catherine Kasper Life Center Chapel. Tiffany Addington (Walkerton), Melissa Barenice (Rochester), Shelly Day (Knox) and Angela Leary (Plymouth) were the four new nurses pinned during the ceremony.

Berniece Umbaugh, RN, a resident of Catherine Kasper Life Center and registered nurse for 70 years served as the honored guest speaker. Umbaugh grew up on a farm beside Ancilla College and went to elementary and middle school in Donaldson. In 1945, she graduated from Augus-tana Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. Following a year of work at Augus-tana Hospital and a position as student nurse at Hanover College, Umbaugh returned to Plymouth with her husband where she started her career at Parkview Hospital (now St. Joseph–Regional Medical Center-Plymouth) and served faithfully for over 30 years.

Nursing Division Chair Ann Fritzger stated the importance of the pinning ceremony, and gave her enthusiastic regards. “The Ancilla College Nursing Pin is unique to this nursing program and is worn with pride by each nursing graduate. It represents the hard work, dedication, professionalism and ministry of each nurse who identifies with Ancilla College and the nursing profession. Many nurses proudly wear their nursing pins each day on the job as they minister to the patients in their care. There is no other nursing pin like it and no other way to earn one than to graduate from Ancilla College Nursing. Each graduate is proud to wear this pin of distinction and we are proud of each new member of the nursing profession.”

Institute for Church Life to host interdisciplinary conference on creation

NOTRE DAME — More than 20 internationally-recognized theologians will discuss the doctrine of creation “out of nothing” at a conference entitled, “Creation ‘Out of Nothing’: Origins and Contemporary Significance” July 5-8 at the University of Notre Dame.

Scholars from Biblical Studies, Church history, Jewish theology and theology and science will present work that examines the philosophical and Scriptural roots of the classic doctrine of creation “out of nothing.” The conference seeks to understand more fully what the doctrine might mean in a modern context.

“This project will attempt to clear a new path on a topic of major contemporary interest and showcase what true interdisciplinary work might look like in the field of theology,” said organizer Professor Gary Anderson, Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

The event is open to the pub-lic and graduate students in theo-logy are especially encouraged to attend. Conference sessions will provide graduate students a unique opportunity to observe the benefits of collaborative research in theology.

“Our aim is to ask a relatively simple question: What is at stake in the Scriptural, philosophical and doctrinal foundations of the doctrine of Creatio ex Nihilo (cre-a-tion out of nothing) — and is it necessary or indeed possible to re-articulate them usefully for the 21st century?” said Anderson.

Among those scheduled to present are Janet Sokolke, professor of Philosophical Theology at the University of Cambridge; Cyril O’Regan, Husking Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame; David Bentley Hart, Danforth Visiting Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University and John Cavandini, professor of theology and director of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

Conference sessions will be held in McKenna Hall on the Notre Dame campus. Registration, travel and lodging information can be found on the conference web-site: http://icl.nd.edu/conferences/creation-out-of-nothing-origins-and-contemporary-significance/.

Volunteers needed for Adult Learning Center

FORT WAYNE — The Adult Learning Center at St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, is actively seeking volunteers to teach the following subjects for the 11-week fall semester starting Sept. 8 through Nov. 19:

• ESL (English Language Learners)
• Computer Skills (English and Spanish)
• Spanish Conversation – Level 1

Teacher certification is not required. Those interested in vol-un-teering should contact Terry Stuczynski at St. Joseph Parish at 260-432-5113 ext. 355 or tstudio@saintjosephfw.org.

Cub Scout receives Light of Christ medal

FORT WAYNE — Father Ben Muhlenkamp, parochial vicar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, recently presented Cub Scout Ryan McDowell with the Light of Christ medal.

The purpose of the medal is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With parents’ active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub Scout will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.

McDowell is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cub Scout Pack 3021 and recently made his first Communion at the parish.

Correction:

Knights offer Chicago Cubs game bus trip

GRANGER — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 in Granger will offer a bus trip to the Cubs vs. Arizona game in Chicago on Friday, Sept. 4. Tickets are $55 and include coffee, rolls, door prizes, peanuts, bus fare and reserved terrace seats behind home plate. Bus leaves St. Pius X Church parking lot at 10 a.m. For information call Joe Stackowicz, chairman, at 574-272-1565.
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Above, Holy Cross Father Peter Rocca shares the flame from the Paschal Candle with the congregation gathered for Vespers.

At left, the faithful and those in consecrated religious life gather holding candles during the Vespers at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame on May 31 to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life.

Holy Cross Brother Joseph Fox, rector of St. Joseph Chapel on the Holy Cross College campus, reads the intercessions.

Sister Lois DeLee, who is director of vocations, novices and postulants for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, proclaims Scripture.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets those in consecrated life and the faithful after the Vespers service that celebrated the Year for Consecrated Life at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame on May 31.

Holy Family School students participate in Memorial Day.

Students from Holy Family School in South Bend participated in the 92nd Annual West-Side Memorial Day Parade in South Bend. Holy Cross Principal Joe Miller, right, is shown with several Holy Family students before the 92nd Annual West-Side Memorial Day Parade.

Below, students in the parade include Chosan Macon, left, and Santana Suarez, right.
Msgr. John Suelzer celebrates golden jubilee

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Msgr. John N. Suelzer marked his golden jubilee this year on May 31 at a special Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne with a reception that followed in the Hession Center Gym. His vocation to the Priesthood, he says, was nurtured by his mother as well as the holy example of four priests.

Born in 1939 to John and Hildegard Suelzer in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, the young John received his primary education at St. John the Baptist School in Pennsylvania, the young John completed his secondary education at St. Henry in Fort Wayne. He also served as assistant at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart and later as assistant at St. Bernard Parish in Wabash and St. Henry in Fort Wayne. He also served as temporary administrator of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka.

Father Suelzer served as pastor of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, from 1978-1986 when he was appointed administrator of St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder. In 1980, Father Suelzer was appointed assistant to the Diocesan Priest Personnel Board and served a 20-year term.

In 1986, he was appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish where he shepherds God’s faithful today.

Other appointments and elections include the Presbyteral Council, Consultor for the diocese, Diocesan Budget Review Board and the Diocesan Task Force.

Father Suelzer was honored with the title of monsignor in July of 1995 appointed by the Holy See as Prelate of Honor. The newly named monsignor then was appointed to serve as member of the Clergy Retirement Board, a position he holds today. In 2010, Msgr. Suelzer was appointed to serve on the Corporate Board of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community and in 2013 appointed to the search committee at Saint Anne Home as well.

Msgr. Suelzer has enjoyed his 50 years of priestly service and says “celebrating the sacraments and being with people as they experience the sacraments” brings him great satisfaction. He also enjoys listening to classical music and reading.

Revisiting events from the June 7 issue

Due to a printing error, Today’s Catholic is revisiting some highlight photos from the June 7, 2015 issue. These include the Year of Consecrated Life diocesan celebration on May 31, Holy Family School’s participation in the Memorial Day Parade, some congratulatory advertisements with a revised writeup of the Msgr. Suelzer jubilee and sports highlights.

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I encourage you to not just say Mass but to pray Mass."

— Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in homily to new priests June 6th

Father William Meininger offers a blessing to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration after ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 6.

Matthew Soberalski declares his intention to assume responsibility of the office of Priesthood and promise obedience and respect to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and his successors.

Bishop Rhoades addresses his homily to the elect — the soon-to-be ordained.

The entire college of priests processes by to lay hands on the head of each of the elect, in accordance with the apostolic tradition.
TODAY'S CATHOLIC

“IT SAY MASS BUT TO PRAY MASS.’

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The elect prostrate themselves on the floor of the cathedral as a sign of their complete submission to the will of God, while the Litany of Saints is sung.

Bishop Rhoades anoints newly ordained Father Royce Gregerson’s palms with Chrism, a consecrated and perfumed oil that symbolizes wisdom and strength.

Above, family members — Nola Norton, Karen Gregerson, Sue Soberalski and Margaret Meininger bring forward the gifts of the people to Bishop Rhoades. They delivered the paten and chalice to Bishop Rhoades, who then handed them over to the newly ordained.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades hands the paten and chalice to newly ordained Father Jonathan Norton with the exhortation to discharge his priestly duties in imitation of Christ: “Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross.”
Celebrating the rich 175-year history of St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen

BY DENISE FEDEROW

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist was made a mission of St. Augustine Church in Fort Wayne (now the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) in 1840. In the years between 1840-1860 Holy Cross Father Alex Granger and Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, who both came from Notre Dame, and Father Henry Schaefer, who came from Avilla, served the new Goshen parish. They all celebrated Mass for all the area Catholics in the old courthouse as well as in private homes.

In 1860, Father Schaefer organized the congregation of 30 families scattered around Elkhart County. The first church was completed in 1861.

St. John School history

The first St. John the Evangelist School started in 1868, first under the tutelage of Father Dominic Duehmig, who opened the school in the church building by setting boards over the pews to use as desks. Father Henry Messner came to St. John in 1868 and built the first school at a cost of $500. It was located on the corner of Third and Madison streets.

In 1881, Father Anthony Kroeger built the second school building — a one-story 30x40 brick building with two classrooms at a cost of $1,100 and the Sisters of Holy Cross came to teach the students. In 1907 there were 78 students in the school in grades 1-8.

The third school building was built on the site of the former school in 1922. Because of financial difficulties during and after the Great Depression, the school was closed in 1934 and remained closed until 1940.

In 1949 Father Herman Miller reopened the school and invited sisters from the School Sisters of Notre Dame order in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to teach. School Sister of Notre Dame Sister Coleen Bauer retains a religious presence at St. John’s and teaches second grade.

Construction of a new school addition took place in February 1964. A house on the property next to the school was razed and the one-story addition and basement were added along with a paved, fenced-in play area for the children.

According to the church history book parishioners were asked to contribute $2 over their regular weekly contribution and the new addition was built at a low cost of $10 a square foot. The new school opened in September of 1964. At the parish’s sesquicentennial celebration in 1990, there were 100 students at St. John. The school year 1998-1999 was the last year for grades 6-8. Sixth grade was briefly re-instated from 2008-2010, but since that time, the school has pre-school through fifth grade.

Planning for school additions and a new parish center began in 1993 and was implemented in 1999 under the title “Project Faith 2000.”

Construction included adding three classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a small kitchenette and storage in the basement. The original two-story school was demolished, as renovations would be difficult and costly. The new addition, which included school and parish offices, a school library and computer lab, a pre-school room, teacher’s lounge and workroom, a commercial quality kitchen and parish center/school gymnasium, was connected to the 1964 wing. The school addition and parish center were dedicated Sept. 10, 2000 and the parish center was later re-dedicated as the Deacon Art Bleau Parish Center, which honored the parish’s beloved first deacon. There are currently 150 students in pre-school through fifth grade.

Mission churches

St. John helped to start many of the area Catholic Churches as mission churches, including St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart in 1868. From mid-1870s to 1897, St. John priests also served churches in Ligonier and Millersburg until permanent pastors were installed. In 1941 Father Herman Miller started a mission church in Bristol, now St. Mary of the Annunciation.

In the late 1940s assistant pastor Father Ralph Hoffman organized St. Dominic in Bremen and became its first pastor.

Father Miller celebrated Mass in Nappanee in a trailer and then a community building in the 1940s. In the 1990s St. John also became a “twin sister parish” to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Milford, until their new church was built in Warsaw and a permanent pastor installed in 2005.

Church growth

After a difficult period in the early 1930s, a local business helped to bring life back to the church by the end of that decade when it transferred several families from Iowa — most of whom were Catholic. In the 1950s through the 1960s church leadership bought properties all around the church as they became available for sale.

A woman’s choir under the leadership of Rose “Rody” Weaver gained national attention in the late 1950s. By 1961 the St. John Singers recorded at least two albums. The “Little Singers” was a group of the choir’s daughters and the Big and Little Singers performed around the state and the region.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 17, 1970, the first Mass was celebrated in the new colonial style church. On June 23, 1970, demolition of the 110-year-old church began. A house across the street was razed for the construction of the new matching colonial design rectory. Two more lots were purchased in the mid 1970s behind and adjacent to the new rectory allowing for backyard space, a garage, and later, space for the grotto. The most recent property purchase was in 2008 on South Main Street. Two houses south of the church and the Hispanic Ministry Office and food pantry are located there.

Hispanic ministry

In 1996 Father Edward Krasno appointed a Hispanic Ministry Formation Committee to address the needs of the growing Hispanic population. With the assistance of Father Paul Bueter, Deacon Ricardo Medina and his wife Angie came to St. John’s in 1997 to initiate a Hispanic Ministry. When Father Constantino Rocha arrived from Mexico in 2000 Spanish Mass was celebrated daily, a catechism program began and the Hispanic population of St. John was growing.

The Hispanic population has grown from 33 members in the early 1970s to half of the church’s membership today. In
the Evangelist

The Pieta statue at St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen was installed in September 2008. Sophia Sajko bequeathed the statue in memory of her husband and son, Alexander and William. The landscaping around the statue was an Eagle Scout project by parishioner Mark Wheeler.

The interior of St. John the Evangelist Church as it is today.

St. John the Evangelist timeline

- 1840 - St. John's was made a mission of St. Augustine's (now the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) Church in Fort Wayne
- 1860 - First church built with 30 families as members
- 1868 - First school building built. Helped start St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart
- 1934 - School closed due to financial straits during the Depression years
- 1937 - The Iowa families came to St. John's reviving the parish
- 1941 - Built St. Mary’s Church in Bristol
- 1949 - School reopened with School Sisters of Notre Dame as teachers
- 1964 - Built new addition to school
- 1970 - New church building built in colonial style
- 1980 - Knights of Columbus Council 7541 chartered
- 1983 - RCIA program began
- 1990 - Sesquicentennial celebration held
- 1990-1991 - Several ministries began, including Jail Ministry, Youth Ministry and Knights of Columbus fish fries
- 1993 - First Catholic Mass at fairgrounds during Elkhart County 4-H fair
- 1996 - Our Lady of the Streets grotto completed and dedicated
- 1997 - First Spanish Mass celebrated at St. John's
- 1999 - St. John's Clinic outreach ministry started — now Goshen's Center for Healing and Hope
- 2000 - Project Faith 2000 completed church and school renovations and the addition of the parish center
- 2001 - Stewardship Committee formed
- 2004 - Legacy of Faith endowment fund started
- 2010 - Christ Renews His Parish brought to St. John’s from St. Vincent de Paul Parish
- 2014 - First bi-lingual outdoor Mass and picnic held, parish study and survey conducted, revitalization campaign launched to make church improvements

Celebrating the rich 175-year history of St. John the Evangelist

the fall of 2014 there were 1,200 registered families. The biggest challenge of church membership is uniting the two communities with the space limitations. Bi-lingual services, fellowship events and retreats are held to encourage unity.

“I pray that the 175th anniversary is a springboard to unite our parish and to grow in faith and understanding with our brothers and sisters in Christ,” Father Anthony Steinacker, pastor, said.

St. John the Evangelist today

There are many current members of St. John whose families attended in the very early days of the church. St. John Church is still a growing, thriving parish with 66 ministries for all ages.

Numerous small groups meet for Bible study, to share how Christ is working in their lives. Several service ministries assist parishioners and the parish. St. John has a vibrant youth group for middle and high school aged youth that meets weekly. The choir is also a strong entity in parish life.

Father Anthony Steinacker, expressing his feelings about this 175th anniversary occasion, said, “I am ever humbled to be able to lead this parish as we honor and recognize all those who’ve gone before us, who have shown us and shared with us our beautiful faith.”

“Like our Holy Father Pope Francis has shown us on countless occasions, we are to know, to love and to serve God and His people,” Father Steinacker added. “To me, that is what St. John’s is all about — to help one another to know and experience the love of God by what we say and do.”

The interior of St. John the Evangelist Church as it is today.
to persevere in hope and to be a community of love," he shared. "A parish that is devoted to Jesus in the Eucharist is strengthened to live as a community of the Eucharist, a community that goes out and brings Christ to others, shares with others the truth, beauty and joy of the Gospel."

Bishop Rhoades continued, "A truly vibrant parish is a parish that evangelizes. And the Eucharist gives us the grace to evangelize. This parish of St. John’s grew because the faithful from the very beginning were devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, continue to be praised, adored and loved here at St. John the Evangelist!" he concluded. Bishop Rhoades then recommissioned all the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, is shown with St. John the Evangelist pastor Father Anthony Steinacker, left, and Father Fernando Jimenez, parochial vicar, behind, as he accepts a hand carved wooden key/cross to St. John the Evangelist Church and a history book from Vince Traxler.

**Reception**

After Mass, approximately 250 parishioners and guests shared a meal and memories at the RV Hall of Fame Conference Center in Elkhart. Violinists played as guests viewed the displays of photos and historic artifacts. A slideshow of photos played during dinner.

Sister Coleen Bauer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, gave an interactive talk to "look at the past with gratitude, present with passion and embrace the future with hope" as she highlighted some of the events in the parish history book.

Bishop Rhoades thanked them for the gifts and reminded the group of his words in the homily to pass on the faith and evangelize. "Even with the growth, you are still a minority in Goshen. Your challenge is don’t be afraid to go out and evangelize. "Even with the growth, you are still a minority in Goshen. Your challenge is don’t be afraid to go out and invite others to St. John’s," he said.

**Parishioners’ thoughts**

Adan and Herlinda Zepeda came from Texas for the celebration and as Herlinda viewed the timeline and caught up with old friends, like Tena Jakubowicz, Herlinda said, "I miss St. John’s — I love Goshen." Jakubowicz shared why she wanted to attend. "I wanted to come and celebrate with this dynamic parish. We look back at those who’ve gone before us and appreciate their vision, sacrifice and hard work. Our congregation is made up of all ethnicities and ages coming together to love God and each other. I am honored to be a small part of the history of St. John’s and today was a day to celebrate and be thankful for all of God’s blessings in the past 175 years and ask for continued blessings for the future."

Jamie Martin, who along with her husband Daniel joined the parish about two years ago said, "We came to show support for St. John’s and to honor many of the spiritual deeds the parish has accomplished throughout its existence. We enjoyed learning about the history of St. John’s and all the people who dedicated their time to build our parish into the beautiful place it is today."

Leo Pineda, who was among the oldest parishioners who crafted over 150 "right to life" crosses, to present a gift to the bishop — a hand carved wooden key/cross to St. John’s Church. They also gave the bishop a history book.

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**Members of the choir enrich the bi-lingual 175th Anniversary Mass celebrated on June 7 with their musical talents.**

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An anniversary of sorts

Very recently I walked into an exam room to see one of my last patients of the day. He was now 76 years old and sat next to his supportive wife. As soon as I walk into the room he says: “Doc we are celebrating an anniversary.” I said, “Wonderful. How many years have you guys been married?” He then tells me, “No, it’s not our ‘anniversary,’ pointing to his wife; ‘It is our ‘anniversary’,” pointing to me. “March of 1985,” he says. Finally I get it. He is referring to the first time we met as patient and doctor some 30 years ago. It was 24 hours that both of us will never forget.

He presented to the St. Joseph Hospital emergency room with severe chest pain and was having a heart attack. Back then would be considered ancient times in cardiology. Acute myocardial infarctions were not treated then like they are now. The treatment now is to rush them to the cardiac catheterization lab and open the occluded artery with angioplasty and then stent the blockage. Back in 1985, we would give a thrombolytic (clot buster) to try to dissolve the thrombus (clot) that had formed at the cholesterol plaque closing the artery and causing the heart attack. We would also do a lot of praying because it would only open the artery about 70 percent of the time. One of the complications that could occur was significant bleeding and if the patient bled into his/her brain it would be fatal.

This man’s artery did open with the clot buster and his chest pain and EKG improved. One of the first things to check is whether the artery is opening can be a thing called reperfusion arrhythmias. Reperfusion means that blood flow is restored. If now it is oxygenated blood flowing down the artery to heart muscle cells that were in the process of dying. For a variety of complex reasons, this occasionally can cause very threatening arrhythmias called ventricular tachycardia (VT) or ventricular fibrillation (VF). My 46-year-old patient did exactly that — VF. This causes the blood pressure to immediately go to nothing and without success to the “shock” the patient is essentially dead. One shock and he woke up asking me what the heck just happened. Never pushed him up to the CCU, got him in his bed, and put the paddles at the bedside in case it happened again. Well it did …

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Lamentations for Middle Eastern Christians

“‘How solitary sits the city, once filled with people. She who was great among the nations is now like a widow. Once a princess among the provinces, now a toiling slave.’

These words that open the Book of Lamentations describe Jerusalem after the Babylonian conquest. They have renewed meaning for the Christians of the Middle East today, forced to abandon their cities to escape the sword of a resurgent Islamic militia.

This month, Sister Diana Memeka of the Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena came to Washington to testify in Congress about this contemporary persecution. She described the lives of Christians live in Iraq and Syria today — an existence unimaginable for most of us.

Sister Diana’s convert in Iraq had already experienced this kind of hostility once. Civilian authorities in Mosul refused to help them when they were bombed. So they moved to Qaraqosh, Iraq’s largest Christian city. When the Islamic State’s army arrived on the Nineveh Plain in 2014, the new convent and all of Qaraqosh had to be evacuated as well.

“Starting with the city of Mosul, ISIS overran one city and town after another, giving the Christians of the region three choices: convert to Islam, pay a tribute to ISIS or leave their cities with nothing more than the clothes on their back,” she said. The Christian exodus from the region marks the first time since the seventh century that “no church building has been Mass in the Plain of Nineveh.”

Sister Diana added a few words for those who believe Christians should simply flee from their homeland. “Why should we leave our country — what have we done?” she asked.

“The Church of Iraq are the first people of the land. … Christianity came to Iraq from the very earliest days through the preaching and witness of St. Thomas and others of the apostles and church elders. “While our ancestors experienced all kinds of persecution, they stayed in their land, building a culture that has served humanity for the ages. … But the current persecution that our community is facing is the most brutal in our history.”

For U.S. policymakers, these words present an issue of foreign policy. For us, they also raise a question about a problem of evil as old as the Book of Lamentations: “They dogged our every step, we could not walk in our squares; Our end drew near, our time was up, yes, our end had come.”

The author of those poems asks God, after all that happened to Jerusalem: “Why have you utterly forgotten us, forsaken us for so long?"

God is never silent, but He rarely works on our timetable. The apostles were fortunate — they only had to wait until the third day to see the temple of Christ’s body rebuilt, as He had promised. And even in that short spell, the Gospel tells us, they began to lose faith. But sometimes suffering goes on and on, and our faith has to remain strong any way.

It’s hard for us in the West to imagine how difficult it must be to maintain hope in a place where justice is so distant — where persecutions are about exile and bloodshed, not just about courts and rights.

That’s why Sister Diana and the Church in Iraq need our help and prayers. Their 40 years in the wilderness may have only just begun.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America.

Moving forward, with the Holy Spirit in tow

Recently, Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, passed away at the age of 97. During my years at Notre Dame, Father Ted, as some of us called him, became a mentor and a guide whose guidance has been imprinted on every decision I made since our first meeting in 1997.

His hallmark advice was to invoke the Holy Spirit at all times.
A Haven for Healing – post-abortion healing outreach

BY CINDY ROBERTSON

Come to the waters

It’s January — the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It’s October — Respect Life Month. A woman privately asks her pastor if he would please remove the posters depicting the stages of development of an unborn baby. A man discreetly covers the pamphlets with similar photos on the pro-life table in the back of church when no one is looking.

At the same time, the business cards for A Haven for Healing, the newly diocesan-approved Bible study tailor designed for women and men suffering from abortion, is being distributed to the parishioners of his denomination church here in South Bend, flooding the pro-life table in the back of church. The pictures have been carefully selected and the保驾 guards and name badges are prominently displayed.

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again and again and again. Now it was VT. This is just a hair better than VF because you maintain consciousness a little longer. In this case, I stayed at the bedside with the paddles inches away from my patient hoping I would not have to use them again.

I still remember, and so does my patient, how it went. I would be chatting with him at the bedside and he would know when he went into the VT by the severe lightheadedness that he would feel. Before he passed out, I still remember him saying, “Doc, it’s happening again.” Then he would pass out and I would shock him. I shocked him over 30 times that night. Neither of us can remember the exact count but we both know it was 30-something.

During this last office visit as we reminisced, somehow he remembered that the shocks didn’t hurt and he asked me why. After all these years, I can’t help but think that I do remember. I knew that all these shocks would be terribly painful if he was awake, so when he went into the VT I would always wait till he was unconscious (clinically dead) before shocking him. In fact, I can still remember the nurse at the bedside saying to me, “Doctor, why are you waiting so long to shock him?” Well, my patient kind of appreciated that waiting period even today.

This man is a very active Christian and worshipers at a non-denominational church here in town. He has a second chance to be, and when you get another chance at life you don’t want to waste it. He certainly hasn’t. As it says in Psalms 30:3–4, “O Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. O Lord, You brought me up from the nether world; You preserved me from among those going down into the pit.”

By the way, if you are wondering if this man holds the record for the most shocks a patient received under my care the answer is no. I had a lady get 79 shocks (yes, we really did count them) and then live another 10 years. Praise God!

– Dr. David Kaminski

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 14, 2015

Mark 4:26–34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: parables of earthy things. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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WOOL

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“Just pray, ‘Come, Holy Spirit,’” he would say. In fact, Father Ted would emphasize that there are no situations in which it would be inappropriate or unnecessary to call on the Holy Spirit.

While I had learned about the Holy Spirit, I did not actively invoke the Spirit. At Notre Dame, I developed the habit of stopping in the morning for prayer and reflection, departing with the plea, “Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Blessed Mother: Today is a weekday and we all need to go to work.” At the office, I would bring a cup of coffee into the tiny rosary chapel down the hall — as I do now at St. Stephen’s chapel at Catholic Relief Services — take in the aroma of the brew, place my hands around the cup to feel its warmth, and “talk” about the day with the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Blessed Mother.

When I am dealing with “unwin- nable” situations (regular fare for administrators), I note explicitly that God does not ask us to win, just to show up, give our best, do what we think is right and, most important, to remember that the Holy Spirit will be with us.

I sometimes leave a chair empty for the Holy Spirit, a physical reminder reminding me of the Holy Spirit’s presence, all leading to the couple that should hold each other at their arms’ length, leaving room for the Holy Spirit. I am keenly aware of my shortcomings and find peace when I have asked the Holy Spirit to take over: please possess me.

The next morning, after grappling with the unwinnable, I muse on those occasions when I did not control my emotions as I had wished, showing exasperation, frustration and even tears. I wonder whether the unintended expressions were the Spirit at work.

It is interesting that commencement season falls around Pentecost, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit. Graduates are anxious because they do not know the future. My one piece of advice is the one Father Hesburgh gave me: to invoke the Holy Spirit, be joined at the hip, to consider, to think is right and, most important, to remember that the Holy Spirit will be with us. Let yourself feel the excitement of being sent into the world.

I recommend John Henry Newman’s poem, “Lead, Kindly Light” in which he tells us that by surrendering himself to God, he remember that he did not need to see the whole plan, just one step was enough for him. Life’s journey does not come with a map. You get to make your own map. But it does come with a compass in God’s loving command and a companion with the power exceeds any superhero that Marvel Comics could dream up.

Carolyn Woo is president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.
BISHOP DWENGER WINS BASEBALL SEMI-REGIONAL Bishop Dwenger High School won the semi-regional crown defeating Yorktown, 8-7, on Saturday, June 6, for the 3-A baseball championship at Bellmont. Later that day in regional competition, Heritage defeated Bishop Dwenger, 5-2, dashing the school’s plans for a regional win and a chance for a state run.

St. Charles crowned girls’ varsity CYO soccer champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Charles Cardinals were crowned the 2015 girls’ varsity Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer champions. The squad defeated St. Elizabeth 2-0 for this year’s title avenging their lone loss during the regular season.

Coach Matt Bobay explained, “St. Elizabeth was a great team with a lot of skilled players. It was a really fun game to be part of and we were fortunate to be the better of the two teams on that day. The game really could have gone to either team.”

The Cardinals finished their season with an impressive 7-1 overall record. Their team was a combined seventh- and eighth-grade squad, but the roster of 17 listed just one seventh grader.

Bobay summarized, “This was a bunch of good athletes who got along well and liked playing together. Coach Beier and I felt privileged to be able to coach such a great group of girls.”

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BISHOP DWENGER RUGBY TEAM CROWNED DIVISION 1 JUNIOR VARSITY STATE CHAMPIONS

The Bishop Dwenger rugby team was crowned the 2015 Division 1 junior varsity state champions at the Moose Rugby Grounds in Elkhart by defeating Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) in a big way at the rainy showdown, 18-0, on May 30. This was the club’s first appearance in the finals since winning it all in 2004.

The Bishop Dwenger rugby team was crowned the 2015 Division 1 junior varsity state champions.

SAINT JOSEPH SOFTBALL TEAM WINS SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Saint Joseph High School softball team is the Class 3-A 2015 sectional champs. In the win on Saturday, May 30, the Saint Joseph Indians defeated the Rochester Zebras, 14-4.

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Multi-talented woman grounded in God

By Deb Wagner

GARRETT — Diane Ort is an unassuming, soft-spoken wife, and mother of three — ages 16, 14 and 12. She is also a songwriter, musician and certified public accountant.

Recently, Ort released two CDs, “I Believe” and “Come to the Well,” a collection of songs she wrote. David C. Smith, music director at St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne and a producer, recorded the music in his Fort Wayne studio.

Ort balances her many responsibilities so that she can always follow where God wants to lead her. Ort says time for prayer can be difficult to carve out; but she finds it so life-directing that daily Mass and prayer must begin her day. She spends time reading the Bible. The rosary might not be recited all at once on hectic days, but perhaps a decade or two is recited with the children on the way to school and the rest before the day’s end as spare time permits.

After her mother died, Ort began to pray the rosary often. When her young niece died suddenly two years later in 2003, Ort says she could not listen and wait upon anything else, but say “Yes,” she exclaims.

Though Ort was once a maker of CDs, “I Believe” and “Come to the Well,” she says she would not have dabbled with her guitar and organ playing skills.

Her first song, “Surrounded by the Angels,” came to her while praying at her mother’s and niece’s gravesites eight and six years respectively after their deaths. Ort suddenly found herself singing the melody and went home to write all of the lyrics to the song the next day.

“I received the song inspirations from God. I actually never tried to write these songs,” she said. “The song inspirations would come to my mind and then I would work to complete them into an entire song. Usually I would get the melody and lyrics for the refrain and then I would pray about what it was saying and often I would turn to the Bible for the rest of the words.”

Ort’s favorite prayer, repeated 10 times, says it all, “O Jesus, I surrender myself to You. Take care of everything.”

Ort has been playing the guitar since she was young, never thinking that she would play for anyone other than her family and friends. If she would not have dabbled with her guitar and played the organ at church, she says she would not have become a songwriter as many of her songs arose from her guitar and organ playing skills.

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Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help Shrine
Fort Wayne — A pilgrimage to Our Lady of Help Shrine in Champion, Wisconsin, will be Aug. 14 and 15. Luxury coach transportation is $200/260 and includes hotel and dinner. Contact Ann Renier 260-417-6196.

Refugee Day celebration planned
Fort Wayne — The Refugee Services Department at Catholic Charities will have a World Refugee Day celebration planned on June 18, noon at the Sacred Heart School Hall. The event is sponsored by the Our Lady of Good Hope of Mercy Foundation.

Central Catholic plans an all alumni reunion
Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have an all alumni reunion Saturday, June 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Central Catering and Event Center, 4832 Hillegas Rd. Contact Leanne at 260-485-0290 for reservation form due by June 12. Tickets are $22 per person.

St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne, IN has an opening for an Assistant Principal.
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