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Fidelity, truth, love must guide Church outreach to families

BY CINDY WOODEN



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Pope Francis and members of the Synod of Bishops on the family concelebrate the opening Mass of the synod in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 4.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a world filled with challenges to marriage and family life, the Catholic Church is called “to carry out her mission in fidelity, truth and love,” Pope Francis said at the Mass opening the world Synod of Bishops on the family.

Formally opening the synod Oct. 4 with a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope said the Church must encourage families and defend faithful love, the sacredness of every human life and “the unity and indissolubility” of marriage.

At the same time, he said, the Church must carry out its mission with charity, not only “not pointing a finger in judgment of others,” but also seeking out all who are lonely and in pain, caring for “hurting couples with the balm of acceptance and mercy.”

The synod was scheduled to last until Oct. 25, discussing ways to strengthen the Church's support of families and its outreach to those struggling to live fully the

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St. Pius X School named National Blue Ribbon School

GRANGER — In a statement following the all-school Mass Sept. 29, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan announced to all present students, faculty, staff and parents that St. Pius X Catholic School has been honored as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

The U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, released the names of 335 schools across the country as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015 based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. The department will honor 285 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 9-10 in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades noted in a statement: “I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the community of St. Pius X School in Granger on being named a National Blue Ribbon School. I am very proud of this recognition of the educational excellence of St. Pius School. I am even more proud of the strong Catholic identity of St. Pius School, its vibrancy as a community of faith, and its commitment to the moral and spiritual formation of its students. Both academic excellence and spiritual strength make St. Pius X School an exemplary educational institution.”

“It is really quite remarkable and a testament to the hard work of the principal, faculty and staff, that in just seven years since its establishment, St. Pius X School has received this wonderful recognition,” Bishop Rhoades said.

Carl Loesch, the Secretary for Catholic Education for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said, “This recognition certainly highlights the quality of our schools and

St. Pius X Catholic School in Granger has been designated a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School. Those at the announcement ceremony following a school Mass on Sept. 29 include, from left, Principal Elaine Holmes, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan, Secretary for Catholic Education Carl Loesch, and St. Pius X pastor, Msgr. William Schooler.



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WHITE MASSES PLANNED IN SOUTH BEND AND FORT WAYNE

The South Bend area White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Pius X in Granger at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. All health care professionals are encouraged to attend. Immediately following the Mass will be a reception with light refreshments and a panel discussion. The topic “End of Life Rituals and Traditions: Jewish, Christian and Islamic Perspectives” will be discussed with panelists Imam Sirajuddin, Holy Cross Father Tom Jones and Rabbi Michael Friedland. RSVP to Maria Toth at 574-335-2351.

The Fort Wayne area White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. A dinner and talk, “Reclaiming the Medical Culture,” by Dr. Ashley Fernandes will follow at St. Mary, Mother of God, Church in Fort Wayne. To register for the White Mass dinner contact www.fortwaynecma.com or call 260-222-6978.

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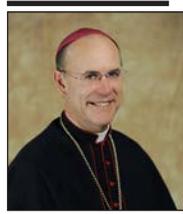
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Where is the conscience of the world? Where is the conscience of our nation?



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is a copy of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at the Red Mass on October 6, 2015, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne:

The Gospel we just heard is from the famous farewell discourse of Jesus, His teaching to the Apostles at the Last Supper, which is contained in five chapters of Saint John's Gospel. These chapters are a rich source for prayerful reflection. The passage from chapter 15, which we just heard, is one that can give us much consolation and strength when we experience criticism, rejection, or even persecution for standing up for our faith and witnessing to Christ in our increasingly secularized culture. "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first," Jesus says to the disciples and to us. "No slave is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

It wasn't much later that the apostles experienced what Jesus predicted. In the reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we heard about the persecution of the apostles before the Sanhedrin. They had been forbidden from teaching about Jesus and bearing witness to His death and resurrection. They did so anyway. Peter and the apostles said to the high priest those famous words: "We must obey God rather than men." What happened to them? They were flogged and ordered to stop speaking in the name of Jesus. They were then released. But what did they do? Saint Luke tells us: "all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus." They were men filled with the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude and courage. They would not obey an unjust order, even if it meant suffering or even death.

We see this same courageous faith in the lives of so many Christian martyrs through the centuries whom we honor as saints. At this Red Mass, we remember your patron, the patron saint of lawyers, judges, and statesmen: Sir Thomas More. He had the same spirit at his trial as Peter and the apostles had at their trial: the spirit of faith and obedience to God and conscience expressed in the words of the apostles: "We must obey God rather than men." And in the words of Saint Thomas More: "I die as the king's loyal servant, but God's servant first." He would not take the Oath of Supremacy ordered by King Henry VIII. He would not violate his conscience by recognizing the king as head of the Church or by recognizing his invalid marriage. For this, he was beheaded. I imagine Saint Thomas More took consolation from the words of Jesus: "No slave is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

Today's Gospel also may remind us of the persecutions carried out by ruthless totalitarian regimes in the 20th century and the many who suffered or died for the faith under Nazism and Communism. And now in the second decade of the 21st century, we see a resurgence of

persecution of Christians and those of other faiths in various parts of the world. Recent research shows that 70% of the world's population live in countries with high restrictions on religious beliefs and practices. Atrocities are committed against peoples and institutions of all the world religions, yet 80% of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed at Christians and approximately 150,000 Christians are killed for the faith every year. The age of martyrs did not end with the Emperor Constantine. It is still with us.

Pope Francis has spoken often about the killing of Christians by terrorist groups like ISIS and Boko Haram, atrocious inhuman and incomprehensible persecutions, before which so many powers in our world remain silent and indifferent. These terrorist groups, as you know, claim that they are serving God when they kill in his name, but as Pope Francis says, "they do not truly know God." Think about those words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do so because they have not known either the Father or me."

My brothers and sisters, we must not be among those who ignore or are indifferent to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. We must pray for them and urge action for their protection, for those living in those dangerous parts of the world and also for those who have escaped and are now poor refugees seeking a home. In the midst of these challenges, Pope Francis has asked: "Where is the conscience of the world?"

When we think about the challenges to religious liberty that we face here in the United States, they don't compare to the intensity of the religious persecution in places like Iraq and Syria. In fact, persecution is probably too strong a word to describe the violations of religious liberty that we face. But they are violations nonetheless and these violations are growing, making it more difficult to live our faith without interference or marginalization.

We are blessed to live in a country that has traditionally protected religious freedom because of the First Amendment to our Constitution. Americans traditionally have cherished religious liberty. As Catholics, we hold it to be a fundamental human right, one that is rooted in the very dignity of the human person.

Conflicts arise for us when laws are enacted, statutes are mandated, or court decisions are made that violate fundamental tenets of our faith. We accept the rule of law. We take seriously our obligation in conscience to follow the civil laws of our country and the rulings of the courts. But when the civil law or court decisions are contrary to the demands of the moral order, contrary to the divine and natural law, to the fundamental rights of persons, or the teachings of the Gospel, we face a dilemma. Traditionally, we have had religious liberty protections in such matters, allowing us to "render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." We have been able to voice our objections in the public square. We have been able, for example, to protest Roe v. Wade and speak in defense of the right to life of the unborn. And we have not been forced to subsidize abortions with our tax dollars or to do abortions in our Catholic hospitals. But now, these protections are under attack. The HHS mandate, for example, forces

us to facilitate, albeit through a circuitous route, abortion-inducing drugs via our health plans. And there are new efforts underway right now to force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions in certain situations.

There are many other examples I could give of current threats to our religious freedom, especially in the aftermath of *Hodges v. Obergefell*. Again, like in *Roe v. Wade*, we have a Supreme Court decision that violates the divine and natural law, this time, by redefining marriage. We've seen and will see many attempts to force the Church and individuals to recognize same-sex unions as marriages. How far this will go, I don't know. There are already dioceses in our country being sued for not allowing persons in "same-sex marriages" to teach in our schools. The Church is accused of bigotry and discrimination. Yet, the Church vigorously defends the true dignity of all persons, regardless of their sexual inclinations. We oppose unjust discrimination against persons with homosexual inclinations. But our culture doesn't understand or accept the critical distinction we make between the homosexual inclination and homosexual conduct. And it certainly doesn't understand or accept the divinely revealed truth about human sexuality, its meaning, and purpose. A culture of hedonism objects to Catholic sexual teaching like a culture of materialistic consumerism objects to Catholic social teaching. The throw-away culture lamented so often by Pope Francis objects to the Church's defense of the environment, and even more, to our refusal to consider unborn children as disposable commodities or their parts as available for sale. As Pope Francis asked in the context of the persecution and killing of Christians in the Middle East: "where is the conscience of the world?" I ask in the context of the actions of Planned Parenthood, "where is the conscience of our nation?"

I worry about the threats to our freedom to run our schools and other institutions in accord with their Catholic identity and mission. I think, for example, of the harassment experienced here in our diocese and elsewhere when our schools take seriously the moral precepts of our faith and require our teachers to support the Catholic mission by their words and example.

There are some who are determined to silence the voice of the Catholic Church in the public square. Their radical secularism is in reality a new form of totalitarianism, one that seeks to marginalize the role of religious bodies, the Catholic Church being the biggest target. They want to reduce religious liberty to freedom to worship. This marginalization of the Church refuses to recognize that religion is a positive driving force for the building of civil and political society and ignores the Church's contribution to society, to justice, and to the common good.

I ask you, my brothers and sisters in the legal profession, to join in the Church's efforts to protect our right to bring our principles and moral convictions into the public arena, to protect our constitutional freedoms against those who seek to mute our voice or limit our freedom. "The Church through its institutions must be free to carry out its mission and contribute to the common good without being pressured to sacrifice (our) fundamental teachings and moral principles" (Introductory Note to

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Bishop Rhoades celebrates annual Mass for Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima

Sister Angela Coelho addresses Marian breakfast crowd

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Following First Saturday devotions, recitation of the rosary and Confessions, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass on Oct. 3 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, as part of the annual breakfast and celebration for the Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima in the diocese.

A Marian procession to nearby Grand Wayne Center followed the Mass where more than 400 guests enjoyed breakfast and an address by Sister Angela de Fatima Coelho of Portugal, a religious sister from the Congregation of Aliança de Santa Maria and a medical doctor. She is the postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and the vice postulator for their cousin Sister Lúcia Santos. The Blessed Mother appeared six times to all three Portuguese shepherd children at Fatima in 1917 when they were ages 9, 7 and 10, respectively.

"I chose to celebrate today the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title 'causa nostrae laetitiae,' ('Cause of Our Joy,')" said Bishop Rhoades in his homily. "This is a beautiful and very meaningful title of Our Lady. The sorrow brought into the world by Eve's disobedience has been changed into joy by the obedience of the New Eve, the Blessed Virgin Mary," he continued.

"My brothers and sisters, we are called to imitate the life of (the) first Christians who, together with Mary, were disciples filled with joy and the Holy Spirit," he said. "The Acts of the Apostles tells us they were devoted to the teaching of the Apostles, shared in common prayer, in the Eucharist (the breaking of the bread) and in sharing their goods with those in need. These are the basics of our Christian life. Living this way brings true joy, not only to our hearts, but to others with whom we are called to share the joy of the Gospel."

"Pope Francis has lamented the fact that too often Christians look like they're coming back from a funeral. ... Too often we can turn people away from the faith by not showing them the joy of following Jesus, the joy of His Gospel, the joy of salvation."

In conclusion he said, "We can learn this joy from the saints, especially the Queen of All Saints, our mother Mary. ... She teaches us the surpassing joy of knowing, loving and serving her Son."

Following the annual breakfast, Sister Coelho spoke on how much Fatima is about passion and love toward the Blessed Mother and the Lord Jesus. She stressed by stories and example that "sometimes we



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass before the annual prayer breakfast of the Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima in the diocese on Oct. 3.



Franciscan Brothers Minor lead a Marian procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the Grand Wayne Center.

have this attitude toward our stage of life, like I am Catholic but it is too painful or I am a nun but it is too hard. This is what our beautiful (Pope) Francis is telling us about when he is asking us not to have a funeral face, not to have a face like vinegar. ... Little Jacinta, right before she died, said something like this: 'If only I could fill the hearts of all (with) the fire that is burning within my own heart and makes me love the hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much.'"

Sister Coelho continued, "I wish I could help to put this fire in your hearts that could help us so much to love Our Lady ... as little Jacinta did. This is the aim of my talk: to try to encourage each one of us to grow in this fire of love towards Our Lady."

We have to look to the message of Fatima knowing it has two dimensions: mystical and prophetic, she related. "The mystical dimension means the aim of the message of Fatima is our intimacy with God. ... We believe in Christ because someone spoke of Him to us. Does this make us people of faith? No, it makes us believers, until the moment when we personally experience Jesus as our Savior; then (we)



SISTER ANGELA COELHO

become people of faith."

"And what is Fatima about?" she asked. "Is it making of people who believe in Jesus just because we heard ... or because we experienced it? It's

about the men and women of the 21st century who experience God through the hands of Our Lady. ... Fatima is a school of faith," she stressed, "... to teach the young visionaries and then us the eternal truth, and the art of praying, believing and loving."

"The prophetic dimension is not guessing the future," she continued. "Because of our intimacy with God we are able to read the circumstances of Easter with the eyes of God. ... It is to see what is happening in the world through the eyes of God. Because of our mystical dimension we are able to fulfill the prophetic dimension," she said. "Our Lady is telling us, please, be aware you are responsible for your brothers and sisters ... for the history of salvation ... for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ... for the history of your country and the history of the world."

"So why do we pray the rosary?" she continued. "It increases our union with Christ and proves to Our Lady we are connected with the history of salvation. So this is how we are to focus on the message of Fatima. Everything we do increases our intimacy with God and is an answer to God with me saying, 'Yes, my Lord, I am responsible for my brothers and sisters.' So, I pray the rosary. I keep the First Saturdays. I keep the Commandments. I try to be chaste and pure."

In her conclusion, Sister Coelho emphasized: "In the Fatima apparitions the Blessed Mother said, 'God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart.' How do we know we have devotion to Mary? We trust her, we try to imitate her and we fulfill her requests. Is it simpler than this?" she asked. "No, it's not!"



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 to Thursday, Oct. 15 — Priests' Continuing Education Days, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Thursday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m. — Blessing of North Residence, O'Connor Commons, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. — White Mass at St. Pius X Church, Granger



Vicars Forane appointed

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment of Vicars Forane (Deans) for the six vicariates of the diocese, effective on October 15, 2015, for a three-year term.



**VICARATE A
MSGR. WILLIAM
SCHOOLER**



**VICARATE B
REV. DAVID
RUPPERT**



**VICARATE C
REV. ROBERT
VAN KEMPEN**



**VICARATE D
REV. DANIEL
SCHEIDT**



**VICARATE E
REV. WILLIAM
KUMMER**



**VICARATE F
REV. DAVID
VOORS**

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship). We must resist efforts to force our Catholic ministries — in health care, education, and social services — to violate their consciences or stop serving those in need.

At Independence Hall just ten days ago, Pope Francis reminded our nation that while "religious freedom certainly means the right to worship ... by its nature, it transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families." He spoke of "the modern tyranny that tries to reduce religious freedom to a subculture without right to a voice in the public square." This is what we are increasingly experiencing here in the United States. I heard one bishop call it "soft despotism," thus distinguishing it from the hard despotism of tyrants who suppress religious freedom by using religion as a pretext for hatred and brutality, as we see, for example, in the Middle East.

Your patron, Saint Thomas More, fell victim to a "hard despotism" for refusing to consent to Henry VIII's takeover of the Church. Christians in the Middle East today are victims of a hard despotism. What we are increasingly experiencing in the United States is the soft despotism of efforts to reduce religious freedom. In the face of despotism, hard or soft, we can look to the example of St. Thomas More, his integrity and courage. I pray his example will inspire you and his prayers strengthen you in living your noble profession in a way that is consistent with your faith.

At this Red Mass, we petition the help and guidance of our Advocate, the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit give us the strength, courage, and joy of Saint Thomas More so that we will never be ashamed of the Gospel and, in situations of injustice, be able to say with the apostles: "We must obey God rather than men." And let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution, even the threat of death, for their fidelity to Christ. May the Holy Spirit keep them strong and protect them!

Pope to Congress: Stop bickering, world needs your help

BY CINDY WOODEN

WASHINGTON (CNS)— The past, the promise and the potential of the United States must not be smothered by bickering and even hatred at a time when the U.S. people and indeed the world need a helping hand, Pope Francis told the U.S. Congress.

Making history by being the first pope ever to address a joint meeting of Congress, Pope Francis was introduced to the legislators by the House sergeant at arms Sept. 24 as: “Mr. Speaker, the pope of the Holy See.”

The pope introduced himself, though, as a son of the American continent, who had been blessed by the “new world” and felt a responsibility toward it.

In a long speech, he gave the sense that he sees the United States as a country divided, one so focused on calling each other names that it risks losing sight of how impressive it can be when its people come together for the common good. That is when it is a beacon of hope for the world, he said.

Pope Francis condemned legalized abortion, the death penalty and unscrupulous weapons sales. He called on Congress to “seize the moment” by moving forward with normalizing relations with Cuba. And, again referring to himself as a “son of immigrants” — and pointing out that many of the legislators are, too — he pleaded for greater openness to accepting immigrants.

A reporter had asked the pope in July about why he spoke so much about the poor and about the rich, but rarely about the lives and struggles of the hard-working, tax-paying middle class. The result of a papal promise to correct that was the speech to Congress and through Congress to the American people.

“I would like to take this opportunity to dialogue with

the many thousands of men and women who strive each day to do an honest day’s work, to bring home their daily bread, to save money and — one step at a time — to build a better life for their families,” the pope said.

“These are men and women who are not concerned simply with paying their taxes, but in their own quiet way sustain the life of society,” he said. “They generate solidarity by their actions, and they create organizations which offer a helping hand to those most in need.”

Showing he had studied the United States before the visit — something he said he would do during the Rome August break — he used four iconic U.S. citizens as relevant models of virtue for Americans today: Abraham Lincoln, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton.

“A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did; when it fosters a culture which enables people to ‘dream’ of full rights for all their brothers and sisters as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work; the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton,” the pope said.

Describing political service with the same tone used to describe a vocation to religious life — “you have been invited, called and convened by those who elected you” — the pope recognized the weighty responsibility of being a member of the U.S. Congress.

Dialogue, he said, is the only way to handle the pressure and fulfill the call to serve the common good, promoting a culture of “hope and healing, of peace and justice.”

For the speech, Pope Francis stood in the House chamber in front of Rep. John Boehner, speaker of the House and a Republican from Ohio, and Vice



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Pope Francis pauses in front of a statue of St. Junipero Serra in National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol in Washington Sept. 24. Standing next to the pope is John Boehner, speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

President Joe Biden, president of the Senate. Both men are Catholics. Besides the senators, representatives and their invited guests, the attendees included members of the U.S. Supreme Court and members of President Barack Obama’s Cabinet.

Tens of thousands of people watched the speech on giant screen from the Capitol’s West Lawn. Gathered hours before the pope’s morning visit, they were entertained by military bands.

In his speech, Pope Francis gave strong support to several concerns of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic faithful, including defending the right of people to publicly live their faith and join political policy debates from a faith-based perspective.

“It is important that today, as in the past, the voice of faith continue to be heard, for it is a voice of fraternity and love, which tries to bring out the best in each person and in each society,” he said. The dialogue the country needs must be respectful

of “our differences and our convictions of conscience.”

“Every life is sacred,” he insisted, calling for the “global abolition of the death penalty” and the “responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.”

Some U.S. politicians and pundits have expressed confusion or even anger over Pope Francis’ teaching about the damage provoked when money becomes a god and profits count more than people. The pope insists his words are straight out of Catholic social teaching.

His speech to Congress included more of that teaching, delving deeper into the positive aspects of a market economy — as long as it is ethical and includes controls, solidarity and a safety net for the poorest and weakest members of society.

“The creation and distribution of wealth” obviously is important for continued efforts to reduce poverty in the United States and around the globe, he said. “The right use of natural

resources, the proper application of technology and the harnessing of the spirit of enterprise are essential elements of an economy which seeks to be modern, inclusive and sustainable.”

“Business is a noble vocation” when it seeks the common good, Pope Francis said. And today, he told legislators, the common good includes protecting the environment and taking bold steps “to avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration caused by human activity.”

After his speech, Boehner led Pope Francis through the Capitol’s Statuary Hall and showed him a statue of St. Junipero Serra, whom the pope canonized the previous day.

The pope then proceeded to the West Portico of the Capitol, where tens of thousands of people with tickets had waited for hours.

“Good morning, everyone,” he said in Spanish, then blessed the crowd.

“I am so grateful for your welcome and your presence here, especially for the most important ones here — the children. I will ask God to bless you. ‘Lord, father of all, bless this people, bless each one of them, bless their families, give them what they need most. And I ask you all please to pray for me. And if there are among you any who do not believe or cannot pray, I ask you please to send good wishes my way. Thank you. Thank you very much. And God bless America.’”

A video to accompany this story can be found at <https://youtube/GiZWs08RQcY>.

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the many outstanding faculty and staff members who dedicate themselves to bringing Christ to the children every day. St. Pius X Parish has a wonderful history dating back to Father Sorin and the priests and brothers of Holy Cross and the farmers in Granger. The school has grown rapidly, opening just eight years ago. Thank you to all of our pastors, administrators, teachers and parents who sacrifice to give the gift of Catholic education to the children entrusted to our care. Our community is enriched by the wonderful education and moral

formation our schools provide.”

St. Pius X Catholic School opened in 2008 and has grown from an inaugural enrollment of just over 400 students to an average of over 625 students each year in preschool through grade 8.

Principal Elaine Holmes said that they were honored to learn of the recognition, “The school staff, parish community and school families are a vital part of the school success. Our pastor, Msgr. Schooler had tears in his eyes as he reflected with the student body on the vision of opening the first Catholic School in 40 years within the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese. He thanked the students and staff for all of their hard work throughout the last several years. The student body cheered when he told them they were exempt

from any homework on this joyous day.”

Msgr. William Schooler addressed the students and faculty personally, “This award is a tribute to the leadership of our school, Mrs. Elaine Holmes and Mrs. Stephanie Molnar, along with the outstanding teachers and staff who recognize their work as a ministry of the parish, supportive parents who make sacrifices for quality Catholic Education, and motivated students. Our Catholic School is an integral component of the ministry of the parish.”

Loesch added, “This has certainly been an exciting time to be in our Catholic schools. Last week, the children were able to see Pope Francis come to the United States. His visit, his homilies and speeches, and the

canonization of St. Junipero Serra were incorporated into the classrooms of our Catholic schools. The children saw the Holy Father visit many important places such as Congress, the United Nations, St. Patrick Cathedral, and the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The children also saw him spend time with people at a soup kitchen, with men who were in prison and with children in a Catholic school in New York City. Catholic schools are indeed at the heart of the evangelizing mission of the Church. We are blessed to have 42 outstanding schools serving the families in our diocese.”

With this announcement, St. Pius X is the sixth school within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to receive this honor for

overall academic excellence. Past winners include Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, in 2004, St. Jude Catholic School, Fort Wayne, in 2006, Christ the King Catholic School, South Bend, in 2008, St. Joseph Catholic Grade School, South Bend, in 2011, and Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, in 1984-1985 and 2003.

In its 33-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on more than 8,000 of America’s schools. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

Conference explores Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si'

BY CORINE B. ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — During his recent visit to the U.S., Pope Francis referred to his groundbreaking environmental encyclical "Laudato Si'" numerous times. The University of Saint Francis and Our Sunday Visitor presented a conference Oct. 3 for the Fort Wayne community entitled, "Sharing the Gospel of Creation: Integral Ecology and Catholic Theology in Pope Francis' "Laudato Si'." "Laudato Si'" ("Blessed Be") is the encyclical letter on the environment issued by Pope Francis in June 2015.

The half-day conference on the USF campus featured four speakers, including John Carr, director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University; Dr. J. Matthew Ashley, associate professor and chair of the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame; Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, associate professor of International Relations in the Politics Department of the Catholic University of America; and Dr. Adam DeVille, associate professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades attended the conference with nearly 60 in attendance and opened it with prayer. Conference organizer Dr. Lance Richey, USF dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, noted in his opening remarks that in "Laudato Si'," one hears Pope Francis' concern about the earthly environment, as well as St. Francis of Assisi's love and wonder for creation.

Speaker John Carr noted Pope Francis' integrated approach to protecting nature and combating poverty. Pope Francis focuses on the "least of these," he explained. "I think the most important word in the encyclical is the word 'and,'" Carr said, explaining that the encyclical proposes a commitment to the poor and creation, and care for the planet and people.



Dr. Adam DeVille, Dr. J. Matthew Ashley, John Carr and Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love take part in the panel discussion towards the end of the conference on "Laudato Si'."

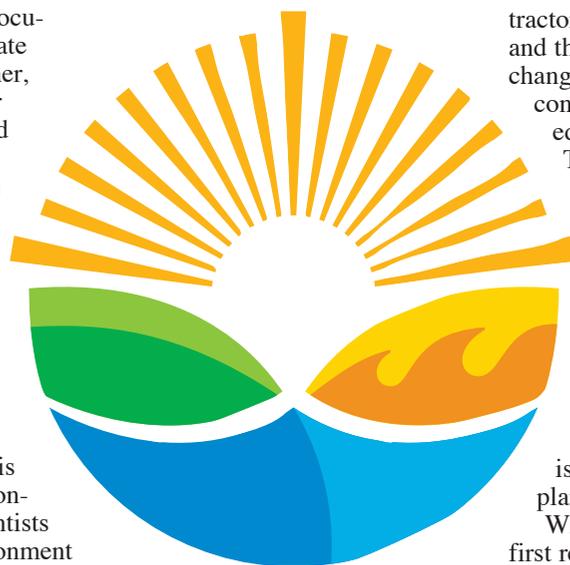
"Laudato Si'" is not a document focused only on climate change, Carr stressed. Rather, "Laudato Si'" considers air and water quality, plant and animal species affected by the environment and life in the cities. Overall, Pope Francis is proposing "a moral framework and a new way of thinking about our relationship with nature," Carr said.

Dr. J. Matthew Ashley spoke about the use of science in "Laudato Si'." He believes that Pope Francis is building upon a growing consensus among climate scientists that the health of the environment is suffering. Ashley spoke about two different kinds of knowledge, assertions of science and assertions of faith and morals.

"Laudato Si'" shows a relationship between science and faith. Science and faith need to be brought into a dialogue for synthesis," Ashley said.

Pope Francis' concern for the poor was apparent in the encyclical noted Ashley. "The degradation of the environment impacts the poor. The Church's social teaching of a preferential option for the poor should guide our thinking" as we deal with the environment, said Ashley.

Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love marveled at the impact of Pope Francis during his recent



U.S. trip. "This poor Argentinian priest has the whole world listening to him," Cusimano Love said. "Pope Francis is an antidote to the age of the selfie."

Cusimano Love spoke of Pope Francis' belief that "the world's poor have contributed the least to environmental problems and global climate change" but are impacted the most. Cusimano Love gave an example with her recent trip with Catholic Relief Services to northern Ghana in Africa during the summer of 2015.

She said that 88 percent of northern Ghana households survive on subsistence farming. It is a very poor area that has no

tractors or mechanized equipment and the soil is depleted. Climate change has caused recent drought conditions, which has decimated the crops that they live on.

There is no money for seeds and fertilizers, Cusimano Love said. Malnutrition has affected the children, which impacts their growth and development. Having seen the dire situation of the poor in northern Ghana, Cusimano Love agrees with Pope Francis when "he is saying that poverty and the planet are inter-connected."

When Dr. Adam DeVille first read "Laudato Si'," "I was struck by the footnotes," he said. DeVille noted that non-Catholic sources are usually not cited in papal documents. Pope Francis in "Laudato Si'" refers to "the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew," the Archbishop of Constantinople and head of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has also worked to promote ecology and protection of the environment, although

his work and message are not as extensively covered by the media as it is with Pope Francis, DeVille said. Bartholomew has written on the need for repentance for what humans have done to degrade the earth; to live lives with greater simplicity; to have more solicitude for the poor and the earth; and to celebrate the world, which reveals God's love to all. "One should be grateful that Francis included the writings of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in 'Laudato Si'," said DeVille.

DeVile also pointed out that Pope Francis comes across as anti-city living in some parts of "Laudato Si'." One example is when Francis writes, "Neighborhoods ... are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal." DeVille questioned if Pope Francis' apparent dislike for some aspects of city living or ideas about urban planning should be included in "Laudato Si'."

"Do such comments belong in a papal encyclical?" DeVille asked. Such a far-reaching discussion in a papal document feeds into the misguided perception that popes can make any changes they want to the Church or doctrine.

Cusimano Love answered that one can argue with Pope Francis' criticism of city living, "but the overall themes that he is highlighting and the connections that he is making are very important."

John Carr concurred, saying, "Pope Francis is pointing out that part of being a Catholic is caring for our earth and for the poor, the least of these. This is one of the most remarkable examples of evangelization that I have ever seen."



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Pope says synod is not parliament, but place to listen to Holy Spirit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The world Synod of Bishops on the family is not a parliament where participants will negotiate or lobby, Pope Francis said, but it must be a place of prayer where bishops speak with courage and open themselves to “God who always surprises us.” Opening the first working session of the synod Oct. 5, the pope said the synod’s 270 voting members need courage, “pastoral and doctrinal zeal, wisdom, frankness and to keep always before our eyes the good of the Church and of families and the supreme law — the salvation of souls.” Arriving about 15 minutes before the session began, Pope Francis welcomed to the synod hall the members, delegates from other Christian communities and the men and women who will serve as experts and observers. The synod is not a convention or a parliament, Pope Francis said, “but an expression of the Church; it is the Church that walks together to read reality with the eyes of faith and with the heart of God.” Synod members must be faithful to Church teaching, “the deposit of faith, which is not a museum to be visited or even simply preserved, but is a living spring from which the Church drinks to quench the thirst and enlighten” people, he said.

Pope pleads to commute death sentences

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Less than a week after Pope Francis told a joint meeting of Congress that he backs U.S. efforts to abolish the death penalty, news came of his U.S. nuncio’s letters to authorities in two states appealing on the pope’s behalf to commute death sentences. On Sept. 29, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò unsuccessfully appealed on the pope’s behalf to Georgia officials to commute the death sentence of Kelly Gissendaner, who was executed shortly after midnight the next day. Within hours of receiving the letter on the pope’s behalf, the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected Gissendaner’s request for clemency and her execution proceeded. Earlier, speaking for Pope Francis, the nuncio weighed in Sept. 19 on another highly publicized execution scheduled in Oklahoma for Sept. 30, that of Richard Glossip, whose challenge to the state’s lethal injection protocol was rejected by the Supreme Court in June. In the letter to Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, Archbishop Viganò cited both Pope Francis and St. John Paul II as well as Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul S. Coakley. “Together with Pope Francis, I believe that a commutation of Mr. Glossip’s sentence would give clearer witness to the value and dignity of every person’s life and would contribute to a society more cognizant of the mercy that God has bestowed upon us all,” wrote Archbishop Viganò.

Vatican says pope’s meeting with Kentucky clerk is not endorsement

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope

NEWS BRIEFS

CARDINAL WUERL TALKS WITH U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN ROBERTS AFTER ANNUAL RED MASS



CNS PHOTO/JOSHUA ROBERTS, REUTERS

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington talks with U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts as they leave the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington after the annual Red Mass Oct. 4. The Mass traditionally marks the start of the court year, including the opening of the Supreme Court term.

Francis’ meeting with Kim Davis, the county clerk from Kentucky who was jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses, does not equate support for her “position,” the Vatican spokesman said after discussing the issue personally with the pope. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman, issued a statement Oct. 2 saying the pope had met with “several dozen persons who had been invited by the nunciature to greet him” in Washington and that “such brief greetings occur on all papal visits and are due to the pope’s characteristic kindness and availability.” Father Lombardi made a distinction between the brief greetings and more official meetings by saying, “The only real audience granted by the pope at the nunciature was with one of his former students and his family.” Late Oct. 2, Father Lombardi said in a statement that the former student was Yayo Grassi of Argentina. Grassi, an openly gay man, was accompanied by his partner, his mother and several friends in the meeting at the nunciature Sept. 23. Father Lombardi said Grassi, “who had already met other times in the past with the pope, asked to present his mother and several friends to the pope during the pope’s stay in Washington. As noted in the past, the pope, as pastor, has maintained many personal relationships with people in a spirit of kindness, welcome and dialogue,” the statement said.

House passes measure to allow states to defund Planned Parenthood

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The House Sept. 29 passed the Women’s Health and Public Safety Act to give states the authority to defund Planned Parenthood. Speaking from the House floor in support of the measure, which was sponsored by Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wisconsin, Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, cited the pope’s Sept. 24 address to a joint meeting of Congress. “Pope Francis admonished a joint session of Congress to follow the Golden Rule — to ‘do unto others as you would have them do unto you’ — and said that the Golden Rule compels us to ‘protect and defend human life at every stage of development,’” Smith said. State and federal funding of Planned Parenthood has come under scrutiny after a series of videos, filmed undercover, were released by the Center for Medical Progress, based in Irvine, California. The videos show physicians and others associated with Planned Parenthood describing the harvesting of fetal tissue and body parts during abortions at their clinics. Also discussed are what researchers are charged for the tissue and parts.

Syriac patriarch in Detroit: ‘We are begging’ West to help refugees

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (CNS) — It’s a situation reaching biblical proportions: Thousands of refugees fleeing religious persecution, leaving behind their homes, their memories and their lives. With Iraqi and Syrian Christians escaping the terror inflicted by radical Islamic extremists, Syriac Patriarch Ignatius Joseph III Younan made a plea to Western Christians to save his people, his culture and his homeland during a pastoral visit to the Detroit area Sept. 19-21. The spiritual leader of the world’s 158,000 Syriac Catholics spoke at St. Toma Syriac Catholic Church in Farmington Hills Sept. 21, briefing the congregation on the situation in the Middle East and what needs to be done to save thousands of Christians in the region. “The situation is very devastating and tragic,” Patriarch Younan said, speaking in both English and Arabic. “For Iraq, this has been happening for two generations. For Syria, the war has been taking place for the last three years, with no hope on the horizon for Christians in the area.” Patriarch Younan spoke before media members and the St. Toma congregation following

celebration of the Divine Liturgy — what Eastern Catholics call the Mass — describing the atrocities taking place at the hands of the Islamic State, including the destruction of churches, the trafficking of women and girls as sex slaves, and the forced conversion of Christians to Islam.

The family is the answer to world’s brokenness, blandness, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The family is the answer to the two extremes facing the world — fragmentation and “homogenization,” in which everything is forced to be the same, Pope Francis said. The family based on marriage between a man and a woman is the answer because “it is the cell of a society that balances the personal and communal,” he said at his general audience Sept. 30 in St. Peter’s Square. The family also can be “the model of a sustainable management of goods and the resources of creation” against today’s culture of consumerism, he added. The pope dedicated his audience talk to reviewing his Sept. 19-27 trip to Cuba and the United States, where he visited Washington, New York, the United Nations and Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. He thanked Cuban President Raul Castro, U.S. President Barack Obama and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for their warm welcomes and extended his thanks to all the bishops and everyone who worked to make the trip possible.

Pope asks youth to perform works of mercy in run-up to WYD

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis asked the world’s young Catholics to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy every month in the run-up to World Youth Day next July. He asked that they not be afraid to experience God’s “boundless mercy, so that in turn you may become apostles of mercy by your actions, words and prayers in our world, wounded by selfishness, hatred and so much despair.” The pope’s request was part of his message for World Youth Day 2016 — an international gathering that will be celebrated in Krakow, Poland, July 26-31. The celebration’s theme, from the Gospel of St. Matthew, is “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” Jesus and His beatitudes show how it is better to give than to receive and how “we will be truly blessed and happy only when we enter into the divine ‘logic’ of gift and gracious love,” he said in the message, released Sept. 28 at the Vatican. When people discover that “God has loved us infinitely in order to make us capable of loving like Him, without measure,” then they themselves can become instruments of God’s mercy, bringing hope and healing to those in need.

Redeemer Radio to offer retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration

SOUTH BEND — Redeemer Radio in South Bend, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Marian Consecration, will host a six-week small group retreat, based on the popular book by Marianist Father Michael Gaitley, "33 Days to Morning Glory." The groups will meet at St. Therese Little Flower, 54191 Ironwood Rd. in South Bend, Father Payne Hall lower level parking lot from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, Thursday, Nov. 12, Thursday, Nov. 19, Monday, Nov. 30, Thursday, Dec. 3, and Monday, Dec. 7. The opening of the jubilee year and International Consecration is Dec. 8. Participants will need the "33 Days to Morning Glory" book — \$5; "33 Days to Morning Glory Participant packet-\$20. Registration and payment for materials are due Oct. 14. The retreat is limited to the first 50 participants to register. For more information call Redeemer Radio at 574-855-1587.

Westfield parish to display relics of St. Maria Goretti

WESTFIELD — To mark the solemn occasion of this Jubilee Year, the Vatican, with the Congregation of the Causes of Saints, has announced the extraordinary pilgrimage of the relics of St. Maria Goretti.

The relics will leave her shrine in Nettuno, Italy, and began the Pilgrimage of Mercy Tour in September. This is the first time that St. Maria Goretti's body will travel to the United States, and the second time she has left Italy.

St. Maria Goretti Parish, Westfield, Indiana, will be a stop on the tour. The parish, located north of Indianapolis, welcomes the relics of their patroness on Tuesday, Oct. 20, with public veneration beginning at 11 a.m. Sung vespers will be held at 7 p.m. Public veneration will continue until the church doors close at 10 p.m.

Visit www.smgonline.org/relics for more information.

USF lecture to examine teachings of Isaiah

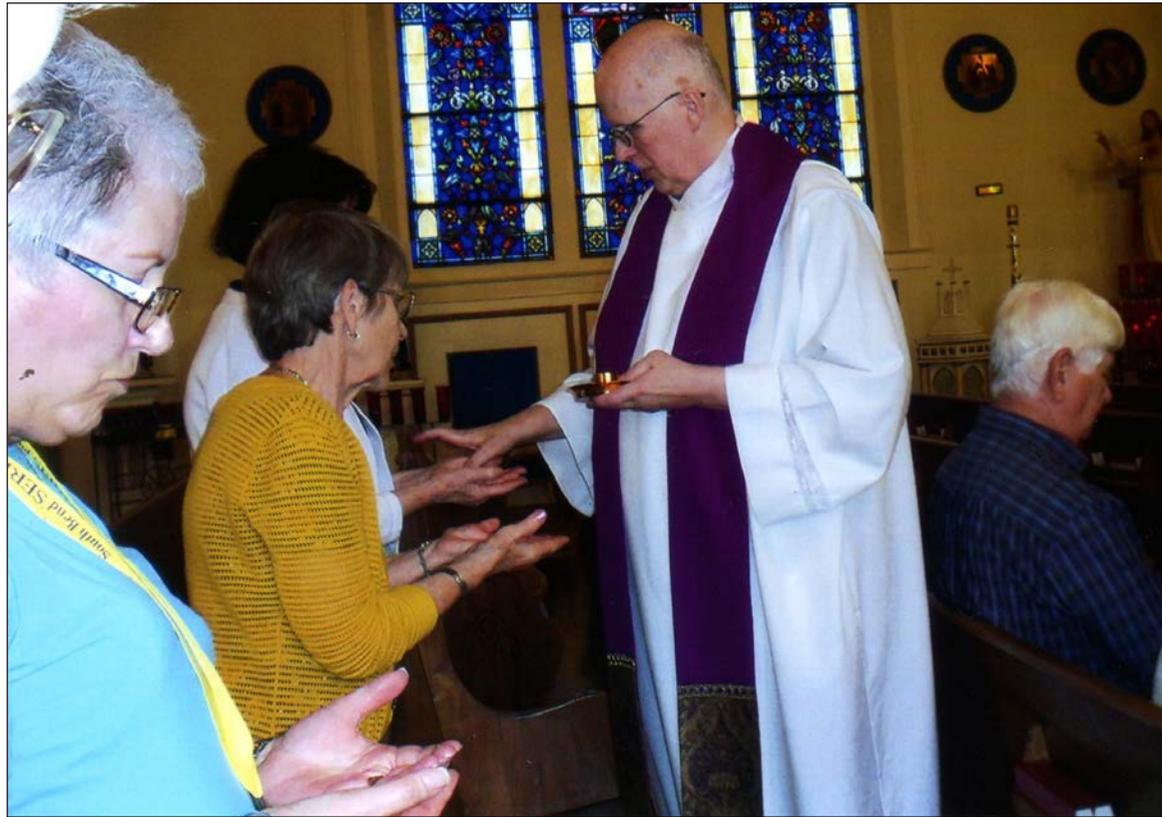
FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Department of Philosophy and Theology hosts its next lecture of the year on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m. in the Brookside Ballroom on the USF campus, 2701 Spring St.

Sister Felicity Dorsett, assistant professor of theology, will present "Isaiah 40-55: The Book of Consolation," which will examine the teachings of the prophet Isaiah. Dorsett will discuss Isaiah's biblical passages of hope and comfort and his message of God as the creator and redeemer of the universe.

The Philosophy/Theology Lecture Series is free and open to the public. Attendees can park

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FATHER MCCARTHY OFFERS DAY OF REFLECTION, RETREAT



ESTHER CYR

Father Paul McCarthy, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in New Carlisle, held a day of reflection for his parishioners and members of the Serra Club of South Bend. The retreat began with Mass, several presentations on "Traveling the Narrow Road," outdoor rosary at the parish grotto, lunch and concluded with the offering of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, shown above. This is the seventh year Father McCarthy has offered the retreat. He is the chaplain for the Serra Club of South Bend.

for free in the USF North Campus parking lot, across the street from Brookside.

For additional information, contact Emily Lautzenheiser at 260-399-8066 or elautzenheiser@sf.edu.

Bishop Dwenger announces Hall of fame inductees

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School announces its Hall of Fame inductees who were recognized before the start of the game on Friday, Oct. 2, and at a dinner and ceremony Saturday, Oct. 3, in the newly renovated gym. Bishop Dwenger High School instituted its Hall of Fame Awards program in 2004 to recognize and honor those who contribute so much to their communities and church through their professional and personal lives. The inductees are Alex Smith '05, alumnus of the year; Randy Lewandowski '88, athletics; Jean (Marqueling) Longworth '07, athletics; Kathy (Luley) Schall '79, arts and letters; and Adele Nelson, Citizens of Two Worlds.

Retreat to be offered at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — "Holy Ground Retreat, Tending the Soil, Tending the Soul with St. Mother Theodore," will be hosted by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, beginning at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 15, through 5 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 16, at Providence Hall Conference Room. Sister Mary Montgomery will facilitate the retreat, and will use music, Scripture, prayer and reflective readings to help refresh the soul. Cost is \$100, which includes meals. The registration deadline is Oct. 12. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952, email jfrost@spsmw.org or register online at events.sister-sofprovidence.org.

Former child slave, now drummer, to tell story at Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Drummer Bill Nathan, an international drummer, will share his talents and tell his story of being a child slave in Haiti and his rescue at a presentation at Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 6-7 p.m. in the gym. Orphaned in Haiti by age

6 and then involved in child slavery, Nathan was rescued and placed in an orphanage where he was able to use his "five-gallon white bucket skills." He and two others now direct that orphanage. Nathan travels the country performing and sharing his story. He was the translator and guide for the Haiti Mission team from Sacred Heart Parish last summer. Light snacks and beverages will be available. A freewill donation will support Nathan's ministry, Kids Today — Adults Tomorrow.

Ancilla College to build second residence hall

DONALDSON — Ancilla's Board of Trustees voted Sept. 28, to build a second residence hall.

The decision comes on the tail of a very successful first hall, booked beyond capacity for the 2015-16 year. The two-year college's president Dr. Ken Zirkle noted the first hall, with 96 beds, was built for freshmen only and they will need a place to live next year. "At this time last year there was question as to whether or not the decision would go in favor of building a residence hall. This year, the board was quick to come to a unanimous decision," he said.

Vice President of Mission Integration Sister Jolise May said, "The decision by the board to build the first residence hall was one wrought with a mixture of excitement, challenge, unanswered questions and trepidation."

The plan was given a green light last year and the hall filled beyond capacity before the school year even started. Sister May said, "In the movie 'Field of Dreams' the Iowa farmer says, 'Build it and they will come.' Ancilla built its first dorm and, yes, they came."

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS OFFER NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE



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The American Heritage Girls IN3712 of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne, demonstrated faith through service during The American Heritage Girls (AHG) National Day of Service. On the third weekend of September, troops in the nation participated in service to the local communities. This National Day of Service coincides with AHG's 20th anniversary. This is the fifth year of service for troop IN3712 and includes 67 members.

ELKHART SCHOOL COLLECTS FOOD ITEMS FOR PANTRY



ANNE RICE

In honor of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Sept. 27, the students at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart collected food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry during their school Mass on Sept. 25. Pictured are the Young Vincentian students with Father Jason Freiburger, pastor, and Young Vincentians group leader Barb Bremigan.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NATIONAL MERIT SEMI FINALISTS



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Marian High School in Mishawaka has announced their National Merit Semi-Finalists. Pictured with Marian's Principal Mark Kirzeder, at left, are seniors Garrick Meyers, Christian Dennis and Theresa Rice. They are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants on the PSAT/NMSQT in the nation. As semi-finalists they are able to enter the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. They were honored at the all-school Mass on the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary on Oct. 7.

Queen of Peace principal to maintain success

BY DENISE FEDOROW

MISHAWAKA — New Queen of Peace School Principal Jill Patrick said her main priority is to continue the success the school has already experienced.

"I've come into such a well-established school, I just want to maintain the success that's already been established at Queen of Peace," she said.

Patrick and her husband Cory attend Queen of Peace along with their youngest son Zak, a seventh grader at Jimtown Junior High. The couple's two oldest are in college — daughter Kelsie is a senior at Michigan State and 18-year-old Matthew attends Indiana University at South Bend (IUSB).

The family previously attended St. Pius X Parish in Granger where Patrick grew up but joined Queen of Peace with her new position as principal. "We actually live closer and it's been a good parish for all of us to be a part of," she said. Her husband Cory is enrolled in their RCIA program.

Patrick earned her bachelor's degree in special education at IUSB. She received her license in Mild and Moderate Interventions through Ball State and her Masters of Education at Xavier College in Cincinnati. She worked for 16 years as a special education teacher at several different schools, most recently at School City in Mishawaka. She completed her internship while finishing her administrative license at Ball State.



DENISE FEDOROW

Queen of Peace Principal Jill Patrick speaks about her new position and how much she looks forward to coming to work each day at the school in Mishawaka.

Her leadership experience includes being chairperson of a behavioral team and an intervention team, among others.

Patrick said the best thing about Catholic schools is having one's Catholic identity be a part of the everyday lives of students and staff.

"Helping children grow into faithful, contributing members of the community and having faith be a part of that journey," she said.

"Every day I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the students and being a part of a team of staff and professionals who are so successful already," she said.

Patrick believes that Catholic education is important because, "We want to produce well-rounded, contributing members of society."

"Part of our job at Queen of Peace is to develop students into the best face of Catholicism," she said.

The Catholic education that is the center of Queen of Peace will help students be strong in their faith, more trustworthy and more active in school, church and community on a lot of different levels, according to Patrick.

"They are going to be the face of our Catholic faith in the future," she said.

The new principal wants parents, staff and students to know she is open to suggestions and feedback.

"I may be the principal, but I'm not alone in leadership — we have a core team of very strong teachers at Queen of Peace and we're all working together along with Father John Eze (pastor at Queen of Peace Church)."

She said what she looks forward to most in her new role is working with students, parents and staff.

"The great energy here makes me want to get up and come to work every day," she said. "I want to continue making sure we have successful students."

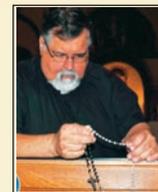
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University of Saint Francis marks 125th anniversary with Mass, reception

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis celebrated its 125th anniversary as an institution of higher learning with a Mass for the solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi Oct. 4 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne.

Faculty, staff, board members, alumni, students and friends of the university attended the Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was celebrant and university chaplain Father David Meinzen was concelebrant, along with Msgr. Robert Schulte, Father Drew Curry, Father Edward Erpelding and Father Ajay Tiru.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily by saying, "Jesus offered praise to His Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, because although He had hidden these things (His identity and His plan) from the wise and the learned, He has revealed them to the childlike."

He explained that though these words may be challenging for a community of academic scholars, for a university where learning is naturally esteemed, these words of Jesus are important for the faithful to ponder. Things hidden from the wise and learned, God has revealed to the childlike. So one should never get puffed up or boastful about his intellectual accomplishments or awards, he said. It was the wise and the learned, like the scribes and Pharisees, who were blind to the truth about Jesus and rejected Him. It was the childlike, the meek and the poor in spirit, the "little ones," the childlike, who accepted Jesus and followed Him ... God revealed to them what the wise and learned did not grasp.

Bishop Rhoades continued, "As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the University of Saint Francis, it is good to reflect on this prayer of Jesus. Your namesake, your patron, whose feast we celebrate today, the poor man of Assisi was one of the childlike, the little ones, to whom God revealed His mystery."

"All who follow Jesus, like



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University of Saint Francis President Sister Elise Kriss meets with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who celebrated the 125th anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 4. A reception followed at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center on the university's downtown West Berry campus.

St. Francis did, with humility and meekness, find peace, real peace, true rest, the peace and rest that are born of love, born of that greatest love, the love of the cross. In the cross, Francis saw love and he experienced love. His journey to Christ began at San Damiano with the gaze of the crucified Jesus, a deep experience in prayer of God's grace and love. St. Francis became a new creation. This is what happens to us, Pope Francis says, when we let the crucified Jesus gaze upon us."

"Francis is a model for us of taking up the cross of Jesus every day. ... The cross is love and the truth that sets us free. We should boast in nothing else. The humble St. Francis teaches us this great lesson."

Bishop Rhoades spoke directly to his audience by saying, "As a university your pursuit of excellence, learning and scholarship

is obviously very important. But that pursuit does not completely define your mission. You are a university under the patronage of the humble and poor St. Francis of Assisi, who reminds of us of the words of Jesus, that God has revealed His mysteries not to the wise and learned, but to the little ones, the childlike."

Bishop reminded his listeners, "From its small and humble beginnings in Lafayette 125 years ago until today, this university has been Catholic, inspired by a vision that goes beyond worldly success. It's a vision rooted in the Gospel, the Gospel that was St. Francis' daily bread. It's a mission that embraces learning in all its facets, yet most deeply and fundamentally, learning at the school of our Teacher and Master, the One who said, 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart.'"



Sister Monica Bertha, left, Jason Lipscomb, director of Alumni and Career, and Sister Angela Mellady, provincial of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, right, chat at the reception.

Bishop Rhoades asked for God's blessing on the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, the university's founding order of nuns who were in attendance in large numbers. Though the university has grown and changed, he said, its "Catholic identity and Franciscan inspiration has remained."

Following Mass, a reception was held in the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center on the university's downtown campus, where attendees gathered to share memories of the school.

Board of trustees member Dr. Michael Mastroangelo called the anniversary "quite an achievement," and cited the "wonderful way the board and sisters work together" for the good of the institution.

Board chairman Bill Niezer was enthusiastic in his praise. "It's hard not to get excited about the university. ... It is well positioned to take its place ... to shape the educational landscape of the community." Over the years it has always been the right institution for its time ... (now) "it has adapted to become the right institution for modern times."

President Sister Elise Kriss, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, addressed the crowd, recognizing dignitaries and thanking them for helping to make the occasion memorable. An historical video recounted the early days

of the university, its growth and advancement over the past century and its more recent accomplishments.

Looking to the future, Sister Kriss spoke of plans for the downtown campus, which will house the Keith Busse School of Business and the School of Music Technology and be home to 300 students, staff and faculty within a very short time.

She reiterated the university's mission statement: Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of faith and reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service. Its students learn to respect the unique dignity of each person, encourage a trustful, prayerful community of learners, serve each other, society and the Church and respect creation, she said.

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 in Lafayette by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration as a small training school for sisters who wished to become teachers. Today it has an enrollment of 2,300 male and female students in a wide array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

There appears to be no limitations on what the future may hold for the growing, vibrant, faith-filled institution of higher learning that is the University of Saint Francis.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



NORB SAUTER

First-grade students at Queen of Angels School in Fort Wayne are introduced to the Blessed Sacrament by teacher Kathy Schnurr, at left.

ST. MARY STUDENTS JOURNEY WITH POPE FRANCIS



SARAH LAKE

Students at St. Mary School, Avilla, pledged to "Walk with Francis" during the pope's visit to the U.S. They viewed the pope's arrival in the U.S., shared prayer requests and 'tied' the visit with the pope's favorite Blessed Mother devotion, Mary, Undoer of Knots.

Respecting Life

St. André Bessette Guild promotes faith in medicine

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

SOUTH BEND — Amid a field increasingly void of a respect for the dignity of the human person, the newly founded St. André Bessette Guild of the Catholic Medical Association promotes the Church teaching in the medical field, providing medical professionals with faith, formation and fellowship that fosters the practice of Catholicism amid the practice of medicine.

Chartered April of 2015, the guild operates under the direction of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the leadership of guild president Dr. John Rice, pediatrician, and vice president Dr. David Parker, obstetrician gynecologist. Father Glenn Kohrman of Holy Family Parish in South Bend serves as the chaplain. The St. André Bessette Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is both a community and a resource for Catholic medical professionals in the Michiana region, educating on Church teaching, fostering a network of supportive individuals, and providing opportunities for spiritual enrichment.

The guild is under the patronage of St. André of Montreal, a Congregation of Holy Cross brother who was known for his gift of healing. A humble doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, Canada, St. André spent his days in the simple service of greeting visitors, inviting them to always “go to Joseph!” with their intentions. He would bless them with oil from his oil lamp, and individuals often found healing. Brother André received visitors in such large numbers that he built a church to St. Joseph where visitors could go to pray. St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada, is now one of the largest churches in North America. St. André was chosen as patron due to his gift of healing and because this area is both named for St. Joseph and filled with a Holy Cross presence.

Dr. John Rice, president, is a pediatrician who believes in the antecedence of the importance of life and foundation of faith in the medical field. A lifelong Catholic, Rice shares that, “My own experience of raising seven children and practicing pediatrics has helped me appreciate the beauty of life from its very beginning and in all its forms.” For Rice, the practice of faith cannot



be separated from the practice of medicine: “The Catholic physician must first have an active prayer life and be close to the sacraments.”

Guild Vice President Dr. David Parker, obstetrician gynecologist, echoes the importance of having a strong faith while working in the medical field. In the field of reproductive health, Parker recognizes that the mainstream OB/GYN field is saturated with contraception and sterilization. He shares, “I felt pregnancy and childbirth was such a beautiful life event that, despite the seeming barriers to becoming an obstetrician gynecologist (committed to the teachings of the Church), I wanted to pursue it anyway.” He believes that a respect for life begins with a respect for a dignity of the human person and that “an important aspect of the dignity of the human person is his or her procreative potential.”

Parker continues, “All healing comes through Christ, and as medical professionals we have a real opportunity to be the healing hand of Christ in the world. It can be easy to get lost in the ‘mechanics of medicine’ and forget that each patient is an encounter with the suffering Christ. We believe having a strong sacramental life is essential to living out our vocation as medical providers, because it transforms medical practice from simply treating physical illness to being the healing hand

of Christ. Being a member of the Catholic Medical Association can help us to live out our faith in our medical practice.”

The guild serves the Michiana area and is open to all medical professionals and to anyone interested in healthcare. Students are also welcome to join the group. Joining the Catholic Medical Association is not a requirement of joining the guild; although, it is certainly encouraged.

Meetings allow for members to spend time in prayer together, and include discussions of the practice of medicine in light of the Catholic faith. Rice shares, “It is important for Catholics in the health professions to know that they are not alone; that there are others who are also committed to integrating the faith into their professional lives. We have much to learn from each other as we share the challenges each has encountered in living the faith within the world of medicine.”

As the guild continues to grow, events will include educational conferences, service opportunities and activities for students and community members. They are in the process of planning a morning reflection in November.

The guild encourages all medical professionals to attend the South Bend White Mass, which will be held at St. Pius X,

in Granger, on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres will be served after Mass, with a 7:15 p.m. panel discussion titled “End of Life Rituals and Traditions. ... Jewish, Christian and Islamic Perspectives.” Panelists include Imam Sirajuddin, Holy Cross Father Tom Jones and a Jewish rabbi. For reservations, contact Maria Toth at 574-335-2351 or tothml@sjmcc.com.

For more information, upcoming events, membership information, and more, visit the guild website: www.cathmedsb.org.

Individuals in the Fort Wayne area are invited to check out the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Guild of the Catholic Medical Association: www.fortwaynecma.com.

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~ POPE FRANCIS



From the very beginning to the very end

The gift of a child

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — As an academic researcher and now as a parent and pro-life advocate, Mary O'Callaghan has found that it is those living at the margins of society who show us what is most central to who we are as humans. O'Callaghan holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from



MARY O'CALLAGHAN

the University of Notre Dame and is the mother of five children, including her youngest, Tommy, who has Down syndrome.

After completing her doctoral work in developmental

disabilities, O'Callaghan started a family and devoted herself primarily to raising her children. But when Tommy was born eight years ago, she says, "I felt like I kind of came full circle and returned to the field of disability in a way I hadn't anticipated, with a much different perspective." Having studied disability in terms of addressing deficits, she found that parenting a child with disability shattered the neat categories

she had used as a researcher.

"When you have your own child," she says, "you realize that those categories are not at all helpful, because the way that people function is not in isolation but in relationship and in community with other people. We realized quickly that it almost didn't matter what Tommy's disabilities were, because in our family we could adjust and compensate. We focus on the gifts he gives us as a person."

O'Callaghan admits that she had never thought of abortion as a disability issue until Tommy was born. "It wasn't until I was holding my own child with a disability in my arms that the horror of it struck me, because the gift of his life was so self-evident that it was really painful to contemplate that people could so easily dispose of children like my son."

While O'Callaghan continues to raise her children and home-school her two youngest, she has also become a passionate advocate for the pro-life cause as it relates to disability. As a Public Policy Fellow at Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture, she regularly gives talks on the topic of prenatal diagnosis, disability and abortion. In February 2015, she testified before the Indiana Senate in favor of a bill that would ban abortion due to poor prenatal diagnosis.

Because the U.S. does not keep consistent data on the reasons that abortions are performed, it is difficult to determine the percentage of children aborted due to a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome or other disabilities. Recent research suggests that between 60 and 90 percent of babies diagnosed definitively as having Down syndrome while in utero are aborted in the U.S.

Parents are often pressured to abort by medical personnel, O'Callaghan says. "They use euphemistic terms like 'early induction' or 'therapeutic abortion.'" Parents also wrestle with their own fears of what it would mean to raise a disabled child.

O'Callaghan says that what's frustrating is that "there is a really deep disconnect between the fears that parents have and the actual lived experience." The medical community often fails to provide support and resources for families facing a prenatal diagnosis and are even reluctant to refer them to organizations like the Michiana

Down Syndrome Family Support and Advocacy Group, in which O'Callaghan has been active for the last eight years. She thinks that parents often choose abortion because they only hear about the difficulties but not the joys associated with raising a child with disability.

"We love our son despite all of his issues related to his condition, and it helps us realize that this is how God loves us too," O'Callaghan says. "So it's a joyful life, because I feel like we understand what it means to be loved by God in a way that might not be as easy to grasp when you have kids without special needs."

What prepared O'Callaghan and her family perhaps more than anything else for the gift of Tommy's life was their experience of previous loss. O'Callaghan had several miscarriages and two daughters who were stillborn before she got pregnant with Tommy. "For us, a disability wasn't a problem; death was a problem. We had lost so many children that we were just glad he was alive," she says.

O'Callaghan's experience has led her to reach out to other families who are walking the same path she and her family have walked. She is in the process of establishing a ministry at the diocesan level that will support families facing difficult prenatal diagnoses in which the child may or may not live to term or long after birth. Modeled after a non-profit called Be Not Afraid, the outreach will connect families with a peer mentor to help them walk through the process of carrying their child to term, understanding the diagnosis, dealing with grief or whatever the family may need.

"I think that the Church, and rightly so, asks parents to step out in radical trust when they have a child with a poor prenatal diagnosis," says O'Callaghan. "I love this approach because it's telling parents, 'This is a hard journey, but we'll help you.' It's really about accompanying parents on a difficult but very joyful journey of letting them experience the gift of their child."

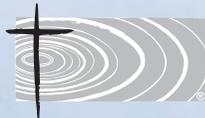
O'Callaghan invites anyone interested in supporting this ministry, particularly in a mentoring role, to contact Mary Glowaski, director of Special Ministries for the diocese, at 260-399-1458.

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Dr. Ashley Fernandes to speak at White Mass on virtues in medicine

FORT WAYNE — The White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for all area medical professionals on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. A dinner reception will follow at St. Mary's Church with featured speaker Pediatrician and Bioethics Professor Ashley K. Fernandes, who will speak on “Reclaiming the Medical Culture.” The White Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana. Today's Catholic recently interviewed Dr. Fernandes.

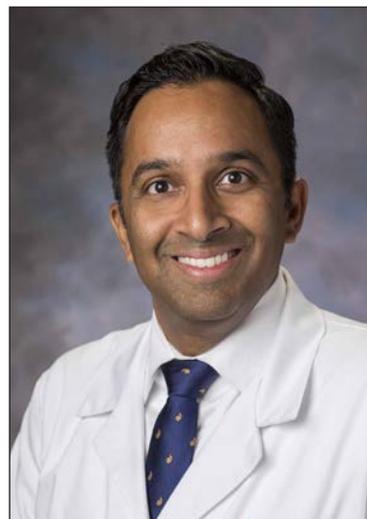
TC: How did you decide to become a pediatrician?

Dr. Fernandes: I decided to become a pediatrician because I really felt drawn to heal the suffering of children, whose voice grows with every stage of development. While all patients are vulnerable, the child who needs a doctor is particularly fragile. My passion for education fed easily into the duty to provide every parent with the anticipatory guidance and confidence they need to raise healthy children. It was Frederick Douglass who said, “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

TC: Please provide a brief biography.

Dr. Fernandes: I am the associate director of the Center for Bioethics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and an associate professor of pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus Ohio. I attended the University of Toledo, graduating in 1994 with two degrees, in philosophy and biology. I received a master's in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University (1999); an MD from The Ohio State University (2003); and a PhD in philosophy (bioethics) from Georgetown University (2008). I have been a member of the Catholic Medical Association since medical school. I am an advisor to the CMA Medical Student Section, and a member of the national CMA Speaker's Bureau.

I am of Indian descent, my father (a physician) and mother (an educator), having emigrated



DR. ASHLEY K. FERNANDES

from Mumbai, India, before I was born. I have four brothers: two physicians, one magistrate (and deacon), and one a Roman Catholic priest (and dean of the seminary in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati). I became active in the pro-life cause in high school, organizing local student-run rallies for life. I am now on the Board of Trustees of Ohio Right to Life, and have testified before the state legislature as well as provided expert testimony in bioethics for legal cases supporting the culture of life. My wife Shruti (a family physician) and I raise two rambunctious boys in Hilliard, Ohio.

TC: It appears you come from a family of physicians who have a commitment to the Catholic faith. How does your faith play a role in your profession?

Dr. Fernandes: Faith is inseparable from vocation. Whether that is as a parent or as a physician, faith animates everything, gives it purpose, helps what you do to have meaning for yourself and those you serve. When we act in truth — in my case as a physician for children or a teacher for students — we perfect our being and become closer to the person God calls us to be. Secularists in the culture want us to “leave our religion at the door” when we put on the white coat. To the Christian, however, Jesus must be central to everything we do — whether that is caring for poor, or protecting the sanctity of all human

life. Faith in medicine gives us a radically different perspective than the secular world on everything from unborn human life to human suffering to social justice, and in my view, one we should not be ashamed of, because our view is simply better.

TC: Please share a few sentences about your involvement with the Ohio Right to Life.

Dr. Fernandes: I have been a president's trustee of Ohio Right to Life since 2011. We are arguably the most successful grass-roots pro-life organization run at the state level. We have passed legislation which redirected funds from Planned Parenthood, and this year — are working to pass bans on abortion for Down syndrome children, as well as a pain-capable abortion ban. ORTL utilizes a smart strategy of lobbying for incremental changes in law, which propel attitudinal change; we will not stop until the abortion business is eliminated. My role is to act for them, when I can, as an educational advisor on medical issues, and, if called upon, to deliver testimony or guidance to legislators at their behest.

TC: How do you encourage others in the medical profession to respect life at all stages?

Dr. Fernandes: Studies suggest that the way medical students and residents learn professionalism is through the observation and guidance of their teachers. Be the physician that sees the disabled patient, the poor patient, the patient that comes late, the patient that smells, the patient with Down syndrome, the gay or lesbian patient, the patient who has just had her third abortion. Treating every person as a child of God has an impact on yourself, but also on those around you. Try to be the best you can be, to work up to the talents which God has given you — but then also be prepared to speak up. And by that I mean, when physicians harm human life or disrespect the inherent dignity of others, they need to be challenged.

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“This is my body,
which will be given for you”
Luke 22:19



TC: Please share the importance of Catholic medical associations for those in your profession?

Dr. Fernandes: Being an authentic, believing Catholic — despite the massive crowds around the recent visit of Pope Francis — is truly countercultural. And it certainly is in science and medicine. There are clinicians and academics in my field who hate Catholicism — literally — if you uphold the Church's teachings on abortion, contraception and traditional marriage. Therefore, for physicians, residents, students, anyone in healthcare interested in joining a group who is unashamed

to defend the Church and promote a positive, life-giving message of medicine in the culture — join and support the Catholic Medical Association. Many cities such as Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and others — have local "guilds," which provide networks of support and spiritual strength. Visit www.cathmed.org for more information.

TC: What will you speak about at the White Mass dinner?

Dr. Fernandes: At the White Mass dinner, I hope to be able to convey the importance and meaning of the virtue of courage in medicine. This

is a version of an address I gave at the national Catholic Medical Association conference last year in Orlando. I hope to critically evaluate post-modern conceptions of bioethics and the relationship to the human person, in light of an authentic Catholic philosophical anthropology. I will apply a Catholic framework to specific practical solutions for reinvigorating the profession of medicine, focusing on the virtues. I encourage any Catholic — in medicine or not — to attend, support the local CMA guild, and pray for strength for your brothers and sisters in the medical field.

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Maggie's story: Living like dad

BY MAGGIE KARNER

I was nervous and uncomfortable as I drove to the hospice facility to visit my dad. Just a few weeks prior, he had suffered a severe fall that damaged his spinal cord and left him unable to move from his neck down. It took my family and me quite a while to accept that my dad was a person with quadriplegia. It took dad even longer.

My formerly healthy and active father would no longer be doing much of anything for himself. His health was quickly failing due to his age and the stress the accident imposed on his system, and I realized we were entering a new phase of dad's existence: the end of his life. I struggled with how to reconcile this fact with my belief in a God who loved dad and our family.

Watching anyone suffer, especially a loved one, is one of the hardest human experiences. Physical and emotional pain seep into us and affect us profoundly. For me, watch-

ing my father come to terms with his prognosis was agonizing. At first it was awkward trying to converse with a father I only knew as "dad," the guy who loaned me the car keys in high school and made sure I could balance my checkbook in college. But eventually, the conversation turned to life's more significant topics. This was new, but refreshing, and it soon became a time that our family cherished. I learned more about my dad in those last five months than I had ever known. At one point he even remarked how great it was to have the time to just talk together.

As time progressed, his condition deteriorated, bringing dementia, and later, the end stages leading to his death. "Why doesn't God just take him already?" my siblings and I cried. It was so hard to see him linger.

Looking back, I'm convinced that walking through those moments with dad made both of us different and better people. God loved us enough to allow those moments —

even and especially moments of suffering — in order to teach us lessons which helped us to grow spiritually and emotionally. Dad left a legacy. He taught me how to live and die with faith and with dignity marked by patience and grace. He taught me that dignity can't be diminished by pain or loss of personal control. Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity.

Dad taught me that Jesus was walking along with him through "the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4). Christ's journey to the cross left Him alone, in pain, and by all appearances, abandoned by His Father in heaven. Because of this, dad knew Christ experienced and understood suffering more deeply than any of us can comprehend, and he taught me that our suffering is not meaningless when we unite it with Christ's own suffering.

I needed to know that message because my own life today is filled with chemo treatments, fatigue and

a gradual loss of physical function. I've been diagnosed with aggressive glioblastoma brain cancer. This is a terminal diagnosis, and I'm only 51 with three kids and a busy husband. It pains me to watch them struggle to care for me daily. I cry out to God every night with the same questions my father did. But I am certain my God hears my cries, which are sometimes angry, sometimes frustrated and sometimes exhausted. I know this because Jesus also cried out to His Father in pain and showed me that God can handle our questions, our fears and our uncertainties.

My dad's legacy of faith and courage has been a beacon for me, lighting my path as I walk through the valley of the shadow of my own death. I know that in some states, I could legally seek to end my life with a lethal prescription. However, I also know that there is much more to my story, and many more people involved in it, than just myself. Assisted suicide wouldn't end suffering; it would increase it for those left behind.

The current debate about legalizing physician-assisted suicide isn't about me or any other individual; it's about all of us together—as a society and as a community of faith. We are meant to be interdependent, to serve each other in humility and to walk together in suffering.

Assisted suicide also involves more than just the patient. It includes doctors, pharmacists, witnesses and the state, which we trust to protect and safeguard the most vulnerable: people with disabilities, the elderly, people with mental illnesses and others. Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of

care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me.

When societies accept assisted suicide as a "quick fix" for terminally ill patients, they lose the incentive to improve genuine end-of-life care and pain control — or even to offer it to those who want it. For example, some cancer patients in Oregon have been denied coverage of treatment to sustain their lives, and instead offered coverage for assisted suicide.

Many patients have lived full and active lives for years after receiving a six-month prognosis. Sadly, opinions about projected timelines can lead people to give up on treatment and miss out on years of life. I have decided to take part in a new clinical trial for my cancer, hoping to find a cure — if not for me, then for others who will follow me. I hope for the gift of healing from God, but I trust in His love for me and His plan for my life, however long or short that may be.

This is very personal for me. My brain cancer — or what I can or can't do — doesn't define me as a person. But it does give me the opportunity to witness to the fact that every human life has incredible dignity, whether we are infirm or able. And all the while, my family and friends can daily learn the valuable lessons of caring for me in my last days with real compassion and respect. Through their loving care, they affirm what I also know — that my life is, always has been and always will be, worth living.

Maggie Karner was diagnosed with terminal illness at the age of 50, but did not give up hope. This article was reprinted from materials provided by the USCCB.



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The wonder of your works.*

Psalm 139, 13-14

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The shoes of the fisherman

In 1968, there was a popular film entitled “The Shoes of the Fisherman,” about an archbishop from Ukraine — a former political prisoner who is elected pope. On the evening after his election, he sneaks out of the Vatican dressed as a simple priest to explore the city of Rome. He declines to wear the papal tiara. He undertakes to sell the Church’s property to relieve a famine in China, and encourages wealthy nations to follow his example.

Ten years after the movie was released, people would have been struck by how it prefigured St. John Paul II, another down-to-earth pope from Eastern Europe, who spent much of his reign dealing with communists.

Today, it’s the simplicity of the Anthony Quinn character (Pope Kiril) that stands out. Pope Francis was here, at The Catholic University of America, recently and I found myself thinking of his humble black shoes, and of the modest Fiat 500L that picked him up at Joint Base Andrews, when he first set foot on American soil.

These are not just symbolic gestures by Pope Francis, who lives in a modest guesthouse rather than the Apostolic Palace. After his election, he returned to the boarding house where he stayed during the conclave, to pick up his luggage and pay his bill. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, he rode the bus, cooked his own meals and lived in a run-down part of town.

People are drawn to the pope because of his lack of pretension. Ordinary folk can identify with a man who walks in their shoes and rides in a car like the one they own.

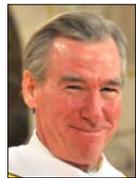
The big event during the pope’s visit to Washington was an outdoor Mass, which he celebrated from the portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The congregation, 25,000 people, gathered on our front lawn at Catholic University. En route to Mass, the pope rode around the campus in an open car. He reached out to touch students; he even mugged for pictures.

Pope Francis has a different appeal than rock stars and presidents. People who shake those hands don’t just imagine they’ve had a brush with greatness; they feel somehow ennobled by the contact as well. The attraction of Pope Francis is rather that he seems so human, so like us. He seems to make holiness a realistic aspiration for ordinary people.

This is not to say that popes or, for that matter, lawyers who live less modestly are morally culpable. Popes have worn red shoes since the 16th century, and at least a few of them are saints. St. John Paul II (for the record, he wore brown shoes) sometimes rode in an SUV with bulletproof windows, for good reason: He was shot in 1981 while riding in an open Fiat popemobile.

Fancy clothes and cars have their place. What bride would want to go down the aisle in Dr. Martens brogues, or ride to her wedding reception in a hoopedi?

But the world, especially the West, needs the example Pope Francis is setting. Ownership of material goods is not intrinsically evil, but all the stuff we have can distract us from the love of God, which ought to command our attention.



JOHN GARVEY

INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

In “The Divine Comedy,” Dante put many popes and cardinals among the greedy in the fourth circle of hell. The damned souls there are so preoccupied, jousting with weights (depicted in later art as huge moneybags), that they do not even notice the presence of Dante and Virgil.

But we did notice the visit of Pope Francis last week, precisely because he paid so little attention to outward show. He gave new meaning to walking in the shoes of the fisherman.

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Dorothy Day’s Legacy to the Culture of Life

In his address to Congress a few weeks ago, Pope Francis spoke about four Americans who he believed symbolized the best about our nation and who left a valuable legacy for future generations. One of these people, and the only woman among them, was Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, whose cause for canonization has been opened. While her work with and for the poor is well-known and widely admired, Dorothy Day’s convictions about abortion and birth control may be surprising to some. These convictions were forged, in part, from her own personal experience of having had an abortion at the age of 21, before her conversion to Catholicism. At the time, she had been living in the fast lane in New York’s Greenwich Village, and when she discovered she was pregnant, the father of her child insisted she have an abortion. Dorothy reluctantly agreed in the hope of saving the relationship, only to lose both her baby and her boyfriend.

Years later, in a letter to a young woman, Dorothy described the terrible aftermath she experienced from her abortion: “Twice I tried to take my own life, and the dear Lord pulled me through that darkness — I was rescued from that darkness. My sickness was physical, too, since I had had an abortion with bad after-effects, and in a way my sickness of mind was a penance I had to endure.” (All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day by Robert Ellsberg). She was left with a deep fear that she would never be able to



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bear a child again, and it was her awe and gratitude at the birth of her daughter, Tamar Teresa, a few years later that catapulted Dorothy towards conversion and the Catholic Church.

When the Supreme Court handed down its infamous Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion on demand in January of 1973, Dorothy Day was the lead signatory to the Catholic Peace Fellowship Statement decrying the decision. Here is an excerpt:

The January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion deprives all unborn human beings of any protection whatever against incursions upon their right to life and has thus created a situation we find morally intolerable, and one which we feel obliged to protest.

From the point of view of biological science the fetus is an individual human life. The social sciences may attempt to define “fully human” in a variety of ways, but their findings are inconclusive and, at best, tentative and certainly supply no basis for determining who is or who is not to enjoy the gift of life. No one has the right to choose life

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Being a faithful disciple is everything



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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:17-30

The Book of Wisdom is the source of this weekend’s first reading. As the name implies, this ancient book was designed to insist that believing in the one God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was not ridiculous but in fact the ultimate in wisdom and human logic.

In this weekend’s reading, an interesting literary technique occurs. Wisdom is presented not as an abstract virtue or reality of the mind, but as a person. Possibly as a result, Christians long ago came to identify

the most profound wisdom with the Holy Spirit.

Jewish scholars realized at the time that in the last analysis gold was of no greater value than sand. Realizing this fact, it was easy to look either with scorn or pity upon people who spent their earthly lives and even acted criminally just to obtain gold. The lust for gold was the supreme idiocy.

Understanding the inevitable worthlessness of gold is true wisdom.

For its second reading, the Church presents a section from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Drawing upon the ancient Jewish notion of material wealth, accompanied by ignoring God and God’s law, the epistles declares that knowing what God has revealed, and living accordingly, represent the greatest wisdom.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. Asked what is essential to possessing eternal life, Jesus answered that the person truly wishing to have life must obey the Ten Commandments, the great gift of God to the people of Israel

through Moses.

Questioned further, Jesus replied that a person must disregard their personal thirst for material things, a thirst so strong among humans, and in turn give to the poor.

The man asking the questions could not personally accept this last admonition. Greatly disappointed, he turned and walked away from Jesus. He could not remove himself from the belongings he had acquired.

This weekend’s reading is very familiar to Christians. It is the story of “rich young man.”

This man, obviously a man of means, is a sad figure. Obviously, he felt the impulse to follow God’s plan. He asked Jesus what was required for salvation. He was unwilling to give his riches to the poor, as Jesus counselled, but he was sad in this decision. In other words, holding onto his wealth brought him no joy or peace of mind.

Reflection

The French Navy, over the years, has named four warships the

“Richelieu,” surely the only vessels of warfare named to honor a Catholic cardinal!

Each ship honored one of the most famous figures in French history, Cardinal Armand Jean de Plessis, Duc de Richelieu, (1585-1642), not remembered for his religious piety but for his skill as a politician and statesman.

For many years prime minister to the French king, Louis XIII, the cardinal made France mighty, glorious and rich. He himself was one of the most powerful people on earth.

Finally he neared death. He supposedly said, “If I had exchanged my cardinal’s red for the Carthusian white (habit), my palace for a (monastic) cell, I would not be afraid to die.”

The coming of death opened his eyes. He saw what truly mattered.

Cardinal Richelieu was not the only person, mighty in earthly accomplishments, to look back upon life and regret that so much energy was spent on obtaining things and gaining control.

He never was an immoral man. He went through the motions of being

a priest and bishop. He never denied any Church teaching. His goals, however, were askew.

In these readings, the Church tells us that being a faithful disciple is everything. It should not be hard for us to be convinced. Look at the rich and powerful, dry and hopeless at death, and then look at the joy of the dying faithful.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17

Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

Monday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12

The pope, the Congress, and a Trappist

I had the extraordinary privilege last week of following the pope's pilgrimage at very close quarters. I had this access both as a bishop and as a commentator for NBC News. It was thrilling indeed to witness just how rapturously the American people received the pope and how affected the Holy Father was by this reception. Many images stay vividly in my mind: the pope kissing the forehead of the 10-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, the rabbi and imam praying together at the September 11th memorial, a little boy from a New York Catholic school showing the pope how to maneuver his way around a Smart Board. But what stays most powerfully with me is the pope speaking to a joint meeting of the United States Congress in Washington, D.C.

My first assignment for NBC last week was the "Today Show's" coverage of the pope's arrival on the south lawn of the White House. As I sat on the platform with Matt Lauer and Maria Shriver, I looked across at the stately obelisk of the Washington Monument, and I remembered an extraordinary event from the mid-19th century. Along with many other world leaders, Pope Pius IX had sent a block for the construction of the monument to the Father of our country, but an angry mob of anti-Catholic bigots took that piece of marble and threw it into the Potomac. This, of course, was not an isolated or purely egregious act of vandalism; rather, it partook of a widespread and deeply-rooted hatred of Catholicism that lasted in this country in fairly virulent form up to the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960. That the pope of Rome would be graciously received at the White House and welcomed to speak before the entire Congress of the United States would have struck most Americans, for much of our history, as simply unthinkable. And this is why (and I'll confess it openly) my eyes filled

with tears as I saw the pope standing at the rostrum in the House of Representatives, the cheers of the gathered lawmakers washing over him.

And as I listened to the pope's words that day, I was even more astonished. As is his wont, Francis didn't trade in abstractions. Instead, he focused his remarks on four outstanding figures from American history — Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton — each of whom spoke of some dimension of authentic freedom. Anyone familiar with my work over the years would know that all four of these people are heroes of mine. I have a photo of Lincoln over the desk in my office; I have written extensively on King and have done a number of videos on his life and legacy; Dorothy Day is featured prominently in my documentary "Catholicism" (see Episode 2); and Thomas Merton is, quite simply, one of the major reasons that I entered the Priesthood, and a photo of him is in eyeshot as I type these words.

I would love to explore the pope's analysis of each of these giants, but given the limited scope of this article, I will focus on the one I consider the most important, namely Merton. What Merton signaled for the pope was the openness to dialogue with other religions to be sure, but also and more significantly, the contemplative openness to the reality of God, to a dimension that goes beyond the empirical world and the achievements of the individual ego. This is of supreme importance, for when a sense of God evanesces — as it has increasingly in our secularized Western world — all we have left for understanding human affairs are psychological and political categories. Armed only with these, we fall into the customary patterns of left and right, liberal and conservative, open to change and suspicious of change,

WORD ON FIRE



BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

etc. And this, furthermore, makes Catholic social teaching so confounding to the pundits and politicians. How can the Catholic Church simultaneously advocate against abortion and assisted suicide but for immigration reform and attention to the poor? How can it stand against the abuse of the environment and for the free market, against the death penalty, and for the family? With God out of the picture, it is indeed hard to make sense of such an array of opinions, but with God at the heart of things, the various positions of the Church fall into harmony, much like the medallions in a rose window. If God exists, then every individual person that He has created is a subject of rights, freedom and dignity. If God exists, then no one is expendable and everyone is equally worthy of respect. It is none other than the contemplative attitude exemplified by Thomas Merton that reveals this deep consistency.

How wonderful and strange that a pope would be addressing Congress at all, but how surpassing wonderful and strange it was that he should use the occasion to hold up before the lawmakers of the most powerful nation on earth the example of a Trappist monk who gave his life to the contemplation of God.

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our words and theirs on any of these issues will be measured by our readiness to recognize and deal with the underlying social problems which turn many people to these deadly alternatives, to condemn all forms of social and economic injustice and to work for their elimination and the establishment of a social order in which all may find it easier to be "fully human."

The houses of hospitality, which Dorothy Day founded, were intended precisely to help foster an environment in which all may find it easier to be "fully human" and they were open to anyone in need, including pregnant women and single mothers. Dorothy was well aware that Planned Parenthood's push for greater access to birth control and abortion in poor neighborhoods was a thinly veiled and often racist attempt to eliminate, not poverty, but rather, the poor. In a television interview with Hubert Jessup in 1974, Dorothy called birth control and abortion another form of genocide. "They

claim the poor are bringing forth tremendous numbers of children, and the 'solution' is to kill them off — the seed that is dead seed — by whatever methods they use: whether it's intra-uterine devices, or the pill — about which they're very dubious. ... the whole program of birth control and abortion, is a way of keeping down the population of the poor."

As we observe Respect Life Month once again in our nation, may we be edified by Dorothy Day's legacy and consider how we can continue to put into practice her enduring contribution to the culture of life.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 11, 2015

Mark 10:17-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a story about camels and needles and riches. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOURNEY	KNELT	TEACHER
MUST I DO	INHERIT	ETERNAL
CALL ME	GOOD	STEAL
FALSE	DEFRAUD	HONOR
FROM MY YOUTH	TREASURE	FOLLOW ME
AMAZED	HOW HARD	NEEDLE
RICH	POSSIBLE	GOSPEL

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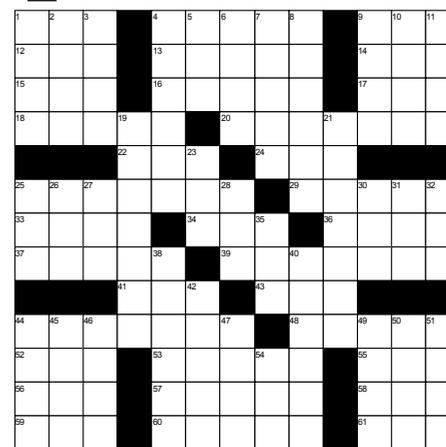
or death for another; to assume such power has always been recognized as the ultimate form of oppression.

A primary obligation of civil society is to protect the innocent. A legal situation such as now exists in the United States, making abortion available upon demand, is an abdication of the state's responsibility to protect the most basic of rights, the right to life....

For many years we have urged upon our spiritual leaders the inter-relatedness of the life issues, war, capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia and economic exploitation. We welcome the energetic leadership our bishops are giving in the abortion controversy and we are proud to join our voices with theirs. At the same time we must point out that, ultimately, the sincerity of

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Based on these readings: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 and Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

ACROSS

- 1 Cloistered woman
- 4 Analyze
- 9 Slide on snow
- 12 Terminal abbr.
- 13 Birds "thumb"
- 14 Cooking pot
- 15 Rich young man became
- 16 Ocean (big ship)
- 17 of the covenant
- 18 "You not"
- 20 First Bible book
- 22 where birds lived
- 24 Ferret
- 25 Fame
- 29 HQ of British India

- 33 Tiny branch
- 34 Metronome marking
- 36 Raise up
- 37 Computer equipment
- 39 Yoke
- 41 Drunk
- 43 Central Intelligence Agency
- 44 Acidic
- 48 Sign of God's presence
- 52 Rowing tool
- 53 Rasping
- 55 African antelope
- 56 Married woman
- 57 Efface
- 58 Type of partnership

- 59 Environmental agency (abbr.)
- 60 Storms
- 61 Aurora

DOWN

- 1 Loch monster
- 2 Mormon State
- 3 Zero
- 4 Livid
- 5 "Noble" Arabic name
- 6 Part of a ladder
- 7 God put Adam to
- 8 Merited
- 9 Baths
- 10 Tamil curry
- 11 Pen fillers
- 19 Nobility of spirit
- 21 The City
- 23 Jacob did from Esau
- 25 Short-term memory
- 26 Christ has natures
- 27 Assist
- 28 Car speed
- 30 Downwind
- 31 Owns
- 32 Tax Service
- 35 and cheese
- 38 "Leaves father & "
- 40 Nothing compared to Wisdom
- 42 Jeweled headdress
- 44 "Let the children to me"
- 45 Retired persons group (abbr.)
- 46 Minor (Little Dipper)
- 47 Cliff
- 49 Stare at
- 50 "For you a child is given"
- 51 Lemons
- 54 Compass point

Answer Key can be found on page 19.

Sports

LADY COUGARS RESUME WINNING WAY AT BETHEL In women's soccer, Heather Jones and Mackenzie Starcevich scored goals helping the University of Saint Francis to a 2-0 win at Bethel College on Saturday, Oct. 3. The 29th-ranked Lady Cougars improved to 8-4 overall, 2-1 in Crossroads League action. Jones scored at 28:19 off a pass from Nicole Stephan. Starcevich scored at 80:41. Morgan Hammon had six saves in her third start in goal for USF. The Lady Cougars had a 16-10 advantage in shots, but both team has six shots-on-goal apiece. Bethel College had seven corner kicks, USF three. USF was scheduled to play Marian University Oct. 7 at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium.

Squires take the Blue League volleyball title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In front of a packed house, the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Squires and the St. Rose/St. Louis Twins squared off for the Blue League season title on Sunday, Oct. 4 at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. Both entering the contest undefeated in league play, the matchup did not disappoint with the two well-matched teams battling it out to a third game.

The Twins took the first game 25-22 and the Squires the second 25-23, but it was all Squires in the third to claim the victory, 15-8.

A pleased Squire Coach Troy Girod explained, "It's always a great game between these two teams. Both teams played some good volleyball."

In other action at St. Joseph, Decatur, over the weekend, the seventh-grade Twins defeated St. Therese 7 by scores of 25-20 and 25-17. The eighth-grade Crusaders downed Most Precious Blood 25-14, 25-21.

In other eighth-grade games, St. Joseph, Decatur, beat New Haven, 25-18, 25-6, on Saturday, but lost a close one to St. Vincent

on Sunday, 21-25, 25-23, 6-15. Finally, St. Joseph, Decatur, 7 got by St. Jude (7), 25-22, 25-17.

CYO football

On the gridiron, Coach Sam Talarico reported that St. Charles moved to 5-0 on the year with a 32-0 victory over a tough Central Catholic squad. The Cardinal defense was again stifling and allowed no first downs. Led by their front of Braeden Groves, Nolan Hoffman, Johnathan Knepper, Lucas Krohn and Sam "Ando" Andonian, the St. Charles defense played with energy all day. Sam Cornewell and Blayne Huston intercepted passes and Groves had a scoop-six touchdown to help with the defense as well. On offense, the Cardinals had two touchdowns from receiver Jaden Parnin as well as rushing touchdowns from Hayden Ellinger and Krohn. The touchdown passes were thrown by Patrick O'Keefe and seventh-grader Brenden Lytle.

The undefeated Cards will face a one-loss St. Vincent's squad next week with the regular season CYO title on the line.

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — With the backdrop of a blue-grey October sky the Inter-City Catholic League would crown its 2015 regular season champion as the two undefeateds matched up at Bob Otolowski Field at Marian High School.

The Mishawaka Catholic Saints hadn't given up a point since Labor Day weekend and the Panthers of St. Anthony were the only team to eclipse the 100-point barrier on their way towards the historic contest.

The Saints would get the ball first and their game plan was easy — give the ball to talented backs Charlie Maxwell, Michael Schaffer and Thadeous Horvath, drive the ball behind a big line and win the point of attack.

The game plan was true, however, when quarterback Josh Gill would drop back to pass the smothering defense of the Panthers and the play of lockdown cornerback Connor Farrell dominated leaving the first possession of the Saints stuck in a quagmire of maroon and gold.

The Panthers had more skill players involved in their diverse offense and used all of them — running backs Tyler Deboe, Michael Floran, Kenzel Kelly and Paxon Campbell, along with a very talented quarterback in Luke Leonard — on their opening series.

St. Anthony's had a huge 11-play drive that was stopped by a series of self-inflicted penalties and then a big hit by Saint defender Aaron Fuller that forced a punting situation.

The Saints again had a blueprint that saw their running backs flourish, but a passing attack that served up a sack, incomplete pass

Cardegles excel in cross-country competition

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At the West Noble Invite, which featured some of the best middle school runners and teams from Northern Indiana, Cardegles coach Dan Kaufman reported that the girls had an outstanding performance finishing fourth out of 29 teams and the boys finished 15th.

Individually, Aileen Delaney was the top Cardegle finisher at 15th followed by Natalee Vogan at 32nd, while Cardegle Jason

Final season standings

	WIN	LOSS	TIE
Mishawaka Catholic	4	0	0
St. Anthony	3	1	0
Holy Cross	2	2	0
St. Matthew	1	3	0
West Side Catholic	0	4	0

and finally an interception by Panther Colby Szymczak ending the drive and essentially the half.

The Saint play of attack after the intermission would be a simple one — place the ball in the belly of Horvath, block and watch him do the rest as the big back carried defenders down the field during the 58-yard march. Miguel Ortiz' leg couldn't be any more important as the golden limb lifted the points extra try through the uprights giving his squad an 8-0 lead.

The Panthers would not roll over as they let DeBoe and Floran do most of the heavy lifting and on the 14th play of their second half drive a counter to Floran put a stamp on the score.

The dependable leg of Panther Campbell, who was 12 for 13 during the four contests, hit the ball solid but the attempt floated just to the left of the goal post making the score, 8-6.

The opponent for the Panthers would now be Horvath and the clock and with the combination of keying on the back, timeouts and a big hit by lineman Michael Conery the Saints would give the ball back to the potent offense with 45 yards to go and 1:35 ticks left on the clock.

The Panther's fate was sealed when ironically Saint quarterback Josh Gill, while playing defensive back, intercepted a final Leonard toss completing the undefeated regular season for the purple and gold armored gladiators.

"What a game," exclaimed

Saints' skipper Tony Violi. "The Panthers were coached well and played great and we were fortunate to come away with a win."

"I can't begin to tell you how happy I am with this team," added Violi. "Our offensive line made holes for Horvath, and Fuller came up big on both sides of the ball."

"I really just want to congratulate Coach Violi and his team. They played like we expected and deserve the win," remarked Coach James DeBoe. "I was proud of the way our kids battled, we will work on getting out of the blocks quicker and limiting our mistakes."

In other action around the ICCL, Holy Cross outscored the Cardinals of West Side Catholic, 22-8, behind the leg of Miguel Zyniewicz and the rushing touchdowns from Patrick Driscoll, Asante Anglin and Evan Price. John Underly scored the lone TD for the Cardinals and Pedro Uriostegui booted the extra points.

The Blazers of St. Matthew blanked Osceola Grace, 40-0, with the help of four scores from Isau Gonzalez and two more added by Christian Tate.

The playoffs begin next week, as the Blazers will match up against their rival, the West Side Cardinals.

A complete list of schedules and highlights can be found at www.icclsports.org.



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While her teammates look on, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel eighth-grader, Alivia Beard battles at the net with Twins' blocker Maggie Castleman in a classic CYO Blue League showdown Sunday, Oct. 5.

Phoenix bishop calls Catholic men to get off sidelines, step 'into the breach'

BY TONY GUTIERREZ

PHOENIX (CNS) — Catholic men must reclaim and live the virtue of Christian masculinity, Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted says in his newly released apostolic exhortation, "Into the Breach."

Addressed to Catholic men in the diocese — "my spiritual sons" as the bishop calls them — it charges them to be prepared for spiritual battle for their souls and the souls of their families is aimed.

The name of the exhortation is taken from a passage from the Book of Ezekiel: "And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land."

Citing statistics about the decreasing involvement in parish life and participation in the sacraments, the bishop notes that "while we know that Christ welcomes back every repentant sinner, the truth is that large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they

made at their children's Baptisms — promises to bring them to Christ and to raise them in the faith of the Church."

In defining what it means to be a Catholic man, Bishop Olmsted says that Jesus, fully God and fully man, is the perfection of masculinity. "Only in Jesus Christ can we find the highest display of masculine virtue and strength that we need in our personal lives and in society itself."

Bishop Olmsted offers the saints as models of masculinity, recommending male saints such as St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas More, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and others as examples.

Bishop Olmsted then asks: How does a Catholic man love? He describes the types of masculine love: as friend, husband and father. Stressing the importance of men finding a "band of brothers" to join in Christian fraternity, he offers examples in the diocesan men's conferences, Knights of Columbus, That Man Is You program and Cursillo movement.

"We see that Jesus called His disciples to Himself in such a way that they would form deep bonds of friendship and brotherhood," Bishop Olmsted says. "I am convinced that if men will seek true brotherhood, the adversities we face today will solidify bands of brothers who will be lauded in heaven!" adds the bishop.

Regarding how a man loves as a husband, he challenges young men to prepare for marriage before meeting their future brides. "Such training in sacrifice is to love your bride before you meet her, so that you may one day say, 'Before I knew you, I was faithful to you.'"

Speaking to those called to be husbands, he reminds them of St. Paul's exhortation for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. "This is the glory, men! Called to marriage, you are called to be as Christ to your bride."

"We need to see masculine chastity for what it is, whereas too often, this virtue is seen in negative light, as something weak," adds the bishop. "Chastity is strength and a rejection of slavery to the passions. Christians have always believed that chastity, whether in marriage or celibacy, is a freedom from the enslavement to sin and our passions."

Tackling the sins of pornography and masturbation, he says that while the culture wrongly encourages these "narcissistic" habits, they do nothing more than teach men to use others.

"Think of pornography as just as serious and no less grave than adultery," he says. "To attempt to love another person while engaging in this practiced narcissism, without

being transformed by mercy, will surely bring grave harm."

By considering the contexts of temptations, we are able to invite God to send His grace, says the bishop, adding that in the sacrament of Confession is found "superabundant grace and support."

"Through building purity of heart, men, you will not only see God in the women in your lives but also in yourselves, also the 'image of God'! Even if the darkness seems insurmountable, Christ never abandons us."

Moving into the final section of his exhortation, Bishop Olmsted notes that the number of children born to unmarried homes has increased 700 percent since 1950, adding that there are those in the culture who don't see fatherlessness as a problem.

"Do not be fooled by those voices wishing to erase all distinctions between mothers and fathers, ignoring the complementarity that is inherent in creation itself," he says. "Step up and lovingly, patiently take up your God-given role as protector, provider and spiritual leader of your home. A father's role as spiritual head of the family must never be understood or undertaken as domination over others, but only as a loving leadership and a gentle guidance for those in your care."

"To fully live, all men must be fathers and live out their fatherhood!" says Bishop Olmsted. "If you do not embrace the spousal and fatherly vocation God has planned for you, you will be stuck in the impotence of the 'seed' that refuses to die and refuses to give life. Don't settle for this half-life! The question for every man is not, 'Am I called to

be a father?' but rather, 'What kind of father am I called to be?'"

In a special section devoted to grandfathers, Bishop Olmsted remembers his own grandfathers, who passed along to him faith, the value of hard work, and a respect for all other people and for God's creation.

Bishop Olmsted also has a message for those whose fathers were absent in their lives. "There are many reasons why men abandon their responsibilities, or even if they remain, stay distant, as a result of the lack of positive experience of fatherhood in their own lives," he says. "This wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ... Allow Christ to show you the Father who never abandons His children, but rather offers his only begotten Son."

He encourages those who have failed in their role as a father, to ask God the Father to guide them and to seek renewal in prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation.

The bishop concludes his exhortation with a call to action:

"We need to get off the sidelines and stand up for life on the front lines. We need faith like that of our fathers who defended the children of previous generations and who gave up their own lives rather than abandon their faith in Christ. My sons and brothers, men of the Diocese of Phoenix, we need you to step into the breach!"

Tony Gutierrez is editor of *The Catholic Sun*, newspaper of the Diocese of Phoenix. The text of the document can be found at www.intothebreach.net.

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Hunger is a 'scandal,' a 'sin' in a world of plenty, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Hunger is a "true scandal" that threatens the life and dignity of millions of people while tons of food go to waste, Pope Francis said.

"We must face this injustice, this sin," the pope told more than 7,000 volunteers and coordinators of Italian food banks, along with representatives from food banks in other countries.

Pope Francis met the volunteers and coordinators Oct. 3 in the Vatican at a meeting sponsored by the Italian Food Bank Foundation, which assists the local food-distribution outlets and has a special focus on encouraging large-scale food producers to donate their excess or imperfect products to local food banks rather than destroy the products.

The pope praised their efforts "to fight the waste of food, recover it and distribute it to families in difficulty and to the poor."

Developing nations are not the only countries with a hunger



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A homeless man sits on a sidewalk in Philadelphia Sept. 26.

problem, he said. Even the richest countries seem to struggle to feed their poor despite the world being able to produce enough food to feed everyone.

In the Gospel, the pope said, Jesus makes clear that people will be judged on how they responded to the hunger of others.

"We see in the Gospel that the Lord, when He realizes that the

crowd who came to listen to Him is hungry, does not ignore the problem and He doesn't give a nice speech about fighting poverty," the pope said, "but He does something that leaves them all in awe: He takes the little that the disciples have, blesses it and multiplies the bread and fish."

While "we cannot do a miracle like Jesus," every person and every food bank — even those that struggle — can do at least a little something to fight hunger and to educate their families and communities about the need for solidarity, the pope said.

Pope Francis pleaded with the volunteers and coordinators to remember always that the people who come to them "are persons — not numbers — each with their burden of pain that sometimes seems impossible to carry."

"Look at their faces, look them in the eye, shake their hand, see in them the flesh of Christ and help them regain their dignity and get back on their feet," the pope said. "Be brothers and friends of the poor; let them know they are important in God's eyes."

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LuersKnight Ladies luncheon

Fort Wayne — A ladies luncheon will be Sunday, Oct. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Rd. Luncheon is free to attend with a LuersKnight auction item or a monetary donation to the auction. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 9, to 260-456-1261, ext. 3142 or email luersluncheon@gmail.com.

Mass Mob gathering announced

Mishawaka — A group bringing solidarity and support, plus a love of local Catholic history and the enthusiasm to great churches in the Michiana area, will gather at Our Lady of Hungary, 829 W. Calvert St., for the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 11.

Volunteer teachers needed

Fort Wayne — The Adult Learning Center is looking for volunteer instructors and new opportunities for adult students. Instructors need not be a certified teacher to teach at the center. Contact Adalys Reyes at 260-432-5113, ext. 355 or areyes@saintjosephfw.org for more information. The Adult Learning Center is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor Institute.

St. Hedwig announces a Polish Festival

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a Polish Festival Sunday, Oct. 18, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Hedwig Memorial Center. Polka Mass at 11 a.m. in the church will be followed by music, food, games and raffles until 5 p.m.

Fancy fair and cookie bar

Rome City — The 32nd annual Fancy Fair Craft Bazaar and Cookie Bar will be Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church, 10871 N. State Road 9. There will be lunch, homemade

desserts, soups, sandwiches and drinks available as well as tables for rent (\$20). For information call Luanne Shull at 574-202-3007.

Bingo

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have Bingo Sunday, Oct. 18, in the hall. Doors open at 2 p.m., games start at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Free dauber with admission. Must be 18 to play. Eight regular games, four games payout \$25 each, four games payout \$50 each, two special games payout cash prize \$100. Pull tabs and 50/50 raffle. Pop, water and popcorn available for \$1. Call Maria Parsenow at 260-447-0591 for information.

Craft show, bake sale and luncheon

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 63568 U.S. 31 South will have a craft show, bake sale luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission. Contact Sue Bennett 574-784-3214 for information.

Taste and See Cookoff

Fort Wayne — A St. Jude HASA sponsored event to promote community, fellowship and stewardship will be Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and include food, beverages and live music. Father Jake Runyon and his mother will be two of the 10 chefs cooking live and sharing samples in addition to a table of homemade desserts, which will be judged for prizes. Contact Pearl Henry at 260-705-8000,

henrrp02@hotmail.com or visit www.stjudefw.org for information.

Soup kitchen plans dinner/dance

Fort Wayne — A dinner and dance featuring Chris Worth and Company will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 6-10:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of God, 1101 Lafayette St. Casa dinner, live and silent auction, music and more. Cash bar. Tickets are \$15 presale or \$10 for the dinner only at the door. Presale tickets available by calling 260-705-1690 or 260-424-8231. Proceeds benefit St. Mary Soup Kitchen.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 16, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-12 \$3.50.

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James A. Chrzan, 82, Christ the King

Safe Harbor Widow Support Group to host retreat

Fort Wayne — Safe Harbor Widow Support Group will host a fall retreat for widows on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Msgr. Kuzmich Life Center, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Mass in the church at 8 a.m. will be followed by a continental breakfast in the Life Center. Kay Cozad, grief educator, will speak on the topic, "Mourning With Hope." Registration required by Oct. 12, to 260-489-4875 or emailing judy-mockenhaupt@hotmail.com.

Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at Soups Salad and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. The topic is "Peripheral Learning: What Discomfort Teaches Us about Our Humanity." Dr. Eustace Fernandes and Cheryl Ash will speak. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT for information.



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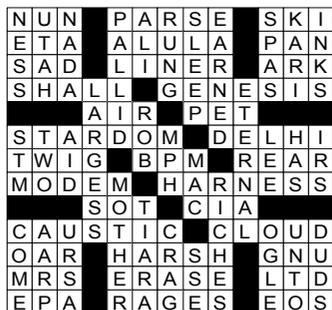
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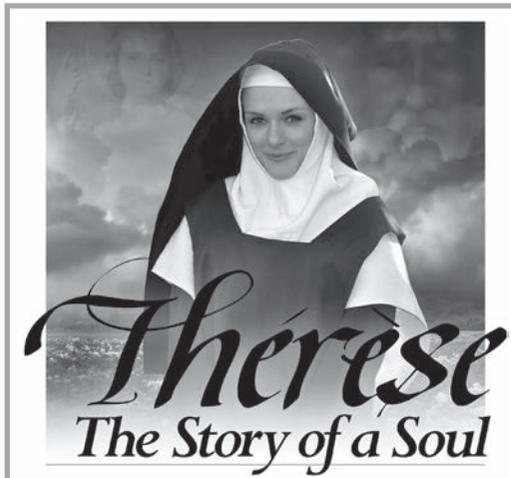
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SYNOD

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Catholic ideals of marriage and family life. Marriage preparation, sexuality, procreation, communication, support for couples at risk of separation, accompaniment of divorced Catholics and possible ways to bring back the divorced and civilly remarried were all expected to be on the synod's agenda.

The readings for the Mass were the same as those used in Catholic parishes around the world for Oct. 4, the 27th Sunday in ordinary time. But, the pope said, they seemed tailor-made for opening an assembly dedicated to the family. The first reading was the Genesis account of God seeing Adam alone and creating a helpmate for him; the Gospel included Jesus' teaching that "what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

The Genesis story, the pope said in his homily, makes clear that the "drama of solitude" experienced by too many people — the elderly, the abandoned, widows and widowers, migrants, the persecuted — is not part of God's plan.

The modern world, he said, seems to offer "many pleasures, but few loves; many liberties, but little freedom" and "the number of people who feel lonely keeps growing."

Yet the experience of Adam, and of human beings down through history, shows that "nothing makes man's

heart as happy as another heart like his own, a heart which loves him," the pope said. God made man and woman "to complement" each other, "to love and to be loved, and to see their love bear fruit in children."

Many people today doubt whether a lifelong marriage is possible or even desirable, thinking that it limits individual freedom and potential, the pope said. But at the same time, people "chase after fleeting loves while dreaming of true love; they chase after carnal pleasures but desire total self-giving."

Reciting the Angelus prayer after Mass, Pope Francis said the 270 synod members would keep their "gaze fixed on Jesus to identify — on the basis of His teaching of truth and mercy — the best paths" for helping families "so that the Creator's original plan for man and woman can be realized and can function in all its beauty and strength in the world."

Pope Francis, synod members and tens of thousands of people had gathered in St. Peter's Square Oct. 3 for a nighttime prayer vigil for the synod. Before the pope spoke, Italian families and an engaged couple shared their stories of finding love, overcoming obstacles and experiencing reconciliation and healing.

In his homily, Pope Francis asked people to pray that the synod would show the world "how the experience of marriage and family is rich and humanly fulfilling."

The pope prayed that the synod would "acknowledge, esteem and proclaim all that is beautiful, good



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Bishops arrive in procession for the opening Mass of the Synod of Bishops on the family in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 4.

and holy" about family life.

But he also prayed that synod members would "embrace situations of vulnerability and hardship," not forgetting those suffering because of "war, illness, grief, wounded relationships and brokenness."

Pope Francis prayed that the synod would find a way to remind broken families "and every family, that the Gospel is always 'good news,' which enables us to start over."



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