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BY KAY COZAD

Faithful invited to 24 Hours for the Lord

One of the major events to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place this Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, — 24 Hours for the Lord. Twelve parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will join the universal Church in this unique celebration. The faithful are encouraged to visit one or more of these parishes and to invite a friend to come along and pray.

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- St. Therese, Little Flower, South Bend
- St. Thomas, Elkhart
- St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

The emphasis of 24 Hours for the Lord will be on the sacrament of Reconciliation, but

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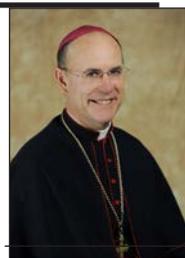
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He made him to be sin who did not know sin



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the mystery of divine mercy. This coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we have a great opportunity to do so since the Gospel reading is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, parable of Jesus about the Father's mercy, the parable of the prodigal son. But before we hear that very familiar parable, we will hear a reading from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians that also speaks of God's mercy. It is that reading which I wish to write about first in this column. It contains a verse that makes a quite surprising assertion: *For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him* (2 Cor 5:21).

I wish to write about this verse since there is so much theology packed into this one sentence. One author says that this verse "invites us to tread on sacred ground." When we consider the profound meaning of this assertion of Saint Paul, we indeed are treading on sacred ground since we are led to think about the revelation of God's mercy in its fullness: the reality of our redemption through the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery.

It is an amazing truth to ponder that for our sake God the Father made Jesus His sinless Son to be sin. Obviously, God the Father did not make his Son a sinner. So what does it mean to say that God made him to be sin? Many Fathers of the Church interpret it to refer to the Incarnation, that the Word became flesh, in other words, the Father sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh. That is what it would mean to say that the Son was made "to be sin." Saint Augustine wrote that "on account of the likeness of sinful flesh in which He came, He was called sin." Likewise, Saint Gregory of Nazianzen wrote that "the passage *the Word was made flesh* seems to me to be equivalent to that in which it is said that He was made sin."

There's another interpretation of Saint Paul's words that the Father made Christ "to be sin who did not know sin." Some biblical exegetes say that Paul is using the word "sin" in two different senses in this verse. In saying that Jesus "did not know sin," Paul is using the typical meaning of the word "sin." Jesus was never unfaithful to God's will. In saying that Christ was made "sin", Paul is referring to the "sin offering." That is one of the meanings of "sin" in the Greek translation of the Old Testament. It refers to the sin offering of the Jewish people, the sacrifice of an unblemished animal in reparation for sins against the covenant. Saint Paul would therefore be referring to the sacrificial death of the innocent, sinless Jesus on the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus Himself said that His blood would be poured out "for the forgiveness of sins." So the meaning of the verse would be that for our sake, the Father made his Son a sin offering.

However one interprets the exact meaning of the assertion that God made the sin-



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"The Return of the Prodigal Son" is an oil painting by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn. It is among the Dutch master's final works, likely completed within two years of his death in 1669. In the painting, the son has returned home in a wretched state from travels in which he has wasted his inheritance and fallen into poverty and despair. He kneels before his father in repentance, wishing for forgiveness and a renewed place in the family, having realized that even his father's servants had a better station in life than he. His father receives him with a tender gesture. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. Standing at the right is the prodigal son's older brother, who crosses his hands in judgment; in the parable he objects to the father's compassion for the sinful son.

less Christ to be sin, whether it refers to the Incarnation (taking on the likeness of sinful flesh) or to the sacrificial death of Jesus (becoming a sin offering), or perhaps to both, Saint Paul says it was *for our sake, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him*. This is the fruit of the Incarnation and the Redemption. He gives us access to the fullness of life that comes from God. God has reconciled us to Himself and made us righteous. He empowers us to walk in the way of His Son. All of this springs from God's mercy and love.

On Sunday, after we hear this reading from Saint Paul about God's great mercy in making him (Jesus) sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him, we will hear a dramatic portrayal of this truth in the Gospel parable of the prodigal son. It shows God's desire to reconcile sinners to himself. The father will race out to embrace and welcome home his wayward son. He is a merciful father who desires to save us. He desires this so much that He sent us His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh in the Incarnation with the mission of reconciliation through the suffering and death on the cross. The Incarnation and the Redemption follow the same divine logic: the logic of mercy and love.

As we proceed along our Lenten journey, let us continue to contemplate the mercy of God our Father revealed in His Son, our Redeemer. Though he was absolutely sinless, Jesus agreed to take our sins upon himself. He agreed in order to redeem us. He agreed to bear our sins in order to fulfill the mission he had received from the Father, a mission of mercy. In this season of Lent, we thank the Lord for his great mercy. And we kneel before him and implore his forgiveness. We implore his mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

If you have not yet been to confession this Lent, I invite you to visit one of the twelve churches in the diocese where confessions will be heard during the *24 Hours for the Lord* on March 4 and 5. Each of us can experience mercy in a unique way in the sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote: "Infinite and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to his home." When we think about the depths of the Father's merciful love, that *for our sake he made him (his beloved Son) to be sin who did not know sin*, we should be moved to gratitude and repentance. May we heed the words of Saint Paul: *we implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God!*

Diocesan School Board assists in responsibility for Catholic education

BY TIM JOHNSON

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are offered consultation and policy recommendations through an 11-member Diocesan School Board. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has chosen to establish the Diocesan School Board to assist him in fulfilling his responsibility for Catholic education.

"The board is established as a consultative and policy-recommending body in matters of elementary and secondary Catholic school education for the diocese," reports Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan.

She says, "The board recommends policies that will guide the Catholic schools of the diocese, and annually assists the Catholic Schools Office in review of policies that effect administrators, teachers, students and the financial operations of our schools. The board works with the superintendent to fulfill diocesan and board goals for our Catholic schools by providing thoughtful discussion and advice."

"As superintendent," Jordan says, "I value the insight board members are able to bring to our diocesan school board meetings. As representatives of various elementary and high schools across the diocese, these individuals are able to convey the concerns of local boards, and pastors regarding a variety of educational issues, personnel concerns, school and community relationships, as well as financial issues impacting diocesan schools."

The board consists of 11 voting members, which includes two priests from both sides of the

diocese, two high school representatives — who alternate with the two Catholic high schools in Fort Wayne and Saint Joseph in South Bend and Marian in Mishawaka. The diocesan vicariates recommend the board members who serve a three-year term and may elect to serve a second term. The bishop selects three at-large members.

"I have been blessed to work with many devoted parents who willingly choose to give extra service as members of the Diocesan School Board," Jordan says. "The insight, support and advice of the board has provided guidance to me as superintendent as together we work for the benefit of all of our diocesan schools and students."

Secretary for Catholic Education Carl Loesch says, "I appreciate the input and advice from the Diocesan School Board. Our 42 Catholic schools cover 14 counties and range in size from under 100 to over 1,000. While many of the schools are in the cities of Fort Wayne and South Bend, we also have schools in smaller towns and rural areas. When we are reviewing policies and the direction for our schools, it is important to consider the schools from Avilla to Yoder and Besancon to Plymouth. The diverse talents and professional expertise of the Diocesan School Board members are very helpful in advising the Catholic Schools Office and Bishop Rhoades."

Father John H. Delaney and Father Timothy A. Wrozek are the two priests who currently serve on the board.

Father Delaney, the pastor of St. Jude Parish in South Bend, says he brings, "a pastor's concerns that our schools always uphold Catholic teaching as well

as actively give witness (through our students and staff) of what it means to live as a Christian in the otherwise secular world."

His three-year term will close in May. Father Delaney says he most enjoys "seeing the total dedication of the school's office we are so blessed to have, as well as the dedication and concerns expressed and so carefully thought through on the part of the lay members of the board."

Father Wrozek, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne, is new — just three months — to the Diocesan School Board.

Father Wrozek says serving as a board member "helps me to maintain a wider perspective in my own local situation and as mundane as some of the tasks of the board are, gives me a sense of helping with the overall good of the diocesan school system."

"I have a school, which is new with growing pains. The students are mostly Hispanic," he says. "I am a priest so hopefully I bring a spiritual perspective."

Board members come from diverse backgrounds.

Andrew Paluf, from St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, is the associate vice president for finance and controller at the University of Notre Dame. Paluf reports he brings "not-for-profit financial and operational matters in addition to board experiences with other primary and secondary Catholic schools, both in and outside of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend."

He has served on the school board for two years, but also served on the Marian High School board for six years and the St. Ignatius High School board in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Diocesan School Board members are shown at a recent meeting in Warsaw. In the photo are the following: front row, from left, Catholic Schools Superintendent Marsha Jordan, board members Angela Jansen, Lori Wagner and Amy Dimberio Urban; back row, Secretary of Catholic Education Carl Loesch, and board members Christian Nyikos, Kenton Kiracofe, Father John Delaney and Father Timothy Wrozek.



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Monday, March 7 — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Washington, D.C.
- Tuesday, March 8 — Visit to Diocesan Seminarians at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland
- Wednesday, March 9 — Meeting of Catholic Relief Services Overseas Operations Committee, Baltimore, Maryland
- Thursday, March 10 — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland
- Saturday, March 12, 6 p.m. — Dinner and Auction for Saint Joseph High School, South Bend



Priest appointment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has appointed **Father Nam Quoc Vu, SVD**, as Parochial Vicar of Saint Patrick's Parish, Fort Wayne, effective February 22, 2016.

Report abuse



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

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

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

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

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parishes will also include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, other prayers, quiet prayer, and some have talks scheduled throughout the 24 hours. A full schedule from the individual parishes was published in the Feb. 28 issue of *Today's Catholic*. The parish rosters can also be found at www.myyearofmercy.org.

Along with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and other events, participants are encouraged to bring a rosary as many parishes have scheduled times for recitation of the rosary as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Stephanie Patka, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said of the blessing of Eucharistic Adoration, "A simple reason why every Catholic should attend a Holy Hour is because we believe that Jesus is truly present in the exposed Blessed Sacrament located on the altar. Spending time in Adoration during a Holy Hour is a chance to spend time with the Creator of the Universe, our Lord and Savior who has humbled Himself to be present in the form of bread in order to make Himself closer to us."

She noted Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen writes: "(A) reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into His likeness. As Paul puts it: 'We are transfigured into His likeness, from splendor to splendor.' We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain."

Another important compo-

nent of 24 Hours for the Lord that Catholics are encouraged to participate in is the sacrament of Confession.

"Jesus entered this world to forgive sins, that is, the things we choose to do that separate us from God and our neighbor," Patka said. "He preached about forgiveness of sins, taught us how to pray for forgiveness and suffered, died and rose to free us from sin and death."

She added on the second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel accounts when Jesus said to His Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." (Jn 20:21-23). In this way, He instituted the sacrament of Confession, which we are called to attend at least once a year.

"24 Hours for the Lord is a perfect time for Confession, especially if you haven't been in quite some time," Patka noted.

She said, "24 Hours for the Lord is an opportunity to experience Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and His Divine Mercy through the sacrament of Confession. The event is also a chance to extend that love and forgiveness to our family, friends and neighbors."

"Make it a point to invite someone to go with you to an event during 24 Hours for the Lord," suggested Patka. "The best way is simply to say that you are already going and would love to have them come with you to simply spend some time with Jesus. Variations of the invitation might depend on the person, but don't be too concerned with the response. Simply pray for the strength and openness to be a witness to Christ's love and mercy by your attendance and example. An invitation is enough, let the Holy Spirit do the rest."

Follow the conversation about 24 Hours for the Lord on Facebook www.facebook.com/diocesefwsb.

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He says, "(I) appreciate the diversity of the schools in our diocese along with the strong commitment and dedication of the faculty and staff in our schools. We are truly blessed to have such great role models for our students."

Lori Wagner, a parishioner of St. Rose de Lima Parish in Monroeville, brings a small-school perspective to the board. A registered paralegal by profession, Wagner says, "I am from a small school with a limited budget" and offers that perspective to the board.

Wagner, a board member for two years, says, "I like learning more about how the diocese operates and all of the programs they try to implement to help the children enrich their Catholic faith."

Amy Urban, a parishioner at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, has a daughter who attends St. Louis Academy in New Haven.

Urban, a corporate wellness consultant by profession, says, "I bring the perspective of a parent with a special needs student. In 2012, my daughter was enrolled in the special needs program that was started at St. Louis Academy. It was shortly thereafter that I joined the school board. I am encouraged and inspired to know that my daughter, as well as other students with special needs throughout our diocese, are able to attend our Catholic schools."

Urban has served on the board for three years. She says, "Serving on the school board gives me the opportunity to give back to our Catholic schools and community."

Board member Angela Jansen is a legal secretary and a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla.

This is Jansen's first year serving on the board, but she has also served as president of the St. Mary School Board.

"St. Mary is a small, rural school that continually strives to give our students every available opportunity with limited resources," says Jansen. "I hope to bring that perspective to the board."

Jansen notes, "Every meeting is a new opportunity to improve the education and well-being of our entire diocesan school system with Bishop Rhoades directly involved. This fact alone humbles me and (sometimes) overwhelms me!"

Tom Guinan, a member of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, is an administrator at the University of Notre Dame, responsible for the overseas administration.

"I have backgrounds in both accounting and theology," says Guinan, who is completing his sixth and final year on the board, "and so I'm able to engage in business and policy issues with a very strong and deep connection to the overall mission of Catholic Schools. Much of my time on the Diocesan School Board has coincided with my time on the St. Anthony de Padua School Board and also the St. Anthony Finance Council. These overlaps have enabled me to bring a local

perspective on issues to the Diocesan School Board in real-time and vice versa. This was particularly important during the implementation of the School Choice (voucher) Program."

Guinan points to two aspects of the school board that he enjoys the most. First, "the annual in-services with the local school boards can be the most effective way to share ideas and best-practices across the diocese. The level of commitment and dedication to Catholic education on display at these sessions is inspiring."

Second, he likes "the annual review of the school strategic plans. Hearing principals, local school board members and others talk in great detail about the plans and aspirations for their schools is equally inspirational. I feel honored to be a part of that process."

Kenton Kiracofe is a parishioner of St. Aloysius, Yoder, and is a Wells County Circuit Court judge.

"I think a unique perspective that I bring is that I am a convert and attended public schools; however, my children attend St. Aloysius," he says. "Further, I bring a view point from a small rural school, with different problems and perspectives than some of the larger schools."

Kiracofe adds, "Finally, as I mentioned my children are currently attending a Catholic school, my wife teaches at that same school and she has the privilege of attending 12 years of Catholic education, first through 12th grade."

Christian Nyikos also serves on the board.

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Lawmakers reject expansion of payday lending; decide to study issue this summer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Catholic Conference and other advocacy groups steered state lawmakers to reject an amendment expanding payday loans. Instead, lawmakers moved legislation to further examine the issue in a summer study committee with the hope of finding alternative methods to help lower income persons borrow money while reaching self-sufficiency. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation to study payday lending.

The legislative action took shape during a lengthy meeting of the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee, Feb. 25, when lawmakers heard testimony on the payday lending bill, House Bill 1340. Attorneys representing payday lenders, and a few lenders who operate these financial operations highlighted the benefits of adopting an expansion of the payday lending industry to the Senate panel. Representatives of advocacy organizations who work with lower income persons testified before the panel about the negative impact expanding these types of loans would have on those they serve.

Weeks earlier, House Bill

1340 passed out of the House and came to the Senate as a bill which created a study committee on the payday lending industry. On the last day of regular committee hearings for the Indiana General Assembly, the Senate panel considered an amendment to change the bill from a study committee, to a bill to expand payday lending. The amendment, which resurrected controversial language that could not be agreed upon in the House, would have allowed expansion of the industry to lend installment loans up to \$1,000 and at an increased annual percentage rate (APR) of up to 180 percent.

Heather Willey of the Indianapolis law firm Barnes and Thornburg who was representing short-term loan operators spoke in support of the amendment. She said that these types of loans potentially could have the benefit of helping low income persons who have poor credit to build their credit history so they could qualify for a more traditional loan. Other supporters of the bill said the legislation would help loan providers comply with new federal regulations soon to be promulgated.

Testifying in opposition to

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the amendment, Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, said the higher percentage rate would continue to do harm rather than benefit those people seeking short term loans. "Payday loans tend to trap people into a cycle of repaying initial debt." He said it traps people into "exorbitant" interest rates. Tebbe said, "The majority of people using these loans are working, but have so low of pay they cannot take care of their everyday expenses. So they reach out for this type of cash to make ends meet. People who are in a vulnerable position and already experiencing financial distress are being taken advantage of."

"We believe it's the state's responsibility to facilitate and protect the common good," said Tebbe. "The weakest member

of society should be protected against usury or any other type of exploitation. Economic choices and policies should be judged by how they protect and uphold the dignity of the human person, support the family and serve the common good.

"We don't believe this amendment is in the best interest of the people or a way to help them reach self-sufficiency," said Tebbe, "And would encourage you to not adopt this amendment, but to leave bill in the form it came out of the House as a study committee."

Tebbe added that the bishops across the nation through organizations like Catholic Charities and Campaign for Human Development are actively working to provide alternative funding sources to assist people who need help.

Lucinda Nord, representing Indiana Association of United Way, who opposed the amendment, said she was supportive of this issue being discussed in a summer study committee. Nord did say she thinks there is a need for some type of alternative financial product available, but that the high interest loan was not one of them that would

help people move to financial stability. She said she'd like to see an expansion of services that do help people move to self-sufficiency.

Lisa Wilken, representing American Veterans (AMVETS) described the amendment as the "wrong approach" to helping low income people. She said that she was speaking with a veteran on her way to the statehouse who said payday lending businesses are located outside of every military installation. She said there are two or three right outside the gate. She added, many veterans find themselves living from paycheck to paycheck and are vulnerable to these types of loans.

The committee rejected the amendment 6-2, and passed HB 1340, which will create a summer study committee on payday lending practices. Tebbe said, "The ICC supports the study of the industry and its impact on the people of Indiana. If the bill passes the General Assembly this year, I'm hopeful the summer study will open up new opportunities for productive lending alternatives which move persons toward self-sufficiency."

EASTER RETREAT Becoming Fire!

5 p.m. Thursday, March 31 to
3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3

A directed retreat at Easter offers a special time to savor our participation in the Resurrection of Christ and preparing for the great Feast of Pentecost.

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Pope Francis' visit draws international attention to new development

EL PASO, Texas (CNS) — Pope Francis' visit to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, sparked more than a one-day devotional impulse within the general Catholic population on both sides of the Rio Grande. It also has drawn international attention to the spot where he said Mass as a future communal mega-complex anchored by a massive church. The project began to take shape four years ago, when Sandro Landucci, a Mexico City telecom entrepreneur, had an idea that has drawn together other people who have responded to Pope Francis' call to care for the needy. "In his travels, Landucci was heavily impacted by what he was seeing in Ciudad Juarez, a destroyed city as if there had been a war," said Cecilia Levine, who later became a key player in the complex development. "He had heard Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron talk about the positive impact one major architectural structure could have on a city, and remembered (Mexican financier) Agustin Coppel's wish to create a contemporary church structure in Mexico," she told Catholic News Service.

Two priests, nun bring mission of mercy to Philly neighborhood

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — "Two Irishmen and a nun entered a bar..." What's the punchline? There isn't one because this is no joke, but rather a new Catholic outreach effort of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that has taken firm root in a former bar in a tough section of the city. The two Irishmen are Father Joseph Devlin, former pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Philadelphia, and Father William Murphy, former pastor of Assumption BVM Parish in West Grove, and the nun is Sister Ann Raymond Welte, an Immaculate Heart of Mary sister, who is former director of Temple University's Newman Center. The onetime bar is now Mother of Mercy House, which opened last July as a place of worship and social ministry. It's a haven of hope in a neighborhood where hope has been in short supply for years, although there are slight hints of a comeback. It all started when nearby Ascension of Our Lord Parish closed in 2012, and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia asked his priests for ideas on what could be done to keep a Catholic presence in the Kensington neighborhood, and Fathers Devlin and Murphy both independently volunteered to be missioned there. "It has met expectations," said Father Devlin, after a small community Mass in late January. "I'm more and more convinced an obvious presence of the Church is needed in the

The Mercy Bus brings lapsed Catholics to Confession



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People walk by the Mercy Bus in Burnley, England, Feb. 20. The double-decker bus is used for priests to hear the confessions of people who have stopped going to Church. The Mercy Bus is touring the Diocese of Salford during Lent in an attempt to reach out to lapsed Catholics. Each Saturday, the bus parks in a busy area of Manchester or one of the outlying towns, and volunteers try to engage shoppers by offering miraculous medals blessed by Pope Francis as gifts. If they receive a positive response, they are invited on the bus, where they can talk with a priest or receive a blessing — and also go to Confession. Two priests offering the sacrament of Reconciliation are stationed at the front and rear of the upper deck and one at the rear of the lower deck. Visitors can also depart with information about the Catholic faith and about times of Masses in their local area.



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neighborhood and the people are very happy and receptive. They say, 'Wow, the Church is back.' They know they can come and receive help. We offer Mass and prayer to people who have not the ability to go to Mass and they can seek spiritual help from a priest."

Sister Ann Raymond introduces Geoff Gusoff, left, to Dr. Francis McNesby of St. Christopher Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Jan. 21. Both men volunteer at the Mother of Mercy House, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's newest urban mission that brings faith and mercy to the streets.

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to a growing number of parishioners; then to its current location in 1984, following the movement of parishioners out of the city and into the suburbs. Keeping their connection with Flint, however, parishioners return to the city monthly to volunteer at the North End Soup Kitchen, about six blocks from the site of their first church, where they prepare and serve a meal. So when Gov. Rick Snyder declared a state of emergency in Flint Jan. 5, after studies had found contaminants in Flint's drinking water, including high amounts of lead leaching into the water from the city's dated water pipes, St. Michael's parishioners wasted no time in responding with action and prayer.

Themes in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' remain relevant today, says teacher

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — As news broke that Harper Lee, author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," died Feb. 19, eighth-graders from St. Aloysius School in Pewee Valley were re-enacting the book's famous trial in a courtroom at the Gene Snyder Courthouse in downtown Louisville. During the last of three re-enactments, presiding Judge Charles R. Simpson III announced to the students that the Pulitzer Prize-winning author had died. She was 89. "The kids were dumbstruck. I was completely in shock," said Toshi Scheps, the St. Aloysius language arts teacher who led the field trip. "I love Harper Lee. If there was some silver lining, it added profundity to having that field trip." Lee's death, he said, also helps people remember that the book's themes — of justice, fairness and equality — are not something of the past. "It's a reminder of how contemporary that book is and how relevant," Scheps told *The Record*, Louisville's archdiocesan newspaper. "What I hope they take away is that we have a system in place in America ... to handle justice. But regardless of that system, justice is still dependent on the people who work in that system."



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Anna Federico, an eighth-grader St. Aloysius School in Pewee Valley, Ky., plays the role of Atticus Finch in a re-enactment of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Gene Snyder Courthouse in Louisville, Ky., Feb. 19.

Flint crisis underlines need to reach out to urban centers, says priest

PARMA, Ohio (CNS) — The ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan, is a reminder for Catholics in suburban parishes of their responsibility to reach out to people in need in urban centers, said Father David A. Hannes. Father Hannes is the pastor of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Parish in Flushing, Michigan, located about 11 miles northwest of Flint, where the tap water is still undrinkable. The parish, which is in the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, has strong links to Flint. It was founded there in the early 20th century; its first church was built in the city center in 1917, at the corner of North Street and Addison Street. The parish moved twice since then: first to Flint's north side in 1954, in response

Catholic Charities announces the re-opening of its immigration program in South Bend

SOUTH BEND — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has announced the re-opening of its Immigration Program in South Bend. The program offers outreach and legal services to immigrants so they can file for legal status and become fully integrated into the local community.

Many immigrants are unaware of their eligibility to legally reside and work in the United States. Reasons for this lack of awareness include the inability to speak fluent English, inability to afford legal counsel and related services, and their undocumented status. Catholic Charities provides safe and affordable advice in a private, one-on-one setting.

The program is made possible in part by the generosity of Our Sunday Visitor, which has provided a grant of \$50,000 to support this program.

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Bishop Luers receives grant for calculators in special education classes

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School announced that the school has received a grant from the Florence M. and Paul M. Staehl Foundation with PNC Bank as the trustee. This grant has been used to purchase a classroom set of Ti-Nspire CX calculators for special education students. The special education department at Bishop Luers assists more than 40 students with an individual education plan. Making technology readily available to these students will improve their ability to keep up with their peers and grow as technology grows.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2016 offers new location, earlier date

HOWE — "Shine!" is the theme of Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2016. The new location is Camp Lutherwald located in Howe and the dates are June 26 through July 1. St. Jude, South Bend, and Sacred Heart in Lakeville are the sponsoring parishes from South Bend. St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne is also a sponsoring parish for CYSC. The directors are Dave and Jan Torma, parishioners of St. Jude in South Bend. This camp will serve youth enter-

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National Merit Finalists announced at Bishop Dwenger



Danielle Collins

Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne announced that four senior students have been named 2016 National Merit Finalists. Francis Centlivre, Jacob Gloudemans, Daniel Ostrowski and Leah Schroeder were initially selected as Semi-Finalists based on their PSAT scores earned in October of 2014. After review of their outstanding academic performance in high school and their subsequent SAT scores, these young men and young lady are being recognized for their potential for future academic accomplishment at the college level. They are also now being considered for college and corporate sponsored scholarship opportunities, which will be announced this month. In the photo, from left, are Centlivre, Gloudemans, Schroeder, Ostrowski and Bishop Dwenger High School Principal Jason Schiffli.

ing the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2016.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be visiting and celebrating Mass at the camp on Wednesday, June 29. Bishop Rhoades said of CYSC: "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for children to have a Catholic camp where they're not only having a lot of fun with various outdoor activities, but they're also learning the faith, they're praying together, they're learning important messages from the Gospel, which I was glad to see. They're building bonds with Christ and each other. That's what we're all about!"

As the Tormas prepare for CYSC 2016, they note, "We are in need of volunteer adult staff, ages 18-24, and 25 years and above to serve as counselors, craft leaders and nurses. We are also in need of volunteer junior counselors ages 16-17."

"If you are passionate about your Catholic faith, love children, and want to share a week of camp life with a small group, please consider applying," they report. "We have a good, basic schedule that integrates our Catholic spirituality and fun for the campers. We are hoping to build a staff that will bring a sense of

joy, love, peace and creativity to assist us in implementing the program."

Applications can be accessed at www.stjudeparish.net and the deadline is April 20.

Brochures for CYSC 2016 are being developed. For additional information, contact Dave and Jan Torma at 574-291-3381 or 574-707-3381.

Fatima Retreat to be highlighted with talks from Sister Coelho

SYRACUSE — The World Apostolate of Fatima Fort Wayne-South Bend Division is hosting a retreat with Sister Angela Coelho, a religious sister from the Congregation of Aliança de Santa Maria, medical doctor and postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta, and vice postulator for the Cause of Beatification of Lucia dos Santos of Jesus.

The April 22-24 retreat will be held at the Oakwood Resort on Lake Wawasee in Syracuse.

Fatima Retreat weekend will include eight conferences with Sister Angela, daily Mass, rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy,

Adoration and Benediction and opportunities for Confession. All meals are included. Cost for the retreat is \$175 per person.

For more information call 260-437-1202 or email carolbunt111@yahoo.com. The reservation deadline is March 31.

USF offering courses to help prepare STEM teachers

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is participating in STEM Teach, a grant program to help provide advanced training for area teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. The program was initiated by Independent Colleges of Indiana and is funded by the state of Indiana.

USF will be offering undergraduate and graduate coursework in biology, mathematics, chemistry and psychology over the next two years. The grant funds cover tuition and fees for teachers taking the courses, as well as the salary of the USF instructors involved.

"The University of Saint Francis is very excited to participate in this important grant," said Dr. Lance Richey, dean of the USF School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "STEM Teach allows us to extend our long tradition of preparing teachers, particularly in these increasingly crucial disciplines."

Eighteen to 21 credit hours are available through this program and while STEM Teach is aimed at high school instructors, any licensed teacher may participate. For information, contact Dr. Lance Richey at 260-399-7700, ext. 8112 or lrichey@sf.edu.

Sandwiches for the homeless



Corine Erlandson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School preschool teacher Sharen Gall helps her 3-year-old preschoolers make bologna and cheese sandwiches on Feb. 2. Gall's preschool classes also collected clean socks to give to the homeless. Gall takes part in the "Catholics on a Mission" group, along with the Franciscan Brothers Minor. The group brings sandwiches, coffee, water, personal toiletries, clothing and clean socks to give out to the homeless at Freimann Square in downtown Fort Wayne.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

First Communion dress shared through three generations

BY JENNIFER MILLER

GRANGER — A sweet white organza, 1950s-styled first Communion dress with small six-petal flowers embossed across the fabric hangs on a simple hanger. With a Peter Pan collar and small white lace edging, puffed sleeves, classic waist, with a fitted attached slip and tied bow, the same dress has been worn by seven different girls — about to be eight this April. Barbara Coons has proudly worn and saved this dress, for the past 58 years.

Growing up in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Barbara's mother first bought the dress for her elder sister, JoAnne. Her father worked as Gerber Baby representative and her mother (Mary Stratz) as a homemaker. Barbara wore it next for her first Communion on May 5, 1963 at Good Shepherd Parish, then sharing it with her sister Marilyn, who is 18 months younger. Then the beautiful, princess dress hung in a closet until the second generation was of age.

"I always knew where it was," Barbara explained. "I put it in the back of my daughter's closet when she was first born."

But Barbara first loaned it to her niece, Sherry, who wore it with fresh flowers in her hair. Barbara's oldest daughter, Colleen enjoyed it next in Wisconsin and added the veil and crown to the ensemble. Then Kelly, her younger daughter wore the dress making her first Communion at Christ the King, South Bend, in the 1970s.

Kelly Carmichael then cared for the family heirloom. Her daughter, Claire Carmichael wore the dress under her white robe at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, two years ago.

Barbara Coons passes on her faith and first Communion dress to her granddaughters, Claire and Carley Carmichael.

This year is special, for it is the last of the third generation's turn. In April, Carley, Kelly's youngest daughter, a second grader at Horizon Academy, will receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time at St. Pius X Parish.

Carley said she was "scared" of the experience, but her older sister Claire smiled and told her, "It will be okay." Both granddaughters were excited to wear their family's special dress.

Carley's grandmother, Barbara, smiles and loves "the connection we all have."

"I am very close with my family and grateful for having been very blessed," Barbara said.

She was amazed that even though they all were different sizes, ages and shapes, each girl fit the same dress perfectly and loved it. A "sentimentalist saver," Barbara keeps all of the girls' first Communion photos as well as beautiful, German prayer cards from her parochial school in Wisconsin together in her childhood prayer book. She credits her mother, now 89, who just this past year moved in with her brother in Wisconsin, for being her inspiration. "'She was pregnant eight times in 10 years,' my father used to say. She is such a lovely and strong woman, who reminds me that I can do it!"

Barbara hopes that her mother's good example can continue to be passed down to her granddaughters, as well as the faith that they all hold dear and the beautiful dress they all have graced.



Barbara Coons is shown on her first Communion day in 1963.



Kelly Carmichael, the second generation, wears the heirloom first Communion dress.



Claire Carmichael, the third generation, wears the heirloom first Communion dress in 2014.

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AND THE FAMILY OF FAITH

Teen reception of first Communion meant 'coming home'

BY KAY COZAD

A number of high school youth from across the diocese have been eagerly preparing to enter the Catholic Church with the reception of the sacraments. They have found a home in the Church through their high school Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens (RCIT) program offered through each school's Campus Ministry.

Alexandra Broom, a senior at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, was raised Christian, but did not attend a church regularly. As a child she learned about the Catholic faith through her grandmother, but by 13 had accepted a friend's invitation to the Methodist Church where she was baptized and confirmed. Soon she found herself investigating other faiths but remained unfulfilled.

"Once I started coming to Luers, my knowledge of Catholicism grew tremendously. I considered converting to Catholicism before attending

Luers. However, the four years of a Catholic environment with excellent teachers and helpful friends guided me to come to know the Truth easily," she said.

Broom's discernment took a full six years. "The Catholic Church was the first place I really felt myself connect to God on a regular basis and understood His truth. With this realization, I decided to become Catholic," she said, adding that she began her preparation with Meg Hanlon, the head of Bishop Luers' religion department.

So along with five other Bishop Luers students, "Every Wednesday we would meet after school and discuss the Catholic faith and confirm this was the right path for me. We practiced receiving the sacraments, chose our patron saint's name (St. Joan of Arc), chose a sponsor (my grandma, Lynn Parsons), and grew closer to God as a group. Mrs. Hanlon really furthered our knowledge and was very encouraging the entire journey," she said.



James Slocum

Alexander Broom, Bishop Luers senior, poses with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades following her full reception into the Catholic Church on Jan. 28.

The culmination of her formation experience had her welcomed fully into the Catholic Church with first Communion and Confirmation conferred by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during his pastoral visit to Bishop Luers at a Mass on Jan. 28.

Broom's first Communion was a homecoming she said. "Receiving the Eucharist meant I was coming home. I was finally partaking in the ultimate sacrifice for all of our sins. I was taking responsibility for my sins and thanking God by accepting Him into my temple so He can heal me and strengthen our relationship. It was an overwhelming sense of grace to receive my first communion," she said.

At Bishop Dwenger High

year into my sophomore year ... I knew that God was leading me into the faith and I wanted to make the next step," she said, noting that last November she attended a retreat that touched her heart.

"I attended a retreat with St. Vincent (de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne) where I received first Reconciliation. During the retreat, I knew that there was something special about the Eucharist that I wanted to dive deeper into," she said.

Bishop Dwenger's Campus Minister Jason Garrett leads the RCIT program there and Griffith noted of her formation, "Jason Garrett would go over a lesson, read over articles and books. We also practiced step-by-step," in preparation for reception of the sacraments.

Griffith's chosen sponsor, Jaclyn Grutsch, who was instrumental in inviting Griffith to the meaningful retreat in November, was a catechetical guide as well. "My sponsor, Jaclyn Grutsch, was also a big help in helping me prepare by answering any questions I had and always lead me in the right direction," Griffith said.

Griffith, along with another Bishop Dwenger student, received her first Communion and Confirmation during Bishop Rhoades' pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger on Jan. 8 and said, "It felt like it was the first time in my life that I was one with the Lord. Words cannot really explain the full mystery of this experience. It is fascinating that we are watching a miracle right in front of us during the preparation."

Marian High School in Mishawaka is preparing six students for their reception of the sacraments to be celebrated next year with the assistance of Father Christopher Lapp, school chaplain, and Sister of St. Francis Sister Marie Morgan.



Francie Hogan

Bishop Dwenger sophomore Brooke Griffith receives her first Communion from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during Mass on Jan. 8.

School in Fort Wayne, sophomore Brooke Griffith, was introduced to the Catholic faith in her freshman year. "After learning a lot from my freshman

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Ministry in Aleppo is about keeping hope alive, priests say

BY GABY MANISCALCO

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even in the midst of constant bombing, Jesuit and Salesian priests remain in war-torn Aleppo, Syria, trying to create a sense of normalcy for those unable to leave.

Jesuit Father Sami Hallak has been keeping a crisis journal during his time in Aleppo, narrating daily life as he and hundreds of thousands of the city's residents cope with the reality of a war that began in March 2011.

In late January, Father Hallak wrote, Islamic State militants "cut the water for reasons still unknown." Although Jesuit Refugee Service, where Father Hallak works, has a large water tank, the reserves are used with care.

Unless it is designated for drinking, he said, the water is reused two or three times. "If one takes a bath, he puts hot water in a bucket, and the bathing water is carefully collected in a vessel." The water is then used in the toilets, to wash clothes or to clean the floor.

A portion of Father Hallak's journal was published Feb. 22 by the Rome-based missionary news agency, AsiaNews.

On his Valentine's Day entry Feb. 14, he suggested Aleppo

sweethearts could use the slogan, "I love you even if you stink." And, he said, "the most popular gift is a red can ... filled with water."

In five years of fighting, according to the United Nations, more than 250,000 people have been killed, 4.6 million Syrians have been forced to leave the country and 6.6 million are internally displaced.

Father Hallak said he tries to keep up people's morale in his homilies, even suggesting that the water will be turned back on within a week. A positive attitude, he said, "is our only way to survive."

Other priests in the area have taken a similar approach. Salesian Father Luciano Buratti, who also works in Aleppo, told the Salesian news agency ANS, Feb. 19, "Our community has chosen to continue our activities as if nothing has happened. We try to offer families a place where they can breathe stability and harmony even in the midst of chaos."

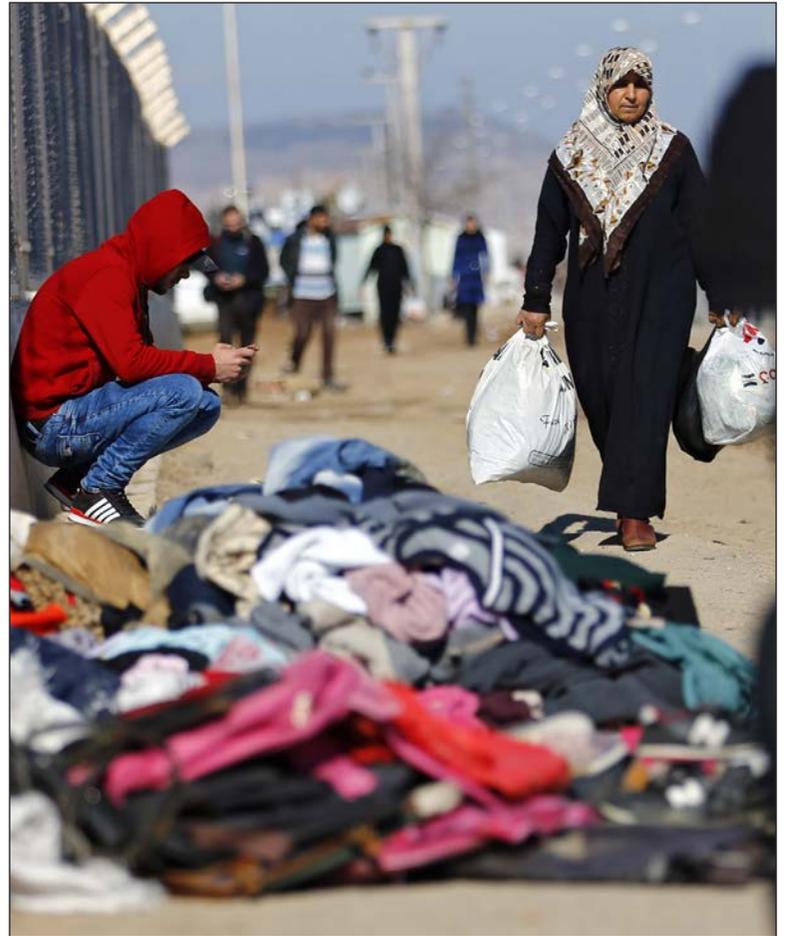
Still, he said, "nobody can understand what's happening, and we don't know whom we can trust. We were preparing with young people a play to celebrate Don Bosco, and we have to stop because several of them died during the bombing."

But people need hope and stability, so both parish and youth center events continue to operate as they did before the fighting, Father Buratti said. He also noted that the people remaining in Aleppo are those who do not have the means to leave.

Despite the volatile environment, people continue to look for signs of hope, Father Hallak said. In a diary entry, he recounted how a statue at St. Bonaventure Church was damaged by government forces during the fighting.

In a conversation with a plumber Feb. 18, he said he was surprised and confused to hear the man call the broken statue a miracle. The plumber said: "The face of the virgin and almost the entire front of the statue remain intact. Her hands clasped in prayer are slightly broken. It's a miracle, Father!"

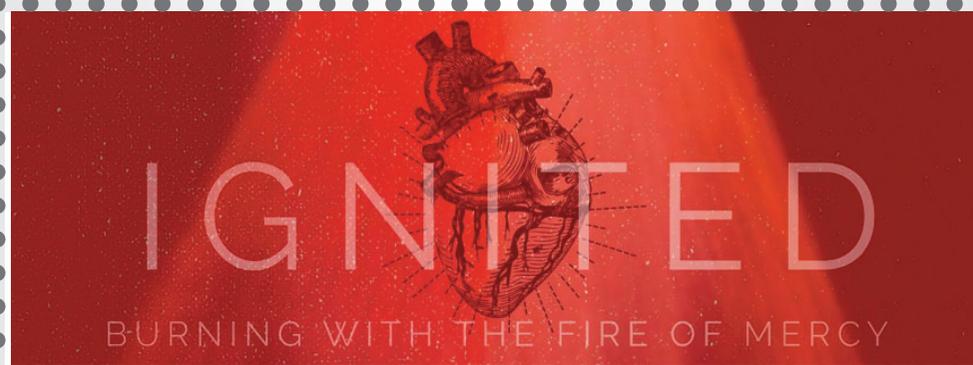
After listening to the plumber's words, he wrote that many people in Aleppo also forgot that the statue was destroyed and "remember only parts that remained 'miraculously' intact."



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A refugee woman from Syria carries food while other displaced people sit near a border gate in Kilis, Turkey, Feb. 9. More than 30,000 people are stranded in northern Aleppo province after Turkish government forces closed border crossings.

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The Christian approach to immigration

The recent spat between Pope Francis and Donald Trump over immigration into the United States raises the question of whether there is a distinctively Christian approach to the issue of immigration. I would like to claim that there is. Such an approach does not provide a definitive answer to every aspect of immigration reform such as whether all, some or none of those who are here without authorization should receive a path to citizenship. It does, however, provide parameters and values that should be central to the debate.

A Christian approach to immigration is founded on basic Christian values, such as the dignity of every human person, the common good of society, solidarity with those who are poor or oppressed, and respect for authority. A Christian approach will take all of these factors into account.

To illustrate these values we can imagine a ship at sea coming upon a foreign ship that is in distress, with the lives of many passengers at risk. Certainly, the ship's captain would be wrong to ignore the plight of these passengers and to say that it is none of his business. Nor would it be right for the captain to ignore the wellbeing of those entrusted to his care by taking on more passengers than his ship could safely accept. In this scenario, acting in accord with both the dignity of every passenger from the foreign ship as well as the common good of his own is necessary for achieving a balanced approach.

With regard to the issue of immigration into the United

States, we also add into the mix the plight of those who are poor or oppressed as well as respect for the authority of the federal government — including its immigration laws. Especially for those with minimal skills seeking to immigrate, the federal quota has been artificially maintained for decades at a relatively low level without any adjustments due to changing employment needs.

There is no question that the federal government should protect the security and the livelihoods of those who are already American citizens. However, this needs to be balanced with an openness to providing the poor and oppressed from other countries with the opportunity to experience the American dream when, not only would our country not be injured by it, but would benefit from it as well.

Unfortunately, since the federal government has not been able for decades to implement a reasonable visa worker program, many trying to flee poverty or oppression abroad have had no viable legal alternative to taking employment opportunities that they were not legally authorized to take.

I think that most people would agree that waiting a few weeks or months for waiting jobs in order to support themselves and their families would be reasonable. Waiting for years and years with an unknown likelihood of success is another thing altogether. While we shouldn't turn a blind eye to the millions who have broken our laws, we also shouldn't turn a blind eye to our own failure to legally welcome those in search

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FREDERICK W. EVERETT, JD

of the security and the livelihoods that they could not find in their own countries.

Finally, in the recent debate spawned by the pope's words on building bridges and not walls, it was mentioned that even the Vatican has walls on many of its sides. This is true and it unquestionably provides an important part of its security. It's also true, though, that its main entrance is that of two immense colonnades that image two great arms of welcome and embrace. As a grateful son of a Cuban refugee mother who was granted political asylum here, I think both images are good to keep in mind as we slog through this debate.

Frederick W. Everett, JD, is the diocesan coordinator for the Indiana Catholic Conference.

Honduras: Food for Education

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MELISSA WHEELER

Lucia is a grandmother in Honduras who is raising her granddaughter, Mayra, on her own. In order to provide for Mayra, Lucia works hard every day picking coffee and doing people's laundry. As is the situation for many caregivers all over the world, Lucia seldom has time to help Mayra with her schoolwork. Lucia is not alone in this struggle in Honduras where 65 percent of people live on less than \$2 a day. Through a program called Food for Education, Mayra is able to access the help she needs to be successful in school so Lucia can focus on working to provide for basic necessities.

Food for Education is a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) project that benefits 53,863 children enrolled in 1,047 pre-primary and primary schools. The project focuses on literacy, attendance, retention and attentiveness. Regular meals are provided by the school so students will receive the nutrition they need to be successful in their studies. The project also provides basic educational materials to schools, trains teachers and provides transportation to students so they can get to school.

In Mayra's case, her teacher recognized Mayra's struggles with school and paired her with a tutor named Fabricio. Now, Mayra is doing better in school with Fabricio's help. They have also become great friends. It is a great relief for Lucia, as you may imagine, to know that Mayra is succeeding in school and is taken care of well when she is at school.

Now, Lucia can more confidently do what she needs to do to provide food and shelter for herself and Mayra. We can see a humility in Lucia's hard, thankless work every day.

As parents, we prepare our children for the world. None of us will be exempt from hardship in our families.

Tradition tells us that Anne and her husband, Joachim, struggled to have children. They devoted themselves to prayer and fasting in hope that God would intervene for them. What a great blessing they received — to be Mary's parents and the grandparents of Jesus. It is easy for us to take the sacrifices of parents for granted.

This week, reflect on the role that parents have played in your life. Were you given opportunities to succeed, even if your parents had humble means like Lucia? Were you provided with life's essentials? Were you taught right from wrong, even when facing hardship? How might you honor your own parents and caretakers while honoring hardworking parents and guardians throughout the world?

Melissa Wheeler is the diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services.

God is forever merciful, regardless of how we have strayed



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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4th Sunday of Lent Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

This weekend the Church observes Laetare Sunday, the name being derived from the first word, in Latin, of the Entrance Antiphon. This word is "laetare," or "rejoice." The Church rejoices that salvation, finalized in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus, is near.

Priests may wear rose vestments. Rose is violet with a tinge of gold, reminding us of the first rays of the sun as they creep across the horizon after a dark night. Christ, the light of the world, is coming.

The Book of Joshua, the first reading, looks far back into the

history of God's people, to the time when they had finished the long and threatening trip across the Sinai Peninsula. Remember, along the way, they disowned God.

Sinai was then, as it is now, bleak in sterility and lifelessness.

Into this situation came God with the gift of manna from the sky. Scientifically speaking, what was manna? No one now can say, but it was real. Unexpectedly, it appeared. The people could not have created it. It was God's gift. Without the manna, the people would have starved.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians furnishes the second reading. Midway in the reading is Paul's urgent appeal to the Corinthian Christians to be reconciled with God in Christ. It is not difficult to imagine Paul's frustration as he saw the Corinthians toying with their old pagan ways. They were forsaking true life. Urgency literally flowed in his words.

It underscored his insistence that nothing else matters but life truly with God, thus so power-

fully, he implored the people to return to God.

Live as "new creations" in Christ.

For its final reading on this weekend, the Church gives us, from Luke's Gospel, the beautifully reassuring parable of the Prodigal.

Much of the parable is self-evident, even to us in the 21st century. Certainly quite clear is the unqualified, constant love of the father, who is a symbol of God.

Some powerful messages, however, may be lost until we consider the ancient context. For example, the Prodigal was not the older son; therefore, he was not his father's heir. The Prodigal had no right to an inheritance, whether he was good or bad. Then, the Prodigal deserted his father. This especially would have disgusted Jews at the time of Jesus, who prized loyalty to parents.

Next, the Prodigal rejected the privilege given him of being part of the people of God. He abandoned the primary obligation of this status, to bear witness to

God. Finally, he consorted with prostitutes, scorning the sanctity of marriage, so precious to Jews, and risked defiling the pure stock of God's people by begetting children who would be reared by pagan and unbelieving mothers.

His sins brought him no reward. He had to wait not just on animals, rather than on humans, but on pigs, the lowest of the low, in Jewish eyes.

Nevertheless, the father forgave all and lavishly gave him an undeserved inheritance.

Reflection

The Church is joyful. Salvation is near. It calls us to salvation, to be with God in, and through, Jesus.

Wisely, the Church realizes that all its members, to some degree, at some time, have been Prodigals, wandering away as the Corinthians wandered.

Its message this weekend, however, is not of denunciation. Instead, in the reading from Joshua, precisely with its reference to the manna, and in the

Gospel, with its thrilling story of the forgiving father, the Church calls us to God. God loves us. He is forever merciful, regardless of how far we have strayed.

In Jesus, the sacrificial victim of Calvary, God awaits us with the Eucharist, food for our starving souls, for which we can find no equal.

Lent is the time to turn back to God.

READINGS

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-
14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn
5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21,
23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12
Jn 7:40-53

After Justice Scalia

The death of Justice Antonin Scalia on Feb. 13 — unexpected and, for many reasons, tragic — draws a curtain on the life and public service of one of the most important Catholic figures in America over the past half-century. Justice Scalia was regarded, by admirers and detractors alike, as the most consequential jurist of his time. He brought a remarkable intellect, a clear concept of judging, a distinguished literary style, and a biting wit to his work on the U.S. Supreme Court. His utter demolition of the majority opinion in *Obergefell vs. Hodges*, the decision that invented a constitutional right for people of the same sex to “marry,” is a masterpiece of devastation — as was Scalia’s dissent from Chief Justice John Roberts’ opinion saving Obamacare by reinventing it as a kind-of-tax.

But it would be a grave mistake to think of Justice Scalia’s jurisprudence as essentially negative. Rather, his judging was based on convictions about who should make the laws and how judges should function in a system of judicial review. In a democracy, he believed, legislators, chosen by the people, are free to craft laws within the bounds set by the Constitution. The judge’s task is to interpret both Constitution and statutes according to their text, and according to the text’s meaning as that meaning was understood when the text was adopted. Any other method of judging, he thought, inevitably turned the Supreme Court into a Super-

Congress, in which nine unelected lawyers who were not subject to periodic elections ruled the country. That seemed to him a very bad idea. More to the point, it was not the idea of governance inscribed in the Constitution.

Justice Scalia was not only a distinguished jurist; he was a wonderful man, full of vitality and humor. He made no secret of his intense Catholicism, bred in him in his youth. (Nor did he hesitate to express his concerns when the Church seemed to him to be coming unmoored from the Great Tradition on which it was grounded.) He was a devoted husband and father, and his friendships extended far beyond the range of those who agreed with his jurisprudence. A man of honor and a dedicated public servant, he was, with Henry Hyde, one of the two most influential Catholics in national affairs during his years in Washington. He will be sorely missed, not only by those of us privileged to know him, but by anyone who cares about intelligence and integrity in public life.

There will be an enormous political struggle over filling his seat on the Court. It is far too early to know how that struggle will resolve itself. But it’s not too early to do Justice Scalia one last honor and ask the question, why is that struggle so crucial? Why has the Supreme Court become such a Leviathan in our national public life?

Something is wrong here. Last June, one man, Justice Anthony Kennedy, decided on behalf of 322 million Americans that the



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THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Constitution included a “right” for people of the same sex to “marry” each other. Put aside the fact that his reasoning was so specious (indeed vacuous) that the keener proponents of “same-sex marriage” were dismayed by it, and are trying to find another case that would put their “right” on firmer constitutional ground. Put aside the fact, previously noted, that after Justice Scalia’s dissent from Kennedy’s opinion, the dental records were needed to identify the remains. The real question was, is, and ought to be this: Why was one man deciding this for the entire country? Why was a deeply controverted issue being removed from the deliberation of the people and their legislators and decided by unelected and unaccountable judges? (Yes, I know, Supreme Court justices can be impeached; but if you believe that a remedy for *Obergefell* — or in just about any other imaginable instance — I have a nice bridge in Brooklyn to sell you.)

America would honor the memory of the great Antonin Scalia if the 2016 presidential campaign, which will now, inevitably and bitterly, engage the question of his successor, would

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for March 6, 2016

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C: a parable of family life. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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TWO SONS	FATHER	SHARE
PROPERTY	YOUNGER	COUNTRY
FAMINE	HIRED	SINNED
KISSED	SERVANTS	LOST
FOUND	FIELD	DANCING
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seriously debate the prior questions: Why have these Supreme Court nominations become so important, and what can be done to restore balance to the American constitutional order?

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The nun who kissed Elvis, ditched Hollywood and found home

Dolores Hart was 19 when she filmed her first movie scene: kissing Elvis Presley.

The aspiring actress was dressed in a polka dot dress with her honey-brown hair swept in a ponytail. He wore a denim jacket with the collar turned up, his glossy bangs grazing his brow. They were directed to kiss again and again and again, lip locked until finally they heard “Cut!” First a make-up artist had to touch up Dolores’ bright red ears, and then Elvis’ ears needed concealer. After one seemingly endless kiss, Elvis pulled away and called “cut,” saying he needed to come up for air. It was his first onscreen kiss too.

On set, Dolores never missed a chance to hear Elvis croon. “He totally took you when he was singing on stage,” she told me.

But when Elvis asked her out on a date, Dolores was all business, explaining they’d have to return by 7:30 p.m. to get enough sleep before her 4 a.m. alarm for hair and makeup.

He was a gentleman, always calling her “Miss Dolores,” and the Catholic from Chicago

recognized in the Mississippi Pentecostal a fellow spiritual seeker. They would go on to discuss Scripture, with Elvis pulling out a Bible and asking for her thoughts on various verses.

When Paramount released “Loving You” in 1957, Dolores became an overnight star. She earned a Tony nomination two years later, and critics called her “the new Grace Kelly.”

Dolores’ faith kept her grounded, especially daily Mass. After a long Broadway run, a friend encouraged her to recuperate at Regina Laudis, a Connecticut abbey of cloistered Benedictine nuns. Dolores felt a peace there and knew it wasn’t simply the reprieve from Hollywood pressures. “There was something more,” she wrote.

She began dating Don Robinson, a handsome Catholic architect. The two were engaged in a year. Dolores’ dream of marriage and motherhood was within reach: The big day would be Feb. 23, 1963. Wedding invitations were printed.

But the tug of religious life persisted, and Don felt Dolores



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

grow distant. “You’re still thinking about that monastery, aren’t you?” he asked.

She returned and again felt its powerful draw. Wandering through a pine forest as the snow fell, Dolores sobbed over the “jumble” in her mind. Besides giving up Don, she’d also be forfeiting a fairytale career, including four scripts from MGM and an offer from Universal to star opposite Marlon Brando. She penned a letter to God that day, writing, “I can’t understand Your ways.”

Dolores broke the news to Don her first day back. They met with the priest set to marry them, who was baffled by Dolores’ decision. “There is an aura of flightiness about Hollywood,” he warned her. “I

think you should see the archbishop as soon as possible. It’s more than I can handle.”

She entered the convent on June 13 and cried herself to sleep that night.

Religious life didn’t come easily to the 24-year-old. Looking back now, at 77, Mother Dolores sees how her early suffering in the abbey carved out a “purity of heart.”

She didn’t instantly shed her vanity. “You still have that drive, but you redirect it,” she told me. “I came to the realization that who you are in your soul, who you come to love and who loves you is what makes you beautiful.”

The same force behind her acting — her desire “to be a bridge, a connector” — was fully satisfied through a life of prayer, enabling Mother Dolores to become “a bridge for people to an eternal life.” She founded a theater at the abbey “to help young people find their vocation in Christ through the medium of theater.”

Mother Dolores rose to new challenges that came to feel like

a homecoming. She became a carpenter — a trade, she later learned, that had been passed down in her family since the 17th century. She tucked a toolkit into her belt, marveling over her ability to build.

Mother Dolores wants to share her joyful outcome, so she’ll be recording a SisterStory.org oral history — unvarnished, uninterrupted, in her own words — to be released this spring. It’s “important” to highlight the stories of women religious, she said, which is the goal of National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14), an official component of Women’s History Month. In their stories, we lay Catholics can better understand our own paths to holiness and appreciate that which unites us, Mother Dolores said. “My life in the monastery has allowed me to be open to the grace of creation and what it means to be a human being in the world.”

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Sports

BROOKE RIDLEY HITS MILESTONE IN BASKETBALL CAREER AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS Brooke Ridley closed her basketball career at the University of Saint Francis with 2,017 points, scoring 32 in the 62-54 loss to Spring Arbor University on Feb. 23 at Hutzell Athletic Center. Ridley, a Bishop Luers High School graduate, is just the second University of Saint Francis player in 42 seasons to score 2,000 or more points. Ridley crossed the 2,000-plateau with 16 points in the first half, 10 in the second quarter. She scored in double figures in 32 of USF's last 33 games. Also, for the second time in three weeks, Ridley has been named Crossroads League Player of the Week for Feb. 15-20.

Christ the King crowned as Inter-City Catholic League champions

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The culmination of four months of practices, contests and a 13-game tournament ended with one team being crowned Inter-City Catholic League Champion.

Saint Joseph High School was the scene of the crescendo that culminated the 2015-2016 season, which was still abuzz from the third-place game that saw a double overtime thriller. That game was decided on Braden Kaniewski's last second shot, giving Corpus Christi a 76-73 victory.

With the fans still on the edge of their seats the main event was between two highly touted squads from different divisions as the St. Martin De Porres champs, the Panthers of St. Anthony matched up against the northern most team in the league, the Kings from Christ the King School.

The Kings had been a dangerous team all season with only two blemishes on their resume, one coming in December in the same location to the Panthers.

Jitters ruled the early stanza as both teams missed on shots that traditionally fell throughout the campaign until the Kings broke the spell a minute in. The Panthers countered with a layup by Mitchell Floran that was beautifully set up by dribble penetration and a pass by Peter Royeca.

The Kings would score the next three buckets, a layup by JR Konieczny and a couple including a three from talented guard Jack Futa.

A quick timeout by the Panther Coach Nick Dalton tried



Provided by Christ the King

The Christ the King basketball Kings won the Inter-City Catholic League championship crown on Feb. 28.

to settle his squad down and they stopped the onslaught with a Tobias Patton bucket.

King Futa hit another shot before the quarter ended pushing the lead to seven along with the momentum squarely in Christ the Kings' favor.

The Panthers got on the board early in the second quarter with baskets by dependable guard Phillip Robles and Floran, however the Kings answered twofold with a layup by John Driscoll and three piercing drives by Adam Wozniak making it a double-digit deficit going into the locker room, 21-10.

It looked as though the Kings would end it as the only points in the first three minutes of the third were scored by Futa until the Panthers caught fire. Successive makes by Patton, Royeca, Robles and Tyler Deboe started a 10-0 run that brought the maroon-and-gold-clad warriors within six to end the quarter.

The Panthers' shots that couldn't find the goal in the first continued to drop as Royeca knocked down one to start the fourth quarter tightening

the noose a little more on the stunned Kings.

But the Kings had the answer in Futa as the guard took over on the offensive end by hitting a three-pointer and a couple of layups matching basket for basket with the surging Panthers.

Up by nine with just over a minute to play pressure and scores by the Panthers and foul shooting by the Kings would decide the fate of the championship.

It would all be decided by a six for six demonstration on how to hit clutch foul shots down the stretch by Wozniak of the Kings.

The guard, with ice water in his veins, went to the line shooting one and ones three times and owned the final pressure-packed minute and helped Christ the King hoist the championship plaque high as time expired on the upstart Panther team.

"Defense, defense, defense had to be the key against St. Anthony. Team defense is what it took to stop their well-coached ball club," explained Kings Coach Ted Mandell. "I am so proud of what these 13 kids did this sea-

son. They hung tough, had great attitudes, played together and gelled as a team."

"I have so enjoyed coaching this team, one of my all-time favorites. They never stop trying," remarked Panther long-time Skipper Nick Dalton. "Our shots didn't fall early but I thought we had our opportunities down the stretch. Congratulations should really go to Coach Mandell and his team."

"Overall I was pretty happy with the league this year, it was very competitive and there was more than a handful of talented teams that could have won the

championship," touted league Director Ben Wiginton. "The coaches did a great job developing players and teaching Catholic values. And it looks like we have some nice young players coming back next year."

The Colors Championship was won by St. Joseph Blue, 32-28, over Holy Family Blue behind Luke Thomas' 13, despite the double digit efforts of Trojans Kyrell Franklin and Harry Jeffers.

The Fort Wayne CYO/ICCL Invitational Tournament for the diocese will tip off Sunday, March 6, at Marian High School in Mishawaka at 1 p.m.

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For the seventh-grade league, St. Vincent Panthers of Fort Wayne were crowned the CYO champions.



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In junior varsity action, the St. Vincent de Paul Panthers were crowned champions in the sixth-grade tournament.

Spotlight is not anti-Catholic, Vatican newspaper says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican newspaper said the Oscar-winning film, *Spotlight*, is not anti-Catholic.

It is not an anti-Catholic movie, as has been written, because the film succeeds in giving voice to the "alarm and deep pain" experienced by the Catholic faithful when a team of investigative newspaper reporters in Boston revealed the scandal of clerical abuse, said the article published Feb. 29 in *L'Osservatore Romano*.

The paper said it was also a "positive sign" when Michael Sugar, the movie's producer, said he hoped the film would "resonate all the way to the Vatican."

In his acceptance speech at the 88th annual Academy Awards Feb. 28, Sugar said the movie "gave a voice to survivors, and this Oscar amplifies this voice." He then expressed hopes this voice would "become a choir that will resonate all the way to the Vatican."

"Pope Francis, it's time to protect the children and restore the faith," he said.

The fact there was such an appeal, the Vatican newspaper said, was "a positive sign" because it shows "there is still trust in the institution (of the Church), there is trust in a pope who is continuing the cleanup begun by his predecessor."

"There is still trust in a faith that has at its heart the defense of victims, the protection of the innocent," said the article, written by Lucetta Scaraffia, a professor of contemporary history and a frequent contributor to the Vatican newspaper.

Spotlight won two awards: one for best picture and one for best original screenplay. The film documents the *Boston Globe's* investigation into the scandal and cover-up of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy in the



CNS photo/Open Road Films

Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo and Brian D'Arcy James star in a scene from the movie "Spotlight." The Vatican newspaper said the Oscar-winning film, *Spotlight*, is not anti-Catholic.

Archdiocese of Boston.

The Vatican newspaper said the film does not touch on the "long and tenacious fight" by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in launching action against abusers in the Church.

"But a film can't say everything, and the difficulties that Ratzinger encountered only confirm the premise of the film, that is, that too often the Church institution did not know how to respond with the necessary determination before these crimes," the article said.

While children are vulnerable to abuse in many other places, like in the family, school or sports teams, it said, "it is now clear that too many in the

Church were more worried about the image of the institution than the seriousness of the act."

"All of this cannot justify the very grave crime of one, who as a representative of God, uses this prestige and authority to take advantage of the innocent," the article said.

The film, in fact, shows the kind of devastation wrought on victims when "they don't even have a God to plead with anymore, to ask for help," it said.

Jesuit Father Hans Zollner, a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, told Vatican Radio many bishops had urged others to see the film and "take seriously its central message, which is that the Catholic Church can and must be transparent, just and committed

to fighting abuse, and it must ensure it never happens again."

Catholic leaders cannot think clerical sexual abuse will go away if they don't talk about it, Father Zollner said. "I think this is one of the central messages of the film."

Director Tom McCarthy had

It should be noted:

Today's Catholic will offer a special package that features the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Safe Environment Office that employs the policies of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. It will include information about the annual audit and steps that the Catholic Church has taken to keep youth safe locally in the diocese. The film, *Spotlight*, mentions Bishop John M. D'Arcy's commitment to the protection of youth.

said that while he's excited the pope is a "forward-thinking, inclusive, progressive, reform-minded person," addressing the scourge of sexual abuse will not occur overnight.

"He's taking over the reins of an institution that does not change very quickly," McCarthy said in an interview with *America* magazine in November 2015.

"Like any leader, within his institution, he's got his work cut out for him. What remains to be seen is how much change, how much action happens under his guidance. I think you just have to wait and see," McCarthy had said.

Contributing to this story was Junno Arocho Esteves at the Vatican.

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A Haven for Healing to offer spring session

South Bend — The Spring 2016 session for A Haven for Healing will begin on March 7. Sessions will be held each Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A Haven for Healing offers a spiritual recovery program to those suffering after an abortion. We understand the pain that unresolved grief after an abortion may cause. If you suffer from depression, anxiety, fear or substance abuse, you may not realize that these symptoms sometimes stem from regret or remorse after an abortion. We offer understanding and charity, knowing that each woman's pain manifests itself in different ways. We are ready to listen. All meetings are held in a confidential location. For more information, visit ahavenforhealing.com or call the confidential phone line at 574-514-7471.

Jonah fish fry at St. Bavo

Mishawaka — St. Bavo Parish will have a Jonah fish fry on Friday, March 18, from 4-7 p.m. at the school, 511 W. 7th St. Presale tickets at the rectory office, 502 W. 7th St., are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students through grade 8. Tickets at the door will be \$9 for adults and seniors and \$5 for children.

Fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Father Solanus Council 11276 will have a fish fry Friday, March 18, from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church School, 10700 Aboite Center Rd. Adults \$9, children ages 6-11 are \$5 and children 5 or under eat free. Carry-out will also be available at adult meal price only.

Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 4, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children 5-12 \$4.50 and children under 5 free.

Knights to offer fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council No. 5521 will have a fish fry at the Francis Club, 61533 Ironwood Rd., every Friday during Lent from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children 5-12 \$3.50, children under 5 free. Shrimp is available for \$9 and cheese pizza for \$1 per slice.

Easter candy and bake sale

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Church, 1529 Barthold St., will have an Easter candy and bake sale in the school gym Saturday, March 19, from 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to noon.

St. Patrick's Day

South Bend — St. Patrick Parish, 309 S. Taylor St., will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 12, with a Mass at 9 a.m. followed by the parade. Live Irish music, dance and bagpipes will be offered in the parish center between noon and 4 p.m. Traditional corn beef and cabbage meals are available along with Irish potato soup and soda bread. Children under 5 are free.

Catholic Business Network Group

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, March 4, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be speak-

ing on "Pope Francis and the Economy," in the Cathedral Center following Mass. A light breakfast provided by Today's Catholic.

St. Jude boys vs. girls basketball game

Fort Wayne — A St. Jude eighth-grade boys vs. girls basketball game will be Friday, March 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at USF Hutzell Athletic Center, 2701 Spring St. Admission is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Face painting, caricatures, games, food, raffle prizes and half-time entertainment. Visit www.facebook.com/events/1144059182301324.

Boy Scout Troop 20 plans spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — A spaghetti dinner will be Saturday, March 12, from 5-7 p.m. in the Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Dinner includes the Venice meat sauce, Casa salad and Edy's ice cream. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$6 for students and \$28 per family.

Interpreter at Mass

Fort Wayne — An interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be present at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 13, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. An interpreter will be present the Second Sunday of every month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. For information contact Allison at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or call 260-422-4611.

REST IN PEACE

Auburn

Donald R. Briggs, 91, Immaculate Conception

Huntington

Herman G. Ness, 88, Ss. Peter and Paul

Elizabeth K. Grzadzila, 90, Our Lady of Hungary

Columbia City

Maxine Frances Scheiber, 83, St. Paul of the Cross

New Haven

Robert E. Hanke, 89, St. John the Baptist

Cathryn R. Olson, 85, Holy Cross

Fort Wayne

Bernard E. Richardville, 94, St. Vincent de Paul

Jack Edward Tomlinson, 83, St. John the Baptist

Priscilla Ann Obregon, 41, Holy Cross

South Bend

Stephan J. Chikar, 97, Holy Family

James E. Jeske, 83, Christ the King

Robert S. Kwiatkowski, 87, St. Stanislaus

Parishes should submit obituaries to kcozad@diocesefwsb.org

St. John the Baptist 25th Annual FISH FRY
 Friday, March 11, 2016 • 4:30 - 7:30 pm
All you can eat...
 ADULTS \$9.50 • KIDS (6-12) \$5.00 • KIDS (1-5) \$2.00
 Yes...Carry-outs and Drive-thru (from Arlington) available.
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Arcola Fish Fry
ALL YOU CAN EAT
 Fish Fry at St. Patricks Church
Friday, March 11, 2016
4:00 - 7:00 pm
fish, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, applesauce & dessert.
 Peanut butter & Jelly sandwiches available for the kids.
Adults: \$10.00
Seniors (60 plus) \$9
Child (5-10) \$5
Children 4 and under: FREE
DRIVE THRU and CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE!
Saint Patrick Catholic Church, 12305 Arcola Road, 46818

Fish & Chicken Strip Dinner
ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH & CHICKEN
Friday, March 11, 2016 - 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Cornerstone Youth Center
19819 Monroeville Road, Monroeville, 46773
Adults:\$9.00 / Youth 6 to10:\$6.00 - 5 & under: Free
 Dine-in Meals include scalloped potatoes, applesauce or cole slaw, roll/butter and dessert.
Drive-Thru Meals include choice of chicken, fish or both w/ coleslaw, scalloped potatoes, roll/butter and cookies.
 Adult meals only for Carryout
 No kids or free meals.
 Questions? 260-623-3972
 By Burns Catering & Fish Fry

Notice of ANNUAL CLEANUP
 at CATHOLIC CEMETERY
 The Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne will conduct their ANNUAL CLEANUP of decorations from March 15 thru March 31. Please do NOT place any decorations during this entire time. If you wish to save your decoration, please have it removed BEFORE March 15, or call the Catholic Cemetery Office, 426-2044, by March 10, and we will hold it for you no more than 30 days, after which it will be discarded. Decorations may be placed **AFTER MARCH 31.**
We thank you for your cooperation.

Find where the fish is fried
 See the calendar at www.diocesefwsb.org

School Secretary
CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL
St. Therese Catholic School in Fort Wayne
 with 200 students enrolled preK - 8, seeks a School Secretary to work Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school year. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel with knowledge of how to work in PowerSchool. Applicant should possess good organizational skills and be able to do reports. Applications for the position are available at the school office at 2222 Lower Huntington Road in Fort Wayne 46819. For more information, please contact the school Principal, Mr. Chuck Grimm at 260-747-2343 or by email at cgrimm@sttheresefw.org
 Deadline for applications: March 15, 2016
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Mass of Healing in Angola



Provided by St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Conventual Franciscan John Raphael Hadnagy from the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, celebrated a Mass of healing at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Angola with over 100 in attendance on Feb. 12. Following Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick was offered with intercessory prayer for all. The Franciscan friars have served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 1931 in the spirit of their founder, St. Francis of Assisi.

Catholic Charities offers services



Liz Flaherty

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend assists Tin Zar Lwin, who worked with the immigration department. Luz Ostragnai, immigration supervisor, visited Tin Zar Lwin's home to work with her because her terminal illness did not permit her to travel. Despite her illness, it was a great desire of hers to become a U.S. citizen. Ostragnai's hard work in making sure that she was able to complete the immigration process from home comforted her despite her painful physical illness. Below, Father Peter Dee De, parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, joins in the citizenship ceremony.

Students make blankets for Women's Care Center



Sara Lake

St. Mary, Avilla, prekindergarten through eighth-grade students recently worked together to make 20 new fleece blankets that will be donated to the Fort Wayne Women's Care Center. The students also collected new children's books and attached the message "Thank you for choosing life. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast. Hebrews 6:19."



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