TODAY’S CATHOLIC

Pope prays for refugees, brings 12 Syrians back to Rome

BY CINDY WOODEN

MYTILENE, Greece (CNS) — Pope Francis’ five-hour visit to Greece ended with him offering safe passage to Italy to 12 Syrian Muslims, half under the age of 18.

The Vatican had kept secret the pope’s plan to invite the members of three Syrian families to fly back to Rome with him April 16. Rumors began swirling in the Greek media a couple hours before the flight took off, but it was confirmed by the Vatican only as the 12 were boarding the papal plane.

The Vatican Secretariat of State made formal arrangements with the Italy and the Greek governments to obtain the legal permits needed for the refugees to live in Italy, a Vatican statement said. The Vatican will assume financial responsibility for the families, who will be assisted by the Rome-based Community of Sant’Egidio.

All 12 in the group, the Vatican added, had arrived in Greece prior to March 20, the date a European Union agreement with Turkey went into effect for returning most asylum seekers to Turkey.

The children are between the ages of 2 and 17.

After spending the morning with desperate refugees interned in a camp in Greece, Pope Francis and Orthodox leaders turned their attention and prayers to the sea, the final burial place of hundreds who died trying to get to Europe.

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Words and deeds can't be separated, pope tells new priests

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — What you say and how you live always go hand in hand, building up the church and the people of God, Pope Francis told new priests.

“May your doctrine be nourishment to the people of God, joy and supporting those faithful to Christ (be) the fragrance of your life, because the word and example go together,” the pope said.

“Word and example edify the house of God, which is the church,” he said in his homily April 17, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Celebrating Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, Pope Francis ordained 11 new priests; nine were ordained for the Diocese of Rome and two of the new priests — including one born in Bangladesh — belong to the Régionatist religious order.

In his homily, the pope urged the men to read, reflect on and teach the word of God and to be a living example of what they preach.

He asked that they imitate Jesus in their lives — “caring Christ,” inside of them and walking with him in new life. “Without the cross you will never find the true Jesus. And a cross without Christ has no meaning.”

In administering the sacraments, especially the sacrament of penance, show mercy, he told them. “Please, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, and in the name of the church, I asked you to be merciful, very merciful.”

He reminded the men that they were called by Jesus to continue his mission as the Good Shepherd, who didn’t come to be served, but to serve and to look for and save those who were lost,” he said.

Later in the day, the pope told those gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the “Regina Coeli” prayer that the image of a shepherd with his flock “shows the close relationship that Jesus wants to establish with each one of us.”

“Here is our guide, our teacher, our friend, our role model, but above all, he is our Savior,” the pope said.

Christ has saved humanity and “nothing and nobody will be able to wrench us from Jesus’ hands because nothing and no one can overpower his love,” he said. “Jesus’ love is invincible.”

Catholic faithful are welcome to attend ordinations to the priesthood, diaconate

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be celebrating the priestly ordination of three men this year: Deacon Bob Garrow, Deacon David Viol and Deacon Craig Borchard. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be presiding over the Mass for the Ordination to the Priesthood on June 4, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades will also preside over the Mass for the Ordination to the Diaconate on May 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. This year, both events will be open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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‘It makes you weep,’ pope says of refugees’ stories

BY CINDY WOODEN

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT
FROM GREECE (CNS) — When an aide suggested Pope Francis offer to fly some Syrian refugees back to Rome with him, the pope said he agreed immediately because it was “an inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”

In the end, he said, 12 Syrians — members of three families, including six children — had all the necessary papers from the Greek and Italian governments in time to fly with the pope April 16.

The fact that the 12 are all Muslims did not enter into the equation, the pope said. “I gave priority to children of God.”

Two Christian families originally had been on the Vatican’s list, too, he said, but their papers were not ready in time.

Spending about half an hour answering reporters’ questions, Pope Francis insisted his visit to Greece with Orthodox leaders was not about criticizing a recent agreement between the European Union and Turkey to return to Turkey those entering EU territory without legal permission.

“What I saw today and what you saw in that refugee camp — it makes you weep,” the pope told reporters.

“Look what I brought to show you,” the pope told them. He held up some of the draw- ings the children in the camp had given him. “Look at this,” he said, “this one saw a child drown.”

“Really, today is a day to weep,” he said. Holding up another picture, he pointed to the top and said, “The sun is crying. If the sun is able to cry, we should be able to shed at least one tear” for those children who will carry the memory of suffering with them.

Asked specifically about immigration to the United States and how it relates to what he had called a “catastrophe,” Pope Francis insisted “it’s a global problem” and that Central Americans fleeing poverty and violence also deserve the world’s concern and assistance.

“I could say, ‘Yes, Period,’” but that would be too short a response, the pope said. “I recommend everyone read the presentation made by Cardinal (Christoph) Schnorr” at the Vatican news conference presenting the document. The cardinal, archbishop of Vienna, had said the document did not need “true innovations, but no break” with church tradition.

Still, the pope said, much of the news media focused so much on the question of Communion for the divorced that they skewed the public’s perception of the 2014 and 2015 writings of the Synod of Bishops.

“Since I’m not a saint, this annoyed me and then saddened me,” the pope said. “Don’t they understand that the family throughout the world is in crisis?”

“The family is the foundation of society,” Pope Francis said. The great problems include a reluctance by young people to marry, extremely low birth rates in Europe, unemployment, poverty — “those are the big problems.”

In his prayer, Pope Francis insisted “we are all migrants, journeying in hope” toward God in heaven.

Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens and all Greece stood alongside Pope Francis on the waterfront at the Mytilene harbor on the bright spring day. They, too, offered prayers for those who have died making the crossing and joined the pope in blessing laurel wreaths that were tossed into the sea.

Recognizing the generosity and sacrifice of the Greek government and Greek people, who had tried to assist hundreds of thousands of refugees despite an ongoing economic crisis, the pope told them, “You are guardians of humanity for you care with tenderness for the body of Christ, who suffers in the least of his brothers and sisters, the hungry and the stranger, whom you have welcomed.

With hundreds of thousands of people fleeing violence in Syria and Iraq and fleeing extreme poverty and persecution elsewhere, Pope Francis acknowledged that Europeans and their governments naturally could feel overwhelmed.

The fact that the newcomers speak different languages and have different religions and cultures adds to the challenge.

He praised the people of Lesbos for showing that “in these lands, the cradle of civilization, the heart of humanity continues to beat; a humanity that before all else recognizes others as brothers and sisters, a humanity that wants to build bridges and recolls from the idea of putting up walls to make us feel safer. In reality; barriers create divisions instead of promoting the true progress of peoples, and divisions sooner or later lead to confrontations.”

The details provide help

For more information on how the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend works to protect children, as well as documents that detail policies and procedures, visit http://www.dioscfw sb.org/youth-protection.

In 2002, many will remember when the national news story of child abuse within the Catholic Church was released to the public. It was a painful time for many of the Catholic faithful for several reasons: the idea of a trusted adult, especially clergy, harming a child was sickening, and reports of cover-ups and “moving priests around” to conceal the truth cut against the very foundation of Christian principles that define our faith.

It was because of that dark time in our Church history, that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) met in Texas and created The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts of abuse.

There are directives in the Charter that help to create a safe environment for children and young people and to facilitate healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors. It calls for prompt and effective responses to allegations and cooperating with civil authorities as well as disciplining offenders and pro-viding a means of accountability for the future.

The directives provide a safe environment can be seen in the work of the Office of Safe Environment through the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Cathie Cicchiello, Safe Environment Coordinator, manages the process of compliance for the Diocese and works to prevent abuse from even occurring with background checks and training for all employees and volunteers in the diocese. Safety training is also given to children and young people in the Catholic schools and religious education programs.

Victim’s Assistance Coordinator for the diocese, Mary Glowski, says, “I want people to know that there is a specific process to this, and we follow that to the letter each time, every time. It is essential too that people know we are treating people with dignity, both the people who accuse and the persons who are accused. We understand the trauma of the situation, we are confidential and we are thorough.”

Glowaski has noticed that public opinion, both secular and Catholic, brings different extremes of opinion with regard to perception of youth protection in the church. There are residual beliefs that the Catholic Church simply moves priests around to different parishes to cover up abuse. The other extreme is that when an accusation is made the diocese simply believes the story, takes it at face value and the
priest is removed from ministry. This is why the process is so very important, Glowaski emphasized. "Investigating the allegations and carefully following the procedures of the Charter every time is crucial for the protection of the alleged victims as well as the priests." The Catholic Church’s response to child abuse is not simply a response to the crisis of 2002. It is an implementation of a new way of operating in order that children are better protected against those who would do them harm. "We all want this to be over, but our human nature is such that this won’t ever be over," Glowaski said. "People throughout the diocese can take comfort in knowing that Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Msgr. Robert Schulte take this ministry very seriously. Although," she paused, "'take very seriously' doesn’t even begin to describe how crucially important this topic is to both of them. Bishop Rhoades insists that we do this well."

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend always reports abuse to law enforcement regardless of whether the accusation is filed against members of clergy, school or parish staff. If you or someone you know has an allegation of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, you are encouraged to contact the diocese.

Mary Glowaski, Victim’s Assistance Coordinator mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org
Phone: 260-399-1458

Monsignor Robert Schulte, Vicar General Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, PO Box 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801 Phone: 260-422-4611

Under Indiana State law, and diocesan policy, any individual who has a reason to believe a child is a victim of abuse or neglect has the duty to make a report; therefore, each citizen of Indiana is considered a mandated reporter. Everyone has an important role and responsibility to prevent child abuse and neglect. By contacting the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline if you suspect a child is a victim of abuse or neglect, you can play your part in protecting a child and/or making it possible for a family in crisis to get the help and support they need.

Indian Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-800-800-5556

Key Milestone Timeline for the USCCB and Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Events listed in blue are USCCB National Key Milestones

Events listed in red are Diocesan Key Milestones

Events listed in black are the USCCB audits

2002
February — Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issues formal statement expressing “profound sorrow that some of our priests were responsible for this abuse under our watch.”

June — USCCB writes and adopts “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

July — National Review Board, an expert lay advisory board to the U.S. bishops, holds first meeting.

2003
February — Safe environment guidelines require all clerics, employees and volunteers who work with children to be trained on how to prevent and report child sexual abuse.

March — An independent audit of all dioceses begins to assess implementation of the Charter.

August — The diocese announces its background check requirements and safe environment training for adults.

2004
September — The diocese introduces training for children in preschool-grade 6.

October — Second USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2005
February — The diocese introduces safe environment training for youth in grade 7-8.

August — Third USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2007
September — Fourth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2008
April — Pope Benedict XVI meets with victims of abuse in Washington, D.C.

2009
September — Sixth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2010
August — Seventh USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant. Diocese begins to include parish audits as part of process. Eight parishes and schools participate.

2011

August — New curriculum material for grades 6-8 safe environment training introduced.

September — Eighth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2012
January — Parish and school internal audits were started using financial in-house auditors.

September — Ninth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2013
September — Tenth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2014
March — The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors is formed by Pope Francis.


September — Eleventh USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2015
June — Pope Francis creates a tribunal for bishop negligence in clergy sexual abuse cases.

September — Twelfth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.
Firefighters search for survivors in Manta, Ecuador, April 17 after an earthquake struck the previous day off the country’s Pacific coast. At least 272 people died, nearly 3,000 were injured and thousands were left homeless in the magnitude-7.8 earthquake.

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**John Bosco Jam delights northern end of diocese with basketball theatrics**

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**BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA**

SOUTH BEND — With both of the successful wins of the Cupertino Classic in Fort Wayne, the priests of the diocese joined forces with Jesuit priests to challenge the Congregation of the Holy Cross seminarians in the inaugural John Bosco Jam basketball game. This competitive game took place at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend on April 15. The seminarians took a big lead early in the game but the priests fought their way to the lead with numerous three point shots. By the end of the third quarter it looked as if the priests might be able to pull off the win but the seminarians were too determined in the fourth quarter and overpowered the priests with their youth winning the game 45-38.

The dynamics of this game were important not just for the entertainment of the over 150 people who were in attendance. The game also opened doors of brotherhood to various groups of current and future church leaders. It was a great way for the diocesan priests to get to know and play along side of some of the Jesuit priests who are studying at the University of Notre Dame. Jesuit Father Mike Magree ended up having the most input on how the priest’s team needed to adjust during the game. Team captain and game organizer, Father Drew Curry noted, “It was fun to see these types of unplanned talents shine forth throughout the evening. And of course, to be able to play basketball with the future leaders of the Holy Cross order was a privilege as well.”

Pastor of the St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, Msgr. Michael Heintz took part as a referee for the game. Holy Cross seminarians provided the attendees with laughter and entertaining commentary throughout the game with statements like “Bless me Father for I have missed,” after a missed free throw or “Not even the year of mercy could save that shot,” after an air ball. The event showed everyone the joyful and human face of the Church much in the same way that St. John Bosco was able to evangelize to young people through sports and outdoor activities.
Ave Maria House still going strong

The Ave Maria House serves as a hospitality house for those who may not have access to the comforts of home. It is located at 432 Madison Street in downtown Fort Wayne, and is a ministry of St. Mary Mother of God Parish. Men and women find respite at the Ave Maria House, where they can get hot coffee, take showers, do laundry, pick up mail, make phone calls, share an occasional meal, and have fellowship with others in a home environment. On Tuesdays, the Giving Closet is open and gives out jackets, blankets, backpacks, shoes, socks, toiletries and more to Ave Maria House guests.

Ave Maria House was founded by Dottie Carpenter, a St. Mary’s parishioner, in 2008. Carpenter works as director of the Ave Maria House today. Ave Maria House is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is run by volunteers.

Left to right, Ave Maria House volunteers Theresa Mirza, Laura Ridgeway and Faye Westropp pose for a photo, along with Dottie Carpenter, Founder and Director of the Ave Maria House.

Members of the St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, welcoming committee made a delivery to Bashor Children's Home in Goshen of items collected during a month-long drive. Shown from left are Steve Riikonen, director of development at Bashor Children's Home, Tena Jakubowicz, St. John welcoming committee, Don Phillips, president and CEO of Bashor Children's Home and Sandy Swartz, St. John welcoming committee.

BY DENISE FEDEROW

Members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church helped stock the soon to be opened homeless teen shelter at Bashor Children’s Home in Goshen.

Parishioners donated items throughout the month of January for the “welcome kits”—toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, socks, towels and washcloths, plus over a hundred small travel size soaps and shampoos. In addition $200 in SCRIP certificates and cash was collected to be used to purchase clothing. The month-long collection was sponsored by the Welcoming Committee at St. John’s — members of this ministry committee welcome new members to the church and sponsor monthly fun giveaways or fellowship events like coffee and donut Sundays. Each year in January the committee sponsors a parish collection to help the homeless or others in need in the community.

In this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, one of the corporal works of mercy is “shelter the homeless.”

Bashor Children’s Home opened in Goshen in 1922 and because of growing public concern over the lack of a shelter for homeless teens in Elkhart County in the last year, perpetuated by the death of a teen runaway; they made the commitment to take on the responsibility of providing a shelter for these homeless teens. They had a facility, which is currently being renovated, and have received donated labor and supplies from contractors.

Director of Development Steve Riikonen said, “The community has really stepped up to make this happen — it’s been really great.”

President and CEO Don Phillips told the representatives from St. John’s Welcoming Committee, “We’ve not received donations like this yet so this is very well-timed and obviously needed.”

He told them that when kids come to them, they often think no one cares, and the staff assures them that they care. He said when they tell the kids about the ways people in the community have helped, “it means a lot more to them. Thank you for helping.”

More photos showing works of mercy can be found at MyYearofMercy.org

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Heart healthy activities promote research and education

Provided by Anne Rice

Five Saint Thomas the Apostle (Elkhart) middle school students participated in the 16th annual Huntington University Middle School Mathematics Competition on April 13 in Huntington, IN. Their team finished in 8th place out of 23 total teams. The STS team had 2 eighth-grade students, 2 seventh-grade students and 1 sixth-grader. Most of the teams in the competition were made up of eighth-grade students.

In 2016 the Girl Scouts will celebrate the centennial of the Gold Award, a century of girls who have joined forces and solved problems to make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Gold Award turns 100

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana is looking for Gold Award winners to share their Girl Scout story.

In 2016 the Girl Scouts will celebrate the centennial of the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Since 1916 Girl Scouts have been earning their Gold Awards by leading projects that create meaningful, sustainable change in their communities, and around the world. Through the Gold Award, a century of girls have now had the opportunity to discover their passions, while connecting with others to solve community problems and make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Gold Award recipients with small tokens of appreciation for students, by students, with its mission to serve, lead, grow and develop an appreciation for helping others.

Students and staff from Bishop Luers High School participated in service projects at more than 22 different locations including Vincent Village, Eagle Marsh Little River Wetlands, Children’s Autism Center, Carriage House, Hope House, St. John’s Parish, St. Henry’s Parish, St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish, Unity Lutheran School, Foster Park, Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, Christ Child Society, Children’s Hope Hospitality House, Bloomington Elementary, ARC, Blessings in a Backpack and Community Harvest Food Bank.

Sodalitas program serves community

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School’s Sodalitas program came to fruition on April 14 after months of planning, collaborating and working together to organize projects that will help fulfill the needs of the community.

Sodalitas is a program created for students, by students, with its main mission to serve, lead, grow and develop an appreciation for helping others.

For information or to share a Mother’s Day carnation sale gears up

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Right to Life group will have a Mother’s Day carnation sale May 6-8.

Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the office, 34 E. Washington St., and made available to Huntington Catholic students. On Saturday and Sunday, flowers will be sold after Masses at St. Joseph, St. Catherine, St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul Parishes.

Prices are $1 for long-stemmed carnations and $3 and up for corsages. Vases start at $4. For information or to place a larger order call 260-356-5953. All proceeds benefit pro-life efforts.

Communion Closet adds one more shopping day

FORT WAYNE — A wide variety of new or gently worn dresses, veils, suits, shirts, pants, and ties for your child’s First Holy Communion will be Sunday, April 24, in the basement of St. Joseph Parish on Brooklyn Avenue at 12:45 p.m.

A $25 refundable deposit receives an outfit to celebrate this Sacrament in style without the financial burden. Donations of First Communion attire are always being sought as well. Pick up arrangements can be made. Contact Keenan Baldas, 260-745-1315 for more information.
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This week’s issue features new perspectives and answers from three seminarians at different stages of the discernment process — Deacon Craig Borchard, Sam Lyons and Joe Knepper. This is part 2 of a feature on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

What has been the most surprising reaction you have gotten when you told people about your decision to become a priest?  

Borchard: One of my friends in college used to tease me and say “quit running away from your vocation.” Actually, it was the support of a lot of friends and the seeds that they planted that got me thinking about becoming a priest saying things like, “You would make a really good priest.” Once I arrived at seminary, you really feel the support and love from your brother seminarians. Everyone has sacrificed something to come here and they are all more supportive as a result.

Lyon: My twin sister and I announced our decisions to enter into the priesthood and religious life at the same time and our family took it surprisingly well. Not all of my siblings are practicing Catholics, but their response meant so much to me — that is refreshing. I like being able to serve Mass for my parish because it is giving back to something that has given so much to me.

Knepper: I’ve been surprised by the number of my friends, particularly my non-Catholic friends who weren’t surprised at my decision. A lot of them worry about becoming a priest, not being a seminarian for the rest of my life, so going home to the diocese is always a breath of fresh air. I love being rooted within the local diocese, to have those moments at home when you get to minister to your parish and serve them, because at the end of the day, that’s where you will be. It is just awesome being able to see your parish helps you remember who you are doing this work for.

What is the thing that you like the best about serving the parish when you are home for break?

Borchard: This (serving the parish) is where it all started. I am looking forward to being a priest, not a seminarian for the rest of my life, so going home to the diocese is always a breath of fresh air. It is great to be normal for people to start talking about discerning their vocation as Catholics. As Catholics, wherever we are in the world, we need to make it a normal thing to talk about and to let people know that there is no default vocation. Also, if someone expresses an interest — it’s important to not shut it down and just as important to not put pressure on them. Ultimately, we want people to do what God wants them to do.

Lyon: Prayer, prayer and prayer. Pray for vocations and pray for the family. And as far as vocations are concerned, the biggest thing is the family because it all starts there. Many people simply default to marriage, which is fine because it is the vocation for most people, but we also need to let other people know they need to pray and have the vocations discussion with their kids. Neither is better than the other, both are necessary. We need to have to inform their children that this is another option and pray with them about it.

Borchard: Try it out. Pray about it. Consider seminary. I would explain that the seminary is a great place to discern and grow in holiness. At the seminary you will learn if God is calling you to be a priest, and you will also learn if you want to be a priest. Either way, you will grow immensely as a man and as a Son of the Father. That is a distinction for things that really got my attention when I was thinking about seminary was one particular Mass at the Church of the Holy Name in Philadelphia. They were walking in a procession out of the church. This older priest in particular, I couldn’t even tell you his name, grabbed my shoulder as he walked past and says to me, “this could be you!” and just kept walking. I would tell the guy to be open to it. This journey is a roller coaster, but it’s the greatest ride ever. Just abandon yourself to God’s will. It’s not easy, women are not fun, but it’s totally rewarding.

Knepper: I knew them all, no matter what they are doing internationally or locally. One night, I was in Christ in prayer — stay close to the sacraments, because no matter how flawed they deem themselves to be, the Lord doesn’t view them in that way. In saying yes to your vocation in life, the Lord will offer you more joy than they could ever dream of.

What is something that any Catholic could do to help increase vocations?

Borchard: Pray. We have to trust in the power of prayer, and as people of faith, that has to begin at home. When you look at our number of seminarians, we have to trust that God is hearing our prayers. We have to thank God and praise God for that. Another thing is to simply be a joyful Catholic and not be ashamed to live our faith and go about our lives, knowing that God is doing just the things that Catholics do. That was such a witness to me — just to see people who just love being Catholic and priests who just love God and are not afraid to living out their faith despite their circumstances.

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Borchard: I was confirmed on the day that I got the phone call that I was going to Spain last summer. That is special how flawed they deem them- selves, because no matter what, there are still things about the spiritual life that can be reassuring for seminarians and they still have vices that they are trying to overcome.

What is the biggest thing that you (your brother seminarians) need prayers for?

Borchard: For peace and clarity in discernment. To be able to be a priest, not a seminarian for the rest of my life, so going home to the diocese is always a breath of fresh air. It is great to be normal for people to start talking about discerning their vocation as Catholics. As Catholics, wherever we are in the world, we need to make it a normal thing to talk about and to let people know that there is no default vocation. Also, if someone expresses an interest — it’s important to not shut it down and just as important to not put pressure on them. Ultimately, we want people to do what God wants them to do.

Lyon: Prayer, prayer and prayer. Pray for vocations and pray for the family. And as far as vocations are concerned, the biggest thing is the family because it all starts there. Many people simply default to marriage, which is fine because it is the vocation for most people, but we also need to let other people know they need to pray and have the vocations discussion with their kids. Neither is better than the other, both are necessary. We need to have to inform their children that this is another option and pray with them about it.

Borchard: Try it out. Pray about it. Consider seminary. I would explain that the seminary is a great place to discern and grow in holiness. At the seminary you will learn if God is calling you to be a priest, and you will also learn if you want to be a priest. Either way, you will grow immensely as a man and as a Son of the Father. That is a distinction for things that really got my attention when I was thinking about seminary was one particular Mass at the Church of the Holy Name in Philadelphia. They were walking in a procession out of the church. This older priest in particular, I couldn’t even tell you his name, grabbed my shoulder as he walked past and says to me, “this could be you!” and just kept walking. I would tell the guy to be open to it. This journey is a roller coaster, but it’s the greatest ride ever. Just abandon yourself to God’s will. It’s not easy, women are not fun, but it’s totally rewarding.

Knepper: I knew them all, no matter what they are doing internationally or locally. One night, I was in Christ in prayer — stay close to the sacraments, because no matter how flawed they deem themselves to be, the Lord doesn’t view them in that way. In saying yes to your vocation in life, the Lord will offer you more joy than they could ever dream of.

What is something that any Catholic could do to help increase vocations?

Borchard: Pray. We have to trust in the power of prayer, and as people of faith, that has to begin at home. When you look at our number of seminarians, we have to trust that God is hearing our prayers. We have to thank God and praise God for that. Another thing is to simply be a joyful Catholic and not be ashamed to live our faith and go about our lives, knowing that God is doing just the things that Catholics do. That was such a witness to me — just to see people who just love being Catholic and priests who just love God and are not afraid to living out their faith despite their circumstances.

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Borchard: I was confirmed on the day that I got the phone call that I was going to Spain last summer. That is special...
In MY diocese

St. Martin de Porres

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse was established Jan. 19, 1966, with Pastor Eugene Zimmerman its first pastor. He served the new parish for ten years. The church was dedicated on June 11, 1966 by former Bishop Leo A. Pursley.

Prior to building St. Martin’s Church, Syracuse residents for the most part attended St. Patrick in Ligonier or St. Francis Xavier in Pierceton. At first, Father Zimmerman served both St. Francis and St. Martin’s parishes.

The church was uniquely designed to look like a capsized boat from the interior. When the church was first established there were 65 registered families. In 1986 (according to The History of Kosciusko County 1856-1986) there were 250 registered families. Currently there are 300 families registered year round, but the number of parishioners attending Mass doubles in the summer as the Lake Wawasee area has many homes where people from other parts of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio come every year to spend their summers.

Father Richard Hire is pastor at St. Martin’s and he will have served the parish eight years this May.

“When I was a little kid my family came to the lake in the summers and there was no church then so we had to go all the way to Pierceton,” he said. Father Hire said it’s nice that now the church has a religious education wing and room for hospitality. He said even though the “summer parishioners” don’t attend St. Martin’s all year, “They help support the parish very well,” he said, adding with their help the church was able to add air conditioning to the hall.

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Ministries at St. Martin’s include Eucharistic ministry to the homebound, a regular food drive for the poor, religious education between Masses, a St. Vincent de Paul Society, adult education, Knights of Columbus and a choir.

Administrative Associate Liz List said the adult education classes are currently offering the Symbolon program at three different times to accommodate parishioner’s schedules. They meet on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass, on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 6323 has its own reception hall at 414 S. Sycamore St. where Bingo is held every Saturday night. There is currently no youth group at St. Martin’s — List led the group for over 12 years but when she stepped down there wasn’t anyone who wanted to take her place. But she said there are not a lot of youth in the parish at this time — there are mainly younger families or older adults, many of whom spend the winter in warmer climates.

“IT’s very scarce around here from January-March,” List said. Father Hire has many ties to the community — his family still has a condominium on the lake and he attended Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary on Lake Wawasee, which was run by the Crosier order from 1948-1970’s.

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Pastor Richard Hire and administrative associate Liz List as the two discuss church business recently.

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PIERCETON — Tucked onto a quiet residential street in Pierceton is St. Francis Xavier Church. Because the church has been there longer than the town of Pierceton itself; the street it is on is named Catholic Street.

The church was established 152 years ago on Aug. 16, 1864; the town of Pierceton will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

St. Francis was a mission church, served by priests from Largo, LaPorte, Columbia City and Arcola until 1946 or 1950, according to different accounts. There were 13 families at the church when it was established. According to historical accounts, in 1866 additional land was purchased for $75 and in 1874 — 10 years after the church was established, land was purchased for a cemetery at a cost of $40.

Father Robert Hoevel was the first resident priest and in 1953 a house was purchased at the corner of Catholic and Fourth streets for a rectory. A parish hall was then built attached to the rectory and reportedly became the center of parish activities.

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Sacred Heart Parish

“Where God and Education Lead the Way!”

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

WARSAW — Out of the two Catholic churches located in Kosciusko County, one of those is Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw. The church is led by pastor, Father Phil DeVolder. Sacred Heart Church of Warsaw was first dedicated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June 1877. The location of the first church was on Market Street in downtown Warsaw. Sacred Heart Church moved to its present location on Harrison Street in 1947.

Sacred Heart School was started in 1957 with grades 1 through 3. Grades were added yearly until grade 6 was implemented. A new church was dedicated in May 1987 and the school added rooms to accommodate kindergarten and preschool.

In July 2008, the school and church were expanded again for more capacity. Four new classrooms were added to the current school in January 2009. The remodel and expansion of the church increased its capacity by 200-plus seats. The first Mass in the remodeled church was March 28, 2009.

The parish that began with 30 families now numbers over 800 families. Over 200 children attend the parish’s religious education program.

Sacred Heart offers several ministries to get involved in such as Christ Renews His Parish, which is a way to become spiritually refreshed and grow in faith.

The church also has a vocation committee, something only 20 percent of Catholic churches have, Father DeVolder said. A free meal is offered the third Tuesday of each month.

The parish also has mens and womens softball teams for fellowship.

In March 2014, a group of Sacred Heart parishioners began meeting to explore opportunities for forming a jail ministry to work with the Kosciusko County Jail inmates. Jody Burns leads the jail ministry. Committee members visit Catholics, who are incarcerated, and see that they receive Communion each week, if they so desire.

The parish also offers The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is the process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church through the sacraments; Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is also for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. At Sacred Heart, the RCIA participants meet Monday evenings from September through May.

Daily Mass is at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday and at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A Saturday vigil is at 5 p.m. and Mass is at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Sacred Heart’s chapel is located directly behind the main sanctuary. Mass is celebrated in this chapel daily.

Father Devolder presided over the church from 1988 to 1995 and then again from 2010 to the present. Doing a liturgy every week takes careful planning he said. “When you are a priest, you always have to create,” he said. “Children’s homilies can be difficult, and can be a challenge,” he smiled.

Sacred Heart also has a school, James Faroh is the principal. This is his seventh year as principal of Sacred Heart School. It offers a Catholic education for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Enrollment in the school has grown from 64 students to 208.

“It is my goal to use every resource available to me to develop and strengthen the educational program of this school. It is my mission to continue to carry out Sacred Heart’s motto: “Where God and Education Lead the Way,” said Faroh.

First and foremost, Sacred Heart School is a family of faith brought together by a common love of Jesus Christ.

In a statement found on the Sacred Heart School website, the school “Educates our students to the highest possible standards in a spiritually enlightened atmosphere. We provide an environment that challenges students to academic excellence as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Sacred Heart School offers a balanced curriculum encompassing the intellectual, physical, spiritual and artistic domains necessary for holistic development of the individual student. Art and music is offered once per week and is woven into the regular classroom curriculum. Physical education is offered twice per week.

The school has six sports in which students can participate. The school has 14 school board members.

For more information, visit www.sacredheart-warsaw.org. For information about the school, call 574-267-5874.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine offers Mass for Hispanics

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine is led by Father Constantino Rocha. Located in Warsaw, in Kosciusko County, the church consists of mainly Hispanic families with 200 to 300 parishioners.

On Sunday, May 4, 2004, Bishop John M. D’Arcy broke ground for a shrine of pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the faithful of the diocese. The plans for building the new church and shrine were held in conjunction of celebrating the great jubilee of 2000. Jerry and Savina Krals donated 11 acres for the new church and shrine and has room for 500 people. The new construction plans included meeting rooms, classrooms, a kitchen and dining area, a small residence and parking as well as a strategy for expansion.

The design of the church was the result of an international design competition. The diocese received 256 entries from around the world and announced the winner (a firm called Ruben N. Santos located in Oakland) on December 12, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The current church in Warsaw was founded in 2007; the church was originally located in Milford. Diana Mejia is the bi-lingual church secretary. Mejia has been a parishioner since the church was located in Milford.

“This is a blessing to be part of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I grew up going to Mass on Sundays and now I am working here as a secretary. I love that I can help out and learn every day from Father Rocha, as well as being more involved with getting to know people personally in our community. Throughout high school, I was involved in youth group where I learned many things that helped me personally and to stay out of trouble and keep me in the right path. I can only say that Father Paul (Buetar) would be proud of the community that he served for many years and to see that we are maintaining and improving the shrine he worked so very hard to see accomplished,” Mejia said.

“The church is unique in that that we are an all-Spanish speaking church. Our cultures are varied from the different Mexico states, as well as a very few from the Columbian and Puerto Rican community,” said Father Rocha.

Father Rocha has been the pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe for five and a half years. The church has had four other pastors: Father Paul R. Buetar (who passed away Dec. 7, 2014), Father J. Steele, Father Philip DeVolder and Father Fernando Jimenez. The parish offers the “Por que ser Catolico” which is also known as “Why Catholic?” program.

The youth group meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. The parishioners enjoy meals together after the 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Masses on Sundays.
Catholicism: An extreme sport?

Every generation has had its version of extreme sports, defined as “any athletic endeavor considered more dangerous than others.” Today they feature a combination of speed, height, danger, and spectacular stunts. They include a wide variety of events on snow, water, land, bridges, empty swimming pools, etc. They require thinking with potentially fatal consequences. They jack up the fear-good neurotransmitters and natural narcotics, which can make them addictive. I am guessing the demographics are largely young men, with many mothers who can’t bear to watch them.

What makes extreme sports popular today? Potential suspects include: 1) marketing; 2) an anti-authoritarian posture toward the previous generation, though things like surfing and ice climbing have been around a long time; 3) evolution of ice climbing have been around though things like surfing and 3) evolution of ice climbing have been around.

Knowledge and skills, which provide a long-term benefit, are used. Some effects include: 1) marketing; 2) the thrill of the unknown; 3) the high of adrenaline. For instance, “the joy of evangelizing.” Can you hear the shock of Catholic therapists everywhere? “He wants me to evangelize?” After having to look it up, “...you’re kidding! I’ll die for my faith, but talk about my faith? No way!”

The Catholic Church is extreme

It always has been and always will be, if the Holy Spirit is involved. Think about it — we are accused of having too many children since we prohibit contraception, then, of having celibate and childless priests and religious. But I want to focus on some other extremes — sorrow and joy — using the Triduum as the launching pad.

“For this holy building shake with joy!” is a beautiful line from the Easter Vigil. I thought immediately of families and evangelizing the world: “Families, we need to shake the world with joy!” If we live out the love we have been given in our families, we will actually “shake the world with joy!”

What makes extreme sports appealing? Dangerousness is considered more dan -

Where are the extremes of sorrow and joy?

They are found in the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Holy Thursday night he knows he will be betrayed and executed. He is grieved unto death in the Garden of Gethsemane, sweating drops of blood, asking for a way out; but he remains obedient, intensely praying to his Father. He does not deny or avoid his deepest emotions. He runs to his Abba and then does his Father’s will. Later he is mocked, spat upon, punched, beaten and whipped to within an inch of his life, then immobilized on a cross, dying the hardest death.

Joy is also an encounter with the loving presence of God or others in our lives, especially in our suffering. If we can run to our Father’s merciful and loving arms when we have sinned or are hurt, afraid, ashamed, or even unreasonably mad, we experience joy. It really doesn’t matter what happens to us if we stay connected with God and/or others. Jesus would say it this way. “Joyful are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Finding God in your wife’s words and actions

Matt Weber admits that he had lived a relatively trouble-free, “Andy Griffith Show/Leave It to Beaver” life until the day his stomach burst open at the age of 30. No, it didn’t happen like a scene in an “Alien” movie. Rather, a high level of acid caused his stomach to perforate inside his body, which then allowed that acid to spill toward his other organs. Emergency surgery saved his life and also prompted some deep reflection on the topics of life, love, God, and especially marriage, seeing that Weber was a newlywed at the time.

He is now sharing his experiences in his new memoir “Operating on Faith.” But if you’re thinking the book is a depressing, “Woe is me” tome, you’d be wrong. In addition to being poignant, spiritually wise, and a heart-rending love letter to his wife, Nell, it’s also very funny. Because Matt Weber can’t be funny. The Catholic humorist, author, and host of “The Lens” on CatholicTV.com joined me on “Christopher Closeup” recently to discuss all the excitement in his life. He had been having stomach issues for a year, but he didn’t take them too seriously at first. He kept getting worse, though, and soon realized that for Nell, the “in sickness and in health” marriage vow would become a reality much sooner than either of them expected.

The care Nell provided for him not only gave Weber even deeper insight into the depth of her love and character, it taught him something about God. He said, “My wife is one of the best people in the world. She’s my heart and she’s my soul. In many ways, it’s easy to pray to Jesus and have that relationship when you’re sick and in need. But not everyone sees that in the caretaker, in your wife, in all the things that they do for you — that is that person living out the words, deeds and acts of Jesus Christ. I think my relationship with God was really strengthened in that I saw God and Jesus and everything that is good in the Bible, everything that we hear in the Gospel, played out in my wife’s words, deeds, and actions.”

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The best Nuncio we've had thus far

The announcement that Archbishop Christoph Pierre Viganò will succeed Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò as Apostolic Nuncio to the United States is an opportunity to pay tribute to a courageous churchman who has served Catholicism, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis in an exemplary way during his tenure in Washington.

I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with each of the Nuncios in Washington, since full diplomatic relations were established between this country and the Holy See under President Reagan and Pope John Paul II. And at the risk of embarrassing him, I have to say that I consider Archbishop Viganò to have been the best of them all thus far.

He came to Washington under some in the Vatican thought was a cloud. The truth of the matter is that this scrupulously honest man had seen financial corruption in the Holy See and tried to do something about it—a task now being pursued with vigor by Pope Francis and Cardinal George Pell. But in the last years of Benedict XVI, things were not in good shape managerially in the Vatican; Viganò's honesty was resented and, I expect, feared by lesser men; and the Washington appointment was arranged to give what amounted to a sacking the appearance of a promotion.

It was a completely one-sided trade: those who exiled Viganò from the Vatican lost, badly, and the Church in the United States won, handsomely. For Carlo Maria Viganò understood this moment in U.S. Catholic history as perhaps few other career Vatican diplomats could have done.

He appreciated the many strengths of the Church in the United States, including the evangelically-centered reconstruction of the hierarchy by John Paul II and Benedict XVI. He understood where the vitality was in American Catholicism, and he knew that Catholic Lite wasn't going to advance the New Evangelization, and he quickly grasped that the great project of converting a wounded culture in America was being threatened by an unprecedented assault on the Church's capacity to be itself. And he knew that the threat came, not from old-fashioned nativist bigots of Protestant persuasion, but from militant secularists allied with the federal government.

Thus there was complete agreement between the papal representative in Washington and the leadership of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the imperative of defending religious freedom in full, and on challenging an administration that seemed determined to reduce that first freedom to a lifestyle choice about weekend leisure activities. The archbishop understood that there was a golden honorar from what some deplored as “culture wars.” He knew who had declared war on whom; that the Church had not been the aggressor in this struggle; and that the battle had to be engaged, with the tools of reason and persuasion, for the sake of all religious communities and indeed for the sake of American democracy. His support for the bishops was crucial and effective, as was his work in preparing the meeting in Rome between Pope Francis and President Obama, where PONTUS got the message that the Bishop of Rome was deeply concerned about the pressures being put on his flock in the United States.

The wonderful reception that Pope Francis received in the United States last September was due to many factors; Archbishop Viganò was surely one of them. As for the idiotic caterwauling in some quarters about the Pope’s spending a few minutes with former Kentucky official Kim Davis, let’s be clear that Kim Davis’s presence in the Nunciature was cleared by Archbishop Viganò’s protégé, Archbishop Giovanni Becciu and Archbishop Paul Gallagher. The obsession in certain quarters with this episode, which was front-loaded in far too many stories about Archbishop Pierre’s appointment, says far more about the passions of the obsessed than it does about the Bishop Viganò.

Carlo Maria Viganò may be seventy-five, but a man of his faith and integrity still has much to give the Church. The further reform of the Roman Curia would be well-served if he were drawn into it, officially or unofficially.

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The best Nuncio we’ve had thus far

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In 1913, long before our extreme sports craze, Father Robert Hugh Benson wrote, “The world turns away on Good Friday from the unutterable depths of her (the Catholic Church’s) sorrow, and on Easter day from the unscaleable heights of her joy, calling the one morbid and the other hysterical.” His point: “The Catholic Church is always too ‘extreme’ for the world.”

Men, let us once again shake the world with extreme joy.

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Allen County Day of Prayer to be held
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Rummage sale planned
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish will have a spring rummage and bake sale Thursday, April 21, from 6-8 p.m., Friday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. $5 sack sale on Saturday. Located on US 27 just south of 469/US 27 interchange.

Day of Reflection
Michawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “Storytelling.” Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is $20 and $5, student with ID; under 12 free — at the door or at www.bachcollegium.org.

Knights to serve breakfast
Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium season finale Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium will perform Sunday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Faber Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W State Blvd. Cost is $8 for adults, $4 for children ages 6-12 and $20 per family. $5 carry-out packs will be available. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Ruth Memorial Education Fund.

Marian procession and May crowning
Notre Dame — The Notre Dame Institute for Church Life will have a Marian procession and May crowning Sunday May 1, at 1 p.m. Beginning at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, a statue of Mary will be carried through campus and crowned in Geddies Hall Chapel. A light reception will follow on the third floor of Geddies Hall. All are welcome.

Spring rummage sale
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1508 Barthold St., will have a rummage sale Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall in the School basement.

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Women’s Care Center
Bishop Dwenger High School

9:00 am
St. Mary
Bishop Luers High School

10:00 am
St. Joseph – Brooklyn
Tippmann Hour

11:00 am
Our Lady of Good Hope
Most Precious Blood

Noon
St. Therese
St. Aloysius

1:00 pm
St. John the Baptist
St. Louis Besancon

2:00 pm
St. Mary of the Assumption
St. Jude

3:00 pm
St. Joseph
Sacred Heart

4:00 pm
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Queen of Angels

5:00 pm
St. Henry
St. Patrick

6:00 pm
Saint Anne Home
Franciscan Friars Minor

Thursday, April 28

Friday, April 29
Allen County Right To Life
University of St. Francis
St. Robert Bellarmine
Fort Wayne, IN
North Manchester, IN
Fort Wayne, IN

St. Joseph – Hessen Cassel
St. Therese
St. Aloysius
St. Vincent de Paul
Fort Wayne, IN
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St. Louis Besancon
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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