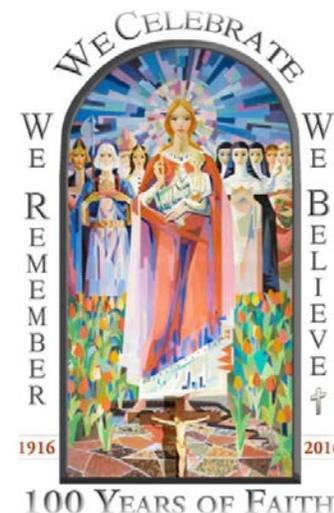


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Into the life and mission of Christ



Kevin Haggenjos

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ordained three new priests on Saturday, June 4, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. From left is Father David Violi, Father Craig Borchard, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Robert Garrow. The assignments for the new priests can be found on page 3.

The gift of three newly ordained Priests

BY JENNIFER MILLER

SOUTH BEND — “The priesthood is a gift: no human being is able to make himself a priest, a mediator for God. As the letter to the Hebrews says: ‘no one takes this honor upon himself, but only when called by God.’”

With these words, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades reminded the faithful of the great gift they were about to receive in the ordination of Deacons Craig Borchard, Bob Garrow and David Violi on June 4th. And to the Deacons, the elect, he spoke of their insertion into the life and mission of Christ, the great High Priest and Good Shepherd, through their priestly ordination. To a packed, joy filled congregation in the Cathedral of St. Matthew, South Bend, Bishop Rhoades reminded all: “How close God is to us, His beloved people, in the gifts He gives us through the ministry of the priests of His Son. And for this gift, we give thanks to God today.”

Stretching down along Miami Street and around

the corner, priests and deacons in cream and gold colored vestments lined the outside sidewalk to process into the Cathedral. On a beautiful Saturday morning, the sight itself was a witness to the goodness and rich blessings of God. The same spirit of great joy and gratitude filled the Cathedral inside. Lead by talented musicians and cantors, the faithful’s voices harmoniously sang “O Christ, High Priest Eternal!” People traveled to witness this sacrament from

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all sides of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and numerous parishes across the city of South Bend itself. This was the first ordination to the priesthood in South Bend in 23 years. The excitement was truly palpable both for the incredible gift

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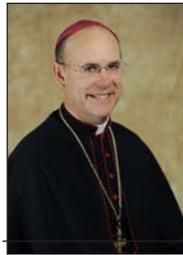
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'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you'



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the homily preached by Bishop Rhoades at the Priesthood Ordination Mass at Saint Matthew Cathedral on June 4, 2016:

We gather here in Saint Matthew Cathedral today to celebrate a great gift from God to the Church — the gift of the sacrament of priestly ordination.

The priesthood is a gift: no human being is able to make himself a priest, a mediator for God. As the letter to the Hebrews says: "no one takes this honor upon himself, but only when called by God." God has called our brothers Craig, Bob and David to the priesthood, the priesthood of His Son. And for this gift, we give thanks to God today.

God will enter the life of these three men in a new way through ordination. The Lord will consecrate them so that they will be able to speak and act in the name of His Son. Through this consecration, they will be inserted into the life and mission of Christ, the great High Priest and Good Shepherd, in order to extend His saving mission. They will do things that no men can do by their own power. In Christ's name, they will speak the words which absolve us of our sins. Over the offerings of bread and wine, they will speak Christ's words that make His Body and Blood present as food for His people. How close God is to us, His beloved people, in the gifts He gives us through the ministry of the priests of His Son!

Craig, Bob, and David, you were already consecrated to the Lord when you were baptized. You were immersed in Him. Today, you are immersed in Him again, but in a new way. Through priestly ordination, you will belong to God in a new way as you are configured to His Son, the Head and Shepherd of the Church. This is the truth of the sacrament you are about to receive. With this priestly consecration, you will receive an awesome mission: to be, in and for the Church, a humble but real sign of the one eternal Priest who is Jesus.

In contemplating the immensity of this mission, you may feel a bit like Jeremiah when the Lord called him to be His prophet. He was afraid: "Ah, Lord God, I know not how to speak; I am too young." Jeremiah knew his limitations and felt that he was not up to the task that God entrusted to him. God answered Jeremiah. He told him to have no fear. God was sending him on his mission and assured Jeremiah that He would be with him. He touched Jeremiah's mouth and said: "See, I place my words in your mouth!" God gave Jeremiah a heavy responsibility, but He gave him the grace to fulfill it. The Lord does the same through priestly ordination. Deacons Craig, Bob and David, like Jeremiah, know their limitations and unworthiness. They say "yes" to the priestly mission with trust that the Lord will be with them, that His grace will sustain them. They believe in Jesus' promise of the help of the Holy Spirit in their ministry. And, yes, God will place His words in their mouth — words like "This is my body which is given up for you" and "This is the chalice of my blood which will be poured out for you."

These, our brothers, are being ordained



Kevin Haggenjos

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to the faithful in attendance and deacons David Violi, Craig Borchard and Bob Garrow at their ordination Mass on Saturday, June 4, at St. Matthew Cathedral.

during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This has special meaning. Pope Francis wants this to be a year "steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God." He speaks of mercy as "the beating heart of the Gospel" and "the very foundation of the Church's life." This has particular relevance for priests since they are called to be living signs of God the Father's mercy in all they say and do, and most intensely in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saint Paul spoke of his ministry as one of reconciliation. He wrote to the Corinthians: "God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation . . . So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us."

Like the apostle and priest, Saint Paul, Deacons Craig, Bob and David will share in Christ's ministry of reconciliation and serve as His ambassadors. In receiving priestly ordination today, they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. In the confessional, they will act as ambassadors of Christ, instruments of God's merciful love and forgiveness. They will say the powerful words of absolution by means of which God reconciles sinners with Himself and with the Church.

Craig, Bob and David, you will share in the priestly mission of Jesus to pardon and save sinners. As priests ordained during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, may you always be faithful servants and living signs of God the Father's mercy! I encourage you to be generous with your time and make yourselves readily available for hearing confessions. I pray that as confessors, you will reveal the heart of the Good Shepherd by the manner in which you welcome, listen, counsel, and absolve those who come to you to receive the Lord's mercy and love.

In the Gospel of this Mass, we hear Jesus ask Peter three times: "do you love me?" Only after Peter's affirmation of his love did Jesus give him the mission to feed and tend His sheep. Jesus did not ask Peter what his talents, gifts and skills were. He didn't even ask the one who had denied Him whether from then on he was going to be faithful to Him. Jesus asked Peter the only thing that matters, the one thing that gives his vocation its foundation: "do you love me?" Craig, Bob and David, that's the question that Jesus

asks you today. He is asking you to love Him. Like Peter, you are answering in your hearts: "Lord, you know that I love you!"

Pastoral ministry must be born of love. Jesus says to you today as He said to Peter: "Tend my sheep." He is asking you to love His Bride, the Church, to love her as He loves her, and to care for her as He cares for her. Jesus is asking you to bring others to know and love Him. He also says to you today as He said to Peter: "Feed my sheep." He is giving you the power to consecrate the Eucharist so that His people will be fed with the bread of finest wheat, the medicine of immortality, His sacred Body and Blood. He is entrusting into your hands the sacrament of His love, the Holy Eucharist, the greatest treasure He has given to the Church.

The Eucharistic Sacrifice is the center of the Church's life and also of the life of the priest. It is from this sacrament of Christ's self-giving love that our brothers about to be ordained will receive the spiritual strength to serve God's people and to fulfill their responsibilities with genuine pastoral charity. The Eucharist is truly the culmination of all the tasks and activities of the priest. Craig, Bob and David, the Church will be built up in love every time you celebrate the Eucharist. May you celebrate Holy Mass prayerfully and reverently, and model your lives on the mystery you celebrate!

Dear brothers, we thank you for having the courage to say with Saint Peter: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" and for accepting the beautiful task of being His ambassadors. We pray that throughout your priestly life you will learn to love Christ and His Church more and more. You have a beautiful teacher of this love for Christ and His Church: the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today is the Feast of her Immaculate Heart.

As the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes the reality of Jesus' love, so the Immaculate Heart of Mary symbolizes the reality of Mary's love. Craig, Bob and David, as devoted sons of Mary our mother, I pray that you will experience her maternal love ever more deeply in your priestly lives. May you be close to her Immaculate Heart! May she who is the mother of priests watch over you and protect your ministry with her love that you may be holy priests after the heart of her Son!

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of three new priests, as well as a sacrament that many present had never witnessed.

For Father Bob Garrow, the special location was especially poignant. A St. Matthew parishioner, he had received all of his sacraments in the Cathedral Parish from Msgr. Michael Heintz, who was in the ordination class of 1993, the last time priestly ordinations were in South Bend. A spiritual father for him, Msgr. Heintz also vested Father Garrow with the stole and chasuble during the ordination Mass, vestments of the priestly offices.

Father Garrow is especially grateful to Bishop Rhoades for this special location for the occasion. The newly ordained priests are from the South Bend area of the diocese and requested that the priesthood ordination be celebrated at St. Matthew Cathedral.

The day and date of the ordination was also especially significant. It is the Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis. Bishop Rhoades spoke to the three men about to be ordained of the special meaning of their being ordained in the Jubilee Year, reminding them of their vocation to be "living signs of God the Father's mercy in all they say and do, and most intensely in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

June 4 was also the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day before, the dress rehearsal for the ordination, was the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "As the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes the reality of Jesus' love, so the Immaculate Heart of Mary symbolizes the reality of Mary's love," Bishop Rhoades explained. "We pray that throughout your priestly life you will learn to love Christ and His Church more and more. You have a beautiful teacher of this love for Christ and His Church: the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she who is the mother of priests watch over you and protect your ministry with her love that you may be holy priests after the heart of her Son!"

"Pastoral ministry must be born of (this) love. The Church will be built up in love every time you celebrate Mass." He repeated this last sentence twice, emphasizing the way in which God works in our world, through love. The communion songs echoed the theme of love, praising God in the Eucharist.

Father Garrow spoke beautifully of the gift of the priesthood as not just for himself. "It is not a gift that has been given to me for my own personal use. It's to be given to other people. Give it to them and give and invest my whole self. And I do look forward to that."

In his homily Bishop Rhoades spoke of this same gift as coming from God for the salvation of

all people. "They will do things that no men can do by their own power. In Christ's name, they will speak the words which absolve us of our sins. Over the offerings of bread and wine, they will speak Christ's words that make His Body and Blood present as food for His people... God will enter the life of these three men in a new way through ordination. The Lord will consecrate them so that they will be able to speak and act in the name of His Son. Through this consecration, they will be inserted into the life and mission of Christ, the great High Priest and Good Shepherd, in order to extend His saving mission."

Before his ordination, Father Craig Borchard also spoke of the gift of priesthood given in service for the people of God. On the forefront of his mind, the night before ordination was his future parish assignment. "Those are my people," he said with a smile. "Those are the people that the bishop and the Lord have called me to minister to. I already have them on my heart. How can I best bring Jesus to them? I will learn them and they learn me."

All three newly ordained priests were clearly filled with such love and excitement for God and God's people, that their voices shone with true joy and peace of doing God's will. Father Garrow spoke of this calling and choice to respond and affirm as, "It's not about me. It's about Jesus Christ."

During the Mass, Bishop Rhoades began by thanking Fathers Craig, Bob and David for "saying 'Yes!' to God's call." He described their "Yes!" as "a great gift from God to the Church." When the Rite of Ordination began, the three elect were called forth and each answered "Present." From the St. Joseph side of the church, loud applause erupted and spread throughout the cathedral, as the faithful expressed their joyful gratitude and affirmation of those about to be ordained.

When first discovering God's call, years ago, Father Garrow spoke with Msgr. Heintz. "I felt unworthy. And he told me, 'Good! We all are.'" This humility and need for God was present in the readings chosen by the new priests for their ordination Mass. The reading from the Old Testament recounted the calling of the prophet Jeremiah and his hesitancy to accept the call because of his youth. God told him to have no fear and assured Jeremiah that He would be with him. God touched Jeremiah's mouth and said: "See, I place my words in your mouth." Bishop Rhoades explained that just as God gave Jeremiah the grace to fulfill his heavy responsibility, He gives grace and strength through the sacrament of priestly ordination. In fact, Bishop Rhoades stated, God quite liter-

ally puts His words in the mouth of His priests when they say: "This is my body which is given up for you" and "This is the chalice of my blood which will be poured out for you."

After the homily, those to be ordained knelt before Bishop Rhoades to promise respect and obedience to him and his successors. They then prostrated before the altar for the Litany of Supplication. The whole assembly joined in the prayer which invoked God's grace and the intercession of the saints in heaven. After this solemn act of prayer, the men rose and each knelt before the Bishop who imposed his hands on their heads. While all the priests present individually laid their hands on the heads of the elect, the choir chanted the ancient hymn *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, asking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. It was beautiful to watch each older priest and spiritual father, lay his hands and bless the next, new generation of priests, each a familiar, known and beloved face to the lay faithful.

The three elect then knelt once again before the bishop who recited the consecratory prayer which, together with the bishop's imposition of hands, is the essential rite of the sacrament of Holy Orders. After the prayer, the newly ordained priests were vested in the stole and chasuble by Monsignors William Schooler and Michael Heintz.

The hands of the new priests were then anointed with the sacred chrism by Bishop Rhoades, the sign of the special anointing of the Holy Spirit who will make their ministry fruitful. Next, the bishop presented each new priest with the chalice and paten which they are called to present to God in the Eucharistic sacrifice saying: "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross." He repeated this three times, a commission, each individually to the newly ordained priests.

The Rite of Ordination ended with the bishop giving a fraternal kiss of peace to each new priest, welcoming them into the diocesan presbyterate or priesthood. Each of the priests present then followed the Bishop's example.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist then followed. The new priests joined all the priests for the first time in concelebrating the Eucharist with the bishop, reciting together the words of consecration. For the first time, they offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, acting in the person of Christ. From this sacrifice their whole priestly ministry will draw its strength.

After the ordination Mass, God's presence was clearly everywhere. As Father Violi said the night before his ordination, "God calls everyone to holiness. God calls us wherever we are. It can seem terrifying but don't be afraid to respond."



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Monday, June 13, 9 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services, Huntington Beach, California
- Tuesday, June 14 — Friday, June 17 — Spring Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Huntington Beach, California
- Sunday, June 19, 5 p.m. — Mass at Saint Aloysius Church, Yoder
- Monday, June 20 — Friday, June 24 — Annual Priests' Retreat, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park
- Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. — Jubilee Mass for Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka



Priest assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of priests, effective June 14, 2016:

Reverend Craig Borchard to Parochial Vicar, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Plymouth.

Reverend Robert Garrow to Parochial Vicar, Saint Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, and Priest Chaplain, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

Reverend David Violi to Parochial Vicar, Saint Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignment, effective July 1, 2016:

Reverend Paul Ybarra, C.S.C., to Pastor, Saint Adalbert and Saint Casimir Parishes, South Bend.

Four Star designation given to diocesan schools

The Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend announces that seven schools recently received Four Star recognition for 2014-2015 from the Indiana Department of Education, including three high schools and four elementary schools. A total of 287 schools received the award throughout the state.

The diocesan schools receiving recognition are:

Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne

Marian High School, Mishawaka

Saint Joseph High School, South Bend

Queen of Peace School, Mishawaka

St. Joseph School, South Bend

St. Pius X School, Granger

St. Joseph School, Garrett

The general requirements for earning a Four Star designation are that the school earn an

"A" accountability rating during the year of the award, meet the 95% student participation rate requirement in testing, and be accredited by the Indiana Department of Education.

In addition to these general requirements, an elementary school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools based on combined passing percentages in English/Language Arts and Math, and also be in the top 25th percentile for percentage of students passing both portions of the ISTEP+.

High Schools must meet the same general requirements, but additionally the 10th grade cohort scores for the ECA English 10 and ECA Algebra 1 are used to create a combined ECA passing percentage. This combined passing percentage must be in the top 25th percentile to be considered a Four Star school. The percentage of students passing both Algebra 1 and English 10 ECS's must also be above the 25th percentile.

These seven diocesan schools are to be applauded for meeting the rigorous academic standards on assessments.

New career ministry helps those seeking jobs

Organizers plan to take the program online to accommodate more people

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — A new ministry at St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne is focused on catering to the needs of local jobseekers.

There is a spiritual component of job searching — something co-organizer Molly Roman wanted to address with the ministry.

Roman moved back to Fort Wayne after being away for several years and wanted to find a way to give back while building on her experience in the business world. So she approached Father Dan Scheidt at St. Vincent's with her idea and was able to gain some momentum. She met with several volunteers who were interested in helping — many of which were in Human Resources or management. The end result is the Career Ministry program.

The group has met several times and has taken a variety of formats. For example, in May they had a speaker who led an exercise based on two books. And in February they hosted mock interview sessions. Volunteers helped critique jobseekers' answers. They've seen a great interest when speakers have been part of the program. They've had as many as 20 attendees at some sessions.

According to Roman, regardless of the format, everyone receives career coaching and resume review. The intent is to be a positive, nurturing and supporting environment. Anyone is invited, regardless of faith or religious background. They approach job seeking in a holistic way.

"Our goal in this ministry is to really give people help and hope," she said. "We look at the person and not at the resume."

Discouragement can block progress and Roman and her team want to remove any barriers to success. Speaking of suc-

cess, Roman said she hopes the ministry can connect jobseekers with employers in a variety of industries. She said she would love to recruit more volunteers, especially those with hiring experience. The more volunteers, the more people they can help.

Parishioner Lizzy Klee is one jobseeker who has benefited from this ministry. She currently works two part-time jobs, but is looking for something full-time.

"I went (to the program) one evening, had an enjoyable time, and learned some tips to help me with my resume and future interviews," she said. "Molly asked for my resume so she could forward it to potential employers. I interviewed with one man a few weeks later as a result."

Fellow parishioner John Taylor speaks highly of the ministry and volunteers. He said he found the team to be talented and experienced — offering "useful tips and advice for career seeking skills, resume building, interviewing skills, etc."

He also acknowledged the spiritual aspect. The ministry was a source of comfort in times of uncertainty for him. Life changed pretty dramatically in a short amount of time. As he shared, Taylor was working a sales job which required significant travel; he was sometimes on the road for days at a time.

"I knew things had to change for me to be a better husband and to eventually be a great

father. It was no longer about me, it was about us," he said. "We wanted to start a family right away, and I'm happy to share we just had our first child this month."

At the end of October, his position with John Paul Mitchell Systems was eliminated, and he began actively seeking new opportunities. The career ministry was a vehicle for that search.

"(It) certainly helps you discover what you can do to move in the direction you want to go," he said about the ministry. "Each time I attended I was also reminded of how important our faith is, and to seek strength from the Lord in prayer."

Roman hopes to help many more people who have a need for career guidance. For the busy summer months, the organizers plan to take the program online to accommodate more people.

The programing will consist of one-on-one coaching (by appointment only) and a three-part webinar series: Utilizing Faith, Hope and Love to Achieve Job Search Success.

"We will break down faith, hope and love into structured frameworks and exercises to give you tools and clarity to reduce your stress and drive you towards success," Roman said.

To sign up for the summer webinar series, or to schedule a one-on-one coaching appointment (by phone or in person), simply email career.ministry@saintv.org with your request. Live networking events will resume in September.

Anyone interested in the ministry is invited to check out the Facebook and LinkedIn groups "Career Ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church" for updates, job postings and networking opportunities.



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Maria McCoy named Westview High School Valedictorian

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

WOLCOTTVILLE — Maria McCoy was recently named valedictorian of her graduating class at Westview High School, Topeka. She is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Albion. Maria plans to attend Purdue University, where she will pursue a degree and, later, a career in biomedical engineering.

In addition to her rigorous course work, she found time to letter in basketball and volley-



MARIA MCCOY

ball. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Club, Student Council and the prom committee. She was also editor of the school yearbook and active in her parish youth group.

Some of her treasured memories of high school will be time spent with her friends, playing

basketball and cheering on school teams in the Warriordome and the field house.

Maria treasures, as well, the opportunity she had to attend ND Vision with its theme of saints' gifts that changed the world. In doing so, she came to the realization that everyone has similar gifts that, if used as God intended, can make profound changes in their everyday world. And with her many talents, Maria will surely make an impact on her world in years to come.

Patrick Riley, Rome correspondent, dies at 89

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (CNS) — A funeral Mass was scheduled for June 3 in Christ the King Church in Wauwatosa for Patrick Riley, who died May 30. He was 89. Riley served 1962-74 as a correspondent for the Rome bureau of Catholic News Service — then known as National Catholic News Service — including coverage of the activities of the Second Vatican Council, and was its foreign editor 1974-76. His extensive background in journalism included three years as editor of the National Catholic Register, from 1976 to 1979, as well as society page editor for The New York Times and work in London and Paris for Reuters and United Press International. Riley also worked for CBS Radio and at the White House as a correspondent during the presidency of Ronald Reagan. He later served as the executive director and director of governmental affairs for the Washington chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, and in an executive and advisory capacity for the De Rance Foundation, a Milwaukee-based Catholic charitable agency that was dissolved and its assets distributed to other charities following the 1992 death of its founder, Harry G. John, who was heir to the Miller Brewing Co. fortune.

Mass, block party mark celebration of Sisters of Life

NEW YORK (CNS) — It was hardly a typical New York City summer street fair. Yes, the requisite elements were there: colorful balloons arched across one end of a closed-off block, face-painters, kids' games, food, bubbles and live music. But the Sisters of Life block party outside their home on West 51st Street also featured a eucharistic procession, spontaneous prayer, and a light-hearted opportunity to be photographed with white roses and a gold halo. And one could hardly overlook the young sister with a fire helmet over her veil helping children climb on a "North Pole" fire truck and engage its siren. People have come to expect the unexpected from the Sisters of Life, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their founding June 1 with a joyful Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and a block party with 1,200 of their friends and family on hand. In his homily at the Mass, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said there were towering challenges to consecrated life when the religious order was established in 1991 and skeptics wondered if the sisters would be able to sustain their mission. "But you're a booster shot for all of us," he said, proving that "renewal and rebirth are part of the Lord's thesaurus."

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Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vt., addresses Catholic media in St. Louis June 2. Each year the Catholic Press Association hosts a conference, where decision makers and those interested in Catholic media come together to share information about the changing industry. "In today's age of cyberbullying and online vitriol, be sure to take the high road and build people up rather than tear them down," Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vermont, told Catholic communicators attending the Catholic Media Conference.

'We are proud of Mother Teresa,' Albanians say of future saint

TIRANA, Albania (CNS) — Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and will become a saint September 4, was "loved in Albania" for her years of charity work in some of the poorest parts of India and around the world, Anila Kika, a government economist, told Catholic News Service in an interview on a downtown Tirana street. The fact that the nun was originally Albanian made this love — and pride — for her even stronger among Albania's people-believers and nonbelievers alike, said Kika, an Orthodox Christian. "We all went out to greet her," when Mother Teresa visited Albania in 1991, said Kika. "All Albania ... we are proud of Mother Teresa." Born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, Mother Teresa went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Shortly after she died in 1997, St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. The date chosen for her canonization, is the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death and the date previously established at the Vatican for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage of people like her, who are engaged in works of mercy.

First Amendment, Gospel a 'double mandate' for Catholic press, Erlandson says

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Catholic communicators "have a double mandate: the First Amendment of the Constitution and the Gospel," Greg Erlandson told the Catholic Media Conference in St. Louis. Erlandson, former president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, received the Bishop John England Award June 2 from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada. "These are perilous times," he said in his acceptance remarks. "We are looking at competing ideological agendas that too often are

incompatible with the Gospel and that too often threaten the weakest among us — both born and unborn — the undocumented, the terminally ill, the poor and neglected." Catholic communicators' vocation "is to be their voice," Erlandson, said. "Our vocation is to be the voice of the church. That is our responsibility and our privilege." Our Sunday Visitor, based in Huntington, Indiana, was founded 104 years ago "to be a voice for the church and the rights of Catholics," he said, adding that he is "proud of any role I have played in this legacy."

Life is short; start forgiving, making amends, pope tells priests

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Mercy recognizes that life is short and that so much good needs to be done that there is no time to waste in making amends, Pope Francis told priests. "That is why it is so important to forgive completely" and let go of paralyzing self-pity so mercy can get "its hands dirty" and make repara-

tion for the wrongs committed, he said in a retreat for clergy. Mercy does not overlook the harm caused by sin, "rather it takes away evil's power over the future. It takes away its power over life." To help priests and seminarians better understand the proper role mercy must play in their lives and ministry, Pope Francis led thousands of men on a spiritual retreat in Rome. The aim, he said, was for priests to be ready to receive mercy in order to show it even more. Over the course of the day June 2, the pope led three separate meditations — each nearly an hour long — in three of Rome's four basilicas: St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. Live video links let clergy follow the readings and reflections from different locations. Introducing how his Ignatian-inspired spiritual exercises would work, the Jesuit pope apologized for "the family endorsement." He said guiding personal prayer with Ignatian spirituality allows people "to feel and savor the things of God" deep within themselves. Action and conversion are spurred, he said, by first feeling and being moved by what God is saying or showing.

Bishop says 'Brexit' could lead to loss of funds for aid agencies

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — European funding for Catholic aid agencies based in the U.K. could be withdrawn if the British people vote to leave the EU in late June, said an English bishop. Auxiliary Bishop William Kenney of Birmingham said groups such as CAFOD, the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and SCIAF, the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, would lose grants following a "Brexit" victory in a referendum June 23. "Caritas Europa, to the best of my knowledge, always negotiates for funding from the EU, and the U.K., should it decide to leave, will be outside of that, and it won't get any of that (money) any longer," he told Catholic News Service in a May 28 telephone interview. "In that sense it would no doubt affect CAFOD and others, but to what extent I don't know," said Bishop Kenney, spokesman for European affairs of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and a former president of Caritas Europa. Representatives of CAFOD and SCIAF told CNS by telephone that they were taking neutral positions on the referendum. They would not comment on the possible impact on funding in the result of a Brexit win. The English and Welsh bishops have been careful not to direct the electorate how to vote, but in a statement after their Easter meeting, they reminded Catholics that "the referendum will have consequences for the future not only of the United Kingdom, but for Europe and for the world."



Living the Year of Mercy

Admonish the sinner

Forgive us our sins



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Admonishing the sinner is certainly not easy to do. It takes the virtue of prudence to find just the right moment and just the right words, and saying them in a way that clearly affirms the human dignity of the person you are admonishing, even as they challenge him or her to fulfill his or her highest potential.

Preparing for sacrament of penance



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Children attending a first reconciliation meeting with their parents at Prince of Peace Church in Bellevue, Wis., trace their handprints on one of six doors of Mercy created by members of Prince of Peace Parish.

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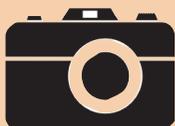
Father David Mary Engo speaks at last year's Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference.

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"Mercy is love's second name."

— St. John Paul II

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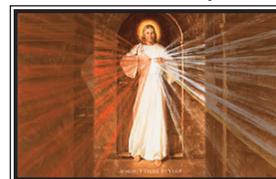


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Attention business professionals

Today's Catholic will hold two Meet & Greet events in June. The first is Thursday, June 16, from 5-7 p.m., at Papa Vino's Restaurant, 5110 Edison Lakes Parkway, Mishawaka. The second is Thursday June 30, from 5-7 p.m. at Hall's Gas House, 305 E. Superior St., Fort Wayne. Business professionals are invited to diversify their network and create new connections with others from around northern Indiana. Admission is \$10 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. RSVP to tsteffen@diocese-fwsb.org or call 260-399-1457. You may also register online at www.todayscatholicnews.org.

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters transfer building, ownership to St. Anne Communities

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary (OLVM) Sisters and Saint Anne Communities announce the symbolic transfer of the Holy Family Building from OLVM to Saint Anne's during a special Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as celebrant.

The OLVM Sisters have completed the sale of the building to Saint Anne's, which will now oversee health care, dietary and other services within the build-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

RCIA candidates celebrate Mass with Bishop Rhoades



Provided by Holy Cross College

On April 17, Bishop Rhoades presided at the Mass in which 40 baptized individuals who were formed through the RCIA and Short Course Processes at the University of Notre Dame and the Confirmation Program at Holy Cross College were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and/or completed their initiation into the Church.

ing. Over the next year, a new health care wing will be built connected to the current Holy Family Building, which St. Anne's will also administrate. The entire complex will be called Saint Anne Communities at Victory Noll.

OLVM continues to own and be the administrator for the rest of the Victory Noll campus, which includes the OLV Building, the St. Joseph's Building, the Sacred Heart Building, the Victory Noll Cemetery and surrounding property.

The St. Thomas More Society elects officers

FORT WAYNE — The St. Thomas More Society elected six board members and four officers. Board members elected to two year terms were: Judge Craig Bobay, Liz Brown, Judge Michael Kramer, Judge Kenton Kiracofe, Tom Niezer and Chris Nancarrow.

Other board members include Mark Scudder, Judge Nancy Boyer, Michael Barranda, Scott Hall, Jeremy Reidy and Carol Rhodes. Father Mark Gurtner serves as the Bishop's liaison to the society and its Chaplain.

Elected to two year terms as officers of the Society were Chris Nancarrow - President; Jeremy Reidy - Vice President; Judge Michael Kramer - Secretary; and Tom Niezer - Treasurer.

The Society also awarded the St. Thomas More Award to attorney Otto Bonahoom. This award is given to a person within the legal community who is representative of the principles and ideals of St. Thomas More.

Tolton Society marks renewed interest with pilgrimage

SOUTH BEND — The Father Augustus Tolton bus pilgrimage to Chicago was sponsored by the Tolton Society of St. Augustine Parish. The diverse delegation of 43 also included parishioners from Sacred Heart and St. Pius X in Granger as well as Bethlehem Missionary Baptist. Pilgrims enjoyed a buffet soul food lunch at Pearl's Restaurant in the historic Brownsville area of Chicago.

The pilgrimage was enhanced by knowledgeable tour guides Vanessa White of Chicago Theological Union and Deacon Gerard Jordan of Pennsylvania. Traveling by Cardinal bus, the group walked in the steps of servant of God Father Augustus Tolton, stopping to pray at each historic site on the itinerary. The guides modeled the joy and love of Father Tolton for all despite the sufferings he endured from slavery, racist priests, from the physical and spiritual challenges of his ministry and from poor health — he died at the young age of 43.

To support Tolton's cause for sainthood visit www.toltoncanonization.org.

Photos provided by Deacon Mel Tardy



Venture Scouts raise flags for fallen of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish



Provided by Pam Leach St. Vincent Boy Scouts Troop 2

The Fort Wayne St. Vincent Venture Scouts showed reverence and respect to parish fallen veterans by placing American flags on graves. The Venture Crew is a co-ed group of 14-21 year olds with a focus on high adventure activities. This summer they will be going to Boundary Waters Canoe Area on the border of Minnesota and Ontario, Canada. In the fall, they assist at the Haunted Castle/Black Forest. For information, contact svboyscouts@frontier.com.

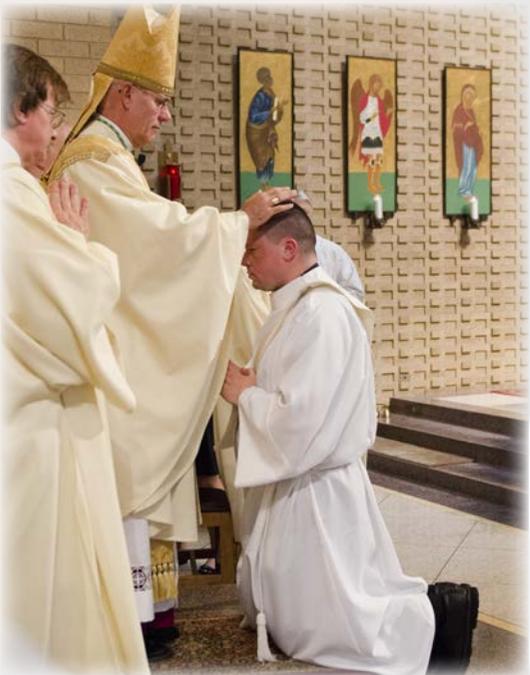
'And for this gift, we give thanks to God today'

— Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



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



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Newly ordained priest Father Borchard is vested with the stole and chasuble, signs of the priestly office. He is vested by Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X, Granger.



Bishop Rhoades anoints newly ordained Father Garrow's palms with oil, which symbolizes wisdom and strength.



Kevin Haggengjos

During the Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades lays hands on the heads of the candidates Deacons Craig Borchard, Bob Garrow and David Violi in accordance with apostolic tradition.

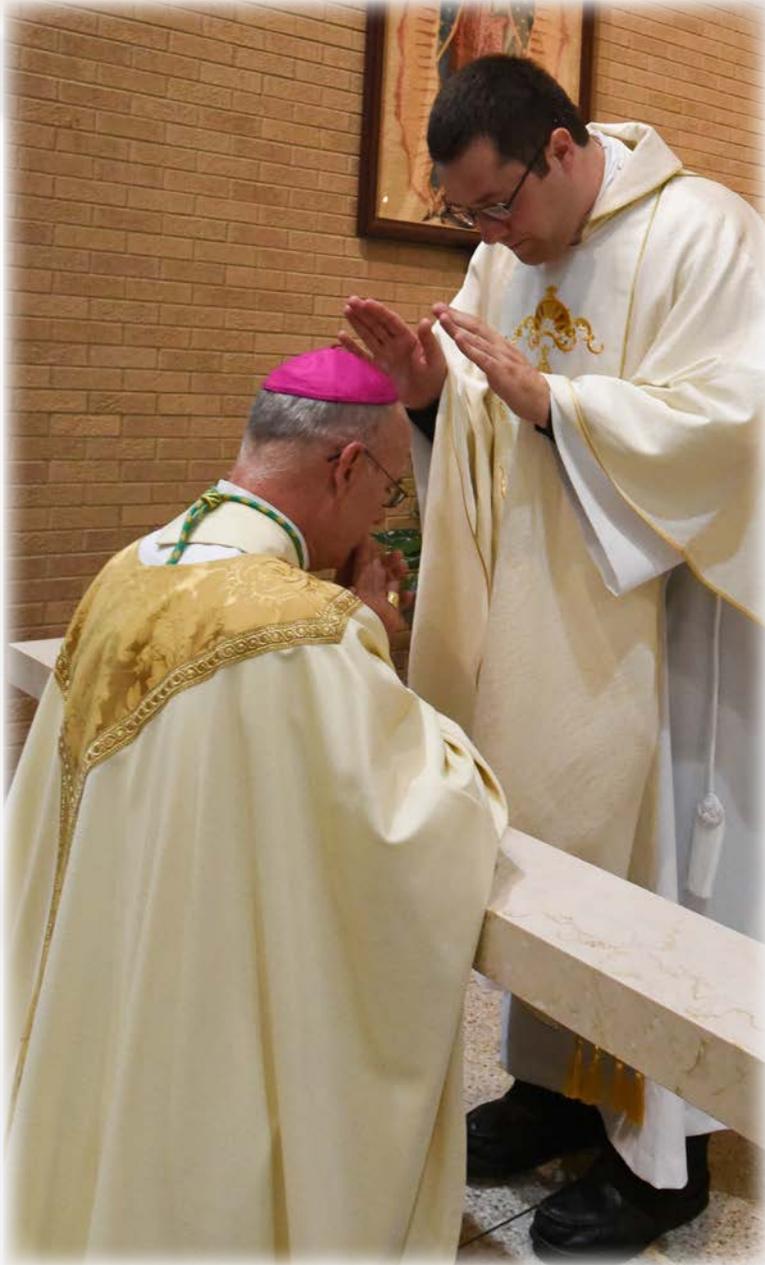




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Newly ordained priest Father Violi offers a blessing to Bishop Rhoades after ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 4.



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The Serra Club of South Bend offers congratulations and prayerful best wishes to

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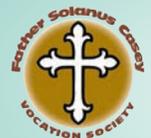
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Our Lady of Hungary celebrates a century of faith, fellowship

BY JODI MARLIN

One hundred years after its founding, the sound and aspect of Our Lady of Hungary Catholic parish is different than it was in the days of the *bevándorlás*, or immigration, of former European Hungarians to the South Bend area. However, although English- and Spanish-language Masses have replaced Hungarian-language worship services, the deeply rooted neighborhood parish remains a warm, embracing community that holds fast to its legacy of active expressions of faith.

The community of Our Lady of Hungary first took form in 1916 as a mission church of St. Stephen's Parish. Rev. Lawrence Horvath, St. Stephen's pastor, built a church for Our Lady on Catalpa Street near Prairie Avenue; Rev. Paul Miller, a Notre Dame priest, traveled to the far side of the city to celebrate Masses and administer the Sacraments. The current name of the parish, Our Lady of Hungary, was adopted later in honor of the members' homeland.

In December of 1921 the Right Reverend Herman Alerding, Bishop of Fort Wayne, appointed Rev. Geza Gyorfy as pastor of the mission and charged him with developing it into a parish. Rev. Charles Scholl, a non-Hungarian priest, was appointed to assist.

The parish moved once, in 1923, in order to make room for the expanding Studebaker car company foundry. Land was acquired on Calvert St., and the church was moved on rollers to the new location.

Father John Sabo, who had become an assistant since 1930, succeeded Father Gyorfy when he retired due to ill health. Father Sabo became pastor on Jan. 26, 1935. He was later named a Monsignor, but continued on as pastor of the parish until his retirement in 1980.

Ground was broken in 1948,



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Built during the winter of 1916-17, Our Lady of Hungary began as a mission of St. Stephen's Hungarian parish in South Bend. Here, a Holy Day is celebrated at the original church.

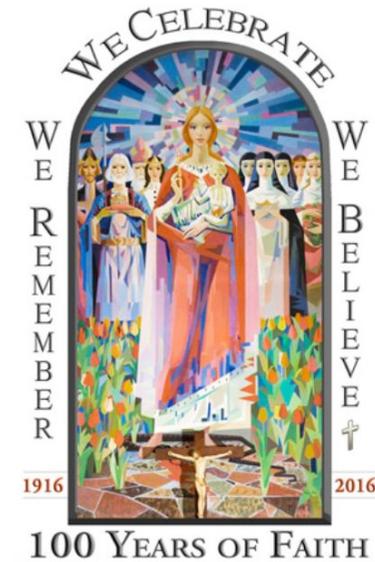
at the same location, for a larger church building that stands today. Its stately Romanesque Rival Style utilizes a cruciform plan. The rounded arches seen in the church's doors, windows and the arcades along the nave are a defining aspect of Romanesque architecture. The most striking interior features are the altar triptych and the murals adorning the walls of the chancel and transepts. Services in the newly dedicated church were held on Christmas 1949, even though the worship space was not yet complete.

The Hungarian community was very close-knit, and the church played a role of primary influence on the education and socialization of most families in the immediate area. Students felt more like brothers and sisters than classmates, in many cases. May crownings and 40 Hours devotions were met with anticipation, and the children attended Mass not weekly, but daily.

Early Our Lady of Hungary parishioners were characterized by a deep loyalty to both God and country. A testament to

those affections stands a short distance from the church, where in the same year the current church was dedicated The Purple Heart Memorial Tower outdoor altar was also constructed, in memory of parishioners who died in the service of the United States armed forces.

Among the 1974 graduates of Our Lady of Hungary Catholic School was an eighth grader by the name of Kevin Bauman. In 2011 Father Bauman returned to the parish — this time, as its



"We Remember ... We Celebrate ... We Believe!" is the theme of the centennial celebration of Our Lady of Hungary Catholic Church in South Bend.

shepherd.

At that moment in the parish's history the demographics were not in its favor. The Hungarian population had grown older, and now waned in numbers. Under Father Bauman's bilingual leadership the parish also reached out to the local Mexican community, which represented the newest generation in the parish's environs.

Today the Spanish-speaking community joins its Hungarian-

American counterpart in both liturgies and celebrations. Two English Masses and two Spanish Masses are celebrated each weekend, and the parish's Rosary Society, Sacred Heart Society, St. Anne's Society and Hispanic men's Knights of Columbus groups enjoy strong participation; as does the youth group, Legion of Mary and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Parish life is punctuated annually by the Our Lady of Hungary Parish Festival, featuring the aroma of traditional and Mexican fare. Alumni pack the closed streets to listen to sit back and enjoy the sounds of Hungarian and Mexican musical groups.

The Most Reverend Father Michael Bloom, SVC, archbishop and papal nuncio to Uganda, Africa, and a former student and parishioner of Our Lady of Hungary, inaugurated the parish's centennial year on Jan. 10 with a Mass concelebrated by Father Bauman at the parish. On June 26, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be present to the community and preside over a culminating observance of its faith-filled history.

The bilingual anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Rhoades and Father Bauman at noon. A dinner reception will be served immediately following the Mass, at 2 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Eric Sundberg, music director, retires

BY MARK WEBER

When Eric Sundberg was a junior high student in Battle Creek, Michigan, he planned to study architecture and engineering but at the same time he had a song in his heart and a guitar in his hand, teaching himself, increasing his talent, unaware that he was headed for a career in music.

That discovery occurred in Germany where he was an Army clerk and spent many hours entertaining with his guitar. Sundberg's love for music became so strong that he now knew that he wanted to be a full-time musician but also knew that he needed a musical education.

So in 1972 after his Army duty, he enrolled in Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek and then switched to Western Michigan University as a music major studying composition, conducting, keyboard, theory and more guitar technique. It was here that music began to pay off when during a guitar lesson, his instructor said, "Eric, I've been accepted in med school, so you will have to take over my guitar students." Eric was shocked and protested that he knew nothing about teaching. "But you're my best student."



ERIC SUNDBERG

replied the professor; and with that Eric began giving private lessons and has continued for 40 years.

After graduation, Sundberg went back in the Army as a bandsman, finding ideal duty in Panama as a percussionist in an Army band performing formal concerts, parades, marches, retirement events and more in every country in South and Central America.

In Venezuela, Eric Sundberg heard the high notes when he met his wife to be, Glenis.

They married there and eventually had four sons.

Back at the base in Panama, Eric spent a lot of time with the Catholic chaplain, serving Mass, playing church music, developing a particular interest in that niche.

After Panama, Eric and Glenis, now with two sons, were stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and living in Chicago. They decided to leave Army life so Eric could pursue a career in church music.

To do this, Eric sent resumes to dioceses in the Midwest and received an interesting response from Ed Throm, music director at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Through Ed Throm's efforts, Eric received an invitation to audition for Father Terry Place, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven.

He came, he played, he stayed...and has found spiritual fulfillment, personal enrichment through work he loves, plus loads of friends and the enjoyment of teaching children of the children he taught. His special attachment to families; being with them in their deepest moments — weddings, funerals, recitals; describes a unique feeling within Eric Sundberg's heart and soul that will be unmatched regardless of new interests found in retirement.

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Hallowed Moments

About six months ago, I had a particularly unforgettable day in the office. The best part of being a doctor for me is the interaction I have with patients and their families. Very special things seem to happen behind that closed office door. It is likely that the one-on-one interaction with patients and our oath of confidentiality helps provide them with the courage and confidence to share their stories. In fact, sometimes I am asked to allow residents, medical students, or nurse practitioners in training to shadow me for a day so I can provide teaching. I know it is part of my calling to do this, but I also know that there is then very little chance that one of those hallowed moments will occur when other medical personnel follow me into the room. On this particular day I had two unforgettable encounters.

One of them was a 94-year-old patient that I have seen for years. He had developed severe aortic valve stenosis (severe narrowing of the valve that opens as blood is pumped out of the heart). He is quite an amazing 94-year-old specimen, walking with confidence into the exam room. He now lives in an assisted living environment, not because he has to, but so he can be close to his wife. His wife is in the same building, but in the Alzheimer's unit. She requires 24 hour care as she has very advanced dementia, and my patient has been told her health is rapidly deteriorating. She is expected to live a few more months at best. He travels down the long hallway to see his wife

multiple times per day as he continues to follow his wedding vows: in sickness and in health.

He had noticed more shortness of breath with daily activities especially walking to see his wife. It was my obligation as his cardiologist to let him know his condition was getting serious and would progress. He asked me how long he had to live if we didn't do something and I answered in my usual fashion; "No one knows about that day or hour.....but only the Father." What I am willing to say when push comes to shove in these situations, is to give some sort of estimate or statistic. In his case I told him that if I had 100 people with aortic stenosis of his severity, the majority of those people would be dead in 1 year. I told him that if he wanted to try to live on we might be able to offer him a TAVR (Trans-Aortic Valve Replacement). I wrote an article about this amazing procedure, primarily used in the elderly, not too long ago right here. To date, the oldest patient we have done was 91 years old. I told him I was willing to talk to the TAVR team and see if they would consider him, but it is still considered a major procedure. There would be serious risks involved (even more so at age 94) including at least a 2-3% chance of death and a 5% chance of stroke. He then changed the subject and began talking about his wife and the wonderful marriage he had had for over 70 years. With tears in his eyes he told me he did not want to try to prolong his life with any heroic measures. I listened some more and became confident that not

THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

pursuing a possible operation was the right decision for him. We were both at peace as he left the office.

A few patients later, I saw an 81-year-old man with early dementia who was accompanied by a very loving daughter-in-law. I have followed this man for many years and even though he has dementia and significant short-term memory loss, he remains fairly insightful and can still make decisions for himself with a little guidance from his family. He has an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) that we have been following for a few years, and it had grown to the size it could very well rupture in the next year. It was time to have that honest discussion and decide on a plan of action. I then discussed with him the risks and the benefits of having it fixed. He told me he did not want to go through the pain or the expense of having surgery. He explained to me that he had lost his wife a few years earlier, and without her companionship, he did not want to try to extend his life. He also still had the insight that with prolonging his life, he would live to experience worsening dementia, and his family would have to experience

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Mary in our increasingly secular world

The month of May has been dedicated to the Virgin Mary for centuries — so long, in fact, that the precise origin of this Catholic devotion is lost in the mists of time.

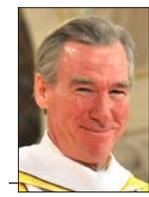
Still, it is a fitting devotion during what is arguably the most beautiful and colorful month of the year in most of the Northern Hemisphere.

Living as we do at The Catholic University of America, with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the corner of our campus, our students, faculty and staff have constant reminders of the Marian devotions I grew up with. But I sometimes wonder whether very many of today's young Catholics learn them as we once did.

When I was a boy at St. Joseph School in my hometown, we had May crownings and prayed the rosary throughout the month. We recited the Angelus at lunchtime. We sang Marian hymns ("Hail Holy Queen," "Immaculate Mary," "O Sanctissima," "Bring Flowers of the Rarest") at daily and all-school Masses. Today many parochial schools (like my own) are closed. Those that are open have many fewer students.

That's not the only cultural change we have seen. Faith is a less visible feature of public life. It is crowded into private spaces, churches and homes. And as we find profane ways of talking about our affairs, the sacred has become a less palpable presence.

We incline more and more to picture God as the kind of



INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

abstraction that appealed to Thomas Jefferson — a deity, a watchmaker, a prime mover who sits far above his creation, uninvolved if not disinterested.

I say "we," but I am guilty of some cultural myopia in saying that. The Catholic Church in the United States is becoming increasingly Hispanic, and devotion to Mary is very real in the fastest-growing sector of American Catholics. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate reports that two-thirds of Hispanic/Latino Catholics have a statue or picture of Mary at home.

Pope Francis, a native of Argentina, is typical. He began the Year of Mercy on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The bull announcing it said, "Let us address her in the words of the 'Salve Regina.'" (In case you've forgotten, it begins "Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy ...") The Holy Father kicked off the 2013 World Youth Day with Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida.

I have not been to Aparecida, but not long ago I visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

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The power of forgiveness



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 7:36-8:3

The first reading for this weekend's liturgy is from the Second Book of Samuel. Scholars refer to First and Second Samuel as historical books. Historical books in the Bible do not exactly fit the description of history books today, not because they are untrustworthy or make-believe, but because the point of the book is to tell a religious story.

For the authors of these works, as well as for the prophets, nothing was more important in life than being true to God.

In this reading, Nathan, the prophet, confronts David, the king of Israel, with his relationship with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite leader. Since Bathsheba was married, the relationship was adulterous. Ancient Hebrews detested adultery, and only one thing was worse, namely adultery with a pagan. Such unions weakened the commitment of Israel to the one, true God.

Nevertheless, when David admits the error of his ways, even in these grave circumstances, Nathan assures him that God forgives him.

The Epistle to the Galatians furnishes the second reading. This passage splendidly reveals what genuine Christian living is. "I live now not I, but Christ lives in me." This one statement, so familiar to, and beloved among, Christians, captures the intimacy of the bond between the Lord and true disciples. It is a bond created in uncompromising faith. It is a bond that brings salvation to the disciple.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the third reading. It too is familiar

to Christians. It is the story of a "sinful" woman. The text does not describe this woman as a prostitute, but over the centuries Christians usually have assumed that she was a prostitute.

Assuming that the woman was a prostitute only underscores the depth of God's love, shown in Christ's forgiving the woman. This aspect of the story, namely God's forgiveness, is the point of this passage.

Whether the woman was a prostitute is not the point. She was gravely sinful. All, very much including Jesus, saw her as such. At the time of Jesus, in the Jewish culture of the time of Jesus, the greatest sins that a woman could commit were prostitution and adultery. She may also have been a prostitute.

Her gesture of washing the Lord's feet, and perfuming them, was a great act of deference and humility.

God's forgiveness, given in Christ's mercy, is so great and unquestioning that the Pharisee, the specialist in theology, cannot fully comprehend what was

occurring. Jesus had to explain God's love in a parable.

Reflection

First of all, the place of women in the New Testament intrigues many people. As so often said in the Gospels, the Apostles, all males, accompanied the Lord. They were Christ's special students and followers. Also in the Lord's company were several women, including Mary of Magdala, from whom seven demons had been expelled.

The presence of the Apostles verifies their future role in the development of Christianity. The presence of the women shows the outreach of Jesus. Women, while not Apostles, hardly would have been admitted to the company of male figures so important to the unfolding of salvation had they been regarded as inferior.

Second, these readings teach that the mercy of God unquestioningly is given those who humbly and sincerely ask for God's forgiveness of their sins.

The Gospel does not give us the exact details of the sin of the woman who met Jesus. However, the sin committed by David in his liaison with the wife of Uriah, the Hittite, is clear. Together, the picture is vivid. The women, as well as David, were guilty of grave sin.

Yet, mercifully, God forgave them. The key for them, and now for us, is to give self totally to Christ, in trust and love.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36 — 8:3

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

Kung-pao diplomacy?

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See, recently told an Italian journal that relations between the Vatican and the People's Republic of China "are living a positive phase, as there have been signals from both sides that there is a wish to keep on talking in order to find together solutions to the problems of the presence of the Catholic Church in that huge country." The cardinal continued by saying that "perspectives are promising," and expressed the hope that "the blossom will flourish and bear good fruits..."

The language was flowery-diplomatic, but the message seemed clear: discussions were proceeding with regard to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Beijing. Which is curious, in that the PRC isn't getting on very well with just about anyone else these days. Its saber-rattling in the South China Sea has got Vietnam and the Philippines nervous. Anti-Japanese propaganda from Beijing sources has been ratcheted up. Indian efforts to improve relations with China have gone essentially nowhere.

Then there is that new law being pushed by President Xi Jinping, which would drastically hinder the work of Chinese non-governmental organizations and foreign human rights and pro-democracy agencies trying to aid their compatriots in China. And as if that weren't enough, President Xi's regime has been cracking down on dissidents, including Christians who don't kowtow to the party-regime's demand to control everything that looks like civil society.

So why, one wonders, is the same PRC government that's

becoming ever more menacing abroad and repressive at home getting along rather well with the Holy See, such that relations are "in a positive phase?"

It's well known that Pope Francis would like to go to China, and so far as the papal diplomats are concerned, it's inconceivable that such a visit could take place without diplomatic relations being established between the Holy See and the PRC. That's what I was told more than fifteen years ago, when I was working on my biography of John Paul II, and the same conviction seems to be in play today. But why is that the case?

Yes, a papal visit to a country that doesn't have an apostolic nuncio would be logistically more difficult; but since when did Peter's mission to strengthen the brethren (Luke 22:32)

depend on formal diplomatic relations? Paul VI went to the United States, Jordan, and Israel years before the Holy See had diplomatic relations with those countries. Surely Pope Francis, whose disregard for precedents and procedures is part of his appeal to many, isn't going to be constrained by what his diplomats regard as the proprieties — although he might be blocked by the PRC, which would clearly use diplomatic relations as a bargaining chip in negotiations for any papal visit.

This passion among Vatican diplomats for getting a deal done with the PRC has always puzzled me. It would almost certainly mean severing diplomatic relations with the Republic of China on Taiwan, the first democracy in Chinese history. If Taiwan is thrown over the side for the sake of a deal with Beijing, what signal does that send to the world,



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GEORGE WEIGEL

and to Chinese democrats and human rights activists on the mainland — including Christians — about the Catholic Church's commitment to free societies? Moreover, one can't draw a lot of satisfaction from recent Vatican attempts to get along by going along with dictators and authoritarians. Being nice to the brothers Castro has done nothing for a human rights situation in Cuba that has actually gotten worse.

My bottom-line concern here is for the Church's evangelical future in China, not for diplomacy. If the Holy See makes a deal that seems to abandon Chinese democrats on Taiwan, while seeming to turn a blind eye to the pressures intensifying on civil society institutions (including churches) on the mainland, the Church's evangelical mission is going to be seriously damaged, now and in the future. And at what price? The price of a place at the diplomatic table with one of the most authoritarian regimes in the world, which is currently perfecting methods of political and social control beyond the dreams of Chairman Mao?

Not worth the candle, I should say.

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law was sure the family would be supportive of this decision as well.

I believe both of these men made the right decision considering their advanced age and circumstances. Sometimes it is appropriate to hang on to life for as long as you can, and other times it's best to surrender to your Creator. Both of these men have placed their lives in the hands of God. They might live a good number of years yet, and as of this publication, they were

both still very much alive. As it says in Deuteronomy 32:39 "Learn then that I, I alone, am God, and there is no God beside me. It is I who bring both death and life, I who inflict wounds and heal them, and from my hand there is no rescue."

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it made prayer much more of a conversation.

This faith is a great gift to the American church. It is much more Catholic than the ceremonial deism our culture (when it thinks of religion at all) is drifting toward. Our attachment to Mary reminds us that belief in the Incarnation is what makes us Christians. Jesus was a real person who was born to Mary, lived, died and rose again. Mary was a real mother whose love keeps showing up in the world,

to remind us to imitate her love for her son.

Sometimes her appearance takes the form of great miracles, as at Guadalupe, Aparecida, Lourdes and Fatima. Sometimes she reaches us in the family rosary or in a bunch of lilacs gathered in her honor — especially in May.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 12, 2016

Luke 7:36-8:3

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the story of the woman, her ointment and her hair. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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OINTMENT	WEeping	BATHE
HER HAIR	INVITED	A PROPHET
WOULD KNOW	A SINNER	SIMON
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Saint of the week:



Blessed Jolenta of Poland

Feast Day June 12

The daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary and granddaughter of the emperor of Constantinople, this medieval princess was raised by her elder sister, St. Kunigunde, queen of Poland. Their family tree included other saints: Hedwig, Elizabeth of Hungary and Margaret of Hungary. Jolenta married a Polish duke whose charitable works earned him the popular name "Boleslaus the Pious." After his death in 1279 and the marriage of two daughters, Jolenta, Kunigunde, also now widowed, and Jolenta's youngest daughter entered a Poor Clares convent. Jolenta later became abbess of a convent she had founded with her husband. Also known as Helen of Poland and Yolanda of Poland, Jolenta was beatified in 1827. Mary is enshrined in Turin next to St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians men's order.

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this with him as well. It is also true that operating on someone with dementia can acutely and sometimes even permanently cause progression of the dementia. With conviction he told me he would pass on any life-saving operation, and accept death when it came. His daughter-in-

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and I was struck by the frank devotion of the thousands of pilgrims. It reminded me of the youthful enthusiasm we had at St. Joseph School, but with this difference: Mary had been there, up on the hill above the church. You could feel her presence, and

Sports

BOYS' GOLF TEAM WINS NIC TOURNAMENT The Saint Joseph High School boys golf team has won the NIC tournament and championship. Led by a career low 72 from Will DeTrempe, the Indians shot a season record 304 to beat Marian (312) and Penn (321). Michael Anthony (73) and Tate Heintzelman-Dee (77) had top 5 finishes and Kyle Killilea (82) rounded out the top ten. Senior Zach Credi posted a 90.

Pitcher's duel and perfect season highlight CYO softball tourney championship game

BY RON BUSCH

FORT WAYNE — Posted last week was the final 3-0 score in the CYO final softball tourney game. The game occurred on Monday, May 16, at the Queen of Angels field. This one proved to be a duel between two very capable and talented pitchers. The hurler for St. Rose/St. Louis was Isabella Roussey. Roussey started the game by pitching 5 scoreless innings against a tough-hitting St. Jude team. She continued in the path of her regular season success for St. Rose/St. Louis. Wet weather had resulted in an abbreviated regular season in which they finished with 3 wins and 1 loss. St. Rose/St. Louis was coached by first year head coach Mindy Castle. Castle was quick to compliment Roussey's demonstrated skill and team leadership.

Pitching for St. Jude was undefeated ace Josie Fett. She was pitcher in 8 of the St. Jude squad's 9 season victories. Through 5 innings both pitchers were able to extinguish any offensive firepower. Finally, St.

Jude was able to break through with RBI's by Delaney Hogan and Josie Fett (helping her own cause). It was a hard-fought team win by St. Jude.

St. Jude first year head coach Jason Sylvester was equally impressed with the pitching efforts of both Isabella Roussey and Josie Fett. Fett's shutout capped a perfect 9-0 season for the St. Jude softball squad. Coach Sylvester acknowledged the leadership of his 8th grader Delaney Hogan. Hogan and Fett both had batting averages hovering near .600 for the season. Utility "do it all" player Elly Doyle followed close behind with a .500 season batting average. Elly Doyle's sister Emma was team catcher. Emma also picked up a victory in her one pitching appearance for the 2016 season. Other student-athletes on the team included Belle Hogan, Hope Nitza, Addison Krebs, Maggie

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Repeat performances dominate City Track and Field meet

St. Jude repeats as girls' champion, Patrick Finley leads St. Charles Boys' team to victory

BY RON BUSCH

FORT WAYNE — The 2016 CYO City Track and Field Meet featured numerous repeat winners from last year's meet.

Last year's girls' champion St. Jude again finished on top in 2016. Rachel Landstoffer of St. Jude notched 3 first place finishes: in high jump (a repeat from last year), the 4X200 meter relay, and the 100 meter hurdles — setting a new CYO record. Other student-athletes with at least three first place finishes included Libby Bierbaum of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne. Libby scored blue ribbons in discus, shot-put, and the 4X100 meter relay. Dora Javins of St. John the Baptist,

led all girls' competitors with four firsts. Javins repeated last year's win in the long jump, and went on to victory in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, and the 4x100 meter relay. Dora added these 4 blue ribbons to her collection.

On the boys' side of the ledger Patrick Finley of St. Charles, dominated with 2 new CYO records on the way to four first place finishes this year. As reported last week, Finley set records in both the 100 meter dash and the 400 meter run. Finley also demonstrated his athleticism by claiming victory in the high jump. This made all three victories repeats of blue ribbons Patrick won last year. He also laid claim to being the only three event winner in boys' competition this year. Team-mates testified "that his track shoes were still smoking the morning after the meet." Boys with 2 first-place wins included Howard Steele of St. Vincent de Paul, Eric Cobos of St. Jude and Anthony Ventrulla of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Individual events including first, second, and third place winners are listed below:

Girls' high jump – 1.) Rachel Landstoffer, St. Jude; 2.) Julia Broeman, St. Charles; 3.) Ingrid Spenn, St. John FW

Boys' high jump – 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Ben Schreck, St. Vincent; 3.) Rod Custard, St. John FW

Girls' long jump – 1.) Dori Javins, St. John FW; 2.) Katie Nix, St. Jude; 3.) Natalie Hirsch, St. Vincent

Boys' long jump – 1.) Howard Steele, St. Vincent; 2.) Alex Fosnaugh, St. Vincent; 3.) Brian Pantoja, St. Elizabeth

Girls' discus – 1.) Libby Bierbaum, St. John FW; 2.) Abigail Schenkel, St. Vincent; 3.) Riley Howard, St. Aloysius

Boys' discus – 1.) Eric Cobos, St. Jude; 2.) Marcus Hartle, St. John FW; 3.) Nolan Fischer, St. Charles

Girls' shot-put – 1.) Libby Bierbaum, St. John FW; 2.) Vanessa Federspiel, St. Jude; 3.) Riley Howard, St. Aloysius

Boys' shot-put – 1.) Eric Cobos, St. Jude; 2.) Harry Howe, St. Charles; 3.) Henry Verslype, St. Elizabeth

Girls' 100 M hurdles – 1.) Rachel Landstoffer, St. Jude; 2.) Annie Thoma, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Natalie Hirsch, St. Vincent

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Lacrosse season ends



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Saint Joseph High School and Indianapolis Cathedral played a lacrosse game at St. Joseph High School Friday May 20. Cathedral was ranked number 2 in the state and won the game by a score of 15 to 3. St. Joseph's Cole Wright, in white, escapes with the ball from Cathedral's Griffin Gallant.

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Boys' 100 M hurdles – 1.) Howard Steele, St. Vincent; 2.) Alex Fosnaugh, St. Vincent; 3.) Derek Miller, St. Charles

Girls' 100 M dash – 1.) Dori Javins, St. John FW; 2.) Annie Thoma, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Katie Nix, St. Jude

Boys' 100 M dash – 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Anthony Ventrulla, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Howard Steele, St. Vincent

Girls' 800 M run – 1.) Anna Morris, St. Charles; 2.) Aileen Delaney, St. Jude; 3.) Natalie Vogan, St. Jude

Boys' 800 M run – 1.) Michael Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Carter Cook, St. Elizabeth; 3.) Atticus Wiseman, St. Jude

Girls' 4X100 M relay – 1.) St. John FW, (Bierbaum, Knipp, Chellis, Javins); 2.) St. Charles; 3.) St. Jude

Boys' 4X100 M relay – 1.) St. Charles, (Tippmann, Hartzog, Howe, Finley); 2.) St. Vincent; 3.) St. John FW

Girls' 400 M run – 1.) Alexis Dennis, Queen of Angels/Precious Blood; 2.) Nora Steele, St. Vincent; 3.) Rachel Landstoffer, St. Jude

Boys' 400 M run – 1.) Patrick Finley, St. Charles; 2.) Eric Cobos, St. Jude; 3.) Jack Miller, St. Vincent

Girls' 200 M dash – 1.) Dori Javins, St. John FW; 2.) Katie Nix, St. Jude; 3.) Mary Cicchiello, St. Elizabeth

Boys' 200 M dash – 1.) Anthony Ventrulla, St. Elizabeth; 2.) Alex Fosnaugh, St. Vincent; 3.) Omar Nieto, St. Elizabeth

Girls' 1600 M run – 1.) Aileen Delaney, St. Jude; 2.) Anna Morris, St. Charles; 3.) Paige Aselage, St. Vincent

Boys' 1600 M run – 1.) Carter Cook, St. Elizabeth; 2.) Joseph Didier, St. Vincent; 3.) Atticus Wiseman, St. Jude

Girls' 4X200 relay – 1.) St. Jude, (Landstoffer, Odle, Delaney, Nix); 2.) St. Vincent; 3.) St. Elizabeth

Boys' 4X200 relay – 1.) St. Elizabeth, (Nieto, Verslype, Pantoja, Ventrulla); 2.) St. Vincent; 3.) St. Jude

Girls' team totals: 1.) St. Jude; 2.) St. Charles; 3.) St. John FW; 4.) St. Vincent

Boys' team totals: 1.) St. Charles; 2.) St. Vincent; 3.) St. Elizabeth; 4.) St. Jude

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Wright, and Lucy Pfluegger (another utility player). As testimony to the bright future for St. Jude... the varsity team also included a pair of 5th graders this year... Sara Sylvester and right fielder/second baseman

Abbie Dunifon. As if it wasn't enough to field a dynamite team this year, coach Sylvester also mentioned that St. Jude's JV team also won their tourney this year as well.

The tournament victory capped a perfect season for the first year head coach and his talented team. Adding expertise were assistant coaches this year — Dave Fett, Lisa Krebs, and Cindy Kelly. Everyone contributed, the team blended well. Certainly the team has had a memorable season and tournament. The future looks bright as well for the team from the corner of East State and Randalia. It appears that area teams will want to prepare for St. Jude — quite possibly the league favorite and the "team to beat" next year as well.

Girls' tennis defeated in state finals



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The Saint Joseph High School girls tennis team beat Center Grove 3-2 in the quarterfinals and defeated Jasper 4-1 in the semi-finals. The Lady Indians suffered a tough loss to Cathedral in the finals with a score of 2-3.

Most valuable named



Provided by Saint Joseph High School

Saint Joseph High School announces the following students were honored as NIC Most Valuable Players in their respective sports: from left, Thomas Pries, tennis; Madelyn Yergler, tennis; Cali Topolski, volleyball; Samantha Kambol, soccer.

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Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will hold a garage and bake sale Thursday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 West State St. All proceeds of the sale will be used to fund the local programs of the Christ Child Society operating to improve the lives of children in need in our community. For more information, visit www.christchildfw.org

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 17, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

Theology on Tap summer series to begin
Granger — The summer series for Theology on Tap will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Villa Macri, 225 Toscana Blvd. The series theme is Unity in Diversity:

The Church Gathering a People. On June 28: Eastern Catholic: Breathing with Both Lungs – Brett Perkins; July 5: Latin Mass Catholic: Preserving Tradition – Msgr. John Fritz, FSSP; July 12: Political Catholic: Voting as Faithful Citizens – Bishop Kevin Rhoades; July 19: Charismatic Catholic: Living in the Spirit – Nicole Scheidler and Brian Stoyell-Mulholland; and July 26: Summer cookout at St. Patrick's County Park. For information contact Sean Allen at sallen@diocesefwsb.org or 858-354-9006.

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Level 1 formation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd planned
South Bend — Christ the King Parish will offer a beginning Level I Formation Course in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this July. Participants will explore and learn to facilitate the spiritual development of young children, earning catechist certifica-

tion in the CGS method. General information can be found at www.cgsusa.org, and course information is available by contacting Joanie Rymysz at jfrym-sza@christthekingonline.org or 574-485-7462.

Faith and canvas
Fort Wayne — Paint the Sacred Heart and take home your creation with instruction by artist Tim Luncsford. Participants will create an 11x14 inch acrylic painting, learning how to work with symmetry in a painting. Complimentary cheese, summer sausage, crackers, and wine served. The event will be Friday, June 10, from 6:30-9 p.m. at 1702 Lombard St. Cost of \$45 includes instruction, snacks, and all materials. Advance registration required by calling Sandy Seyfert at 260-433-1236. Proceeds benefit Mary's Glen Development Fund. Visit www.FrancisLittleAssisi.com and click on the Faith and Canvas link for more information.

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Immigration, citizenship training hosted by Catholic Charities

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

FORT WAYNE — On June 2, Catholic Charities hosted a training event called “Learning the Proper Steps of Immigration and Citizenship.” Focusing on those who work closely with immigrant populations, the fifth annual training session attracted more than 85 people from Elkhart, South Bend, Warsaw, Plymouth, Indianapolis and Auburn. Attendees included employees from many local social service agencies, representatives of elected officials, law enforcement, diocesan staff, priests and many other individuals.

Catholic Charities hosted this engaging event to raise community awareness and understanding of immigration issues in the community and to offer a public platform for individuals to have their questions addressed by professionals in the field.

Luz Ostrognai, BIA Accredited Representative and Immigration Supervisor at Catholic Charities stated, “Immigration is a complex topic and it is important that immigrants and refugees understand their rights and responsibilities and have safe, qualified professionals available to assist them in processing paperwork.”

Attendees learned about the History of Immigration to the



NYEIN CHAN, CATHOLIC CHARITIES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT DIRECTOR

Luz Ostrognai, Catholic Charities Immigration Supervisor, welcoming Bishop Rhoades. On the right – Palermo Galindo, President of the Greater Fort Wayne Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

United States, citizenship process and an overview of some humanitarian immigration relief options including the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and other visa options for individuals migrating for their own safety.

Bishop Rhoades provided opening remarks along with Catholic Charities CEO, Gloria Whitcraft. Expert presenters included Cecilia Deypalubos of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Indianapolis; Barbara Szweda,

Immigration Attorney at Catholic Charities; and Susan Schreiver, Senior Attorney at Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

These specialists provided in-depth presentations in their areas of expertise. The afternoon closed with a panel discussion open to audience questions.

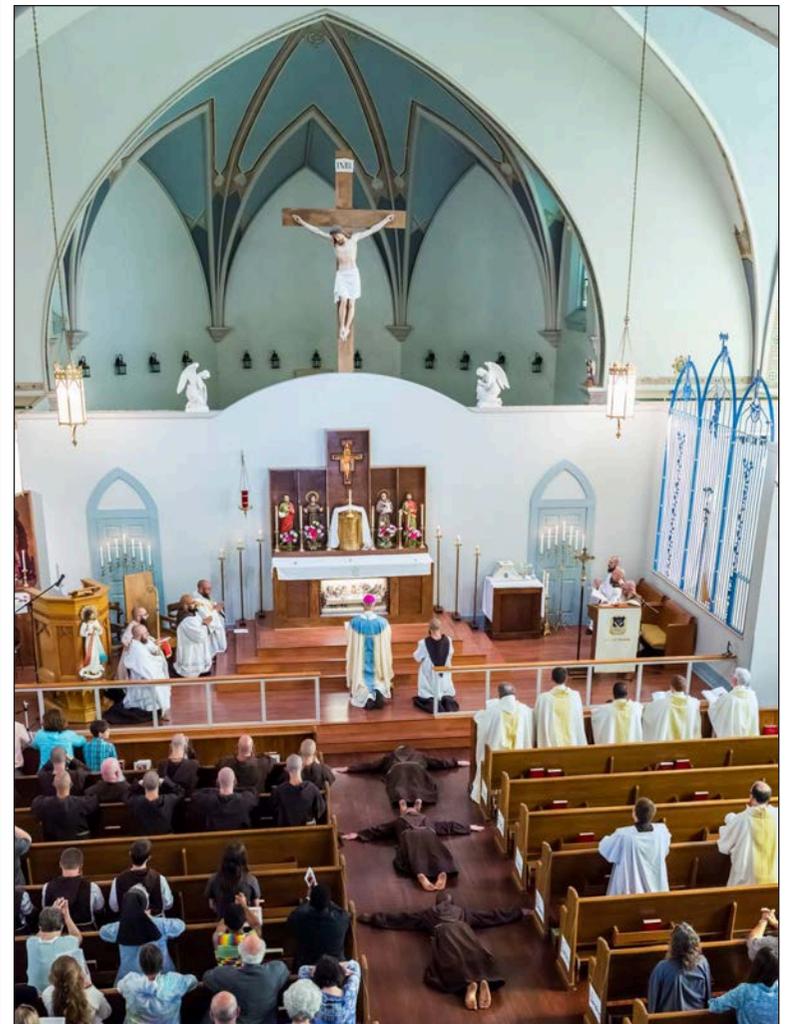
For Catholic Charities, this was an opportunity to give pertinent information to other organizations in order for them to educate immigrants and refugees about their rights and

responsibilities. Additionally it was an educational tool for other organizations on how to remove barriers that prevent our immigrant brothers and sisters from becoming full members of their communities.

The mission of Catholic Charities is “to serve those in need as Christ would have us do.” Development Director Liz Flaherty commented, “Our faith teaches us the rights of

migrants, the importance of keeping families together, and the dignity of every human person. Through this training, Catholic Charities enables more individuals and organizations in our communities to be aware of the legal options available for immigrants and refugees and to provide reliable assistance for vulnerable individuals in applying for legal residency or citizenship in the United States.”

Three men profess final vows



Joe Romie

Three Franciscan Friars Minor humbly lie prostrate on the ground in the main aisle, each in the form of a cross.

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

FORT WAYNE — On May 31, 2016, three men entered St. Andrews Church on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to make their Solemn Religious Profession Of Perpetual Vows for the Franciscan Friars Minor. The candidates that professed their vows are Brother Francis Mary of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners, Brother Seraphin Maria of Our Lady of Divine Mercy and Brother Bonaventure of Our Lady, Spouse of St. Joseph.

The vows were received by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. A Profession of Final Vows witnesses a public profession to live the consecrated life, in this case, within the fraternity of the Franciscan Friars Minor.

During the Mass, each candidate approached Bishop Rhoades and requested to make their profession of vows in which they promise to live after the manner of the Holy Gospel, living by the

constitutions of the Franciscan Friars Minor and live in Total Consecration to the Immaculate, in obedience, without property and in chastity.

In his homily, Bishop stated that consecration and mission always go together. “Mary’s consecration was for the greatest mission in the history of the world: to bring Christ into the world. She said “yes” to the Father’s will, opened herself to the Holy Spirit, and conceived the Son of God in her womb.” In a similar way, Brother Seraphin, Brother Francis, and Brother Bonaventure, with deep faith in God, say “yes” to God’s call to consecrated life in the Church.

Bishop Rhoades called the three brothers to live out their consecration in service to the Gospel, bringing Christ to the world through their witness, service in charity with special attention to the poor, those on the margins of society, the suffering and those in varied states of affliction.

Father Richard Hire to enjoy retirement at Lake Wawasee

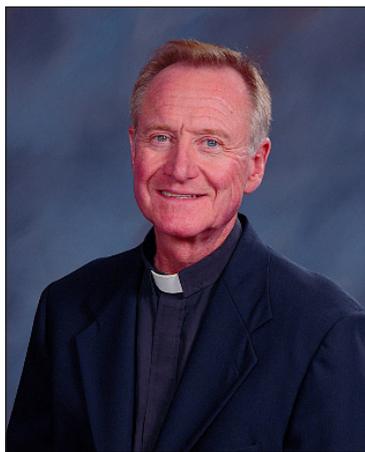
BY BONNIE ELBERSON

SYRACUSE — Father Richard Hire, pastor at St. Martin de Porres Church for nearly a decade, is looking forward to retirement on Lake Wawasee.

A Fort Wayne native and member of the Hire’s Auto Parts family, Father Hire attended St. Peter Catholic Church and elementary school in the city as a youngster. He notes that his family was German and St. Peter’s attracted those of German heritage, while “all the Irish kids went to St. Patrick’s.” He is the oldest of nine children and many of his siblings remain in the Fort Wayne area.

Confident in his pursuit of a priestly vocation, Father Hire entered seminary studies after completing eighth grade. He attended Our Lady of the Lake Seminary on Lake Wawasee’s north shore, then continued at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. He was ordained by then-Bishop Leo Pursley at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 30, 1970.

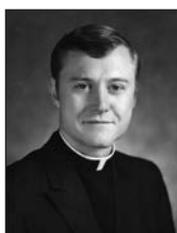
Father Hire said both sides of the family were very religious and an uncle on his mom’s side was a priest, which influenced his decision to join the priest-hood.



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Charles in Fort Wayne, then he became principal at Huntington Catholic High School. He was diocesan director of religious education and for one year also pastor at St. Peter’s in Fort Wayne. Father Hire was religious education director at St. Patrick in Fort Wayne and then was pastor at St. Thomas in Elkhart where he stayed for “quite a while.” From St. Thomas he went to St. John the Baptist in New Haven and then Queen of Peace in Mishawaka before moving to St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse.

A one-time world traveler, Father Hire is content to put travel plans aside since “they’re



shooting planes out of the sky” and stay closer to home in retirement. He will continue to provide assistance for parishes when

needed, he says.

When he was able to travel he liked to visit destinations of biblical and religious importance. He’s traveled to Australia, New Zealand, South America, and most of Europe.

Father Hire wrote a column for Today’s Catholic following the travels of St. Paul. He said showing people the various religious sites throughout the world “showed the accuracy of the Bible and our faith ... seeing it with your own eyes makes it real and not like a fairy tale.”

A reception is planned for Sunday, June 12, following the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Martin’s so that parishioners and friends may wish him well. He hopes to continue lake activities while in retirement at a Bay Point condominium which is family-owned. “My family wanted me to retire because of my age,” he says, and he will happily enjoy the beauty of late evening sunsets across the water.