FORT WAYNE — It was standing room only during the Mass that celebrated the blessing of the Chapel of the Visitation and the new Women’s Care Center located at 4600 West Jefferson in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass on June 6 for over 75 people and at the conclusion, blessed the new building which marks a significant growth in the service of the agency.

“I couldn’t have chosen a better Gospel for this occasion of the blessing of this new Women’s Care Center, the Gospel of the Beatitudes,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. “They describe the attitudes and actions of Jesus Himself in His life and they describe the attitudes and actions we are called to have or do as His disciples.”

Bishop Rhoades went on to describe the Women’s Care Centers as true oases of mercy, places where women who may be in crisis, perhaps tempted to do harm to themselves and their unborn babies, perhaps experiencing hopelessness or despair, rejection or helplessness, here receive compassionate help and merciful love.

Bishop Rhoades reminded the attendees of a significant Beatitude, especially for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” He continued, “Mercy involves an inward identification with those in need and an outward action of kindness and generosity toward them. That is what it means to be merciful.” Bishop added that the work of the Women’s Care Center carries out this mission through their work, “It is not judging the soul of the person, but identifying with the other in their need, in their suffering, and then helping them. Mercy is connected to love.”

The leadership of the Women’s Care Center believes that the new location and new chapel will help serve more women and more babies in Allen County. Longstanding volunteer and Board President Manion stated her appreciation for the blessing that is the new building and chapel, “It’s really gratifying. We are already serving 1 in 4 babies in Allen County. With this kind of flagship center and the Holy Eucharist on site, we are going to expand beyond that.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the newest Women’s Care Center located at 4600 West Jefferson Blvd., in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, June 6. With him are Bobby Williams, Ann Manion, board president and Ann Koehl, director.
Violent persecution and ‘polite’ persecution

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY
BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

The Fortnight for Freedom 2016 began on June 21st and will conclude on July 4th. During these two weeks, the Church in the United States prays for, and reflects on, religious freedom. I am reminded of Pope Francis’ words at the Welcoming Ceremony at the White House this past September. He said: ‘With countless other people of good will, American Catholics are concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respects their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States bishops have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.’

Religious freedom is indeed one of our nation’s most precious possessions. We enjoy the right to worship God as our conscience dictates. In some parts of the world, people do not enjoy this right; indeed, some are killed for worshipping God according to their faith and their places of worship are destroyed. We have seen this tragedy in places like Iraq and Syria. Religious freedom is more than the right to worship or to have private devotions. Authentic religious freedom is the liberty to live one’s faith publicly and the freedom to serve. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are reminded of our call to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Church is called to be an agent of mercy in society. We do so through our individual acts of charity and also through organized charity in our Catholic parishes, schools, health care institutions, Catholic Charities, and many other Catholic organizations. Our Christian vocation requires us to care for the sick, the suffering, the poor, and the vulnerable. Yet, we increasingly face challenges from powerful groups and from government seeking to force us to violate our own beliefs if we are to engage in these works of mercy and charity. The HHS mandate is a prominent example of this unjust intrusion on authentic religious liberty.

Speaking of religious liberty at Independence Hall in Philadelphia this past September, Pope Francis said: ‘Religious freedom certainly means the right to worship God, individually and in our religious communities as we see fit, and to impart religious education. But religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. Because religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.

The Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities have a great force for good in the United States. Our Catholic hospitals, schools, and charities serve millions of people and contribute to the welfare of our nation. Today, however, there are some who wish to privatize religion and to silence the Catholic Church and other voices of faith in the public square. This secularist ideology which often proclaims tolerance is, in truth, intolerant of those with traditional Christian convictions. They promote a new form of discrimination. We’ve seen this not only in the HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception and abortion-inducing drugs, but also in the forcing of Catholic Charities out of adoption and foster care services for refusing to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit. Our USCJB Migration and Refugee Services, despite its excellent performance evaluations, lost its federal contract for serving victims of human trafficking because of our refusal to refer for contraceptive and abortion services.

Pope Francis has used the term “polite persecution” to refer to these threats to religious liberty in the United States and Europe. According to the Holy Father, this is when someone is persecuted not for confessing Christ’s name, but for wanting to demonstrate the values of the Son of God. This involves the social marginalization of Christians who, faithful to the Gospel, dissent from some cultural trends and movements.

During this Fortnight for Freedom, it is good for us to reflect on these threats or compromises to religious liberty right here in our own country. For example, some are trying to force Catholic hospitals to provide abortions and who have even filed lawsuits to do so. Thankfully, they have thus far not been successful. We need to support strongly the Conscience Protection Act, presently before Congress, to protect individual and institutional health care providers who object to abortion. We must be ever vigilant in the face of recurring attempts to force us to violate our faith beliefs in our individual lives and in our institutions.

It is important during the Fortnight for Freedom also to remember our brothers and sisters in the world who are suffering violent persecution for their faith. We must not be indifferent to their plight. It is not an exaggeration to say that we are living in a new age of martyrs. I will never forget the pictures of the young Coptic Christians in Libya in orange jumpsuits when they were about to be beheaded by ISIS early last year. These 21 martyr saints, before their barbaric killing, only cried out “Jesus, help us.” Their crime was their Christian faith, accused by the Islamic terrorists of being “people of the cross.”

During this Fortnight, let us pray for our brothers and sisters who are victims of violent persecution in the Middle East, Africa, and other areas of the world. Some of the most ancient Christian communities of the world are being annihilated: in Syria, Iraq, and Iran. It was only recently that the U.S. State Department was convinced, thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and others, to declare the violence against these Christians a “genocide.” I invite all to support the Church’s efforts to aid these Christian communities and the many refugees from these countries through Catholic agencies like Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and Aid to the Church in Need.

The tragic situation faced by so many of our Christian brothers and sisters and other religious minorities in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world demands our attention. ISIS and other extremist groups invoke the name of God to commit violence and to kill. As Pope Francis teaches: ‘Authentic religion is a source of peace and not of violence! No one must use the name of God to commit violence! To kill in the name of God is a grave sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman. Let us continue to pray for an end to this insidious violence and brutal persecution.

Finally, let us not grow tired in our efforts to protect religious liberty at home and abroad. May we always cherish the gift of religious freedom, the first of human rights, a gift given to us by God our Creator!’
Pope offers prayers for Orlando victims of ‘terrible, absurd violence’

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis offered prayers for the families of the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, and expressed hope that people would find ways to identify and upfront “the causes of such terrible and absurd violence.”

A lone gunman, pledging allegiance to the Islamic State terrorist group, killed 49 people early June 12 at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando. Another 53 people were injured before the gunman, identified as 29-year-old Omar Mir Seddique Mateen, was killed by members of a police SWAT team.

Police said Mateen, a private security guard, legally purchased the two guns he used in the shooting, which is the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

“I encourage all the faithful of our diocese to pray for the victims of the terrible massacre in Orlando and for their families and friends. We condemn such hate-inspired violence while also reaffirming the need to counter such violence with love and respect for the life and dignity of all people as children of God. In our sorrow over this senseless tragedy, we turn to the Lord with faith that His goodness and love triumphs over evil and hatred.”

— Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Describing the shooting as an expression of “homicidal folly and senseless hatred,” a Vatican statement said, “The terrible massacre that has taken place in Orlando, with its dreadfully high number of innocent victims, has caused in Pope Francis, and in all of us, the deepest feelings of horror and condemnation, of pain and turmoil.”

“Pope Francis joins the families of the victims and all of the injured in prayer and in compassion,” said the statement released June 12. “Sharing in their indescribable suffering he entrusts them to the Lord so they may find comfort.

“Our all hope that ways may be found, as soon as possible, to effectively identify and contrast the causes of such terrible and absurd violence which so deeply upsets the desire for peace of the American people and of the whole of humanity,” the statement concluded.

Pope elevates memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to feast day

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY — Recognizing St. Mary Magdalene’s role as the first to witness Christ’s resurrection and as a “true and authentic evangelizer,” Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast on the church’s liturgical calendar, the Vatican announced.

A decree formalizing the decision was published by the Congregation for Divine Worship June 10 along with an article explaining its significance.

Both the decree and the article were titled “Apostolorum Apostola” (“Apostle of the Apostles”).

In the article for the Vatican newspaper, Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the congregation, wrote that in celebrating “an evangelizer who proclaims the central joyous message of Easter,” St. Mary Magdalene’s feast day is a call for all Christians to “reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy.”

“Pope Francis has taken this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to highlight the relevance of this woman who showed great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ,” Archbishop Roche wrote.

While most liturgical celebrations of individual saints during the year are known formally as memorials, those classified as feasts are reserved for important events in Christian history and for saints of particular significance, such as the Twelve Apostles.

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**Msgr. Bernard Galic retires**

**BY VINCE LABARBERA**

YODER — Following a 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and attended by 21 concelebrants June 19 at St. Aloysius, Yoder, more than 400 parishioner families and guests honored Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor, during a sit-down dinner. The beloved priest officially retired June 14 following nearly 46 years of active ministry. Young Bernie grew up in Newport, Pennsylvania, 25 miles west of Harrisburg. Coincidentally, he was baptized in St. Francis of Assisi Church, where, prior to being ordained a bishop in 2004, Father Rhoades served as pastor from 1990-95. "To put it in perspective, when I left for the seminary, Bishop Rhoades was just two years old," Monsignor Galic said.

His parents, Frank and Ursula, had five sons: Emory, still living near the homestead across from Newport High School where they all graduated; Bernard; Phil, who died in Florida two years ago; Michael, living in Nevada after spending 30 years in Alaska; and Bill, who last year moved from Alaska to Ossian, Indiana, and is living near Monsignor Galic's new apartment. All the siblings are retired and, along with their families, attended their brother's retirement.

"A religious vocation always was in the back of my head as a kid," said Monsignor Galic, even though the family attended Mass at a military school. He made his First Communion when he was seven in a newly-built church named, perhaps serendipitously, St. Bernard, in New Bloomfield, manned by the Glenmary Fathers dedicated to establishing a Catholic presence in rural areas and small towns. His priestly vocation was "cemented" in his head, he said, after many years of serving the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. He also had the feeling he wanted to be a doctor but decided to first try the seminary and if he didn't work out he would enroll in medical school.

As a junior in high school, Galic dreamed traveling as a missionary priest and teaching the Faith. "Instead, I ended up teaching religion to high school kids in Donaldson, Indiana," he quipped, after attending Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, where he was ordained a religious priest on August 30, 1970. His ministry not only included teaching theology in the minor seminary but also speech and theater. In fact, during the summer of 1970 he earned a master's degree in the subject from Indiana University and also received his master of divinity degree that same year.

Even though he loved teaching and directing two plays a year for a decade, he felt drawn to the life of a diocesan priest. And when the high school in Donaldson was closed, he met with Bishop William McManus and was incardinated into the local diocese in 1980 as a diocesan priest. His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Michael, Plymouth. From there he was sent to St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, but for just 10 weeks. Due to an illness affecting the pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla, Father Galic was named pastor there.

Five years later, he assumed the position of pastor at Holy Family, South Bend, where he remained for 24 years. During his long tenure, a new church was built, the school was expanded with a new library and gym, and the parish debt was eliminated. Since 2010, when he was named a Monsignor, he has served as pastor of St. Aloysius.
He also initially hosted the TV Mass in South Bend for 21 years. “It’s a wonderful way of making the local church visible,” he said, “and people take great pride in seeing their local priests in this ministry.”

He also served the diocese on the marriage tribunal, as director of vocations for more than 20 years and as an episcopal vicar.

“The most important part of my priestly ministry was the privilege of being close to people during some of the most important times in their lives,” he said.

“What I’ve learned through the years is that happiness follows obedience,” he continued. “If you do what you’re told by the Church you’re going to be happy. I’ve had plenty of assignments I would not have chosen, but I’ve never been unhappy. That’s true not only in the priesthood, but in every vocation.”

In retirement, Monsignor Galic hopes to be well enough to travel. He’s visited Medjugorje annually for a retreat about 24 times. He’s also been to Austria three times to personally connect with a pen pal, Joseph, who he’s had since fourth grade.

Msgr. Owen Galic will celebrate Mass on weekends wherever he’s needed, he said, and will remain a parishioner at St. Aloysius.

HUNTINGTON — Msgr. Owen Francis Campion observes his golden jubilee as a priest in 2016. Msgr. Campion was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 24, 1940, the son of Owen Finnegan Campion and Frances Bass Campion, both natives of Nashville.

After attending Overbrook School and Father Ryan High School in Nashville, he graduated from St. Bernard College, in Cullman, Alabama, and completed his theological training at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Nashville on May 23, 1966. Later, he studied catechetics at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

For four years he served as associate director of religious education for the Diocese of Nashville, with the special duty of training teachers and directors in parish programs. From 1971 to 1988 he was editor-in-chief of The Tennessee Register, the Catholic newspaper for middle and east Tennessee. During this time the Nashville diocese was divided twice, resulting in the creation of the dioceses of Memphis and then of Knoxville. He assisted in forming communications structures in both of the new dioceses.

In 1988 Msgr. Campion became associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Inc., the largest publisher of Catholic periodicals and books in English in the world, and editor of The Priest. He retired from both positions this year. Active for many years in the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada, he served as a member of its board of directors, was twice elected treasurer and served as the association’s 36th national president.

Pope John Paul II appointed him eclesiastical advisor to the International Catholic Union of the Press, the official, worldwide organization of Catholic publishers and journalists, in 1989. He served until 1998, interacting on behalf of the Holy See with Catholic publishers and journalists around the world, especially as Catholic social communications were again able to function freely in Eastern Europe following the collapse of Marxism.

In 1992, on the Committee on Communications of the United States Catholic bishops’ conference invited him to organize and participate in a series of seminars for Catholic journalists in the formerly Marxist nations of the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia.

He has visited over 30 American dioceses, at their request, to consult on the ecumenical organization of Catholic publications. For many years he was active in ecumenism, for seven years serving as ecumenism director for the Nashville diocese and as vice president of the Tennessee Council of Churches.

He served as a consultant to the Roman Catholic-Southern Baptist Dialogue and was involved in Catholicism’s relations with Episcopalians and Judaism.

He received the Hinkhouse-De Rose Award from the Religious Public Relations Council, the ecumenical organization of religious journalists; the St. Francis de Sales Award from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada; and the Daniel J. Kane Award for U.S. Catholic professional communicators from the University of Dayton. UCPI in 2009, named him a member of its governing council for life.

Also in 2009, St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore granted him its Jean Jacques Olier Award, given to note achievement by an alumnus. In 2016, St. Bernard College in Alabama named him an Outstanding Alumnus.

Msgr. Campion is a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, with the Pilgrim’s Shell, and a Knight of Columbus. He is also a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Press Club, Sons of the American Revolution, the Jamestowne Society and of the Founding Families of Tennessee.

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St. Aloysius named top ACE school in nation

YODER — St. Aloysius School was named the 2016 National ACE (Aeronautics Connections in Education) School of the Year.

Henry Kiracofe, a sixth-grade student was also selected as one of four students chosen from 20,000 nationwide as a 2016 National ACE Student of the Year. In addition, instructor MSGt. Tony Vining was named the 2016 National Educator of the Year.

Voices of Unity choir to be sole performers at Vatican Mass in July

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne’s Voices of Unity choir will embark on a four-country “Journey to the Vatican” tour this summer. The choir will provide music for the Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on July 3.

“This is one of the most incredible honors to date for us,” said Marshall White, founder and CEO of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation and director of the Voices of Unity choir.

The choir is expected to showcase five pieces in its soulful style that has won numerous awards around the country and worldwide. Several gospel style spirituals will be performed in English, with the piece “Total Praise” set to be sung in Italian during the concluding Mass.

The Vatican is just one stop in a series of visits from June 29 to July 13. Voices of Unity will also compete in the Roman International Choir Festival and Competition.

Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society announces name change

BY PATRICK HARRINGTON

FORT WAYNE — The Serra Club of Fort Wayne, an organization of Catholic lay men and women dedicated to praying for and supporting vocations to the diocesan priesthood and religious life, has announced that they will now be known as the Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society. This follows a decision by the members of the local Fort Wayne club to dissolve its affiliation with the national club, the Serra Council of the United States, and the umbrella organization, Serra International.

This decision will allow the group to focus its resources on local activities that foster and support vocations to the priestly and religious life.

Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society President Dan Kelker said that the name change will help clarify the purpose of the organization. The Serra Club has long been confused with an environmental organization with a similar sounding name. The reorganized Vocation Society was named in honor of Venerable Solanus Casey and invokes his prayers for several reasons. He was a Capuchin Franciscan whose heroic virtue has been recognized by the Church. Father Solanus lived at the St. Felix Friary in Huntington from 1946-1956.

The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society will continue: 1. Holding an annual appreciation dinner for the religious sisters in the Fort Wayne area.

2. Holding a biannual banquet for seminarians and their families. (Sponsored by the South Bend Serra Club members, to contact him at 260-456-9519 or membership chairman Dave Steffen at 260-745-9711.)

3. Sponsorship of the Christian Leadership Awards for a young man and woman from each Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger High Schools.

4. Membership participation in the monthly Little Flower Holy Hours, currently held on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel.

5. Sponsorship of the Bishop’s Trophy for the winner of the annual football game between Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger High Schools.

6. First Friday Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Hospital followed by lunch with a speaker on a topic related to vocations. President Dan Kelker also said the society hopes to expand its activities over the next year. These include financial support for certain vocation programs that Father Andrew Budzinski, Diocesan Vocation Director, would like to implement, and support for seminarians from the Franciscan Brothers Minor.

He would also like to invite anyone interested in joining the society, including former Serra Club members, to contact him at 260-456-9519 or membership chairman Dave Steffen at 260-745-9711.

Father James Martin to speak at conference

NOTRE DAME — Best selling author Jesuit Father James Martin will talk about Encountering Jesus on Saturday July 9, at 9 a.m. at Holy Cross College at the Driscoll Auditorium. Father Martin is a Jesuit priest editor of America magazine and bestselling author of many books including Jesus: A Pilgrimage. The Guide to Almost Everything. Father Martin has written for many publications, and he is a regular commentator in the national and international media. He has appeared on major radio and television networks, as well as in venues ranging for NPR’s NewsHour, Comedy Central’s The Colbert Report. He was a major commentator for the Pope’s visit to the U.S. Before entering the Jesuits in 1986 Father Martin graduated from the Wharton School of Business and worked for General Electric for six years.

The keynote address “Walking with Christ to Wake Up the World” will be Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to noon ending with a question and answer session. This special talk is free and open to the public and part of a larger conference for the Holy Cross Cross Brothers.

Golf tournament raises more than $230,000 for Women’s Care Center

FORT WAYNE — The sixth annual Tipmann-McArdle Women’s Care Center Classic at Sycamore Hills Golf Club, has raised more than $230,000 for the Women’s Care Centers of Allen County, bringing its six-year total to more than $1 million dollars.

The tournament was won by champions Father Mark Gartner, Father Jake Runyon, Jim Houlihan, and Dave Zehr; and champions Darren Gray, Jeff Hardinger, Brian Gunke, and Jack Stewart (Haller & Colvin team).

Proceeds from the tournament support the local Allen County Women’s Care Centers, part of the largest pregnancy resource in the United States. Currently, the Women’s Care Center serves more than 25 percent of the pregnant women in Allen County, offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting classes, goal setting counseling sessions and a Crib Club self-sufficiency program.

“This is a remarkable event that helps so many women, and we are thankful to be in a community that has supported and embraced our mission. With our newest center opening its doors at 4600 West Jefferson Blvd., we can now serve even more families,” remarked Anne Koehl, director.

To learn more about the Women’s Care Center or to see how you can get involved next year, contact Claire Fredreso at 574-360-0015 or visit www.womenscarecenter.org.

A day to celebrate being an older American

Older Americans Day was celebrated June 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish with praying the rosary, Mass followed by a meal. Hosting the event was St. Anthony and St. Michael Harvest House. Mass was celebrated by Father David Garkenord, pastor at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Music for Mass was led and accompanied by organist, Mary Jane LaBerge. Over 100 attendees represented ten parishes in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese: St. Anthony of Padua, Angola, St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, Rome City, Immaculate Conception, Auburn, Immaculate Conception, Kendallville, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, St. Joseph, Garrett, St. Louis, Besancon, St. Michael the Archangel, Waterford, St. Rose, Monroeville, and St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. The group was entertained with songs from Ron Smith of Angola. There were door prizes, raffle prizes and a 50/50 cash drawing.

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Associates with members from across the country.

Other optional conference events include: Saturday, July 9, at 6 p.m. — “Wake up the World with Father Moreau” by Holy Cross Sister Mary Louise Full; 7 p.m. — wine and cheese party. And on Sunday, July 10, at 8:30 a.m. — Talk on Brother Andre Mattola, the very first Holy Cross Brother, with Holy Cross Brother Tullio, 9 a.m. — Talk on Sister Angela, History of the founder of the Holy Cross Sisters, with Holy Cross Sister Frances O’Connor followed a 9:45 a.m. closing Mass.

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St. Joseph Parish: Growing steadily in LaGrange County

BY DENISE FEDOROW

LaGrange — St. Joseph Church in LaGrange has the distinction of being the only Catholic Church in LaGrange County and reportedly the last county to get a Catholic Church; but that’s not the only thing that stands out about St. Joseph. It’s a vibrant parish and is in the midst of a building project.

St. Joseph Parish, like Blessed Sacrament Parish in Albion, owes its founding to a meeting hosted by a Methodist minister in LaGrange in the 1930’s to help his congregation and others in the area to learn about Catholicism in a very anti-Catholic era.

The Methodist minister invited a priest, Father William Ehrman from Kendallville to speak and reportedly there were 28 Catholics from Albion and LaGrange present who approached the priest afterwards about getting their parishes started, or in Albion’s case, restarted.

Holy Cross Father J. Steele, who is pastor for both parishes, said there was a log chapel by the lake where, in frontier days, an occasional Mass was celebrated. After 1931, the days, an occasional Mass was celebrated. After 1931, the days, an occasional Mass was celebrated.

There is a big mound of dirt which will be the entryway to the church, which Father Steele said now is more like a hallway and forces parishioners out into the parking lot. “We want it to be a bigger space so they can socialize after Mass,” he said.

An outdoor chapel for Our Lady of Guadalupe will also be in the shape of a half octagon. The chapel will lean up against the sanctuary wall. Father Steele explained the significance of the placement of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the tabernacle will be back to back.

Father Steele said there are several different aspects to the building project.

“What’s really great is these building projects will be completed without debt,” he said. “In order to do all this construction without debt we are doing a lot of the work ourselves.”

Some of the work being done by parishioners includes demolition, drywall work and all the finish work like carpeting, laying tile, etc. He said the altars are being built by a local craftsman, Barry Campbell of LaOtto. According to Father Steele, Campbell does work for churches all over the country, but he hasn’t done a lot of work in the diocese.

“I’m really pleased he’s building four altars for us, plus a new pulpit and Baptismal font in the old traditional octagonal style,” he said.

There are approximately 360 families at St. Joseph and because it is the only Catholic Church in the county, parishioners come from as far away as Shipshewana and Topkea in Indiana and White Pigeon and Sturgis in Lower Michigan. Hispanic parishioners may come from even farther as there is no Spanish Sunday Mass in Steuben County.

“We have a very vibrant Hispanic community with a newly developing charismatic movement,” Father Steele said. An overnight Eucharistic adoration was recently started from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and adorers all come as a group at 7 p.m. It is held every second Saturday of the month.

“They love it — it’s very high-spirited. It’s very impressive,” Father Steele said.

He said the Hispanic community also likes to put on dramas for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, Stations of the Cross and Christ’s passion. The parish just started a Corpus Christi procession.

St. Joseph’s Youth Group is going to the Steubenville conferences at Franciscan University for the first time this summer. Father Steele said their youth group re-grouped and re-energized about two years ago and they have about 25 kids involved. The youth group meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

They also have a seniors group that meets once a month. Father Steele said they hold pot-lucks and plan annual pilgrimages, among other things.

Adult education programs held at St. Joseph in the past have been Arise, Symbolon, about which Father Steele said, “It’s an excellent resource, we’re

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This is one of the classrooms used for the St. Joseph preschool "little learners." The majority of the students are non-Catholic.

now using it for RCIA."

They are currently doing a Bible study by Dr. John Bergsma — "Bible Basics for Catholics — a new picture of Salvation history." Father Steele "highly recommends" this program.

St. Joseph's has a large social hall and full gymnasium that; Father Steele said for many years, before the town had a youth center, was used by all the youth in LaGrange for playing basketball.

"We have a tremendous facility but there’s a lot more to be done," Father Steele said.

St. Joseph preschool

St. Joseph's Parish also has a preschool that serves not only its parishioners, but many in the community.

Father J. Steelee, pastor of St. Joseph, said their preschool was the leader in academic preschools in town, stating that St. Joseph's preschool was a "pioneer" in offering an academic preschool.

The preschool has been open about 12 years and has classes for three four-year-old and four five-year-old children. The children learn their letters, colors and shapes, have physical activities and they offer a light introduction to Bible stories and prayers.

Father Steele said they have the children pray at the beginning of the day and before meals. He said although it is part of the parish, it’s not a Catholic pre-school but instead an Ecumenical one.

"We emphasize the shared parts of our faith," he said.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Joseph, LaGrange Knights of Columbus Council 13962 is an active group of men who’ve added some new projects in the last few years.

Grand Knight Warren Patka said one of those new projects came about last Christmas when they decided to make plywood Nativity scenes. He said they made about eight or nine large scenes and three small ones last year. He said they didn’t really sell them, but would accept donations instead. If someone took a Nativity scene, they were asked to display it.

“Our main goal was to get them out there and remind people to put Christ back in Christmas," Patka said.

The other project that started last year was hosting a social breakfast for the parish — they hosted two — one in the spring and one in the fall. Patka said about 100 people attended.

There was no charge for the breakfast.

The Knights sponsor two Red Cross Blood drives – one in the spring and one in the fall and around Thanksgiving they have a Turkey Bingo, where they give away about 20 turkeys and other prizes. They also host fish frys during Lent.

This group of dedicated men is only about 15 strong. Patka said they originally had about 30 active members but lost several due to death and relocation. So they are always looking for more members. They connect with the Angola council for events where they attend in full regalia.

A representative from Gibault Children’s Services presented the St. Joseph Knights with an award in appreciation for the largest donation of Christmas gifts for youth in poverty by a Knights chapter throughout the state of Indiana.
GIVEN 2016:
Young women embrace their feminine genius

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

Our lives are an unmerited gift from God the Father, fashioned in His image and loved into being. God has given us unique gifts to be embraced. We are called to respond by developing and sharing our gifts. In allowing our gifts and the desires of our hearts to be manifest in and for the world, we become who we are created to be.

This was the message of GIVEN 2016: Catholic Young Women’s Leadership Forum. June 7th through 12th, GIVEN brought together 300 young women over the span of 5 days for a week of faith formation, networking, and leadership training. Gathering on the campus of Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., these women attended dynamic talks, spent time in prayer, and developed initiatives that will allow them to further recognize and utilize their unique gifts.

Among the attendees was South Bend resident Megan Gettinger, Holy Cross College Hall Director and mother of two toddlers. Applying after learning about the conference via social media, Megan was drawn to the theme of the gifts each person has been given and how one can be a gift to the world.

Megan shares that “The role of women in the Church and the feminine genius are two topics I am always eager to learn more about, so the entire presence of the conference appealed to me. I loved learning more about the Theology of Woman and how to more effectively develop and use my gifts for the service of the Church and the world.”

Sister Mary Gabriel, SV, GIVEN event chair, shares that GIVEN invited religious sisters “to be for young women, regardless of vocational call, what women religious have been through the centuries: a supportive, encouraging, and formative presence for young women as they listen to their own response to the gift of their lives.”

Each day began and ended with the opportunity for adoration, and Mass was offered mid-day. Participants met daily in a small group with a religious sister. Attendees listened to talks on a range of topics, including “Reclaiming the gifts of God,” “Receiving the Gift of the Kingdom,” and “Finding Balance in Life.”

Megan describes the conference as “a packed week that felt like a hybrid of a college course, job training, retreat, and meet and greet.”

Among the presenters was Dr. Carolyn Woo, President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services, whose talk was titled “Your Gifts are for Others.” Megan shares that “I was struck by Dr. Woo’s humility, joy and love. As she shared the story of her life and work, it was apparent that she has continually surrendered her gifts, her intellect, natural perseverance and charity to the will of God.”

Megan continues “Dr. Woo has gone wherever God called her to go to serve his people.”

Each of the women who attended GIVEN were given a full scholarship after completing an application process. This application included sharing why they wanted to attend and developing an Action Plan that they would implement in their dioceses after the conference. Sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, the conference was made possible by a grant from the Hilton Foundation and the GHR Foundation for the Year of Consecrated Life.

GIVEN will continue to find its fruition throughout the coming months and years as participants allow the insights and tools received to launch their gifts in their dioceses and in the world. Sister Mary Gabriel, SV shares that “We’re excited to see the dreams of the attendees come to fruition through their Action Plans and through the ripple effect that will come about through all they received at GIVEN.”

Megan shares that “My Action Plan is to create a ministry that will provide formation and support for college-aged women. I feel very passionate about what I have learned, and I hope to weave it into every conversation and interaction moving forward.”

She continues “Women in the Church are called to be prophetic, to share the truth boldly.”

Giving as a unique event in the life of the Church and a welcome one from what I could see from the response of the attendees. I am filled with gratitude from seeing how invested the Lord was in this event. He clearly loves and cares for young women in the Church in an abundant way.”

By mid-July, all talks will be available via audio or video download on the GIVEN website: www.givenforum.org.
Victory Noll Sisters celebrate Jubilees

HUNTINGTON — Four members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters celebrated Jubilees with a special Mass May 24 at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.

75th Jubilee

Sister Valeria Foltz, a native of Humphrey, Nebraska, is celebrating 75 years as a Victory Noll Sister this year. She joined OLVM on Oct. 28, 1941, and her ministries have taken her to California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas, Ohio, and Nebraska.

60th Jubilee

Sister Rose Frances Gilmore, a native of Butte, Montana, who entered on Sept. 6, 1956, has served in California, Colorado, Utah, and Indiana.

Sister Martha Sijota, from Gleseden Beach, Oregon, also entered on September 6, 1956. She has served in California, Oregon and Indiana.

70th Jubilee

Sister Therese Plum is celebrating 70 years as she entered OLVM on Nov. 27, 1946. Originally from Aachen, Germany, Sister Therese has been missioned in California, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Utah, and Arizona.

Flag football on Father’s Day brings prayer, fun

Coach Trevor Doaks and his son, Jackson, join hands in praying for the end to violence before the 8th annual St. Augustine Father/Son Football Game at Father Walter Bly Field on the campus of Saint Joseph High School.

Victory Noll sisters and Saint Anne Communities collaborate in joint mission

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

Following a Mass in the Archbishop Noll Chapel in Huntington, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters made a historic mark on their legacy with the final signatures of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and President Sister Beatrice Haines to formalize the sale of the Holy Family building and 10.6 acres to Saint Anne Communities. During the Mass, Bishop Rhoades commended the work of the sisters. “The care of the elderly sisters and the future care of many of our elderly brothers and sisters is a work of the Gospel. I believe our collaboration in this work will bear much good fruit, continuing the holy mission of the Victory Noll Sisters as missionary servants, a mission that will continue as it inspires our Saint Anne’s communities.”

Adding to the retirement care for aging sisters that the Victory Noll sisters built, Saint Anne Communities will expand to also include care for the aging public in the Huntington community as well. Construction for the addition to the Holy Family Center will begin this summer and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2017. The addition will enable Saint Anne Communities to house an additional 40 rooms for assisted living residents. Saint Anne’s will continue care for the sisters who are already in residence at Holy Family.

Dave Deffenbaugh, Saint Anne Communities’ chief operating officer, said that this sale is a happy fit and is a celebration of the work that the sisters have done. “Today we are memorializing the beginning of a journey together. We have a huge admiration for the Sisters and the mission that they’ve carried out. Now, it’s time for them to be served and we have the ability to do that.”

Sister Beatrice, who has served as the President of the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters for the past 8 years said that it was a couple of years ago when the sisters began addressing the aging population of their sisters and how they wanted to continue providing health-care for them. A large concern for them was for the building which was in need of renovation and updates. From that, Sister Beatrice said, “was born a desire to partner with someone that would help us meet the needs of the sisters, but would help to preserve the legacy of our service to the aging in the broader community. The partnership with St. Anne’s has become just that.”

Deffenbaugh echoed the same sentiments. “St. Anne’s had been talking about our strategic and campus planning for the last couple of years. We had been questioning how we were moving forward and right in the middle of the discernment process was a letter from Sister Beatrice.”

In January of 2015, a market study showed an increasing need for healthcare in the broader Huntington area. The legacy of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will be able to continue. “I like think of this partnership as a new birth. For myself and for my sisters, this is what is exciting. It is a wonderful match with a shared mission to work with the underserved.”

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters have owned and operated an over 100 acre campus on the west side of Huntington. The land used to be owned by Our Sunday Visitor with their dairy farm occupying much of the space where the chapel and Holy Family building now stand. It was through the generosity of Archbishop Noll that the farm was sold in 1930. In the following years, Archbishop Noll set aside funds to build the chapel and the infirmary, now called Holy Family. In 1955, he donated this money he had saved to the Sisters. His donation was a substantial beginning to cover the cost of building the chapel and infirmary which were completed in 1960. In addition to the expansion by Saint Anne Communities, the Victory Noll Sisters are preparing to sell 100 acres of their property to the ACRES Land Trust, Fort Wayne. The sale will ensure that the land is protected as a nature preserve.
Slaves or free?

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Book of Kings is the source of this week-end's first reading. As the names of these two volumes imply, First and Second Kings were written, to a degree, to be a chronicle of the lives and reigns of Israel's early kings. They were in no sense political or even personal biographies, however. They were written with the purpose first and foremost of drawing the people of Israel more closely to God and to obedience to God's commandments. With such the case, it is not surprising that they feature prophets as much as kings. In this weekend's reading, the focus is upon Elisha and Elijah, two of the earliest recorded prophets. Delegation of responsibility from Elijah to Elisha, much more than simply a conferment of authority upon a new generation by a preceding generation. Succession occurred, but God directed Elijah to call Elisha to the role of prophet. In other words, both Elijah and Elisha were called by God. It was part of God's plan to give the chosen people direction, lest they go astray, and to their own plans. If left to their own plans.

Two points are worth remembering. The first is somewhat coincidental. God had chosen Elisha to anoint Elisha. Anointings with olive oil survive in Christian liturgies. Anointing is one of the most ancient practices of ritual. It means being marked. The second point is that the prophets put everything aside to serve God. It is a mark of responsibility of Elisha to Elijah, much more than simply a conferment of authority upon a new generation. The Lord went through Samaria. It is God's power that we rely on and the Holy Spirit is that we do not rely on our- selves alone.

For devout Jews, Samaritans were a disgusting lot. Long ago, Samaritans, although Jews and believers, had compromised themselves by accepting foreign invasion and then, more terribly, by consorting with pagans. All this happened centuries before Jesus, but in the First Century AD Jews still scorned Samaritans. Understandably the Apostles asked Jesus for a harsh rebuke when people in a Samaritan village rejected the faith. Jesus reprimanded the Apostles for making their request.

Someone else loudly cried out, "Father, I am sanding the conversation with you. The Lord tells this person that true faith means loyalty to Christ. The Lord tells us that no one who looks back after arriving at God can receive the gift of eternal life. Turning to God is not momentary or half-hearted.

The Church bluntly proclaims this fact, but it is encouraging and reassuring. God sent prophets to guide the people. God sent us Jesus.

We must resolve to follow Jesus. Without God, we are apt to be slaves, chained to our sins. Our culture tricks us into seeing slavery as freedom. It has completely reversed the meaning of freedom. We are slaves if we sin. We have no control. Christ gives us freedom, but we must choose to be free.

READINGS

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16c-23 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4-8 Mt 8:23-27
Thursday: Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:18-21 Mt 9:18-9
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:1-9
Saturday: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:8b, 10-14 Mt 5:14-17

Valor, and necessity, of petitionary prayer

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n the tenth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus encounters a blind man called Bartimaeus who sits begging at the roadside. Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?" An odd question given that, being the special Son of God, Jesus knew quite well both what Bartimaeus wanted and needed. There is clearly something significant in Jesus' question.

We are apt to think of petitionary prayer — telling God what we want or think we need — as perhaps the least basic of prayer. In fact, we probably think that such prayer is a far cry from the ecstasy of a St. Teresa of Avila or the mystical union achieved in contemplation by a St. John of the Cross. However, it is imperative to realize that petitionary prayer is in fact the most basic — and, as the most basic, an utterly necessary — form of prayer.

First and foremost, petitionary prayer expresses most clearly the real state of things. That is, it is in petitionary prayer that we express as creatures, He is the Creator. Our existence and well-being depend entirely on the Lord. And when we approach the Lord in petitionary prayer whether we are the king of this or that way or not), we are expressing that relationship of dependence which of necessity presupposes an act of utter humility on our part: when we ask, there is our status as creatures is most evident. Implicit in every act of petition from God is the fact that we are creatures, He is the Creator. Our existence and well-being depend entirely on the Lord. And when we approach the Lord in petitionary prayer whether we are the king of this way or not), we are expressing that relationship of dependence which of necessity presupposes an act of utter humility on our part: when we ask, there is an implicit admission that we cannot achieve things on our own. Recall that the Original Sin has often been depicted in the tradition as the desire to be god unto ourselves, to be "free" from the constraints of creaturehood and by some machination of our own devising to obtain what we ascertain to be good. St. Irenaeus, 200 AD, apparently following a strand of ancient Jewish interpretation, understood Adam and Eve in the garden as children who would, when old enough (that is, in God's time), be able to eat even of the fruit of the tree of good and evil. Their unwillingness to wait, to accept their condition as creatures and, further, creatures who are in the process of becoming, stifled their genuine growth. How often in our life of prayer have we found ourselves frustrated because God wasn't doing things on our time! How often have we not expected a certain answer to our prayer, but even more, expected such an answer on our terms and on our schedule? We are not infrequently to our chagrin, sons of Adam and daughters of Eve, after all.

In response to the objection that God's foreknowledge (that since all time is present to God, He knows what we need and what we ask for) makes prayer unnecessary. Origen, writing around the year 233 AD, observed that God's foreknowledge does not take away or diminish our human freedom. God's sovereignty and providence are such that He can actually incorporate our free choices (even the sinful ones; our evil will cannot foil His will) into His overarching plan of salvation. Two things follow: (a) God does, in fact, know what will be; and (b) this does not, however, mean that we are "programmed" to choose any particular end. To use a somewhat crass analogy, we are capable of knowing somehow eliminates our human freedom, but we must choose, certainly can know; further, God, not being subject to time (time itself being a creation), all of human history (what to us is past, present, or future) is eternally present to God. But this does not mean that God's knowing somehow eliminates or removes our freedom. Going back to our example, we have little or no control over what the Royals will do this season (we do not manipulate their pitching or hitting); we simply know them well enough to know they won't be playing in October.

St. Augustine, 430 AD, writing a lengthy reply to a noblewoman named Froba who had inquired about prayer, suggests that no one who looks back after arriving at God can receive the gift of eternal life. Turning to God is not momentary or half-hearted.

The Church bluntly proclaims this fact, but it is encouraging and reassuring. God sent prophets to guide the people. God sent us Jesus. We must resolve to follow Jesus. Without God, we are apt to be slaves, chained to our sins. Our culture tricks us into seeing slavery as freedom. It has completely reversed the meaning of freedom. We are slaves if we sin. We have no control. Christ gives us freedom, but we must choose to be free.

A different kind of ABCs

Carolyn Woo

we place ourselves in the presence of God. When we were young, to step into that new school, we had to be brave. So let the B stand for bravery, I hope we evoke new scary endeavors. Will I succeed? Will I belong? Will I matter? What if I make a compete fool of myself?

We can only find and shape these answers by doing, trying, learning and getting up. It takes courage to admit that we are not always right, that we can hurt others' feelings, that we can let people down.

It takes honesty to recognize the burden we place on others and grace to apologize. Be ready to pay for the right thing, honoring our integrity and períference to others. This good news is that we do not rely on our-selves alone.

It is God's power that we draw from, God's bounty that we rely on and the Holy Spirit who helps us become what God intends for each of us. In the daily echoes of the playground monitor's urging to play nice, I find the seeds of my C-word: compassion. Playing nice is the drill in our practice to make room for others, to have a
There aren’t “two popes” in any way, shape or form

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ife, even Catholic life, is full of ambiguities, but some things either are or aren’t. It’s a ball or a strike. It’s a Toyota or a Ford. You’re baptized or you aren’t.

The papacy would seem to be one of these you-are-or-you-aren’t realities. According to the law of the Church, a man becomes pope the moment he accepts election (assuming he’s a bishop; if not, he becomes pope after he’s immediately ordained to the episcopate). A man ceases to be pope when he dies or when able-bodied and responsible to cates the office by a clear and free manifestation of his will to do so. So there are never “two popes.”

Whatever else a “pope emeritus” may be, he is emphatically not “the pope.”

Ever since Pope Benedict XVI’s abdication, there have been voices insisting that Pope Benedict didn’t really mean to abdicate, or didn’t do so canonically, or simply laid down the burden of governance while somehow remaining “pope,” or some other such foolishness — and this despite Benedict’s insistence that, yes, he meant to do exactly what he did.

To date, these voices have been limited to the woolier fringes of Catholic commentary, where academics with too much time on their hands; and to columnists (chiefly Italian) with space to fill. A few weeks ago, however, this entirely unnecessary brouhaha was exacerbated by Benedict’s longtime secretary, Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, now the Prefect of the Papal Household.

In a lecture in Rome, Gaenswein said (according to a report in the National Catholic Register) that Benedict had “left the papal throne” but had not “abandoned the ministry” he had accepted “in April 2005,” such that, while there are not “two popes,” there is “de facto” an “expanded” (Petrine) ministry — with an active member (i.e., Pope Francis) and a contemplative member (i.e. Pope Emeritus Benedict). That is why, Gaenswein continued, Benedict has “not given up his name or the white cassock,” and why “he has also not retired to a monastery in isolation but stays within the Vatican — as if he has taken only one step to the side to make room for his successor and a new stage in the history of the papacy.”

So, do we have one who is Simon and another who is Peter? No, we do not. The Petrine office is not divisible in any fashion, nor can it be a dyarchy in which one exercises the mission of governance and another exercises a mission of prayer. The entire Church welcomes the prayers of Joseph Ratzinger, for the Body of Christ, for the world, and for Pope Francis. But these prayers do not constitute some sort of extension of the Petrine ministry Benedict XVI laid down as of 8 p.m. Central European Time on February 28, 2013. These prayers are the prayers of a great and good man; they are not, since that date and time, the prayers of a pope or a kind of demi-pope.

and confidence. This notion is picked up and developed later by St. Thomas Aquinas. He suggests that prayer is not directed to change God’s will, but rather we express our desires to God in order to co-operate with Him in bringing about certain effects which He has ordained for our good (e.g., if I want it to rain on my garden and my neighbor wants sunshine to play golf, can we imagine God is so fickle or capricious that one of us has a better chance to “woo” God to our desires?). Thomas’ point has been summarized simply in a modern aphorism: prayer does not change God; prayer changes people and people change things. Thomas steers a middle ground between viewing prayer as then unnecessary, our prayer, our petition is not (nor should it be) our only form of prayer. But far some who cross our paths and the circumstances, involves somehow more sophisticated somehow manipulate God’s will. This notion is somehow above it.

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that the articulation of our needs, while by no means necessary to God or to His response to such prayer (He, in fact, knows what we want), truly does impute to our desires. Thomas’ point has been summarized simply in a modern aphorism: prayer does not change God; prayer changes people and people change things. Thomas steers a middle ground between viewing prayer as then unnecessary, our prayer, our petition is not (nor should it be) our only form of prayer. But far some who cross our paths and the circumstances, involves somehow more sophisticated somehow manipulate God’s will. This notion is somehow above it.

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sense of others, to know how to relate to them, to understand their existence.

It is indispensable training for our journey of success. Authentic leadership requires us to advance others to a better place, and we can seldom do that without empathy. People are not machines.

Jesus taught us that the sum of our efforts will be judged by how we treat others, particularly those who cross our paths and lack the essentials of a dignified existence. (Success is therefore not what we accumulate, but what we give away; not how high we climb, but how low we bend to heal those broken down by life; not what we do for our good, but what we do for the common good. As the ABCs of our childhood have unlocked the world of knowledge for us, may these reframed ABCs give us new capacities for knowing: knowing the other, knowing life and knowing God.

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The Catholic Difference

GEORGE WIEGEL

Archbishop Gaenswein’s reference to title and vestures confirms what many of us thought three years ago: the decisions about these matters made in 2013 were mistaken. Yes, the former bishop of a diocese is its “bishop emeritus” while he lives, for he retains the indelible character of episcopal ordination; but there is no such character to the Petrine office. One either holds the Office of Peter or one doesn’t. And it thoroughly muddies the waters to suggest that there is any proper analogy between a retired diocesan bishop and a pope who has abdicated.

The former Benedict XVI ought to have reverted to being Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, or perhaps simply “Bishop Joseph.”

A papal abdication, no matter what the circumstances, involves renouncing the Office of Peter, not recontextualizing it. No good end is served by suggestions that the Petrine ministry in our day has been redefined or expanded.

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CYO: Coaching for all the right reasons

BY RON BUSCH

These days we all seem to be busy with jobs, home life, children and parental responsibilities, etc. So it is refreshing to stop and take a few moments to reflect on what’s really important in our lives. What’s even more refreshing is finding people that have a desire to make a difference in the next generation. This is a “pay it forward” outlook that is often hard to find today. That outlook is alive and well in CYO youth sports.

There are numerous people who give of their talents and often more important, give of their time as coaches for the CYO sports programs.

A couple of CYO softball coaches who are “coaching for all the right reasons” were discovered during research for a recent article. These are coaching types whose philosophies and efforts deserve some recognition.

Mindy Castle is softball coach for St. Rose/St. Louis who works for the County Prosecutor’s office doing criminal investigations. Her team recently suffered a heart-breaker in the CYO Championship, losing 3-0 to a talented St. Jude team. This year’s CYO softball season was successful and featured improvement and advancement to the title game. She has been coaching over the years. This year, her team was one of the few that did not lose a game.

Denny Jamison is also coaching for the CYO softball program. He is coaching for Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. Both coaches seem to have it right. Be there for their student-athletes, not as a friend or aunt or uncle, but rather as a coach.

Mindy had previously coached youth softball and high school basketball and was ready to step up and assist.

Castle likes to draw a line with her players between “having fun” and “goofing off.” Apparently they got the message, advancing to the title game. She has a coaching philosophy that “winning isn’t everything,” and likes to emphasize the fundamentals. Her father coached CYO sports and Castle mentions her father as having a big influence on her decision to coach CYO softball. Her father has been a “role model” and a key to her coaching today. Castle also mentions Cleveland Inge (Bishop Dwenger girls’ basketball coach) as another person influential in establishing her philosophy.

When asked for a few “words of wisdom” for someone considering volunteering as a coach, Castle encourages a new coach to be knowledgeable about the sport and have fun. It’s important to have fun but not to try to be a friend, aunt or uncle to the student-athletes that one is coaching. She suggests that a new coach should exhibit patience and look for improvement over the course of the season. One of Mindy Castle’s competitors this season was Queen of Angels/Precious Blood.

Denny Jamison is softball coach for Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. Jamison has been coaching the team for the last three or four years and is a veteran of coaching CYO sports. Jamison works as a handyman/residential contractor/locksmith in addition to helping with the parish facilities at Queen of Angels. He’s been “paying it forward” for a number of years and readily admits an estimated 650-700 games of coaching over the years. This year, Jamison’s team was one that featured improvement and had several good offensive spurts this season.

He’s quick to point out a New Haven game in which it was tied 12-12 in the last inning. Queen of Angels/Precious Blood only losing in the very last inning, being outscored by 7 or 8 runs.

Jamison stresses good base running and fundamentals as well. He cites a statistic that 90 percent of pass balls or wild pitches with a runner on third base will result in a run. Jamison is also quick to give credit to those around him. He initially got into coaching some 26 or 27 years ago when his daughter was 11 years old. His wife was slated to be the softball coach and a few days before the season started she drafted her husband as an assistant. Jamison assisted her in 8 of the 9 years that she coached.

Jamison’s coaching philosophy is borrowed from one of his coaching role models, Larry Westendorf, former coach of St. Francis. There’s a softball field at The University of Saint Francis dedicated to Larry Westendorf.

Jamison shares Westendorf’s coaching philosophy of; first, God, then family, followed by school, and finally sport. Keeping priorities in order, Westendorf would often excuse a player from practice if that player needed “study time.” Jamison’s philosophy also includes “enjoy the sport, have fun, keep it fun, go forward, be positive, be aggressive, don’t be afraid to get dirty,” and as a coach, “try not to mess it up for the kids.” It’s hard to imagine Jamison or Castle “messing it up for the kids.” Quite the opposite is true. Both coaches seem to have it right. Be there for their student-athletes, not as a friend or aunt or uncle, but rather as a coach. Become someone interested in CYO youth and the future.}

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A Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, June 22, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1720 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, from 1:30-7:30 p.m. and at St. John the Baptist Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven, on Tuesday, July 26, from 1-7 p.m. Visit www.redcrossblood.org for information.
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Mother of Mercy commemoration
Rome City — Our Lady Mother of Mercy Center, 2730 E. Northport Rd., will honor the historic traditions of Kneppe Springs on July 23. On the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., by Father David Mary Engo. The Eucharistic procession begins at 11 a.m. and a potluck meal will be shared at noon. The Franciscan Friars currently housed at Our Lady Mother of Mercy Center will participate in the day’s festivities.

Breakfast planned at Most Precious Blood
Fort Wayne — St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 will offer a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St., on Sunday, June 26. Cost is $8 for adults, $4 for children ages 6-12, and $20 per family. Carryout packs will be available for $5. Proceeds will benefit capital improvement needs. For information, visit www.kofcl11043.org.

St. Joseph County Right to Life seeks volunteers to host booth at 4-H fair
South Bend — St. Joseph County Right to Life seeks volunteers to staff a booth at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair. The booth will be staffed July 1 thru July 9 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and staffs receive a free pass to the fair. To volunteer call 574-232-LIFE (5433) or email life@prolifeMichiana.org.

Class of ’66 plans reunion
South Bend — The Saint Joseph High School Class of ’66 will celebrate a reunion Mass at the school on Saturday, July 9, at 6 p.m. Father Terry Fisher, a graduate of the class, will offer Mass. Dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Tours of the new school will be given. RSVP to SJJ66@comcast.net by June 24.

Vacation Bible School planned
South Bend — St. Jude Parish will host Camp Quest, a Vacation Bible School program June 27-July 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Jude Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd. Children ages 4 through fourth grade are welcome to attend. Registration fee of $10 per child will be taken on the first day. Register online at www.sjtudeparish.net.

Patriotic concert at cathedral
Fort Wayne — The Cathedral Choir and Brass Quintet will present the a patriotic concert on Wednesday, June 29, at 7 p.m. in the cathedral. With American music as well as a salute to the Armed Forces, the program will be conducted by cathedral music director, Michael Dulac, and accompanied by Kathy Miller. Additionally the Farmland Jazz Band will offer American music — Dixieland style. Stay after to meet the musicians and enjoy free ice cream on the cathedral plaza.

Young adult rooftop summer party
Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap will have a summer party from 8-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 16. Join other young adults in the community for a night of fun games, cool drinks (BYOB!), music and friendship on the top of the diocesan offices’ parking garage — the perfect location to watch the Three Rivers’ Festival Fireworks that night. Visit www.diocesesfw.org/tot-fw for information.

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Vacation Bible School announced
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will host a VBS with the Angels and St. Catherine of Labourie Vacation Bible School July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon at 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd. Children in 5th-6th grade are welcome. No cost. Register at www.church@stasb.org or call 574-282-2308 by July 11.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Director
High School Youth Ministry
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, seeks a Director of High School Youth Ministry to work with our Associate Pastor on either a full-time or part-time basis. Any candidate applying should be passionate about the Faith and about building relationships with teens and guiding them to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Candidates are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to Father Dave Voors, pastor at Saint Elizabeth’s, at: FrDVoors@seasfw.org or to contact the parish office with questions at (260) 432-0268.

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Christ the King Catholic Church in South Bend seeks an energetic and detail-oriented person to manage the care of all parish buildings and grounds. Responsibilities include: • Directing all maintenance, repair and renovation of parish buildings and grounds. • Supervising parish maintenance staff and work done by outside contractors. • Managing the annual budget for parish facilities. • Serves as primary contact for parish related emergencies, which may require evening & weekend work. Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree with 2-3 years of progressively responsible experience in property and or construction project management. High school diploma with applicable experience beyond 3 years will be considered. Minimum 2 years supervisory experience. For detailed job description contact: Mike Selsor: mselsor@christthekingonline.org

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