Mercy isn’t an abstract word, it’s a way of life

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Mercy is not an abstract concept but a lifestyle that invites Christians to make an examination of conscience and ask themselves if they place the spiritual and material needs of others before their own, Pope Francis said.

A Christian who chooses to be merciful experiences true life and has “eyes to see, ears to listen, and hands to comfort,” the pope said June 30 during a Year of Mercy audience in St. Peter’s Square.

“That which makes mercy alive is its constant dynamism to go out searching for the needy and the needs of those who are in spiritual or material hardship,” he said.

By being indifferent to the plight of the poor and suffering, the pope said, Christians turn into “hypocrites” and move toward a “spiritual lethargy” that numbs the mind and makes life barren.”

“People who go through life, who walk in life without being aware of the needs of others, without seeing the many spiritual and material needs are people who do not live,” he said. “They are people who do not serve others. And remember this well: One who does not live to serve, serves nothing in life.”

Instead, he continued, those who have experienced the mercy of God in their own lives do not remain insensitive to the needs of others. Far from theoretical issues, the works of mercy are a “concrete witness” that compel Christians to “roll up their sleeves in order to ease suffering.”

Pope Francis also called on the faithful to remain vigilant and to focus on Christ present, especially in those suffering due to a globalized “culture of well-being.”

Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis recalled his visit to Armenia June 24-26, thanking the people of Armenia who, throughout their history, “have given witness to the Christian faith through martyrdom.”

While thanking Armenian Apostolic Catholicos Karekin II for his hospitality, the pope stressed that in making the visit alongside the patriarch, he was reminding Catholics of the importance of strengthening bonds with other Christians as another way “of giving witness to the Gospel and being leaven for a more just and united society.”

The late June audience was the last one the pope was scheduled to hold before a reduced summer schedule.
Decision about future parish in Huntontown

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY
BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the past year, I have had meetings with a committee to study and discuss the possibility of establishing a new parish on diocesan-owned land in Huntontown. Because of the significant increase in population in that area in recent years, the possibility of a new parish has been discussed for several years, going back to the time that Saint Vincent Parish built its new larger church.

An important part of this study was the survey sent several months ago to all registered Catholics living within a five-mile radius of the Huntertown site. I received the results of the survey in February and discussed these results with the committee. In the past few months, after consultation and much reflection on the survey results, I have come to a preliminary decision. I am very grateful to all the people who responded to the survey. The many comments received, along with the survey answers, have helped me a great deal in coming to a decision.

The majority of survey respondents (491) said they would not likely register in a new parish in Huntontown. 402 households responded that they would likely register in a new parish. 157 respondents said they were unsure.

The survey thus shows that about 58% of Catholics in the territory of a new parish would very likely or somewhat likely join a new parish. The survey also revealed that 162 respondents would contribute to a capital campaign for a new parish. This statistic is a matter of significant concern since a strong financial commitment would be needed to move forward in the planning for a new parish.

It was clear from the surveys that the majority of respondents were happy with their present parishes and reluctant to join a new parish. The majority of those who supported the establishment of a new parish expressed the preference for a smaller parish community. Few were dissatisfied with their parishes or significantly deterred because of travel time to church.

I have come to the decision that it would not be prudent at this time to establish a new parish in Huntontown. This has been a difficult decision to make. It seems to me that the hard work of building a new parish, the investment of a full-time priest, and the organization of all the ministries needed for a strong parish would require a greater need and a higher level of financial commitment than the survey revealed.

I am not ruling out the possible establishment of a parish in Huntontown in the future if the need becomes evident because of further growth in the area. This will become apparent if the present parishes in the area, particularly Saint Vincent Parish, continue to grow and if the churches become overcrowded. At this time, it appears that there is some overcrowding, but only at some liturgies on special feasts like Christmas and Easter.

I wish to express again my deep appreciation to all who participated in the survey and especially to the pastors and committee members whose counsel helped me in arriving at a decision.

Finally, it was very encouraging to me to learn of the satisfaction of the great majority of respondents with their present parishes. Many who prefer a new parish also were happy with their present parishes, though many of them would prefer a smaller parish. In my opinion, this information is very helpful for me and our pastors in seeking ways to engage more parishioners through small faith communities in our larger parishes.

May the Lord bless all of you for your participation in this consultative process!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades
Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Bishop Rhoades leads pilgrims to World Youth Day

137 pilgrims from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be traveling to the 29th World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland from July 21 to August 1.

Photos, videos, interviews and reflections will be posted daily at www.diocesefwsb.org/wyd capturing the experiences of the pilgrimage under the theme of “Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy” — Matthew 5:7

Below are a few of the highlights of the trip. A full description can be found on the website and through following the travels of the pilgrims on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

Thursday, July 21 — Depart from Chicago O’Hare airport

Friday, July 22 — Arrive in Warsaw, Poland. Visit the Shrine of Fr. Jerzy Popieluzko.

Saturday, July 23 — Travel to Czestochowa, Mass at the Chapel at Jasna Gora Monastery before Icon of the Black Madonna.

Sunday, July 24 — Celebrate Mass in the Square in Wadowice, the birth place of St. John Paul II.

Monday, July 25 — Visit the Concentration Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Tuesday, July 26 — Celebrate the World Youth Day Opening Mass in Błonia Park.

Wednesday, July 27 — Youth Festival & MercyFest USA opens with concerts, talks, exhibits, and music in Market Square.

Thursday, July 28 — Pope Francis arrives in Krakow.

Friday, July 29 — The Youth Festival & “Catechesis on the Way” continues.

Saturday, July 30 — The pilgrims will walk approximately 18 miles round-trip to the vigil site for an evening vigil with Pope Francis “Campus Misericordiae Krakow” or Campus of Mercy. Pilgrims will camp out overnight at the site.

Sunday, July 31 — The World Youth Day Closing Mass will take place with Pope Francis.

Monday, August 1 — Pilgrims depart Krakow for home
Where silence should reign: Pope will pray, not speak, at Auschwitz

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Tears and not words. Prayers and not greetings.

During his trip to Poland for World Youth Day, Pope Francis will go to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp. He said he wants to go alone and say nothing.

When Pope Francis speaks, he can delight fans and frustrate critics. He can wax poetic or be bluntly funny about human quirks.

But in the face of great suffering and horror, his first and strongest inclinations are silence, a profoundly bowed head and hands clasped tightly in prayer.

Pope Francis had asked that there be no speeches during his visit to Armenia’s genocide memorial June 25. At times, even the prayer service there with the Armenian Apostolic patriarch seemed too wordy. An aide gently cupped his elbow when it was time to end the silent reflection and begin the service.

The Vatican’s schedule for the pope’s visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau July 29 had him giving a speech at the international monument at Birkenau, just as St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI did.

But on the flight back to Rome from Armenia, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told Pope Francis, “I heard that you want to live that moment more with silence than words.”

The pope responded by reminding reporters that in 2014 when he went to Redipuglia in northern Italy to mark the 100th anniversary of World War I, “I went in silence,” walking alone among the gravestones. “I don’t know whether there was the Mass and I preached at Mass, but that was something else.”

Speaking about his planned visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, “I would like to go to that place of horror without speeches, without crowds — only the few people necessary,” he said. “Alone, enter, pray. And may the Lord give me the grace to cry.”

Father Lombardi confirmed June 30 that the official program had been changed and the pope would not give a speech at the death camp. But it is not that Pope Francis has nothing to say about the horror of the Shoah, the importance of remembering it and the need to continue fighting anti-Semitism.

“The past must be a lesson to us for the present and the future,” he said Jan. 17 during a visit to Rome’s synagogue. “The Shoah teaches us that maximum vigilance is always needed in order to intervene quickly in defense of human dignity and peace.”

In the book “On Heaven and Earth,” written in 2010 with Rabbi Abraham Skorka, the future pope and rabbi discussed the Holocaust at length.

While the question “Where was God?” is an important theological and human question, the pope said, “Where was man?” is an even bigger question. “The Shoah is genocide, like the others of the 20th century, but it has a distinctive feature,” an “idolatrous construction” in which the Nazis claimed to be god and embracing true evil tried to eradicate Judaism.

“Each Jew that they killed was a slap in the face to the living God,” the future pope wrote. “In a very formal, very solemn commemoration, Pope Francis visited the Shoah memorial, Yad Vashem, in Israel in 2014. He laid a wreath of flowers in memory of the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis, clasped his hands and stood in silence before slowly walking back to his place. He met six survivors of Nazi camps, kissing their hands in a sign of deference and recognition of their suffering.”

Protocol for the occasion required a speech and, led to the podium, Pope Francis spoke softly, reflecting on the question of “Where was man?” and how could human beings have sunk so horribly low.

In his speech, he prayed to God, “Grant us the grace to be ashamed of what we men have done, to be ashamed of this massive idolatry, of having despised and destroyed our own flesh which you formed from the earth, to which you gave life with your own breath of life. Never again, Lord, never again!”

“Here we are, Lord, shamed by what man, created in your own image and likeness, was capable of doing,” he said. “Remember us in your mercy.”

After finishing the speech, the pope stood in silence at the lectern for almost three minutes, writing in the Yad Vashem guestbook.

His message: “With shame for what man, who was created in the image of God, was able to do; with shame for the fact that man made himself the owner of evil; with shame that man made himself into god and sacrificed his brothers. Never again! Never again!”

Deacon assignment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective July 9, 2016:

Deacon James Fitzpatrick to diaconal ministry at Saint Joseph Parish, Roanoke, and Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Nix Settlement, while continuing to serve in diaconal ministry at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

Priest assignment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective August 4, 2016:

Reverend Francis Chukwuma to Pastor, Saint John Bosco Parish, Churubusco, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege.

Confirmation Masses in Fall 2016

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend – September 18: 11 a.m.
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen – October 1: 6 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, South Bend – October 13: 7 p.m.
Christ the King Church, South Bend – October 21: 7 p.m.
St. Monica Church, Mishawaka – October 22: 10 a.m.
St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka
St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka
St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka
Holy Cross Church, South Bend – October 23: 10:30 a.m.
Saint Jude Church, South Bend – October 30: 10 a.m.
St. Joseph Church, LaGrange – November 1: 7 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne – November 3: 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi Church, South Bend – November 4: 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary Church, Bristol – November 5: 10 a.m.
St. Anthony Church, South Bend – November 6: 11 a.m.
St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne – November 11: 6 p.m.
BY NICOLETTE PAGLIONI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The new multimedia platform created by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has as its patron St. Junipero Serra and aims to follow his example as the first to evangelize in California.

St. Junipero, who also was the founder of the state’s missions, was canonized by Pope Francis last September during his U.S. visit, making him the first saint to be canonized on American soil.

Officially launching July 1, the saint’s feast day, Angelus News will focus on bringing Catholic news to as many people as possible through Angelus, a weekly newsmagazine in print; a daily digital newsletter called “Always Forward,” which was St. Junipero’s motto.

“We’re looking for ways ... to connect with people on a larger platform.”

“We’d like for the website, newsletter, magazine, social channels (to) be a part of every- day life,” Long-Garcia told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview June 29. “We hope that we can help people enter into a better relationship with God and also with their neighbor.”

Long-Garcia and his team at Angelus News have taken to heart Pope Francis’ call to “get out there and make a mess” and have created a website to host reports on a wide variety of topics of interest to Catholics, national news, and culture and lifestyle pieces.

After the discontinuation of The Tidings newspaper, which served the archdiocese for over a century, David Scott, vice chancellor of archdiocesan communications, collaborated with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and Long-Garcia’s team to bring Angelus News to life.

“Following on the footsteps of St. Junipero Serra, a man of heroic virtue and holiness who had only one burning ambition — to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the peoples of the New World, we now need to send missionaries to proclaim the Gospel in this new digital era,” Archbishop Gomez said in a statement.

Long-Garcia told CNS, “We have not only to report the truth but to share, or something that’s more of a listen than they would us, even if they’re just reading a sports piece,” said Long-Garcia. “When we do have a big piece of the church’s evangelization promises to be a strong part — to provide even more international news coverage.

“A news release said the new Angelus magazine will be the weekly print “home” for veteran Vatican reporter John Allen and his colleague, Ines San Martin, who writes about the church in Latin America. The two journalists most recently staffed Crux, an online news feed about the Catholic world.

Regular contributors will include Archbishop Gomez and Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, as well as Ruben Navarrette, Kathryn Lopez, Grazie Pozo Christie and Mike Aquilina.

“We are the most culturally diverse archdiocese in the United States and the largest in population,” said Long-Garcia. “We want to reflect diversity in reporting, so we’re covering issues of concern to all communities. ... We feel that if they tell the truth about what’s going on in unjust situations ... and are able to tell their stories, then we can hopefully be a force for good.”

Long-Garcia and his team hope that the news platform will appeal to younger Catholics through its weekly magazine, and to the large and ever-growing Hispanic population with Spanish translations of articles and multimedia pieces. Through these changes, Angelus News promises to be a strong part of the church’s evangelization movement.

“We want to be part of people’s lives and in communication with them. I think that’s the first step in evangelization,” said Long-Garcia. “We don’t want to just be preaching to the choir. We have to have ways to invite people in and have conversations.

Long-Garcia said the process of creating Angelus News has been the product of many people’s hard work, and the result of God’s will.

“This has been the work of a lot of people coming together from all over the place, different countries, a variety of expertise, and personalities,” he said. “That’s why I feel like God’s hand is in it.”
Organizers: World Youth Day in Poland ‘will involve long walks’

WAWSW. Poland (CNS) — Young people attending World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland, will have to walk 18 miles to and from one of its key sites, event organizers said. “They’ll have to be ready for a long foot journey of several hours, but this has always been a feature of World Youth Days,” said Anna Chmura, WYD’s communications coordinator. “There’ll be several designated routes, mostly from Krakow, and they’ll all be used heavily. But we’re confident the logistics and security have now been carefully worked out,” she told Catholic News Service. The event, which runs July 26-31, is expected to bring 2 million people from 187 countries to the southern Polish city. They will be accompanied by 47 cardinals, 800 bishops and 20,000 priests. The July 30-31 vigil and Mass, on the fourth and fifth days of Pope Francis’ visit, will require nearly all of the participants to make the nine-mile journey to Campus Misericordiae, near Poland’s Wieliczka salt mine. Buses will be available only for the 2,000 handicapped people registered for the event, elderly pilgrims and those with special needs, she added.

Veterans say helping bury the dead with dignity ‘a way of giving back’

MISSION, Texas (CNS) — When 66-year-old Army veteran Jacky Eugene Gonzalez was laid to rest at the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery June 22, a group of U.S. military veterans from the Jesus Martinez American Legion Post 93 in Mission accompanied the full-form military honors. A squad of seven riflemen rendered the 21-gun salute, the American flag was folded and presented to the family along with three spent shell casings representing duty, honor and country. Taps was played on an electronic bugle. The men, who are all volunteers, are in their 60s, 70s and 80s. They perform these solemn duties several times a week, usually at the veterans cemetery, but they go wherever they are needed. Guard members have served at up to four funerals in one day, often in temperatures hovering around 100 degrees. Regardless of the weather conditions, no matter what aches and pains they are experiencing, they don’t see it as a burden but rather, a great honor. “I don’t think anyone sees this as a sacrifice,” said Army veteran Angel Elzea, who is also a parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Mission and a member of the Catholic War Veterans Post 1065. “For us, it’s no big deal.

Supreme Court’s Texas decision impacts states, galvanizes both sides

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court’s June 27 decision to strike down restrictions on Texas abortion clinics is having ripple effects on legislation across the country and it also has galvanized those on both sides of the abortion issue. The impact of the ruling — which said Texas abortion clinics do not have to comply with standards of ambulatory surgical centers and their doctors are not entitled to admitting privileges at local hospitals — was felt almost immediately. Support for the Supreme Court’s decision in Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt — the court’s first ruling on abortion in several years — predicted a swift wave of changes striking down similar restrictions on abortion clinics across the country, Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, described the court’s ruling as the first step in opening the door to restore more access to abortion. Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, doesn’t see it that way. “There may be some laws that are turned down because of what the Supreme Court did,” she said. “But by and large the laws are going to stay.”

“Abortion industry wants to set up this mirage that any laws are going to stand and they will try to intimidate or scare pro-life legislators,” she said in a phone interview from New Mexico.

Bishop, advocates like deal that allows Puerto Rico to avoid debt default

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Puerto Rico got the legislation it had sought for months when the U.S. Senate adopted a bill that would allow the island’s political and financial leaders to restructure billions of dollars in debt and avoid defaulting on loan payments. Voting June 29, the Senate passed the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, PROMESA, 68-30. The House passed PROMESA June 9, 297-127. President Barack Obama has signed the bill into law. The legislation helps the U.S. territory to avoid defaulting on $2 billion in payments due July 1 and allow it to regain access to credit markets. The measure calls for establishing a federal oversight board to manage restructuring of the island’s $72 billion debt. Archbishop Robert Gonzalez Nieves of San Juan, Puerto Rico, welcomed the bill’s passage, saying it will allow the island nation to restructure its debt in an orderly fashion and pre-empt lawsuits from creditors seeking repayment of outstanding loans. “With a default, much of Puerto Rico’s infrastructure would have begun to collapse. The government, for example, would have run out of money to pay for police, firefighters, public schools, municipal hospitals,” Archbishop Gonzalez told Catholic News Service.

Project’s report gives data on cases of mothers, children detained by ICE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project has identified more than 1,000 children and mothers who have been arrested in immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and detained in Dilley or Karnes City, Texas, according to a recent report released by the project. The report shares the cases of Central Americans who were arrested and taken to detention centers in the United States after fleeing their own countries to escape violence. “CARA” is the collective name for volunteers working on these issues from the Catholic Legal Immigrant Network, the American Immigration Council, the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. The report itself is produced by data we collected from the cases that were brought to the residential center of the people who were picked up in a raid that we worked with,” said Ian Philabaum, a staff attorney with the CARA Project. The Diocese of San Antonio honored her as a hero for her work, as did the Catholic Lawyers Guild, the Refugee and Immigrant Center. “I think the most important thing for me is that we are helping people,” she said. “The most important thing is that we are helping people who need help.”

Teacher with DACA status says family’s lives ‘on hold’ after DAPA ruling

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Yara Hidalgo, a 26-year-old living in San Jose, California, was disappointed but not completely surprised, when the Supreme Court blocked the Obama administration’s plan to temporarily protect more than 4 million unauthorized immigrants from deportation. Hidalgo, who was born in Mexico and brought to the United States by her parents when she was almost 2, has been teaching at a Catholic school for the past few years while studying for her master’s degree at Santa Clara University. She was able to work through the original Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DAPA, a program set up in 2012 that allows some immigrants who entered the country illegally before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 to receive a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation. “DACA has opened so many doors for me,” Hidalgo told Catholic News Service June 30. Last year, the White House honored her and eight other teachers who have DACA status as part of its Change the Equation, a program that has helped her not be affected by the Supreme Court’s June 23 ruling that blocked the Obama administration’s 2014 executive action to expand DAPA — but the court’s decision could impact her parents because it blocks the administration’s Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, known as DAPA.

Catholic advocates look at next step

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic advocates say the recent Supreme Court ruling on immigration, while it caused great disappointment, also has spurred many of them to work harder to reform the country’s immigration system and push for better understanding of immigrants. On June 25, the Supreme Court handed down its ruling in United States v. Texas that resulted in affirming a lower court’s ruling blocking the President Barack Obama’s executive order to temporarily protect some 4 million people in jeopardy of deportation.
**Jail ministry stirs the soul**

**BY PHOEBE MUTHART**

WARSAW — The jail ministry at Kosciusko County Jail, Warsaw, includes a team of volunteers from Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw.

About eight to 10 people visit the jail on a regular basis. “We are in our second year,” said Jody Burns, volunteer.

So far, two Masses have been conducted at the jail — one in December and one during Lent. Father Phil Devolder of Sacred Heart distributes Communion during Mass.

Team member Mike Beard said “Having worked with two teams that go into our county jail, I learned a great deal about what was needed. What I saw was a lot of talking to the incarcerated, but not a lot of talking with them. While it’s important to share God’s word, I saw a need for letting them voice their change, but this isn’t a numbers game. Like in the story of the prodigal son, it’s the father, who we are called to imitate. A father who is wasteful with his love and mercy,” said Beard.

“While most of them are still quiet, when we get them talking, that is where they flourish. They teach us more than we could ever teach them. Just like any of the works of Mercy, visiting the imprisoned has its rewards and its lessons. The main lesson I have learned is that in a culture where dignity of the human person is disregarded on a daily basis, when you acknowledge that dignity, that is when you have the greatest impact,” Beard said.

“Sure a lot of those we come in contact with might not change, but this isn’t a numbers game. Like in the story of the prodigal son, it’s the father, who we are called to imitate. A father who is wasteful with his love and mercy,” said Beard.

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“So, we are now into year two and feel we have grown as a ministry team and sense we are making a difference in the lives of these inmates. We know some of the inmates are Catholic or once were practicing the faith, but our outreach is for all.”

Of course, “Matthew 25” inspires many, said Burns, as well as acts from the Corporal Works of Mercy. “We know in our hearts this ministry is something we are called to and certainly feel the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all we do,” Burns said.

The team meets monthly at the parish offices to plan for jail services and remains flexible because “we never know, who will join us (attendance is voluntary) or how involved they will be,” she said. The team follows a consistent format each month of music, prayer, scripture reflection and fellowship.

A monthly newsletter is sent to those interested, reminding them of monthly events and providing resources to review before a visit.

“The team follows a consistent format each month of music, prayer, scripture reflection and fellowship. The team uses Catholic Bibles, but many inmates have their own Bible provided by other church groups. “We provide Catholic Bibles and rosaries, on request. We are always hopeful others will join our team, not only from Sacred Heart, but also from our neighboring parishes, including St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Guadalupe,” said Burns.

Father Phil has also been available for reconciliation. “We have not coordinated other Sacraments at this time, but definitely see the opportunity,” she said.

Burns added, “We feel we have made a difference, but know there is much to be done, including coaching for re-entry into the community, employment, housing and family life. We discuss this frequently and hope to expand our ministry to include life skills and community resources to help with these transitions,” concluded Burns.
AROUND THE DIOCESI

**Bishop Rhoades accepts $10,000 donation**

John Becker and John Faylor, representatives of Worldwide Seminarian Support, presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades a check to assist with local seminarian support for the Franciscan Friars Minor. Since October of 2015, the group has raised $32,000 in local seminarian support. "It’s a real blessing to know that we are helping young men and their vocation to the priesthood," Becker stated. The group’s motto is Change the World, One Priest At A Time.

**Safe Haven Baby Boxes available to mothers**

South Bend — Two Indiana non-profit corporations, Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., and Haven Baby Boxes, are partnering with the Life Center to install Baby Boxes in St. Joseph County. The boxes are equipped with everything necessary for a safe method of abandonment. "The need for these boxes is compelling," says Kelsey. "The hotline answered this call under the direction of the public to a solar celebration on Saturday, June 11th. The event drew people from several local Catholic schools and churches, eager to learn more about how to advance their own environmental stewardship goals.

**Ancilla honors alternative students**

Donaldson — In honor of recognizing the achievement of the area’s alternative education students, Ancilla College is awarding their “Ancilla Alternative Achievement Award” to two students from the Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship who persevered to overcome hardship with extraordinary effort. Both students will begin classes in the fall.

Amos Howard of Goshen and Joshua Geldner of South Bend have dedicated themselves academically and have been accepted into Ancilla College. Geldner plans on pursuing a degree in business while Howard is debating between Nursing or Criminal Justice. Ancilla College will invest in a full-tuition scholarship valued at just over $14,000 and another scholarship valued at $10,000 for the young men to use towards earning their degrees. For many alternative education students, receiving a scholarship of this nature would seem unlikely and sometimes even impossible. Ancilla College sees things differently.

**The Life Center to install Baby Boxes**

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**Celebrating new Saints on their first feast day**

South Bend — St. Therese Little Flower Parish is preparing to celebrate the first feast day of Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin on July 16 and 17 with a special installation of first class relics. The newly canonized saints are the father and mother of St. Therese, the patron saint of the parish and who were officially canonized on October 18 of 2015, but their first feast day is July 17. Their willingness, along with five other saints, to be the first couple to be canonized together. This is unique as other couples such as St. Hildegard the farmer and St. Maria de la Cabeza are both saints individually but were canonized separately.

Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Therese Parish, pointed out that the Martin’s relics were even in the same glass case together, indicative of the special sanctification of these new saints. The parish was given first class relics of Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin by Bishop Kevin Rhoades. Their installation will be a highlight of the celebration weekend.

During the 5:30 p.m. Mass on July 16, and the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on July 17, the relics will be present on the altar and then enshrined in the newly named “Little Flower Family Chapel,” with a processing following Mass. A family prayer book, written by a Little Flower parishioner and a Martin family prayer card with an image of the saints, will be given to all in attendance. After the procession all are welcome to join in an authentic 1858 wedding reception. This is the year that Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin were married in the town of Notre-Dame in Alencon, France. There will be a brief reenactment of the wedding ceremony, in costume, an authentic French quadrille dance (a combination of a square dance in a four person minuet style) with music and even wedding cake for all to enjoy.

**EWTN to air ‘World Youth Day’ coverage live from Poland**

Ironton — EWTN Global Catholic Network’s live coverage of World Youth Day 2016 airs July 26-31 from Krakow, Poland with Father Mark Mary Cristina, MFVA (“Life on the Rock”); Chris Stefanick (“Real Live Catholic,” “The Gospel Unplugged”); and “Chastity Project” and “Totus Tuus Press” founder Jason Evert. The team will be bringing viewers the sights and sounds of Krakow, along with interviews with young people attending WYD, to both EWTN television and radio.

Spanish coverage will be provided on the Network’s U.S. Spanish-language channel EWTN Español and on the Network’s international Spanish-language radio service, EWTN Radio Católica Mundial, and will feature Padre Agustino Torres CFR and Silvia Mariella Diaz.

Since its inception by the late Pope John Paul II in 1986, WYD has become the largest gathering of young people in the world. This year’s event, which is hosted by the Roman Catholic Church every three years, is expected to attract more than 2.5 million people. In addition to EWTN’s television and radio coverage, viewers can tune in via live streaming on EWTN’s website or via EWTN’s free smartphone app. On the web, www.ewtn.com/wyd is the go-to place for all things World Youth Day. The mini-site will include the dates and times of all the events being broadcast, news articles about WYD from EWTN’s news services, transcripts of the Pope’s speeches, “On Demand” replay of events, a special app that will give viewers a 360 degree view of various sites around WYD, and a link to all of the events being broadcast in Spanish.

Viewers will also be able to find WYD listings on EWTN’s free app under “Program Schedules” and “Video on Demand.”

This year’s theme, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy,” is fitting for the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, which began Dec. 8, 2015, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and which concludes Nov. 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.
Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate jubilee anniversaries

NOTRE DAME — Seventeen Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years of consecrated life on July 17, 2016, in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto, Notre Dame. Two sisters are celebrating 75 years since their initial profession, nine are celebrating 50 years, and six are celebrating 25 years — a collective 750 years of vowed life in the Congregation.

Ten jubilarians have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:

**75th Anniversary**

Sister Catherine Lash, CSC, celebrates 75 years of consecrated life. She served 34 years of her ministry as a secondary education teacher. From 1984 to 1990 she held the position of religious superior with the Holy Cross community in Kensington, Maryland. She also worked for more than 30 years as an accountant, and served 22 of those years with Holy Cross Services Corporation, Notre Dame. Currently, her main ministry is to pray for the Church and the world.

**Sister M. Mildred Louise (Keegan), CSC, a 75-year jubilarian, served in elementary education for more than 22 years, working as a secretary, a teacher of catechetics and as a principal. For several years she also served as chaplain for various hospitals. In 1975 she held the position of secretary and diocesan coordinator for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and later served as accountant and secretary to the Congregation’s Apostolate Program. Currently, her ministry is to pray for the Church and the world.**

**50th Anniversary**

Sister Diane Cundiff, CSC, is a 50-year jubilarian who taught history at South Bend’s Holy Cross School. She has served for 43 years at College of the Holy Cross in São Paulo, Brazil, where she currently holds the position of head of secondary education.

Sister Eileen Wrobleski, CSC, celebrates 50 years of consecrated life. She has served in health-related ministries for over 40 years, 16 of them in South Bend. Locally, she served as a social worker at Saint Joseph Medical Center and as vice president for mission development for Saint Joseph’s Care Group. She currently works as vice president for mission integration at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital, Anderson.

Sister Geraldine Hoyler, CSC, also a 50-year jubilarian, devoted more than 25 years to ministry in health services administration and consultation. She held positions as assistant controller of Saint Joseph’s Hospital, South Bend, and as vice president, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Holy Cross Health Systems in South Bend. She also served as Saint Mary’s College controller from 1973-1974, and for 10 years served on the Congregation’s General Leadership team as general treasurer. She currently ministers as a healthcare consultant with Christian Brothers Services in Romeoville, Illinois.

Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC, celebrates 50 years of consecrated life and currently serves as director of congregational archives and records. She has served more than 20 years of her ministry teaching secondary education. From 2003 to 2005, she held the position of assistant headmaster for students at Villanova Preparatory School, Ojai, California. She also served as religious education coordinator and director of catechetical ministry during her 18 plus years in parish ministry.

**25th Anniversary**

Sister Geraldine Hoyler, CSC, also a 50-year jubilarian, served as first councilor of the Sisters of the Holy Cross General Leadership Team. She previously served five years as the team’s general secretary. As an immigration attorney, she practiced at Central American Resource Center in Los Angeles, California, and at Holy Cross Ministries in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she later served as Immigration Department director.

**Sister Patricia Mary Crane, CSC, a 25-year jubilarian, served at the Saint Joseph Chapin Street Clinic in South Bend. She continued in the field of health care for her ministry, working in California, Utah, Peru and Uganda. She currently serves in health outreach in Tamaulipas, Mexico.**

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka are honoring four of their Sisters who are celebrating jubiles of 75, 60, 50 and 25 years of religious life. The Congregation was founded in 1865 in Olpe, Germany by Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, who was beatified November 10, 2013. In 1875, the first Sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a special Mass in honor of the Jubilarians on June 25, at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

**75th Anniversary**

Sister M. Monica Bertha is from Lafayette. She has served the community in education for forty years as teacher, principal, tutor, and many other areas of service. One of these includes sewing uniforms for those students most in need. In this dioce- se Sister Monica was assigned to St. John School in Hartford City and St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne. She retired to Our Lady of Angels Convent, Mishawaka in 2012.

**60th Anniversary**

Sister M. Arlene Gosiorowski entered the community from Hammond. She served in education for thirty-eight years in several schools staffed by the sisters, including St. Mary School in Huntington, Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne as teacher, and Marian High School in Mishawaka as coun- selor. She also served in parish ministry for ten years with special dedication to the homebound. She retired to Our Lady of Angels Convent in 2010.

**50th Anniversary**

Sister M. Elise Kriss entered the community from North Judson where she was taught by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at St. Cyril and Methodius School. Sister Elise has served in the educational apostolate of the community for forty-seven years. She ministered for twelve years at the elementary level as teacher and principal at several schools including St. Therese School in Fort Wayne. Sister Elise has served the last thirty-three years at the University of Saint Francis. In 1983 she became Dean and in 1991 became the Vice-President for Administration. She is currently serving in her twenty-third year as the President of the University of St. Francis.

**25th Anniversary**

Sister M. Aline Shultz is from Griffith. She was taught by the Sisters at St. Mary School in Griffith. After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in bio- medical engineering she became reacquainted with the Sisters when she began working at St. Anthony Hospital in Michigan City as an engineer. After entering the convent, she served in the healthcare apostolate of the community for twenty-three years in Mission, Engineering, and Marketing. At present Sister Aline is Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at Franciscan Health in Munster.
Sisters of Providence celebrating Jubilees

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — A total of 34 Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are celebrating Jubilees this year, 10 of whom have ties to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

60-year Jubilarians

Sister Ann Casper is a native of Huntington. Currently, she ministers as the Executive Director for Mission Advancement for the Sisters of Providence.


She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in social studies. She earned a master’s degree in secondary administration from Indiana State University, and another master’s degree in pastoral theology from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Her ministries included:

Teacher, Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, (1967-68), and Pastoral Associate, St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne (1984-86).

Sister Ann has also ministered in North Carolina.

Sister Mary Ann Fox is a native of Fort Wayne. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Mary Ann, formerly Sister Marie Clement, entered the Congregation on July 22, 1956, from St. Jude, Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1964.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She received her master’s degree in education from Indiana University. Her ministries included service in Fort Wayne as:

Teacher, St. John the Baptist (1966-69); Principal, St. John the Baptist (1969-81); Teacher, Bishop Luers High School (1984-90); Assistant Principal, Bishop Luers High School (1990-92); Receptionist Surgical Waiting, Lutheran Hospital of Indiana (1995-97); and Tutor, Center for Academic Excellence, Ivy Tech Community College Northeast (1997-2014).

Sister Mary Ann has also ministered in Illinois.

70-year Jubilarians

Sister Joanne Cullins is a native of New Albany. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer receptionist at Providence Self Sufficiency Ministries, Georgetown, Indiana.


She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in education from Indiana State University.

Her ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, from 1953-59. Sister Joanne has also ministered in Illinois and Maryland.

Sister Mary Maxine Teipen is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Mary Maxine entered the Congregation on Feb. 2, 1946, from St. Roch, Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. She earned her master’s in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. She also earned her master’s in theological studies from the Catholic Theological Union, based in Chicago.

Her ministries included serving as a teacher at St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, from 1953-59. Sister Mary Maxine has also ministered in Kentucky.

Sister Anita Bechert is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Anita entered the Congregation on Feb. 2, 1946, from St. John, Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in elementary education from Indiana State University.

Her ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, from 1969-73. Sister Anita has also ministered in Maryland, Illinois and California.

Sister Adelaide Ortega is a native of Chicago. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.


She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in art. She earned her master’s degree in art from the University of Illinois.

Her ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, from 1953-57.

Sister Adelaide has also ministered in Oklahoma, Illinois, Massachusetts and the West Indies.

Sister Adele Beacham is a native of Toronto, Canada. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.


She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in reading from Cardinal Stritch University, and a master’s in theological studies from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Her ministries included:

Teacher, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne (1961-64); Principal, St. John the Baptist (1964-69); and Pastoral Associate, St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse (1982-87).

Sister Adele has also ministered in Illinois.

Sister Lois Ann Stoiber is a native of Joliet, Illinois. Currently, she ministers at the Convent Service, located in River Grove, Ill.

Sister Lois Ann entered the Congregation on Feb. 2, 1946, from St. Mary Carmelite, Joliet, Ill. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in education from Illinois State University.

Her ministries included:

Teacher, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne (1948-52); and Teacher, St. Jude, Fort Wayne (1953-58).

Sister Lois Ann has also ministered in Illinois.

75-year Jubilarians

Sister Mary Mark Dede is a native of Terre Haute. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital, Indianapolis.

Sister Mary Mark entered the Congregation on Jan. 15, 1946, from St. Ann, Terre Haute. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in education from Indiana State University.

Her ministry was as a teacher at Fort Wayne Grade School from 1952-55.

Sister Mary Mark has also ministered in Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Florida and California.

Sister Marie David Schroeder is a native of Jasper. Currently, she ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.


She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s degree in education from Indiana State University.

Her ministries included:

Teacher, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne (1947-48); Teacher, St. Jude, Fort Wayne (1949-51); and Teacher, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne (1957-69).

Sister Marie David has also ministered in California and Illinois.

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Our Lady of Hungary Parish celebrates centennial anniversary

A several-stories-tall mural of Our Lady of Hungary watches over the opening of a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Sunday, June 26, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the South Bend parish.

Photos by Jodi Marlin

Bishop Rhoades gathers with members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus who were present at Our Lady of Hungary’s anniversary Mass.

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Father Kevin Bauman, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary, and Bishop Kevin
C. Rhoades exit following a Mass celebrating the 100th anniversary of
the parish’s Hungarian, American and Hispanic faith community.

A cake made especially for the occasion.

A hearty meal of American and Hungarian dishes.
Students compose prayers for peace

BY VINCE LABARBERA

As a child — and maybe later as a parent or grandparent — many times you may have heard it said or said yourself, “Eat your vegetables! There are hungry children in (China, India, Africa, Bangladesh, etc.)”

That’s similar to what Kiera Beckman heard earlier this year when she didn’t want to eat her green beans. “I like green beans. But I just didn’t want to eat them,” Kiera interjected.

Her mother, Shalei, said, “We watch the news and we’ve seen a lot of warfare and how devastating it is in Syria. When Kiera didn’t want to eat her green beans one evening it triggered us to go on line and see how different things are in other parts of the world,” she continued. “We sat there and cried as we looked at pictures of the little kids in Syria and how they’re living in tents. And Kiera wanted to know if we could pray for them.”

After Kiera went to bed her mother called Darcy Quinn, Kiera’s second-grade teacher at Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne, and told her what had happened. When Kiera came to school the next day, Quinn, who has been a teacher for 20 years but was in her first year teaching second grade, formed a prayer circle with her “sweet 16 children,” as she called them. “We prayed for Kiera’s intention and I showed the class a couple pictures on line of what the children looked like in Syria,” she remarked. “I’ve always told the children you don’t have to wait until you are grown up to do the work of Christ.” The children asked, “But what can we do?” Quinn told them about a student-led service project a former class had done after the devastating earthquake struck Haiti in 2010, coloring pictures to sell with proceeds going to Haiti in 2010, coloring pictures to sell with proceeds going to UNICEF’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The children’s grandparents, Pat and Pat Beckman, stepped in. Pat offered to type the prayers and Dave Wiedemann, agreed to print 300 booklets for free.

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“The Holy Spirit worked through Kiera and the children to make all this happen,” Quinn emphasized.

Next, she contacted her good friend, Melissa Wheeler, director of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who could get in touch with UNICEF’s Child-Friendly Spaces providing safe places where children can gather, learn and play during conflicts and emergencies, such as war-torn countries in the Middle East.

The finished “Prayers for Peace” booklets were sold in classrooms for a week at a dollar, or whatever a student wanted to give, Quinn explained. Her class organized into groups of four and gave some brief, prepared remarks prior to sales. They sold the remaining booklets after weekend Masses and were very excited when a parishioner gave a child a one-hundred-dollar bill. They counted the money in class for a total of $736.22.

At a school assembly, the class presented Wheeler a poster-size check made out to CRS. The children each got to read their prayer over the school’s public address system.

Reemphasizing that the project was prompted by the Holy Spirit, Quinn related that Pope Francis recently said, “The Syrian children invite children from around the world to join their prayer for peace.”

Prayers of the “Sweet 16 Children”

Dear God,
I am scared for the people out in Syria. I wish that there was food, no terrorists, and peace. I hope that there will be love, hope, and joy. I pray for the people of Syria. Amen.
— Delaney

Dear God,
I hope for joy and peace in the world someday so kids have peace and joy and they can sleep well and have food.
— Jermayne

Dear God,
I hope there is no harm. I wish for no gun shooting. I am concerned about people dying. Too many. Amen.
— Nathaniel

To God and Jesus,
I am concerned that people are getting hurt. I wish that everyone is ok and not hurt. I hope that everyone that doesn’t follow you will find you. Everyone should love you Jesus and God and also Mary. I hope that you will find them.
— Aaliyah

Following a 30 week study of his book, “Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course on Bible Study,” Dr. Scott Hahn hosted an all-day seminar to 109 attendees on “The Family Fully Alive,” highlighting themes of family, covenant and mercy. The day retreat took place at St. Mary Mother of God, Fort Wayne and was sponsored by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.
Holy Cross Brothers celebrate Jubilees

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross honored four Brothers on Saturday, June 18, with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Holy Cross Father Daniel Groody was the celebrant.

BROTHER JUAN ANAN

Brother Julian Przybyla is from Rogers City, Michigan. He was baptized in St. Ignatius of Loyola parish and attended grade school there. Przybyla attended St. Joseph’s seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan and completed high school in Rogers City, Michigan.

After high school graduation, Przybyla entered the postulancy program at Watertown, Wisconsin in September 1994. After two weeks there, he was asked to help Brother Thomas Rock in the kitchen. Thus began the next 25 years of cooking for the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Seeking a change, Przybyla was invited to help in the maintenance department in Holy Cross High School at River Grove, Illinois where he worked from 1980 until it closed in 2005. The last 10 years Przybyla has assisted at Columbus Hall at Notre Dame.

BROTHER JOSEPH K.B. ANAN

Brother Joseph K.B. Annan was born on September 23, 1950 in Goma Tarkwa, Ghana, West Africa and is a member of the District of West Africa. He attended St. John’s Secondary School, Sekondi. Particularly instrumental in his vocation were Brothers Williams Gates and Richard Gilman. He made his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on September 11, 1976. He has spent most of his life teaching on the secondary level in Cape Coast and Sekondi. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also assisted in the religious formation of the Ghanaian members of the congregation. From 1987-1997, Brother Joseph was the District Superior in West Africa. Following this district position he was appointed assistant headmaster of St. John’s School, Sekondi-Takoradi area, Ghana, West Africa.

Presently Brother Joseph serves on the staff of St. Brother Andre Novitiate, and is the Episcopal Vicar for Religious and has held the position since 2013. Brother Joseph received a Master of Science in Administration from the University of Notre Dame in 1999. He is noted for his gifts of leadership, compassion and a good mind.

BROTHER CHRISTOPHER J. DREYER

Brother Christopher J. Dreyer was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, and attended Cathedral High School.

Brother Dreyer enrolled at Holy Cross junior college after high school and earned an Associate of Arts degree. He then entered the Novitiate and experienced new forms of prayer. Brother Dreyer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Notre Dame and began teaching at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend. In addition to teaching English and theology, he ran a retreat program, sponsored the Ski Club, and designed and built sets for the plays and musicals. He also earned a Master of Science in Education and eventually worked in the guidance department. During his time at Saint Joseph High School Brother Dreyer professed final vows.

Brother Dreyer earned a Master of Social Work degree and helped three other Brothers establish an outpatient mental health agency, Holy Cross Counseling Group.

After leaving the mental health agency Brother Dreyer became the Director of Academic Advising and later the Director of Student Counseling and Health Services at Holy Cross College.

Now Brother Dreyer now resides at Columbus Hall, a semi-retirement community, where he works to make the building more comfortable and accessible for the aging community members.

BROTHER BAGANS

Brother James Bagans was born on March 30, 1937. He attended Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan, where he was impressed by the dedication of Brothers Germaine McCarthy and Euphymia Milke. After graduation, he officially entered the formation program of the Brothers of Holy Cross in Watertown, Wisconsin, in June, 1955.

After earning his bachelor degree at Saint Edward’s University, Brother James was taught at Saint Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, and Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. Later, after receiving his master’s degree from John Carroll University, he counseled at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, for 28 years.

From 1997-1999 he was a student in the Pastoral Care Program at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Since 1999 Brother James has been in pastoral care in the Spiritual Care Department at Lourdes Hospital in Binghampton, New York.

Brother James enjoys preparing ethnic foods, particularly Italian foods. He also enjoys travel and making his retreats with the Trappists. He enjoys and prefers the quiet side of life, and he has been described as “always cool, calm, and collected.”

Local pilgrims plan for Mother Teresa’s canonization in Rome

FORT WAYNE — The 22 Mother Teresa devotees bound for Rome for her canonization this September 4 are fortunate to be led by someone who followed her example, someone who washed, fed, cared for and prayed with the unknown and unwanted of India, Father Robert D’Souza.

As a seminarian in the papal seminary in Pune, India, D’Souza came to know about Mother Teresa’s sisters and their work and assisted them as a hospital orderly on a weekly basis. Washing lepers took on a special significance to Mother Teresa: “We may be doing social work in the eyes of people,” she told her sisters, “but we are really contemp-

OM Paul Haring

Pope Francis passes an image of Mother Teresa of Kolkata as she arrives to celebrate Mass in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana, Albania, in this Sept. 21, 2014, file photo. The pope has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa, paving the way for her canonization in 2016.

FATHER ROBERT D’SOUZA

Father Robert D’Souza, to Mother Teresa’s canonization in Rome will be from Aug. 31 to Sept. 8. Leading up to the Canonization Mass in St. Peter’s Square on September 4th, there will be spiritual functions followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving. Sightseeing is planned for pilgrims with visits to Assisi, Naples, and many churches in Rome. A few vacancies still exist and those interested are asked to call 260-484-6609.

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Franciscan Virtues Through the Year

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The Confraternity of Penitents, an international Catholic lay association of the faithful whose members around the world live a religious Rule of Life in their own homes, is headquartered in Fort Wayne. It is under the auspices of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who has proclaimed the Rule and its Constitutions acceptable and its Way of Life a guide to holiness. The Confraternity offers Catholics who want a deeper prayer life and relationship with God the loving support to carry out those intentions.

The role of Madeline Nugent, long-time Penitent and general minister of the organization, is to promote its charism. She believes the Rule of Life “frees you up” to do God’s will. “If God is leading you to do it, He’ll give you the grace,” she says.

The rules governing the Confraternity were given originally by St. Francis of Assisi in 1221 to the men and women who were inspired by a message he received from God, “Go and repair My House which, as you can see, is falling into ruin.” Its charism or purpose is to assist the penitent in surrendering her or his life totally to God’s Divine Will as manifested through the teachings of Christ, the authority of the Church and the working of the Holy Spirit in the penitent’s life.

Franciscan Virtues Through the Year

A new publication written by members of the Confraternity of Penitents, “Franciscan Virtues Through the Year: 52 Steps to Conversion from Saint Francis of Assisi,” is available through the on-line book store and gift shop at cffohangels.com. It is a 52-week study guide with each chapter devoted to a different virtue. Chapter one, on the virtue of attentiveness, begins with a Scripture verse, then a reading from the writings of St. Francis and an incident from his life. The reader then meditates on the virtue and its application in his daily life. He finds other examples in Scripture to illustrate attentiveness. He practices the virtue throughout the week and ends the week by journaling what he has learned from the exercise. Nugent says it is a way to enter the penitential life gradually and make adjustments to one’s life step-by-step. “It frees you up,” she says.

Confraternity Center

The Confraternity Center is located in a 99-year-old house on the city’s near-east side which is owned by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Located at 1702 Lumbard Street, it is home to the Nugent family and serves as a gathering place for area Penitents who gather there monthly for Mass and meetings in the chapel. The property was blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in November of 2013. The center is also the site of various classes. Faith and Canvas is taught by artist Tim Luncsford, and on the second Friday of each month, a Bible Study group is planned for early fall and Young Adventurers of St. Francis, a children’s group that will instill Christian values, is in formation. Mary’s Glen is currently under construction is a large wooded area on the property. It will be a place for prayerful reflection with Stations of the Cross, a Rosary Walk, Marion Grotto, fence of saints, prayer benches, fire pit, gazebos and Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei prayer chapel. Several small cottages for short-stay visitors also border the area.

Orders of Penitents

There are three orders of penitents. The First Order is the Friars Minor, who are in residence at St. Andrew’s in New Haven with Bishop Rhoades as their ordinary. The Second Order is the Poor Clares, a cloistered order of nuns. The Third Order of Penitents is the laity, though there are some third order religious as well. All are committed to a life of prayer. Nugent says it is a way to enter the penitential life gradually and make adjustments to one’s life step-by-step. “It frees you up,” she says.

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2016 marks the 30 year anniversary of the local TV Mass that is broadcast in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The ministry of the TV Mass was designed with the sick and homebound in mind. While the televised Mass is never considered a replacement for Mass at one’s parish, it can be a help to those in hospitals, nursing homes or living alone and unable to travel.

Not only is the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the only Indiana diocese to continue the televised Mass ministry, but it also is one of few dioceses to offer two local televised Masses to reach both ends of the diocese media markets. While the location has changed over the years, Mass is now broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. on WNDU, Channel 16 in South Bend and WFFT, Channel 55 in Fort Wayne. Mass is also live-streamed through the diocesan website and previously streamed Masses can be viewed online 24 hours a day. Mass in Fort Wayne is also celebrated at the chapel at the University of St. Francis and in the special set designed specifically for the TV Mass at the WNDU studios in South Bend.

The inaugural TV Masses were celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, 1986, by the late Bishop John M. D’Arcy in Fort Wayne and by the late Auxiliary Bishop Joseph R. Crowley in South Bend. At the time, Bishop D’Arcy said that he wanted to reach every person and that the “purpose of this Mass is to bring Christ into the living rooms of all our people.” Since the beginning, priests of the diocese have celebrated the weekly TV Mass and will typically bring parishioners to participate in the live liturgy as proclaimers, servers, musicians and choral groups.

The importance of the ministry of the TV Mass is also reflected in the dedication and enthusiasm of the over 20 volunteers in both locations that serve on a regular basis. Recently, an anonymous note of thanks was submitted, “I just happened to be home and decided to turn the channel to the Mass. For whatever reason, I believe the energetic and spirit-filled priest, the beautiful cantor’s voice and talented musician, the sweet proclaimers, the awesome servers and those behind the scenes – even the innocent babbling sound of infants – made me feel as if I were at a church in my own home. I found myself feeling prayerful, blessed and lifted up. I am sure that those who watched, who were homebound, in a hospital, or nursing home, or just like me watching from home, felt the loving presence of Jesus Christ.”
Soccer and the Sacred Heart:

The Rhythm of Spiritual Fatherhood

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father's day also falls within this month, and spiritual fatherhood ties these two together. The human heart always operates in two directions — the tender, then tough. Disruption of this rhythm can create major problems for kids.

Soccer

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Back to Soccer

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**INTELLECT AND VIRTUE**

**JOHN GARVEY**

(That’s all of us) want not only to be delivered of error, but to know the truth. The merciful teacher, like Socrates, guides and encourages them in their search.

When he visited The Catholic University of America in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that to lead the young to truth is “nothing less than an act of love.” It is a task for which Catholic universities are especially well equipped.

Because we have met the fullness of truth in the person of Jesus Christ, we are confident that truth can be found.

Christ’s goodness, Pope Benedict said, “is set to work, guiding both teacher and student toward the objective truth which, in transcending the particular and the subjective, points to the universal and absolute that enables us to proclaim with confidence the hope which does not disappoint.”

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**SCRIPTURE SEARCH.**

**Gospel for July 10, 2016**

Luke 10:25-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a parable about showing mercy. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

**STOOD UP**

INHERIT

LOVE

MIND

HALF DEAD

POURED OIL

REPAY

**TEACHER**

ETERNAL

HEART

DO THIS

LEVITE

AN INN

THREE

**MUST I DO**

WRITTEN

STRENGTH

ROBBERS

SAMARITAN

CARE OF HIM

DO THE SAME

**TWO PASSED BY**

P R D E M A S E H T O D

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L A T E A C H E R J V B

C Y S T Y L A N R E T E

**July 3 and 10, 2016**

50 “We believe in ___ God”

51 Legume

52 Who will cross this to get laws?

**DOWN**

1 Expression of surprise

2 Ticket cost

3 A steward is in charge of

4 High naval rank (abbr.)

5 “River” in Spanish

6 “The world has been”: to Paul

7 John the Baptist was probably quite “___ of Thunder”

9 Wooden leg

11 “The ___ of Jesus” in our body

13 Trim

16 Pope’s city

18 Give false names

21 Big fish did to Jonah (2 words)

23 In possession of

24 Poured this on wounds

25 Sickly

26 God’s commandments

27 Family

28 Still

33 A Good Samaritan does

34 Stomach and bowels

35 Abraham’s son

36 Congressional vote

37 Horse

38 A type of berry

39 Mary’s flower

40 One that

42 Executive director

43 Snacked

44 Congressional vote

46 School group

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a goal, he could always choose to play hard. These changes made a huge difference. Chad paid more attention, became more self-motivated, and everyone noticed the change. In fact, in one game, he was playing hard, but they were losing badly. He had put his shorts on backwards, and though it was not obvious, a friend started to harass him about it. Normally Chad would have blown up, but instead he retorted, “Do you really think that’s the biggest problem we have here?” I was amazed and laughed, saying, “I can’t even get adults to do this!” Chad was feeling much more secure and loved. The rhythm was back in right on love and challenge, tenderness and toughness. We had returned from Olympic tryouts to fourth grade soccer.

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C O M M E N T A R Y

**Instructing the ignorant, a work of mercy**

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis inaugurated a Holy Year of Mercy — a special time for the church to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.

It’s not just a time for receiving mercy. In the bull of indication proclaiming the Jubilee Year, “Misericordiae Vultus,” the pope encouraged us to show mercy as well, in imitation of our heavenly Father.

What does this mean for us at Catholic universities? The practices that first spring to mind are ready forgiveness and the corporal works of mercy.

But one of the seven spiritual works of mercy traditionally commended by the church is “instructing the ignorant.” The Jubilee Year is a good time to think about how and what we teach our students.

In the contemporary academy, there is a popular theory that teaching means instructing students that they are ignorant. Students are challenged to examine critically the first principles and beliefs that anchor their judgments of true and false, right and wrong.

Postmodernist theory tells us that all disciplines (not just theology) assume their principles on faith. It rejects the possibility of verifying or judging objectively between opposing first premises or essential axioms. You have your truth, I have mine.

Critical thinking is certainly an important step on the road to truth. In Plato’s account of the trial of Socrates, the philosopher explains that his wisdom consisted in knowing the limit of his own knowledge.

He spent his life challenging others to consider what they really knew about virtue, beauty and truth. But he also did much more than that. It is no work of mercy to leave students at the stage where they are convinced they know nothing.

In “The Phaedo,” Socrates sits with his disciples in a jail cell in Athens, where he has been condemned to death. They spend his last hours discussing the immortality of the soul.

Socrates puts forward one argument and then another. His followers are easily convinced that the soul is immortal, until two of them, Simmias and Cebeus, point out possible weaknesses in Socrates’ arguments.

When they heard these objections, the disciples got depressed. Socrates’ critics “upset our confidence not only in what had been said already, but also in anything that was to follow later.”

But Socrates did not leave his followers in this state. The point is not that there is no truth. The fault lies in our inability to grasp it. “We must not let it enter our minds that there may be no validity in argument,” he says. “On the contrary, we should recognize that we ourselves are still intellectual invalids, that but we must brace ourselves and do our best to become healthy.”

Instructing the ignorant is an act of mercy because it relieves intellectual poverty, much as almsgiving relieves the material want of the poor. The ignorant
Golfers named to all-state teams

SOUTH BEND — Senior golfer Will DeTrempe has been named to the 2016 Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association Academic All-State (IHSCGA) team. Will is the first Saint Joseph High School boys’ golfer to be named to this team.

DeTrempe, a four-year varsity player who has been a mainstay in the golf program since his freshman year. In his senior season, he posted sub-40 match scores in matches vs. Clay and NorthWood, Bremen and Glenn, and Culver Military Academy, and capped the season off with a second place finish in the NIC Tournament at Eberhart shooting a 72.

Only 15 golfers from the state of Indiana were named to the Academic All-State team.

Senior golfer Tate Heintzelman-Dee capped off a stellar high school golf career by being named to the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association 2016 All-State team. Heintzelman-Dee recently competed in the IHSAA state finals at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel and finished 25th out of 125 participants. Heintzelman-Dee, a four-year varsity player at the number one spot on the Saint Joseph team highlighted his senior season with tournament medalist honors at the South Bend Country Club Invitational, the Concord Invitational, and the FloTero Invitational as well as scoring a record low 53 in a match vs. Penn and Concord. Tate is only the second Saint Joseph boys’ golfer to be named to the all-state team.

Even though it wasn’t a foul in his eyes, his coach did “pull him aside” and took the time to explain why it was a foul. It was a good learning situation. It made a later steal and lay-up even more rewarding. Andy still remembers that. His advice for coaches is to remember that the “growing up years” can be awkward at times for youngsters.

A coach has a unique opportunity to make a lasting impression based on his or her actions. He also mentions that getting through the rough times can be rewarding as well.

Ginger summarized CYO sports in one word “Fun!” She enjoyed being involved in something “bigger than herself.” Friendships are important, and CYO helped her to forge some lasting friendships as well.

Beginning sports for youngsters may not come naturally, so it’s important to overcome obstacles and learn. CYO provided that for her. She didn’t have to be on a winning team to learn. Being on teams struggling to be successful taught her good lessons in perseverance, developing a “don’t quit” and “never give up” attitude. Being on a winning team can be a great thing. But she felt that playing just for the sake of winning could have prevented her from learning that “this difficulty too shall pass.” She learned not to get too upset when things don’t go her way. Her softball experience included helping to build a winning team from scratch. Her team developed a “tough exterior,” encouraging her fellow players to be directed toward a best possible result.

Ginger encouraged CYO coaches to not direct anger toward an individual player. “Humiliation is not motivating.” She remembers how the softball coach bought ice cream cones after a tough win. Regardless of the sport there is something to learn. “Staying in the present moment” is another theme that surfaced on a volleyball or basketball court, a softball diamond, or a soccer field. Even the simple exercise of shooting a free throw in a close game teaches you to “stay in the moment,” dealing with a “pressurized moment.” Should the basketball team be down 10 points, it’s important to keep giving 100%. In CYO sports, as in life, if you give up, then you have no chance for success. Better to try and fail, then never to try at all.

I’m glad my now adult children attended St. Therese Catholic School. I’m glad they were challenged in their schoolwork. I’m glad they also played in CYO sports. On the volleyball or basketball court, the softball diamond, or the soccer field, there have been many lessons learned. As I watch CYO sports today I have no doubt that this life learning is still taking place today, right between the lines.
The Legend of Tarzan

BY JOHN P. MCCARTHY

NEW YORK (CNS) — Just beneath the surface of “The Legend of Tarzan” (Warner Bros.), a Gilbert and Sullivan opera is trying to claw its way out.

That’s not to say the latest big-screen take on Edgar Rice Burroughs’ “Lord of the Jungle” creation is remotely clever or lyrical, only that it’s a wee bit silly and unsnappily just a few Victorian gentleman’s whiskers shy of an overblown parody.

A loud summertime diversion, the movie wants to provide something for everybody — at least those seeking a history lesson, a passionate romance, or a rousing adventure in which the good guys are easy to distinguish from the bad. And yet, despite also offering many stabs at humor, the topsy-turvy, tongue-in-cheek quality reminiscent of Gilbert and Sullivan is mostly inadvertent.

The will of satirical intent emanating from “The Legend of Tarzan” derives from how much it strains to frame the material in ways contemporary audiences will connect with and find relevant.

No doubt, the topics of slavery, animal rights, environmental degradation, greed and the military abuses of colonialism are pertinent. But director David Yates and screenwriters Adam Cozad and Craig Brewer handle them in such a clumsily overt manner that it drains both the seriousness and the fun out of the experience. All the work is done for the audience; there are no blanks left to fill or connections to draw.

In sum, the movie is so eager-to-please it emits an air of desperation. During the opening sequence, this sense of panic is discernible in the fearful, discombobulated expressions on the faces of Belgian soldiers as they clash with tribal warriors in the circa-1884 Congo.

After mowing down numerous tribesmen, every soldier is killed. The only survivor is the civilian leading them, His Leon Rom (Christoph Waltz), the wicked emissary of Belgium’s King Leopold.

Sent by his bankrupt monarch to organize the systematic exploitation of the Congo’s people and natural resources, Rom’s long-range plan entails mass enslavement and the deployment of vicious mercenaries. His immediate task is to save his own skin by striking a deal with the fierce Chief Mbonga (Djimon Hounsou), who demands a certain personage be brought to him in exchange for Rom’s initial quarry, a fortune in diamonds.

Cut to 10 Downing Street, London, where John Clayton, the Earl of Greystoke (Alexander Skarsgard), is being urged to accept King Leopold’s invitation to travel to the Congo on behalf of Great Britain. As we learn in a series of gauzy flashbacks, that’s where he became an orphan and, after being reared by gorillas, gained fame as Tarzan. It’s also where he ran afoul of Chief Mbonga.

Now, eight years after arriving in England with his wife, Jane (Margot Robbie) — also raised in the Congo, albeit in more conventional fashion as the daughter of an American teacher in a Congolese village — Lord Greystoke wants to lead the quiet life of an aristocrat. Still, the lure of Africa is impossible to resist.

Unaware they are being led into a trap, Tarzan and Jane go back to the Congo accompanied by George Washington Williams (Samuel L. Jackson), an American soldier-turned-humanitarian who is conducting his own fact-finding mission.

The irreverent use to which a rosary is put will dismay Catholic viewers. Rather than fiendishly twirl the ends of his mustache, as a stereotypical villain might, Rom fingers the string of prayer beads that are always in his right hand. Far worse, the cruel, power-hungry bureaucrat uses his rosary — made of “Madagascar spider silk” and given to him by a priest when he was a boy — as a lethal weapon.

Skarsgard acquits himself well enough considering he isn’t required to speak very many lines, let alone deliver any dramatic speeches. His purpose is to appear chiseled, scared and brooding, alternately the sensitive lover in a romance novel and an enormously powerful action figure capable of swatting aside soulless outsiders and uniting the human and zoological denizens of the Congo against a common enemy. Robbie is a lovely and capable, if slightly shrill, Jane.

Purportedly modeled on a real yesteryear’s serial of gauzy flashbacks, that’s how Rom’s version of Great Britain is impossible to resist. The music is overbearing and ers will ever forget they’re watching computer-generated effects. And the romantic interludes resemble perfume commercials.

The movie is trying to claw its way beneath the surface of “The Legend of Tarzan” as a stereotypical villain might, “People love a good story,” he’s correct, and that’s why the filmmakers should have let the plot and pictures speak for themselves. Their misguided effort to coddle the audience by spelling everything out prevents them from spinning a consistently entertaining yarn.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. View more Catholic events and submit yours at www.diocesefwsb.org/bulletin. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at 260-456-2824 to purchase space.

Spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will host a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, July 14, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $2.50 for children 5-12.

St. Joseph School plans alumni reunion
Garret — St. Joseph School will have an alumni reunion Saturday, July 16, from 2-3:30 p.m. in Bennett Hall. Mass will follow at 3 p.m. Light refreshments provided.

Interpreter to be at Mass
Fort Wayne — An Interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be present at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 10, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For information contact Allison at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 15, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $9, children 5-12 $4. Carry-out available.

Immaculate Conception plans retirement open house
Ege — Immaculate Conception Parish will have an Open House for Father Danney Pinto in honor of his retirement after 21 years and will return to Sri Lanka on July 23 at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Cost is $35. Contact 260-665-2259 or office@stanthonyanada.org for information.

Medicine Cabinet requests donations
Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center’s Medicine Cabinet provides personal hygiene, diapers, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and supplements, convalescent aids, etc. for both children and adults. Once a month between 500-600 families come to the center on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9-11 a.m., and are given three items of their choice. The Medicine Cabinet’s shelves are low of stock. If you are interested in making a donation, please call Sue Koester at the Franciscan Center’s Medicine Cabinet at 260-744-3977 or email contact@thefranciscancenter.org.

Vacation Bible School
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will host Parachute with the Angels and St. Catherine of Laboure Vacation Bible School July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon at 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd. Children age 5 through 6th grade are welcome. No cost. Register at www.church@stasia.org or call 260-282-2308 by July 11.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter plans summer weekend
South Bend — The Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Indiana will offer a weekend in South Bend July 23 and 24 at St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, 54191 Ironwood Rd. The weekend gives married couples the opportunity to discover that their “Good” marriage can be “Great.” This weekend does not include overnight accommodations. To apply or seek more information, visit www.wvme-ni.org or call 260-637-8567.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation
Angola — St. Anthony of Padua Parish will host a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Departure on October 2 from St. Anthony, 700 W. Maumee St., at 7 a.m. in a 55 passenger bus. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Cost is $35. Contact 260-665-2259 or office@stanthonyanada.org for information.

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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