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Queen of All Saints Chapel



Joe Romie

Students, faculty, alumni and donors of Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, celebrate Mass and observe the blessing of the chapel and dedication of the altar for the Queen of All Saints Chapel on Sept. 20.

Bishop blesses new chapel, dedicates altar at Bishop Dwenger High School

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

FORT WAYNE — Since the Fort Wayne high school's founding in 1963, the Bishop Dwenger Saints have been striving to become "Citizens of Two Worlds." One of the many ways they seek to do this is by encountering Christ in their chapel, which is dedicated to the Queen of All Saints.

On Aug. 22, 2015, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Dwenger High School staff and friends broke ground to renovate that chapel and increase its seating capacity from 70 to 284 people. On Sept. 20 construction was finalized, and the chapel was dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of All Saints, by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

When Dwenger Saints enter the new chapel, they are surrounded by models of holiness: images of

the heavenly saints. The chapel features 10 stained-glass windows, and the Dwenger community voted on which saints should be depicted on them. Over 50 essays with suggestions were provided to Bishop Rhoades, who chose 20 to be put to a vote. The selected ones are: St. John Paul II, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Sebastian, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Cecilia, St. Bernadette, St. Terese of Lisieux, St. Maria Goretti and St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Behind the altar is religious artwork portraying the saints representing Bishop Dwenger's feeder schools. The *Salve Regina*, as Bishop Rhoades pointed out during Mass, is depicted in gold lettering that surrounds the chapel.

The church also contains a relic of St. Jude in

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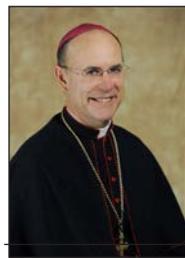
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Respect Life Month, the Year of Mercy and the upcoming election



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BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This Sunday, October 2nd, is Respect Life Sunday, and October is Respect Life Month, celebrated by the Church in the United States since 1972. Every year at this time, we reflect on the intrinsic dignity of human life, created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with Him.

We lament that human life in our nation and in the world is threatened at its very beginning in the mother's womb. In his apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"), released earlier this year, Pope Francis wrote these strong words:

I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the 'property' of another human being (#83).

The Church continues to insist on the respect due to human life from the moment of conception, while it is still protected in the mother's womb. Abortion is a grave injustice and an offense against the Author of life. Our commitment to the Gospel of life requires us to oppose abortion and also to do all we can to support mothers who, because of difficult circumstances, may be tempted to abort their unborn babies.

The Gospel of Jesus is the Gospel of Life. It is also the Gospel of Mercy. As life is a gift from God, so is mercy! In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us of the centrality of mercy in the life of the Church. We are called to be "merciful like the Father." Women who have had an abortion often suffer deep pain and carry a deep wound in their hearts. We are called to be instruments of God's mercy to them and to help all who are in need of post-abortion healing.

During this Respect Life Month, we are also reminded of our duty to care for people who are approaching life's end. We are called to protect life in all its stages, including its last stage. Sadly, as abortion has now been legal in our country for so many years, the movement to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide continues to grow in the United States. In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis quotes Psalm 71: Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. The Holy Father writes:

Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society attempts to remove every trace of death and dying Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide; in many countries they have been legalized. The Church, while firmly opposing these practices, feels the need to assist families who take care of their elderly and infirm members (#48).



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In this Year of Mercy, as we are invited to rediscover the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, it is good to consider the merciful love we are called to share with the elderly and infirm, including those in our own families and parishes. We must surround them with our love and support and companionship. One of the saddest experiences I had when I was a teenager was working in a nursing home during two summers, where I saw so many elderly people who were lonely and did not receive visits. I remember how this impacted me as I learned to spend time and chat with the elderly residents, from whom I learned so much. I hope that all of our parishes have ministry to the local nursing homes and especially stay connected with parishioners who are in nursing homes or who are homebound. This should not only be seen as a duty, but a joy and a privilege. We must not only talk about the Gospel of life, but live it!

Our commitment to the Gospel of Life includes care and concern for all God's children, from the moment of conception until natural death. I think especially of those whose dignity is threatened in our often materialistic society. Pope Francis speaks often of how we live in an increasingly throw away culture in which human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. In his first apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Gospel of Joy"), a document which really set the themes of his papacy, the Holy Father asks: How can it be that it is not a news

item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?... Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? (#53). If we truly are people of and for life, we must ponder these questions.

We celebrate this Respect Life Month during the month preceding Election Day. This is a good thing, since we should examine candidates and their positions in light of the Gospel of Life. Many voters, however, are disillusioned. Many Catholic voters have shared with me the dilemma they feel in voting this year. They want to exercise their right to vote, yet are finding it difficult to choose between candidates who do not represent our values on the dignity and sacredness of all human life. Faithful Catholics are rightly disturbed by elements of party platforms that are not compatible with the Church's moral and social teachings. I am thinking that this dilemma has a positive meaning in that it shows that one is more Catholic than one is Democrat or Republican. Our discipleship should always come first. Still, in this dilemma, we have to make a choice, a prudential judgment, one that we should make with a well-formed conscience, one that is enlightened by the Gospel of Life and the teachings of the Church.

I hope that this Respect Life Month helps all of us to renew our commitment to the Gospel of Life. May the Lord, the Author of Life, bless and guide us!

Medical community formally opposes physician-assisted suicide

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

During its yearly convention in Indianapolis on Sept. 25, the Indiana State Medical Association voted to formalize its opposition to physician-assisted suicide.

The annual convention of the ISMA has an attendance of over 150 physicians who represent the approximately 8,000 physician members from all over the state of Indiana. The convention is a time when members initiate legislation on behalf of other physicians. Resolutions adopted during the convention are sent to state representatives. This year, among the many resolutions discussed, two opposing resolutions were debated regarding the issue of physician-assisted suicide.

The first resolution advocated that the ISMA adopt a position supporting PAS, and the second resolution advocated for a position against PAS.

There was passionate debate from both sides, with the vast majority of physicians testifying strongly for ISMA to oppose any attempt to legalize PAS in Indiana. The issue itself was, by far, the most debated resolution that was discussed, causing the meeting to run over due to the many physicians that wanted to speak out against PAS.

The American Medical Association is currently studying this issue on a national level. PAS has been legalized in Oregon (1994), Washington (2008), Vermont (2013), California (2015), and by statute and by court decision in Montana (2009).

Those doctors who spoke in

favor of PAS argued that physician-assisted suicide decreases health care costs at the end of life; that it helps patients who commit suicide to die in a more peaceful manner; and since other states have legalized it, some patients might like it here in Indiana.

Many of the first-time conference attendees, however, attended specifically for the purpose of testifying against PAS. Physicians opposed to PAS addressed the crowd, arguing that medical professionals should focus on providing care and comfort to patients — not becoming a source of lethal drugs. Patients would not want their doctors to have the power to suggest suicide to them as an option.

Dr. Eustace Fernandes, a Fort Wayne pulmonary and critical care physician, was present at the meeting and testified against physician-assisted suicide. He cited the conflict of interest that PAS creates.

“Physician-assisted suicide represents a fundamental transformation of the doctor-patient relationship,” Fernandes stated. “The doctor’s role would be altered from healer to occasional executioner. It would prey upon the most vulnerable in our society: the poor, the disabled and the mentally ill.”

Other physicians brought into question how the interaction of government and insurance companies might interfere with care of patients. Insurance companies pay for cancer treatments that cost thousands of dollars; however, this cease to be the case when they have the option of paying for the cheaper

option of lethal drugs, which only costs a few hundred dollars. Real-life examples were cited of patients in Oregon who received letters from insurance companies refusing to pay for chemo and suggesting PAS as an alternative ‘treatment’ for cancer.

Cancer was not the only medical condition patients could be ailing from that might trigger a prescription of physician-assisted suicide. Diabetes is now considered a terminal disease that would qualify for PAS in Oregon.

Testifying physicians also noted that everyone knows someone who has been misdiagnosed or outlived a terminal diagnosis. For those who suffer from depression and feel like they want to die, treatment could include PAS. While sharing empathy for those patients in pain, many physicians spoke to the fact that nearly all pain is now treatable. They recommended that any patient in pain should find a new doctor.

The legalization of physician-assisted suicide in other states has impacted societal issues. With the legalization of assisted suicide as a “good for society,” general suicides have risen dramatically. Additionally, any person could have a family member die from taking lethal drugs and not know about it until he or she is dead, because no family notification is required in advance.

Questions regarding abuse were also raised. A relative who is an heir to the patient’s estate, or an abusive caregiver, can pick up the lethal drugs and administer them without the patient’s knowledge or consent. There is no oversight and no witnesses are required once the drugs leave



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 2: 11 a.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Sunday, October 2: 5 p.m. — Annual Red Mass, St. Joseph Church, South Bend

Monday, October 3: 5:30 p.m. — Annual Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, October 4: 11 a.m. — Blessing of new Women’s Care Center, Auburn

Tuesday, October 4: 6:30 p.m. — Alumni event of St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, at Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, October 5: 10 a.m. — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute Advisory Board, Detroit, Michigan

Wednesday, October 5: 6 p.m. — Luxury Bingo Benefit for Women’s Care Center, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne

Thursday, October 6: 6:30 p.m. — Saint Joseph County Right to Life Banquet, Century Center, South Bend

Friday, October 7– Sunday, October 9: Retreat for Deacons of the Diocese of Harrisburg and their wives, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA



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Provided by Thomas McGovern

Sister Mary Diana Dreger, a Dominican Sister of the Saint Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tenn., and internal medicine physician, and Dr. Ashley Fernandes, associate director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, discuss the ways in which the faith of Catholic medical professionals should lend themselves to the protection of human dignity at MedCon. The Sept. 24 conference for medical professionals, which took place in Fort Wayne, investigated the ways in which faith should inform a medical professional’s work and presented life-affirming treatment techniques.

the pharmacy. Assisted suicide is a recipe for elder and disability abuse because it can put lethal drugs in the hands of abusers. Any safeguards set up to protect vulnerable patients from coercion to submit to PAS will erode, as evidenced in the countries where PAS has been practiced for nearly 30 years, including Belgium and the Netherlands. Half of PAS nurses in those countries admit to euthanizing a patient without consent.

Dr. Andrew Mullally, a family medicine physician at Credo Family Medicine in Fort Wayne and a delegate of the Young Physician’s Society, also attended the ISMA convention to speak out against physician-assisted suicide.

“For 2,500 years, physicians have professed the Hippocratic Oath, which explicitly forbids physician-assisted suicide. The cornerstone of medical ethics, ‘primum non nocere’ (first, do no harm) is essential to the physician’s role as healer,” he said. “Ultimately, the cure for suffering is not to eliminate the sufferer, but rather to comfort him and stand with him in solidarity when he is ill.”

Both Mullally and Fernandes are members of the local Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical

Guild of Northeast Indiana. Fernandes expressed his gratitude for the outcome of the convention. “The ISMA has taken a bold step in reaffirming the physician’s role in protecting human life and comforting when we cannot heal.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, agreed. “It was very good news to hear that the Indiana State Medical Association has voted against physician-assisted suicide,” he said, upon the hearing the voting results. “I am deeply grateful to the many physicians, including those from our diocese, who spoke at the convention against physician-assisted suicide. Physician-assisted suicide abandons vulnerable individuals and wrongly communicates that some lives are not worth living. We must cherish the lives of the terminally ill and provide them the spiritual, emotional, and physical care that honors God’s gift of life. I am grateful that most physicians in Indiana recognize their duty to respect and protect the lives of their patients. I pray that their example will inspire others in our culture to have a renewed reverence and care for the lives of the seriously ill and the dying and for all human life.”

Pope Francis endorses Mexican bishops on family marches

BY DAVID AGREN

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis' endorsement of pro-family marches made headlines in Mexico, taking by surprise people who saw his speeches in the country in February as being critical of a conservative Mexican church hierarchy.

"Today Pope Francis has filled us with joy, he has said a few words ... so that all those working in favor of the family feel heartened and comforted," Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera said at Mass Sept. 25.

The National Front for the Family estimated 215,000 protesters, coming from all corners of Mexico, marched in Mexico City, where a city government at odds with the local archdiocese has approved same-sex marriage laws and the decriminalization of abortion over the past decade. Local officials put the number of protesters at 19,500, while a smaller number attended a counter protest ending at the iconic Angel de la Independencia monument, which city officials lit up the night before in rainbow colors.

Reciting the Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 25, Pope Francis said he was "very happy to associate myself with the bishops of Mexico in supporting the commitment of the church and civil society on behalf of the family and of life, which in this time require special pastoral and cultural attention throughout the world."



People arrive to participate in a march against the legalization of same-sex marriage Sept. 24 in Mexico City.

Speaking shortly before news was released of the discovery of the body of a third priest kidnapped and killed in the country, Pope Francis also said, "I assure the dear Mexican people of my prayers for an end to the violence that in recent days also has involved several priests."

President Enrique Pena Nieto submitted a bill to Congress in May, seeking approval for same-sex marriages nationwide, while also changing educational materials to include positive portrayals of gay couples and non-

traditional families. The president's own party, which holds a majority in the lower house of Congress, has shelved the initiative, saying the time is not right to proceed.

At the Mexico City protest, Eduardo Hernandez, a taco stand owner from the city and father of three, marched with a sign reading, "No to the imposition of gender ideology."

"Society has never protested like this before because they're imposing this (marriage initiative) on the family," he said.

"They want to inculcate these things in our children," said Octavio Vazquez, a cellular phone repairman and member of a Mormon church in the central state of Hidalgo. "I want my sons to give me grandchildren of my own bloodline, something that homosexuals cannot do."

"Family is the seed from which society grows," says Isabel Carrillo, a small business owner and mother of two. "If the family is strong, society is, too."

The Mexican bishops' conference blessed the National March for the Family, which included protests Sept. 10 in more than 100 cities and culminated in the Mexico City march Sept. 24. Bishops in some cities participated in the protests, though many dioceses stayed out of the organization and only lent moral support.

"I wouldn't dare to say the (National Front for the Family) position is a majority among Catholics," said Pablo Mijangos Gonzalez, historian at the Center for Research and Teaching of Economics. "I think it's a militant minority, but broad enough to have political weight."

Some Catholics questioned why the church leadership was so actively protesting same-sex marriage, while staying mostly silent on issues such as crime and corruption.

"By saying gay marriage is more of a threat to Mexico than violence or narcotics trafficking" — as some local church spokesmen have said — "this puts clergy in the middle of the political arena and the faithful, too," said Ilan Semo, historian at Iberoamerican University.

The National Front for the Family said in a statement it would organize as a nongovernmental group and pursue an initiative to constitutionally prohibit same-sex marriage, even though the Supreme Court has ruled any prohibition on such unions discriminatory.



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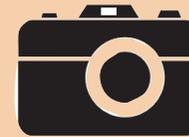


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St. Vincent de Paul Society keeps Care-Van needs in spotlight



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Jerry Kessens

Father Andrew Budzinski, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, blesses the faithful participating in a procession through the neighborhood on Corpus Christi Sunday, from the porch of a homebound parishioner where a temporary altar was set up as a stop on the route. The altars were intentionally placed at homebound residences in order to allow those individuals to participate.

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Faith centered. Family focused.

Faith leaders have moral duty to counter hatred, violence, says cardinal

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Religious leaders have a grave and urgent responsibility to act against genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and other violence committed in the name of religion, said speakers at a United Nations panel Sept. 20. They can help prevent atrocities and promote peace and reconciliation within and beyond their communities. Religion has a rightful place in the public sphere, the speakers said, adding that enshrining a proper interpretation of freedom of religion in international law can encourage dialogue and enhance human rights. “Today, as in the past, religions are being manipulated to incite intolerance and hatred against individuals, groups or entire populations,” said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state. Religious leaders have a responsibility, especially in an ever more connected world, to help counter the spread of hatred and violence in the name of religion and to promote more inclusive and peaceful societies, he said. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Baha’i speakers addressed the Responsibility to Protect, a global political commitment endorsed by all U.N. member states in 2005 to prevent genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. Religions are not the cause of conflicts and wars, but can be used or misused by determined groups that stand to gain by fueling hostilities. There is a temptation to hide the real cause of despicable violence by attributing it to religion, the Vatican secretary of state added.

Two priests kidnapped, killed in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Two priests were kidnapped and killed in the Mexican state of Veracruz in September, raising the death toll of priests murdered in Mexico to 14 in less than four years. Veracruz state attorney general Luis Angel Bravo Contreras told reporters Sept. 20 that the “victims and the victimizers knew each other” and added that the attack was “not a kidnapping. They were together, having a few drinks, the gathering broke down due to alcohol and turned violent.” Catholic officials in Veracruz rejected the explanation, calling it “an easy out” and saying it ignored the reality of a state notorious for crime and corruption. “We are hoping for more professional and careful inquiry, because this declaration the prosecutor is giving generates more doubts than responses to the issue of the murder of these two priests,” said Father Jose Manuel Suazo Reyes, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Xalapa. “It surprises us how quickly they’ve

Jubilee for catechists held in Rome



CNS photo/Alessandro Bianchi, Reuters

Pope Francis waves after celebrating a Mass for the jubilee for catechists Sept. 25 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

concluded an investigation that requires more time and care.” Father Alejo Nabor Jimenez Juarez and Father Jose Alfredo Juarez de la Cruz were dragged at gunpoint out of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Poza Rica, a Gulf Coast oil city consumed by crime in recent years, the Diocese of Papantla confirmed in a statement. Media reported the men were found Sept. 19, one day after their abduction, along the side of a highway with their hands and feet bound. They were beaten and had gunshot wounds, according to media reports.

Benedictine archabbot was at golf legend's bedside when he died

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Benedictine Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki of St. Vincent's Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was with Arnold Palmer when the golfing great died Sept. 25 in Pittsburgh. It wasn't the first time Archabbot Nowicki had visited Palmer that day. Palmer, 87, was in a hospital awaiting a heart operation scheduled for Sept. 26. “I went to say a prayer and give him a blessing. About an hour after I'd departed, I got a call” that Palmer's health was failing rapidly, the archabbot told Catholic News Service in a Sept. 26 telephone interview. Even though Palmer was a lifelong Presbyterian, he'd had a relationship with St. Vincent's spanning more than 50 years,

when Archabbot Nowicki himself was in the high school at the archabbey. Palmer did not let denominational differences deter him. “Arnie sort of appealed to everyone. There were no barriers, race, color, creed -- those were things that never entered into” his mind, Archabbot Nowicki said. “He was welcoming to everybody and treated everyone with tremendous warmth and respect.” Palmer came with his wife on occasion to the archabbey's 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. “I remember him coming here on one occasion after winning several of the golf tournaments early in his career. He was hitting golf balls for the students. By then he had a fairly good reputation,” Archabbot Nowicki recalled. “He would give a little demonstration. I remember when he was doing it they put a little trash pail out in the middle, about 150 yards out, and he was hitting balls out and he got about five in the tanker,” he chuckled.

Pope names Atlanta auxiliary bishop as coadjutor for Louisiana diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named Auxiliary Bishop David P. Talley of Atlanta as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana. The appointment was announced in Washington Sept. 21 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre,

apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Talley, a priest of the Atlanta Archdiocese, was named an auxiliary bishop of Atlanta in January 2013 and was ordained a bishop in April of that year. Bishop Ronald P. Herzog is the bishop of Alexandria; he has headed the diocese since 2005. As coadjutor, Bishop Talley automatically becomes head of the diocese upon the death or retirement of its bishop. “Pope Francis has given the people of the Diocese of Alexandria in Louisiana a tremendous pastoral gift,” Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory said in a statement.

Puerto Rican protector of abused children wins Lumen Christi Award

CHICAGO (CNS) — Melva Arbelo, director of the Santa Teresita of the Child Jesus Children's Home in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, has been named the winner of the 2016-17 Lumen Christi Award given annually since 1978 by Catholic Extension. Arbelo and her team help 24 children ages 3-7 who were removed from their homes after being severely neglected, physically beaten, or emotionally or sexually abused. Lumen Christi Award, Latin for “Light of Christ,” honors a person or group who demonstrates how the power of faith can transform lives and communities. Santa Teresita was started in 1999 by the Dominican

Sisters of the Presentation and members of Santa Teresita Parish. Arbelo, a longtime member of the parish, was one of the home's first volunteers, helping to raise funds for its launch. She became its director in 2007. Bishop Daniel Fernandez Torres of Arecibo, in nominating Arbelo for the award, said: “There is no better ministry than to take care of those less fortunate and show them that the Lord is good and will always take care of them.”

Father Hesburgh, JFK to be honored on postage stamps

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two prominent Catholics will be commemorated on U.S. postage stamps in 2017. Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, who was president of the University of Notre Dame for 35 years, and President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas in 1963, are among several subjects that will be part of next year's stamp program, the U.S. Postal Service announced Sept. 20. Both stamps will be issued at the “forever” rate, which currently stands at 47 cents. The forever designation means the stamps can be used to pay first class postage for items weighing one ounce or less. The USPS traditionally issues stamps on dates related to the subject. In Kennedy's case, May 29 will mark the 100th anniversary of his birth. The Father Hesburgh stamp will commemorate his achievements as a civic leader and educator, and will be issued Sept. 1 on the Notre Dame campus. The 100th anniversary of his birth is May 25. Father Hesburgh, who died Feb. 26, 2015, at 97, was the longest serving president of the University of Notre Dame, holding the position from 1952 to 1987. He led the university through a period of dramatic growth and held sway with political and civil rights leaders.

Christian unity, Mideast situation are priorities

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The new apostolic administrator of the Latin Patriarchate, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, said he would focus on listening to the priests and people of the diocese to better understand the pastoral issues. In a Sept. 21 news conference before his official entrance into Jerusalem, Archbishop Pizzaballa told journalists the diocese faces many challenges similar to those of the church in other parts of the world, including divisions within family life and young people's disenchantment with the church. But he said the local church also is concerned with problems affected by the Middle East political situation, such as the influx of refugees, foreign workers and migrants in Jordan and Israel, many of whom are Christian, as well as issues of family reunification and an acute shortage of housing.

McMahon Aquinas lecture brings D.C. Shindler

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College is pleased to announce that D.C. Schindler from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America will speak on "Love and Beauty, 'The Forgotten Transcendental,' in Aquinas" on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in Rice Commons, Student Center. The event is free and members of the public are welcome.

Theological discussion on prayer planned

NOTRE DAME — A colloquium on "Intercessory Prayer: Catholic and Mennonite Perspectives" will be Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Andrews Auditorium, Geddes Hall. For information contact Dr. Margaret Pfeil at mpfeil1@nd.edu.

Gerontology conference at new location

SOUTH BEND — Michiana Gerontology Institute's ninth annual Gerontology Conference will be Oct. 20 at a new location, The Kroc Center, 900 W. Western Ave., at 1:30 p.m. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Bill Thomas, author, entrepreneur, musician, teacher, farmer and physician whose wide-ranging work explores the terrain of human aging. Thomas will also present MGI's first Changing Aging Award to a person who personifies what it means to age with grace, passion and service to others. An afternoon workshop, "Disrupt Dementia," is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. The day includes a panel discussion and interactive lobby experience, as well as an evening nonfiction theater performance. This event is open to everyone. Register by Oct. 13 online at www.mgi-hcc.org; or contact Pat Adams at (574) 239-8364 or padams@hcc-nd.edu.

Holy Cross College reports enrollment increase and new programs

NOTRE DAME — For the second year in a row, Holy Cross College enrollment has grown to record numbers. This year, the college has a total of 647 students enrolled, 529 of those as traditional undergraduates. This represents a seven percent increase over last year's total enrollment. In its second year of implementing a two-year live-on-campus requirement for freshmen and sophomores, Holy Cross also reported a record number of over 350 students residing in college-sponsored housing this semester. The college has achieved a 100

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Sisters of Providence to host 'Song of My Heart' retreat



Provided by Jason Moon

On the 176th anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, a one-day retreat will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. Sister Mary Montgomery believes the "ultimate treasure" in everyone is the "Power of Love." During the retreat, participants will have the chance to be renewed in their relationship with the "One Love," through music, scripture, poetry, meditation, sharing and walking the land that St. Mother Theodore Guerin walked.

percent occupancy rate in campus residence halls and the college-sponsored building at University Edge, due in large part to an increase in the size of the freshman class and the decision by more returning students to live on campus and continue experiencing the college's close-knit dorm communities.

Faculty members and advisors were added this year to support the college's expansion of academic programs, including four full-time faculty members, three advisors, and 17 visiting and adjunct professors. One- and two-year pre-engineering tracks were added to the Division of Science, and two new majors, biology and computer science, are being developed and are awaiting formal accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission this fall. Through enhanced collaboration with Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross is also offering students new classes and tracks in music, theatre and dance.

In addition, Holy Cross College recently hired Steve Bender, previously a tennis coach at St. Joseph High School, to guide its new men's and women's tennis programs.

McGraths endow Institute for Church Life with \$15 million gift

NOTRE DAME — University of Notre Dame alumnus Robert P. McGrath and his wife, Joan, have made a \$15 million gift to his alma mater to endow the university's Institute for Church Life.

"For more than 25 years, our Institute for Church Life has served as the cornerstone for Notre Dame's service to the Church and society through outreach in theological education, research, faith formation and leadership development, and the McGraths have been integrally involved in its development and direction," said Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC, the university's president. "Their transformative gift gives the institute the resources to teach, train and serve in even more powerful ways. We feel blessed and are eternally grateful to Bob and Joan."

John Cavadini, the McGrath-Cavadini director of the newly christened McGrath Institute for Church Life, added: "Thanks to the exceptional generosity of Bob and Joan McGrath, the institute is poised to become the pre-eminent

source of creative Catholic content and programming for the new evangelization. Building on our legacy of connecting the Catholic intellectual life at Notre Dame to the life of the Church, the McGrath Institute for Church Life will continue to be a collaborative partner with Church leaders at all levels by providing the theological tools they need to address pressing pastoral problems."

A 1955 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Bob McGrath founded McGrath RentCorp in 1979.

McGrath serves on the board of directors with Catholic Charities CYO of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He is also active in the Knights of Malta and serves on the Institute for Church Life-Center for Social Concerns Advisory Council (ICL-CSC).

Joan McGrath earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Marymount College and a master's degree in theology from the University of San Francisco. She also completed doctoral coursework in theology at Fordham University.

The former executive vice president of McGrath RentCorp, she also serves on the ICL-

CSC Advisory Council, as well as the board of directors for National Catholic Reporter. She is a trustee for the University of San Francisco and is a former trustee for Graduate Theological Union.

The McGraths have two children and three granddaughters and reside in San Francisco. Among their previous gifts to Notre Dame is an endowment for the directorship of the ICL.

The McGrath Institute for Church Life exists as an integral component of the university's larger mission of teaching, research and service to society and to the Catholic Church. Through its resources, projects and affiliate centers, the institute reaches out to the whole spectrum of Church leaders — its bishops, clergy, religious and laity — to provide training and service as well as opportunities for spiritual rejuvenation and personal growth.

In this work, the McGrath Institute for Church Life seeks to embody the spirit and mandate of the Second Vatican Council, to implement a mission of transforming the Church and society in light of the Gospel, and to renew the theological, ministerial, pastoral, catechetical and liturgical traditions of the Church.

Distinguished Knight Award recipients announced

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School recently announced the recipients of the 2016 Distinguished Knight Awards after the celebration of the Mass for homecoming on Sept. 16. Mary Jane Bradley-Millikan was named the outstanding alumnus, and Jack Zern received the honorary alumnus.

When Mary Jane Bradley-Millikan entered the doors of Bishop Luers in 1958, a 58-year love affair with the school began. She is a proud member of the Class of 1962.

Millikan has been and continues to be a dedicated mother of five, a wife of 50-plus years, volunteer at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne and volunteer in the Bishop Luers community.

Jack Zern has given time, talent, treasures, children and grandchildren to Bishop Luers High School. He has been part of the Bishop Luers community since 1976, when his oldest of five children began high school. Even though his youngest son graduated in 1985 and his oldest granddaughter did not enter Bishop Luers until 2007, he has faithfully served the Bishop Luers community that he so loves.

Zern truly embodies the Luers Spirit. He is devoted to his faith, his family and to Bishop Luers.

Rally to prepare confirmandi for sacramental greatness

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

Young people from around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will gather at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Saturday, Oct. 8, to finalize preparations for the sacrament of confirmation. Last year, more than 400 junior high school students were challenged to live their Catholic faith daily and to realize that Confirmation continues a lifelong journey with the Holy Spirit.

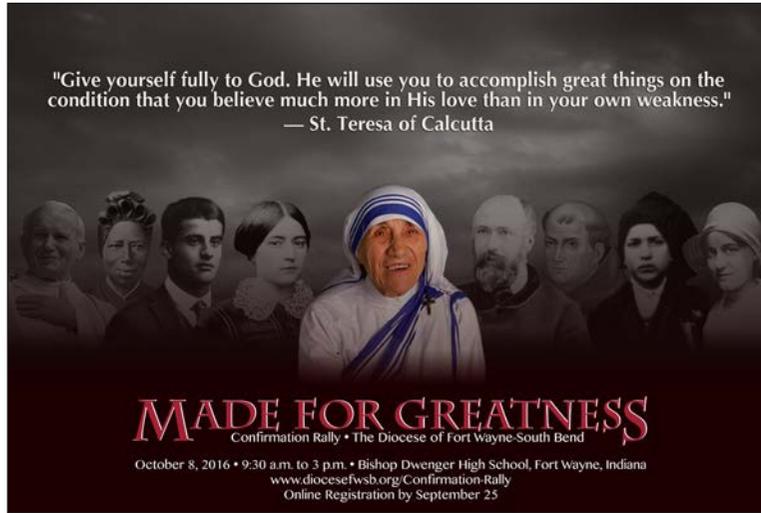
"Made for Greatness" is the rally's theme, which gains its inspiration from the lives of the saints. It is based on the example of young people like Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Blessed Jacinto and Blessed Francisco Marto, who show the path to sainthood for modern-day youth.

The rally will begin with a Eucharistic celebration by celebrant and homilist Father Andrew Budzinski, and will include lunch, presentations, breakout sessions organized by gender, music and prayer. It will embrace students who are enrolled in Catholic schools, those in religious education programs and those who are homeschooled as well. The day will be an opportunity for them to experience the Universal Church within the diocese, while learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation and the graces it bestows.

Andrew Ouellette, director of youth ministry for the diocese, said the rally's goal is to share the sacramental reality of confirmation — and is an opportunity for Catholic youth and their peers

to "take ownership of their commitment to Christ."

Keynote speaker for the day will be Joshua Cormeau, founder of Project Hope and an inspiration in his own right. Cormeau is a young husband and father of five, from South Bend, who was diagnosed with Stage IV brain cancer. He underwent successful surgery and has been a cancer survivor since 2014. He said Project Hope's mission is to inspire hope where there is none: "... to speak of the unfathomable love of Jesus Christ, and the hope we have in Him." He will ask his listeners: "What will you share with the



Derby Photography

A confirmand is sealed with the Holy Chrism during a confirmation Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral Sunday, Sept. 18.

world? Will you share hope?"

Cormeau is also a talented musician and will underscore his message instrumentally. "I'm still alive, and, since then, God has given me reason to sing about the beauty of life," he said.

Confirmation is usually the fourth sacrament Catholics receive after baptism, first reconciliation and first Eucharist. It is the sacrament in which the faithful are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their faith journey. It is one of three sacraments of initiation and gives the fortitude to live with boldness the Catholic faith that was entered into at baptism. This is especially important for young people, who are about to face many new challenges as they enter young adulthood.

Deanna Rorick's daughter Bethany is an eighth-grade student at St. Louis Academy, Besancon, and will participate as an important part of her sacramental preparation. An older daughter, Olivia, attended when she was a Canterbury student; so "It will be interesting to see Bethany's perspective on it" as a Catholic School student, Deanna said.

A letter from the diocese provided assurance to parents that they are their children's first catechists and thanked them for making the rally a priority in sacramental preparation. Although they are not invited to participate in the full day of activities, parents are welcome at the opening Mass and closing adoration to provide support to their children as they make a personal commitment to Christ.

Diocese implements new and unique confirmation preparation program

This year, a new confirmation preparation program, published by Our Sunday Visitor and specifically designed for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was implemented in all parishes throughout the diocese. At the request of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, OSV developed the program as a supplement to its "Alive in Christ" kindergarten-through eighth-grade catechetical series.

This new program was developed specifically for students and youth in the Catholic schools and parish religious education programs of the diocese who are preparing for the reception of the sacrament of confirmation. It includes a four-unit Candidate Book, online lesson plans for teachers and catechists and online multimedia resources. One unique feature of the program is that it includes video presentations by Bishop Rhoades, addressing the candidates at the beginning of the program and before each unit, as well as videos of the Bishop addressing teachers, parents and sponsors.

Bishop Rhoades commented that he was pleased with the

opportunity to communicate with the candidates during their formation for confirmation, prior to the actual confirmation Mass. He expressed his hope that the videos would enhance the catechetical experience. The Bishop thanked OSV for developing a program that connects him with the candidates and that also provides rich content and an excellent methodology that incorporates prayer, instruction and activities to reinforce the lessons.

Carl Loesch, diocesan secretary for Catholic education, called the confirmation program "a national trend-setter," and thanked OSV, which he called "a great gift to the diocese," for its immediate attention to the Bishop's request. OSV developed the program, from concept to completion, in about a year — one-third of the normal time to complete such a project.

Kim Conte, director of youth sacramental formation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, said that the new program is "really a breakthrough" because it both standardizes and personalizes confirmation preparation across the

diocese. Students are all using the same textbook and watching Bishop Rhoades in videos introducing each of the interactive program's units.

In an opening letter to the students, Bishop Rhoades states: "I am looking forward with joyful anticipation to your receiving the sacrament of confirmation. This will be a special moment in your journey of faith. God will infuse His Holy Spirit in you and fill you with His gifts. He will unite you more firmly to Christ and the Church and strengthen you to live your faith with conviction and courage."

Unit One of the program provides catechesis on the Holy Spirit, beginning with Jesus calling the first disciples and then promising them the Holy Spirit to help them answer His call. The unit looks at Scripture passages that refer to the Holy Spirit, as well as the various symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Students are led to reflect on the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives as they seek to follow the call of Jesus.

Unit Two provides a review of the seven sacraments of the

Church and the meaning of sanctifying and actual grace. Special attention is given to the sacrament of baptism and the connection between baptism and confirmation, including the important renewal of baptismal promises during the Rite of Confirmation.

Unit Three presents further catechesis on the three Sacraments of Initiation, the actual Rite of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Unit Four, titled "The Spirit-Filled Life," focuses on the effects of the sacrament of confirmation and the call to live the graces of the sacrament. Students learn the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Proximate preparation for confirmation is also provided, with catechesis and preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Throughout the program, various saints are presented as examples of "life according to the Spirit." Students are assisted as they discern which saint to choose as their confirmation patron.

According to Sue Sherburne, Bishop Rhoades also emphasizes the important role of parents in the faith formation of their teenage children and helps them to

accomplish that task. Catechists add service components and retreats, as they also teach the regular junior high curriculum on the life of Christ, the creed and the history of the Church, using the regular OSV seventh- and eighth-grade texts. She believes that the entire Alive in Christ program provides a solid basis for confirmation and brings the candidates to a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Finally, Bishop Rhoades, in his pastoral concern for strong adolescent catechesis, has also mandated Theology of the Body for middle school students to be part of the seventh- and eighth-grade catechesis in all schools and parish religious education programs in the diocese. He said: "These years are vitally important in the lives of our young people. We have a responsibility to ensure their solid formation in the faith and to promote their growth in the faith during their teenage years. I am very grateful to our pastors, catechists, parents and sponsors for all they do to engage our young people in the life of the Church."

White Mass, conference uplift Catholic medical community

BY JODI MARLIN

In a world where inconvenient children — whether by virtue of undesirable genes, or the timing of their conception — are considered unworthy of life, the work of the Pope John Paul VI Institute presents a contrary opinion. In addition to supporting parents' decision to carry to term children identified as carriers of Down Syndrome, the institute, founded on the research and passion of French geneticist and physician Dr. Jerome Lejeune, exists to offer Catholically informed alternatives to medical practices that treat women's fertility as a disease, often risking that fertility.

The history of the institute and its inspiration, along with other pertinent topics for medical professionals of the Catholic faith, were heard by over a hundred participants at MedCon, a one-day conference organized by the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana. The conference was held in conjunction with the annual White Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades specifically on behalf of those who practice medicine. Both took place at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Providing the day's keynote address was Dr. Thomas Hilgers, founder and director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Neb., and developer of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Hilgers and the institute are renown for their work on reproductive and women's health issues, including the innovative fertility procedure known as Natural Procreative Technology.

Hilgers led his address by noting the impact Lejeune made on the practice of medicine. Lejeune is credited with discovery of the chromosomal abnormality that results in Down Syndrome, a breakthrough that the doctor who possessed a fondness and compassion for children affected by the abnormality, was proud of.

The world put his X chromosome test to a purpose abhorrent to the faithful Catholic, however. Since then, Hilgers said, "Down Syndrome children have been the target of search and destroy missions all over the world."

The Pope Paul VI Institute exists to counteract that practice and to engage in other life-affirming research. The Creighton Model Fertility Care System, a form of natural family planning, was developed by Hilgers and is gaining practitioners; Natural Procreative Technology, known as NaPro, is an institute-developed method of monitoring women's overall reproductive health and treating reproductive disorders. Both are approaches to fertility and women's health used by physicians worldwide, including within the Diocese of



Photos by Jodi Marlin

Dr. Thomas Hilgers, founder and director of the Pope John Paul II Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, delivers the personal, emotional history that led to the institute's establishment in 1985. On Sept. 24 in Fort Wayne, Hilgers headlined MedCon, a day of education for Catholic medical professionals that put faith-based care in the limelight.

Fort Wayne-South Bend. The medical professionals of the institute itself have directly treated patients in every state in the U.S. and on six continents.

"It showed that if you announce yourself as Catholic, and you're in the area of reproductive medicine, they will come. They will truly come," Hilgers told his fellow physicians in attendance.

Rounding out the instructional portion of the day were discussions led by Sister Mary Diana Dreger and Dr. Ashley Fernandes on "What is Conscience?"; by Fort Wayne OB/Gyn Dr. Chris Stroud and Hilgers on difficult issues in women's health; Fernandes and Dr. David Kaminkas about end-of-life and assisted suicide considerations; and other topics surrounding the intersection of faith and medicine.

Theresa Schortgen, a Creighton Model specialist working in the Fort Wayne area, appreciated the conference's patient-centric message.

"Sister Mary Diana's and Dr. Fernandes' talk oriented health care providers toward providing care that is just to the person — in this case, the women," she

said. "If and HCP gets off course, the recipient does not receive comprehensive care in line with their presenting needs."

The day's Eucharistic culmination included an observation by Bishop Rhoades that during this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis hoped to see a revival of the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy.

"For you who serve in the medical profession, there is a special link to various works of mercy. I think especially of the corporal work of visiting the sick. You visit the sick to tend to their illnesses and to help them heal. I think also of the spiritual work of comforting the afflicted. The comfort you provide your patients is an important element of their healing and of their overall wellbeing," he said.

In the day's Gospel reading, the parable of Lazarus follows the life both Lazarus and a rich man from this life into the next — a journey that lands the rich man in a starkly painted description of hell. Because hell is real, Bishop pointed out, the question of mercy, and how we use it here on earth, is a serious one.

"We must be careful. We do believe and affirm that the mercy



Brother Bonaventura Maria of the Franciscan Brothers Minor undergoes a friendly investigation by 6-month old Sophia Moran, while her mother, Katie Moran, listens to a presentation by Dr. Hilgers.

of God is infinite, but this should not lead to the sin of presumption, to thinking that because God is so loving and merciful, it doesn't matter what we do in this life, that somehow God will save us. This is the position of those who do not believe in hell," he said. "Some think of God's mercy as a right that we have. No, it is a gift. It is gratuitous. We can accept or reject it. We are rejecting it when we do not show love and mercy to our neighbor.

"We can think of it this way: mercy has three dimensions, not just one dimension, not just me; and not just two dimensions, me and God. Mercy always travels in three dimensions: God, me, and the other. We must be merciful to others if we hope to receive the gift of God's mercy."

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New chapel brings beauty, tradition to Bishop Dwenger High School



Photos by Joe Romie

After many months of planning, construction and preparations, the sanctuary of the new chapel is ready to be blessed, the altar dedicated and the first Mass celebrated on Sept. 20.



Principal Jason Schifli addresses the faithful during the first Mass and dedication of the chapel at Bishop Dwenger High School.



Jason Garrett, director of Campus Ministry for Bishop Dwenger High School, lights the sanctuary candle for the first time prior to the dedication.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, assisted by Bishop Dwenger chaplain Father Bob Garrow, places the altar stone and a relic of St. Jude into the new altar.

ALL SAINTS



Father Jacob Meyer incenses the walls and sanctuary of the new chapel at the start of the first Mass on Sept. 20.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses his homily to donors, supporters, staff and faculty assembled for the renovated chapel's first Mass.



Current students of Bishop Dwenger High School participated in the first Mass as cantor, choir, altar servers and offertory gift bearers.



Marsha Jordan, left, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Carl Loesch, secretary of Catholic Education, lay the altar cloth over the newly dedicated altar.

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the altar of sacrifice, and a relic of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is on display for veneration.

When students enter the chapel, they come face to face with the Stations of the Cross, which are originally from Sacred Heart Church in Branchdale, Pa. The altars, ambo and angel pedestals are from churches across Pennsylvania and Indiana. The chapel utilizes a missal stand from St. Mauritius in Ashland, Pa., and adoration angels from St. George in Shenandoah, among other items. The liturgical items were carefully chosen and repurposed from a warehouse that houses used liturgical items, which have now found a new home in the Queen of Saints Chapel.

At the dedication Mass, the chapel was packed to capacity. Throughout the ceremony, items for the chapel were installed in their proper place. The relic of St. Jude was laid in the altar, and the altar stone was



The new chapel as seen from the outside.

closed. The altar cloth was laid on the altar by Marsha Jordan, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Carl Loesch, secretary of Catholic education. Other items, such as the flowers, candles and crosses, were presented by Dwenger graduates, faculty and staff and supporters of the school.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted that the chapel was named in honor of the Blessed Mother and the patroness of the school. He also called attention to the

saints featured on the stained glass windows. "They are our great heroes, models for us of discipleship," he said.

He continued: "In many ways, they were very ordinary men and women. What made them extraordinary was that Christ was alive in their minds, hearts, and spirits. The Lord, in the power of His Holy Spirit, filled their lives and they opened themselves to His grace."

Jason Garrett, class of '88 and campus minister at Bishop Dwenger High School, said the response by students, faculty, staff and parents to the renovation was overwhelmingly positive. Many were already frequenting the chapel during the final stages of development. The ministry also saw a recent increase in participation with the sacrament of reconciliation and clubs sponsored by Campus Ministry.

He continued: "Through more access to the sacraments, Eucharistic Adoration and personal/communal prayer, all students and members of our school community will grow in their personal relationship with Christ. It is also our hope that they invoke Mary to intercede and assist them in their walk with Christ."

St. Matthew Cathedral School awarded technology grant



Photo by Patricia Varner

From left, Jo Ann Palmer, title director/librarian; Father Terry Fisher, pastor; and Sister Gianna Marie, principal; receive a \$15,000 technology grant from Jeff Gangloff, director, Views of Learning Inc.

St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend, was awarded this fall a \$15,000 grant from Views on Learning Inc. that will provide eight 65-inch Smart HD TVs, eight Apple TVs and associated mounts and hardware.

The acquisition offers the school an exciting new dynamic approach to classroom instruction by integrating television with technology to create more engaged learning environments. The pilot project will demonstrate the impact this type of technology has upon student learning, while

also providing informed data to help determine its expansion into all classrooms.

Views on Learning Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit educational philanthropic organization that holds FCC Educational Broadband Service licenses in 24 markets across the United States and is based in Mishawaka. It was established to provide Educational Broadband Service schools with distance education opportunities and wireless Internet access to improve student learning.

In addition, St. Matthew Cathedral School will also receive mobile hotspots to access the EBS wireless Internet spectrum, and it will be granted access to the Lifesize Cloud video conferencing system.

Views on Learning Inc. will award K-12 schools, public and private, \$250,000 in grants each school year for the purchase of technology that enhances student learning. For more information, visit the Views on Learning Inc. website at <http://www.viewsonlearning.org>.

'Sharing our faith'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

"My parents never met a stranger," Paul Krizman said. "They always had a place for you."

Andrew and Florence Krizman possessed generous hearts and a humble and demur manner, according to their son. The couple started a 401C3 charitable foundation after a successful career in manufacturing, of which Paul and his sister are now the stewards. Recently, the foundation donated a generous and thoughtful gift to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, through the Office of Development, to aid Catholic education — a value that was dear to their parents.

The Krizman family had eight children. Each was afforded a Catholic education that began at their parish of St. Jude, South Bend. They were parishioners for 53 years, and generous Catholics in both large and small ways.

Faithfulness was a priority for Andrew and Florence, who were second-generation immigrants from Sicily, with Austrian and Slavic roots. They lived through the Great Depression, knowing both how to save and recognizing the value of a strong, private, Catholic education. They noticed the spiritual, academic and social benefits that it offered and appreciated the discipline and family focus.

Endeared to the Church, the couple and their children worshipped at Mass every Sunday. Their philanthropic efforts began long ago, with the annual Bishop's Appeal, which initiated a pattern of giving back.

The foundation that the Krizman family created now

offers Catholic education to students who might not normally go to a Catholic school. Marian High School, St. Jude Church and school, Our Lady of Hungary School and the Blessed John Paul II Seminary Education fund have all been the beneficiaries of the endowment.

"What better way to perpetuate the faith than make sure you have good men in the faith?" asked Paul with a smile, noting the foundation's choice to include seminary education in its grants.

Mirroring the example left by their parents in giving, when making decisions regarding grants, the siblings focus on local needs to help educate well-rounded people in both academic and spiritual matters.

To others who might be considering such a gift or foundation, Paul offered: "You don't have to have huge amounts ... A small amount of funds can contribute back. My parents just wanted to leave something behind that promotes the faith and enhances our well-being."

In addition to their foundation, Andrew and Florence left a beautiful and faithful family who continue to do just that.

Harry Verhiley, former director of the Office of Stewardship and Development, recently expressed gratitude to the Krizman family for their amazing gift to support the work of the Church.

"The establishment of these endowments memorializes the Krizman name and makes possible works of Christ in perpetuity. Also, the generous contribution to the St. John Paul II Fund for Seminarian Education is a profound investment in our future priests."




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Education for Ministry: educating catechists for life

BY JENNIFER MILLER

In a profession focused on giving, it is rare that teachers and lay ecclesial ministers are offered the opportunity to freely receive. But the Education for Ministry Program, through the Office of Catechesis, provides just that. For the past 25 years, the Office of Catechesis has offered excellent, high-quality, free continuing education theology courses to teachers, directors of religious education, homeschooling parents, and anyone involved in active ministry looking to learning more about their faith.

Four years ago the program was revamped, becoming more accommodating to working ministers and religion teachers in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in terms of requirements and scheduling to complete the certification. Essentially a baseline of faith formation, the Education for Ministry Program was focused for Catholic school teachers and is still required for their full certification. Courses are offered on a rotating basis, twice through the year, in the basics of prayer, sacred Scripture, the sacraments, ecclesiology, the creed, catechesis and the moral life.

Marsha Jordan, superintendent of Catholic schools, explained: "By their witness and their behavior, teachers are of first importance to impart the distinctive character of Catholic



Photos by Jennifer Miller

Intro to the Creed is one of many courses offered in the Education for Ministry Program. Instructor Joe Miller explains the names of the Holy Spirit during the Intro to the Creed course.

schools. It is essential, therefore, to ensure their continuing catechetical formation. The Education for Ministry Program provides a means to ensure that teachers are well prepared with the requisite knowledge to hand on the faith to our children."

"I truly enjoyed the Education for Ministry Program," recalled Kelly Pant, director of religious education and youth minister at Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka. "It's a unique experience to gather together with your peers who are in classrooms or teaching religious education, learn new information and discuss different challenges in your own ministry." Pant completed the two-year certificate program this spring.

"We basically covered the

entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in the eight different classes. We pulled apart the Ten Commandments. We really dove into the senses of scripture, information which I could take back to my religious education class. We tried different types of prayer and learned the prayer type for our personality, which was enlightening. We also learned about the rubrics the Church has for the different sacraments and what each sacrament needs for it to be valid; this really helped in understanding the differences between the catechumens and candidates for RCIA."

"Many of the things we learned were things I was already teaching about, but it was on another level. I would definitely suggest for other catechists to take these classes to grow their own faith. The Office of Catechesis is very understanding and accommodating with

registering and payment; it was a joy to work with them and the catechists," Pant added.

Secretary for Education Carl Loesch described a similar experience.

"Perhaps the key impact on the diocese that I have seen is catechists and teachers who have a strong desire to share the faith either in their school classroom or in their religious education classroom are given the necessary background knowledge to share the fullness of the faith. Having the desire to catechize and evangelize others is great, but we all need to continue to grow in our understanding of the faith so that we can pass it on to others. I was personally blessed to participate in the creed course taught by Dr. John Cavadini. He is an outstanding teacher who seamlessly blended prayer, history, doctrine and art. Each class felt like a mini-retreat."

Instructors of the classes also report the same. "Sharing the Church's teaching on prayer with fellow teachers and catechists has brought me immense joy. Partaking in the experience with them has not only further opened my own heart and mind to God, but their profound faith, love for Our Lord and dedication to their students impacts the teaching in my own classroom at Saint Joseph High School," explained Jeanette McKew, who has taught with the program since 2015 and is a theology teacher at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend. "Together, we have the opportunity to share experiences of our own prayer

lives as well as ideas for teaching our students. This affects the way we minister to our students because it increases our ability to assist them as they journey toward a deeper relationship with God. Indeed, these beautiful men and women — these great teachers and catechists — are a gift to me."

Jennifer Carrier, another Education for Ministry instructor who is also a theology teacher at Saint Joseph High School, described her time teaching as "stimulating and inspirational."

"Instructing people who are committed to Catholic education in the diocese required me to consider my own faith more deeply, which reinforced my knowledge and, at the same time, allowed me to share the beauty of the Catholic faith and my practice of it with others involved in catechesis and evangelization at a variety of levels. I was inspired by the interest these searchers showed in discussing the teachings of the Church and by their witness to the faith in their lives inside of and outside of their respective classroom settings."

The potential exists for the content of the Education to Ministry Program to continue growing. A second level of certification for advanced theology, such as in-depth topics of liturgy or morality, may be added in the future.

To register for upcoming classes, contact the Office of Catechesis at 260-399-1411 or on-line at www.diocesefwsb.org/Education-for-Ministry-Program.

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St. Pius X Church blesses new bells

GRANGER — Ringing ten minutes prior to each Mass at St. Pius X Church, the existing “bells” that toll are actually an electronic recording soon to be replaced by four cast bronze bells, in the notes of G, A#, C and D#, visible from any direction and heard for miles around. On Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, the new bells were formally blessed after each Mass, prior to their final placement in the new bell tower.

“For centuries, church bells have played a prominent role in the history of countries, communities, and places of worship throughout the world. Historically, church bells have served as timekeepers, used to mark the hour for work, prayer, and community gatherings. In addition, church bells today often ring to commemorate occasions and events. The melodious sound of cast bronze church bells is timeless. Enclosed in prominent landmark towers and steeples, church bells are known and recognized, both by sight and sound, as local fixtures — representing the enduring quality of community.” said a representative of the Verdin Bell Company.

Following ancient tradition, St. Pius X leadership chose to inscribe each bell with a name that would provide parishioners a historical reference. Parishioners were allowed to cast a vote to name two of the bells.

The bells will be hoisted to their home in the prominent new bell tower located at the northeast corner of the new church in the next few weeks.

The scheduled dedication of the new church is March 25, 2017, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.



Bell 1 is 40 inches across, 1,350 pounds and is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The inscription for this bell reads “Our Lady of the Annunciation” on the front, and “Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae” — the Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary on the back.



Bell 2 is 34 inches in diameter, 778 pounds and is dedicated to St. Gabriel for the Angelus, as are many bell dedications. The second bell will follow this tradition and read “St. Gabriel the Archangel” on the front and “Ave Maria, gratia plena” — Hail Mary, full of grace — on the back.



Bell 3 is 31 inches in diameter, 653 pounds and is dedicated in honor of Pope Francis. With the bells being blessed and installed during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, this bell will also honor a saint of mercy, as chosen by St. Pius X parishioners. It reads “His Holiness, Pope Francis” on the front and “St. Teresa of Calcutta” on the back.



Bell 4 is 26 inches across, 407 pounds and will be dedicated to local Church leadership, inscribed with the name of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the time of dedication, and the name of a saint who is connected to our diocese, as chosen by parishioners. It reads “Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades” on the front and “Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC,” on the back. Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, was the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.



Msr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, stands in front of the new church being built. The bell tower is at right, ready for the placement of the four bells.

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The blessings and experience of new bishop orientation

For the past week, I have been sequestered at the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum in Rome, an institution about five miles west of St. Peter's Basilica. I'm here for the Formation for New Bishops program, more colloquially known as "Baby Bishop School." My colleagues are about 150 other bishops from around the world who have been appointed in the last 12 months.

The accommodations are fairly Spartan: my room reminds me of my quarters in the college seminary. The bed is about two and a half feet wide, and there is no air conditioning. The meals, however, are tasty, and the conversations even tastier. In the course of the week, I've interacted with bishops from France, Canada, Venezuela, Iceland, Australia, Ireland, England, Mexico, Ghana, Tanzania and Guatemala. And I've been compelled to use all my linguistic skills — which are only OK — moving from English to decent French to mediocre Spanish to terrible Italian.

The typical day begins with a combined Mass and morning prayer, beautifully sung by a choir of seminarians. The principal celebrant and preacher at the liturgy is a prominent archbishop or cardinal from the Roman Curia. We were graced by the presence of Cardinal Ouellet, head of the Congregation for Bishops; Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State; Archbishop Fisichella, head of the dicastery for the New

Evangelization; and Cardinal Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints, among others.

After breakfast, we gather in the auditorium for a formal presentation on some aspect of episcopal ministry. For example, Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard, the Archbishop of Bordeaux, gave a lively talk on the bishop as father, brother and friend to his priests; Monsignor Lucio Ruiz, from the Secretariat for Communications, offered his reflections on the new media in relation to evangelization; and Fr. Franco Imoda, former rector of the Gregorian University, shared his thoughts on the rapport between psychological development and spiritual commitment. There were also talks on administration, canon law and the reform of the Roman Curia under Pope Francis. I tried my best to follow the lecture in whatever language it was offered, but I usually got a bit tired and resorted to the simultaneous translation in English. (There was an indefatigable team of translators working around the clock in a special booth in the back of the auditorium).

After the formal talks, we would repair for a half-hour break and then move into what the Italians call *circoli minori* (small groups), arranged according to language. This gave me a chance to mingle with my fellow American bishops, men from Brooklyn; Dallas; Boston; Tulsa; Washington, D.C.; Metuchen; and Superior,



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Wisconsin — as well as bishops from India, Canada and Ireland. During these discussions, we applied the theory to our particular situations, and to be honest, had a lot of laughs too. After a little siesta — a lovely tradition that should be adopted immediately in the United States — we would pray evening prayer and then settle in for another talk and discussion. This would be followed by dinner and then, commencing at 9:15 p.m., a final session. It made for a long day.

On Wednesday, it was announced that the late evening session would involve short talks from representative bishops from every corner of the world. I confess that I thought, "Oh, those poor men who have to give a talk on such short notice" and that I had more or less resolved to skip that segment. Showing that God has a sense of humor, Cardinal Ouellet approached me at the 5 p.m. break and asked me to give the presentation on the Church in America! Well, it turned out to be a very stimulating event. Besides myself, seven other bishops spoke, and

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Listening at the keyholes:

How to love better and learn more

When two 20-somethings slung a wire across rooftops in Boston, they were hoping to hear each other's voices transmitted across that line. It worked and they did, but in the process, they also picked up a far more exotic sound: powerful radio waves emitted from the sun.

Alexander Graham Bell was 26 and working in a fifth-floor attic when he spoke those famous words into a mouthpiece: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you."

The message to his assistant was transmitted, Bell wrote in his journal: "To my delight he came and declared that he had heard and understood what I said."

Any charged wire becomes not only a transmitter, but an antenna. Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, an earnest 22-year-old he had plucked from a machine shop, spent hours listening to the strange chirps and whistles coming from their accidental antenna. Using the first telephone, it turned out, the young men were actually dialed into the sun. Watson correctly guessed that he was picking up activity on the surface of the sun through its radio waves.

Fifty years later, Bell hired an engineer to study those noises, ushering in a new age of space exploration — radio astronomy — and prodding astronomers to scale up their antennas, connect



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

them to loudspeakers and catch the radio waves made by stars and planets. New insights into the solar system were unlocked not through looking, but listening.

Space, they discovered, makes a hissing noise. Jupiter, when carried through short waves of radiation, sounds like pebbles thrown on a tin roof. The sun roars like the sea. And a pulsar, which is a pulsating radio star, beats like a drum: The faster the star spins, the faster the beat.

To hear these celestial structures is to know them in a new way, to render them "a little more tangible," said Honor Harger, a New Zealand sound artist who spoke about this field of study on a TED stage. "It's through listening that we've come to uncover some of the universe's most important secrets," she said.

Her words came through my iPhone last Friday, via a podcast, and resonated deeply with the lost art I have been pondering

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Serving God is an obligation, not a choice



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:5-10

The first reading for this weekend comes from the Book of Habakkuk. Little is known about this prophet. It is known that the author was regarded as a prophet.

Scholars believe that this book was written between 626 BC and 612 BC, when outside forces threatened the Assyrian empire; but it is clear that Habakkuk was composed after God's people already had suffered great problems from foreign invasions and brutal occu-

pations. The book laments these past terrible experiences.

This weekend's reading well conveys the sense of how awful the circumstances were through which the Hebrews had lived, and it also presents the anguish and even despondency of the people as they looked at the effects of all that they had endured.

Answering these cries of desperation and great anxiety, God, speaking through the prophet, reassures the people, telling them that relief and security will come. They will not wait forever or in vain. God is their savior.

For its second reading on this weekend, the Church gives us a passage from the Second Epistle to Timothy. This epistle, in a sense, is from a new generation of Christians, the first generation composed of the apostles and their converts.

Timothy, both the man and the epistle, are from this time. Timothy certainly was in touch with Paul. Indeed, Paul converted Timothy, and Paul mentored Timothy, but Timothy was not from the circle of followers that

literally walked with the Lord along the roads and byways of Galilee and along the streets of Capernaum and Jerusalem.

The reading refers to one of the most ancient of Christian liturgical gestures, namely the laying on of hands. Apostolic hands were laid on the head of Timothy, and Timothy became a bishop. Still today, this gesture is essentially and absolutely a part of the ceremonies in which bishops, priests and deacons are ordained.

The epistle urged Timothy to be strong and never to relent in preaching the Gospel. This was Timothy's vocation. This was the responsibility conferred upon him when hands were laid on him ordaining him a bishop.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. Some trees, such as the sycamore, had deep and extended root systems. Uprooting them from the soil would not have been easy, or even possible. Mustard seeds were very small. Consider how much larger would have been other seeds, pits of fruit and so on.

The culture at the time of Jesus did not regard the tasks undertaken by a servant, or a slave, as voluntary for the person performing the task. Rather, the task was a duty and an obligation. Also, slaves, or servants, were never invited to dine with a master. Dining together represented equality and the relationship of peers.

The message here is not that slaves, or servants, are inferior. The lesson here is that we are God's servants. He is supreme; we are not. Serving God is not our option. Rather, it is our duty. Slavery is long gone in our country, but we cannot allow our modern concepts of "achievement" or even employment to color our perception of this reading.

Reflection

The second and third readings confront us with a reality we perhaps forget. Serving God by obeying God's law is not open to our choice to conform or not. In fact, we have no choice.

God is the Creator. He is our

master. We are subjects. Timothy had to fulfill his obligation. The servants in the Gospel had to fulfill their obligations. We must fulfill our own obligations.

Despite all that we may possess, or all that we have accomplished, we are not almighty. We are not all-knowing. We need God, as Habakkuk tells us. Otherwise, peril awaits us. Always, God protects, strengthens and guides us.

READINGS

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9,
10c Lk 10:25-37
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13-15 Lk 10:38-42
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Lk 11:5-13
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Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7
Lk 11:27-28

Reducing your risk of breast cancer

The incidence of breast cancer has risen dramatically over the past 40 years and could be classified as a modern-day epidemic. It is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women and is the most common cancer diagnosed in women. In 1970 there were approximately 68,000 new cases of female breast cancer in the U.S. By 2014 there was a 242 percent increase to 232,600 new cases of breast cancer. From birth to death, breast cancer affects one in eight women in the USA. This article will discuss both modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors. There is little question that woman can significantly reduce their risk of breast cancer if they pay close attention to prevention. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and that has motivated me to present this article now.

There are certain risk factors that you cannot do anything about. If you are a white woman, your risk of breast cancer is higher than other ethnic groups. Believe it or not, tall women have an increased risk, and cancer researchers have no clue why. Having dense breast tissue, defined as dense tissue comprising greater than 75 percent of the breast by mammography, increases the risk of breast cancer by four to five times. Later menopause or earlier menarche is linked to a higher risk. A family history of breast cancer, especially in first-degree relatives significantly increases your probability. If you have one affected first-degree relative your risk goes up twofold. If you have two — mom and sister — your risk goes up threefold.

There are inherited genetic mutations that predispose to breast cancer that amount to about 5 percent of the total cases. Probably the most famous mutation is the BRCA1 that Angelina Jolie Pitt discovered she had when she did genetic testing. This gave her a reported 87 percent chance of developing breast cancer. She opted to have bilateral mastectomies to remove her risk. Nulliparous women —

females that have never given birth— have an estimated 1.5 times increased risk as compared to parous women. During the first full term pregnancy, breast lobules become mature and actually develop a resistance to cancer. By the second trimester, the breast contains approximately 70 percent cancer resistant lobules and only 30 percent cancer susceptible lobules (Breast Cancer Prevention Institute 2007). By full term, 85 percent of the breast consists of cancer resistant lobules. This is one of nature's ways of protecting women from breast cancer. This is the likely reason that multiple studies show the increased risk of breast cancer in those women who have had abortions.

In the Nurses' Health Study it was proven that women who became pregnant later in life had an increased risk of breast cancer compared to women who deliver their first child at a young age. "Women having their first child when aged under 18 years had only about one-third the breast cancer risk of those whose first birth is delayed until the age of 35 years or more" (MacMahon et al. 1970).

Let's move on to the more modifiable risk factors. Breastfeeding reduces your chances of breast cancer. In fact, the longer you breastfeed your children the less your risk. So you moms out there who continue to offer the health advantages of mother's milk to your 1, 2 or 3 year-olds are encouraged to do so by this doctor.

Obesity after menopause increases the risk of breast cancer. Physical activity lowers it. A recent review comparing inactive women to physically active women showed that breast cancer was reduced by 25 percent in those that exercise regularly. Smoking increases the risk of breast cancer, and this is true for most cancers as well. Breast exposure to radiation increases the risk of cancer. This is mostly true for women at age 45 or younger and especially true in the teenage years. Don't let your doctor do X-rays or especially CT

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DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

scans unless it is absolutely necessary at a young age.

Most of us would agree that working nights just can't be healthy. A risk factor that even surprised me was found in a 2012 nurse's study. Nurses who worked shifts after midnight had about twice the risk of breast cancer as day workers. This is believed to be related to light exposure and the suppression of nocturnal melatonin production by the pineal gland in the brain. (This may be exceeding even my pay grade!) Hormone replacement therapy has been strongly linked to increased breast cancer risk as well as uterine cancer risk, and its use has dramatically declined because of this finding. Oral contraceptives increase the risk of breast cancer, especially those that contain high-dose estrogen. The earlier and the longer you take them, the higher the risk.

There are also diets that appear to reduce the risk of breast cancer. The Mediterranean diet, characterized by an abundance of seafood, plant foods, olive oil and nuts, proved to lower the risk. Although somewhat inconclusive, reduction in fat intake and red meat were favorable in several studies.

If you are one of the few men who read the title and still read this article, let it be known that you are not immune to breast cancer. It is uncommon, but not rare, in men. I have personally seen several cases in the past decade. Whether you are a woman or a man, a lump in your breast tissue should be promptly evaluated.

Dr. David Kaminskas is a board certified cardiologist and member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

tens at keyholes. You must listen to everything God says at the keyhole of your heart."

I love the image of a curious child, snooping and sleuthing, pressing his ear to a keyhole in hopes of picking something up. That's how we should lean in and listen to God, eager to discern every whisper. That's how we should approach the world around us: observing and appreciating — neighbors, grandparents, colleagues, cashiers — and listening at all the keyholes.

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Gospel for October 2, 2016

Luke 17:5-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: lessons about growing in faith. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

APOSTLES	SAID TO	INCREASE
OUR FAITH	MUSTARD	SEED
TREE	PLANTED	IN THE SEA
OBEY YOU	SERVANT	SHEEP
IN THE FIELD	TABLE	PREPARE
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they told us about churches struggling against secularist ideology, churches growing by leaps and bounds, churches under dire persecution and churches struggling to be born. It was an extraordinarily vivid demonstration of the universality and catholicity of the Church born from the wounded side of Jesus and perduring across vast expanses of space and time. You know it theoretically, but it's wonderful when you can see it, and hear it and touch it.

I think it's fair to say that, for all of us, the highlight of the week was our audience with Pope Francis. We gathered in the beautiful but very warm Sala Clementina, and heard a substantial, 30-minute discourse from the Pope. His theme was simple and compelling: Remember how you were caught — "fished out" was his word — by the mercy of God and then share that mercy with everyone you meet. What really surprised and impressed me was the amount of time the pope spent with each bishop after the talk. Keep in mind that there were 157 of us and the man is almost 80 years old. But we all got a smile, a handshake and usually an encouraging word. When I came forward with my brothers from Los Angeles, who were ordained with me a year ago, he grinned and greeted us as "triplets." He then showed that

he was well aware of my work in media and preaching. It was a deeply moving and unforgettable encounter with the successor of Peter.

By way of conclusion, I'll share a liturgical moment that has stayed with me. The seminarian choir here would sing songs for Mass from a variety of cultures and in an array of languages. On Thursday morning, for the post-communion meditation, they broke into "Here I Am, Lord." Now I've heard "Here I Am, Lord" about ten thousand times, and if I were planning a liturgy in the United States, I would probably steer clear of it; but as the voices of the bishops took up the tune, and the whole place was filled with the words and music, I admit I was deeply moved. All I could think of were the innumerable times I sang that song in college, in the seminary, in all of my different parish and teaching assignments — and I realized that I had "heard him calling in the night," and that I had managed, often despite myself, to say, "Here I am, Lord," and that following the mysterious voice had led me to this room, surrounded by bishops from all across the world, who had heard and followed the same voice.

That moment alone made baby bishop school worth it.

Bishop Robert Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

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this autumn: listening. This is a season that calls us to quiet, to hear the crinkling of leaves and the clapping of wind whipping through cornfields.

The Holy Father has charged us to be a "listening church." But the noisy Information Age makes it hard to listen well, and my generation may suffer the most. We consume sound bites and Snapchats, headlines and thumbnails. We are stuffed so full that we forget how to be empty and attuned: to listen to each other,

to the Mass, to ourselves and to God.

How embarrassing to think of the many times I missed out on really hearing others because I talked over them, or missed the question they were begging to be asked; because I made it about myself or reinforcing something comfortable, rather than challenging myself to go somewhere new.

When we set down our phones and set aside our agendas, we can listen in a transformative way: We can love better and learn more.

"When it's God who is speaking," St. John Vianney once said, "the proper way to behave is to imitate someone who has an irresistible curiosity and who lis-

Sports

DIRECTOR OF VARSITY CATHOLIC INVITED TO THE VATICAN FOR GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND SPORT Thomas Wurtz, founder and director of Varsity Catholic, is one of 150 delegates invited to the Sport at the Service of Humanity, the first global conference on faith and sport in Rome at the Vatican Oct. 5 – 7. The conference, hosted by the Pontifical Council for Culture, will convene global leaders and influencers from the world of faith, sport, business and other relevant organizations to discuss the inter-connectedness of faith and sport and to explore the scope and limit of the combination.

Saints run into brick wall of Blazers

BY JOE KOZINSKI

Two teams stepped onto Bob Otolski Field Sunday, Sept. 25, in search of an Inter-City Catholic League victory and a leg up heading into the final weeks of the 2016 season.

The Mishawaka Catholic Saints had come off of a tough loss and needed to find some success against their opponents. The Blazers of St. Matthew were looking to take an unblemished record into the grinder that remained on their schedule.

The Saints opened the game off with a nice mix of runs by back Zack Bryan and a pass from Quentin Nellist to Bryan, all stopped by Blazer Linebacker Isau Gonzalez.

The fourth play of the drive would be disastrous, as Blazer Bryce Martens stripped the ball carrier and with one motion and darted 55 yards untouched for



Blazer Isau Gonzalez turns the corner on Quentin Nellist on his way to the endzone.

Photo by Ray Derucki

a touchdown making the score 6-0.

The Saints offense again peppered the field with runs and by Bryan and Xander Marien and a nifty screen pass, chewing up yardage and controlling the game, but a costly penalty and a Gonzalez tackle for a loss quickly took the wind out of their sails.

The Blazers would finally get their first offensive possession with a minute in the second quarter and could muster a mere nine yards on four downs as the Saint defense was up to the challenge stopping the potent offense.

Then the Gonzalez show took full form as the player recorded his eighth and ninth tackle of the day, both for losses. Then after a Saint punt, on the first play from scrimmage he dashed 59 yards to the end zone making the margin 12-0, Blazers.

The Saints tried to muster a

charge but were driven back and turned the ball over on downs leaving just 57.09 seconds between them and intermission.

The Blazers had 37 yards between them and a score with the clock ticking. They made the most of their opportunity when running back Joey Barkowski raced down the sideline with the aid of a huge block from Gonzalez for a 29-yard touchdown jaunt. Martens followed his offensive line for the point after attempt pushing the lead to 19 as the horn sounded.

The Black clad Blazers would start the second half off as they ended the first highlighted by a Gonzalez 46-yard romp courtesy of a straight arm for a touchdown. Blazer Caleb Lusanga plunged into the end zone for another point after.

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Central Catholic Irish vs. St. Charles Cardinals

BY RON BUSCH

Central Catholic showed signs of improvement, but was unable to post a score against the St. Charles defense in another show of the Cardinals domination during the Sunday, Sept. 18 12:30 p.m. gridiron match-up.

The St. Charles Cardinals wasted no time getting things underway. Henry O'Keefe took the initial kickoff all the way to the Irish 8-yard line. Then Brenden Lytle found Sam Pesa on a short touchdown pass, giving St. Charles an early 6-0 lead. Quinn Gillig kicked the point after (worth two points in CYO) and the score was quickly 8-0.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Irish started at their own 35-yard line. The Cardinals' defense held Central Catholic to 4 downs and out. This gave St. Charles the ball. During this possession the Cardinals connected on a 50-yard pass play from QB Lytle to Sam Pesa (once again). Gillig added the 2-point kick, and the Irish were down 16-0. After a nice Cardinals kickoff, the Irish found themselves starting deep in their own territory at the 14-yard line.

The St. Charles defense held again, and the Irish were forced into a short kick. St. Charles started at the Central Catholic 23. During this possession, Brenden

Lytle found a new touchdown receiver in Michael Finley. Once again, Quinn Gillig added the extra points kick, and the score climbed to 24-0. At this point, being down 24 points, it would be easy for a team to get down. The first quarter ended with C.C. down on the scoreboard, but not out of the game.

Central Catholic put together a good drive proving they were not ready to concede defeat. Starting with the ball in good field position at their own 45-yard line, they sprang into action. This possession included a nice 10-yard pass play for a first down, a 14-yard first down run by Louie Tippmann down to the Cardinals' 18-yard line. This was followed by good ground gains of 3 and 4 yards. QB Brandon Douge kept the ball and rambled for another first down. After this strong offensive showing, it appeared that the Central Catholic Irish were about to put their own points on the board. St. Charles had other ideas. An errant pass was intercepted at the goal line by Brenden Lytle. Lytle followed a convoy of blockers down the sideline for a jaw-dropping pick-6 down the entire length of the field (100 yards) and into the end zone. Central Catholic's impressive drive was suddenly extinguished. Quinn Gillig (who proved to be Mr. Automatic on the day) booted



Joe Romie

St. Charles tight end Sam Pesa runs for a touchdown after catching a long pass in the first quarter. The passing attack would prove key to the Cardinal's 40-0 victory over the CC Irish.

the extra points. St. Charles, 32, Central Catholic, 0.

St. Charles threatened one more time but a nice interception in the Irish end zone by Central Catholic's Eli Gernhardt brought the first half to a close.

Under a running clock in the second half St. Charles was limited to one score. That came on a pass play to the Cardinals' Michael Finley, who caught his second touchdown pass of the day. The PA attempt was good,

and 40-0 held as the final score. It should be noted that Quinn Gillig was five for five on his points after touchdown kicks. That accounted for 10 of his team's 40 points. That is an impressive statistic in CYO play and is a valuable weapon for the St. Charles offense. Another impressive performance came from Cardinals' QB Brenden Lytle. Lytle passed for five completions in seven attempts for 189 yards, including four touchdown passes. Add to that his defensive interception pick-6 in the second quarter, and it was quite a day for Lytle on both sides of the ball.

St. Charles' next opponent will be the 2-0 St. Vincent Panthers, whose defense has allowed only 6 points thus far in two games in the 2016 campaign. Meanwhile, Central Catholic plays in the 12:30 p.m. Game of the Week vs. the CYO Knights.

Second game 2 p.m. action on Sept. 18 featured the CYO Knights against St. Vincent. St. Vincent rolled to a 42-6 victory. 36 of the game's 40 points came in the first half. Two running play scores and one passing score by the Panthers gave them a 30-6 halftime lead. Two additional scores in the second half by St. Vincent proved too much for the Knights. Look for two good match-up games next week.

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ball over on downs it took the Blazers just one play, a 36-yard streak by Bernard Coutee to score another touchdown making the margin 33-0 with 1:14 left in the third quarter.

The Saints then went on a march using the talents of Blake Oberg, Anthony Marchetti, Dylan Welty, Michael Murphy and Marien to put together a 14-play drive that unfortunately ended in the redzone as time expired.

"We expect that Tony Violi's teams will play hard for four quarters and the last drive they had showed their resolve," quipped Blazer coach Ben Domonkos. "Even with the outstanding performance of Isau Gonzalez, this was a team win, our scout team pushes our starters every day at practice and it has shown in their performance."

"We need to strive for more consistency in all that we do," replied Violi. "I was some good things from our kids today, but we need the trickle-down effect to happen; from our coaches doing a better job, to our eighth graders working hard and together, then showing the seventh graders leadership."

In other action, Gavin Stefanek and Asante Anglin scored two touchdowns a piece as the Crusaders of Holy Cross upended Osceola Grace in an exhibition matchup.

The Panthers of St. Anthony remained undefeated as they disposed of the Cardinals of Westside Catholic 46-0. Touchdowns were scored by a company of Panthers; Collin Suth, Luke Thomas, Brandon Prokop, Ethan Fullenkamp, Walter Wesson, McLaine Pierson and Ethan Benifiel.

For a complete list of schedules and highlights, visit www.icclsports.org.

USF honors St. Francis with prayer, service

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will celebrate its patron, St. Francis of Assisi, with prayer and service during the month of October.

The Blessing of Pets will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in front of Brookside (formerly known as the Bass mansion) near the St. Francis statue. Pets of all shapes, sizes and species are welcome, as are their owners.

On Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. the Transitus, a traditional Franciscan prayer service commemorating St. Francis' passing into heaven, will be held in St. Francis Chapel at the west end of Trinity Hall. Readings, hymns and ritual will enable participants to re-live the night of Francis' passage through death to eternal life. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

St. Francis' "birth into heaven" will be commemorated at a Mass celebrated in St. Francis Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. University chaplain Father David Meinzen will officiate.

People of all faiths and persuasions — especially alumni, employees and students — are invited to join in this celebration of St. Francis' life in word, song and sacrament.

USF will join other Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities institutions across the United States by participating in a service initiative during the month of October. Supporting a long-term partnership with Fort Wayne's Community Harvest Food Bank, the USF community will launch a two-week food drive in collaboration with other local universities, pitting school against school to see which can collect the most food for the bank. USF's Helping Hands Food Distribution will begin Saturday, Oct. 15 at Community Harvest locations at 1010 N. Coliseum Boulevard and 999 E. Tillman Road. Other AFCU schools will hold their own days of service during the AFCU-inspired initiative.

The concurrent service projects demonstrate the dedication

of AFCU-member institutions to their Franciscan heritage. For USF, it also underscores the university's national recognition for community service. About 150 students will serve at the event, which will benefit approximately 200 Community Harvest clients in need of basic sustenance support. The 450 service hours that day will combine with those generated by monthly service projects in which students participate throughout the academic year.

Established in 1997, the AFCU includes 24 member colleges and universities serving more than 50,000 students. The organization seeks to nurture collaboration among academic institutions committed to the Catholic and Franciscan spiritual and intellectual traditions and to promote scholarship and curricula that, in keeping with the vocations of saints Francis and Clare, address the needs of the poor, attend to the environment and promote peace.

Mass celebrates Little League champions' 'talent, joy, sportsmanship'

ENDWELL, N.Y. (CNS) — When this year's Little League World Series champs returned home, dozens of law enforcement, fire and emergency vehicles with lights flashing and sirens blaring led them through the welcoming crowd in Endwell.

Vehicles with family members were just ahead of the bus carrying the Maine-Endwell Little League players the day after they emerged victorious in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Mid-Atlantic Region champions beat the Asia-Pacific Region champions 2-1.

Thousands came out to greet them that day, Aug. 29, including Father Clarence F. Rumble of the Church of the Holy Family in Endwell, pastor to most of the team and coaches.

In the days following their triumphant return, the team appeared with the New York Mets and New York Yankees, as well as the Binghamton Mets.

But their welcome to Mass celebrated by Father Rumble at Holy Family Sept. 11, the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S., was different. Six of the 11 players and all

of the coaches are parishioners.

As Mass started, Father Rumble mentioned the day — 15 years since the "darkest of days in history" — which he noted happened before the team members were born.

"Be thankful for your God-given talents, which you have developed and strengthened with perseverance and hard work," said Father Rumble. "Your talent, your joy, your compassion and your sportsmanship are just a few of the reasons this parish community is very proud of you."

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Gospel of Divine Mercy Series planned
FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will offer the Gospel of Divine Mercy Series on DVD, featuring two talks by Dr. Scott Hahn; two talks by Dr. John Bergsma; and two talks by Dr. Michael Barber. One talk per week will be shown for six consecutive Sundays beginning Oct. 16, from 2:30-4 p.m., with discussion following in the Cathedral Center Hall. There is no cost and no registration is necessary. For information contact Cate Forbing at 260-402-7740.

Concert in memory of Msgr. Suelzer
FORT WAYNE — Mark Paoce, director of music and organist at the recently formed parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in New York City, will offer a concert on Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, 4916 Trier Rd. The concert is presented in memory of Msgr. John Suelzer who passed away in August. There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow the concert.

Oktoberfest planned
PIERCETON — St. Francis Xavier, 408 W Catholic St., will host Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 8. A German/English Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., followed by old-fashioned German Food, an eight-piece Polka band, dancing and games. Bring a German side dish or dessert for the food contest. Tickets \$10 for adults or \$25 for families.

Rosary walk announced
ROME CITY — Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center will unveil the walking rosary path on Holy Family Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Parking available at Sylvan Cellars.

Fish fry planned
FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an AYCE fish and chicken fry by Dan's of Huntington at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd, on Friday, Oct. 7, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$4 for children 6-10 and free for children 5 and under. Handicap accessible and carry-outs available. All proceeds benefit the new church building fund.

John Michael Talbot to visit parish
SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Church, 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd., will offer two evenings of Healing and Hope through Spoken Word and Sacred Song with John Michael Talbot, Oct. 11 and 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. For information call 574-282-2308.

Trivia night planned
FORT WAYNE — Queen of Angels Parish will host a Trivia Night on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$100 per table. Babysitting will be available. Participants should bring food for the table; beverages will be available. For more information contact Denny Jamison at 260-418-1139 or djamison@frontier.com.

ND tailgate party to benefit school
FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, parish will host a 21-and-over, co-ed, Notre Dame football tailgate from 6-midnight in the activities center with a corn hole tourney, chili cook-off, casino games and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 presale/\$15 at the door and include food, cook-off samples and two drink tickets. Carry-in food welcome and beer and wine sold on-site. Watch ND vs. Stanford and also OSU vs. Wisconsin at 8 p.m. All proceeds go to the school tuition assistance fund. Contact Ed, 260-447-6248; Andy, 260-450-6370; or Aaron, 260-450-9609.

Art auction and fundraiser for St. Henry
FORT WAYNE — St. Henry Church will have an art auction fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 22. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres from 6-7 p.m., followed by a Mary Hilger art production. Door prizes and silent auction will be offered. Admission is \$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door. Early birds buying tickets before Oct. 12 receive five raffle tickets at the door for an exclusive drawing. Call 260-447-4100 or 260-704-6637 or visit www.sthenryfw.org for more information.

Lasagna Dinner planned
MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace Parish will have a lasagna dinner Friday, Sept. 30, from 5-7 p.m. in the gymnasium, 4508 Vistula Rd. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4

for children 4-12. Tickets available in advance from any choir member, or at the door. All proceeds benefit music ministries at Queen of Peace. Adult carry-outs available.

St. Bernard plans annual ball and auction
WABASH — The annual St. Bernard Ball and Auction will be Saturday, Oct. 8, in Wabash. Tickets are currently on sale for the cash raffle with prizes of \$3500, \$1000, and a \$500 early bird prize if tickets purchased before Sept. 18. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Only 850 tickets will be sold. Need not be present to win. Call 260-563-5746 to purchase tickets or for additional information.

Class reunion planned
FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers High School Class of 1966 will hold a 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Parkview Field 400 Club. Cost is \$55 per person and includes a dinner buffet, beverages and desserts. A cash bar will be available. Gather for Mass at 5 p.m. at the MacDougal Chapel, followed by the reunion from 6-11 p.m. Parking is free. For more information contact Ron Choka at 260-432-4365.

All-night prayers for life
DECATUR — St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will have all night adoration on Fridays Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4., for the Unified Prayer for Life (formerly 40 days for life). Adoration will be held from 8 p.m. on Friday until 8 a.m. in the Sister Margaret Rose room in the parish hall.

Get more out of Mass
ROANOKE — Do you ever wish you could get more out of the Mass? Plan on attending each Wednesday evening in October at St. Joseph Parish where Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick will be reviewing the Mass beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your Bible. For information contact Valerie Frantz at 260-672-2838.

Poverty simulation planned
HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center, 1900 West Park Dr., will be hosting a Poverty Simulation on Monday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. The simulation experience will help participants better understand what it's like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive month to month, the

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decisions they have to make, and the fears and frustrations they feel. This event is free. To register, call 260-358-4826.

Franciscan Fest planned
FORT WAYNE — St. Andrew Church, 2610 New Haven Ave, will host Franciscan Fest Sunday, Oct. 2, from 5-7 p.m. Admission of \$3 will include food and complimentary Chinese Auction ticket. Children under 5 are free. Food, crafts, games, music, raffles and more.

Meet the Marshall County candidates at The Center at Donaldson
DONALDSON — The Center at Donaldson, 9601 Union Rd., is hosting a Meet the Marshall County Candidates event, Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. EDT in Cana Hall. Meet candidates and learn their thoughts on issues. Refreshments will be served.

Safe Harbor retreat for widows planned
FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul's widow's grief support group, Safe Harbor, will host a widows' retreat on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. until noon. Kay Cozad, certified grief educator, will present "Surviving the Wilderness of Grief." Mass at 8 a.m. in the church will be followed with continental breakfast in the Msgr. Kuzmich Life Center. Reservations required to Judy at 260-489-4875. Free will donations accepted. St. Vincent's is located at 1502 E. Wallen Rd.

Book signing offered
FORT WAYNE — A book sale and signing of "The Prodigal Son" by author, Father Tyrell Alles, OSB, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cathedral Books and Gifts in the Archbishop Noll Center. Rise and Roll bakery will cater pastries and refreshment.



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Mission Days

Bishop Rhoades, Woo offer hope through mercy to Catholic teachers



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Carolyn Y. Woo, director of Catholic Relief Services, was the keynote speaker at two in-service days that Catholic school teachers in the diocese attended. Both CRS and Catholic teachers have a role to play in the demonstration of mercy, she told her audience.

BY JENNIFER MILLER

"You have a noble and holy vocation to form our children and young people in the way of Jesus, the way of the Gospel. Essential is your witness to the merciful love of Jesus, mediating that love to your students," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades reminded Catholic schoolteachers across the diocese on Thursday, Sept. 22, and Friday, Sept. 23.

Bishop Rhoades was the celebrant of the opening Masses of two Catholic School Mission Days, one held at Marian High School in Mishawaka and the other at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne. The in-service days were inspiring opportunities to step back from the classroom, refuel and refocus one's vision. Organized and presented by the Office of Catechesis annually, this year the focus was on "Mercy and Mission," a theme that was developed through the lens of Catholic Relief Services. The keynote speaker after Mass was Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, president and CEO of CRS and mother to two South Bend Catholic school graduates.

During Bishop Rhoades' homily, he focused on the "central truth of our faith" — mercy — during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and gave examples of what mercy looks like in action. He connected God's mercy and love on the cross with the vocation of teaching, combining quotes from Pope Francis and

St. John Paul II with theology and personal experiences from his recent pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland, the Shrine of Divine Mercy and the extermination camp at Auschwitz. He reiterated the point that "mercy needs to be lived," and offered suggestions of how this is possible. First, one contemplates God's mercy; and then secondly, one imitates God's mercy in order to be "merciful like the Father."

Bishop Rhoades recalled how in each Catholic classroom hangs a crucifix, the most radical sign of God's love. "We see mercy, love, perfect love, when we see the cross." St. John Paul II explained, "The second name for love is mercy."

"Catholic schools should be places of discovery of subjects — the greatest that Christ loves us and gave himself for us," he added. "This is the heart of Catholic education. Jesus loves them (the students) personally and gave himself for each one."

Bishop Rhoades also addressed the realities of the American culture and recent suppressions of religious freedom

by boldly encouraging teachers. "We teach with out hesitation or equivocation of the Faith. I pray we will live the wisdom we teach." As Bishop, one of his roles is to teach, and this was an important comment of solidarity with the Catholic School teachers. The reminder that "we

teach truth and wisdom that they will not learn in society, the truth and wisdom of the cross ... there, Jesus shows us who God is and God's true nature."

At the end of Mass, Secretary for Catholic Education Carl

Loesch and Superintendent Marsha Jordan both spoke. Loesch thanked Jordan for her tireless work on the recent diocesan-wide school accreditation, then presented Education for Ministry Certificates to the teachers who completed the full, two-year program.

Next, Jordan congratulated the retirees from the previous June and presented the teachers who have served for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. At 30 years of service, she noted, "There is 120 years of service there!" pointing to four teachers. The last award, of 40 years of service, was given to three gentlemen: Charles Dance of St. Matthew Grade School, Robert Van Goey of Marian High School and Joe Wisniewski of St. Joseph High School.

After a breakfast break, Woo offered an insightful keynote address. The reflections offered by Bishop Rhoades and Dr. Woo complemented each other, and offered the teachers both hope and guidance for the coming year.

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Through a truly Catholic lens, she remarked both about the work of mercy and mission via the topics of CRS internationally and Catholic education. The latter was both of her own excellent Catholic education in Hong Kong by the Maryknoll Sisters, and that of her sons, locally, at St. Anthony Grade School and Marian High School.

She began her keynote address with a simple sentence. "I was just at the UN last week..." after which she proceeded to precisely and clearly describe the current refugee situation in our world. "Sixty-five million refugees are displaced in the world today, half of them are under 18 years of age." On an incredibly positive and forward-thinking note, Woo explained of these children, "We have the

opportunity to create the largest generation of peacemakers. Some 30 million people who will not want war. It is up to this generation of adults what kind of welcome we give them."

Woo's positive and critically analytical thoughts were presented in a pastoral, as well as motherly tone. She spoke of huge, global issues with appropriate concern, but not fear. She offered not despair, but hope. "These are joint problems, an opportunity to bring people together," she suggested. "The work of peace is critical."

CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, currently serves in 107 countries. It runs an operating budget of over \$900 million, with the majority of funds going to the people in need.

"Out of every dollar given to CRS, only 6 to 8 cents is used for administrative support services. 94 to 92 cents of \$1 goes directly to the 'field'." She explained that "Five dollars feeds one family of five for one week!" The rice bowl offering, often donated during Lent, makes an impact.

Woo remembered how, during her own education, she was asked to wash the dirty, smelly feet of injured people who lived on the junks or boats, and how it is important that young people are a part of God's work here on earth. "They (the nuns) involved us in their ministries. ... We felt so empowered. God became real to us."

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