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Catholic Cemetery Association announces plans for funeral home



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FORT WAYNE — Following approval at a board meeting of Catholic Cemetery Association Inc. this week, plans were announced for the building of the new Divine Mercy Funeral Home. The 14,000-square-foot facility will be located on the property of Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and will house two visitation rooms, each with a personal family room; a crematorium and embalming facility; and the offices of Catholic Cemetery.

The leadership of Catholic Cemetery hopes that the establishment of a Catholic funeral home will enable them to serve those grieving with a pastoral

approach, always maintaining the dignity of each person. "Divine Mercy Funeral Home will complete Catholic Cemetery's mission in burying the dead and better allow us guide and comfort, in Catholic tradition, those who have lost someone they love," stated Casey Miller, Catholic Cemetery superintendent. "This funeral home is a natural extension of the pastoral care that Catholic Cemetery has offered since 1873."

An official groundbreaking ceremony is expected to take place in late February or early March, weather-depending.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese

of Fort Wayne-South Bend, commented on the momentous announcement: "I see the establishment of a Catholic funeral home by our Catholic Cemetery Association as a natural extension of its spiritual and pastoral mission to care for those who mourn the death of their loved ones, as well as to provide for the liturgical rites of the Church for those who have died. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have focused on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which include praying for and burying the dead and comforting those who mourn."

He continued: "The new funer-

al home will be named 'Divine Mercy Funeral Home,' thus focusing on the merciful love of God, fully revealed in His Son, Jesus. The focus on Divine Mercy will bring consolation to those who are grieving as we entrust the souls of the faithful departed to the mercy of God. I am hopeful that this new ministry of the Catholic Cemetery Association will bear much good fruit in serving the Church's mission of mercy."

Bishop Rhoades will celebrate the feast of All Souls with a Mass at Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at noon. All are welcome to attend.

White Mass honors medical professionals

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Medical professionals in the Michiana area gathered on the feast of St. Luke, Oct. 18, to participate in a White Mass celebrated at St. Pius X Parish by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades stated that the Mass was appropriately celebrated on St. Luke's feast day, since he is the patron of physicians.

"We know from Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians that Luke was a physician. Paul refers to Luke as 'the beloved physician,'" the bishop explained. "His medical background and education is seen in his choice of medical language in his writings."

He went on to make the connection between Luke's roles as writer and physician, and Christ's role as healer.

"Of course, Luke emphasizes that the physical healings accomplished by Jesus all point to the healing of the soul, Christ healing us from the disease

of sin, from the devil, and from death," he said. It is God's mercy that heals us, that frees us from the corruption of sin and death."

Acknowledging a physician's role in healing, Bishop Rhoades emphasized that, like Christ's work, a physician's career is not simply limited to physical healing.

"Your profession is more than ordinary work. You are called to be instruments of God's healing love." He went on to describe how doctors are often called to alleviate loneliness and worry.

"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 wellbeing," he said.

At the end of Mass, the bishop acknowledged Al Gutierrez for his years of service as president and CEO of Saint Joseph Health System, and he

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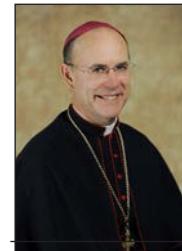
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The upcoming election



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

This election season has certainly been disappointing for many of us, especially for faithful Catholics who hold a high view of public life as a service to the common good. We expect politicians to reflect our best aspirations as citizens. The presidential campaign, in particular, demonstrates that a new politics is needed in America, one that practices civility and that addresses fundamental issues so important for the flourishing of society, based on the fundamental principles of human life and dignity, justice, and peace.

I have given several speeches the past few months on political responsibility and voting. You may wish to read the speech I gave this past week at the University of Saint Francis, previously given at Saint Jude Parish in Fort Wayne and broadcast on Redeemer Radio. This speech developed points from other similar talks that I had given on both sides of the diocese. The speech is posted on our diocesan website. Even better, I recommend, if you have not already done so, to read the latest revision of the document of the U.S. Bishops: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," a document which I use and reflect upon in my talks.

In making our political choices, including voting in the upcoming election, it is imperative that we morally discern our choices with well-formed consciences. Our consciences should be formed in accord with the truths of our faith and the moral teachings of the Church. We then must prudently decide which candidates to vote for, making a judgment on whom we think would best serve the common good of our community, nation, and world.

The Catechism defines the common good as "the sum of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily" (#1906). The common good concerns the life of all. Of course, one cannot speak of serving the common good if one doesn't protect the most fundamental good — the right to life, the right that makes all other rights possible.

The fundamental and core principle of Catholic moral and social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of the human person. The common good, properly understood, presupposes this principle. Besides the right to life, the common good also includes concern for other rights connected to human life and dignity, including food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. For the sake of the common good, the rights of the family must be fostered and protected. Also, the common good is threatened and harmed when the right to religious freedom is not upheld. The right to live our faith and values must be respected and not undermined by the government. Religious liberty is part of human dignity and a basic human right.

Saint John Paul II spoke a great deal about the principle of solidarity, an obligation of our faith that is necessary for the common good. How little we have heard about this important principle in the political campaigns this year! Pope John Paul wrote: "Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes



of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all" (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* 38).

Solidarity has to do with the good of our neighbor. It includes concern not only for our fellow Americans, but for all people. It especially includes care for our vulnerable brothers and sisters: those at the beginning and end of life, the unborn and the elderly; the poor; refugees and immigrants; the oppressed and the persecuted. Solidarity is both a principle and a virtue. Only when there is solidarity is there true peace. In the words of the great John Paul: "peace is the fruit of solidarity."

I encourage all to exercise good moral discernment and the virtue of prudence when voting for various political offices on the national, state, and local levels. I encourage all to exercise their right to vote. Voting is not only a right; it is also a serious responsibility.

Some want me or our priests to endorse or oppose particular candidates or political parties. This is not our role. Our role is to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching, to help Catholics to form their consciences correctly. It is the role of lay people, not the clergy, to run for public office, to be involved in political parties, etc.

As Catholics, we all have an obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society. We must bring to the public square what our faith teaches about human dignity, the sacredness of human life, the truth about marriage and the family, the dignity of work, economic justice, care for the environment, etc. These are not optional topics of our faith. We contribute to the wellbeing of our society and culture when we bring our moral convictions to the public square. The Catholic Church brings a consistent moral framework for assessing issues, political platforms, and campaigns. In this increasingly secularist culture, there are those who wish to silence our voice in the public square. Our faith requires us not to remain silent.

In the revised introduction to the bishops' document on faithful citizenship, we discuss some particular issues that we are deeply concerned about, issues that should be considered when we consider candidates for various offices:

+ The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion.

- + Physician-assisted suicide.
- + The redefinition of marriage — the vital cell of society — by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself.
- + The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor.
- + The deadly attacks on our fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world.
- + The narrowing definition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve.
- + Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home or abroad.
- + A broken immigration system in our country and a worldwide refugee crisis.
- + Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

In preparing to vote, we should consider all the above issues (and others) as we evaluate the candidates up for election to various offices on the federal, state, and local levels. At the same time, we recognize that not all issues are morally equivalent nor carry the same weight. This matter is treated in more detail in "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" and in my recent speeches. The bishops warn against two extremes: making all issues morally equivalent and dismissing or ignoring important issues.

Some elected offices have more responsibilities than others regarding certain issues, something to be taken into consideration in our prudential judgments. It is also important to look at the character of the candidates up for election.

In sum, I encourage you to vote and to think deeply and clearly before you vote. Study the issues and the candidates in light of Church teaching. Be sure that your conscience is well-formed. Exercise prudence in your choices. Don't put being Democrat or Republican ahead of your identity as a Catholic, as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us not forget the power and necessity of prayer. Let us pray for our nation and all those who will be elected to public office. May the Holy Spirit inspire all to serve the common good!

Visit www.usccb.org for the document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" and www.diocesefwsb.org for the talk on political responsibility by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Gloves come off at 71st annual Al Smith Dinner in New York

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — When Donald J. Trump stepped over yet another invisible line of the contentious presidential race Oct. 20, many of the 1,500 people at 71st annual dinner of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation broke historic precedent to boo him.

Candidates Trump and Hillary Clinton flanked the host, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, on the five-tiered dais of the Grand Ballroom at the heavily secured Waldorf Astoria hotel for the charitable gala.

The event has been a traditional opportunity for speakers to poke good-natured fun at themselves, one another, and prominent guests from the worlds of politics, business and philanthropy without inflicting wounds.

In 1928, Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York who was raised in poverty, was the first Catholic nominated by a major political party to run for president of the United States.

Despite an introductory warning delivered as a humor-coated reminder of the evening's ground rules by emcee Alfred E. Smith IV, chairman of the dinner, Trump veered from the safety of chuckle-inducing barbs and zings. He said she is "so corrupt" she was kicked off the Watergate commission. The room erupted in a crescendo of boos and shoutouts, as he lobbed one accusation after another that his opponent is deceptive and a Catholic-hater. "She is here tonight ... pretending not to hate Catholics," he said.

Decorum was restored when the Republican nominee recalled past Al Smith dinners as a special occasion to spend time with his father, developer Fred Trump.



CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan shares a light moment with U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump during the 71st annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City Oct. 20. The charity gala, which honors the memory of the former New York Democratic governor who was the first Catholic nominated by a major political party for the U.S. presidency, raises money to support not-for-profit organizations that serve children in need.

Smith, a great-grandson of the foundation's namesake, aimed jokes equally at both candidates and reflected the general discomfort of the electorate with them. He told Trump to watch his language because "even though the man sitting next to you is in a robe, you're not in a locker room." He advised Clinton to remain stoic in the face of insults during the evening by considering it a fourth debate.

Noting the proximity on Fifth Avenue of St. Patrick's Cathedral to Trump Tower, Smith said Trump's appearance was historic, marking the first time the Catholic Church was not the largest tax-exempt landowner at the dinner.

Trump was greeted warmly with applause. He quipped that the huge event was a small intimate dinner with friends for him, but that it counted as his

opponent's largest crowd of the season.

Trump gave a shoutout to politicians in the room who formerly loved him, but turned on him when he sought the Republican nomination. He said the dinner gives candidates an opportunity to meet one another's teams and those working hard to get them elected.

As he spoke, he pointed out chairmen of media corporations seated on the dais and among the assembly. As an example that the media is biased against him, Trump said Michelle Obama gave a speech that everyone loved, but when his wife, Melania, delivered the exact same speech, "people got all over her case. I don't get it."

Trump said he knows Clinton is very gracious because, if

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ship among Catholic health care professionals and reaching out to the community to integrate the Catholic faith and health care." Political and cultural changes in our society make it imperative that Catholics educate and support one another as they witness to their faith," he added.

Formed in 2015, the Saint Andre Bessette Guild is an initiative that is chartered by the Catholic Medical Association. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the rectory of Holy Family Parish in South Bend.

"...I have been impressed with how well our members bring their faith into their personal and professional lives," Dr. Rice said. "It is inspiring to work with a group of deeply committed medical professionals."

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applauded Gutierrez for fostering a strong relationship between SJHS and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Following the Mass, Dr. John Rice, president of the Saint Andre Bessette Guild of North Central Indiana, which works to cultivate Catholic ideals within the medical field, gave some brief remarks about medical professionals' important work and the challenges faced by Catholic doctors today. He encouraged those present to remember that their career is a vocation.

According to Dr. Rice, the Catholic Medical Association is "dedicated to deepening the faith of its members, fostering fellow-



St. Luke



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 30: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Jude Church, South Bend

Tuesday, November 1: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Joseph Church, Lagrange

Wednesday, November 2: 12 p.m. — Mass, Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne

Thursday, November 3: 1 p.m. — Meeting of Corporation of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Thursday, November 3: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Charles Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, November 4: 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend

Saturday, November 5: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, Bristol

Saturday, November 5: 2 p.m. — Mass, Elkhart County Prison, Elkhart

Jubilee for prisoners

Pope Francis will celebrate a Holy Year Jubilee Mass for prisoners on Nov. 6 at the Vatican.

Locally, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will observe the jubilee with a Mass at the Elkhart County Correctional Complex at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. While the public is not permitted into the facility to attend the Elkhart Mass, thoughtful prayers for all those who are incarcerated are welcome.



Closing celebration of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Nov. 12, 5 p.m.

All are invited to attend the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m. The closing celebration is a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Jubilee Year. The Holy Year concludes on Nov. 20, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican. The Jubilee Year is brought to a close in local dioceses around the world on Nov. 13.

Nuncio at border Mass prays for an end to barriers

BY NANCY WIECHEC

NOGALES, Ariz. (CNS) — The apostolic nuncio to the United States celebrated Mass at the U.S.-Mexico border Oct. 23 offering prayers to break down the barriers that separate people.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre faced the immense steel border fence in Nogales as he and the bishop of Tucson and the bishop of Mexico's Diocese of Nogales, Sonora, concelebrated the liturgy with people gathered on both sides of the border.

The nuncio began the prayer of the faithful with a plea for unity.

"Jesus, we come before you today as your disciples, sometimes filled with fear and doubt, even suspicion," he said. "We pray to dismantle the barriers within our hearts and minds that separate us, who are all members of your body."

Following his words, young people led the congregation in prayers for "needed immigration reform," for humane treatment of migrants who don't have documents, and for "security and justice for all." They prayed especially for migrant children, "who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse," and for all who have died in border violence, including border patrol agents, immigrants and innocent victims.

The Mass was the third such one this year along the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona. The liturgies were organized by Dioceses Without Borders, an effort of the dioceses of Nogales, Tucson and Phoenix to work collaboratively on issues that affect the church and people in the border region.

During his homily and afterward in an interview with Catholic News Service, Archbishop Pierre echoed the sentiments of Pope Francis in regard to borders and the care of migrants and refugees, who the archbishop said all too often are



Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and Bishop Jose Leopoldo Gonzalez-Gonzalez of Nogales, Sonora, arrive at the international border fence in Nogales, Ariz., to celebrate Mass Oct. 23. Dioceses Without Borders, an effort of the dioceses of Nogales, Tucson and Phoenix, organized the liturgy celebrated on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

looked upon as unwanted and as criminals.

"Borders exist all over the world, and borders are not bad, but borders should not be just a barrier — should not be a wall — but should be a bridge between people," the nuncio said.

"Anything that goes in the direction of understanding, helping each other, discovering the

beauty of the other is what is necessary to convert hearts and transform the world," he said. "It's time to break the obstacles that exist between people."

To cheers from both sides of the border, Archbishop Pierre ended his homily with, "Viva Cristo Rey! Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Viva la iglesia santa!" ("Long live Christ the King! Long live the Virgin of



CNS photos by Nancy Wiechec

Young women reach through the international border fence to hold hands and pray the Our Father with those on the other side during Mass Oct. 23 in Nogales, Ariz. People on both sides of the fence took part in the celebration.

Guadalupe! Long live the holy church!"

Archbishop Pierre is no stranger to the people of Mexico. He served as nuncio in Mexico for nine years before being appointed as the pope's representative in the U.S. But he said this Mass was his first visit to Nogales, Arizona.

In what seemed to be a spontaneous moment during the service, five young people ducked under a barrier near the border fence to hold hands and pray the Our Father with those on the other side in Mexico.

They stayed at the border fence until the sign of peace, offering their hands to those on the other side.

Carlos Zapien, music director for the Diocese of Tucson, said the special Mass was a statement that "faith can unite people."

Zapien's original score "Misa de la Misericordia" ("Mass of Mercy") was used in the cross-border liturgy with choirs on both sides participating.

"Faith and music have no borders," he said.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson said he was grateful for to Archbishop Pierre's participa-

tion in the service.

"He represents Pope Francis, whose heart is along the borders of our world, caring for immigrants and refugees," he told CNS.

"The nuncio's presence is a reminder of our Holy Father's great love for those who are suffering, for those who are in need. So this was a very special celebration here in 'ambos Nogales' ('both Nogaleses') as we pray together across walls united in our prayer for one another."

Among the hundreds of people that gathered for the border Mass were those that serve the Kino Border Initiative, a binational migrant advocacy and service organization.

Bishop Kicanas expressed his pride in the group and in a group of young people, the Kino Teens, who work with the border initiative.

"Their enthusiasm, their spirit is a true blessing," he said. "They believe in the Lord. They believe in the church, and to have these young people participating in our Mass here in 'ambos Nogales' was a true blessing."

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elected, she wants him to be her ambassador to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Trump said the presidential debates were the most vicious in the history of politics. In a rare reflective moment, he turned to Clinton and asked, "Are we supposed to be proud of it?"

We need to stand up to anti-Catholic bias, defend religious liberty and create a culture that celebrates life, Trump concluded.

Trump sat down to mixed applause and boos. Retaking the microphone, Smith said, "As Ronald Reagan would say, 'There you go again!' He noted the dinner raised a record \$6 million.

The Democratic nominee was introduced to a standing ovation. Clinton said the fiery populist Al Smith would be proud of the money raised at the event, but if he saw the "room full of plutocrats" gathered to celebrate his legacy, he'd be confused.

Clinton said she was taking a break from her rigorous nap schedule to attend, but the event was also treat for the guests because she usually charges a lot for a speech. She said she was a little amazed at the opportunity to speak, because she didn't think her opponent would be OK with a peaceful transition of power.

Clinton said, "Every year this dinner brings together a collection of sensible, committed mainstream Republicans, or as we now like to call them, Hillary supporters."

She said critics accuse her of

saying only what listeners want to hear. "Tonight that is true. This is exactly what you want to hear. This election will be over very, very soon."

Clinton said when Trump wanted her to undergo a pre-debate drug test, "I was so flattered he thought I used some sort of performance-enhancers. Actually I did. It's called preparation."

Trump has questioned her stamina, Clinton said, but over the course of three debates, she has stood next to him for longer than any of his campaign managers. She said Trump is so concerned about her health, he sent a car to bring her to the dinner. "Actually it was a hearse."

Nonetheless, Clinton said if elected, "I will be the healthiest and youngest woman ever to serve."

Clinton said one of the things

the candidates have in common is the Republican National Committee "isn't spending a dime to help either one of us."

Turning serious, Clinton said it's easy to forget how far the country has come. When Al Smith ran for office, she said there were rumors that he would forbid Bible-reading in schools, annul Protestant marriages

and make the Holland Tunnel into a secret passageway to the Vatican so the pope could rule the country. "Those appeals to fear and division can cause us to treat each other as 'the other.' Rhetoric like that makes it harder for us to respect each other," she said.

"We need to get better at finding ways to disagree on matters of policy while agreeing on questions of decency and civility," she said.

Although the candidates

shook hands across Cardinal Dolan at the dinner, he jokingly attributed his nascent cold at the benediction to having spent two hours seated between them, which he said is "the iciest place on the planet. Where is global warming when you need it?"

He noted the funds raised at the dinner would provide grants for thousands of mothers and children who are most in need and least visible to society.

Dinner guests in formal attire sat elbow-to-elbow at gold-covered tables in the ballroom and its two balconies. The \$3,000-a-plate meal included a seafood trio appetizer, tournedos of beef and a chocolate dessert duet. Metropolitan Opera soprano Nadine Sierra sang the national anthem from the dais, set against the backdrop of a huge American flag.



Living the Year of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant

Leading with beauty to ‘instruct the ignorant’

BY EMILY MAE SCHMID

Instructing the ignorant is likely not the first (or second, or third) work of mercy that comes to mind when thinking about how to live out your faith during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The “ignorant” are a harder group to identify than the “hungry” or “sick.” This work of mercy comes from this passage in Matthew’s Gospel, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). The “ignorant,” then, are those who need to hear of God’s love (and mercy) for His Church.

For the first Christians, this meant walking from town to town and telling people who Jesus was and that He rose from the dead. But what does that mean for the faithful today? Most people have heard of Jesus, but fewer and fewer know the truth. And while nothing is stopping you from walking from town to town proclaiming the Gospel, it may not be the most effective way to “instruct” those in need of Christ’s love.

One of the great evangelizers of our time, Bishop Robert Barron, explains how to share our faith with others: “Begin with the beautiful, which leads you to the good, which leads you to the truth.” Now, more than ever, it is important to show the beauty of the Church to others. God is beauty itself; His mercy is beautiful. The faithful have a duty to evangelize their family, co-workers and others that they encounter. We are called to bring people out of the “ignorant” secular world and into the beautiful, good and true world that is a life in Christ.

The Office of Communications aims to “instruct the ignorant” by sharing the beauty of the Church using the tools of new media. The goal is to support



The image behind the vocations office poster is more than just a striking image of Jesus reaching for Peter. It reflects one of the roles of the priest to “reach out” to those who may be in distress, and for young men to ask the question, “Is Jesus reaching for me?”

the faithful and engage those on fringes of faith; one way the diocese has been doing this is through sharing beautiful images on social media. Faith must impact every dimension of our lives, including our “online” presence. Most of us know the beauty of the Mass, but how do we share our faith outside the walls of the church? Do people know you are Catholic? Do you know what it means to live your faith?

Following the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram will show you another side to the Church — one that is ready to be shared with the world. The Church understands that “instruction” must be through means other than our words. One especially effective tool has been creating “memes” of a saint of the week

or a quote for the Gospel. The diocese invites people to encounter their faith beyond Sunday Mass, and live it in a way that authentically demonstrates a life in Christ to others. Every encounter with others is an opportunity to share one’s faith.

Before anyone can “instruct the ignorant,” we must first instruct ourselves, and make sure we are living our faith in an authentic way, and in every part of our lives. The diocese invites you to look for ways to live your faith throughout the week and share them with others by leading with the beauty that is God’s mercy.

Emily Mae Schmid is the social media manager for the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



How do you describe the joy that was felt during worship and prayer with 2 million youth at World Youth Day in Poland? Don’t tell — show.

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I HAVE
FOUND MY
LOST SHEEP
LK 15:1-32



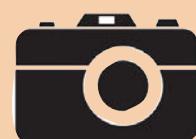
A meme is a picture that contains carefully crafted wording to underscore its message in a more powerful way. In social media these are easy to forward on or share.



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“For the judgement is merciless to one who has not shown mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.”
—Jas 2:13



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Memphis bishop urges new flock to 'love others as Jesus has loved us'

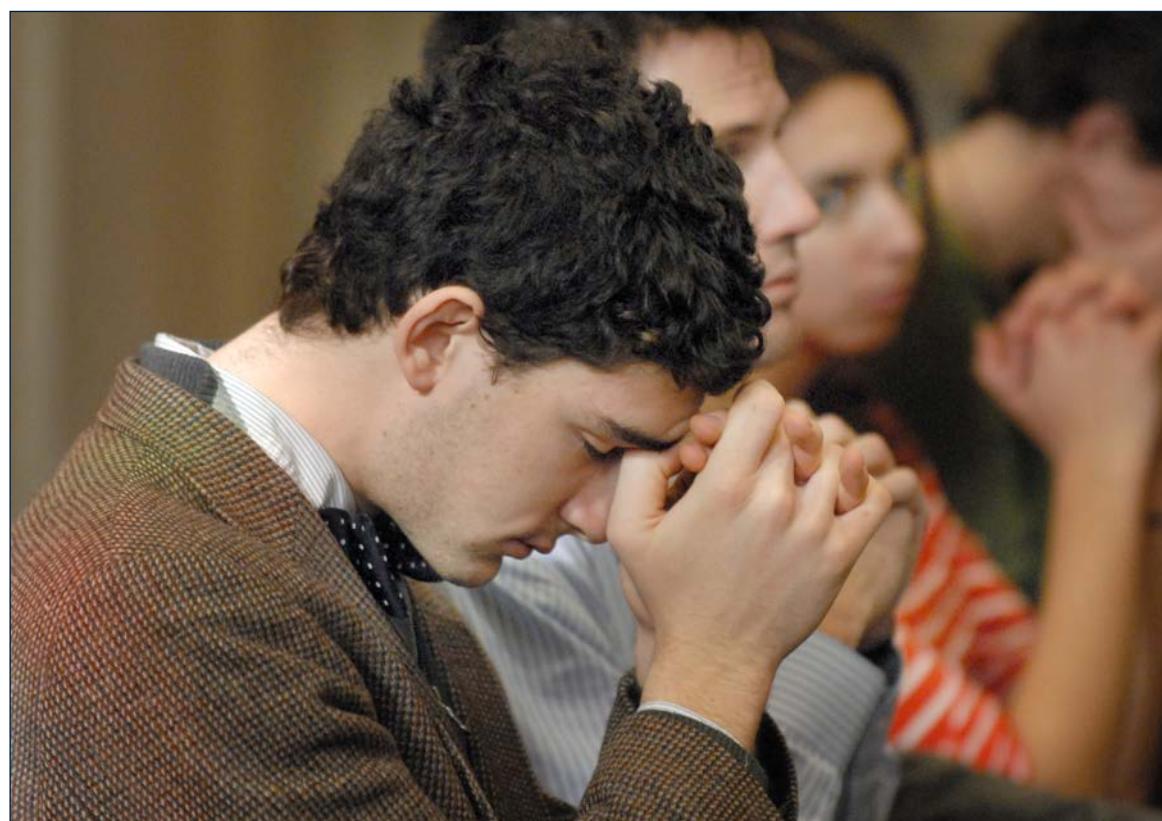
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (CNS) — Bishop Martin D. Holley, a former auxiliary bishop of Washington, was installed Oct. 19 as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Memphis. "With faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the love of God in my heart, I do accept the pastoral care of the people of God in the Diocese of Memphis," declared Bishop Holley after the papal mandate appointing him to Memphis was read. "I resolve to faithfully serve the Church in this diocese." After making his pronouncement, Bishop Holley was presented with a crosier, his shepherd's staff, and escorted to his cathedra, his bishop's chair — the symbols of his authority. The crowd of nearly 3,000 who attended the Mass burst into cheers and gave a standing ovation as the new bishop of Memphis assumed his post. He was then welcomed by representatives of his new diocese, and by members of other faiths in the city of Memphis. In his first homily to his new flock, Bishop Holley urged them to "love others as Jesus has loved us. In God's love, we find the fullness of grace, life, peace and joy," he said. The solemn installation of Bishop Holley was celebrated in Memphis' Cook Convention Center to accommodate the large numbers who attended the liturgy.

Heavy damage makes assessment tough after Haima slams Philippines

TOKYO (CNS) — Heavy damage was reported to homes and farmland in the northern Philippines Oct. 20 after the strongest storm in three years struck overnight. Typhoon Haima barreled into northern Cagayan and Isabella provinces, ripping the roofs off homes and flattening crops. By late Oct. 21, 13 people had been reported dead, and Haima hit southern China. Nearly every building in the city of Tuguegarao was damaged, Philippine media quoted officials as saying. The city's communication links were down Oct. 20, and phone calls to the archdiocesan office in Tuguegarao did not connect. Across the district, many roads were flooded or blocked by fallen trees. Aid groups said the disruption made it difficult to assess the extent of damage, with one aid official calling it "a communications black hole." Thousands of people in neighboring Isabella province spent the night sheltering in public evacuation centers such as schools and churches. "Most of the time, the churches serve as evacuation centers if the government evacuation centers cannot accommodate some of the people," April Ann

NEWS BRIEFS

Knights of Columbus election novena



CNS photo/Rafael Crisostomo, El Pregonero

A young man prays during a novena in 2010 at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The Knights of Columbus is now urging its members and other U.S. Catholics to pray a novena from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7, the eve of Election Day.

Abello-Bulanadi, a spokeswoman for Catholic aid group Caritas Philippines, said by phone from Manila.

For expectant parents, miscarriage can be 'loss of a dream'

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — Immaculate Conception parishioners Kayla and Matt Boesch had planned to welcome their first baby this fall. Instead, they will be visiting the cemetery plot where they buried their baby's remains last spring. When Kayla suffered a miscarriage around the 11-week mark of her pregnancy, she and her husband were devastated, but determined to honor the life that existed, however briefly, inside of her. During National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, observed each October, the Boeschs shared their story to help break the silence that often surrounds miscarriage. Miscarriage, the loss of a pregnancy during the first 20 weeks of gestation, occurs in about 10 to 20 percent of all known pregnancies, and the vast majority of these are early term miscarriages, occurring before 13 weeks. Often, women who experience a miscarriage unjustly feel ashamed and don't speak up or reach out, Kayla Boesch told the

Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Nashville Diocese. "It's like this quiet, private, sad group."

Once Iraq recaptures Mosul, people will still need help, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The military operation to liberate the Iraqi city of Mosul from the Islamic State group is not the only solution needed to get life back to normal, said Iraqi Archbishop Bashar Warda of Irbil. The Chaldean Catholic archbishop, who has called for such intervention in the past, said the solution was a package. People must "think again about the education, about the curriculum, about all the violent acts that happened during the last years. Where is the possibility of creating, of building bridges of reconciliation among the divided community?" he asked. Archbishop Warda spoke to Catholic News Service Oct. 20, the fourth day of the U.S.-backed operation in which Iraqi and Kurdish forces fought to free Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, from Islamic State. He said troops would not find any Christians in and around Mosul, because they fled in 2014, when Islamic State militants gave them a choice to

convert to Islam, pay the Islamic jizya tax, or be killed. Many of those Christians fled to Irbil, where the church has been caring for them. Just within the city, the Irbil Archdiocese is providing housing to more than 10,000 internally displaced families, but many more live in trailers or open buildings.

Bishops to vote for USCCB president, vice president at general assembly

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. bishops are scheduled to elect the next president and vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their upcoming fall general assembly taking place Nov. 14-16 in Baltimore. Each office is elected from a slate of 10 candidates who have been nominated by their fellow bishops. Released by the USCCB, the slate of candidates for president and vice president are as follows: Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles,

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami and Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The president and vice president are elected to three-year terms, which begin at the conclusion of the general assembly. The current president, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, and the current vice president, Cardinal DiNardo, will complete their terms.

Two popes, one mission: Cardinal looks at papal ministry

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although with different personalities and different tones, the papacies of both Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI focus on proclaiming the Gospel in a world that seems to confuse truth and lies, goodness and evil, said Cardinal Gerhard Muller. A new book, "Benedict and Francis: Successors of Peter at the Service of the Church," available only in Italian, collects essays written by the cardinal, who was named prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope Benedict and continues in the role under Pope Francis. A key sign that both popes see the Gospel as the answer to an increasingly confused humanity, Cardinal Muller wrote, is the repeated condemnations of what Pope Benedict defined as the "dictatorship of relativism" and what Pope Francis describes as the "globalization of indifference. The challenge for the hierarchy and all members of the church consists in resisting these worldly infections and in curing the spiritual illnesses of our time," the cardinal wrote.

Papal summer residence opens to the public for the first time

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Francis is throwing open the doors to the papal apartment — including the bedroom where popes have slept — in the Apostolic Palace at Castel Gandolfo. The palace was for centuries the summer residence of the Roman pontiffs, but Pope Francis has decided not to use it. Instead in 2014, he opened the palace gardens to the public and last year opened a portion of the Apostolic Palace as a portrait gallery. Pope Francis "wanted this place — so rich in history and so significant — to be a gift for the people," Antonio Paolucci, director of the Vatican Museums, said Oct. 20 at the grand opening of the papal apartment. "Whoever passes through the gate of the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo will find pure beauty," Paolucci said. Among the rooms open now to the public are the Room of the Throne, the Consistory Room, the pope's bedroom and private study.

Parish mission planned for Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish, 125 N. Harrison, will have a mission Nov. 7-9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The mission titled "Church of Mercy: The Vision of Pope Francis," will be presented by Father Ed Ruane, a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Albert the Great, and presently pastor of St. Dominic Church in Denver, Colo. On Monday evening, the topic will be Mercy Received and Accepted; Tuesday evening, Mercy Extended and Offered; Wednesday evening, Mercy Exercised and Enjoyed. Social to follow in the church gym. Transportation and childcare will be available.

Sankofa

SOUTH BEND — Close out the Year of Mercy and kick off November Black Catholic History Month with Sankofa 2016: "Black Lives and Church Matters: Moving From 'Lord Have Mercy!' to 'Thank You Jesus!'" Sankofa will occur Saturday, Nov. 12, at Saint Joseph High School, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The \$15 fee includes light breakfast, African drum, keynote speaker, prayer, breakout sessions, lunch, panel discussion, diverse fellowship, and a spiritually uplifting closing Mass featuring the Notre Dame Voices of Faith Gospel Choir. To register go to www.diocesefwsb.org/dbcm or contact Mary Glowaski at 260-422-4611.

An Evening of Prayer and Unity offered

DONALDSON — In closing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, everyone is invited you to join hands in "A Community Gathering: An Evening of Prayer for Unity and Dignity," on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Ancilla Domini Chapel, 9601 Union Rd.

In this ecumenical gathering, representatives from the inter-faith community, will experience God's unending love and mercy through music, art, prayers of petition and wisdom inspired writings. The service will also feature musical reflections by the Ancilla Community Choir and the Ancilla Children's Choir, both directed by Andrew Jennings. Refreshments will be served following the service. The event is free.

Lindenwood announces upcoming retreats

DONALDSON — "Unwrapping the Christ Within," an Advent retreat, facilitated by Father Jerry Schweitzer comes to Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Participants will gather to reflect on seasonal Scriptures and anticipate Christ's birth. In reflecting on these Scriptures, participants will unwrap the Christ within, discovering and under-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Blessing of new Women's Care Center



Provided by Claire Freddoso

On Oct. 4 Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed and dedicated the Women's Care Center-Northeast Indiana, located on West Seventh Street in Auburn. During the blessing, he spoke of his joy at seeing another Women's Care Center open in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. A public open house followed, and Bishop Rhoades accepted handmade blankets from seventh-grade students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Fort Wayne, for WCC clients. Pictured, from left, are WCC Northeast Director Anna Fisher, WCC President Ann Manion, Bishop Rhoades, volunteer Becky Davis and nurse Heather Hunter.

standing the true self. It's a day intended to refresh and prepare participants for a meaningful and intentional Advent season.

The retreat cost is \$30, and includes refreshments and lunch. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. ET, and the retreat begins at 9 a.m. The day concludes at 3 p.m.

Prepare for Advent 2016 in a Medieval, yet modern way by attending "Quenching the Thirst: The Spirituality of Hadewijch of Brabant," a retreat exploring the human heart's thirst for happiness, at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center November 18-20.

During this retreat, LeRoy Friesen, O.C.D.S. will lead participants on a journey to quench the human heart's thirst for happiness by exploring the reciprocating love between God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit through the spiritual gaze of Hadewijch of Brabant, an early 13th Century Catholic Beguine and Mystic.

Friesen, of South Bend, a spiritual companion and director, makes the Medieval mysticism St. Hadewijch of Brabant come alive in the modern, often hectic world. Friesen is of Mennonite origins, and entered the Roman Catholic Church in 1991. Since

Go Irish!



Provided by Margaret Cabanis

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades donned his Notre Dame gear to support the Fighting Irish of the University Notre Dame on Saturday, Oct. 16, before the football team met Stanford. At the tailgate for the Center for Ethics and Culture are Bishop Rhoades with center Director Carter Snead, center, and members of the NDCEC Executive Advisory Committee.

2013 he has taught courses in Medieval Mysticism at the Forever Learning Institute, a program for seniors in South Bend.

The cost of the retreat is \$150 for commuters, or \$300 including overnight lodging and meals. Register by Nov. 16.

For more information, visit Lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780. Lindenwood is located at 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, Indiana. Lindenwood is a part of The Center at Donaldson, sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Sister Elise Kriss celebrates golden jubilee

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is hosting a golden jubilee Mass and reception for university President Sister M. Elise Kriss on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in the USF North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring Street.

Sister Elise Kriss is celebrating her Golden Jubilee this year, which commemorates 50 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. During those 50 years, Sister Elise has served as a Catholic educator and administrator at the grade school and college levels. USF students, faculty, staff and friends of the university are invited to attend the special Mass.

Following the Mass, all in attendance are invited to a reception in the historic Brookside building on the USF Main Campus.

Bishop blesses two new St. Joseph Health System facilities

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On the feast day of St. Luke the physician, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the Paqui and Brian Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center and the St. Joseph Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Center, both part of the St. Joseph Health System. They promise to provide patients with the highest level of service in keeping with the rich tradition of Catholic health care.

The CBC, as it's known, is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the latest technology for early detection of breast cancer in a calming, care-filled space. Located at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, it also offers support resources throughout the medical journey as well as space for survivors to meet and heal.

During the CBC blessing, Al Gutierrez, CEO emeritus of Saint Joseph Health System, as well as Paqui and Brian Kelly, spoke of their joy that the center was officially open and was receiving Bishop's blessing. Next, Father Henry Byekwaso, chaplain of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, read one of the healing miracles of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. Bishop Rhoades shared how Jesus' ministry was essentially where Catholic health care first began. He encouraged the medical professionals gathered there to continue to perceive the patient as a whole person, body and soul.

With holy water and aspergilum in hand, Bishop Rhoades sprinkled and blessed all who were present, including a generous amount on Head Notre Dame Football Coach Brian Kelly, who chuckled. He then processed, sprinkling holy water, through the rooms of the CBC.

From state-of-the-art 3-D mammography and hydromassage to molecular breast imaging and bone density testing, the Kelly CBC offers a comfortable and relaxing space during what can be a stressful and tense time. The new 10,000 square-foot facility was created in part by a generous donation from the Kelly Cares Foundation, begun by two-time breast cancer survivor Paqui and her husband. Paqui stressed that early detection was critical with the type of breast cancer she had, and explained that even now she has a mammogram or MRI every six months. Ninety-five percent of breast cancers can be caught with early detection, which is why this is a cause supported by the Kelly Cares Foundation.

"No one wants [cancer] in their house. No one signs up to be on that team," Paqui passionately stated. "We need to stay ahead of it. Denial doesn't work."

She credits God for her healing, and said "faith has gotten



Photos by Jennifer Miller

Two-time breast cancer survivor Paqui Kelly and her husband, Notre Dame football Coach Brian Kelly, attend the grand opening celebration for their namesake Comprehensive Breast Center at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, on Oct. 18. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, blessed the new facility and encouraged the medical professionals present to perceive their patients as a whole person, body and soul.

me where I am today." Raised in a family of faith, she was confirmed with name of St. Francis of Assisi. Paqui added that her daily prayer life is of gratitude. "My prayers are of thanks. ... I get to see my family every day."

She also explained how "talking and sharing about it is part of my healing." She was a mother with three young children when she was first diagnosed, and she soon realized she was on this track for a reason. Paqui speaks as a survivor in a real and genuinely caring manner toward other women in need.

"I was blessed with a support system; financially, with insurance, and with my family," she said. But she realizes that this is not always the case, which is why the care of the whole person is vital at the Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center. "The staff here is very in tune with patient's needs." Paqui is grateful for the "auxiliary angels" or people who care and help in the everyday, small ways, such as sitting and being present with patients as they receive chemo treatment.

Her hope now is for continuing successful research. "I would love that (we) eradicate this one!" she said. Paqui encourages women to receive regular mammograms as well as donate healthy breast cells for research.

The bishop later visited and blessed the new St. Joseph Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Center, called PACE, located about four minutes away from the Kelly



On the feast of St. Luke, Bishop Rhoades blessed the new St. Joseph PACE Center, in Granger. The Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly is a rehabilitative services program that goes beyond the physical needs of elderly patients in order to support their recovery.

Comprehensive Breast Center, on Day Road in Granger. The PACE Center opened in September with four participants, and is an initiative of Trinity Health. This is the 13th program of its kind, now found in nine states. They are also referred to as "Living Independently For Elders," or LIFE, Centers.

Participants generally come two or three days per week to receive rehabilitation services, see their primary care providers, share meals, socialize and take part in activities. Upon enrollment, participants must agree to receive all services and medications through the PACE provider network. The program offers essentially that which, traditionally, a family would have taken care of in the American society of generations past.

At PACE, an interdisciplinary team of professionals work together to daily assess and care for the individual participant. The IDT includes the primary care providers or doctors, nurses, homecare aides, nutrition specialists, social service providers, transportation guides and essentially everyone who interacts with the patient on a regular basis. They create a specialized life plan of care that is regularly updated.

The main goal is to keep the participant at home or in the community for as long as possible. The IDT also can recommend nonmedical services such as a ramp or handle that should be built in the participant's home. The PACE program receives funding primarily from Medicare and Medicaid, although private pay is possible as well.

Bishop Rhoades met with Norma, Shirley, Helen and Joe, the first four participants of the PACE program. Al Gutierrez, as his final act as CEO of St. Joseph Health System before retirement, also spoke. Kelly Hopkins, president and CEO of Trinity Health, offered remarks explaining the PACE system. Stacey Newton, St. Joseph PACE executive director, next introduced and thanked the entire staff of the PACE Center, from the transportation driver to the nutrition specialist and highlighted their team approach to helping each individual participant.

After a reading from the book of Isaiah, Bishop Rhoades reminded the staff of the first tenet of Catholic social teaching: the inherent dignity of each human person. When they serve each patient, they serve the face of Jesus Christ, he said. Then he blessed all present and walked room to room in the renovated space and blessed each office, desk, meeting room and kitchen with holy water. This act sanctified the secular space, reminding all of God's power and healing.

Christ the King alumni become Eagle Scouts

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

This month, three alumni of Christ the King Grade School in South Bend achieved the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

Travis Kirkman, Jake Snyder and James Elliot of Troop 451 were honored at the Isaac Walton League in South Bend on Oct. 11, during their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. All three graduated from eighth grade at Christ the King in 2013, but were able to stay close while participating in Scouts. Through this, they have also been able to further their faith.

"Once you reach the older ranks in Scouting, a large part of advancing in rank becomes service," said Jake Snyder, a senior at St. Joseph High School. "So participating in other Scouts' Eagle projects helped show me the benefits of serving those in need, which is part of the corporal works of mercy. Some of the projects were for religious

institutions, which kept my faith nearby even when I wasn't at Mass or in school."

Many of Troop 451's activities involve Catholic organizations, because Troop 451 is chartered by Christ the King parish.

The Boy Scouts organization has no specific religious affiliation, but it does hold that the "belief in a higher power" is important for the development of young men. In addition, part of the Boy Scouts oath is "to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The troop also has a chaplain's aide who says a prayer before campout meals and at ceremonies recognizing rank advancements and earned merit badges.

To achieve the rank Eagle Scout, one of the requirements is to earn 21 merit badges. However, this is not the most difficult part of the process.

"I think the biggest challenge in earning Eagle is the service project that they have to complete," said Joel Snyder, the Leader of Troop 451. "They have to find a project, figure

out how to do it, then lead the people working with them until the project is completed. This takes the most time, and they have to use everything they have learned from Scouts to show the leadership skills that they have learned."

Now that the boys have become Eagle Scouts, it does not

mean that their journey is over. It means the opposite. When a Scout achieves the rank of Eagle, he figuratively gets his wings.

"The wings don't mean that I can fly a plane," said Jake. "Instead, they mean that I live the Scout Oath and Law out even when I'm not wearing the uniform: that I have proven I

am trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent, and that I can do my best to do my duty to God and my country, obey the Scout Law, help other people at all times, keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."



Three Christ the King School alumni recently achieved the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America; that of Eagle Scout. Travis Kirkman, Jacob Snyder and James Elliot, from left, were recognized for their accomplishment Oct. 11 in South Bend.

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Religious life is not the only vocation

BY SISTER MARIA GEMMA, OSF

I often visit schools as part of my vocation work for our community. When I visit I ask the students, "How many of you in this room have a vocation?" Then I ask those who have a vocation to raise their hands. Usually there are one or two students who have the courage to raise their hands. Occasionally there will be a student who sees through my question and encourages the rest of the class to raise their hands also. I love asking this question, because the truth is that each and every person has a vocation. This is good news! It means that God is calling each person to love Him in a specific way. This means that God loves each of us so intimately and uniquely that he has something in store for our lives that will make us infinitely happy!

So, why has the word "vocation" become such a frightening word that people seek to avoid? Why is it that today we tend to look at a vocation more like getting the plague than receiving a beautiful gift? Often people associate the word "vocation" with priesthood and religious life, and rightly so because those are vocations; but they are not the only vocations, nor are they the only paths to holiness. There are three reasons why the word "vocation" seems to be taboo in our world today: We don't know



Provided by Sister Maria Gemma, OSF

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, enjoy time with friends during a recent visit day at the convent.

God, we don't know ourselves and, because of the first two, we are unable to make a sincere gift of ourselves.

Discerning a vocation in today's culture is difficult, because we tend to see God as a taskmaster who can never be satisfied. Our relationship with Him consists in doing what we think He wants so that maybe He will leave us alone and let us

be happy. We tend to focus on doing His will, rather than on loving Him and letting ourselves be loved. If we shift our gaze to contemplate His face, we will find a merciful Father who loves us dearly; a Father who will do whatever it takes to be with us.

It is also difficult to discern a vocation if you don't truly believe that you are good and worthy of love. This is a very

difficult truth to accept, because a love that is unconditional is hard to imagine. Yes, we all sin, but no sin is outside the Father's gaze of mercy. God manifests His power in showing mercy. His love is absolutely without conditions. What then keeps us from this love? We keep ourselves from it. We don't believe that we could be loved in such a magnificent way, so we close the door. God will never force His love upon us. He will wait patiently until we are ready to receive it.

Human beings are not created to live in isolation. We are created for communion with God and each other. This is difficult to realize today, because we are inundated with the idea that our purpose in life is to satisfy ourselves, and that doing this will lead to happiness. The Church has a different answer and beautifully lays this out



SISTER MARIA GEMMA, OSF

for us in her writings: "man ... cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself." (*Gaudium et Spes*, 24) We were made to look outside of ourselves and towards the other. It is only through sacrifice that we are truly fulfilled.

If we can let down our guard with the Lord and allow Him to show us who He is, if we can receive His love and begin to share that with others, then a vocation is not frightening but beautiful. Once this happens, our vocation becomes not a life plan that we ourselves did not choose for ourselves, but rather a beautiful flower that has actually been blossoming in our souls from the moment of our baptisms. Our Father knows our heart better than we do, and He knows what will make us infinitely happy. We must be grounded in our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the merciful Father, and then anything will seem possible.

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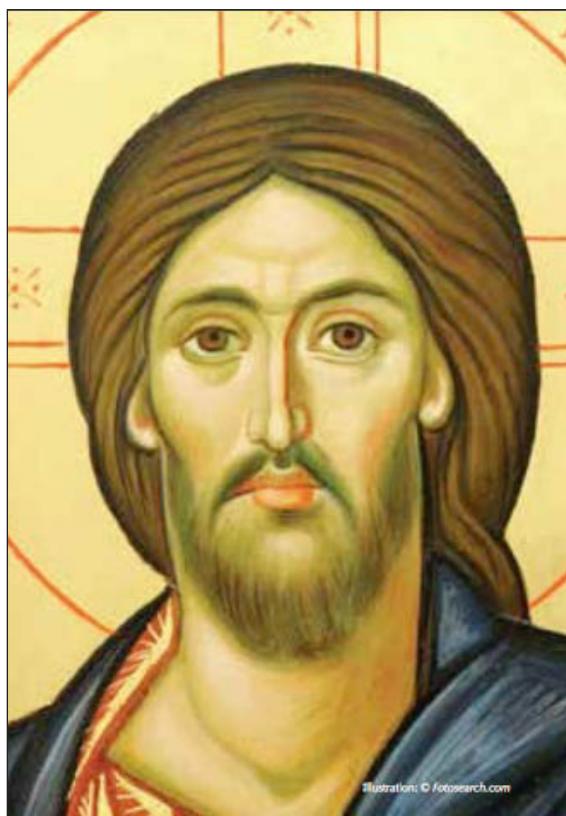
National Vocation Awareness Week set for Nov. 6-12

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 6-12. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his homily at the final Mass of the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, encouraged the youth of the world to open their hearts to Jesus. "Don't be afraid to say 'yes' to Him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow Him!" said Pope Francis. "Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice."

National Vocations Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

"Prayer for vocations is the responsibility of the entire Church. Often times we think that vocations will come from somewhere else, and yet God invites us to consider that He is raising up vocations to priesthood, consecrated life and the permanent diaconate from within our own communities, even our own families" said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, bishop designate of Arlington, Va., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "Our willingness to invite those within our own communities and families to consider that God may be calling them to



Priesthood or consecrated life will bear abundant fruit in the Church and bring great joy and happiness to those called. We want what is best for our children; even more so does God desire their happiness."

Research suggests that community encouragement plays an important role in the discernment process. "Following God's will is the greatest adventure any person can experience,"

said Father Luke Ballman, USCCB associate director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "Fear of losing something holds many people back from responding generously to God, and yet it is when we embrace the adventure wholeheartedly for ourselves or those whom we love that we experience joy unlike anything we have known thus far in our lives."

Observance of Vocation

Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

More information and resources for National Vocations Awareness Week, including a prayer card, suggested prayers of the faithful and bulletin-ready quotes are available online at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm>.

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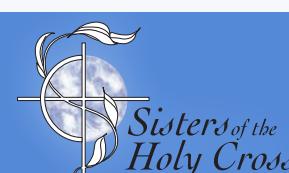
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View from the Mount

BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

I arrived at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary on Aug. 2, with a suitcase or two of clothes and about 40 boxes of books (and the words of the Gospel floating around the back of my mind: "Take nothing but a staff: no bread, no bag, no copper in your belt.")

I spent the first week or two settling in. I was given a lovely suite of rooms on the third floor of McSweeney Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus. It was a corner room with south and east exposure; as a morning person, I was delighted. Further, taking four flights of stairs multiple times daily has been good for me (my cardiologist and physician will be pleased)! Mount Saint Mary's was founded in 1808, as the second oldest seminary in the nation; it is but 15 minutes south of the Gettysburg battlefield in Pennsylvania and about an hour northwest of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. It is set in the beautiful Catoctin Mountain range, on the northeast edge of the Appalachians. The seminary is situated on the campus of a small Catholic university, so there are both undergraduates and graduate students who share the campus. The seminary itself is a set of independent, free-standing buildings: McSweeney, Keating, Gallagher, and Mulcahy Halls. There are two beautiful chapels: St. Bernard, a smaller chapel (English Gothic) in McSweeney Hall, and the larger, Immaculate Conception Chapel (Romanesque), which serves the entire campus. Our own Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as rector here and is still remembered with great affection by many on the staff and faculty.

There are over 40 men who were new to the seminary this year, including three new men from our own diocese, and orientation was almost a week-long affair. Much of that was spent introducing the new students to seminary life. The life here is structured around four pillars of



Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., welcomed more than 40 new seminarians, including three from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and another 80 returning seminarians this fall. "Seeing in the early morning or afternoon, anywhere from 30 to 100 seminarians kneeling in silent prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, is deeply inspiring," said professor Msgr. Michael Heintz.

formation — human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral — as has been laid out in ecclesiastical documents since the landmark encyclical of St. John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, in 1992, which transformed the way seminary formation is done. The end goal of seminary formation is to produce priests who have integrated these aspects of their formation, allowing them to serve God's people with energy, integrity, pastoral prudence and devotion. It aims to make them humanly balanced and accessible, pastorally sensitive and wise, intellectually sharp and spiritually deep. In addition to plenty of talks and opportunities for prayer during orientation, there were of course also lots of social and recreational events.

Including the returning seminarians, there are 120 men in residence here, representing the dioceses of Harrisburg, Baltimore, Arlington, Washington, Hartford, Norwich, Lafayette (both Indiana and Louisiana), Savannah, Atlanta, Hartford, Peoria, Wichita, Lincoln, Colorado Springs and Fargo; there are also two Oratorians, a Franciscan and a seminarian for the Congregation of the Resurrection. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is

well represented, and along with Harrisburg, they form the two largest contingents here. There are about a dozen diocesan priests who live and serve here as well, and they too are from all over: Washington, Baltimore, Arlington, Allentown, Metuchen, Harrisburg, Hartford, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as a Capuchin Franciscan and a priest from the Brotherhood of St. Charles Borromeo (the clerical branch of Communion and Liberation). Msgr. Andy Baker, from the Allentown diocese, who is about two years older than I, is the rector and a superb priest and role model for the men here. I must say, personally, that he has been wonderful to work with.

The day here is structured around prayer, personal and communal. There are two Holy Hours each day to accommodate the seminarians' busy schedule: one, a simple Exposition, from 5:45 a.m.-6:45 a.m. Morning Prayer and Mass follow at 7 a.m. There is solemn Exposition from 4 p.m.-5 p.m., which concludes with Benediction. Then Evening Prayer is prayed. Dinner is served at 5:30. Each Monday and Wednesday, there is an optional Compline (Night Prayer) and rosary at 8 p.m. in the chapel,



Photos provided by Msgr. Michael Heintz

hosted and led each week by a different diocese represented here. While there are plenty of opportunities for prayer in community, diocesan priests often live alone and must inculcate the habit of praying the Divine Office personally, and to cultivate a capacity for intimacy with Jesus in silence.

While the seminarians share the food service and cafeteria on campus with the university students, they do have their own designated dining room, the Cardinal Keeler Dining Room. The priest faculty members have a dining room and we eat together most evenings; Thursdays we eat dinner with the seminarians in their dining room. There is a lounge with a television for the seminarians, and frequently there are sporting events and movies on weekends available for them to watch in common. In addition to the reading room at the seminary, which has a very good collection of theological works, the university has a library with a special Catholic Studies Room, a non-circulating room with an excellent collection of theological and philosophical works, as well as large windows gazing out over the campus and beyond to the mountains.

This semester, I am teaching

Patrology (early Church history and theology) and Introduction to the Liturgy for the first-year theologians, as well as Christology to the third-year men. Next semester I will teach the capstone seminar for the fourth-year men, the deacons to be ordained priests, as well as a course in homiletics and an elective in Augustine's City of God. I am also serving as a formation advisor, something like the role of mentor and guide, for six men and am spiritual director to 12 others.

I must say that I am deeply edified by the wholesomeness, decency and devotion of the seminarians here, and I am very grateful and privileged to work with them. Seeing in the early morning or afternoon, anywhere from 30 to 100 seminarians kneeling in silent prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, is deeply inspiring. They are young men who clearly and robustly love Jesus and his Church. And they are also quite well-rounded: A few weeks ago, they brought back the Vianney Cup as champions of an inter-seminary soccer tournament in Philadelphia. They are the kind of men you would want to minister to your children and grandchildren. You would be most proud of them. Please keep them in your prayers. And please continue to support the seminary education fund of the diocese. I can assure you that the money is well spent. These men are receiving a very fine formation here, and are an important investment in the future of the Church and of our own diocese.

I very much look forward to returning to the diocese over the Christmas holidays, as well as for the Chrism Masses and Holy Week. Be assured that one day each week I offer Mass for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Keep me, and all of us here, in your prayers.

Msgr. Michael Heintz is on the faculty at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

For vocations, one must go out, listen, call, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In its ministry to young people, and especially in vocations promotion work, church workers must step out of the sacristy and take seriously the questions and concerns of the young, Pope Francis said.

Young people are searching for meaning, and the best response is to go out to where they are, stop and listen to them and then call them to follow Jesus, the pope said Oct. 21.

Meeting participants at a vocations promotion conference sponsored by the Congregation

for Clergy, Pope Francis emphasized the need for church workers to be on the move and to echo the vocations call Jesus used with the disciples, "Follow me."

"Jesus' desire is to set people out on a journey, moving them from a lethal sedentary lifestyle and breaking through the illusion that they can live happily while remaining comfortably seated amid their certainties," Pope Francis said.

The seeking and desire to explore that comes naturally to most young people "is the treasure that the Lord puts in our hands and that we must care for, cultivate and make blossom," the pope said.

Care is key, he said. It

requires an ability for "discernment, which accompanies the person without ever taking over his or her conscience or pretending to control the grace of God."

Vocations promotion, which is the responsibility of every Catholic, the pope said, must follow the same steps Jesus used when interacting with people.

"Jesus stopped and met the gaze of the other, without rushing," he said. "This is what makes His call attractive and fascinating."

Jesus did not stay in "the secure fortress of the rectory," the pope said, but set out into the cities and villages, pausing to listen to the people He came across, "taking in the desire of those who sought Him out,

the delusion of a failed night of fishing, the burning thirst of a woman who went to the well to get water or the strong need to change one's life."

"In the same way, instead of reducing faith to a book of recipes or a collection of norms to observe, we can help young people ask the right questions, set out on their journey and discover the joy of the Gospel," he said.

Every pastor and, particularly, everyone involved with helping young Catholics discern their vocations, he said, must have a pastoral style that is "attentive, not rushed, able to stop and decipher in depth, to enter into the life of the other without making him or her ever feel threatened or judged."

Pope Francis told conference participants that he has never liked speaking about vocations ministry as an office in the diocesan chancery or headquarters of a religious order. It's not an office or a project because it is all about helping someone meet the Lord and answer the Lord's call.

"Learn from the style of Jesus, Vocations promotion work can be frustrating and discouraging at times, Pope Francis said, "but if we don't close ourselves up in whining and we keep going out to proclaim the Gospel, the Lord will stay with us and give us the courage to cast the nets again even when we are tired and disappointed at having caught nothing."

Hispanic parishes honor canonized Mexican youth

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On Sunday, Oct. 16, Pope Francis canonized seven new saints. One of them, St. José Sánchez del Río, was celebrated in a particular way in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw, hosted a remembrance of the 14-year-old Mexican boy who, in 1928, gave up his life for his faith.

St. José, or "Joselito" (Joey), was a heroically courageous young boy who embraced the consequences of his strong faith in the midst of a time of brutal Church repression in Mexico. He felt called to fight for the right to practice and profess Catholicism, even though Catholics were being actively persecuted in the 1920s by the Mexican government.

Originally from the state of Michoacán, he was in school when the fighting first began. St. José's brothers joined the rebellion, but due to his age his family wanted him to stay home. He persisted, and they finally relented and gave permission for him to join the cause. Soon Joselito found himself on the front lines, as flag bearer for the "Cristero" fighters.

Eventually, he was captured by government troops and tortured in order to force him to renounce his faith. St. José could have chosen to preserve his life, but he refused. Just before he was shot he was heard to cry out, "Viva Cristo Rey!" or "Long Live Christ the King!" This is



Photos by Jennifer Miller

A family prays before a photo of St. José Sánchez del Río at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church during a celebration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church honoring the newly canonized Mexican martyr.

why St. José is often depicted holding a palm branch, a symbol of martyrdom or dying for one's faith, as well as a bullet and trail of blood at his feet.

The timing of St. José Sánchez del Río's canonization added importance to his example, as three Mexican priests were murdered in September after they spoke out about gang and drug trafficking violence.

Because of St. José's young age and inspiring witness, local Hispanic Catholics and Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish organized an event through which the Spanish-speaking youth might

remember him. Leo Patino, parish youth minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe, said: "This is a part of history that we, as Mexican Catholics, might have brushed off ... We might have forgotten, even though it just happened in the last century." He explained to youth group members how even though St. José was about their age, he is considered a martyr.

"This kid gave his life for his faith and to be able to practice it. Would you guys be able to do that?" he asked. He heard that many thought so, and impressed upon them that being a young



St. José Sánchez del Río was executed during the Mexican Cristeros war of the 1920s for refusing to renounce his faith.

Catholic is important.

Carlos Ortega, who teaches RCIA at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, brought his wife, granddaughter and whole RCIA group to the observance. He stated that St. José Sánchez del Río reminds us of the vital, basic importance of our belief in God and the faith that is at the heart of Catholic life. The details of the life of St. José, however, were new to him.

The events at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish began with

a brief history of the saint and of the canonization process. It included an explanation of a very special miracle, the second one attributed to the saint, of a 4-month baby girl who was about to die but was healed completely. The baby's mother prayed especially to the then-Blessed José, asking for his intercession and saying, "You were a child. You would understand." The medical evidence was so strong that the case was quickly approved.

Organizers also showed the movie "For Greater Glory," which depicts the story of St. José and the Cristeros. After a question-and-answer period and a short break, the faithful gathered for an hour of Adoration before an exposed relic of St. José. Finally, the groups from South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen gathered with the Warsaw parish community for a 6 p.m. Mass that was offered for the youth of the diocese and for all families.

Enid Roman de Jesus, director of the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, began: "We pray especially for families today, that they teach by word and action, teaching their young in the loving way, the way of Jesus." She said later that she hopes to schedule a larger gathering with youth groups from across the diocese on Feb. 10, the occasion of St. José Sánchez del Río's first feast day.

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Symposium, 'Strengthening Marriage and Families' slated for Nov. 12 in Fort Wayne



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Marriage has been part of every human culture and society, and for followers of Jesus Christ, is an earthly reflection of God's eternal, covenantal love. In an age when marriage faces increasing pressures, whether legal, social, cultural or relational, it is important to continually develop habits, virtues and practices that foster strong, healthy marriages that can help children mature and develop into faith-filled, responsible and self-confident young adults.

In addition to The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Fort Wayne Stake President Ferril Sorenson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, symposium speakers will include:

John O'Callaghan

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2003, O'Callaghan is director of the Jacques Maritain Center for philosophy, Notre Dame.

O'Callaghan earned a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1996.

Dr. Daniel Philpott

The research and publications of Dr. Philpott focus on reconciliation in politics, although he also specializes in religion and global politics. By conducting work in faith-based reconciliation around the globe, Dr. Philpott has written about political justice and legitimate authority in global sovereign states system and about the morality of self-determination, religious freedom and American foreign policy, transitional justice,

Catholicism and global politics and more.

Lili De Hoyos Anderson

Lili De Hoyos Anderson is a first-generation American. She attended BYU and has a master's degree in social work degree and doctorate in marriage and family. She is a licensed clinical social worker and has a full-time private practice in individual, marriage and family counseling. She serves as president of the Association of Mormon Counselor And Psychotherapists, a worldwide organization.

Gayla Moss Sorenson

Gayla Moss Sorenson is dean of Admissions of BYU Law School. She spent four years with Lewis & Roca in Phoenix and then 20 years with Motorola — first as a litigator, and ending her time there as a vice president and senior legal advisor. She has been actively involved in the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, including having served as Chair of the Finance Committee. Sorenson is a member of the Arizona and Indiana bars.

Dr. Susan Feathergill

Dr. Susan Feathergill, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist. She has provided psychological services for children, adolescents and families at Oaklawn Psychiatric Services in Elkhart, worked at the Community Mental Health Center of DePaul University and provided outpatient services in private practice in Chicago. She currently is an adjunct professor in Notre Dame's Department of Psychology and specializes in treatment of depression, anxiety and trauma in children and adolescents. She utilizes an integrative approach to treatment including cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-focused CBT, family systems, psychodynamic, and mindfulness based therapies.

Dr. Jeff Feathergill

Dr. Jeff Feathergill, Psy.D., HSPP, is a licensed clinical psy-

chologist. As an integrative therapist, his treatment approach is to provide support and practical feedback to help clients address current life challenges and long-standing issues. He has worked as director of the Depression Clinic at Madison Center, director of Behavioral Health Services at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill., and at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, Mont. He is an adjunct professor in the Department of Theology at Notre Dame and is an active member of the American Psychological Association and the Indiana Psychological Association.

Chris Godfrey

Chris Godfrey is a member of the Indiana Bar, St. Joseph County Bar Association and National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys. He is also a Certified Financial Transitionist. A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, he worked in the financial services industry and served in the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. He founded Life Athletes, an association of professional and Olympic athletes who teach and inspire young people. He is active in the South Bend community and is member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Order of Malta. He has served as president of the St. Joseph High School Board and parish council.

Gerry Bradley

Gerry Bradley is a professor of law at Notre Dame, where he teaches Legal Ethics and Constitutional Law. He directs, with John Finnis, the Natural Law Institute and co-edits The American Journal of Jurisprudence, an international forum for legal philosophy. Bradley has been a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University and a Senior Fellow of the Witherspoon Institute, in Princeton, N.J.

To register for the marriage symposium, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Family

Christ Child Society distributes coats at St. Patrick's, Ligonier



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Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne member Jeanne Wagner, left, helps Valeria Reyes, center, and Adriana Felipe choose a knit hat for their 5-month old nephew Sunday at St. Patrick's in Ligonier. The society's coat committee traveled to Ligonier to hand out new coats, hats and gloves to parishioners.

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne traveled a few miles north on Sunday, to distribute approximately 300 coats to the children of St. Patrick's Parish in Ligonier.

Eighteen to 20 women from the society made the trip and were on hand in Ligonier from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to hand out the brand new coats, which are purchased at a considerable discount from a supplier in New York, according to Coat Committee Chairwoman Janet Didier.

In addition to the coats, the children were also offered new hats and gloves that have been donated to the society. Some were sewn by the Christ Child Society Sewing Committee, while others were made by a group called the 'knit chicks' in Roanoke.

During the event, St. Patrick's parishioners were also offered free flu shots by the Stellhorn-Maplecrest Walgreen's in Fort Wayne. Kim Sexton of Walgreens explained the store became involved because of a relationship it has with the Didiers — Walgreens conducted a flu clinic for employees at their business — and said the store was "more than happy to come up" when he learned of the coat giveaway.

In Fort Wayne, the Christ Child Society hands out coats on each of the four or five Wednesdays in October, with over 40 volunteers assisting. "Last year we distributed over 2,300 brand new coats, hats and gloves," Didier said. "We just show the face of Christ to them." Didier added that the members who traveled to Ligonier were "so excited to be doing this."



Janet Didier, chairwoman of the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne's coat committee, helped 9-year old Jesus Ruvalcaba of St. Patrick's in Ligonier try on a new coat Sunday. The Christ Child Society decided to expand its outreach to Ligonier this fall. Aside from new coats, the children could also get a new hat and gloves and a flu shot from Walgreens.

Knowing who we are and what we are supposed to do

This fall I am giving presentations to the high school teachers, staff and administrators in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These talks take place on an annual basis, and they are dedicated to a regular cycle of topics. This year, the theme is morality. Lucky me! My guess is that disquisitions on doctrine or church history or pastoral practice wouldn't raise too many hackles, but ethics is practically guaranteed to rile people up, especially now when issues of same-sex marriage, transgenderism and assisted suicide are so present to the public consciousness.

I am not sure whether I'm delighting or disappointing my audiences, but I am not ordering my talks to address these hot-button questions. Indeed, it is my conviction that a good deal of mischief and confusion is caused precisely by characterizing Catholic morality primarily as a matrix for adjudicating such matters. A purely rational or deductive approach to controversial ethical choices is largely an exercise in missing the point: for to know how to behave as a Christian is a function of knowing, first, who we are as Christians. Understanding how to act is, if I can pun a little, a function of understanding what play we are in.

The great Biblical scholar N.T. Wright has said that most of us are like actors who are dressed up for Hamlet, who have memorized all of the right lines from

Hamlet, and who thoroughly grasp the thematics of Hamlet. The only problem is that we are in Romeo and Juliet. Therefore, what I am sharing with the good teachers of the LA Archdiocese is largely Christian anthropology, a fancy way of saying the articulation of what play we're in and what role we've been given in that production.

Like the great Shakespeare plays, the drama of salvation history consists of five acts: Creation, the Fall, the Formation of Israel, the Coming of the Messiah and the Church. Comprehending the dynamics of all five acts is indispensable to knowing how to behave. So let's take things one step at a time.

According to the still-breath-taking poetic account in the first chapter of Genesis, all created things come forth in an orderly and harmonious manner from the hand of the Creator. Sun, moon, planets, stars, the earth itself, animals, even those things that crawl upon the earth, come into existence as a sort of stately liturgical procession. What the author is showing, first, is that none of these things — all of which at one time or another in the ancient world were the object of worship — is divine. What he is demonstrating, secondly, is that all of them find their purpose in giving praise to the Creator. It is of crucial significance that the final element in the parade — like the last figure in a liturgical procession — is the human being. We are meant



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

to see our identity and our task: To give praise to God on behalf of all creation. Before the fall, Adam was the first priest.

So what is the fall? What takes place in Act 2 is the loss of our priestly identity. Grasping at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we end up worshipping our own egos rather than God, and from this misdirected praise, chaos follows. Things fall apart, both inside and outside, that is to say, in our hearts and in the natural order — and the garden becomes a desert. Throughout the Bible, the basic problem, though it manifests itself politically, culturally, psychodynamically, etc., is always bad praise.

But God does not abandon his people. On the contrary, he sends a rescue operation. Beginning with the covenant with Abraham, God shapes a nation according to his own mind and heart; he teaches a particular tribe to worship him aright, to be his priestly people. His ultimate intention is to use Israel for the instruction of all

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Catholics and intercommunion

Intercommunion, the reception of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church by non-Catholic Christians (or reception by Catholics in other Christian churches) is a very touchy subject. Many Catholics who have a non-Catholic spouse or who have friends of other Christian traditions often perceive that an injustice is being perpetrated, and that Catholic limitations on intercommunion are contrary to the nature of the Gospel's teaching of love and acceptance. Why, then, are non-Catholics asked not to receive Eucharist at Mass?

The reasons behind the Catholic Church's limitations on intercommunion are generally misunderstood. Quite often it is assumed that only Catholics are morally worthy to receive the Eucharist, while those who are not Catholic are unworthy because they are of another Christian denomination. This is not really the case. The rationale behind the Catholic Church's limitations on intercommunion is not based upon moral or religious superiority. There are many believers — Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists and others — who are perhaps morally or religiously better Christians than nominal Catholics. But that is not what is at stake in intercommunion. The Catholic discipline of not practicing intercommunion is based upon a theology of the Eucharist: what it is, what it signifies and what it effects.

It is clear from the New Testament and early Christian



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literature that the celebration of the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread, was part and parcel of the new-born Church's self-understanding. In Luke's description of the first Christian community (found in Acts 2:43-47), it is clear that the common life, prayer, and the Eucharist were the mainstay of the infant Church; that link between community life and the Eucharistic celebration is not insignificant. Justin Martyr, a convert to Christianity writing about 60-70 years after the evangelist Luke, lays down three prerequisites for admission to Eucharistic communion: baptism, acceptance of basic Christian doctrine, and a moral lifestyle. Justin further emphasizes the importance of what the later tradition would refer to as "real presence" — the Eucharist is not be received as ordinary bread and wine, but as the flesh and blood of Jesus, who Himself took flesh for our salvation.

Many Christian denominations do not, in fact, share the same understanding of the Eucharist which Catholicism holds, teaches and celebrates. Some view communion simply

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The gift of Himself, through Jesus, is God's greatest benevolence



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time Reading: Luke 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend's first reading. As the condition of the environment has absorbed more and more public interest, the Pope and other agencies of the Church have addressed the problems of exploiting nature. This reading, while composed many, many centuries ago, states the underlying principle in the Church's teaching on respecting the environment.

This principle is that God is the Creator of all and the author of all life. It should be recalled that Wisdom was written in a

world highly influenced by Greek philosophy. Surrounding Greek philosophy was Greek mythology, which saw gods and goddesses as being within nature. They had control over nature, of course, and could exercise their control in ways not necessarily kind to humanity.

For the second reading, the Church gives us a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

While the nature within which humans live while on earth is marvelous, and is God's loving gift, it is not everything. God calls us to eternal life. He gives us Jesus. The Lord became human, as are we, bonding with us in the mystery called by theologians "the Incarnation." Through the Incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Jesus on Calvary and in the resurrection, and by accepting God's gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of possessing the gift of Jesus. We gain life eternal with God.

Constantly, the Pauline epistles summoned Christians, such as the faithful in Thessalonica,

to realize the wonder and greatness of God's gift of Jesus. But never do the Pauline epistles lead anyone down a primrose path. The epistles, and this reading in particular, remind believers that the path through life with God is rough and crooked and beset with dangers and attractive detours. We must be resolute in our determination to be with God.

For its last reading, the Church gives us a selection from St. Luke's Gospel. The Lord was on the way Jericho, an ancient city not far from the Dead Sea that is mentioned in several dramatic Old Testament passages. It was a city seated at the foot of the great Judean mountains, a virtual oasis in a stark and lifeless terrain.

While Jericho offered security to so many, and offers security still, Jesus truly brings life and security.

Zacchaeus was wealthy, but Luke's Gospel sees wealth as a burden. The poor are closer to God. They are unencumbered. Additionally, Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a disgusting occu-

pation among the Jews. Tax collectors worked for the detested Romans, and the system made them little else other than legalized thieves. Nevertheless, Jesus, the Lord of life, freed Zacchaeus from the heavy burden of sin and gave him life.

Climbing the tree on the part of Zacchaeus teaches us two important lessons. Despite all his wealth, he was subject to the simple obstacles confronting everyone, namely the inability to see through or over others. And, Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see Jesus, realizing that wealth offered no lasting satisfaction.

Reflection

In just three weeks the Church will close its liturgical year. The weekend following, four weeks from this weekend, it will lead us into a new year of worship and reflection. But, before then, it will call us to close this year in a mood profoundly hopeful and thankful.

We have hope, and we give thanks, because we are one with God, in Jesus. The key is truly to

be with Jesus, without compromise, without pause. Our union with the Lord must be perfect. Jesus is our king.

This weekend's reading points us toward the Feast of Christ the King, the great celebration closing this year.

Our life and our security are in Jesus. We must realize that we are as desperately in need of the Lord as was Zacchaeus.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcd, 2-3 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15

The trolley problem and the presidential election

There is a thought experiment in moral philosophy, made famous by Philippa Foot, called the trolley problem. Imagine you are the driver of a runaway trolley that you can steer but not stop. Up ahead, the track forks in two.

On the left, there are five men working. If you go that way, you will surely kill them all. (And let us suppose the trolley is heading that way.) On the right, there is one man working. If you turn the trolley in that direction, you will kill him. What do you do?

For the utilitarian who believes in solving moral problems by summing good and bad results, it seems right — maybe even necessary — to turn the steering wheel toward the right. That will produce a net saving of four lives.

Not everyone feels that way. Some people are troubled that the driver is doing an act we can accurately describe as intentionally killing the worker on the right. The act does save more lives than it takes. But does it not violate the moral rule that one may never do evil so that good may result from it?

Perhaps you have anticipated where I am going with this thought experiment. This presidential election season is presenting us with a variant of the trolley problem.

Hillary Clinton will appoint a cabinet and a Supreme Court that view human life, faith

and the traditional family as disposable items on society's path toward a peculiar kind of personal autonomy that values none of them. Donald Trump seems to be running a campaign against the love of neighbor, and his private conversations about women demonstrate little regard for human dignity.

Not only are these two bad choices, but the design of our current two-party system makes them the only choices we have. There are only two tracks the election can go down, and serious harm awaits us in both directions.

I have heard some thoughtful people say that the right course of action is to vote for neither candidate. This would be like the driver of the trolley taking his hands off the steering wheel. It seems to avoid the problem of intentionally killing the worker on the right, but I don't think it lets us off the hook entirely. For one thing, because the left track is the default position, we know that doing nothing will result in the death of five workers. What's more, we would consider it a serious dereliction of duty for a trolley driver — especially one steering in an emergency — to take his hands off the wheel. Why is the same not true for a citizen on Election Day?

Life would be morally simpler if we had a lot of political parties, and one of them took



INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

positions on matters of life, family, faith, care for the poor, immigration, respect for women and so on that matched up with our beliefs. But I'm not sure the country would be better off with an arrangement like that. Historically, our two-party system has had the moderating effect of driving parties to the middle in search of uncommitted voters.

Setting to one side the personal failings of this year's candidates, the other thing that has made this election a trolley problem is that both parties have lurched so far to the outside. Americans as a whole hold more moderate views on abortion, immigration, race, religious freedom and gender identity than the candidates profess.

You have to wonder, how did the brakes fail on this particular trolley? And given our perilous predicament, do you turn the steering wheel?

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that the ultimate end (what he calls the res) of the Eucharist is the building up and strengthening of the unity of the Church. The grace particular to the Eucharist is to draw communicaants into greater unity in the Body of Christ, the Church, by — at the same time — signifying that unity. The Eucharist, simply put, is both a sign and source of unity in the Church. This notion is neither new to Aquinas nor unique to him. An ancient Christian document called the Didache (compiled around 110 A.D., just a generation or so after the New Testament texts) contains what is arguably the more ancient Eucharistic prayer. The prayer found in the Didache asks God not for private graces for individual believers, but to gather, protect, and safeguard His Church. Thus the Eucharist is not only about uniting individual believers to Christ through a share in communion, but more fundamentally about uniting a community of believers together through their communion with Christ in the Eucharist.

Based upon this summary of what the Eucharist is and what it does, it should become more evident why intercommunion poses a problem. When one receives the Eucharist, she is placing herself in communion of mind and heart with the Church. It is an act which signifies not only a spiritual union

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the meeting with the tax collector, Zacchaeus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JERICHO
CROWD
LOOKED UP
HOUSE
BEHOLD
TODAY
TO SEEK

CHIEF
CLIMBED
COME DOWN
RECEIVED
HALF
ABRAHAM
TO SAVE

COLLECTOR
SYCAMORE
I MUST STAY
SINNER
THE POOR
SON OF MAN
LOST

UP A TREE

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the nations of the world. Mount Zion, the locale of the temple, the place of right worship, is meant to become a magnet to the whole of humanity: "There all the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord" (Psalm 122:4). The entire drama of Israel is the content of Act 3. But we hear, over and again, that Israel does not live up to its high calling, that it falls short of its vocation to worship the Lord alone. And so the best and the brightest among the chosen people commence to dream of a Messiah, a figure who would represent the full realization of Israel's mission and identity.

The coming of this anointed one is the central drama of Act 4. The still-startling claim of the first Christians is that Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth, is this long-awaited Messiah, the one in whom faithful Yahweh finally meets faithful Israel. Notice, please, how Jesus is consistently presented as a priestly figure. John the Baptist declares him to be the "Lamb of God;" at the climax of his life, he comes into the holy city of Jerusalem and cleanses the temple, declaring, "I will destroy this place and in three days rebuild it," referring to the temple of his own body; and on the cross, bearing the sins of the world, he offers a final priestly sacrifice, offering right praise to his Father and bringing sinful humanity back on line with him. This is precisely why, in the light of the resurrection, St. Paul would refer to Jesus as "the new Adam," which is to say, the one who restores the human race to correct praise.

Now, we are ready for Act 5

and the proper context for speaking of morality. Act 5 is the life and work of the Church. Grafted on to Jesus, members of his mystical body, all of the baptized are meant to do what Jesus did and be who Jesus was. We are meant, as Paul put it, to "offer our bodies as living sacrifices to the Lord." This implies that we are to turn every aspect of ourselves — our minds, our wills, our personal affairs, our jobs, our recreation, and yes, our sexuality — into acts of worship. To make it more pointed, our bodies and their desires do not belong to us; they are not intended to serve our selfish purposes. They are designed to be turned to God's purpose, which implies that they be placed under the aegis of love. Now we can understand why the Church is so demanding in regard to sex, why it stands so staunchly athwart divorce, contraception, same-sex marriage, masturbation, etc. It is not because the Church is against sex or against pleasure or against self-determination. It is because the Church is for turning the whole of life into an act of radical love. And its dearest hope is that the very quality of its right praise will attract the whole world to Christ. I realize that it sounds strange to put it this way, but the moral lives of the baptized are not meant finally for them; they are meant to be salt and light for the rest of humanity.

What I'm telling the Catholic high school teachers of LA is what I want to tell all Catholics: you won't know how to behave until you know who you are. And you won't know who you are until you realize what play you're in!

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as a symbol and memorial of what Jesus has done for us. While such ideas about symbol and memorial may be quite well-intentioned, they are ultimately insufficient. Catholicism maintains that the Eucharist is more than a symbol: It is a special kind of sign which effects or brings about what it symbolizes. Jesus Christ, in the words of the Council of Trent (at Session 13, October 1551) is truly present "body, blood, soul, and divinity," under the appearances of bread and wine. The Mass is also more than a memorial meal. It is a re-presentation of the Paschal (from the Greek word for Easter) Mystery: all the power and promise of Christ's life-giving death and resurrection are made present and available to us through the celebration of the Eucharist. But doctrinal differences regarding the Eucharist are not the sole obstacle to intercommunion.

We need to look at what the Eucharist signifies and effects (does) in order to understand precisely why intercommunion is, in actuality, a counter-sign to the Eucharist itself. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) teaches

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Sports

Blazers, Crusaders produce nail-biter football semifinal

BY JOE KOZINSKI

"Best game ever" was the murmur heard as fans drifted off into a dark fall night on Sunday, Oct. 23, after witnessing a battle for the ages: two of the tri-champions of the Inter-City Catholic League squaring off in the semi-final of the playoffs.

The Holy Cross Crusaders, owning a regular-season victory over their adversary, the St. Matthew Blazers, knew a win would put either team in the championship game and an equally important matchup against a CYO team from Fort Wayne in November.

The weather had a crisp but pleasant allure as the Crusaders started on their own 23-yard line, but struggled to get going as the Blazer defense dived through gaps. Holy Cross elected not to punt on a 4th and long; instead, quarterback Matt Eck tossed the pigskin to Gavin Stefanek, who burst 79 yards for a touchdown. Stunned Blazer fans then watched as Stefanek kicked the points-after try through the uprights, making the score 8-0.

The first possession for the Blazers almost mirrored that of the Crusaders. They fought off a stingy defense, had their backs to the wall, and went for it on 4th and long, before playmaker Bryce Martens broke through and scampered 55 yards for a touchdown. The kick would not be true and the margin stood at 8-6.

Defense took over the game as both teams held the other in check, with little real estate given until the Blazers took over on the Holy Cross side of the field.

The Crusaders keyed on Blazer star Isau Gonzalez, so the black swarm elected to go with Joey Barkowski and the legs of Martens, who navigated a nine-play drive that looked stalled

after a holding call in the red zone.

The resourceful Martens, on a 2nd and goal from the 14, found his smallest receiver, Bernard Coutee, in the end zone for the touchdown as the clock was waning. The kick was no good, making the score 12-8.

The Blazers got the ball to start the second half at their own 30, and found lightning in a bottle as Gonzales had two rushes back-to-back for 8 and 35 yards. Then, like a tight-rope walker in the circus, Martens tiptoed for 32 to pay dirt, making the score 18-8.

The Crusaders counter-punched as Stefanek ran for some tough yards. The combination of quarterback Eck and Jack Futa connected on a 25-yard first down reception and followed with an 18-yard strike for a touchdown. The points-after kick by Stefanek was gold and narrowed the margin to 18-16 with 3:16 left in the quarter.

The story within the story was the offensive and defensive all-stars on each team getting nicked up. Each time that happened, the emotional momentum changed the pace of the game. One of the reversals of fortune came as Blazer Martens was helped off the field and to the bench, where he applied ice to his leg. As he did, his team struggled to the point they found themselves at a devastating 4th and 23 tucked in their own territory.

The next play was one for the highlight reel. Martens gingerly set up behind the center and evaded the heavy rush of Crusaders, scrambling for what seemed like an eternity. He found Gonzalez crossing the field and watched him bolt for the remaining 80 yards for a touchdown. The Blazers again would

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POPE: DON'T CHEAT PEOPLE OUT OF JOY, BENEFITS OF GAME Pope Francis challenged the sports world to fend off corrupt and manipulative practices and to uphold the values of honesty, fairness and transparency. "It would be sad for sport and for humanity if people were unable to trust in the truth of sporting results, or if cynicism and disenchantment were to drown out enthusiasm" or joyful and unselfish participation, he said during the opening ceremony of a world conference on faith and sport hosted by the Pontifical Council for Culture Oct. 6-7. — *Carol Glatz CNS*

St. Vincent, St. Charles head to CYO tournament final

BY RON BUSCH

Catholic Youth Organization football tournament action began under great temperatures and sunny skies, at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the University of Saint Francis. First-game action pitted No. 1-seed St. Charles Cardinals vs. No. 4 Central Catholic Irish.

Central Catholic had an identical record as the CYO Knights at 1-5, but a tiebreaker based on points scored this season dropped the Irish to the No. 4 slot. Irish coach Keith Douge had his team up for the task, as they started with as much enthusiasm as any team this season. Central Catholic kicked off and immediately played some tight defense, blanking the mighty St. Charles offense through the first half of quarter No. 1. St. Charles, however, was not to be denied and continued a steady march down the field. With 3:44 left to go in the first quarter, Amir Drew scored on a 16-yard run. The points-after kick hit the goal post and St. Charles went up 6-0. What appeared to be an onside kick was recovered by St. Charles on the CC 46-yard line. A long pass from St. Charles' quarterback Brenden Lytle to Callen Stauffer brought the Cardinals to a 1st and goal position. Lytle called his own number on the run and St. Charles scored again with 3:24 left on the first-period clock. An extra-points kick on the mark brought St. Charles to an early 14-0 lead. The teams exchanged possessions and the first quarter came to an end.

St. Charles scored again early in the second quarter, when Brenden Lytle executed a "keeper" of 50 yards to the end zone. The extra-points kick gave the Cardinals a commanding 22-0 lead. The Cardinals had the Knights back on their heels, and the early Central Catholic enthusiasm and momentum had swung entirely onto the Cardinals side of the scoreboard. One more running play and good kick with 2:28 left on the clock gave St. Charles the 30-0 half-time advantage.

During the second-half break Central Catholic regrouped and received the kickoff. After an unsuccessful, surprise fourth down fake punt by the Irish, St. Charles started to mount a drive. Central Catholic made an impressive defensive stop deep in the Irish territory, at the 18-yard line. The ball was turned over to CC, which ran a running play and fumbled. A St. Charles recovery gave the Cardinals possession as the third quarter expired.

Central Catholic did score in the fourth quarter, with a 50-yard pass play to Louie Tippmann. It must be noted that this was only the second TD given up by St. Charles in the entire regular season and the playoffs combined. As the game clock ran out, St. Charles advanced with a 30-6 victory.

In 2 p.m., second-game action, the No. 2-seed St. Vincent Panthers (with 13 players and 2 key injuries) was pitted against the No. 3-seed CYO Knights.

After the CYO Knights' first victory last week, coach Jim Carroll had these comments: "The Knights have shown steady growth and development this season as young men working towards becoming great football players. Nobody has quit, we have a bunch of new players

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Photo by John Martin

Louie Tippmann of Central Catholic runs for a touchdown against St. Charles during first-game CYO tournament action on Sunday.

CYO football team achieves perfect record



The fifth- and sixth-grade Central Catholic football team went undefeated during this year's Catholic Youth Organization season. CC won 30-6 against St. Vincent, 18-0 against St. Charles, 22-0 against the Knights, 28-0 against St. Vincent and 24-6 against St. Charles. Team members celebrated on the field following their final win on Oct. 15, when they bested the Knights again 14-6.

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Blazer quarterback Bryce Martens braces for a hit by Crusader Asante Anglin.

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failed on the points-after, leaving the door open at 24-16 with 6:32 left.

The big three of the Crusaders, Asante Anglin, Futa and Stefanek, again took a shot from the Blazers and counterpunched. Each touched the ball only once in the drive that saw the latter plunge into the end zone for a touchdown.

The strong leg of Stefanek was crucial as he kicked the extra points for the third time, making the score tied at 24 with 4:57 left on the game clock.

The fans seemed to understand that with the well-executed kicking game of the Crusaders, anything short of a touchdown and stop from the Blazers would potentially mean the white-and-blue-trimmed team would have the advantage should the game go into overtime.

The Blazers had to start their march with their backs to their goalposts, starting at the 25.

Loud cheers and words of encouragement flowed from the stands as Martens, Gonzalez and company inched their way down the field, eyeing the clock and aided by another tremendous 40-yard catch by Coutee, burrowed all the way down to the 1 with 39.2 seconds left.

Joey Barkowski fell into the end zone, giving the Blazers the lead with the much-anticipated kick-after waiting in the wings. The snap was true and the hold good, but the Crusaders mustered the fortitude to break through the line and block Gonzalez' kick, making the score 30-24.

The clock became the most formidable opponent of the Crusaders. On the last play from scrimmage, it was only fitting that the best offensive player for Holy Cross, Stefanek, would be one-on-one against the best defensive player for St. Matthew, Gonzalez. The perfect form tackle would bring the game to a close, lifting the Blazers to the victory.

"What a game. The saddest thing about it (was), someone had to lose," remarked Crusader Coach of 23 seasons John Krzyzewski. "Martens is such a player. He makes and creates things that are hard to prepare for."

"I just want to add that my eighth graders, Futa, Stefanek, Anglin, Eck, Dominik Verzele, William Henderson, Malcom Anderson, Aaron Greve, Ben Appleton, Matt Hirschler and Adam Guzicki worked, led and played together. That made this season a successful one for me," exclaimed Krzyzewski.

"I'm happy for our boys," said Blazer Coach Ben Domonkos. "Our program has taken our lumps over the last few years, and they all come to work every day and sometimes don't get to see the benefit. What a game to be a part of."

The Blazers of St. Matthew will play in the championship game Sunday at 3 p.m. at Marian High School, and take on the Panthers of St. Anthony, who dispatched Mishawaka Catholic 38-0.

The Panthers' offense was highlighted by touchdowns from Brandon Prokop, Walter Wesson, Charlie Peterson and Cameron Leep, and aided by the kicking of Charlie Leonard, who booted a couple of points-after tries and a long-distance field goal.

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to football and a lot of seventh graders contributing as well. Despite the challenges of very sound, competitive, tough opponents each week and far distance travel to practices at St. Elizabeth field for a few, I am very pleased with these 2016 Knights — their effort, toughness and increased growth as young men — all coming together to form one heartbeat. They have shared the inner bond, goals, friendships and memories only the great game of football and the CYO provide. I'm sure in time they'll even miss those Sunday morning butterflies."

The match-up featured a full first quarter-long drive by the CYO Knights and their quarterback Brody Glenn. They took the kickoff and mounted a tremendous drive methodically down the field to the St. Vincent "1-inch" line. Henry Verslype took it in with only three seconds off the second-period clock. The points-after kick was unsuccessful, and at 7:57 the Knights held a 6-0 lead. St. Vincent managed its own impressive long drive, and with 2:52 left in the half Ben Simcox punched in a 1-yard run. An extra-points kick was tacked on, and the momentum had been reversed 8-6 in favor of the Panthers. St. Vincent threatened one more time before the end of the half, but an impressive defensive stop by the Knights left the score at 8-6.

The game was up for grabs as the teams lined up for the second-half kickoff. The Knights kicked to St. Vincent, and the Panthers brought it back to their own 40-yard line. St. Vincent mounted a successful drive attempting to stretch out that 2-point lead. On a 3rd and goal situation St. Vincent elected to handoff to dependable Eli Hilger, who steamrolled into the Knights' end zone at 2:48 of the third quarter. With Hilger's run and a good extra-points kick the score was now 16-6 in favor of the 4-win, 2-loss St. Vincent Panthers. This proved to end all scoring in the third period.



Photo by John Martin

Carson Podschne of St. Vincent runs for a touchdown in second-game CYO tournament play against the Knights. The St. Vincent Panthers won 30-6.

The 16-6 lead was too much to handle for the Knights in the final quarter. A 1st and goal running play by Panther's quarterback Carson Podschne at 7:32 of the fourth quarter brought the lead to 24-6, and the extra-points kick was good. Podschne was not through for the day, however; with 1:51 to play he reeled off a 41-yard touchdown. Again, the extra-points kick split

the uprights and the 32-6 victory belonged to the St. Vincent Panthers.

The CYO football tournament final takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 and features the St. Charles Cardinals vs. the St. Vincent Panthers at the University of Saint Francis. The fifth- and sixth-grade championship will be played at 12:30 p.m.



Secretariat for Stewardship and Development

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Cupertino Classic scheduled

FORT WAYNE — The 3rd annual Cupertino Classic will be Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Bishop Luers High School, 333 E. Paulding Rd., at 6:30 p.m. The friendly basketball competition between priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is family friendly and admission is free. More information will be posted on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CupertinoClassic.

Women's morning of reflection

COLUMBIA CITY — A women's morning of reflection will be Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Catherine Church, State Road 9 and 1000S. The morning will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast in the church hall. A talk on Mother Angelica will follow breakfast. A free-will donation will be taken to benefit right-to-life efforts. Call Linda Bustamante at 260-344-3112 for information.

Purse Bingo fundraiser

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will have purse Bingo on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Win a Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach or other designer purse. Tickets are \$20 open seating or reserve a table of 8-10 for \$25 per person. After Nov. 1, tickets are \$30 open seating only. Food and refreshments will be sold. Must be 21 or older to attend. Purchase tickets at bishoppdwenger.com or call 260-496-4775. License #142109

Father Solanus Vocation Society plans to meet

FORT WAYNE — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society meeting will be held on Nov. 4, at St. Joseph Hospital. Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel will be followed by lunch and a talk by guest speaker, Father Thomas Shoemaker, newly appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne.

Harvest of blessings gala

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center's 2nd Annual Harvest of Blessings "All That Jazz" gala Saturday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Victory Noll Center. It will feature live jazz music, New Orleans style food and live auction items. All proceeds benefit the Victory Noll Center Endowment. Tickets are \$45 each.

All Souls Day Mass

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Cemetery will host an All Souls Day Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, at noon. Join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as celebrant of this Mass at 3500 Lake Ave. Mass will be held outside or at the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum if raining.

Knights plan fish fry

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4. Shrimp or chicken strips available for \$9.50 and cheese pizza for \$1 per slice.

Kris Kringle craft show planned

SOUTH BEND — A Kris Kringle craft show will be Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Therese Little Flower Church. This event features 55 crafters, a food pantry drive, huge bake sale and lunch. Cash or non perishable food donations appreciated.

Day of Reflection

MISHAWAKA — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is A Day with John Michael Talbot." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 5 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

Holiday bazaar planned

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace Parish will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church on Vistula and Bittersweet. Over 70 craft vendors, eighth grade bake sale, piggy raffle, a 50/50 raffle and lunch items available. Email qpbaazaar2016@gmail.com for information.

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FORT WAYNE — Every bingo game winner will receive a turkey and a prize Sunday, Nov. 13, from 3-7 p.m. at St. John the

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Lewandowski, 88,
St. Adalbert

Marian Ella Zielinski,
85, Holy Cross

Ann Marie Poinsatte,
84, St. Therese, Little
Flower

Donald E. Wrobel, 81,
St. Patrick

Submit obituaries to
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Baptist PAC (gym), 4500 Fairfield Ave. Special kids only games, plus a 50/50 raffle. Concessions available.

Mass for the dead held in 'old' cemetery

FORT WAYNE — A memorial Mass in the "old" cemetery of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, corner

of Auburn and Wallen Roads, on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8 a.m. will replace the regular Saturday morning Mass in the Church. Bring a lawn chair if needed.

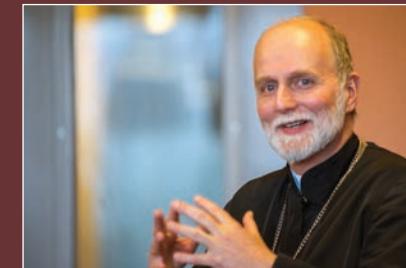
Coffee and donuts will be served in the Parish Hall by Knights of Columbus. If there is rain, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Tuesday, November 1

NOTRE DAME CONFERENCE CENTER | MCKENNA HALL

KEELEY VATICAN LECTURE

Ukraine, Democratic Revolution, and the Challenges of a Catholic University



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Eparch of the Paris Eparchy of St. Volodymyr the Great and
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The Apostolate of Divine Mercy instructs the ignorant through its ministries



A pro-life advocate for life speaks with Dr. Urich Klopfer, a doctor who formerly performed abortions in facilities across Northern Indiana, to inform him of the impact of abortions.

Volunteers of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy would stand on the "Prayer Peninsula" to reach staff and patients of the abortion clinic.



Photos provided by Shawn Sullivan

All ministries of the apostolate begin with prayer in the chapel at the Life Center, and sometimes continue outside of a South Bend abortion clinic.

Shawn Sullivan of the Apostolate of Divine

Mercy explains to students of St. Anthony de Padua School how the apostolate reaches out to mothers in distress as part of a Facts-of-Life program.



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little flower holy hour

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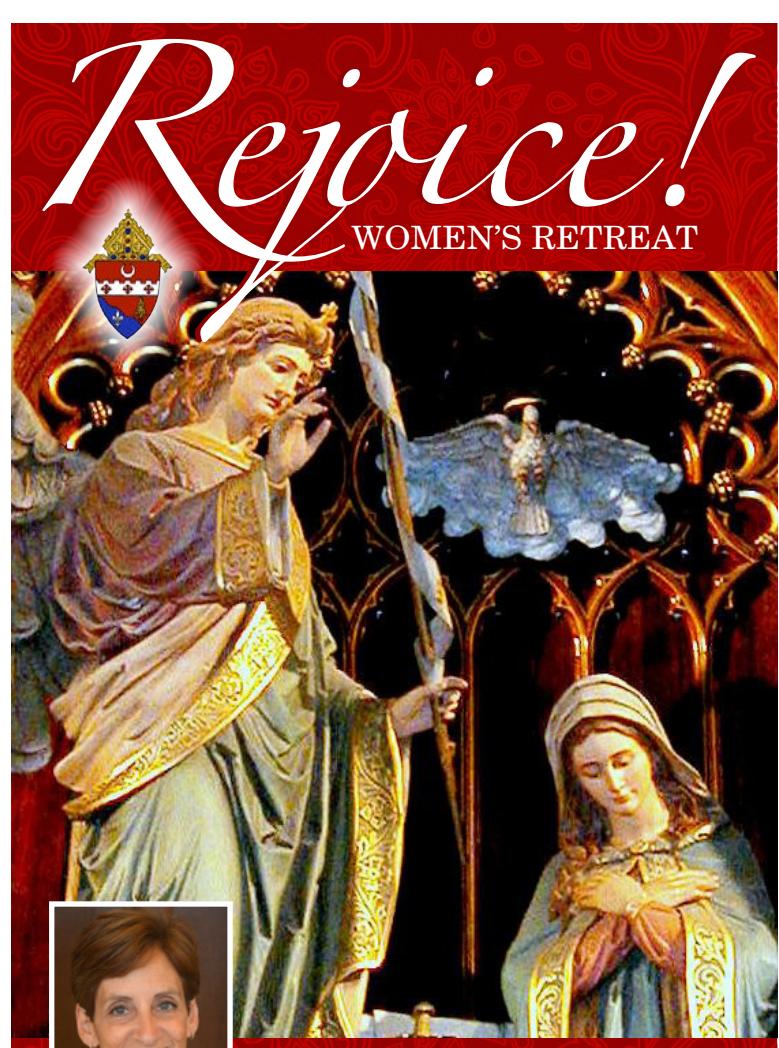
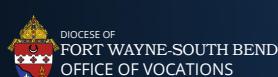
7:00 p.m.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel
with Msgr. Robert Schulte

Please, come and pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



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