



### Pentecost Sunday collect (prayer)

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

— Taken from  
*the Roman Missal*

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Francie Hogan

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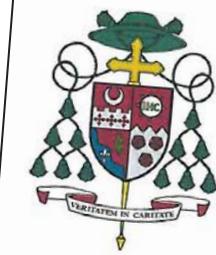
The future of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend rests on its priests, who serve as shepherds, administrators, counselors and teachers. It is vitally important that the diocese continue developing men who possess the skills, character and commitment to serve in its parishes and the world as priests dedicated to serving Christ.

Individuals and families throughout the diocese turn to priests during the most significant times of their lives. At weddings, baptisms, anointing of the sick, funerals and countless other moments of grace, priests are there to guide us. They become educators, counselors, confessors, leaders and friends. The impact of your support for seminarians will reach across generations as these priests live out their vocation.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is blessed to have 23 seminarians studying for the priesthood, five of whom were just ordained deacons and two who will be ordained next week to the priesthood. By next fall there may be as many as 30 young men studying for the priesthood.

These vocations are a wonderful gift. It is a diocesan responsibility to meet the costs of educating and housing these young men. In the past decade, the annual cost to educate a seminarian has increased threefold; the total diocesan annual expense is now just over \$1.2 million per year.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lord continues to bless our diocese with the gift of priestly vocations. This year I will ordain two men to the priesthood and five men to the diaconate who, please God, will be ordained priests next year. We give thanks to God for these young men who are committing their lives to the service of the Church.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Pentecost, the feast in which we celebrate the great event when the apostles received the Holy Spirit, together with Mary and the first community of Christ's disciples. Every year on Pentecost Sunday, we take up a very important special collection to provide the financial means for the education of our seminarians. It is an appropriate feast for this collection since the Holy Spirit is the source of all ministry in the Church. Our seminarians are discerning, with the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit, their vocation to the priesthood.

Every time I celebrate an ordination, I am struck by the remarkable mystery of this sacrament in which the men being ordained receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to fulfill the ministry entrusted to them. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they are able to act in Christ's name and to be instruments of His grace.

I humbly ask for your generosity in the Pentecost Collection. Your sacrifice is a sign of your appreciation for the gift of the priesthood and of your support for our young men studying for the priesthood. We need your support since the monies raised in the Annual Bishop's Appeal are not enough to fund the education of our seminarians. I am very grateful for whatever donation you can make. I also ask for your prayers for our seminarians and also for more priestly vocations in our diocese.

May the Lord bless you! May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with the joy and peace of following Christ as His faithful disciples!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Kevin C. Rhoades*

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



Five seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stand with Vocations Director Father Andrew Budzinski, far left, in the sacristy of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne immediately prior to the Mass of Ordination to the diaconate on May 20. From left are now-Deacon David Huneck, Deacon Thomas Zehr, Deacon Patrick Hake, Deacon Nathan Maskal and Deacon Jay Horning.

Joe Romie

# Pope, President Trump speak of hopes for peace

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump spent 30 minutes speaking privately in the library of the Apostolic Palace May 24, and as the president left, he told the pope, “I won’t forget what you said.”

The atmosphere at the beginning was formal and a bit stiff. However, the mood lightened when Pope Francis met the first lady, Melania Trump, and asked if she fed her husband “potica,” a traditional cake in Slovenia, her homeland. There were smiles all around.

Pope Francis gave Trump a split medallion held together by an olive tree, which his interpreter told Trump is “a symbol of peace.”

Speaking in Spanish, the pope told Trump, “I am giving you this because I hope you may be this olive tree to make peace.”

The president responded, “We can use peace.”

Pope Francis also gave the president a copy of his message for World Peace Day 2017 and told him, “I signed it personally for you.” In addition, he gave Trump copies of his documents on “The Joy of the Gospel,” on the family and “Laudato Si’” on the environment.

Knowing that Pope Francis frequently has quoted the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Trump presented Pope Francis with a large gift box containing five of the slain civil rights leader’s books, including a signed copy of “The Strength to Love.”

“I think you will enjoy them,” Trump told the pope. “I hope you do.”

After meeting the pope, Trump went downstairs to meet Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, and Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican foreign minister. He was accompanied by Rex Tillerson, U.S. secretary of state, and H.R. McMaster, his national security adviser. The meeting lasted 50 minutes.

Tillerson later told reporters that climate change did not come up in the meeting with the pope, but that U.S. officials had “a good exchange on the climate change issue” with Cardinal Parolin.

“The cardinal was expressing their view that they think it’s an important issue,” Tillerson said. “I think they were encouraging continued participation in the Paris accord. But we had a good exchange (on) the difficulty of balancing addressing climate change, responses to climate change, and ensuring that you still have a thriving economy and you can still offer people jobs so they can feed their families and have a prosperous economy.”



CNS/Paul Haring

**Pope Francis exchanges gifts with U.S. President Donald Trump, accompanied by his wife, Melania, during a private audience at the Vatican May 24.**

Asked how Trump responded to Cardinal Parolin’s encouragement to stick with the Paris climate agreement, Tillerson said: “The president indicated we’re still thinking about that, that he hasn’t made a final decision. He, I think, told both Cardinal Parolin and also told Prime Minister (Paolo) Gentiloni that this is something that he would be taking up for a decision when we return from this trip. It’s an opportunity to hear from people. We’re developing our own recommendation on that. So it’ll be something that will probably be decided after we get home.”

Tillerson also told reporters he did not know what Trump meant when he told the pope, “I won’t forget what you said.”

The Vatican described the president’s meetings with both the pope and with top Vatican diplomats as consisting of “cordial discussions,” with both sides appreciating “the good existing bilateral relations between the Holy See and the United States of America, as well as the joint commitment in favor of life, and freedom of worship and conscience.”

“It is hoped that there may be serene collaboration between the state and the Catholic Church in the United States, engaged in service to the people in the fields of health care, education and assistance to immigrants,” the Vatican said.

The discussions also included “an exchange of views” on international affairs and on “the promotion of peace in the world through political negotiation and interreligious dialogue, with particular reference to the situation in the Middle East and the protection of Christian communities.”

Because of the pope’s weekly general audience, Pope Francis and Trump met at 8:30 a.m., an unusually early hour for a formal papal meeting. The early hour meant Pope Francis still could greet the thousands of pilgrims

and visitors waiting for him in St. Peter’s Square.

Many of those pilgrims, though, had a more difficult than normal time getting into the square. Security measures were tight, with hundreds of state police and military police patrolling the area and conducting more attentive searches of pilgrims’ bags.

Reaching the St. Damasus Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, where the U.S. flag flew for the morning, Trump was welcomed by Archbishop Georg Ganswein, prefect of the papal household, and a formation of 15 Swiss Guards.

Accompanied by the archbishop up an elevator and down a frescoed hallway, the president passed more Swiss Guards in the Clementine Hall.

Although the president and Pope Francis are known to have serious differences on issues such as immigration, economic policy and climate change, the pope told reporters 11 days before the meeting that he would look first for common ground with the U.S. leader.

“There are always doors that are not closed,” the pope told reporters May 13. “We have to find doors that are at least a little open in order to go in and speak about things we have in common and go forward.”

After leaving the Vatican, the president was driven across Rome for meetings with Italian President Sergio Mattarella and Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni.

Asked by reporters there how his meeting with the pope went, Trump responded, “Great.”

“He is something,” Trump said. “We had a fantastic meeting.”

Meanwhile, the first lady went to the Vatican-owned Bambino Gesù children’s hospital — right next door to the Pontifical North American College, which is where U.S. seminarians in Rome live. Trump’s daughter, Ivanka, went to the Community of Sant’Egidio,



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, June 4: 2 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Joseph High School, St. Pius X Church, Granger

Thursday, June 8: 12 p.m. — Teleconference with Catholic Relief Services U.S. Operations Committee, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Thursday, June 8: 6 p.m. — Priest and Religious Appreciation Dinner with Knights of Columbus, Parkview Mirro Center, Fort Wayne

Friday, June 9: 11 a.m. — Mass for Annual Men’s Come and See Discernment Retreat, Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame

Saturday, June 10: 11 a.m. — Mass with Installation of Acolytes, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



CNS photo/L’Osservatore Romano

**Barbara Jatta, director of the Vatican Museums, gestures as U.S. President Donald Trump and his wife, Melania, visit the Sistine Chapel after meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican May 24.**

a Catholic lay movement, for a meeting on combating human trafficking.

The United States and the Vatican have long partnered on anti-trafficking initiatives, a common effort White House officials had said Trump hoped to discuss with the pope. The White House also pointed to a shared commitment to promote religious freedom around the world and to end religious persecution.

The evening before Trump met the pope, the Vatican newspaper carried two articles on Trump policies. One, echoing the U.S. bishops, praised the Trump administration’s decision to extend by six months the Temporary Protected Status program for Haitian citizens in the United States.

The second article was about the budget plan the Trump White House released May 23. *L’Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, noted that it contained cuts in subsidies “for the poorest segments of the population” and “a drastic — 10 percent — increase for military spending.”

What is more, the newspaper said, “the budget also includes financing for the construction of the wall along the border with Mexico. We are talking about more than \$1.6 billion.”

The border wall is an issue where Pope Francis and President Trump have a very clear and public difference of opinion.

In February 2016, shortly

after celebrating a Mass in Mexico just yards from the border, Pope Francis was asked by reporters about then-candidate Trump’s promise to build a wall the entire length of the border.

“A person who thinks only of building walls, wherever it may be, and not of building bridges, is not Christian,” the pope said.

Trump, asked by reporters to comment on that, said Mexico was “using the pope as a pawn,” and he said it was “disgraceful” for a religious leader to question someone’s faith.

On the eve of the pope’s meeting with Trump, Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, editor of an influential Italian Jesuit journal, noted that the differences between the two were drawing a lot of attention. However, he wrote, “Francis, the pope of bridges, wants to speak with any head of state who asks him to because he knows that in crises” like the world faces today “there are not only absolute ‘good guys’ and absolute ‘bad guys.’”

“The history of the world is not a Hollywood film,” Father Spadaro wrote on his blog May 23.

The pope’s approach, he said, is “to meet the major players in the field in order to reason together and to propose to everyone the greatest good, exercising the soft power that seems to me to be the specific trait of his international policy.”

*Contributing to this story were Junno Arocho Esteves and Carol Glatz at the Vatican.*

# Gunmen take Catholic hostages; Philippines' Duterte imposes martial law

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Gunmen claiming to have links with the Islamic State group threatened to kill hostages, including a Catholic priest, who were taken from the southern Philippine city of Marawi May 23.

President Rodrigo Duterte imposed martial law across the entire Muslim-majority region of Mindanao late May 23, but ucanews.com reported that many, including church leaders, characterized the imposition of martial law as an overreaction.

As of early morning May 25, nothing had been heard of the whereabouts of the priest and the prelature's staff and some churchgoers who were taken captive.

Cardinal Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato appealed to Muslim religious leaders to intercede with the gunmen, who claimed to be Muslims, for the safety of the hostages who were reportedly used as "human shields" when the militants attacked the city.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, president of the Philippine bish-

ops' conference, said the terrorists "have threatened to kill the hostages if government forces pitted against them are not recalled."

"As the government forces ensure that the law is upheld, we beg of them to make the safety of the hostages a primordial consideration," he added.

Initial reports received by ucanews.com said Father Teresito Suganob, vicar general of the Prelature of Marawi, and several staff of St. Mary's Cathedral, which was set on fire, were taken hostage. The gunmen also forced their way into the residence of Bishop Edwin de la Pena of Marawi.

Bishop de la Pena confirmed reports that the attackers took Father Suganob, several of the prelature's staff, and some churchgoers. He said he received a call from "a member of Islamic State" who used his kidnapped secretary's phone and demanded a "unilateral cease-fire" in exchange for the life of the priest and the other hostages.



CNS photo/Romeo Ranoco, Reuters

**Philippine government soldiers walk past a mosque before their May 25 assault on Maute insurgents, who have taken over large parts of the town of Marawi. Residents started to evacuate Marawi after President Rodrigo Duterte imposed martial law across the entire Muslim-majority region of Mindanao.**

"They want a cease-fire and for the military to give them access out of Marawi," said Bishop de la Pena. "Otherwise they will kill the hostages."

In a statement on his Facebook page, Manila Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle told the people of Marawi that no words could express the "shock, confusion, and sadness for what happened."

Sending solidarity and prayers from the Archdiocese of Manila, the cardinal asked why anyone would hurt their neighbor.

"We weep for you, for all Filipinos, and everyone in the world (whose) lives (are) ruined because of the violence," he said. "O God, forgive our contempt for life and human dignity."

Archbishop Villegas said Father Suganob was performing priestly duties at the time of his

capture.

"He was not a combatant. He was not bearing arms. He was a threat to none. His capture and that of his companions violates every norm of civilized conflict," said Archbishop Villegas.

Fighters of the Maute group, which has vowed allegiance to the Islamic State, also burned several buildings, including the cathedral, a Protestant school and the city's jail.

The bishop said the gunmen used the hostages as "human shields" as fighting continued with security forces May 24.

In Marawi, the military confirmed that five soldiers were killed and 31 others injured in the attack on the city. At least two policemen were also reported killed.

Philippine authorities refuse to release the number of casual-

ties and fatalities as "clearing operations" continued.

Duterte placed all of Mindanao's 27 provinces and 33 cities, roughly a third of the country, under martial law for a period of 60 days. Mindanao is home to an estimated 20 million people.

Duterte warned that the martial law in Mindanao "will not be any different" from the martial law declared by former dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

"I'll be harsh," said Duterte. "I have to do it to preserve the Republic of the Philippines," he said, even as he assured Filipinos "not to be too scared."

Ucanews.com reported that religious leaders and civil society groups, however, said there was no need for Duterte to put Mindanao under military rule. Filipinos have been wary of martial law since it was used by Marcos to remain in power for two decades, until his ouster in 1986.

"Putting the whole of Mindanao under martial law is very dangerous and vulnerable to abuse," said Alih Aiyub, secretary-general of the Ulama Council of the Philippines.

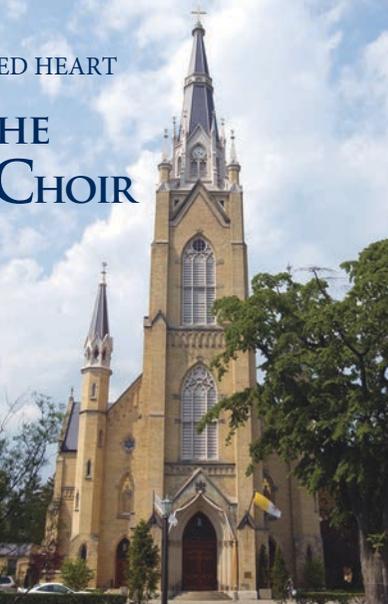
Bishop Jose Bagaforo of Kidapawan said the declaration of martial law could have been limited to Marawi City and surrounding areas, "not all of Mindanao."

Redemptorist Father Amado Picardal, who works with basic ecclesial communities and the bishops' conference, said declaring martial law across Mindanao while only Marawi was attacked "is either idiotic or an excuse to expand dictatorial control."



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# Pope, English church leaders offer prayers after Manchester attack

BY SIMON CALDWELL

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — Pope Francis decried the “barbaric attack” on concertgoers in Manchester, adding his voice to Catholic leaders dismayed at what British officials said was the deadliest case of terrorism since 2005.

In a telegram sent to English church officials on Pope Francis’ behalf, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said the pope “was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life” after a suicide bomber killed at least 22 people and injured another 59 at Manchester Arena May 22. Many concertgoers at the Ariana Grande concert were teenagers, young adults and families.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack.

The pope “expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence,” the telegram said, as “he commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died.”

“Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God’s blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation.”

In Britain, Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, and other Catholic leaders offered prayers for the victims of the attacks and their families.

“My shock and dismay at the horrendous killing of young and innocent people in the Manchester Arena last night is, I know, shared by all people of goodwill,” Cardinal Nichols said in a May 23 statement posted on the Westminster archdiocesan website. “I know, too, that Catholics and many others will be praying earnestly for those who have been killed, for the bereaved and for grieving loved ones.

“We pray in support of all those working so hard in response to this tragedy: the police and security forces, hospital staff, neighbors and friends and for all the people of Manchester. May God, in his mercy, strengthen and sustain us and keep us firmly united in the face of all evil.”

The terrorist attack took place within the Diocese of Salford, which incorporates most of Manchester and much of north-west England.

Bishop John Arnold of Salford offered a lunchtime Mass May 23 at St. Mary’s, a popular city-center church close to Manchester Arena.

In a statement the same day, he said: “The citizens of



CNS photo/Andrew Yates, Reuters

**Two women wrapped in thermal blankets stand near Manchester Arena in England where U.S. singer Ariana Grande had been performing May 22. At least 22 people, including children, were killed and dozens wounded after an explosion at the concert venue. Authorities said it was Britain’s deadliest case of terrorism since 2005.**

Manchester and the members of the Catholic community are united in condemning the attack on the crowds at the Manchester Arena.

“Such an attack can have no justification. I thank the emergency services for their prompt and speedy response which saved lives,” he continued. “We join in prayer for all those who have died and for the injured and their families and all affected by this tragedy. We must all commit ourselves to working together, in every way, to help the victims and their families and to build and strengthen our community solidarity.”

Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury, whose diocese covers southern parts of Manchester, wrote to his clergy, urging them to pray for the victims and their families.

“Let us also keep in our prayer the police and emergency services, together with all hospital staff and chaplains,” he said in his letter.

The bishop added: “Together with church and religious leaders in Greater Manchester, I ask the prayers of your parishioners for peace and solidarity in all our communities that the hate which inspires such indiscriminate violence may be overcome by that love which faith and prayer inspires in our hearts. I hope the

ness with which Catholics and all people of goodwill in the United States learned of the horrible attack which took place yesterday at England’s Manchester Arena,” said his letter, released May 23 in Washington. He mentioned “the unspeakable loss of life, terrible injuries, and untold trauma to families — especially to children.”

“Evil, as dense and dark as it is, never has the last word,” Cardinal DiNardo wrote. “As we prepare to celebrate the new dawn of Pentecost again, may the Easter words of the risen Christ, ‘Peace be with you,’ settle deep into the hearts of the citizens of your great country.”

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days ahead, overshadowed by this atrocity, will lead us all to such prayer and active charity.”

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote Bishop Arnold to assure him of the prayers of Catholics in the United States.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## U.S. extends Temporary Protected Status for Haitians for six months

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Tens of thousands of Haitians enrolled under the Temporary Protected Status program can stay in the United States until at least January. Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly renewed the designation May 22. The decision affects more than 58,000 Haitians in the U.S. The designation, also known as TPS, was implemented by the U.S. government for Haiti days after a powerful earthquake in January 2010 leveled much of the country surrounding the capital of Port-au-Prince. It allowed Haitian nationals to stay in the U.S. because of adverse conditions in their homeland. Kelly's order extends Temporary Protected Status until Jan. 22, 2018, six months beyond the original expiration date of July 22. Previous extensions had been granted for 18 months. Kelly did not adopt the recommendation of the acting director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that called for ending the designation for Haitians altogether in July. In an April 10 memo to Kelly, James W. McCament said "conditions in Haiti no longer support its designation for TPS," but suggested delaying the effective date of the termination for six months to allow "for a period of orderly transition" for Haitian nationals.

## STUDENTS HONOR DECEASED VETERANS



CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

Students at St. Patrick School in Bay Shore, N.Y., create a Field of Honor for living and deceased veterans of the U.S. armed forces as they place 100 U.S. flags on the school's front lawn May 24. The event was part of an eighth-grade community service project that raised \$3,000 to benefit a local veterans residence.

## Archbishop: Migration should be a choice, not 'something forced'

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Migration should be "a choice rather than something forced or involuntary," said Philippine Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations. For that to happen, he cautioned, the "right to remain" must be respected. Archbishop Auza said a proposed U.N. global compact on migration must give the right to remain a higher priority than the right to emigrate. The archbishop made his remarks May 22 as part of a panel on human-made crises as drivers of migration. The panel was a side event taking place during U.N. preparations for the compact he was addressing. "There is no worse human-made crisis that drives people forcibly to migrate or internally displaces populations than wars and violent conflicts. More than half of the world's refugees, forced migrants and internally displaced persons have been forced to abandon their homes and properties and, indeed, to flee their countries, because of conflicts and violence, the tremendous negative impact of which continues in the odyssey of the victims," Archbishop Auza said.

## Holy Cross priest who is Texas pastor named bishop for Florida diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named Holy Cross Father William A. Wack, who is a pastor in Texas, to be the bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Bishop-designate Wack, 49, has been pastor of St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas, since 2009. He succeeds Bishop Gregory L. Parkes, who was named last November to head the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida.

The appointment was announced in Washington, May 29, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Born June 28, 1967, in South Bend, Ind., Bishop designate-Wack is the second-youngest of 10 children. His younger brother, Father Neil Wack, also is a Holy Cross priest.

William A. Wack entered the novitiate for the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1989. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in government and international relations from the University of Notre Dame in 1989. He earned a master of divinity degree in 1993, also from Notre Dame.

He professed his final vows in 1993 and was ordained a priest April 9, 1994. His assignments after ordination included associate pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado Springs, Colo., from



BISHOP-DESIGNATE  
WILLIAM WACK

1994-1997. He was associate director of vocations for his congregation from 1997-2002 at Notre Dame; at that time, he also was with the Holy Cross Associates, 1998-2002.

He then spent six years, from 2002 to 2008, as director of Andre House of Hospitality in downtown Phoenix, which is ministers to the city's poor and homeless. It runs a soup kitchen, which serves over 200,000 meals per year, and provides a small transition shelter for men and women; clothing and blanket distribution; and showers and lockers for its clients.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee covers about 14,000 square miles in Florida's panhandle. Out of a total population of 1.46 million people, about 5 percent, or 67,316 people, are Catholic.

## Priest says Egypt's Christians feel they could be martyrs at any time

CAIRO (CNS) — Christians in Egypt "are getting to this idea that we could be a martyr at any moment," the spokesman for the nation's Catholic bishops told Catholic News Service.

The spokesman, Father Rafic Greiche, also lamented the number of children killed in an attack on a bus carrying Coptic Orthodox Christians to St. Samuel Monastery in southern Egypt May 26.

At least 26 people, many of them children, were killed when masked assailants attacked the bus. Dozens of others were injured.

"It is too early to say who is behind it, but certainly terrorists, and the security forces are now scanning the area" to find the culprits, Tarek Attia, Interior Ministry official, told Sky News Arabia, an Arabic-language television station, May 26.

He said three cars carrying the masked gunmen had attacked the bus at roughly 10:30 a.m. in the southern governorate of Minya, a traditional stronghold of Egypt's Christian community, which accounts for a tiny percent of the country's mostly Sunni Muslim population.

At the Vatican, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, sent a message to Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, expressing Pope Francis' prayers

and solidarity after the "barbaric attack."

"Mindful in a particular way of those children who have lost their lives, His Holiness commends the souls of the deceased to the mercy of the Almighty. He assures their grieving families and all who have been injured of his ardent prayers, and he pledges his continued intercession for peace and reconciliation throughout the nation," the telegram said.

The attack marked the latest in a series of deadly attacks on Coptic Christians, whose church was founded by St. Mark the Apostle in the first century, and whose community represents the largest of the Middle East's Christian minorities.

On April 9, two suicide bombers attacked St. George's Cathedral in Egypt's northern city of Tanta and St. Mark's Cathedral in the coastal city of Alexandria. Those attacks killed and maimed dozens in what was the deadliest attack against Christians in Egypt's recent history. A nationwide state of emergency has been in place since.

In a widely publicized visit to Egypt soon after the April attacks, Pope Francis addressed the terrorist violence carried out in the name of a fundamentalist reading of Islam. Pope Francis frequently has said there are more Christians being martyred today

than during the persecutions of the church in the early centuries of Christianity. And, using the term "ecumenism of blood," he has noted how Christians divided into churches and denominations are united in mourning for their members killed not because they are Orthodox or Catholic, but simply because they are Christian.

The pope paid tribute to the Coptic Orthodox Church's modern martyrs, praying before a memorial in Cairo marking the place where 29 people were killed and 31 wounded in December by a suicide bomber. He told Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II, "Your sufferings are also our sufferings."

After the May 26 attack, the Coptic Orthodox Church released a statement saying, "We extend our condolences to all the affected families and are suffering with the entire country due to this evil and violence."

"We hope for the necessary procedures to prevent these kinds of attacks, which degrade the image of Egypt and cause so much suffering to Egyptians," the statement said.

Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak of Alexandria sent condolences to Pope Tawadros and "all families of all the martyrs," reported the Egyptian paper, *Al Masyar al Youm*.

## Mornings of reflection for liturgical ministers

The diocesan Office of Worship will host two "Mornings of Reflection" for liturgical ministers on Saturday, June 24, at two times and locations.

- Fort Wayne area: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne

- South Bend area: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Mill Street, Mishawaka

Led by diocesan seminarists, these events can serve as an annual retreat for diocesan extraordinary ministers and lectors; although everyone is welcome to attend. They are free of charge, but preregistration through the diocese is necessary. The registration form can be downloaded at the Office of Worship trainings and retreats web page, <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Trainings-And-Retreats>.

## Saint Mary's College announces Lumen Christi recipient

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College proudly announced last week that Yaqi Song, an art major from China, was honored with the 2017 Lumen Christi Award at Commencement on Saturday, May 20. Three seniors are honored each year as exceptional representatives of their graduating class. As the valedictorian reflects the mind and the Outstanding Senior embodies the heart of the class, the Lumen Christi Award recipient represents its soul.

The Lumen Christi is the highest student honor at Saint Mary's, awarded to the senior who stands out as an outstanding woman of faith. The recipient is traditionally someone who has excelled in leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's and whose presence has had a profound effect on the college community. His or her name is not revealed until the name is read at commencement.

Song was surprised to receive the award. She said, "The Lumen Christi Award is such a great honor. When I heard my name, I was so surprised to the point where I could hear my heart beating loudly."

According to her award citation, Song found time to be a grader in the math department, teaching assistant for modern languages, volunteer at the Early Learning Center and the art editor of *Chimes* magazine.

Song has been deeply involved in clubs and activities that have promoted diversity and provided valuable experiences that engaged the faculty, staff and students. One of her nominators wrote, "her interest in social justice with multicultural groups and involvement in the Intercultural Leadership program has deepened her understanding of the ethical and spiritual dimensions of leadership, developed her intellectual maturity and comfort level dealing with differences, and

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Christian Leadership Award Winners



Provided by Jim Andrews

The Father Solunus Casey Society awards a Christian Leadership Award to the top male and female from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools. From Bishop Dwenger are Bridget Breckler and Kevin LaMaster, left. From Bishop Luers are Jacob Schmitz and Olivia Koob. The young adults have shown the ability to live their Catholic faith through action and prayer.

empowered her to be an effective leader in an interconnected world."

Song expressed her gratitude to the Saint Mary's and her family. "During these four years, I have been constantly supported and encouraged by the amazing faculty and staff, as well as my lovely friends and family. I am thankful that I am now confident enough to express myself, my understandings of the world, and everything I have learned from them," she said. "Furthermore, I am incredibly grateful that Dr. Becker and Dr. Bentley from the Department of Chemistry and Physics inspired me to find a platform where being artistic and analytical at the same time is possible."

## New Evangelization Summit plans follow-up gathering

FORT WAYNE/MISHAWAKA — A follow-up gathering for the New Evangelization Summit will be on Wednesday, June 14, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Center, 915 S. Clinton St., in Fort Wayne and at St. Monica Catholic Church, 222 W. Mishawaka Ave., in Mishawaka.

The opportunity is offered to share ideas on how to engage parishioners and evangelize within parish boundaries and will include discussion on takeaways from the summit, best practices and strategic planning. Everyone is welcome to come — whether

you attended the summit or just want to find out how to implement changes in your parish community that will make a difference.

Thirty parishes from the diocese participated in this summit this year. If there is a parish or two who wish to host next year, the Secretariat for Evangelization will strive to have a representative from every parish in attendance. For more on how the Secretariat for Evangelization works with individuals, parishes and ministries contact Allison Sturm at 260-399-1452 or [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org)

## Introduction to the creeds

FORT WAYNE/SOUTH BEND — This unit of the Education for Ministry Basic Certification program will walk through and explain the doctrines present in the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. Particular attention will be given to the Trinitarian and Christological doctrines of the Catholic Church. Class will be held Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22 from 9-11:30 a.m. with Meg Hanlon as the instructor at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., in Fort Wayne.

In South Bend the class will be held Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph High School, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave., in South Bend with Harry Verhiley as the instructor.

To register visit [\[fwsb.org/Education-for-Ministry-Program\]\(http://fwsb.org/Education-for-Ministry-Program\) by Wednesday, June 14, or the first 50 registered participants. Contact Janice Martin at \[jmartin@diocesefwsb.org\]\(mailto:jmartin@diocesefwsb.org\) or call 260-399-1411 for information.](http://www.diocese-</a></p>
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## Introduction to ecclesiology

FORT WAYNE/SOUTH BEND — This unit of the Education for Ministry Basic Certification Program will present the mystery of the church as she has been revealed throughout salvation history, has been articulated in church teaching, and has been lived historically. Special emphasis will be placed on expounding upon the four marks of the church, the magisterium and the role of the church in the world. Class will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22 from 1-3:30 p.m. with Dr. Adam DeVille as the instructor at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., in Fort Wayne.

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## Living rosary in Decatur



Provided by Libby Alberding

Fifth-grade students from St. Joseph School in Decatur recently presented a living rosary to the school and to the community. As a tribute to Mary, our mother, the rosary is seen as it rises and floats by St. Joseph Church.

# In MY diocese

## St. Patrick, South Bend

## St. Joseph County

### St. Patrick, mother parish of the city of South Bend

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

Located downtown, St. Patrick is one of the oldest parishes in South Bend. As recently as a few years ago, the parish struggled to find younger members: but that's now changed.



FATHER CYRIL FERNANDES

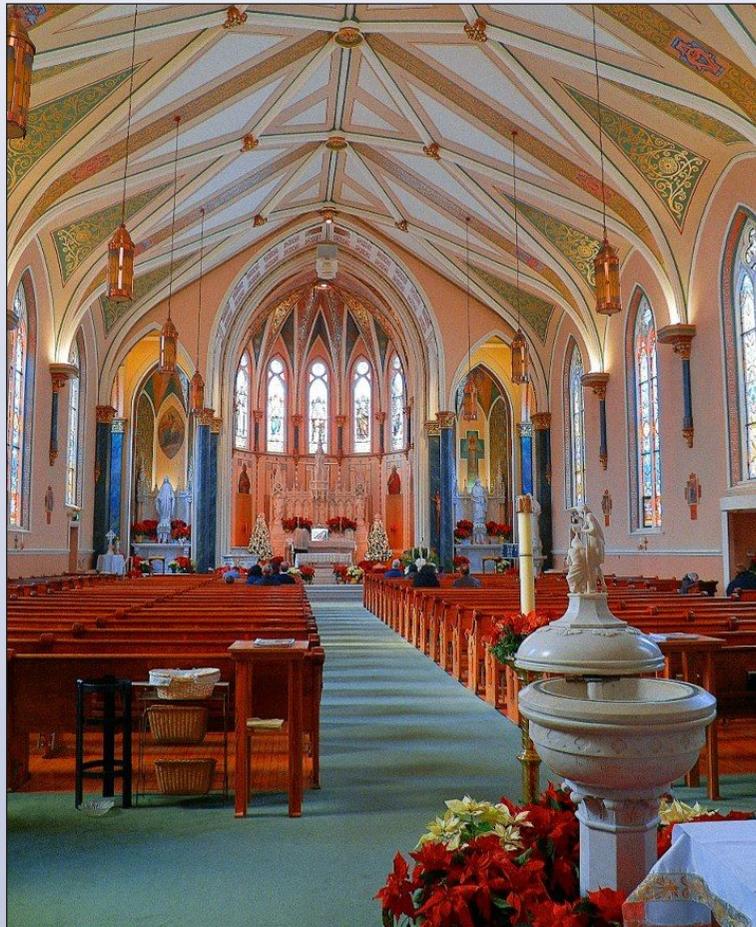
"St. Patrick is gradually having more children," said Father Cyril Fernandes, the pastor at both St. Patrick and St. Hedwig. "When I came here there were only two children in the CCD; today we have 18. We also had four first communions this year."

This growth is largely due to the parish's inclusive attitude toward outsiders.

"St. Patrick has always been considered very welcoming and warm," said Rose Burns, the parish secretary at St. Patrick and St. Hedwig.

Another reason St. Patrick has been able to grow is due to its parish events, especially the St. Patrick's day fundraiser, which has always taken place the weekend closest to St. Patrick's Day (the same day as downtown South Bend's St. Patrick's Day parade).

"We have a group of people who are really into keeping St. Patrick alive and growing," said Burns. "One of our main event coordinators is Karen Horvath. She and her husband, Ricky, do a fantastic job putting together our summer festival and also our St. Patrick's Day celebrations."



Provided by St. Patrick Parish  
The interior of St. Patrick Church at Christmastime reflects the beauty of this southside parish.

With its friendly community, great events and dedicated parishioners, it's safe to say that St. Patrick's is a parish that will likely continue to grow.

#### History

Established in 1858, St. Patrick is widely considered to be the mother parish of the city

of South Bend.

"St. Patrick was actually the church that started a lot of these other little churches around here," said Burns. "At one time you had St. Mary the Assumption and a couple of other small downtown churches, but as the city spread out, the churches moved out."

Another parish that was founded because of St. Patrick is St. Hedwig, which is located across the street. For a long time, there was a strong division between the two parishes. However, the parishes have been coming together since 2001, when they put under the guidance of one pastoral staff.

For the majority of parishioners, the most important thing is the Eucharist. So as long as they can receive the Eucharist they're happy," said Burns. "And they know that when they help out at either parish they are still doing the Lord's work."

St. Patrick was founded under the guidance of Father Thomas Carroll, CSC. At the time, the congregation consisted of a variety of nationalities, but

most of the parishioners were either Irish or German.

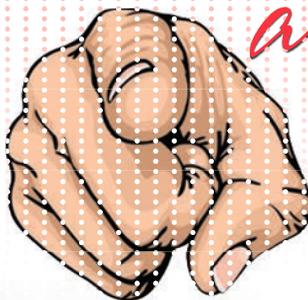
As the community grew, so did the need for a larger space where more people could gather to celebrate the Eucharist. In 1886 a new church was commissioned and, two years later, it was completed. That's the same church that stands today, making it the second-oldest church building in the city of South Bend.

For a long period of time St. Patrick also had a school, which was built in 1866. For over 80 the school only taught boys. Then, in 1950, it became co-educational. The school remained open until 1974, when, after 108 years, it closed.

Since 1972 St. Patrick Church has also been a designated historic landmark, meaning the church will continue to be a part of the community for a long time.

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#### Reconciliation:

M-F 10 a.m.-noon at St. Hedwig Rectory; Sat. 3 p.m. at St. Hedwig or by appointment.

# In MY diocese

## St. Hedwig, South Bend

## St. Joseph County

### St. Hedwig's rich Polish tradition

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

St. Hedwig has been a fixture of downtown South Bend for well over a century. A unique feature of the church is its strong Polish heritage, which is still present today.



FATHER CYRIL FERNANDES

"I always tell anyone who's Polish that if you want a good Polish Mass, you go to St. Hedwig because the flavoring is very thick and strong over there," said Rose Burns, who is the parish secretary for both St. Hedwig and St. Patrick.

The "flavoring" comes from the many Polish customs that the parish continues to do today. One of the most obvious examples are the Polish hymns that the congregation sings during Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

Another example is St. Hedwig's annual parish festival, which usually features a variety of popular Polish dishes including golabki, a cabbage roll stuffed with ground beef and rice, and pierogis, which are dough pockets that are often stuffed with either sauerkraut, cheese, mashed potatoes or even fruit. At the festival there's also dancing, and many parishioners will even attend wearing traditional Polish dresses.

"It's are very much a Polish parish," said Rose Ann Benassi, who is the business manager for St. Hedwig. "They love their tradition, and they fight for it. If a priest comes in and tries to take something away, they'll let him hear about it."

Some of the traditions the parish community has fought to keep in the past are the blessing of the food on Easter, and making sure that midnight Mass on Christmas did not get moved to 11 p.m.

However, the majority of the very traditional parishioners are elderly, so the rich tradition at the parish is in jeopardy.

"I'm Polish but I wouldn't fight for it and kids don't get to see the tradition because a lot of them don't go to church," said Benassi. "The traditions are just going to die off, unfortunately."

That's too bad, because the tradition and the church are both very beautiful; but the good news is that downtown South Bend has been in the midst of a revival in recent years, which hopefully will bring more parishioners to St. Hedwig who can help carry on its Polish heritage.

#### History

St. Hedwig was founded in 1977 and is considered to be the mother parish of the South Bend Polish community.

It was established because of the large Polish migration to the South Bend area that took place

in 1863, after Poland's unsuccessful uprising against the Russian Empire. Initially, the local Polish community attended St. Patrick, which to this day is located across the street from St. Hedwig; but it wasn't long before they decided to build their own parish.

Today the parish belongs to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, but it was founded under the direction of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Father Walenty Czynzewski, CSC, was the parish's first pastor, and he served until his death in 1913. Under his guidance other Polish parishes were established in the area, including several that are still in the South Bend area today, such as St. Stanislaus on Brookfield Street and St. Adalbert on Grace Street.

From the beginning the parish had an elementary school, which was open until 1967. In 1928, St. Hedwig High School opened, which was renamed South Bend Catholic High School in 1936. Then, in 1953, it evolved into South Bend's Saint Joseph High School.

Dedicated in 1883, St. Hedwig is the oldest church building in South Bend. The Romanesque style church stands at 156-foot-tall and contains many vibrant and colorful stained glass windows. The church has been renovated several times, including in 1989 and 1998.



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Saturday: First Saturday 8 a.m.; 4 p.m.

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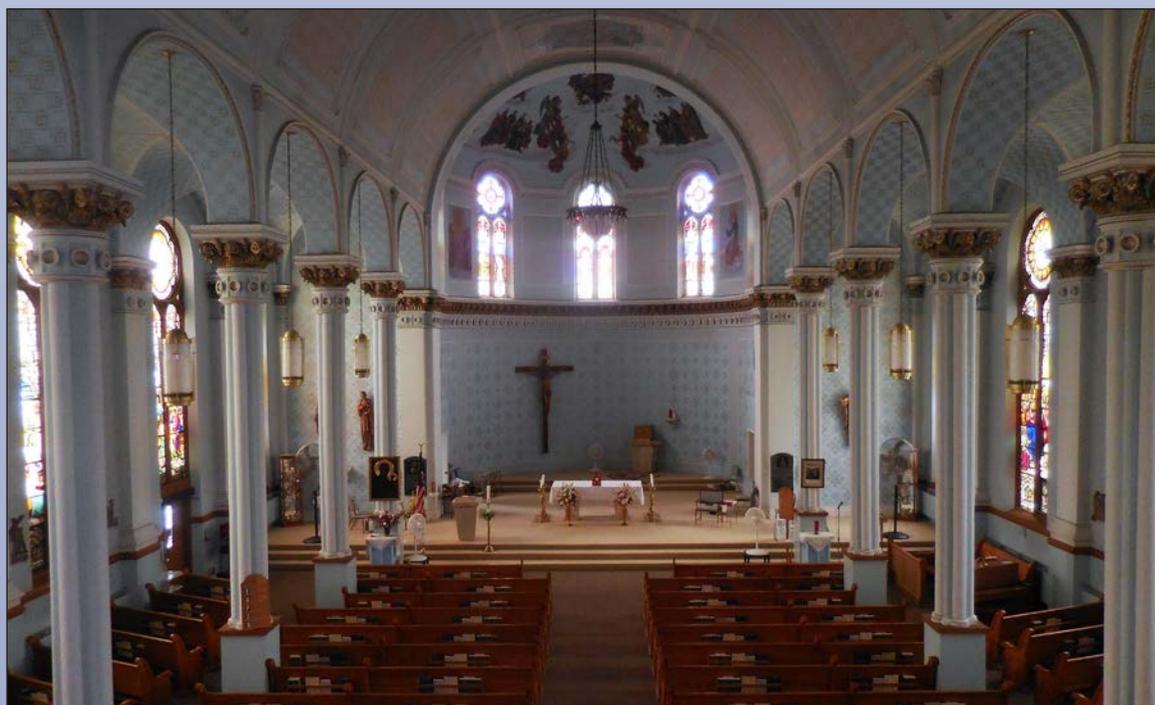
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The interior of St. Hedwig church reflects the stately nature and ethnic diversity of the area.

## St. Patrick, St. Hedwig: two parishes under one pastoral staff

Since 2001, two of South Bend's oldest parishes have been under the direction of one pastoral staff.

Over 16 years ago, the Most Reverend Bishop John D'Arcy combined St. Patrick and St. Hedwig, which are located in downtown South Bend, right across the street from each other.

"The parishes decided to combine rather than having two different priests," said Father Cyril Fernandes, the pastor at both parishes. "There was a lack of priests, so the bishop thought it was the best to combine them under one pastor and an associate pastor."

The number of families at each parish had also decreased significantly as parishioners migrated to rural areas, making the communities small enough to be managed by one staff.

Given the church's proximity to one another, the decision to combine may seem like an easy choice: but historically, St. Patrick, which was founded by Irish immigrants, and St. Hedwig, which was founded by Polish immigrants, were in opposition of one another.

"It was taken down long ago, but in the beginning St. Patrick had a fence built between the parishes, and they wouldn't let any of the Polish to cross it,"

said Rose Burns, the parish secretary for both churches. By the time the two parishes were combined the feud between them had been over for years, but there have still been difficult moments getting them to come together.

Father Leonard Chrobot was the first pastor given the responsibility of both parishes. He had been the pastor of St. Hedwig since 1995, before he was also put in charge of St. Patrick in 2001. Following Father Chrobot was Father Fernandes, who has been the pastor of both parishes for the past four years.

"It was difficult to bring the parishes together when I came here four years ago. The Polish and Irish are very traditional," said Father Fernandes. "I think they are slowly getting together."

An integral part of bringing the two parishes together has been the events that put the parishioners in a situation where they have to work together. There are even a handful of people who will willingly volunteer for a need, or help with a project, at either one.

"I call them the 'Pat-wig Group' because they help at St. Hedwig and at St. Patrick," said Burns.

Another unique aspect of the pastoral staff is that its parochi-

al vicar is from the Congregation of Holy Cross

"It's not something that's very regular," said Father David Kashangaki, CSC, who is the current parochial vicar at the parishes. "But I came back from overseas in 2010 and I was looking for something to do. The bishop asked my provincial if he could assign me as the parochial vicar, and I've been here ever since."

Also helping out is retired priest Father Camillo Tirabassi, who lives at the St. Hedwig rectory during the summer and fall.

Masses have been divided up between the two parishes. St. Hedwig has a Saturday Mass at 4 p.m., a Sunday Mass at 9 a.m., a Vietnamese Mass on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m.; and weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 12:15 p.m.

St. Patrick has Sunday Mass at both 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and weekday Mass Monday-Friday and first Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. Confession can be heard every weekday at the St. Hedwig rectory from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Saturdays at St. Hedwig from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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# Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Luers high schools celebrate baccalaureate Masses

Bishop Dwenger High School at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



**Bishop Kevin Rhoades greets and congratulates Bishop Dwenger's 2017 senior class and their families after the dismissal of the baccalaureate Mass on May 24 at the Cathedral.**

**At right, Deacon Patrick Hake, a newly ordained 2009 alumnus of Bishop Dwenger, incenses the congregation.**



Photos by Joe Romie

Bishop Luers High School at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



**Bishop Luers seniors pray the Our Father together during the baccalaureate Mass on May 26 at the Cathedral.**



## St. Pius Creation Care Team lives out 'Laudato Si'

BY TIM PONISCIAK

*"Know the creator through creation." — Pope Francis*

This simple phrase personifies the actions of the Creation Care Team at St. Pius X in Granger. Each year, this fairly new ministry looks to find ways to educate fellow parishioners on how they can live out their faith through caring for the environment while also helping the parish with reducing its own carbon footprint.

"I have always felt a spiritual connection with the Earth and all its natural wonders," said Delaina Wilkin, one of the St. Pius Creation Care Team members. "I truly feel the power of God's creation when I gaze at majestic mountains, blue oceans and the diversity of life on our planet. God has entrusted us with caring for creation, and I have long felt the call to protect this precious gift. As a relatively new Catholic — I went through RCIA three years ago — I wanted to grow in my faith and participate more in parish ministries. I learned about the Creation Care Team when I picked up a carbon fasting calendar for Lent: I was so excited to join a parish ministry with a mission to help our



Photo provided by Tim Ponisciak

**Creation Care is a ministry that can play a role in parishes in several ways. In Granger, the St. Pius X team recently held an Earth Day event focused on education and including eco-friendly kids' activities.**

parish follow the pope's teaching in 'Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home.'"

Wilkin's words ring true for many parishioners who choose to join the Creation Care Team ministry. Creation Care Teams are outreach groups overseen by the Catholic Climate Covenant, a nonprofit started by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2006. The CCC was launched "to address growing ecological awareness and the need to implement Catholic social

teaching on ecology within the U.S. Church." The creation of the CCC was inspired by the USCCB's 2001 statement on climate change and supported by 16 national partners, including Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Health Association.

Creation Care Teams can play a role in their parishes in a number of ways. St. Pius X's team recently held a successful Earth Day event focused on educating parish members on conserving

energy while also saving money. It hosted a local homeowner who spoke about his net-neutral house, and members handed out locally made popsicles and featured eco-friendly kids' activities.

In the past, the team has also hosted a feast of St. Francis Day event, regularly posted faith-based eco-living tips in the church bulletin and worked with the parish to find new ways to reduce its emissions.

In order to ensure a focus both on the environment and on the shared faith of the team, a member reads from "Laudato Si" at each one of the team's bi-weekly meetings.

"Joining the Creation Care Team at St. Pius X has had a huge impact on me," stated Wilkins. "It led me to read 'Laudato Si,' which has made me more deeply connected with God's word, the pope's teachings and my faith.

"At several of our meetings we viewed educational videos and webinars provided by The Catholic Climate Covenant," she added. "I have learned how climate change is adversely affecting many of the poorest populations around the world. Right now, people are losing their homes and livelihoods. Climate change is a human rights problem that as Catholics we are

called to serve."

Catholic Climate Covenant CEO Dan Misleh believes strongly in the importance of parishioner outreach as it relates to the CCC's mission. "Parish Creation Care Teams are often the real catalyst for a community-wide embrace of Pope Francis' encyclical letter..." he pointed out. "The team can help integrate creation care projects and themes throughout the life of the parish, and help answer questions like, how might we celebrate these themes in our liturgies and formation programs? How can we reduce our energy and water consumption as well as reduce waste and make these activities public, teachable moments not only for our parish community but for our neighbors? How can we capture and direct the natural enthusiasm of our young people and encourage their leadership?"

The Catholic Climate Covenant is open to having more parishes on board. Visit the CCC's website at <http://www.catholicclimate-covenant.org/cct> for more information, and talk with a pastor about the possibility.

As Pope Francis stated, "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."

## The four dimensions of formation

The church, in her 2,000-year existence, has acquired a copious amount of wisdom. Part of that wisdom is found in the approach to seminary formation that the last century has brought us, especially through the work of Pope St. John Paul II. The most notable component of seminary formation that was given to the church by him is the articulation of the what are known as the “four dimensions” of priestly formation. These four dimensions are: spiritual, intellectual, pastoral, and human formation.

As men progress toward the priesthood, it is the responsibility of the seminary to constantly assess and report how they are growing in these four dimensions. An inquisitive reader will, however, notice that these four aspects of life and growth are not and should not be limited to only men in formation to be priests. All of us, as Christians, should be striving for growth always in these four dimensions, as through focusing on these we become both better Christians and better people by the very fact that they all draw us closer to God.

As the Second Vatican Council proclaimed, we all share a universal call to holiness. Focusing on our own formation and growth in the Christian life can be a great way of answering that call to allow the Lord of make us holy, like himself.

Every person, because the call is universal, is therefore called to live holiness differently, to have a unique relationship with Christ that they share with others.

This means that for each person holiness is something that looks slightly different, yet strikingly similar. (For example, the Eucharist is offered to everyone as the source and summit of our faith.) The same is similar with the four dimensions of priestly formation, each person being unique will have strengths and weaknesses in each that need to be grown and worked on.

Daniel Niezer and I hope, through this monthly article, to share our own personal reflections on the four dimensions of priestly formation and so help make them more known to the great readers of *Today's Catholic*. Daniel will share with you soon a little bit about himself.

I am a senior collegian studying at Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary in Indianapolis. I am in my fourth year of seminary formation. We are both from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on the southwest side of Fort Wayne, and have been parishioners there for most of our lives. I was born and raised in Fort Wayne and have lived here my whole life. I am the youngest and only male child of my family, and have three awesome older sisters. I am also a graduate of Bishop Luers High School. Daniel and I are very excited to have the opportunity to write for this great diocesan newspaper and hope that you, the awesome readers, benefit from our reflections.

Briefly, to really enter into understanding how to apply some of the wisdom of priestly formation to your own life, an important concept must be mentioned. All formation is



### THE STRANGE AND JOYFUL LIFE

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done within the context of community. In fact, the focus of our Christian faith is community: The Trinity is a perfect and everlasting community. For the Christian then, community life has special meaning and influence. Sometimes I look around the seminary and stand in awe thinking, “Lord, how is it that all of these men have been brought to this place?”

Everyone in our community can be so different. Does this cause tension? Sure it does. Does it cause division? Sure it does. But the seminary, just like the Christian faith in general, challenges us to move past our preferences and annoyances and truly see the other people in our communities as Christ sees them: Beloved brothers and sisters who have been chosen as adopted sons and daughters of God. This challenge is worth our time and reflection: How do we allow the communities that we find ourselves in form us into better people and draw us closer to God?

## ‘Let your yes mean yes’: honesty with God, others

Rachel Gardner has a bad habit: She says yes when she ought to say no. A friend will ask to do lunch on Wednesday.

“I say, ‘of course,’” Rachel recounts, “and in my head, I can see my totally squashed schedule.”

The friend asks if noon works. “I say, ‘Sounds great,’ knowing I have something at 1:30 p.m.,” Rachel confesses.

Then comes the moment she knows she should leave their lunch, but she hesitates to cut the time short — “time I didn’t have in the first place.”

So she stays 10 minutes longer, which means, fast as she may drive, she cannot make up that time, she cannot pull off an impossible magic trick, and now she is 10 minutes late to her next commitment. All the while her chest is constricting, stuck in that torture chamber between the odometer and the clock — left, right, left, right, tick, tock, tick tock.

“I’ve been in that place a million times,” said Rachel, a Catholic young adult from Austin, Texas. That feeling of mounting pressure is so familiar that it compelled her to blog about it earlier this month.

The truth emerged: “I’m not staying with my friend because I’m being really loving. I’m staying because I’m anxious about saying, ‘Hey, I have to go.’”

The behavior, she determined, stems from a faulty belief that her friend can’t handle a no, that



### TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

Rachel is that important. “It’s taken me a while to learn that no one benefits when you overbook yourself,” she said.

The crux of her blog post was Matthew 5:37, a Scripture verse she turned into an Instagram doodle with Sharpies and pretty cursive, punctuated with arrows and underlines: “Let your ‘yes’ mean ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ mean ‘no.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

“We’re up against a lot right now as young adults,” Rachel said. It’s not just the number of invitations and expectations; it’s the pace at which they arrive. “In our now-generation, everyone expects an answer immediately.”

Giving herself time to respond helps. Sometimes that means ignoring the ever-urgent ping of a text. For important decisions, she waits it out “one day and one Mass.”

Rachel was on a retreat in college when she first heard this truism: “When you say yes to one thing, you say no to another.” She says her mind was blown.

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## Together, Christians bear God’s mission



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Feast of Pentecost John 20:19-23

Pentecost, the feast celebrated on this weekend, is the greatest day of the church’s year, save for Easter and Christmas. It is interesting in this sense. It is the only ancient Jewish feast still observed by the church.

In the beginning, Christians almost invariably were of Jewish origins. But quite early in Christian history, the apostles themselves took the Gospels far and wide. As a result of these missionary efforts, many came into the church who were not of Jewish backgrounds.

When the church was born, a series of political upheavals

were causing great stresses in traditional Judaism. All these developments meant that the attention that once would have been paid to Jewish feasts faded and eventually ended altogether. Pentecost is the lone exception.

For Jews, Pentecost celebrates the divine bringing together of them as a people. In this act of God, more than just ethnic or genetic unity was achieved. They were unified as a people in their mission to be true to God and to profess God before all the nations.

Christians see Pentecost as their holy day, recalling the moment when God the Holy Spirit vivified the apostles. Receiving strength and power from the Holy Spirit, the apostles then went forward to proclaim salvation in Christ to the entire world.

This first reading recalls this event and its aftermath. Under the leadership of Peter, the apostles were united. They were emboldened. They never relented from their mission of declaring Jesus as lord and savior. According to tradition, all but

one died as a martyr.

For the second reading, the church presents a passage from First Corinthians. Absolute faith in Christ, as God, and as savior, is key. Without grace that accompanies this absolute commitment, and indeed enables faith, humans are confused and prone to fatal misstep.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the last reading, a Resurrection narrative. The risen Lord appears before the apostles. As God, possessing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the apostles the power to forgive sins, extraordinary because only God can forgive sins.

### Reflection

For weeks, the church has rejoiced in the resurrection, excitedly proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, and that Jesus lives!

As this season has progressed, the church, through the readings at Mass, also has called us to realize what effect the Resurrection has upon us and upon human history. The salvation achieved by Christ on

Calvary never will end. It is for all time and for all people.

How will it be accomplished? It will be accomplished through the Lord’s disciples in every consecutive age.

Since true conversion requires a completely free and uncompromised individual decision, true Christians are bound together in the church. They share their identity with Christ and the grace of the Spirit. As Acts reveals, they are part of the community still gathered around the apostles, under the leadership of Peter, and still looking to the apostles for guidance and direction. Through the apostles, the community links itself to the Savior, to the Father, and to the Spirit. The church lives, and in it Jesus lives.

Christians, however zealous, cannot be ships passing each other silently in the night. They bear together the mission to bring God’s mercy and wisdom to the world. Christians. They belong to, and are one in, the church.

On this feast, the church’s lesson therefore is very contem-

porary, very immediate and very personal. We belong, as did the first Christians, to an apostolic church, a community created by God to bring divine mercy to weary and wandering humans.

This feast invites us into the framework of holiness formed by Jesus. None of us is alone in faith. We share a common bond with Christ. We share in the mission of Christ.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5 Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8 Mk 12:38-44

# 'Catholic Lite' and demographic suicide

Ten years ago, after my meditation on Europe, "The Cube and the Cathedral," had appeared in several languages, I was invited to speak to members of the European Parliament in Brussels. There, I tried to make what seemed three rather obvious points.

1. Europe is committing demographic suicide, systematically depopulating itself in what British historian Niall Ferguson has called "the greatest sustained reduction in European population since the Black Death in the 14th century."

2. This unwillingness to create the future in the most elemental sense, by creating new generations, is at the root of many of Europe's problems, including its difficulties assimilating immigrants and its fiscal distress.

3. When an entire continent — healthier, wealthier and more secure than ever before — deliberately chooses sterility, the most basic cause for that must lie in the realm of the human spirit, in a certain souring about the very mystery of being.

The response to this analysis that has stuck in my mind ever since came from an Italian Euro-parliamentarian, who said, in so many words, "Look, we know we're finished. We're trying to arrange things so that we can die comfortably in our beds. Don't you Yanks come over here and start stirring things up."

It was brutal, but it had the merit of being honest, and it came back to me the day after the recent French presidential election, when it was pointed out by several observers that the prime ministers or presidents of Europe's largest economies — and of all the European members of that exclusive global club, the G7 — are without children: German's Angela Merkel, Great Britain's Theresa May, Italy's Paolo Gentiloni, and France's

Emmanuel Macron. Add to the mix the childless Dutch prime minister Mark Rutte and the childless prime minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel, and something quite striking comes into focus: of the six founding members of what has evolved into the European Union, five are now led by childless prime ministers or presidents, a situation that would have been unimaginable to one of the founders of modern Europe, Konrad Adenauer, who was the father of eight.

The childlessness in this elite cohort certainly has different causes, given the diverse personalities involved. Some of these leaders doubtless experience their childlessness as a sorrow — although none seems to have taken the option of adopting children. Nonetheless, the childlessness of so many western European leaders is, if nothing else, a stark illustration of the crisis I identified more than a decade ago — and which my Italian interlocutor in Brussels confirmed, if in a thoroughly depressing way.

The members of the American commentariat most attuned to this plague of Euro-childlessness tend to discuss its impacts in terms of the rapidly growing Muslim population in Europe and the difficulties so many European states seem to have in assimilating immigrants from a different civilizational orbit. Those problems are real enough. But for a Catholic, Europe's demographic winter bespeaks, first and foremost, a colossal evangelical failure. Acknowledging that also sheds light on the contemporary Catholic situation in Europe.

In recent years, the "Catholic Lite Brigade" has reasserted itself in western Europe and in the counsels of the world church. It is time to ask whether Catholic



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## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Lite — as displayed in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and elsewhere — does not have something to do with Europe's demographic meltdown. It is time to ask whether Catholic Lite is not at least partially responsible, not only for Europe's self-chosen sterility, but for Europe's rapidly accelerating embrace of euthanasia. It is time to ask why Catholic Lite has been such an abysmal failure in forming public moral cultures in which self-gift, not self-aggrandizement, is the touchstone of human aspiration.

Sixteen years ago, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told me that "Organized Catholicism in Germany is a task force for the old ideas" — the ideas of Catholic Lite. The same might be said of "organized Catholicism" throughout much of western Europe. And while there are signs of hope to be found in renewal movements and new forms of Catholic community across the continent, the continued embrace of Catholic Lite by too many western European Catholic leaders and intellectuals bodes ill for a European Catholicism that can inspire Europe to reject demographic suicide and rediscover the joy of creating the future through having children.

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## Saint of the Week



**Clotilde**  
Died 545

The Catholic Clotilda persuaded her pagan husband, King Clovis of the Franks, to allow their children to be baptized and eventually witnessed his baptism in 496 in Reims, France. But her 34-year widowhood was marked by family fights over power. Clotilda took charge of the three sons of Clodomir, her son killed in 524 by a cousin bent on revenge. Clotilda left Paris, devoting her final years to charitable works in Tours.

my faith life. Who knows how much time I would have lost reading really worthy autobiographies while my own living autobiography laid idle?"

Today that mature faith informs her work as a therapist, helping others own up to the consequences of their yeses and noes. Rachel is able to address the challenge because she's worked "tenaciously" to be honest with herself about her grievances, to be honest before God.

The outcome is powerful: avoiding all those uncomfortable yeses, accepting the difficult noes and respecting others. "This path not only leads to a more generous love but also to true freedom."

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Now she tries to pause and consider what necessary noes will result from a yes she is planning to extend. "My mission is not to say yes all the time. It's to say, 'What is God's will for today?'"

One semester in college, that meant dropping out of a comparative literature class called "The Mirror and The Self" that covered all the great autobiographies, starting with "Confessions" by St. Augustine and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. The class was fascinating, but Rachel simply didn't have the free hours that semester to keep up with the reading.

"It was a great decision. Not only did I then have a realistic work load, but that semester became a huge turning point in

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 4, 2017

John 7:37-39 and John 20:19-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel readings for the Pentecost Vigil and for Pentecost Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	LET ANYONE	COME TO ME
SCRIPTURE	RIVERS	RECEIVE
EVENING	THE WEEK	DOORS
LOCKED	FOR FEAR	JEWS
PEACE	HIS SIDE	REJOICED
LORD	FATHER	SENT ME
BREATHED	YOU FORGIVE	RETAINED

## RECEIVING THE SPIRIT

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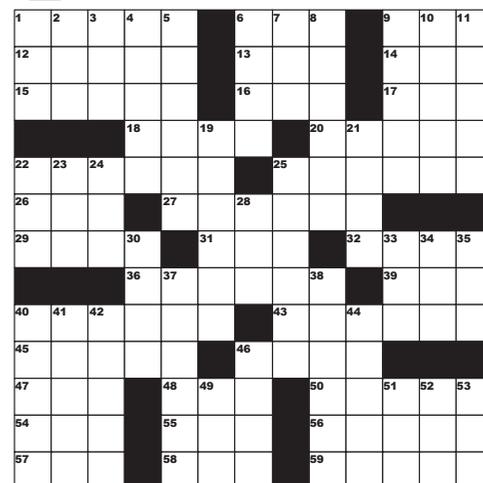
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## The Cross Word

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- 56 Frostier
- 57 Vane direction
- 58 Sin
- 59 Native American lodge



Based on readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 and Ex 34: 4b-9, 8-9; 2Cor 13: 11-13

### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_-necked people
- 6 And so forth
- 9 Extremity
- 12 Punitive colony
- 13 Constrictor
- 14 Foot digit
- 15 Rumor-monger
- 16 Possess
- 17 Little bit
- 18 Prayer ending
- 20 Girl in Wonderland
- 22 Two houses in one
- 25 Eras
- 26 Wrath
- 27 Earlier

- 29 Chew on
- 31 Bad bomb
- 32 Jesus raised from
- 36 Accustoms
- 39 Moses had \_\_\_ tablets of stone
- 40 Clips tree
- 43 Frighten
- 45 Jesus had disciples look at his
- 46 Canal
- 47 Colony insect
- 48 Abbr. Book of Samuel
- 50 Where deer and antelope play
- 54 Winter sport
- 55 Next Vatican Council's #

### DOWN

- 1 Engage in espionage
- 2 Ball holder
- 3 No room here
- 4 Deadly
- 5 Tongues of fire
- 6 Black
- 7 Pull
- 8 Appetizer
- 9 Garret
- 10 Household insect
- 11 Ancient Iranian people
- 19 Second book of the Torah
- 21 Jesus the \_\_\_
- 22 Excavate
- 23 Creminas holder
- 24 The Princess and the \_\_\_
- 25 Make fond of
- 28 "\_\_\_ Father"
- 30 Signaled arrival of the Spirit
- 33 Arrival time
- 34 Punching tool
- 35 Pain unit
- 37 Scottish monster
- 38 The Advocate
- 40 Stage
- 41 Rows of soldiers
- 42 "I am not fit to \_\_\_ his sandals"
- 44 "\_\_\_ be with you"
- 46 Native ruler in Arabia
- 49 Jesus rose into
- 51 Pinch
- 52 "To the right!"
- 53 Before, poetically

Answer Key can be found on page 15

# 'Wings of Dawn' praises God through dance

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

Before their May 20 concert, the dancers and musicians in "Wings of Dawn" gathered in a circle. "Use us and our art as a means to glorify your name and communicate your love to others," they prayed. Director Carolynn Hine-Edington explains that this takes a lot of pressure off the dancers. Of course they try to do their very best for their Lord, but everything doesn't depend on them.

Hine-Edington has taught people to dance for most of her life, but this performance on the parish center stage at St. Therese Little Flower Church was the first major concert for the new contemporary ballet company "Wings of Dawn," formed to praise the Lord through dance. A dozen semi-professional dancers ranging in age from 20 to 50 belong to the company. Most of the songs were written and sung by Hine-Edington's husband Bryan Edington, whose Celtic group Pure Green features violin, guitar and vocalists.

"We are so pleased with how everything came together," Hine-Edington exclaims. Dancers mentioned afterward that they had such a strong sense of the Lord guiding them, their performance was almost effortless. "Songs My Mother Taught Me" brought tears both to the dancer/choreographer and to her mother, sitting in the audience.

The name "Wings of Dawn" is taken from Psalm 139:9-10, where the psalmist uses the term to indicate one of the four



Provided by Carolynn Hine-Edington

**The Wings of Dawn dance company perform the piece, "You're Not Alone," composed (music and lyrics) by Bryan Edington; and Choreographed by Carolynn Hine-Edington. The dancers from left to right are: Zoe Curry, Sadius Giden and Patrick Watterson.**

compass points that also form the sign of the cross. In the airy opening number, dancers held pieces of chiffon that floated across the stage in the colors of dawn.

St. Therese Little Flower is the Edington's home parish. Parish children wearing wings helped with the song "Angels," they are eager to repeat their role. "You can see God in every concert piece," says Hine-Edington, though the evangelistic messages in this gentle ministry ranged from explicit conversion stories to wholesome songs that were just fun for everyone.

In "You Are Not Alone," a single male dancer stood "on the edge," in a very dark place. At first he didn't even notice the

five angels on stage with him, but by the end of the piece they were carrying him across "burning sands."

The concert concluded with "I Wonder," a song so joyful Hine-Edington calls it a "high-slapper." During it, dancers went out into the audience, shaking hands and saying, "God bless you for coming." After that, audience members gave them a standing ovation. Some approached in tears. "That was beautiful! I really felt the Spirit of the Lord."

Hine-Edington has always found it hard to sit still during worship; dance is the most natural way in the world for her and the others in her company to praise the Lord. Besides Little

Flower, dancers belong to St. Matthew Cathedral, St. Pius X, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph in LaPorte and several Protestant congregations. They already have an invitation from one youth group and hope to be able to dance in other diocesan churches and schools.

Hine-Edington became a Catholic in Philadelphia while studying for her Ed.D. at Temple University. Besides choreographing, she teaches dance at IUSB.

She and Bryan met when her first husband, Scott

Johnson, heard Bryan perform on Valentine's Day, 2003, at Fiddler's Hearth in South Bend. Since Carolynn often did flamenco dancing, Scott insisted they meet the best flamenco guitarist he had ever heard. After both Scott and Bryan's wife, Janet, died of cancer, the widows kept running into each other until they agreed to join forces personally as well as professionally. They strongly feel that the Holy Spirit brought them together, and they are very excited about doing concerts together.

## Bishop Luers teacher encourages blood donation



Provided by Bishop Luers High School

Bishop Luers High School health teacher John Sorg has been a blood donor for over 25 years. To date he has donated 14 gallons, or 113 pints, over the years. Blood donation is a value Sorg has adopted and hopes his students will become donors as well. To emphasize the value of donations he displayed T-shirts, blankets and a jacket he has received from the Red Cross over the years. The red blanket was given to Sorg for the donation of 50 pints of blood. The white blanket was donated for 100 pints of blood. The jacket for the 25-plus years of donations, and was given to Sorg at a presentation at Parkview Field.

## Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center presents 'United in Christ' retreat

ANCILLA — Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center presents "United in Christ: Living as Missionaries of the Gospel," on Monday, Aug. 14. Facilitated by Lindenwood Director Christopher Thelen, this day-long retreat takes place at Lindenwood from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT

In the Gospel, Christ calls his children to use the gifts he's bestowed upon us for the glory of God's kingdom. This retreat will engage participants age 18 and over to follow the call,

become more fully engaged in the mission of Christian vocation, and personally encounter Christ through God's people by using the gifts God has bestowed upon them to build and glorify God's kingdom.

The retreat cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible and a journal. For more information, contact Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center at 574-935-1780 or email [lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org](mailto:lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org).

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**XLT planned at Bishop Dwenger**

**FORT WAYNE** — St. Charles and St. Jude Youth Ministries invite all high school teens (including recent eighth-grade grads) to XLT Sunday, June 18, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the chapel at Bishop Dwenger. The night begins with praise and worship music, exposition, a talk by one of our priests, adoration, confession, and concludes with social time. This group meets monthly. Contact St. Charles or St. Jude if you have questions.

**13th day pilgrimage for Fatima**

**ANGOLA** — The World Apostolate of Fatima Fort Wayne-South Bend Division will celebrate the 13th Day Parish Pilgrimage on Tuesday, June 13, with Mass at St. Anthony of Padua, Angola, with Father Robert Showers, OFM Conv. The Fatima speaker will be Father Glenn Kohrman. Mass will be followed by exposition of the blessed sacrament, a Marian procession (weather permitting), recitation of the rosary, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and benediction. A social event will be sponsored by each

parish to end the celebration.

This is part of a 6 month celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. For more information contact Carol at 260-437-1202 or find more events at [www.fatimafwsb.org](http://www.fatimafwsb.org).

**CCHS Class of 1967 plans 50th Reunion**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Central Catholic High School class of 1967 will have a pre-reunion gathering Sept. 15, at the Harrison from 7-9 p.m. The reunion will be Sept. 16, at the Grand Wayne Center at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50. For information contact Carol (Davenport) Lepper 260-639-6236; Kathy (Murphy) Brockway 260-489-8486; or Nancy (Romary) Dunfee 260-627-0288.

**Knights plan fish fry**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 2, 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.

**40 hour devotion planned**

**WARSAW** — A 40 hour devotion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held June 16-18 at Sacred Heart Church. Adoration begins Friday at 8 p.m. and ends with a Corpus Christi procession after the 11 a.m. Mass. Call 574-267-5842 for information.

**Knights in Need golf outing planned**

**MISHAWAKA** — Join the 20th annual Knights In Need golf outing on Friday, June 16, at Blackthorn Golf Club. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., shot gun start at 1 p.m. For information visit [www.marianhs.org/Content/306](http://www.marianhs.org/Content/306) or contact Colleen Ravotto at 574-258-7676 ext 2. All proceeds support Marian High School's financially impacted by death, disability or illness.

**St. Anthony Day children's carnival**

**ANGOLA** — In honor of its patron St. Anthony of Padua the parish will have a children's carnival Sunday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, 700 W. Maumee St. For

## REST IN PEACE

**Culver**

Robert Budzius, 75, St. Mary of the Lake

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Marianne A. Sorg, 86, St. Jude

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information contact Patti Webster at 260-665-2259.

**A Night of Hope: Honoring Karen and Praising God**

**FORT WAYNE** — The St. Charles Guitar Group and Friends are performing a concert of praise and worship music to benefit Karen Hope, the St. Charles music director who has recently undergone a heart transplant, on Sunday, June 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church. A free will offering will be accepted.

**Life Defenders Apologetics Boot Camp**

**FORT WAYNE** — Join us July 7-8 for the Life Defenders Pro-Life Apologetics Boot Camp at the University of Saint Francis. This overnight retreat, open to high school and college-aged students, equips young people to speak confidently and graciously to the moral issue of abortion. The \$25 registration fee includes meals, dorm housing, teaching materi-

als, and a life defenders T-shirt. Visit [ichooselife.org](http://ichooselife.org) to register.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 8, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

## The CrossWord

June 4 and 11, 2017

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# 'Holy Spirits' A pilgrimage on the Bourbon Trail

BY JENNIFER MILLER

The office of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was awarded a renewable grant by the Friends of Young Adult Ministries for outreach to young adults who might not otherwise consider or attend church events. FOYAM looked for new, creative programs within young adult ministry to reach out in evangelization.

Originally designed as the fundraising arm of young adult ministry in the Diocese of Chicago, FOYAM branched out to support innovative programs in other dioceses in 2015. It is realistic in that the leaders understand not every new program will be successful, but they desire to help promote creative, new ideas.

The group is supported by individuals who graciously chose to give back after receiving much from young adult ministry in their own lives.

Excited about this opportunity, Sean Allen, director of Young Adult Ministry in the South Bend area, said the grant is allocated for a novel upcoming pilgrimage this summer. Called "Holy Spirits," the pilgrimage will travel along the Bourbon Trail in Kentucky, visiting local distilleries, monastic life and even possibly a ghost tour. From Friday through Sunday afternoon, July 7-9, the pilgrimage has 28 spots available, subsidized as a result of FOYAM's generous grant.

"There is an explicit faith aspect with a fun, relaxed aspect of the pilgrimage, similar to that of a Theology on Tap," Allen explained. He said FOYAM really asked young adult ministry to "be particularly creative and to reach beyond what had been done before ... not just the 'same old' program."

The pilgrimage is organized by Verso Ministries, a new pilgrimage group from South Bend begun by John Paul Lichon. The name of the trip is a purposeful play on a three-fold usage of "Holy Spirit(s)." First of all the pilgrims will be journeying through out the weekend with the guidance and grace of the Holy



Thanks to a grant from the Friends of Young Adult Ministry, young people from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend can embark on a pilgrimage to Bourbon country that will focus on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Spirit. They will also be offered quiet, silent, personal reflection and prayer time to listen and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The pilgrims, led by Lichon, will visit the Abbey of Gethsemani, the Cistercian monastery where Thomas Merton was famously a monk. There they will pray the liturgy of the hours with the monks and be present in a quiet place of contemplation.

"Our hope in going there is that pilgrims can model their lives with (such) contemplation," Lichon explained. "Everyone will be given their own time to reflect, walk and explore the Abbey."

Secondly, the pilgrimage will visit two local bourbon distilleries, 4 Roses and Buffalo Trace. There they will be able to learn about the process of making spirits as well as sample some of the bourbon. Thirdly, there will be an optional, late-evening ghost tour at one of the distilleries, which pilgrims can choose to attend.

Beautiful, ancient mountains, verdant forests will surround the pilgrims on their weekend adventure. They will stay at a spacious, log home tucked away in the woods outside of Franklin, traveling together by van to build community and a fun road trip experience. There will be two departure sites, one in South Bend and one in Fort Wayne, which will join together in Kentucky on the Trail. These options also make this as affordable and accessible to as many young people as possible.

"This will be different than your typical church event," Lichon explained speaking about this new pilgrimage. "We will combine a wonderful time at a holy place with fun, much like our own lives." They will also visit Bardstown, Ky., and St. Joseph Proto Cathedral, the first cathedral west of the Allegheny Mountains, historically important in the 1800s. On Sunday, for the obligation of Holy Mass, the pilgrims will stop at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, Ky.

Young adults age 21-39 are invited to renew their spirit on this pilgrimage, which explores the intersection of faith and culture and provides spiritual and physical refreshment.

The registration fee includes transportation from South Bend or Fort Wayne, lodging, preparation materials, all activities and some meals. Pricing is set at \$175. Visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-sb](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-sb) for information and registration.

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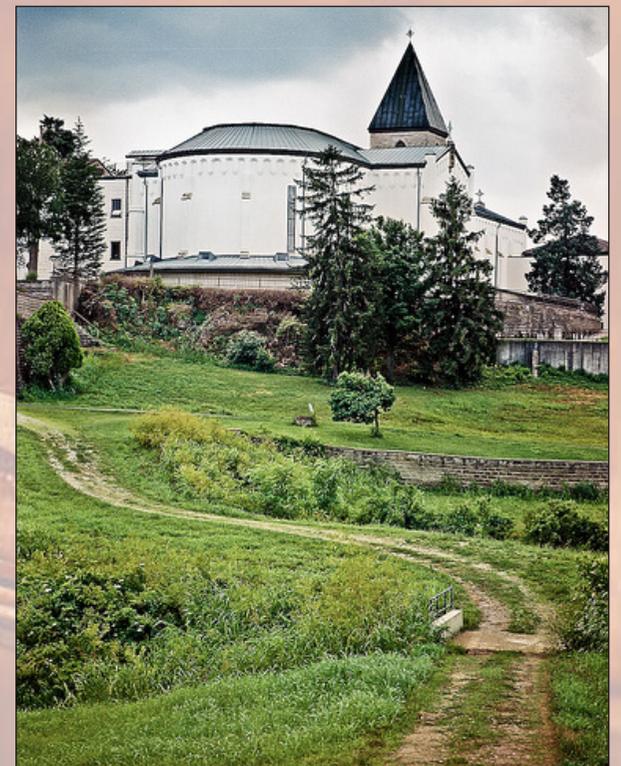


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One of stops on the pilgrimage will be the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani monastery, at which theologian Thomas Merton dedicated himself to the religious life.