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- Submitted photo On May 5, 2007, the Behme and Martin families gathered for the first time. Kneeling, from left, are Bill and Lois Martin, Megan's adoptive parents; Lois is holding Anne Behme, Megan's biological sister; Matthew Martin is Megan's adoptive brother, and Alex Behme is her biological brother. Standing, from left, are Louis Kavanaugh Jr. and his wife Liz, Megan's biological, maternal grandparents; Colleen and Bob Behme, her biological paternal grandparents; Sheri and Kurt Behme are her biological parents. Megan is with her husband, Andy Wathen, and is holding their first child, Kylan.

Sisters of St.
Benedict install new prioress in Ferdinand


SISTER BARBARA LYNN SCHMITZ

Benedictine Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz became the thirteenth prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict at Monastery Immaculate Conception during a July 13 installation Mass at the monastery in Ferdinand. Bishop Charles C. Thompson celebrated the See PRIORESS, page 24

## THE LIGHT OF FAITH LUMEN FIDEI


"Lumen Fidei," the newly released encyclical, is a collaboration of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. In it, they share their view that faith is meant to be shared with all of humanity. You'll find a report on seven papal encyclicals that shook the world and a summary of "Lumen Fidei" in this issue. See page 11.

## Catholic schools expand opportunities for special need and high ability students

## By DARYL HAGAN

Superintendent of Schools
When the school bell rings on the first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year, three Catholic schools will be able to provide additional services to the students they serve. St. John the Baptist, Holy Spirit, and Westside Catholic have been chosen to participate in this expansion.
One program expansion within the Diocese is the Special Education for Evansville Diocesan Students (SEEDS) which will provide special education services to students
whose demonstrated disabilities require such services based upon each student's strengths, abilities, current successes and potential for the future. Specifically trained instructors will give special attention to each of the individual SEEDS students at his or her current level of ability. SEEDS students will be offered individually appropriate and challenging curricula with opportunities for success. Under this expansion, Westside Catholic and St. John the Baptist will be able to offer these services and Holy Spirit will expand the
services they currently offer to students.
The second program is new to the diocese. While we currently have opportunities for students in all Catholic schools to extend their learning, a formal approach will now be implemented in the three schools to serve students with certain exceptional gifts and/or talents. Diocese of Evansville Enrichment Program for Academically and Intellectually Gifted Students (DEEP) will offer a series of differentiated, enriched academic opporSee SCHOOLS, page 8

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## Pope puts personal stamp on World Youth Day celebrations

By CINDY WOODEN Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY - Blessed John Paul II rallied young Catholics, Pope Benedict XVI instructed them and Pope Francis is preparing to send them out on mission.
When he travels to Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day, Pope Francis - the former archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina - will be continuing a tradition begun by Blessed John Paul in Buenos Aires in 1987, gathering Catholic youths from around the world together for several intense days of faith-building and celebration.
In cities from South America to Europe, Asia to North Amer-ica and back again, each World Youth Day with the pope has been different in size and in the culture the youths experienced and shared.
But the contributions of each pope - because of both personality and personal emphasis - also have left striking marks on the 11 international gatherings held since 1987. With Pope Francis, that tradition of the evolving World Youth Day is bound to continue in Rio July 23-28.
World Youth Day gatherings are so much a part of Catholic life now that it is hard to imagine just how innovative Blessed

John Paul's idea first seemed. The Polish pope invited young people to his Palm Sunday celebration at the Vatican during the 1985 U.N.-proclaimed Year of Youth and Vatican officials were shocked when some 250,000 young people showed up; they had planned for 60,000 pilgrims.

Blessed John Paul brought Catholic teens and young adults out of the parish religious education and youth ministry programs that parents often had to force their children to attend. For him, the youths were not just the future of the church, but the embodiment of its energy and enthusiasm.
When convoked and affirmed, Blessed John Paul thought, young people could rejuvenate the whole church. Their energy certainly worked on him. One of the iconic photographs from World Youth Day 1995 in Manila shows the pope twirling the cane he relied on after breaking his leg and undergoing hip replacement surgery eight months earlier.
At his last World Youth Day, the 2002 celebration in Toronto, a frail 82-year-old Pope John Paul described himself as "old," but looked and sounded better than he had in months, demonstrating once again his special chemistry with young people.

He even read his speeches in their entirety, rather than having an aide read most of the text.
The Toronto event took place less than a year after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States and Pope John Paul refused to ignore it.
"Last year, we saw with dramatic clarity the tragic face of human malice. We saw what happens when hatred, sin and death take command," the pope said. "Too many lives begin and end without joy, without hope. That is one of the principal reasons for World Youth Day. Young people are coming together to commit themselves, in the strength of their faith in Jesus Christ, to the great cause of peace and human solidarity."
"The future," he told them, "is in your hearts and in your hands."
The German Pope Benedict inherited from Blessed John Paul the 2005 celebration of World Youth Day in Cologne and brought to the encounters a sense of the seriousness of the Christian call. His love for the young Catholics translated into trust that they not only could understand the core teachings and traditions of the church, but that they wanted to learn more about them.
Under Pope Benedict, the


CNS photo/Pilar Olivares, Reuters Young people sing and dance before the arrival of the World Youth Day cross and icon at the Vidigal slum in Rio de Janeiro July 15. Young people from around the globe will join Pope Francis for the celebration in Rio July 23-28.
evening vigil was transformed from a rally into a mass moment of Eucharistic adoration, surprisingly silent and devout, given the fact that it involved tens of thousands of young people on their knees in the dirt on a wide open field.
At World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008, Pope Benedict emphasized the importance and real possibility - of living a holy life by following the faith taught by the church and being open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
in 2011 ended up being dramatic when sweltering heat gave way to a storm - complete with thunder, wind and rain - that knocked out the power at the traditional Saturday night vigil. Pope Benedict refused to leave.
"The Lord loves you and calls you his friends," he told the young people at Mass the next morning.
Their response, he said, must be to accept that love and share it with their peers who know, deep down, that "authentic values do exist" and will lead to a life of joy.

## Area Catholics heading to World Youth Day in Rio

## By ANNA BITTNER

 Message internOn July 22, 12 young Catholics from the Diocese of Evansville depart from St. Louis on a 10-day trip to World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There, they will join a massive group of youth and young adults from across the world to celebrate their Catholic identity. These young people will see Pope Francis for the first time; meet other Catholics of all nationalities from many different countries; and, most importantly, they will have the opportunity to encounter Christ in a deeper way through their experience.
Sherie Cooley, youth minister at St. Francis Xavier and St. Wendel parishes, both in Posey County, has been the coordinator of the group. The 12 participants range from recent high school graduates, to college graduates, to some young adults from across the diocese. The World Youth Day pilgrimage was planned with the help of a Catholic pilgrimage traveling agency, which assists in organizing activities, transportation and other accommodations throughout the trip. Although Cooley has attended World Youth Day in the past, this is a first-time experience for the rest of the pilgrims.
Gavin Steckler, a World Youth Day first-time participant, expects the traveling alone to be the most challenging part of the experience. "It's a 24 -hour
trip from here to Brazil," he explained. They depart from St. Louis and switch planes a few times before a long bus ride through Brazil. Steckler also explained that the World Youth Day participants had been meeting monthly to prepare for the trip. They read a book together, filled out a great deal of paperwork, and went on walks together to prepare for the event. There will be many different activities and events to choose from when they arrive at Rio de Janeiro - from Mass and Reconciliation to various catechetical opportunities and sightseeing time.
This World Youth Day is unique for a variety of reasons. Most importantly, it is Pope Francis' first World Youth Day as the Holy Father, and it will be the first time the world has seen him with such a large group of young people.
"It will be interesting to see how the crowds respond to him, and welcome him," Father Christopher Droste, another participant, reflected. "He speaks in a way that is very clear, simple, and resonating. He's a very intentional speaker." This World Youth Day will also act as a sort of homecoming for Pope Francis, who will return to South America for the first time since the College of Cardinals elected him in March to succeed Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.
"He has so much joy and is so full of life," Father Droste commented. "He shows that the source of his joy is deeper: it
comes from faith." This World Youth Day is also unique because it occurs near the end of the Year of Faith, which has been reflected even in the preparations the participants have made for World Youth Day. When they signed up to attend, there was no way of knowing whether they would even raise enough money for the event. It was through faith that the participants were able to commit themselves to the pilgrimage, and God blessed them for their commitment. "People supported it and wanted to see it happen," Father Droste said. Not only did they raise enough money to afford the trip, they had funds left over.
World Youth Day is instrumental in bringing the Year of Faith to a close with an expected 2 million young Catholics who will gather to celebrate their faith in a public way. It is important to remember, however, that this experience is much more than the blessing of traveling to Brazil to see the pope. Each individual is called to bring the gift of faith to everyone in their daily, localized lives. Although it is good to be educated about the challenges that others face on a global scale, it is important to reach out to the people with whom we are closest. "Everyone's my neighbor, but who can we reach today?" Father Droste reflected. "We are called to follow His presence in our midst, and to embrace it."

Even though World Youth Day is celebrated by youth throughout the world, Father Droste believes that "Youth is a spirit, not an age." He emphasized that youthfulness is not something you automatically lose when you grow up, but a
childlike faith and spontaneity, which can be experienced through this event, but that can also affect our daily lives. "We can even find joy in suffering," he said. "Joy is infectious; when we see it in others, we are called to be joyful like that."

## People We Care About

Following is a feature in the Message, designed to help draw together the People of God in southwestern Indiana. Readers are invited to submit information about people who may benefit by some extra prayers and attention.

- Providence Sister Conrad Monrad died June 28 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.
She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence on July 22, 1938, and professed final vows in 1947. She earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Latin and a master's degree in mathematics from Marquette University.
Of her 74 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered for 52 years in education at all levels in schools in Indiana, California, Pennsylvania and Illinois. She taught at Sacred Heart School in Evansville in 1941.


She was on the faculty of St. Mary-
SISTER CONRAD of-the-Woods College for 27 years.
One of her early endeavors at the college was to organize a mathematics contest for high school girls.
The Mass of Christian Burial was held July 11 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

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## Adoption

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Kurt and Sheri, you see, are Megan's biological parents. More than 20 years ago, they were young adults struggling to decide how best to handle Sheri's unexpected pregnancy. She was still in high school; Kurt was barely out.

I always just knew I wasn't ready to be a full-time mom," Sheri said recently, in the same Catholic Charities offices where she decided to put her baby up for adoption. Kurt, while acknowledging he was the father, had no formal say in the decision. "I definitely supported it," he said. "We weren't married, but we knew that we were going to be together forever."
Theirs is one of hundreds of stories - more than 1,000 in all - that Catholic Charities has helped write over the past 76 years. "We are older than the Diocese of Evansville," said Director Sharon Burns, "and we are honored to have been part of 1,054 adoption placements through 2012."
Burns is reaching out to families across the diocese whose lives were changed through Catholic Charities' adoption program to be part of an Adoption Family Reunion" on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Evansville's Bosse Field. The Frontier League Evansville Otters baseball team hosts the Florence (Ky.) Freedom in a doubleheader, and the
reunion will include tickets to the game and a "Ballpark Buffet" before the first game, which starts at 4:35 p.m.
"Adoption involves multiple decisions to give life," Burns said. "We want this reunion to serve as recognition for the many hundreds of those decisions we have been blessed to be a part of at Catholic Charities."

Megan went to the Martins just a few weeks after Sheri delivered her first daughter on her due date in a quick-anduncomplicated birth. "God had a hand in it," Sheri said. "I had a little bit of a backache, but basically had no labor at all. I think if the labor and delivery had been more involved, the adop-


Knights Tournament
Father Jeff Read, associate pastor of Evansville's Holy Rosary parish, competed July 12 in the cornhole tournament sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 15092 at Holy Spirit parish. Knight Tom Loveridge, chairman of the event, said the Council was looking for a different kind of fundraiser, and opted for the tournament, which Council 15092 plans to make an annual event. More than a dozen teams competed in this first tournament. Loveridge made a point of publicly thanking St. Joseph in the County for lending Council 15092 some of the equipment they needed for the event. Proceeds from the tournament benefit Marian Education Outreach.
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Lois Martin, left, Megan's adoptive mother, and Sheri Behme, her biological mother, have shared many good times and memories since Megan brought the families together in 2007.
tion would have been much tougher. As it was, she was whisked away as soon as she was born."
Burns recalled that, back then, babies routinely went to foster homes for a minimum of 30 days before final adoption. Before Megan left the hospital for her temporary home, however, Kurt made his way to the nursery for a quick visit with his daughter. "She grabbed my finger with her toes, and I'll never forget how surprised I was by such a strong grip. Then, she grabbed it with her fingers.
"I knew . . . I had to get out of there," he said, barely holding back tears. "I kissed her hand and left."
Fast forward to March 10, 2007 . . . the next time Kurt got to kiss his first daughter's hand. Lives happened - literally - in the interim. Megan Martin made it through school, not without some grade-school teasing about being adopted. "I remember we all talked about it at school," she said, "and those who made fun of me actually apologized. It never came up again after that."
Megan got a younger brother, also adopted by the Martins. Matthew is 21 now. She's 27, married to Andy Wathen, and a mom herself - to Kylan (7), Katelyn (5), Kinley (2) and Khloe (10 months).
Kurt and Sheri, as they knew they would be before Megan was born, are married and have two more children: Alex (13) and Anne (9).
And they all have each other. Talk about one big, happy family

Catholic Charities facilitated Megan's request for the names and addresses of her birth parents after she turned 21. "I wrote the letter when I was 18," she said, "and learned I'd have to wait three more years." She'd been waiting quite some time already, her mind made up.
"As I grew older," Megan said, "I just didn't feel complete. I didn't know where I came from . . . just where I was supposed to grow." Lois and Bill supported the decision from the get-go. "Mom always told me I'd grown in her heart, just not in her belly," Megan said.
When the time came and she'd written the letters, the


Message photos by Tim Lilley
Kurt Behme hugs his biological daughter Megan in the Catholic Charities office recently.


Anne Behme, left, her big sister Megan and their brother Alex in the Catholic Charities office in downtown Evansville.
response from Catholic Charities was as unsettling in some ways as it was exciting in others. "I really wanted to meet them," Megan said of Kurt and Sheri, "and it turned out they only lived 10.1 miles away. I looked their address up on Google Maps.
"But there was no way I wanted to break up the four of us," she said of the Martin family - her adoptive parents and brother. "I asked all of them how they felt about me making contact. If any of them had been reluctant, I never would have done it."
They weren't, so she did and that first meeting with "where she came from" occurred right away. Kurt remembers parking, getting out, and doing something he'd dreamed of for more than 20 years.
"I'll never forget Megan telling me about it," Lois said. "She said, 'When he came up, he said . . . the last time I saw you I kissed your hand, and I'm gonna do it again . . . .'" He did, but remained mostly speechless.
"After he kissed my hand, he said 'I don't know what to do,'" Megan remembered. "I said, 'Well, you could let her out of the car!'" Kurt had left Sheri in their vehicle with a huge floral arrangement for their firstborn. "I never would have gotten out of there without his help," she said with a laugh.

Today, two families that found each other through decisions to give life have bonded into one
amazing group that includes biological and adoptive parents; biological and adoptive grandparents; multiple generations of brothers and sisters; even an aunt and uncle (Anne and Alex) who enjoy the same video games and TV shows as their nieces and nephews (sister Megan's children).
"I always felt like one day this would happen," Lois Martin said of the meeting that led to creation of an amazing extended family. "Deep down, I always wanted to thank (Kurt and Sheri) for giving us these happy years . . . and grandkids."
"So many people in this world think of adoption as the decision to give something up," Burns said. "Megan and her families are proof that adoption involves giving . . . but not giving up.
"I hope any adoptive family reading this will come to Bosse Field Aug. 3 for the Adoption Family Reunion," she added. "We celebrate your lives and your families, and we invite you to come and celebrate with us."

Tickets to Catholic Charities Aug. 3 Adoption Family Reunion are $\$ 7.50$ each and include a Ballpark Buffet and ticket to the Otters' doubleheader against Florence. Reserve tickets online at www.charitiesevv.org/adoptionreunion, or call (812) 423-5456. Any person - and family members - who was adopted, or who has adopted, through Catholic Charities is welcome to attend.


## JOURNEY <br> OF <br> FAITH

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## Why should you read this?

Maybe you've heard the story about the college philosophy student who finished his semester final, an essay test, in about 12 seconds.
His teacher had given his class a one-ques-tion/one-word final that seemed most appropriate for a college-level philosophy course:

## "Why?"

The student needed no time at all to answer: "Why not?"
Fast-forward to this moment . . . this issue of the Message. Let's all ponder a few "whys" as it relates to the community newspaper for the Diocese of Evansville.
Why should you read it, and encourage others to subscribe?
From here, at least, the answer is founded in another question - why do we, as an editorial staff, do what we do?
For us, the Diocese of Evansville truly is a community of Catholics who live somewhere within the 12 counties we serve. Like every community, there is diversity; there are traditions.
Most importantly, we believe, the need exists to connect everyone in the diocese. We want to share your news with the rest of our community - your community.
In the business world of community journalism, those daily and weekly newspapers that
continue to do well focus on a basic concept giving readers news and information that (1) is important to them and (2) isn't available anywhere else.
We are committed to the same approach with the Message. We know that you can jump online from your computer, tablet or smart phone and get the latest "breaking Catholic news" from any number of websites, like Catholic News Service or Catholic News Agency. You can go to the Vatican website and get updates on the Holy Father and news regarding the highest levels of the Catholic Church.
But where can you turn for news from St. Nicholas in Santa Claus, Precious Blood in Jasper or any of our other parish families? Where can you get news from our Catholic schools, or from the on-campus Catholic ministries at colleges and universities in the diocese?
Two weeks ago, Pope Francis gave us his first encyclical. "Lumen Fidei" which includes the following:
"There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim."
Our diocesan community embodies faith. We hope that the Message can be one ray of faithful light for every Catholic in the Diocese of Evansville to use in keeping the other lights in
their lives from beginning to dim.
With that in mind, we're trying something this week. This issue of the Message is available now - as you read this - as a free PDF download on our website. We've posted links to our Facebook page and our Twitter feed.
You can take this issue of the Message with you anywhere - on your laptop, tablet or smart phone. I will be carrying the most recent four issues of our paper with me all the time on my iPad.
We hope you'll try downloading the
Message, and that you'll let us know what you think. More importantly, we hope you'll tell everyone you know who has a portable "smart" device about it.
This issue also is arriving in every home in the diocese. To all of you who are not subscribers, we thank you for taking the time to look through this issue. We urge you to download the PDF because that option might make it easier for you to keep up with the rest of your Catholic family in these 12 counties.
Finally, we encourage all of you to send us your news, photos and announcements. Send us the information you have that your Catholic family around the diocese won't be able to get anywhere else.
Why?
Um . . . why not?!

## 11 candidates to be ordained to Permanent Diaconate on Aug. 3

Eleven deacon candidates will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Charles C. Thompson at 10 a.m. CDT Saturday, Aug. 3, at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.
An Evening of Adoration will be held at 7:30 p.m. CDT Friday, Aug. 2, at St. Benedict Cathedral. Deacon Tom Evans
will be the presider and homilist.
The evening of prayer and worship will provide an opportunity to pray and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the deacon candidates.
The deacon candidates and their assignments include

- William Consley -St. John

Parish, Loogootee, St. Joseph Parish, Bramble, St. Mary Parish, Shoals, St. Martin Parish, Whitfield, all in Martin County;

- Paul Cox - St. Joseph Parish in Dale and St. Nicholas Parish in Santa Claus;
- Dan DeCastra - Good

Shepherd Parish in Evansville;

- Jose Garrido - Nativity

Parish in Evansville;

- John Huether - Precious Blood Parish in Jasper and St. Mary Parish in Ireland;
- William Keller - St. Bernard Parish in Rockport and St. Martin Parish in Chrisney;
- Thomas Kirsch - St. Philip Parish in Posey County;
- Richard Leibundguth - St.

John Parish in Daylight;

- Russell Maples - St. Boniface Parish in Evansville;
- Joseph Siewers - Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch and St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run;
- Cletus Yochum Jr. - St. John the Baptist and St. Vincent de Paul parishes, both in Vincennes.


## Be generous givers of mercy, not condemnation, disapproval, pope says

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) - God wants people to be generous and merciful, not full of condemnation toward others, Pope Francis said.
God is well aware of "our miseries, our difficulties, even our sins, and he gives all of us this merciful heart," capable of being loving and merciful toward others, he told pilgrims gathered outside the papal summer villa.

"God always wants this: mercy, and not (people) going around condemning everyone," he said July 14 before praying the Angelus.
While most popes spend a portion of the hot Roman summer at the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo for vacation, Pope Francis continues to reside at the Vatican.
However, he said he wanted to spend a day visiting the people of this hilltop town as well as the Vatican staff who work at the papal villa to thank them for their service.
"My thoughts go to Blessed John Paul II and Benedict XVI, who loved spending part of the summer period in this pontifical residence," he told the employees as well as Bishop Marcello Semeraro of Albano and Milvia Monachesi, the town's mayor.
The pope encouraged everyone to hold on to their memories of meeting and helping his predecessors, asking that they take to heart the popes' witness and let it encourage them to be

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faithful to Christ, the Gospel and church teaching.
Some 55 people work at the papal villa, about half of whom are gardeners and farmers who take care of the papal cows, chickens, bees and orchards, which produce milk, eggs, honey, olive oil, fruits and vegetables for use and sale at the Vatican.
After meeting with the villa staff and local authorities in the morning, the pope prayed the Angelus with thousands of pilgrims and visitors packed outside the papal villa in the town's main square and on the side streets. Rather than giving his address from the villa's balcony, Pope Francis addressed the crowd at street level from the open front door of the villa. Referring to the day's Gospel reading - the story of the good Samaritan - the pope encouraged everyone to be "good and generous" like the man in Jesus' parable, and "put into practice

the will of God, who wants mercy more than sacrifices" and burned offerings.
The pope urged doctors, nurses and healthcare workers to live out the same spirit of the Good Samaritan and of their patron saint, St. Camillus de Lellis. July 14 was the feast day of the saint, who founded the

Camillians, an order dedicated to caring for the sick, and marked the beginning of a yearlong celebration of the 400th anniversary of his death.
Pope Francis also congratulated the Diocese of Albano, which planned to celebrate the feast day of St. Bonaventure, its patron saint, July 15.

## Diocesan policy: Report and inform

Report child abuse
Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child
Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government.
Toll-free: (800) 800-5556

## Report and inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese.
Toll-free: (866) 200-3004, local: (812) 490-9565

## Denuncie

Toda acusación de abuso de un niño debe ser reportado a los Servicios de Protección del Niño (Child Protection Service, CPS), una agencia del gobierno del estado de Indiana. Gratis: (800) 800-5556

## Denuncie e informe

En caso de una acusación del abuso sexual de un menor de edad (persona menor de 18 años) por personal diocesano, es la pol'tica de la diócesis de Evansville reportar la acusación a las autoridades públicas e informar al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia para las V'ctimas.
Gratis: (866) 200-3004, local: (812) 490-9565


BY BISHOP
CHARLES C
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## Fortnight for Freedom

In solidarity with dioceses throughout the United States, we kick off our second annual Fortnight for Freedom, continuing to ground the principles of justice in truth and charity. To this end, we must be first and foremost committed to a life of prayer. From this commitment of prayer flows an appreciation for our need to engage in a lifelong process of conversion that underlies the call to New Evangelization throughout the Church in the U.S. and the World.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has prescribed a plan, both pastoral and spiritual in nature, for purposes of prayer and advocacy for the dignity of Life, Marriage \& Family, and Religious Liberty. The Church believes these to be inherent to the sacredness of the human person as created in the image of God. This plan includes regular forms of prayer and penance on behalf of parishes, families and individuals to mark our conviction about such dignity and sacredness as core tenets of our Catholic faith. It is from this stance that we join with persons and communities of all faith traditions throughout the globe in solidarity for what we believe to be right and just.

The Church, established by Jesus Christ, was founded for a very unique purpose. It does not exist as an end in itself. Rather, the Church has been mandated by God as the means to the ultimate end; namely, the Kingdom of God and Salvation of Souls. We do well in this Year of Faith to keep this reality before us in striving to grow in intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, Savior of the World.

We join in prayer and solidarity for the Dignity of Life, the Safeguarding of Marriage and Family, and the Right of Religious Liberty not only for religious communities and individuals of this great nation of ours, but for individuals, families and religious communities throughout the world. The right of conscience in carrying out one's duties in life to God and neighbor must be preserved for persons and
communities of all faith traditions in every culture. We should take particular note of those who are persecuted, exiled and even killed for the sake of religious freedom. Likewise, we must reject all heinous crimes against any individual or segment of humanity carried out in the name of religion.
Promoting the dignity of the human person, in defense of the sacredness of life, is one of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Such promotion and defense remain inherent to the very fabric of the Church's mission. Complimentary to this focus is another key principle of the Church's Social Teaching; namely, "the Call to Family, Community and Participation." Intricate to this particular principle is the sacred institution of Marriage, which in accordance with the divine plan as noted in Sacred Scripture, is defined as being between a man and a woman. The health and wellbeing of the family, often referred to as the "domestic church," is essential to the very fabric of stable living. The inherent constitutional right of Religious Liberty, of course, permeates the rights and responsibilities of our dual citizenship. As Catholic Christians, we maintain our membership in the Church, the Body of Christ, while making contributions to society as faithful citizens. While taking seriously the role of earthly citizenship, we dare not lose sight of the fact that we are pilgrims on the way to fully realizing our ultimate citizenship in the Kingdom of God.
In a letter he wrote in 1789, George
Washington commented, "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed in the Convention, where I had the honor to preside, might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it." Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter, in 1809, stating, "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enter-
prises of the civil authority."
The scripture readings for this evening, Thursday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, speak to us of the need for bold proclamation, authentic prayer and actual forgiveness. Like St. Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, we boast of Jesus Christ as Savior of the World. In Him, we stand firm on our right and duty to preach, the gospel in word and deed. Underlying our daring embrace of such a calling is the discernment of God's Will, marked by the Lord's Prayer as taught by Jesus Himself in the passage from the Gospel of Matthew.

In the spirit of St. Paul, through his inspiration and intercession, may we never tire of proclaiming the gospel by the witness of our very lives. May we never have cause to apologize or make excuses for carrying out the mission as entrusted to us by the mandate of Jesus Christ in announcing the Kingdom of God at hand through the Church's ministries and services.
Daring to live in this manner requires that we take Jesus' gospel teaching on prayer to heart in such a way that we seek to please God rather than one's own desires or the unjust demands of mere human beings and institutions. While no mere mortal is above the law, we must never forget that law was created for humanity and not vice-versa. Jesus' emphasis on forgiveness beckons us to set the command of love before all others. All ministries and services of the Church are motived by love of God and Neighbor, with preferential option for the poor in the safeguarding of dignity and life of every human being. At the heart of the Lord's Prayer, the demand of forgiveness and the commandment of love is Salvation of Souls. With these in mind, we must stand firm against any and all unjust opposition to anything that might compromise our notion of faithful discipleship, including citizenship, and the nature of the Church. This is true freedom. Indeed, we boast of our demand for such freedom, dignity, goods of marriage and family, and sacredness of life.

## Quincena por la Libertad

En solidaridad con las diócesis de los Estados Unidos, empezamos nuestra segunda quincena anual por la Libertad, continuando la cimentación de los principios de la justicia en la verdad y en la caridad. Para ello, tenemos que ser, ante todo, comprometidos a una vida de oración. A partir de este compromiso de oración fluye el aprecio por nuestra necesidad de participar en un proceso permanente de conversión que subyace en la llamada a la Nueva
Evangelización en la Iglesia en los EE.UU. y el mundo.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos ha establecido un plan, de naturaleza tanto pastoral y espiritual, a los efectos de la oración y la defensa de la dignidad de la vida, el matrimonio y la familia, y la Libertad Religiosa. La Iglesia cree que éstos son inherentes a la sacralidad de la persona humana, creada a imagen de Dios. Este plan incluye las formas regulares de oración y penitencia, en nombre de las parroquias, familias e individuos para marcar nuestra convicción acerca de esta dignidad y

## Strategic Planning update <br> By TIM LILLEY <br> Message editor

Bishop Charles C. Thompson continues to hear from the 12 counties across the Diocese of Evansville as work moves forward on the diocesan Strategic Plan.
The schedule reflects an announcement in late September. The Message will bring you that announcement as soon as the current review/input process is complete and details are finalized.
el carácter sagrado como principios fundamentales de nuestra fe católica. Es desde esta posición que nos unimos con las personas y comunidades de todas las tradiciones religiosas de todo el mundo en
solidaridad por lo que creemos es correcto y justo.
La Iglesia, fundada por Jesucristo, fue fundada con un propósito muy especial. No existe como un fin en sí mismo. Más bien, la Iglesia ha recibido el mandato de Dios como el medio para el fin último, es decir, el Reino de Dios y la salvación de las almas. Hacemos bien en este Año de la fe el mantener esta realidad que tenemos ante nosotros en el esfuerzo para crecer en la relación íntima con Jesucristo, Salvador del mundo.
Nos unimos en oración y solidaridad por la dignidad de la vida, la salvaguardia del matrimonio y de la familia, y el derecho de la libertad religiosa no sólo para las comunidades religiosas y personas de esta gran nación nuestra, sino también para para los individuos, familias y comunidades religiosas de todo el mundo. El derecho de conciencia en el cumplimiento de los propios deberes en la vida a Dios y al prójimo debe ser preservado para todas las personas y comunidades de todas las tradiciones religiosas en todas las culturas. Debemos tomar nota en particular de los que son perseguidos, exiliados e incluso asesinados por la búsqueda de la libertad religiosa. Del mismo modo, tenemos que rechazar todos los crímenes atroces contra cualquier individuo o segmento de la humanidad llevado a cabo en nombre de la religión.
La promoción de la dignidad de la persona humana, en defensa de la sacralidad de la vida, es uno de los principios fundamentales de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Dicha promoción y la defensa siguen siendo inherentes a la estructura misma de la misión de la Iglesia. Conexión a este enfoque es otro principio clave de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia, es decir, ". El Llamado a la familia, la comunidad y la participación" intrincado de este principio en
particular es la sagrada institución del matrimonio, que de acuerdo con el plan divino como se señaló en la Sagrada Escritura, se define como entre un hombre y una mujer. La salud y el bienestar de la familia, denominado a menudo "iglesia doméstica", son esenciales para el tejido mismo de la vida estable. El derecho constitucional inherente a la libertad religiosa, por supuesto, impregna los derechos y responsabilidades de nuestra ciudadanía dual. Como cristianos católicos, mantenemos nuestra pertenencia a la Iglesia, Cuerpo de Cristo, al hacer contribuciones a la sociedad como ciudadanos fieles. Al tiempo que toma en serio el papel de la ciudadanía terrenal, no nos atrevemos a perder de vista el hecho de que somos peregrinos en el camino hacia la plena realización de nuestra última ciudadanía en el Reino de Dios.
En una carta que escribió en 1789, George Washington, comentó: "Si pudiera haber albergado la más mínima aprensión de que la Constitución enmarcado en la Convención, en el que tuve el honor de presidir, posiblemente, podría poner en peligro los derechos religiosos de cualquier sociedad eclesiástica, sin duda nunca habría puesto mi firma en la misma. "Thomas Jefferson escribió una carta, en 1809, afirmando que" Ninguna disposición de la Constitución que debería ser más querida para el hombre que la que protege los derechos de conciencia en contra de las empresas de la autoridad civil."
Las lecturas bíblicas de esta tarde, el jueves de la semana 11 del tiempo ordinario, nos hablan de la necesidad de una proclamación audaz, auténtica oración y el perdón real. Al igual que San Pablo, escribiendo a la iglesia en Corinto, nos jactamos de Jesucristo como Salvador del mundo. En él, nos mantenemos firmes en nuestro derecho y el deber de predicar el evangelio en palabra y obra. Detrás de nuestra audacia abrazo de tal vocación es el

## BULLETIN BOARD

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## General Interest

Diocesan Choir Rehearsals for Ordination to the Diaconate, July 21 and 28, 2-4:30 p.m., St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville; to sign up or for more information contact Jeremy Korba at 812-589-3886 or by e-mail at jkorba@evdio.org.

Celebrant Singers in Concert, July 28, 6 p.m., St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville; concert is free and open to the public; for more information call 812-589-3886 or email jkorba@evdio.org.

2011 Strassenfest Wettlauf 5K Road Race and Fitness Walk, Aug. 3, race begins 8 a.m., corner of Ninth and Main St., Jasper; entry fee $\$ 15$, until July $29, \$ 20$ thereafter, children under 12 may enter the race/walk for $\$ 10$; for more information contact Becky Siewers at 812-481-2442; sponsored by the St. John Bosco Catholic Youth Ministries, Holy Family School and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

Precious Blood Quilt Show, Aug. 3 and 4, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Aug. 5, 4-6 p.m. and after all weekend Masses; Precious Blood Cafetorium, Jasper.

Market Days at St. Mary's Warrick, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, 1116 Millis Ave, Boonville; local vendors, activities for kids; festival foods in hospital cafeteria 11 a.m.1 p.m.

Formation Day: Enrich, Empower, Engage, Aug. 24, doors open 8 a.m., session 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Catholic Center, Evansville; keynote speaker is Carole Eipers, Vice President of Catechesis for William H Sadlier; 10 break-out sessions; fee \$17/person, limited to first 180 registrants; sponsored by the Office of Catechesis; for more information contact Kay Beard at 812-424-5536 or by email at kbeard@evdio.org.
'Preserving the Past' Art Exhibit at St. Meinrad, local artists; exhibit runs through Aug. 30; for more information call 812-357-6401 or 800-987-7311.

Heartland Half Marathon and 5K, Sept. 1, 7:30 a.m., begins at Jasper Train Depot, Jasper; to register go to active.com or heartlandhalfmarathon.com; for more information visit the above websites or call 800-968-4578.

St. Mary's Market Days 2013,
market open 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 12, St. Mary's Blvd. off Washington Ave, Evansville; local vendors, frozen meats from Stonewall Farm, lunch items from Chomp Food Truck.

Respect Life Celebration, Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m., St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville; Mass celebrated by Bishop Charles C. Thompson at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner in the Woodward Center; keynote speaker is Joseph Atkinson, Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America; everyone invited to the Mass, attendance for the dinner and keynote address is $\$ 20 /$ person; for more information or to register visit www.charitiesevv.org/respect-lifecelebration.html or call Catholic Charities at 812-423-5456; space is limited, deadline for reservations is Sept. 29.

GED Sponsorship Program, Catholic Charities with the support of Vectren is now sponsoring GED exam fees; for more information call 812-423-5456 or email ccordovilla@evdio.org

Neighbor to Neighbor Program, Catholic Charities program that helps people develop skills and attitudes to overcome financial and life problems to build a better future; for more information call 812-423-5456.

Traditional Latin High Mass with Gregorian Chant, every Sunday, 2 p.m., Holy Trinity, Evansville; celebrant and homilist Father Donald Dilger; Latin-English missalettes provided.

## Actividades en Español

Guadalupe Center, 511 E. Fourth Street, Suite 1, Huntingburg, IN 47542; telephone: 812-683-5212; email address: guadalupe@evdio.org.

YMCA Splash, El YMCA de Indiana Suroeste en colaboración con el Guadalupe Center ofrecerá un SPLASH programa el 29 de julio a 2 de agosto de 10:00-11:30 a.m. en la piscina de la ciudad de Huntingburg; el programa incluye reglas importantes para mantenerse a salvo alrededor de las piscinas y los lagos, lo que debe hacer en una emergencia de agua, instrucción de habilidades de supervivencia, juegos de agua y tiempo para jugar; Splash es gratis para niños Latinos de 6-10 años; para obtener más información o para inscribirse, llame al Guadalupe Center, 812-6835212.

Celebración del Año de Fe Concierto con Mario Alberto: Agosto 2 Retiro con Andrés Arango y Mario Alberto: 3 de Agosto, el concierto empezará a las 6:30 p.m. CT el Viernes en la Iglesia San José, Dale; el tema por la noche será "La Puerta de la Fe Siempre Está Abierta"; el retiro será el Sábado de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. CT en el Centro

Parroquial de Dale; el tema del retiro es "La Nueva Evangelización para la Transmisión de la $\mathrm{Fe}^{\prime \prime}$; Los dos eventos serán en Español; se hará una colecta voluntaria; se proveerá almuerzo el Sábado, se pide a los participantes traer "snacks" y bebidas para compartir.

Fiesta del Salvador del Mundo, El Padre Ryan Hilderbrand celebrará una Misa en Español a las 7 p.m. el 6 de Agosto, Fiesta del Salvador del Mundo en la parroquia de Santa María, Huntingburg.

## Festival Cultural Hispano, el

primer Festival Latino tendrá lugar en Huntingburg, IN el 13 y 14 de Septiembre del 2013; ALASI (Association of Latin Americans in Southern Indiana), una organización sin fines lucrativos trabajando para la integración de la Comunidad Hispana con otras culturas, está patrocinando este evento.

Formación en la Fe para Jóvenes Hispanos, las clases de Formación en la Fe para jóvenes en los grados entre el 7 y el 12 se llevarán a cabo los Miércoles en la tarde a las 4:30 a partir del 18 de Septiembre; si quiere participar e inscribirse llame al Guadalupe Center para recibir más información; es necesaria la participación en este programa o en las clases de religión parroquiales para recibir el Sacramento de Confirmación y en preparación para la celebración de la quinceañera.

## Classes

Heartsaver First Aid with CPR \& AED, one session class, July 24; 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Community Relations Classroom, Memorial Southside Office, Jasper; cost \$60; pre-registration required; for information or to register call 812-9962399.

Basic Medic First Aid with AED,
July 26, 8 a.m.-noon, Community Relations Classroom Memorial Hospital Southside Offices, Jasper; fee $\$ 65 /$ person, limited class size; for more information call 812-9962399 or 800-852-7279, ext. 2399.

## 55+

2013 Wisdom Days, Wisdom Days in the Diocese of Evansville are scheduled Mondays, Oct. 21, Dubois County at the Huntingburg Event Center; Oct. 28, Vincennes at the Activities Center at Vincennes University; Nov. 4, Evansville at the Catholic Center; free to attendees, good will offerings are appreciated; reservations are necessary as space is limited, call Catholic Charities at 812-423-5456 for questions or reservations.

Fit Over Fifty, St. John the Baptist School Arena, Newburgh, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m., Friday, 9 a.m.; fitness program designed for people 50 and over; no cost, donations accepted; for information call Kathy Harris at 812-490-2054 or the parish office at 812-490-1000.

## Fundraisers

Pancake Breakfast, Aug. 10, 711 a.m., Needs Building cafeteria, 617 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville;


## Nativity Social

Gift baskets galore got plenty of interest during the July 12-13 Nativity Catholic Church parish social in Evansville. There were games and activities for kids, bingo, raffles and plenty of fun for all. Nativity Pastor Father Henry Kuykendall said more than $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ volunteers from the parish family worked to make the event successful and enjoyable. Does your parish have a social coming up? If so, the Message wants your photos. Email us (message@evdio.org) to get information on filing photos and stories with us.
all you can eat pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, juice; proceeds to provide funding for St. John the Apostle youth ministry program; tickets sold at door.

St. Mary's Pulmonary Support Group Picnic Fundraiser, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. -4 p.m., American Baptist East Fellowship Hall, Evansville; bring a White Elephant item and homemade dessert to enter a competition; \$10/person, $\$ 18 /$ couple, $\$ 30 /$ family of four includes twopiece chicken meal; all proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Pulmonary Rehab Support Group; to reserve tickets call 812-485-5230.

St. Benedict Cathedral, Evansville, Bingo, every Monday night; doors open 5:30 p.m., early bird starts 6:30 p.m., regular bingo starts 7 p.m.

## Health

Bariatric Public Forum, July 27, 9 a.m., Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Building Conference Center, Jasper; for more information call 812-996-0185.

First Friday Health Screening, Aug. 2, 7-9 a.m., Memorial Hospital Community Relations Classroom Southside Office, Jasper; must be 18 or older; $\$ 25 /$ person; pre-registration required by calling 812-9962399 or 800-852-7279, ext. 2399 or visit www.mhhcc.org and click on health screenings, enter First Friday then 2013 as the password.

## Reunions

Catholic Charities Adoption Reunion, Aug. 3, 4 p.m., Bosse Field, Evansville; open to those who adopted a child or who themselves were adopted through Catholic Charities; \$7.50/person includes Ballpark Buffet and game tickets; for tickets or more information call Kathy Wilkerson at 812-423-5456 or go onine to www.char-itiesevv.org/adoption-reunion.

Mater Dei Class of 1963 Fiftieth Reunion, Aug. 10, Holiday Inn, 7101 US Highway 41 North, Evansville; for more information contact Gail Russell Dunn at gailannd@ aol.com.

## 2013

 Summer SocialsThe Message invited parishes in the Diocese of Evansville to submit dates of their 2013 summer socials for publication. Below are the upcoming socials through Aug. 11 .

July 19 and 20, Friday and Saturday, St. Theresa, Evansville
July 21, Sunday, Sacred Heart, Evansville
July 21, Sunday , St. John Chrysostom, New Boston
July 21, Sunday , St.
Thomas, Vincennes
July 28, Sunday , St. Joseph, Vanderburgh County

August 4, Sunday, St.
James, Haubstadt
August 10 and 11,
Saturday and Sunday, St.
Philip, Posey County
August 11, Sunday, Mary Help of Christians, Mariah Hill

## Youth/Young Adult

TEC Weekend, July 27-29, St. Mary, Ireland; three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning and community; application and more information at www.switec.org/or e-mail tec@evdio.org.

Back to School Blitz for Uninsured and Underinsured Child ren, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ECHO Community Health Care's Main Campus clinic, 315 Mulberry St., Evansville; free school and sport physicals, immunizations, eye exams, dental screenings for kindergarten, sixth and ninth grade students who are residents of Vanderburgh, Warrick or Posey counties and are without insurance or have insurance that doesn't cover these services; must have current immunization record; interpreters available; appointments required by calling 812-435-8343.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Staffing in Martin County

Father Joseph Erbacher writes "I am most happy to share with you the hiring of the Coordinator of Religious Education and a Youth Minister.
"With a gentle persuasion, I convinced Shirley Jeffers to become the part-time CRE for the parishes of St. John and St. Martin.
"I am grateful to Shirley for her acceptance of this position."
He added, "With great joy and enthusiasm I have hired Mark Potts as full-time Youth Minister for the Martin County Catholic Churches.
"I am very excited that Shirley and Mark are joining us in the team in providing the education, sharing, caring and sowing the seeds of devotion and involvement to all within the MCCC."

Father Erbacher is pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Bramble, St. John Parish in Loogootee, St. Mary Parish in Shoals and St. Martin Parish in Whitfield.

## Happy Birthday!

Deacon Dennis Russell, St. Mary Parish, Evansville, celebrates his birthday July 25.
Deacon Gerald Gagne, Precious Blood Parish, Jasper, celebrates his birthday July 27.
Father Robert Deig, a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville, celebrates his birthday July 28. He resides at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home in Evansville.

## Gratitude

"THANK YOU for your HUGE donation to St. Rose of Lima, Pilate Haiti," reads a note

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in the bulletin at St. Theresa Parish in Evansville. "Our St. Theresa family is the BEST!

On behalf of our sister parish St. Rose of Lima and the Spiritual Life Commission thank you for the HUGELY GENEROUS funds of $\$ 5,000$ that have already been wired and received by pastor, Father Snell Nord."

## Saying good-bye

Father John Brosmer writes in the newsletter at St. Joseph Parish in Dale, "The office manager for our Catholic Community, Lori Nord, will be leaving us in July and taking a teaching position at Washington Catholic High School.
"Lori has brought us together as a community with her coordinating skills of scheduling and planning and her daily and weekly tasks of bulletin, website and newsletter.
"She helped me to be able to devote more time to ministry. I thank Lori for her dedication and commitment to our community. May God bless her on this next endeavor where she finds peace and joy."

## New website

"Catholic Charities' new website is up and running," reports Dominic Faraone, Respect Life coordinator.

The address is www.charitiesevv.org.

## Happy Birthday!

Mickie Paulin, parish catechetical leader at St. Ferdinand Parish, Ferdinand, celebrates her birthday July 26.

## Retirements

George Groves and June Berg have retired as catechists for the religious education program at St. Anthony Parish in St. Anthony.

When June was asked to share her most memorable moment, she stated that preparing the children for their First Eucharist and sharing in that


## Confirmation Class

Thirteen parishioners from St. Martin Parish in Chrisney, St. John Chrysostom Parish in New Boston, and St. Bernard Parish in Rockport gather for a photograph after being confirmed by Bishop Charles C. Thompson. Above are, front row, Kara Varble, Riley Spencer, Carolyn Burroughs, Mady Folz, Mallory Folz, Katelyn Wead, Jennifer Heltzel, Lauren Bender, second row, Deacon Mike Waninger, Kegan Schipp, Nathan Guth, Taylor Market, Kevin Schmidt, Nick Waninger and Father Christopher Forler, pastor.
moment was very special to her.
George said a most memorable event for him was getting to know all of these fine young people and sharing with them the great story of our Catholic Church.

## K of C officers

Newly elected officers for the Knights of Columbus Council 565 include David Wright, grand knight; Rodney Baehl, deputy grand knight; Larry Preske, financial secretary; Michael Vogel, treasurer; Michael Foster, recorder; Tim Born, advocate; Daniel Zuniga, warden; Jim Goebel, chancellor; Carl Buchanan, inside guard; Jason Allen, outside guard; Thomas Anslinger, Joseph Schalasky, Paul Smith, trustees, and Deacon Charles Koressel, lecturer.

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John Bradley, center, receives a plaque from Vincent Sellers, honoring him for his "faithful commitment and guidance" during the last 35 years in coordinating the assembly calendar for the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Lawrence A. Vieck Assembly. Above, he is joined by his wife, Mary Margaret. He is a veteran of World War II and a parishioner at St. Peter Church in Montgomery.

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## Warning Signs of a Stroke <br> from the American Heart Association

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

If you notice one or more This information compliments of
of these signs, don't wait. Emergency Services
Call 9-1-1 or get to a
hospital right away!


## One Bread, One Cup Liturgical leadership conference

## By KATE BITTNER

 Special to the MessageYou might think it would be crazy to spend a whole week with Benedictine monks praying and celebrating daily Mass and learning more about our Catholic faith and not getting much sleep. But I thought it was rather wonderful.
I spent about five days at One Bread, One Cup, a summer Liturgical leadership conference, or as Benedictine Father Godfrey Mullen would say "Monk Camp." We arrived at St. Meinrad on a Monday afternoon and departed that Friday afternoon. It was a beautiful and inspiring event that I experienced with my sister, Anna, (since my youth minister couldn't be there, she took his place) and two others from my St. Maria Goretti Youth Group, Rachel Weiss and Joseph Buehner. We weren't really sure what to expect from One Bread, One Cup, but it was a lot of fun and a great learning experience. Every day, we prayed the Liturgy of the Hours together,
which is a set of prayers that contains psalms, readings, intercessions, songs and prayers that are spoken or chanted together as a group. We prayed these prayers for the morning, for Vespers (the evening), and for Compline (night prayer). In the mornings, we were given the chance to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the monks in the big archabbey church at 5:30 a.m., but for some reason, quite a few people passed up this wonderful opportunity. I valued the beauty and dedication of the monks more than my precious sleep, so I was there in that magnificent church every morning.
We spent a couple hours every day learning about each day's theme: word, sacrament and mission. The main leader of the program, Father Godfrey, led this portion of the day. He spoke about how we need to listen with the ear of our heart because God speaks to us with a still small voice (1 Kings 19:913a). We need to look for Christ in everything, and if we truly look for Him, we will find Him.

We discussed the times that made us feel most loved and the times when we felt that our faith was most challenged. We are all one Body in Christ and we are equal and irreplaceable. In our own way, each one of us is essential to being a part of the Body of Christ.
On the day we focused on the sacraments, Father Godfrey spoke about sacrifice. I have found that this is the major thing that most people struggle with in this day and age. We want every aspect of our lives to be comfortable, and we listen to the cries of our flesh instead of denying ourselves for the greater glory of God. We tend to put ourselves first and ignore others who are starving for bread and for love. That night, we had a powerful reconciliation service that brought many to tears and united us more closely in Christ. Afterwards, we all shared the peace of Christ with one another through hugs. This part of the night was very moving.
The third and fourth sessions focused on mission and how we
as Christians are called to take the lessons we learn and put them into action, both in our daily lives and in our relationships with each other. Over the course of the week, we meditated on three scripture passages: the 1 Kings story about Elijah listening for God's still, small voice; the 1 Corinthians reading about the importance of love, and the Matthew story about the multiplication of loaves and fish. Each story reflected different aspects of word, sacrament and mission, and it was a great opportunity to recognize the impact Scripture can still have on us even today.
Each night, we got together with our theological reflection groups and recapped the day. Our leader asked us every night: "Where did you see God today?" When I thought about this, I felt like each day had more worth and more meaning. It was really powerful to think about how God had impacted everyone each day in a different way. I plan on continuing to meditate on this question every day, so that I will begin to see

God more and more in my life. There were 14 different workshops we were chosen to be a part of, depending on our pref erences. Some were Chanting, Stewardship and Hospitality. I specialized in Cantor Development and learned about sing ing and leadership ministry. We worked with Janet Sullivan Whitaker, an amazing Catholic songwriter and musician. She taught us so much, both in a musical sense and in a spiritual one. There's something about music that makes me feel so close to God. Singing is when I feel the most united to Him, and I feel His presence with every note. It was amazing to lead the music at every Mass and to lift our voices in a harmonious praise to Him.
I had an amazing experience at One Bread, One Cup, and I know for certain that everyone in attendance was changed by that week. As the song One Bread, One Cup says: "As we go forth from this place of perfect peace, may Your light shine in our lives for all the world to see."

## Schools

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tunities for students with advanced intellectual and academic abilities. Specifically trained instructors will give special attention to each DEEP student at his or her current level of ability. Based upon their individual talents, DEEP students will be offered an especially challenging experience using educational methods and materials designed to develop creative and critical thinking processes, promote independent study and enhance personal academic achievement.
Outside funding was given to the diocese to fund the programs for three years. Through the funding, six certified teachers and two teaching assistants are being hired to implement the programs. Funding also included the necessary classroom material and supplies to ensure the students had the resources needed to be success-
ful. Tracey Unfried, principal of Westside Catholic, shared, "We are truly grateful as these new programs will open numerous possibilities to enhance students' learning opportunities."
The Diocese of Evansville has been a leader of sorts when it comes to meeting the individual needs of students. The Marian Educational Outreach (MEO) has been providing programs and financial resources to schools to assist students with unique learning needs for over 50 years. Today, MEO is structured as a funding agency to enable Evansville Catholic Diocesan Schools to provide professional development experiences for their teachers and to provide funds to schools to assist in funding special education programming for all their students with unique learning needs. Under the direction of Marian Educational Outreach, a Special Education Advisory

Committee has been established. The committee conducted a survey in the winter of 2013 to determine the number of students in Catholic schools (over 650 students) requiring academic accommodations. The survey also documented the number of resource faculty members (over 50 members) available in each school who are designated to meeting the needs of students identified in the study. With outside funding now available for the programs at the three schools and the continued good work from MEO in all of our schools, we have the capabilities to provide a Catholic education to even more students.
Another expansion to meet the needs of more students within the diocese has occurred with the two Evansville Catholic High Schools. Mater Dei and Memorial High Schools have a well-developed resource pro-


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gram to meet the needs of students who may have disabilities and who have demonstrated the ability to achieve successfully in the regular classroom setting. The two high schools recognized the need to expand the resource program to include special education students. This expansion of student services is in its second year and housed at Memorial High School. The program at Memorial now makes it possible for a special education stu-
dent to receive a K-12 Catholic education in Evansville.
Catholic school education is rooted in the conviction that human beings have a transcendent destiny and the expansion of our programs will allow even more students to attend Catholic schools that are sustained by Gospel witness and shaped by communion and community. For more information on these programs, please contact the Catholic school nearest you.

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The student received a CS in a school year that immediately precedes the school year for which the student is applying for a CS

The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $200 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program


The student received a
CS in a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a CS

## The student is a member

 of a household with an annual income equal to or below $150 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program

The student received an SGO Scholarship (from one of the 5 approved SGOs) in a preceding school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship

The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $150 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program
Note: Each requirement under a pathway must be met for eligibility within a pathway

The student has a
disability that requires
special education

An individualized education program (IEP) pursuant to IC 20-35 or a service plan pursuant to 511 IAC 7-34 has been developed for the student

The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $200 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program


The student would be required to attend a specific public school based on their residence that has been assigned an " $F$ " grade

This pathway does not require prior attendance at the school

The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $150 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program

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The student was enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school, including a charter school, in Indiana for at least 2 semesters immediately preceding the first semester for which the individual received a Choice Scholarship The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $150 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program

The sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO scholarship in a preceding school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship

The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below $150 \%$ of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program

By DARYL HAGAN Superintendent of Catholic Schools
"Our Hoosier students deserve every opportunity to be successful. That includes having the choice to attend the school that works best for them," Gov. Michael Pence said May 9 at a signing ceremony in Indianapolis. Since that event, the Catholic Schools Office in the Diocese of Evansville has been working with the diocese's 28 Catholic schools to get the word out to parents.
The legislation gives more educational options to the students including current Catholic school students who in the past may not have been eligible. The new bill expands eligibility requirements for vouchers. More children will be eligible without having to spend at least a year in public schools. Siblings of current voucher students, students with special needs, and children living in the attendance district of a public school that received a failing grade in state performance evaluations will also be eligible.
To see a list of these public schools, visit the Indiana Department of Education website: www.doe.in.gov/ improvement/school-choice/choice-scholarships.
For the 2013-2014 school year, there are seven pathways to eligibility. Please refer to the Pathways Chart and Income Eligibility Chart. Due to the numerous pathways and the somewhat-confusing income eligibility chart, I encourage all interested families to contact their local Catholic school for assistance. Principals and school personnel are available to meet with you to see if your family qualifies. Please accept this invitation from me to contact your local Catholic school and learn firsthand the benefits of a Catholic education.

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Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction
Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits
2013-2014 School Year
Revised June 14, 2013
The value of the Choice Scholarship is the lesser of three amounts:

1) Tuition and fees charged to the student at the eligible school;
2) $\$ 4,700$ for grades $1-8$; or,
3) An amount based off the per-student state funding for the student's school corporation of residence, determined as follows:

- $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ of the funding formula amount if household income is up to $100 \%$ of Reduced Lunch eligibility (see chart below)
- $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ of formula amount if household income is up to $150 \%$ of Reduced Lunch eligibility (see chart below).
- $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ of formula amount if household income is up to $200 \%$ of Reduced Lunch eligibility if the student received a Choice Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year OR if the student has a disability that requires special education (see chart below).

| Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $100 \%$ of Reduced <br> Lunch Eligibility | $\mathbf{1 5 0 \%}$ of Reduced <br> Lunch Eligibility | 200\% of Reduced <br> Lunch Eligibility |
| Persons in <br> Hnnual household <br> income limit for a <br> Household | (nnual household <br> income limit for a a <br> Scholarshice | Annual household <br> income limit for a <br> "50\%" Choice <br> Scholarship** | "50\%" Choice <br> Scholarship** |
| 1 | $\$ 21,257$ | $\$ 31,885$ | $\$ 42,513$ |
| 2 | $\$ 28,694$ | $\$ 43,041$ | $\$ 57,387$ |
| 3 | $\$ 36,131$ | $\$ 54,196$ | $\$ 72,261$ |
| 4 | $\$ 43,568$ | $\$ 65,352$ | $\$ 87,135$ |
| 5 | $\$ 51,005$ | $\$ 76,507$ | $\$ 102,009$ |
| 6 | $\$ 58,442$ | $\$ 87,663$ | $\$ 116,883$ |
| 7 | $\$ 65,879$ | $\$ 98,818$ | $\$ 131,757$ |
| 8 | $\$ 73,316$ | $\$ 109,974$ | $\$ 146,631$ |

Note: Income levels are determined in accordance with the Income Verification Rules document available at $\frac{h t t p: / / w w w . d o e . i n . g o v / i m p r o v e m e n t / s c h o o l-c h o i c e / c h o i c e-s c h o l a r s h i p s ~}{*}$

* For a household size of nine (9) or more, add \$7,437 to the annual limit for each additional member (or \$620 to the monthly limit) for a " $90 \%$ " scholarship.
** Add $\$ 11,156$ to the annual limit ( $\$ 930$ monthly) for each additional member for a " $50 \%$ " scholarship. *** Add $\$ 14,874$ to the annual limit ( $\$ 1,240$ monthly) for each additional member for a " $50 \%$ " scholarship. 115 W. Washington Street $\square$ South Tower, Suite 600 ■ Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 317.232 .6610 ■ww.doe.in.gov


Rebecca Seaman pats a wooden horse during Vacation Bible School at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. The sets used for her VBS were built by volunteers at seven Evansville area parishes and shared this summer. The theme was "The Kingdom Rocks."


Kaden White and Grace Jarboe playing air guitar to "Behold The Lamb" during Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph and Holy Family parishes, both in Jasper.


Isaac Martin and Hannah Givens join Valeria Elpers, a former parishioner at St. James Parish in Haubstadt, during their visit to Heritage Center in Evansville. Students from the Holy Redeemer Vacation Bible School said a rosary with the residents; a Mass celebrated by their pastor, Father Paul Ferguson, followed.

## Vacation Bible School: uplifting and energizing

Children of all ages have been attending Vacation Bible Schools in parishes throughout the Diocese of Evansville this summer.
Thanks to armies of teenage and adult volunteers, the Vacation Bible Schools have offered a wide variety of fun for the children, including praise and worship sessions, craft time, Bible stories, games and the celebration of the Liturgy.
Pam Freyberger, the CRE at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper, said the theme for VBS at her parish was "Parachute with the Angels." The children who attended came from St. Joseph and Holy Family parishes in Jasper.

Their days began with Mass, and during the VBS lessons the children learned about their guardian angels. "Angels are our messengers that protect, comfort and guide us throughout our lives and ultimately help us get to heaven."
Each participant received a T-shirt with a design showing a guardian angel holding onto a stealth jet pointing up and emblazoned with "Destination Heaven."
The children also learned about angels during skits they performed. "A skit about St. Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal showed the children how an angel was sent to St. Catherine to lead her to the Blessed Mother. Because of that encounter "we were given the Miraculous Medal."
Parent Airen Springer said, "What a great week. All of my kids are loving it and their excitement for what they are learning is carrying over into their conversations with us, their friends, babysitter and grandparents.
"If anyone ever doubts the youths' interest in the Church, they should just spent five minutes with my kids in the car ride home after a morning ride of VBS. It is totally uplifting and energizing.'


Eli Lewellyn, Grace Lewellyn, Delaney Lannan and Matthew Hayden take a break from Vacation Bible School at St. Peter Parish in Linton to pose for a photograph. The theme for the week was "God's Winter Wonderland." Parish volunteers built an igloo out of milk jugs to go with the theme.


Bishop Charles C. Thompson blesses students in Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer Parish in Evansville before they head out to do a service project at the House of Bread and Peace.

## Taking a look back

# Seven encyclicals considered especially memorable 

By FRANCIS X. ROCCA Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), released July 5, is the latest installment in a centuries' old papal tradition. An encyclical is considered the most authoritative form of papal writing; and though many examples are now remembered only by scholars, the messages of others have continued to resonate within the church and beyond.
Here are seven whose impact has proven especially memorable: - "Quanta Cura" (1864): One of 38 encyclicals issued by Pope Pius IX, whose almost 32 -year pontificate was the longest in history after St. Peter's, this document is best known for an annex called the "Syllabus of Errors," a list of "condemned propositions" associated with contemporary religious, philosophical and political movements, including communism, socialism and liberalism. Although the document drew heavily on the teachings of earlier popes, historians have placed it in the context of the European revolutions of 1848. For many Catholics and non-Catholics, it established the church's image as resolutely opposed to modernity, an image widely accepted until the Second Vatican Council a century later.

- "Rerum Novarum" (1891): Responding to the predicament of the working class in the wake of the industrial revolution, Pope Leo XIII wrote this document laying out the "rights and
duties of capital and labor." The encyclical, which rejected both communism and extreme lais-sez-faire capitalism, affirmed the right of workers to organize in unions and was crucial to the emergence of a Catholic labor movement. With its strong basis in the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, it also provided the foundation for the church's modern social teaching.
- "Pascendi Dominici Greg is" (1907): St. Pius X's encyclical was a condemnation of modernism, a European Catholic movement influenced by currents in 19th-century Protestantism, which held that even solemnly defined church teachings could evolve over time, and sympathized with secularist conceptions of the separation of church and state. St. Pius later required all priests, religious superiors and seminary teachers to take an oath against the modernist heresy - a requirement that Pope Paul VI abolished in 1967.
- "Mit Brennender Sorge" (1937): Pope Pius XI's encyclical, whose German title means "with burning concern," was smuggled into Nazi Germany and read from the pulpits of Catholic churches on Palm Sunday. Although it does not explicitly mention Adolf Hitler or the Nazi party, it criticizes the regime's "myth of race and blood" and cult of the state and defends the value of the Old Testament and the rights of ethnically Jewish Catholics, though not of Jews in general. A significant contributor to the document was Cardinal Eugenio

THE LIGHT OF FAITH LUMEN FIDEI


Pacelli, then Vatican secretary of state and later Pope Pius XII, whose record of wartime opposition to the Holocaust remains a subject of controversy.

- "Pacem in Terris" (1963): Blessed John XXIII's last encyclical was the first such document addressed not just to fellow Catholics but to "all men of good will." Writing at the height of the Cold War, Blessed John called for international and interreligious cooperation for the promotion of world peace. Emphasizing the importance of human rights and dignity, the encyclical also recognized the rights of all people to food, water, safety, housing, health care, involvement in public life and affiliation in organizations that promote their well-being, from labor unions to civic groups.
"Humanae Vitae" (1968): Pope Paul VI's decision to affirm the church's traditional prohibition against artificial contraception was met by dissent from a number of prominent theologians and, as demographic evidence suggests, widespread disobedience by ordinary Catho-


## ‘Lumen Fidei' at a glance

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Here at a glance are the main points of Pope Francis' encyclical "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), released July 5.

- Christian faith is the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," illuminating "every aspect of human existence." - The opposite of faith is idolatry, according to which man worships the "multiplicity of his desires.
- Salvation is impossible through our own good works but requires faith, as acknowledgement of the "primacy of God's gift."
- By virtue of his humanity, Jesus Christ is not only the object of faith but the ultimate model and mediator for all believers, and faith is a "participation in (Jesus') way of seeing.'
- Faith is not individualistic but by its very nature takes place within the communion of the church.
- The unity and continuity of the faith are ensured by the apostolic succession, hence the pope and the bishops in communion with him stand as its authoritative teachers.
- The fullness of faith is transmitted above all through the sacraments, which "communicate an incarnate memory, linked to the times and places of our lives, linked to all our senses; in them the whole person is engaged as a member of a living subject and part of a network of communitarian relationships.'
- Faith offers access to truth through love, since love is a "form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists.
- Faith dispels philosophical relativism and encourages scientific research by affirming the "inherent order" and harmony of the material world, and "stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation.
- Faith is essential to the promotion of "justice, law and peace" because it reveals the true basis of men's brotherhood as children of God.
lics. Pope Paul never issued another encyclical in the remaining 10 years of his pontificate. On the document's 40th anniversary, Pope Benedict XVI called it "so controversial, yet so crucial for humanity's future . . . a sign of contradiction . . . (and) of courage in reasserting the continuity of the church's doctrine and tradition."
-"Centesimus Annus" (1991): Issued on the hundredth anniversary of "Rerum Novarum,"

Blessed John Paul II's encyclical reaffirmed Pope Leo's expressions of solidarity with the poor and organized labor and insisted that the end of the Cold War did not leave "capitalism as the only model of economic organization." The document was innovative in the annals of papal social teaching by virtue of its qualified praise for the free market as the "most efficient instrument for utilizing resources and effectively responding to needs."


## Diocesan teachers to be honored for their years of service <br> 

 "We applaud these educators for their long and continued commitment to our parishes, schools and students," said Daryl Hagan, diocesan superintendent of schools."Their devotion and daily example of living a life of service helps our students develop intellectually, psychologically, socially and spiritually. Their service is an inspiration to all of us."
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## Martha and Mary

Sometimes we hurt other people by leaving them out, not letting them be our friends or not spending time with them. We all know how badly we feel when we are left out or not included in a group.

In Jesus' time, some people were left out too. One group of people who were often left out were women. Women were expected to raise children and to take care of the house. They were not asked to be a part of anything else. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that when it comes to following him, no one should be left out. He shows us that there are no boundaries when it comes to who is called to be his disciples.

Jesus stops at the house of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha

immediately starts to take care of and serve Jesus and the disciples while Martha sits at Jesus' feet listening to him speak. Martha goes to Jesus and asked if he did not care that Mary was not helping her take care of their guests as women were expected to do.

Jesus replies to Martha that she is anxious and worried about many things. He tells Martha that there is only one thing that is needed and that Mary has chosen to do that one thing - listen to the word of God. He tells Martha that he will not take her away from listening to him because everyone is welcome to be a disciple of Jesus.




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## A Closer Look at Vatican II

Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes

Editor's note: On Oct. 11, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith in Rome with a call for New Evangelization rooted in an authentic interpretation of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. With this in mind, the Message will print a series of articles during this Year of Faith that are designed to give readers a greater understanding of and appreciation for the impact and influence of Vatican II on our Church.
This is the first article in this series, which we've chosen to call "A Closer Look at Vatican II." In addition, all articles within this series will be added to the "Year of Faith Resources" page in the "Special Features" section of the Message website: www.themessageonline.org
"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." One of the final documents to be completed by the Second Vatican

Council, the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes, was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on the final day of the Council, Dec. 7, 1965. This constitution was particularly unique among the major documents because it was not a part of the original plans for the Council, but came about solely from conversations among the bishops "on the floor."

By MIKE ROESCH<br>Campus Minister,<br>University of Evansville

Despite being completed so late, in many ways Gaudium et Spes can be read as the key to the whole Council because it is here that the main themes discussed in other documents are fleshed out within the context of making the Church accessible to modern culture - the aggiornamento called for by John XXIII when he opened the Council. Indeed, it became a key document in the following decades, as John Paul II - who himself played a strong part in writing the text as a bishop -
quoted it in nearly everything he wrote as pope (how fitting, then, that John XXIII, who gave us the gift of the Council, and John Paul II, whose papacy was in many ways a continuing commentary on its application, will be canonized together at the end of this Year of Faith!).
The constitution begins with commentary on the rapid changes that the world had undergone in the decades leading up to the Council: global interdependence; progress in technology and communication; the resulting cultural and social problems; war; and increasing global awareness of hunger, poverty and illiteracy. The main body of the document follows, divided into two parts: the first a broad look at the Church's role in this ever-changing and increasingly less Christian society, and the second a call to action toward specific problems in the modern world.
Part One amounts to a theological anthropology: a study of the meaning of human life that is rooted in Christ and com-
munion with others. Key parts to this section include a defense of the importance of individual conscience, which is an intensely personal venue for communion with God, as well as a call for believers to "prove the fruitfulness of faith" to the growing number of atheists in the world by living lives of justice and love (\#21).
At the center is the relationship of the Church and the Christian to the larger world. By living truly Christ-centered lives, Christians show that it is in the person of Christ that all people - even non-believers can find the answers to their deepest questions about the meaning of life: "The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light
Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear" (\#22).
It is essential to human nature that the revelation of this mystery is not a purely individual
phenomenon, but is found in our relations with others: a person "cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (\#24). The constitution goes on to show that this selfgift means that the Christian mission is to fully engage society, and to work with all people in building a civilization of love that respects human life and fundamental rights.
From here, the constitution discusses the Church's ability to be of great service to secular institutions in ways consistent with her mission, as well as how Christians must address progress in science, technology and other fields, while still serving God: "all human activity must be purified and perfected by the power of Christ's cross and resurrection" (\#37).

The first part of Gaudium et Spes strongly asserts the ways in which the Christian faith is relevant to all peoples at all times. Next week, we will examine the second part of this important constitution that continues to shape the Church today.

## Indianapolis immersion program helps build bridges between cultures

By MIKE KROKOS Catholic News Service

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) "Tomas, cual es tu dia favorito?"
"Domingo."
Translation: "Thomas, what is your favorite day?" Answer: "Sunday."
That simple exchange between
instructor Leticia Chaparro from a local language school and Deacon Thomas Ward was an example of how English-speaking parish leaders in the Arch-
diocese of Indianapolis spent a week recently taking part in a Spanish immersion experience developing skills, approaches and frameworks that will help

them minister to the area's growing Latino community.
"This is the first time we've done this here in the archdiocese. The idea of having this program came about because we've been looking for opportunities to offer something like this to both the English- and Spanish-speaking Catholics here," explained Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez, archdiocesan coordinator of Hispanic ministry, who organized the program.
Each day of the immersion program had five parts: Spanish lessons as a group, focus groups (priests and deacons, music directors, catechetical and pastoral ministries), a culinary experience (the class went to a different Hispanic restaurant every day); one-on-one Spanish lessons, and learning about various aspects of Hispanic culture, Brother Gutierrez said. The participants also attended Mass in Spanish every day, and spent one night at a local Latino family's home to experience how they live.
"The main goal of the program was to give the participants the skills to feel more comfortable worshipping and ministering with Hispanics in the parishes" he said.


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## Help needed for trees at St. Joseph Cemetery

By LINDA COX Executive director The Catholic Foundation
"Sit down and rest . . . and the tree was happy

The Giving Tree
How many times have you visited a cemetery, sat under a tree, said a prayer for loved ones, and reflected on the peace that surrounds you? The next time that you are there, take a moment to look around and above you. The trees that surround you are the result of years of planting and maintaining for the beautification of the cemetery.
Recently, an anonymous donor visiting St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville noticed that several of the trees were in need of being replaced because of age or disease. This family not only has family members that are buried at St. Joseph but some have plans on being buried there as well. In order to assist with the expense of planting new trees and maintaining existing trees, the family has proposed a challenge gift to the community. The family will match new gifts, dollar for dollar, up to $\$ 10,000$, received this year. They also plan on continuing this match for three years, if the community is helping with additional support.
According to Larry Strawn, superintendent of St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, "the cemetery spends about \$8,000 a year on new trees and maintaining existing trees. This matching gift will allow the cemetery to continue to provide a beautiful place of repose for our loved ones." For those of us who have family buried at St. Joseph and for those who have future plans to be buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, your gift will make sure that there will always be a place to "sit down and rest." These gifts will be endowed to produce annual income to the cemetery. The goal is to raise $\$ 60,000$ so that each year the Cemetery Board will have the needed revenue to continue planting and caring for the trees that we all enjoy.
"Many people may not realize that the 18 parishes in Evansville jointly own St. Joseph Cemetery. The Cemetery Associa-

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 weekend? Access the Message from anywhere at themessageonline.orgtion takes great pride in making sure that St. Joseph Cemetery is a holy, beautiful place for our loved ones," said Father Eugene Schroder, president of the Cemetery Association. "When you sit under the tree and feel the gentle breeze, you will remember that your gift and the gift of many others have provided a place for reflection and prayer."
Gifts of any amount may be given to qualify for the matching opportunity and all will be appreciated. Gifts should be sent to The Catholic Foundation of SW Indiana, 4200 N. Kentucky Avenue, Evansville, IN 47724.

For more information, please contact the Catholic Foundation at 812-424-5536 or by email at lcox@evdio.org. You may also make a gift on line on the front page of the Catholic Foundation website at www.CreatingCatholicLegacies.org. Please visit the website often as the matching gift tally will be available to follow.


Some of the trees in St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville need to be replaced because of age or disease. An unnamed family has proposed a challenge to the community: family members will match gifts, dollar for dollar, up to $\$ 10,000$ with funds used to plant new trees and maintain existing trees in the cemetery.


Message photo by Matt Miller

## With One Voice

Anna Bittner, a Message intern majoring in pastoral leadership and pastoral music ministry at Marian University, leads a morning of reflection at the Catholic Center in Evansville. "With One Voice: The Paschal Mystery and its Implication on Community and Music Ministry," drew attendees from across the Diocese of Evansville.

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## SCRIPTOGRAM

A passage from Sunday's Scripture readings is represented below in code.
CLUE: In this week's SCRIPTOGRAM, Q equals $L$.
SUGGESTION: See the Gospel Commentary page in this week's Message, to find the citations for the chapters and verses of the readings. Solving the biblical reference will provide clues for solving the rest of the puzzle.

For Sunday, July 21:
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What's the passage? The answer is found on page 18.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

## HOUSE OF MARTHA

Gospel for Sunday, July 21, 2013
Luke 10:38-42
Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, Martha's concerns. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

| JESUS | A WOMAN |  | BURDENED |
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Godzilla in an escapist sci-fi spectacle ideal for the summer movie season. When gigantic monsters called Kaiju emerge from a breach at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, the nations of the world join forces to build machines dubbed Jaegers to battle the destructive intruders. The Jaegers, guided by human pilots (Charlie Hunnam among them), are the planet's only hope. Filmmaker Guillermo Del Toro fashions visual effects that often trigger awe, while weaving together the doomsday scenario, co-written by Travis Beacham, with enough humor and noble human impulses to make us think the movie is doing more than exploiting our fascination with monsters, machines and mayhem. Much intense but bloodless sci-fi violence between robots and alien creatures,
fleeting sexual banter, occasional crude and profane language. Possibly acceptable for older teens. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.


CNS photo/Warner Bros.
Charlie Hunnam and Rinko Kikuchi star in a scene from the movie "Pacific Rim."

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See answers on page 18.

## "Grown Ups 2" (Columbia)

Nearly plotless sequel to the 2010 comedy consists of a series of vignettes that abandon character development for sight gags, nearly all of them involving body functions, most of them scatological, and hits to the crotch when they don't involve leering at women's breasts. Adam Director Dennis Dugan and star Adam Sandler, who co-wrote with Fred Wolf and Tim Herlihy, pick up the story of Sandler's successful Hollywood producer, who has returned to his home town and has ambling adventures with his former high school friends on the last day of the school year for their children. Nearly nonstop scatological references, fleeting rear male nudity, mild sexual banter, fleeting crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## "Much Ado About

Nothing" (Lionsgate)
William Shakespeare's 1599 comedy gets a modern-day update by director Joss Whedon in a highly entertaining film that ponders age-old issues of marital love, fidelity, and betrayal. It's time for a celebration, thrown by Governor Leonato (Clark Gregg) for warriors returning in triumph from a victory: Don Pedro (Reed Diamond) and his officers, Claudio (Fran Kranz) and Benedick (Alexis Denisof). What follows is a tale of two couples: Claudio falls for Leonato's comely daughter Hero (Jillian Morgese), while Benedick locks horns with Leonato's niece Beatrice (Amy Acker). Matchmaking ensues, but the road to a happy ending is not without potholes, especially since Don John (Sean Maher), Don Pedro's wicked brother, plots against Claudio and Hero on the eve of their wedding. Implied pre- and nonmarital sex, brief drug use. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III - adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 - parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.


SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

By father DONALD DILGER

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A visit to the home of Martha and Mary begins as follows, "Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him." We can assume that Martha and her sister Mary are the same
Gospel: Martha and Mary who had a Luke 10:38-42 brother named Lazarus in John 11. If this is correct, then the village is Bethany on the east slope of the Mt. of Olives, a bit over a mile east of Jerusalem. Luke notes that Martha had a sister named Mary. Mary's "activity," "She sat at the feet of the Lord listening to him speak," while Martha was "burdened with much serving." Her complaint seems justified, "Lord, does it not concern you that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Jesus' response is not what Martha expected. He says, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and busy about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken away from her." A good story, and the first part could be true to life in a home where two sisters are responsible for the housework. The second part however, Jesus' response to Martha, does not seem so true to life. This indicates what is true of all parts of the gospel - this story is catechetical instruction. The first lesson might be that the values of what the gospels call "the kingdom of God," can be quite different from the values imposed on us by social custom and family life.
Jesus frequently acts contrary to Jewish cultural norms of his time. He was alone in a house with women not related to him. A woman serves him. He teaches a woman in her own house. All these are contrary to the cultural norms of his people. Also at influence in Luke's presentation of this story is the leading role of women in early Christianity. They sometimes hosted Paul and his companions in their homes and sometimes hosted the whole

Christian community - house churches. Examples: Lydia of Acts 16:14-15; Prisca and her husband Aquila of 1 Cor. 16:19. There was also a prominent Deacon Phoebe of the church at Cenchreae, Romans 1:16. It is only fair and true to note that Paul, who calls Phoebe "our sister," does not refer to her as a "deaconess," but as a "deacon."
The word "deacon" brings us back to the story of Martha and Mary. By the time Luke wrote his gospel, the Greek diakonein was a technical term for ministry in the churches. Luke uses the same Greek term to describe the work of Martha. "Waiting on tables" or hospitality, was from the beginnings of Christianity at least one of the works of the deaconate, as Luke tells us in Acts 6:1-6. "Waiting on tables" in Acts 6 centered on distribution of food to needy widows. Widows were enrolled by the churches into a kind of religious order or society if, among other activities, they had shown hospitality. Thus we conclude that Jesus does not reject Martha's ministry, but by depicting Jesus upholding Mary's "activity," Luke proclaims that listening to the Word is the basis of Christian ministry.
Jesus' openness with women and association with them was revolutionary. The kingdom of God broke into a prejudiced world. When we consider "normal" practice and teachings of some scholars of the time, in the following quotes, we see what Jesus and Christianity faced in elevating the role of women. "Of the empty-headedness that has come into the world, nine parts was given to women, one part to men." "Many women: much witchcraft." The custom of women preceding the corpse in a funeral procession symbolized their responsibility (Eve) for death. "Conversation should not be held with a woman, even though she be one's own." "The words of the Torah must not be handed over to women." "The
wife should not bear witness, nor instruct children, nor pray at table ...." In the synagogue women were kept behind a screen. A GreekJewish scholar, contemporary of Jesus wrote, "Among us the attitude of man is formed by reason, of woman by sensuality." Flavius Josephus (1st century): "A woman is inferior to her husband in all things." So let's read and weep, then thank God for Jesus, the gospels, and Christianity.

The hospitality Martha offers Jesus in today's gospel drew from the Old Testament another story of hospitality. While Martha knew who it was to whom she offered hospitality, Abraham unknowingly offered hospi-
First Reading: tality to the Lord God and Genesis 18:1-10a two angels. It is just a bit amusing to envision this 99-year-old man running (as the story notes), bowing to the ground, and serving the three "men" while they ate a meal of choice beef, curds, and milk under a tree. Abraham is rewarded for his hospitality. The Lord says to this old man in the hearing of his 90 -year old wife, "I will surely return about this time next year and Sarah will then have a son."

This reading contains a profound statement of the usefulness of the unavoidable suffering which nature and age inflict on us. Paul writes of his own sufferings for the spread of the gospel, "In my own body I Second Reading: am filling up (supplying) Colossians 1:24-28 what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for his body, which is the Church." Only St. Paul would have the nerve to claim that anything is lacking in the sufferings of Christ. But if it is true for Paul, it is true for us. God accepts our sufferings "that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."


Special jubilarians
Paul and Virginia "Gin" (Sermersheim) Messmer of Jasper will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. July 28 in Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper. A dinner and reception will follow for family and invited guests. They were married August 1, 1953, in St Mary Church in Huntingburg. Father Alfred Baltz officiated. They are the parents of seven children: Paula Reyling, Donna Smith, Linda Schmitt, David Messmer, Keith Messmer, Kevin Messmer and Martha Schmitt. They have 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Messmer worked for the Jasper Glove Company before staying home to raise their family. Mr. Messmer retired after working at Indiana Telephone Company for 45 years.
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## 2013 Mother Teresa award winners are profiled

Editor's note: Each Friday, for the next several weeks, the Message will profile a couple of winners of the 2013 Mother Teresa award which recognizes individuals and couples whose daily lives reflect a willingness to hear, listen to and respond to Jesus' words. The profiles will be presented in alphabetical order.

Kenneth and Elvira Meny Sts. Peter and Paul,
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20 years. Kenneth was president from 1999 to 2003. They would go to clients' homes to help them budget their money and pay their bills so that the client could take care of themselves better. They have helped at the Lord's Food Pantry for 15 years. They helped with Thanksgiving baskets every November for the needy.

## Robert "Danny" Merrit

Nativity, Evansville
Danny was baptized as a Catholic as a young boy but seldom practiced his faith until he joined his family at Nativity in 2008. Like Mother Teresa, Danny is a wonderful example of a Christian servant. His primary area of service is as Nativity's "Volunteer Handyman." Seniors and many of our Hispanic families ask for his help with repairs, plumbing, wheelchair ramps, furniture, doors, gutters, lawn care and any kind of need he can provide or find free or
less expensive than from a friendly repair company. He estimates he has helped 60 families in the last year and he is getting more popular from referrals from satisfied members. Danny helps at Nativity's monthly outreach at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen, all fish fries, the summer social, and can always be counted on when errands or repairs need to be done. When asked why he does all this volunteer service Danny said, "I guess I want to make up for my past and out of gratitude for life and my family and my health." When asked why he joined Nativity he said," It is the only church that ever asked me to get involved; no other church made me feel needed."


Robert "Danny" Merritt displays the Mother Teresa award he received from Bishop Charles C. Thompson. Merritt is a parishioner at Nativity Parish in Evansville.


Message photos by Rick Jillson Bishop Charles C. Thompson is joined by Kenneth and Elvira Meny from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Haubstadt. They are recipients of the 2013 Mother Teresa award.

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## The Eucharist: What we believe and why

BY ZOE CANNON
Sacred Heart Parish, Vincennes
"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." John 6:35. This Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel of John represents God's revelation in Jesus, and the Eucharistic theme comes to the forefront. These words used by Jesus become food for thought, providing mental stimulus for thinking. This expression should be taken very literally because the Eucharist is more than a thought; it is food, the very source of our spiritual nourishment. Now, think about this: if every person appreciated the significance of this gift; the world would be a much better place to live and more people would understand the meaning of life everlasting!
I know someone who loves to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for the gift of Eucharist. His name is Steve Luegers, and he is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper. We met several years ago while working at a Teens Encounter Christ weekend. Currently, we are both serving on the Diocesan Evangelization Team, and we are members of the Good Shepherd Prayer Apostolate, which organizes Eucharistic adoration every day in the parishes of our
diocese for the intentions of Bishop Charles C. Thompson. Steve is a member of the Bishop Bruté Society, has been involved with Catholic Adult Education for over 15 years, and for 12 years has facilitated a Catholic Scripture study on the Gospel of John. Most recently, he has been ministering at Branchville Prison, and feels called to spend his time and talent doing presentations on the Eucharist. The Good Shepherd Prayer Apostolate, where over 1,000 people have committed to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, has certainly provided that opportunity. Steve has visited over 15 parishes in the Diocese of Evansville offering catechesis; the title of his presentation is "The Eucharist: What we believe and why."
On July 11, parishioners in Knox County celebrated the third anniversary of their Eucharistic adoration chapel, "Jesus King of Angels," which is located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Steve recently spent the past four weekends traveling back
and forth to all of the parishes in Vincennes sharing his passion for the Eucharist. He said that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reports that only 25 percent of American Catholics attend Mass weekly and of that number only 30 to 40 percent believe in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.
He recommended two books, "Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?" and "Did Jesus Have a Last Name?" Both are easy read books by Matthew Pinto. Each book has 200 questions and answers about the Catholic faith, all submitted by Catholic teenagers. He also suggested the booklet "Beginning Apologetics - How to Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith" by Jim Burnham. The website www.therealpresence.org is also a great place to learn more about the Eucharist.
Steve says, "You cannot share with your children what you do not have yourself." What a great way to underscore the importance of our own faith formation.

Today, Steve generously makes

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Message photo by Zoe Cannon
Steve Luegers talks about his passion for the Eucharist with people in Vincennes as they celebrate the third anniversary of the opening of their Eucharistic Adoration chapel "Jesus King of Angels." He is a parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper.
himself available to any parish, free of charge, to share his presentation on the Eucharist. He can be contacted at stevelueg7@ gmail.com. He is a great resource for all age groups. His information will help you understand that tremendous
gift which not only gives us a better world to live in, but a hope for everlasting life. Share this great knowledge in the power of the Eucharist with your children, and please thank your parish priest for the gift. Amen!


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 FROM THEPEW
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Eric Girten is a life-long member of Holy Rosary Church in Evansville. He welcomes your feedback at girtenclan@ wowway.com.

## Knowing that God loves us every morning, every day

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## through it all, He loves us.

If you have not heard the words, I love you in quite some time, hear them now, for God is speaking to you. He sits there in front of you, looking kindly into your face . . . I love you. No matter how hard you might try to disbelieve this reality and no matter how unworthy you may think you are of such a gift, it does not matter. He is there. Listen. Can you hear him now? Can you hear his voice?
Never should we, my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, ever despair in this life. Nor should we allow others to fall into this trap. For we have been given a gift beyond all other gifts, beyond comprehension and beyond any human creation. This simple gift is a gift that does not tarnish or fade.
Each morning God whispers softly to us, Good morning, be at peace, I love you. Each night, as we fall asleep, God whispers softly to us, Good night, do not be afraid, I love you.
Throughout each of our days, God waits patiently for us, waiting to assist us in our most basic needs. He sits with us, walks with us, is

## with us in our homes and in our work. He is

 with us when we eat and watches us while we sleep, waiting for us to rise again.God offers Himself to us without need of our reciprocation and yet in this love how can we not throw our arms around Him and respond with I love you too.
Let us all take small moments out of our busy days this week, this month, this year, to tell God and those around us that they are most truly loved by us. Let us show our children, our spouses, our parents, our siblings, our friends and our neighbors that they are loved, not because we expect something in return but simply because they are who they are $\ldots$ and that is enough.
May the love of God guide us, nudge us, comfort us and propel us to bring the message of God's hope to all we encounter and may we listen in the still of our own hearts until we hear God's whisper:
My dear child, know that I love you. Be at peace, do not be afraid, for I am here with you, unto the end of days.

## From Italian coast to U.S. desert, church leaders weigh in for migrants

By PATRICIA ZAPOR Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) - As pressure to pass an immigration reform bill shifted to the House of Representatives in July, the voices speaking out for more humane treatment of migrants included Pope Francis and former President George W. Bush.
Scores of advocates for comprehensive immigration reform swarmed over Capitol Hill day after day, visiting congressional offices and staging events such as a mock naturalization ceremony for would-be citizens who are currently in immigration limbo.
President Barack Obama met with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus one day and the next with two key senators, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. Both times the conversation was primarily about immigration reform, which Obama has made a high priority.
Meanwhile, a closed-door
caucus of House Republicans July 10 was reported to have underscored just how the path to a comprehensive bill is overgrown with conflicting politi cal interests.
House Republicans gave reporters varied versions of what they took away from the session. House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio said the majority of his party's caucus members agree they need to address immigration, but that they prefer to do it piece-by-piece, focusing first on enforcement measures, rather than take up the comprehensive bill the Senate passed. Other Republicans said that while they want enforcement to come first, they might accept the legalization and citizenship path.

Still others, including Rep. Steve King of Iowa, were sticking to the notion that any path to legalization, even for people brought in as children who have no ties to another country, would destroy "the rule of law," as The New York Times report-
ed. The Times said King conceded that support for his point in the caucus session was weaker than it has been in the past.
Backers of comprehensive reform, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a coalition of evangelicals and other faith groups argue that only by dealing with all the pieces of immigration - border enforcement, legalization, fixes to the process for bringing in workers and family members and changes to requirements for verifying employee immigration status - will any part of it work
Meanwhile, Bush, in a rare public appearance in which he referenced public policy, at a naturalization ceremony urged Congress to take a broad approach to reform. He advocated for comprehensive reform when he was president.
In June, the Senate voted 6832 for a bill that includes billions of dollars of new spending on border security and addresses a wide range of problems in
the current systems, including: family immigration; various types of worker visas; and legal status for people who were brought to the U.S. as children. It includes a 13 -year path to citizenship for many of the estimated 11 million immigrants who lack permission to be in the country. They would be required to speak English, pay fines and any taxes owed and meet other benchmarks.
Boehner and King, both Catholics, are among members of the House being targeted by a campaign set for the week of July 15. Dozens of Catholic university presidents planned to directly appeal to Catholics in the House to draw moral courage from their faith in supporting broad-based reform.
Those who ground their appeals for immigration reform in the teachings of Christianity about migrants got a timely and photogenic boost from Pope Francis July 8, as he visited Lampedusa, an Italian island where immigrants who try to
reach Europe by sea are detained. He said he was moved to make the trip after he saw news stories describing the drowning of immigrants at sea.
"Those boats, instead of being a means of hope, were a means of death," he said.
In a homily given from a lectern built out of the hull and wheel of boats, the pope said he chose to make the Mass a penitential liturgy to "ask forgiveness for our indifference toward so many brothers and sisters" and for the ways in which wellbeing has "anesthetized our hearts."

The pope prayed for the forgiveness of "those, who with their decisions at the global level, have created situations that lead to these tragedies."
A couple of days later, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez compared those migrants lost at sea to those who die trying to start new lives in the United States by crossing the the border illegally.

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discernimiento de la voluntad de Dios, marcado por la oración del Señor según lo enseñado por Jesús mismo en el pasaje del Evangelio de San Mateo.
En el espíritu de San Pablo, a través de su inspiración y su intercesión, no se cansan de proclamar el Evangelio con el testimonio de nuestras vidas. Que nunca tienen motivos para pedir disculpas o excusas para llevar a cabo la misión que nos ha confiado el mandato de Cristo de anunciar el Reino de Dios a través de los ministerios y servicios de la Iglesia.
Atreverse a vivir de esta manera requiere que tomemos la enseñanza del Evangelio de Jesús en la oración con el corazón de tal manera que busquemos agradar a Dios antes que a los propios deseos o las demandas injustas de simples seres humanos y de las instituciones. Mientras que ningún mortal está sobre la ley, nunca debemos olvidar que la ley se ha creado para la humanidad y no al revés. El énfasis de Jesús sobre el perdón nos hace un llamado a fijamos en el mandamiento del amor antes que todos los demás. Todos los ministerios y servicios de la Iglesia son motivados por el amor a Dios y el prójimo, con la opción preferencial por los pobres en la salvaguardia de la dignidad y la vida de cada ser humano. En el corazón de la oración del Señor, la demanda de perdón y el mandamiento del amor es la salvación de las almas. Con esto en mente, debemos mantenernos firmes contra cualquier oposición injusta a cualquier cosa que pudiera comprometer nuestra noción de discipulado fiel, incluyendo la ciudadanía, y la naturaleza de la Iglesia. Esta es la verdadera libertad. De hecho, nos jactamos de nuestra demanda de tal libertad, la dignidad, los bienes del matrimonio y la familia, y el carácter sagrado de la vida.

- Translated by Josue Abraham Brown


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## 2013 and 2014 Schedule of Tours

## 2013 <br> Motorcoach Tours

The Amish of Ohio
August 21 - August 24
Dinner in an Amish home
Factory Tour Horse-Drawn Farm Implements Lehman's Hardware Millersburg Glass Gallery Keim Lumber • Warther Carvings
"Half Stitched Ouilt Club" based "Half Stitched Quilt Club" based on novel 3 Nights Lodging (Carlisle Inn at W

## The Big Apple

Featuring Three Nights at Times Square at the Broadway Millennium Hotel
September 12 -September 1 September 12 - September 17
Broadway Musical "Pippin"
Lots of City touring •"Meet the Artist" program • Metropolitan Museum of Art • Brunch in Museum's Petrie Court Cafe • Dine
great New York restaurants: Capital Grille, Chez great New York restaurans. Crapital View, World Yacht Cruise - View the Statue of Liberty • Flight 93 National Memoria 5 Nights Lodging / 7 Meals
Grand Mackinac Autumn Tour September 23 - September 29 Stay 2 nights on Mackinac Island at Grand Hotel

Branson Music
Tour with the Catholic Parishes of Vincennes Tues., Sept. 24 - Thurs., Sept. 26 4 Shows: Oak Ridge Boys, Shoji Tabuch Morning Show $\bullet$ Lodging 2 nights Clarion Hotel at the Palace
Departs Vincenne

## A Tour of Historic

New Orleans and Memphis
A Tour by Lifestyle Tours with the
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science October 1 - October 6 French Quarter Walking Tour •Stay 2 Nights a Bienville House in the French Quarter $\bullet$ C
War Museum • Dinner Cruise on the
Mississippi • National WWII Museum and
"Beyond All Boundaries" • National Civil
Rights Museum • Stax Records • Stay 2 Nights
at Hampton Inn, Beale Street
5 Nights Lodging / 11 Meals
Southern Charm in Tennessee and Kentucky October 12 - October 13 Jack Daniel's Distillery • Stay at Opryland Hote

Music and Colors of Autumn in the Smoky Mountains October 28-31
The Park Vista Hotel (A Doubletree Hotel) Music Shows: Smokey Mountain Opry Country Jamboree Breakfast with the Blackwoods, Lumberjack Dinner Show,
Patty Waszak Show, Country Tonite, Patty Waszak Show, Country Tonite
Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre
Bush's Beans: Museum and Gene
Bush's Beans: Museum and Gene
Store, Bush's Family Cafe Store, Bush's Family Cafe
untain and Moonshine Tour: Smoky Mountain National Park, Sugarlands Visitor Center 3 Nights Lodging / 8 Meals
Branson Christmas Thurs., Nov. 11 - Sun., Nov. 13 Lodging at Chateau on the Lake
Six shows: Daniel O'Donnell, SIX, Shoji Six shows: Daniel O'Donnell, SIX, Shoji
Tabuchi, Clay Cooper, The Haygoods, Showboat Branson Belle

Pilgrimage to EWTN and Our Lady of the Angels Nov. 11 - Nov. 13
Please call or e-mail for details
Biltmore Christmas November 19 - November 21 Stay Two Nights at the Inn on Biltmore Estate Candlelight Christmas Evening at Biltmore Estate • Audio Daytime House Tour • Dinner a the Stable Cafe Tuesday $\bullet$ Lunch at Deerpark
Restaurant - Dinner at Season's Restaurant Restaurant ${ }^{\text {"Dinnnee Musketeers" Flat Rock Playhouse }}$. 2 Nights Lodging / 5 Meals

Observing History in Dallas November 20 - November 25 Tour Southfork •Chuckwagon Dinner •Three Visit Gaylord Texan • Ride Grapevine Vintage Railroad • Fort Worth Stockyards - Casey Jone Village $\bullet$ George W. Busch Library and Museum • Dealy Plaza 6th Floor Museum on
Nov. 22 (50th Anniversary of Kennedy Assassination) • Lunch at Marlsgate Planta -Lunch and Tour Loretta Lynn's Ranch

Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel Featuring The Rockettes Lodging at Gaylord Opryland Hotel • Radio City Christmas Spectacular $\bullet$ General Jackson Luncheon Cruise
2 Nights Lodging

| Trains, Wineries |
| :---: |
| \& Treasures |
| of Northern California |
| Travel with Host Laura Duncan |
| Call for available dates |

Discover Panama: The Land Between the Seas
Wed., Sept. 4 - Thurs., Sept. 12
Treasures of
Tuscany and Provence Featuring Monaco
Hosted By Nancy Hasting
Wed., Sept. 18 - Fri., Sept. 27
"Always . . . Patsy Cline" Badgett Playhouse
Saturday, August 3
Lunch at Patti's
Old Time Gospel Show Badgett Playhouse Sunday, August 4
Lunch at Patti's
The Wizard of $\mathrm{Oz}^{\prime \prime}$
Derby Dinner Playhouse
Sunday, August 11
"Legally Blonde"
Stages Theatre - Kirkwood, Mo.
Wednesday, August 14 Lunch at Zia's
"Discovering the Civil War" Landmark Exhibition From Washington D.C.'s National Archives - A Tour with the Evansville Museum of Arts, History \& Science Thursday, August 15 Tennessee State Museum • The Hermitage - Lunch at Puckett's
Grocery \& Restaurant (Nashville) Grocery \& Restaurant (Nashville)
Supper included at Cracker Barrel

Big Band Show
Badgett Playhouse Saturday, September 21 Lunch at Patti's
Belle of Louisville Sunday, September 22
Luncheon Lock Cruise


From the Outback to the Glaciers Feb. 6 - Feb 26

Hawaiian Adventure Feb. 27 - March 8 Andean Lake Crossing and
Chilean Wine Country March 1 - March 8

## 2013 One-Day Shows and Getaways

## St. Charles, Missouri Oktoberfest Saturday, September 28 Shops on Main Street

 43rd Annual Madison Chautauqua Saturday, September 28 Artisans and crafts $\bullet$ Juried Fine Arts and Crafts • Outdoor event First Christian Church"Southern Crossroads"
Derby Dinner Playhouse
Sunday, September 29
"My Fair Lady"
Stages Theatre - Kirkwood, Mo Wednesday, October 2 nch at The Top of the Me

Nashville, Indiana An Indiana Fall Tradition Saturday, October 5

Oktoberfest Cruise Belle of Louisville German music and food

General Jackson Cruise Tuesday, October 8 Lunch and Cruise $\bullet$ Entertainment by Steve Hall \& Shotgun Red $\bullet$ Departs from St. Paul

A Day in the Cottonfield Tuesday, October 8 Missouri Bootheel Fields Visit a Cotton Gin
Lunch at Lambert's Café

A Fall Day in Amish Country Montgomery, Indiana Wednesday, October 9

Parke County Covered Bridge Festival Rockville and Bridgeton Friday, October 11
"The Addams Family" KCA - Louisville Saturday, October 19
"Evita" Fox Theatre - St. Louis
Sunday, October 20

Nashville Flea Market This is the Big One!
Saturday, October 26

Southern Foods Culinary Tour in Maury County Friday, November 1 Cooking demonstration • Lunch at Puckett's $\bullet$ Pie-making demonstration and dessert $\cdot$ Rippavilla

Plantation

2014 Air Tours
with Collette Vacations departing from Evansville
Beijing City Stay
Pilgrimage to
Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona
April 6 -April 15

Springtime Tulip River Cruise April 25 - May 3

Northern National Parks May 16-23

Alpine Lakes and Scenic Trains May 23 - June 1 Pacific Northwest and California June 30 - July 7

The Plains of Africa Kenya Wildlife Safari Thurs., Oct. 10 -Wed., Oct. 23
Portugal and Its Islands Fri., Oct. 18 - Wed., Oct. 30

Christmas on the Danube Fri., Nov. 29 - Sat., Dec. 7

Christmas Markets
Wed., Dec. 11 - Thurs., Dec. 19
California New Year's Getaway Featuring the Tournament of Roses Parade
Sun., Dec. 29, 2013 - Thurs., Jan. 2, 2014
"Jersey Boys"
TPAC - Nashville, Tenn Two 1-day Tours! Sat., Nov. 2 or Sun., Nov. 3 Matisse, Life in Color Indianapolis Museum of Art Wednesday, November 6
E-mail or call for details
"Deathtrap" Derby Dinner Playhouse
Sunday, November 10

Variety! Christmas Spectacular Two Dates! Fri, Nov. 22 or Tues., Dec. 3 Badgett Playhouse
"War Horse" KCA - Louisville Saturday, November 23
"Sister Act" (Matinee) Fox Theatre - St. Louis Sunday, December 1
"Winter Wonderettes" Derby Dinner Playhouse
istmas at Opryland Two 1-Day Tours! Fri., Dec. 6 or Sat., Dec. 7
St. Louis Shopping and Way of Lights Saturday, December 7 Shop at St. Louis Galleria • Shrine Buffet included • Drive through
Way of Lights

Colorado Rockies July 11 - July 19
California Coast August 17 - August 25

Classic Christmas Markets
Nov. 28 - December 6
California New
Year's Getaway
Feat. the Tournamen
of Roses Parade
Dec. 29, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015

## 2014 Motorcoach Tours <br> Savannah Springs Into Spring March 17-21 <br> Our Nation's Capital <br> April 9-15 <br> "Wicked" <br> TPAC - Nashville, Tenn. Two 1-Day Tours! <br> Sat., April 12 or Sunday, April 13 <br> Colonial Williamsburg <br> April 22-27

Motorcoach CruiseTour 2014

The Big Apple and Canada/New England Cruise

September 24 - October 5

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## Prioress

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Mass and reflected during his homily on this latest occasion of the work of the Holy Spirit.
"Reflecting on the readings of today's Mass took me back to the election of Francis as our pope earlier this year," he said, noting that the papal conclave provided the College of Cardinals with the privacy necessary to focus on listening to the Holy Spirit during their delib erations.
"The media speculated a lot about who the next pope would be," he recalled, "and the person chosen was not on the
media radar at all. Francis was unexpected ... but what a wonderful choice he was
"Sister Barbara Lynn did not come out of left field," he added, "but we celebrate the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in her selection Listening to and discerning the will of the Holy Spirit has been the mainstay of the Sisters of St. Benedict throughout their serv ice and presence in southwest ern Indiana, which dates back to the 1800s."
Sister Barbara Lynn replaces Benedictine Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau, who served 10 years as prioress at Monastery Immaculate Conception. Benedict-
ine Sister Joella Kidwell, president of the Federation of St. Gertrude, administered the oath of office to Sister Barbara Lynn. She is also a past prioress of the monastery.
"We need to look carefully at what we have and make wise decisions for how we can best serve," she told The Herald of Jasper, in a recent interview. "We are always adapting our ministries, so how can we best use our resources to help others? God has blessed us, and we want to share those blessings."

Sister Barbara Lynn will serve a six-year term.


The Sisters of St. Benedict at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand warmly welcome Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz as their new prioress during her July 13 installation mass at the monastery.


Message photos by Tim Lilley Bishop Thompson blesses Benedictine Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz after she took the oath to become the new Prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. Bishop Thompson celebrated the mass of installation on July 13.


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