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Bishop Ordains New Priest

At the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford, one new priest and three new transitional deacons are ordained at an ordination Mass on June 2.

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(Observer photos/Penny Wiegert) Rev. Mr. John Kladar, Bishop David Malloy, Rev. Mr. Charles Warren and Rev. Mr. Robert Blood pose photo after the seminarians were ordained as transitional deacons. They are scheduled to be ordained priests of the Rockford Diocese next year.



Newly ordained Father Jhonatan Sarmiento poses with Bishop David Malloy at the Cathedral of St. Peter on June 2 after the ordination Mass.

Plaudits and Prayers Greet Class of 2018



(Cutline credit)

LEFT: Boylan Edge recipients pose at graduation in Rockford, May 25. The students lived key values during high school.

RIGHT: Bishop David Malloy prays with Newman graduates in Sterling. The five young men joined the Knights of Columbus before graduation.

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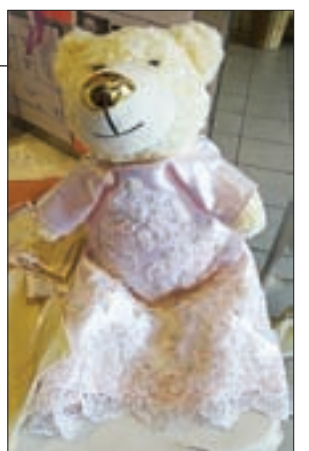
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Our Task Must Continue: Witness, Pray, Support the Life of the Unborn



BY BISHOP
DAVID J.
MALLOY

We do well to remind ourselves that opposition to abortion, and therefore support for the pre-born, is not simply a Catholic question.

Recently, a referendum was held in Ireland that opens the door to a change in the constitution of that country.

Since 1983 the Irish Constitution has stated, “The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.”

On May 25, by a two-to-one margin, Irish voters approved an amendment that reads, “Provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy.”

In essence, that vote has authorized the legalization of abortion in Ireland. Sadly, such legislation is expected to follow quickly.

The Irish vote is deeply disappointing as a matter of law. We create laws for the common good and for the flourishing of society. That is one of the primary purposes of any law.

However, the amendment, as well as our own national tragedy of *Roe v. Wade* by which our Supreme Court legalized abortion, excludes a particular class of individuals from the very protections that should be assured to state and society.

There is, however, a second function of law. That is, law serves as a declaration of the

mindset and the values of a society. It is a witness to who we understand and profess ourselves to be.

As a reflection of that self-understanding, we regulate our conduct and our interaction with each other. On that basis, we should ask ourselves: What is the value and self-understanding that is proclaimed by laws approving, and in Illinois even funding, the taking of the lives of the most innocent among us?

We have continually heard the profound and articulate calls for the protection of the unborn from the Church.

Recently, Pope Francis has written, “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. ... Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... it is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. ...” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 213-214).

We do well to remind ourselves that opposition to abortion, and

therefore support for the pre-born, is not simply a Catholic question. Yes, we heed the commandment, “Thou shalt not kill.” But the justification for that conviction can be reached by human reason as well.

As medical science advances, the earliest moment of viability keeps getting earlier and earlier, and the value of new life, whether inside or outside of the womb is seen to be ever more obviously the same.

Still, the Irish vote and the history of the Catholic faith in Ireland suggest that we need to stop and reflect on the meaning of this change.

For centuries, the Irish were among the first missionaries, going out into the world to share their knowledge and love of Jesus as a foundation for faith and family. How sad that the roots of such a noble history have withered.

Nevertheless, our reflection also reminds us that part of faith is hope. We believe that our work in support of human life will ultimately prevail because it is God’s work.

Our task is to continue to witness, to pray, and especially to support the life of the unborn in our own circumstance.

Still, the difficulty of the task in our secularized world has been underscored once more by this tragic vote.

When Alone We are Not Christians



BY POPE
FRANCIS

God, walking with us, fills us with joy and in a way, joy is a Christian’s first language.

From the Angelus, St. Peter’s Square, Trinity Sunday, May 27

Today, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a celebration for contemplating and lauding the mystery of the God of Jesus Christ, who is one in the communion of three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

To celebrate with ever new wonder God-Love, who freely offers us His life and asks us to spread it throughout the world.

Today’s Bible readings help us understand that God wishes to show us not so much that He exists but rather that He is the “God with us,” close to us, who loves us, who walks with us, is interested in our personal life story and takes care of each one, beginning with the least and the neediest.

He “is God in heaven above” but also “on the earth beneath” (see Dt 4:39). Therefore, we do

not believe in a distant entity, no! In an indifferent entity, no!

But, on the contrary, (we believe) in the love who created the universe and who engendered a people, became flesh, died and rose for us and, as the Holy Spirit, transforms and leads everything to fulfillment.

St. Paul (see Rom 8:14-17), who experienced first hand this transformation brought about by God-Love, tells us of God’s desire to be called Father, indeed, “Dad” — God is “Our Father” — with the total confidence of a child who abandons himself in the arms of the one who gave him life.

Acting in us — the Apostle again recalls — the Holy Spirit ensures that Jesus Christ is not reduced to a character of the past. No, but that we feel He is near, our contemporary, and feel the joy of being children loved by God.

Lastly, in the Gospel, the Risen Lord promises to remain with us forever. And thanks precisely to His presence and to the power of

His Spirit we can serenely carry out the mission that He entrusts to us.

What is the mission? To proclaim to all and witness to His Gospel and thereby expand our communion with Him and the joy that comes from it. God, walking with us, fills us with joy and in a way, joy is a Christian’s first language.

Thus, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love, and enables every creature that welcomes Him to reflect a ray of His beauty, goodness and truth.

He has always chosen to walk with mankind and forms a people who may be a blessing for all nations and for each person, excluding none.

A Christian is not an isolated person. ... One cannot be Christian without this membership and communion. We are a people: the People of God.



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St. Bernadette School to Close Next Year

Some parents choose to move their children ahead of 2019-20 new school opening, leaving too few students to keep west side school open. Registered families are invited to make an early move to St. James campus.



(Observer file photo)

St. Bernadette School

BY PENNY WIEGERT
Editor

ROCKFORD—St. Bernadette Parish announced this week that students and families at St. Bernadette School will make the transition to the new consolidated Catholic school one year early.

St. Bernadette School is part of the Rockford Joint Schools Committee plan to bring together four Catholic Schools in the city of Rockford — the Cathedral of St. Peter School, St. Bernadette, St. Edward, and St. James schools — with the financial and spiritual support of the parishes of St. Anthony,

St. Patrick, SS. Peter and Paul and St. Stanislaus to form a new Catholic school in the city of Rockford to serve families from all eight parishes.

The plan has been to combine the time, talent and treasure of these eight parishes and four schools into a new school with a new name on the campus of the current St. James School. The new school is scheduled to open for the 2019-2020 school year.

As part of that plan, St. Bernadette, St. Edward, St. James and St. Peter schools were planning to operate individually for one more year before coming together.

The one-year timeline allows for the Joint Schools Committee to finish planning and to develop recommendations for facility improvements, curriculum, student life, activities and enrichment opportunities.

This year also would allow each school to celebrate its history and traditions while preparing students for new traditions at the new school.

But a recent announcement by St. Bernadette pastor, Father Kenneth Stachyra, said only 30 students were registered for the 2018-2019 school year.

“It was our hope that all our school families would use the

2018-19 school year to honor their schools while being a part of our exciting transition. However, many St. Bernadette families have chosen other options for their children in this final year.

“Given registration numbers, St. Bernadette School cannot maintain the necessary resources to provide the optimum educational program and student experience for an additional year,” Father Stachyra said.

He went on to say that “after much prayer and consultation with St. Bernadette’s princi-

pal, Renee Payne, our school and parish are forced to make the difficult decision to close St. Bernadette School and invite the registered families to transition to the new St. James campus a year earlier than anticipated.”

Teachers were notified prior to the announcement and are being assisted in securing employment if they choose to pursue opportunities in the Rockford Diocese.

Letters were sent home to all parents and Father Stachyra addressed parishioners at all Masses June 2-3.

Deacon Robert Bracken Dies May 26

ROCKFORD—Deacon Robert “Bob” A. Bracken, 89, of Rockford, passed away Saturday, May 26, 2018.

Born June 27, 1928, in Akron, Ohio, he was the son of Harold B. and Mary A. (Jamison) Bracken. He married Lois R. Schultz May 22, 1949, in Kewanee.

Deacon Bracken was a member of Holy Family Parish, and was ordained as a permanent dea-

con in 1975 at the Cathedral of St. Peter by Bishop Arthur J. O’Neill. He was a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 734 in Kewanee.

He graduated from the University of Illinois with a master’s degree in social work at the age of 60 and went into private practice.

He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and fisherman who enjoyed spending time with his family. He served his community as a night chaplain at Swedish-American Hospital.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Lois; children, Nancy Baxter, Marc Bracken, Michael

(Jill) Bracken, Janet Bracken and Amy (Phil) Justice; grandchildren, Jaime (Jay) Scoby, Kimberly Baxter, Danielle and Matthew Bracken, Ben Bracken, Justine and Nathan McClelland, Adam, Kaysie and Sarah Justice; one great-grandchild, Alexis Scoby.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Keith, Jack and Bernard Bracken.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Holy Family Parish in Rockford. Visitation preceded Mass at the church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Winnebago.



(Photo provided)

Deacon Bracken

Boylan Teacher Needs Help with Home Care

ROCKFORD—After 26 years as a theology teacher at Boylan Central Catholic High School, here, Jim Heim has had to leave his position due to symptoms of early-onset Alzheimer’s disease.

He and his wife, Socorro, and the family have decided that he will remain in their home for his care.

Friends, church family, and former coworkers are helping with many daily expenses. Increasing need, however, is outweighing the family’s resources.

A Go-FUND-ME page has been established to help.

Donations, which will go directly toward helping Jim stay in his home, can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-jim-heim>.

Bishop Malloy’s Public Schedule

ROCKFORD — June 9, 9 a.m., Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Diocesan Administration Center

ROCKFORD — June 10, 7:30 a.m., Sunday Mass, Cathedral of St. Peter

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— June 12-15, USCCB Spring General Meeting

ROCKFORD — June 17, 7:30 a.m., Sunday Mass, Cathedral of St. Peter

SYCAMORE — June 19, 5:30 p.m., Mass and Installation of Father Carl Beekman as Pastor at St. Mary Church

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New Priest, Deacons Ordained

BY AMANDA HUDSON
News editor

ROCKFORD—The morning of June 2 was “one of those moments (when) heaven touches earth,” said Bishop David Malloy at a packed Cathedral of St. Peter shortly before ordaining one man to the priesthood and three to the transitional diaconate.

In his homily, he spoke first to Robert Blood, John Kladar and Charles Warren, saying

that “today, you and the Church take a step that will change you forever.”

To Jhonatan Sarmiento, the bishop recalled his year-ago ordination to the diaconate, noting that “during the last year, you have already lived as one in this world but set apart for Christ and for eternal service to Him,” adding that “since that day, the clock started ticking, pointing to this day.”

The steps of the Rites of
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(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)
The Cathedral of St. Peter was filled with clergy, family members and friends for the June 2 ordinations of one priest and three transitional deacons.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)
Bishop David Malloy lays his hands upon the head of his newest priest before praying the Prayer of Ordination.



(Observer photos/Amanda Hudson)
Steps of the ordination rite for priests include (above left) being vested in stole and chasuble, (above center) a fraternal kiss of peace from all the priests who are present, and (above right) anointing of hands with sacred chrism.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)
After receiving Father Sarmiento's first blessing, Bishop Malloy kisses the new priest's hands.



(Observer photo/Margarita Mendoza)

LEFT: Before the recessional, Father Sarmiento blesses his aunt, Sister Aminta Sarmiento, who came from her work in Rome as the Mother Superior of Good Shepherd sisters worldwide, and Graciela Saavedra, a Colombian family friend. The Mass was live-streamed on Facebook.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)
Newly-ordained Father Jhonatan Sarmiento takes his place at the altar for the consecration.



(Observer photo/Penny Wiegert)

Father Sarmiento blesses Father Timothy Cole Kennett from the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., a friend from St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Neb., who was ordained last year.

New Priest, Deacons Ordained

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Ordination to the diaconate and priesthood smoothly transitioned from the new deacons-elect to the new priest-elect and back again, distinct yet synchronized, with a shared time at the Litany of Supplication when saints of the Church are called upon for prayers.

Following that litany, Bishop Malloy laid hands upon the three new deacons, prayed the prayer of ordination and handed on to them the Book of the Gospels.

The ordination of priest-elect Sarmiento began with the prayer of supplication, followed by the laying on of hands by the bishop and other priests as the Holy Spirit was called upon.

Bishop Malloy prayed the prayer of ordination for a priest, anointed Father Sarmiento's hands with holy chrism and handed over a paten of bread and chalice of wine for the celebration of the Mass, saying, "Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross."

Mass continued with the newly ordained deacons and priest in their new roles.

"In His greatness and His closeness to each of us, God has a desire and a plan for us," Bishop Malloy told all four men in his homily.

"Of course for all of you, brothers, this is an honor. It is an honor that is a reflection on Christ Himself ... Like Timothy (from the second reading), you will be young members of the clerical state. But that cannot diminish in any way your calling or the responsibilities entrusted to you ...

"The task that begins today in your living the diaconate and the priesthood is not for the faint of heart. Jesus calls His disciples — He calls you — to have a love for Him and for others that is ready to lay down your life for His friendship and for ours ... The task of giving your life is especially rooted in your ordination, and it won't end in this life."

Promises are made at ordination, and the men will find them to be "the source of our strength and our freedom," Bishop Malloy said, adding a final note of encouragement.

"This is a service, it is a calling. But it is most especially a joy."



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

The Rite of Ordination begins as the three candidates for the Diaconate are called individually from their places in the pews with their families to come forth before the bishop.

RIGHT: New transitional deacons, (from left) John Kladar, Charles Warren and Robert Blood, stand before Bishop Malloy after they have made their promises, been prayed over by the bishop and in the Litany of the Saints, received from the bishop the Book of the Gospels and finally vested as deacons with a diaconal stole and a dalmatic, a wide-sleeved, long, loose vestment open at the sides, worn by deacons.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

Deacon Robert Blood (back) serves as a deacon at the Mass.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

Bishop Malloy lays hands upon Charles Warren.



(Observer photo/Penny Wiegert)

Deacon John Kladar poses with loved ones after the Mass.



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

All who attended the Ordination Mass sang the Litany of the Saints as the priest-elect and deacons-elect prostrated themselves before the bishop.

Congratulations

Fr. Jhonatan Sarmiento


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St. Peter Marks 87 Years of History at All-School Alumni Celebration May 20



A banner in the gym at St. Peter School marks its 87 years.



Members of the 1992 basketball team show off trophies from their winning season.



A few of the sisters who taught so many of the school's children gather in front of the school.



(Photos provided)

People look through pictures provided by alumni and staff. The event was a chance to look back before St. Peter children begin to attend Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy next year.



Members of the classes of 1970 and 1971 hold a mini reunion during the celebration. The day began with Mass at St. Peter Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments and reminiscing at the school.

Aurora Schools to Become Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy

AURORA—St. Therese of Jesus, St. Peter, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Joseph schools are combining to create one new, two-campus school called Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, here.

The campuses will be located at St. Joseph (north) and Our Lady of Good Counsel (south) and will begin serving students this fall.

Those four parishes plus three others — Sacred Heart, St. Nicholas and St. Mary — will support the new school financially and spiritually.

Academy students will benefit from the combined efforts and resources geared to provide them with a global Catholic education program.

The Aurora-led effort is part of a greater "Faith Forward" strategic planning process for Catholic schools in the diocese.

Many Memories at St. Therese of Jesus' Last School Mass

BY AMANDA HUDSON
News Editor

AURORA—The homily and talks were upbeat, but there was predictable sadness as St. Therese of Jesus School in Aurora hosted its final all-school Mass on May 30.

"We gather here to celebrate 93 amazing years at St. Therese," said Father Ernesto Caicedo, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart priest who began service at the parish earlier this year.

"This is not the end; this is a new beginning," he said, "and a new beginning is always a new opportunity. We can change our lives when we begin a new chapter in our life!"

St. Therese of Jesus Parish students will attend the new Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Aurora this fall. (See box.)

Along with Father Caicedo, Deacon Bruce Waterman also emphasized new



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

St. Therese of Jesus School students bring the gifts to Father Ernesto Caicedo, MSC, during the last all-school Mass May 30. St. Therese Parish will begin sending its students to the Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Aurora next fall.

beginnings throughout the history of the parish that has seen, he said, nine bishops and nine pastors. He spoke of the love of parish patron, St. Therese of Jesus, and encouraged the students to "make something of yourself, but remember your Catholic faith ... We have the memories of St. Therese

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Rockford Recognizes Charities' 80 Years of Service in City

Rockford Mayor Thomas P. McNamara (left) and council members applaud as Patrick Winn, director of Catholic Charities in the Rockford Diocese, accepts a proclamation at a city council meeting. The mayor declared May 21 Catholic Charities Day in Rockford in honor of the office's eight decades of service to immigrants to and natives of the diocese's See City.

Info: <http://catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org/>

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June 8-11

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Rummage sale drop off: 7-11 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. June 8, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. June 9, noon-2 p.m. June 10, 7-11 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. June 11; St. Peter Didier Hall, 301 Oak Grove Ave. info: 815/525-3400; st-peter-church.com; stpeter-sbeloit@rockforddiocese.org

Elsewhere

July 13-14

ANTIOCH, TENN.

Mid-South Charismatic conference: St. Ignatius of Antioch, 601 Bell Road. Speakers: Father Richard McAlear, OMI, and Juan Pablo Orazco. Cost: \$35 individual; \$55 married couple; \$65 family. Info: www.msccc.org; Teresa Seibert, tseibert@bellsouth.net, 615/430-9343

July 27-28

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Annual Marian conference: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Speakers: Cardinals Raymond Burke and Norberto Rivera Carrera; Bishop Arturo Cepeda; Msgr. Eduardo Chavez. Cost: varies. Info: <http://queenoftheamericsguild.org/> or 630/584-1822

Aug. 20-24

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.

Vocation weekends: Volunteer House. Hands-ON + Hearts-IN program for Catholic women, 18-50, discerning a vocation to religious life. Register one month before event. Free. Info: Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 601/291-6738



(Observer photo/Penny Wiegert)

Rockford Deanery CCW Officers Sworn In

Father Kenneth Stachyra, moderator of the Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women, installs the new deanery officers at their regular meeting May 21 hosted at St. Bernadette Parish. Officers are (from left) incoming president Diane Roman of St. James Parish, Rockford, treasurer Peg Hyser, St. Bernadette Parish, Rockford and secretary Kim Dickinson of St. Rita Parish, Rockford.

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Retreat Schedule 2018

— **5 Day Preached Retreats for Women Religious and Associates** —
June 11 – 16, 2018 — July 23-28, 2018

Theme: "Religious Life: A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life"

Presenter: Fr Donald Willard, C.Ss.R.

— **7 Day Preached Retreats for Women Religious and Associates** —
July 9 – 16, 2018

Theme: "Religious Life: A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life"

Presenter: Fr Donald Willard, C.Ss.R.

— **Private Together for Women** —
August 6 – 11, 2018

A private retreat, while at the same time share community with other women at Eucharist and Evening Prayer.

Reconciliation is also offered.

Presenter: Sr Susan Fischer, OSF

— **Guided/Contemplative Silent Preached Retreat** —
August 13 – 19, 2018

Theme: "The Divine Dance: Life in the Trinity"
Meister Eckhart, 13th century German mystic asked, "Do you want to know what goes on in the core of the Trinity? I will tell you. In the core of the Trinity the Father laughs and gives birth to the Son. The Son laughs back at the Father and gives birth to the Spirit. The whole Trinity laughs and gives birth to us." Each of us, all of us share in this birthing, this laughing, this loving, this relationship that is the triune God. Let us retreat this week so as to come into the awareness of God in us and all around us, inviting us to the divine dance of love and joy. Daily Eucharist and Reconciliation is also offered.

Presenter: Mrs. Jennifer Christ

Contact the Redemptorist Retreat Center to register or for more information.



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Aurora Parish Honors Pastor Father Leake on 50th Jubilee

Father Jerome Leake, pastor at St. Joseph Parish, was honored on the 50th anniversary of ordination on May 27. Events included a Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by an open house and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to leading St. Joseph for 20 years, he serves as senior chaplain for the Aurora Police Department. He's been doing it since 1975, except for a few years when he was chaplain for Elgin's department. In March, in honor of 38 years' service, Aurora police personnel held a ceremony to award Father Leake the same type of ring given to APD employees on retirement. In the parish bulletin, Father Leake wrote, among other reflections, "I could write a book about being a pastor, a high school religion teacher and a police chaplain. Maybe when I retire"



(Photo provided)

What's Up

Tue June 12

GENEVA

History of the Church: 7-8 p.m. (first of Tuesday sessions through

July 17); St. Peter, 1891 Kaneville Road. Speaker: Father Jared Twenty, parochial vicar, Holy Cross in Batavia. Come to one or all sessions. Free. Info: 630/232-0124

Wed June 13

Deadline for June 22 What's Up (for events June 25-July 9; note two-week listing. Watch for updates at What's Up+plus at <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/whats-up-plus>)

GENEVA

Open house: 6-7 p.m.; St. Peter School, 1881 Kaneville Road. Preschool and kindergarten open house. Info: Becky Ward, principal, 630/232-0476, bward@stpeterrockets.org; www.stpeterrockets.org

Thu June 14

AURORA

Rummage sale: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (also June 15-16); St. Peter School gym, 915 Sard Ave. Info: Denise Hansford, 630/896-6816; www.stpeteraurorail.org; stpeteraurora@rockforddiocese.org

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56th Rummage sale: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (also 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 15, 9 a.m.-noon June 16); St. Mary, 1405 N. Grand Ave. Sponsor: St. Mary CCW. Info: Ann Schmidt, 815/575-1013, ann.schmidt@yahoo.com; stmarymchenryil.org

SOUTH BELOIT

Rummage sale: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Peter Didier Hall, 301 Oak Grove Ave. info: 815/525-3400; st-peter-church.com; stpetersbeloit@rockforddiocese.org

SPRING GROVE

Rummage sale: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (also 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 15, 8-11 a.m. June 16); St. Peter, 2118 Main St. Antiques, furniture, home decor, clothing, crafts, holiday, games, toys and more. Most items half-price June 15; \$3 bag day June 16. Info: Denise Wahls, 815/675-2288

Fri June 15

BATAVIA

16th Golf outing: Orchard Valley Golf Course, Sponsor: Holy Cross Parish. Proceeds for St. Vincent de Paul Society. 18 holes, cart, dinner, and more. \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Cost: \$150 per golfer; \$50 dinner only. Info: <https://squareup.com/store/svdp-holycross>

Sat June 16

DIXON

Steak or chicken dinner: 5 p.m.; Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 Hall, 506 W. Third St. Proceeds for Buddy Bags program. 8 p.m. Bonanza drawing. Cost: \$15 steak; \$10 chicken. Info: www.kofc690.com, 815/288-1821 (leave a message)

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Save the Date

June 18-19

BELVIDERE

Parish mission: 6:30-9 p.m.; St. James School gym, 320 Logan Ave. Speaker: John Kippley. Topic: *Humanae Vitae*. Free; donations accepted. Info: Cathy Vendemia, cathy.v@stjamesbelvidere.org, 815/547-6397

June 22-23

LOVES PARK

Rummage sale: 1-5 p.m. June 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 23; St. Bridget Parish Center, 704 Clifford Ave. Proceeds for parish food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul charities. Info: Sue Claus, 815/505-6515, clausrus@frontier.com

June 23

FREEPORT

Center opening: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Madonna Renewal Center, 1209B S. Walnut Ave. Mass with Bishop David Malloy, open house with tours of the pregnancy support center. Info: 815/297-8287, contact@bluenuns.org

HUNTLEY

Women's Day: 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; St. Mary, 10307 Dundee Road. Speaker: Mary Vogrinc. Topic: "Seeds of Faith." Music: Living Praise and Worship Band. For moms, sisters and friends. Cost: \$10. Info: Shirley Allen, 224/654-8596, sallen@stmaryhuntley.org; www.stmaryhuntley.org

June 25-26

ROCKFORD

Wisconsin pilgrimage: 7 a.m. departure June 25; St. Rita, 6254 Valley Knoll Dr. Destinations: Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, Wis. and Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee. Return about 5 p.m. June 26. Register by June 10. Cost: \$110 per person for transportation and lodging. Info: 815/398-0853 or www.stritarockford.org

June 30

DIXON

Habitat workday: 7:30 a.m., Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 Hall, 506 W. Third St. Safety video at hall, then work on the house. Cost: \$7 for optional work t-shirt. Info: Luke Dixon, 815/973-2244 or 815/284-0084

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Congratulations Class of 2018



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Newman CCHS Grads Join Knights of Columbus

Bishop David Malloy and members of the honor guard of the Father William Boland Knights of Columbus Assembly 1702 gather with five graduating seniors from Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling who joined Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 before graduation. Brother Knights are (front, from left) Bob Marruffo, Bishop Malloy,

Patrick Worthington, (second row) graduates Joe Widolff, Matthew Hidge and Eli Blaney, (third row) Ken Mendel, Bert Davis, Don Trent, George Gill, Paul Thimmesch, graduates Brad Fritts and Travis Williams, Luke Dixon, (back row) Kevin Nestor, Eric Larsen, Chuck Koeher, Keith Adams, and Chad Korstick. Graduation was May 23.

This ceremony not only marks the conclusion of your years of prayer, work, study, and perhaps some laughs and tears. It also is a chance for all of us to say how truly proud we are of you in this final moment. But it is also a moment to remind you that you leave here with our loving expectations. For many of you, there will be another moment in the near future of leaving with loving expectations. Perhaps the moment that you head away to school or move to take a job. At that moment, your parents will probably be sad but proud. But they will also expect that your every future action adds to the family legacy. That you will make your family rightly proud not of your earthly success, but of your decency, your faith and your good conduct.'

— Bishop David Malloy, commencement address

Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling

Newman has been a place for us to start. It has fostered our ideas and talents these last four years. We've been given guidance without being overshadowed and support without being coddled. And above all, we've been given opportunities that have helped shape all of us as leaders, as friends, as Christians, and as results of God's friendship. ... So as you all leave today, I encourage you to be your own shadow. Chase yourself to the finish line. Motivate yourself toward your own goals, toward your own future. And one day I hope you all experience the feelings that only come when you finally cross the line you've given everything to reach.'

— Kirsten Tunink, Valedictorian



Baccalaureate: May 21, Sacred Heart Parish, Sterling, 7 p.m.

Graduation: May 23, Newman Central Catholic High School gym, Sterling, 7 p.m.

Graduates: Kaitlyn Elizabeth Accardi *+, Natalie Jasmin Amezola *, Cade Michael Bianchi, Easton Gerald Bianchi, Eli S Blaney *+, Bailey Elizabeth Boesen *, Cody Paul Bonnell, Kate Carrie Bonnell *, Juan Victor Briseno, Natalie Olivia Brotheridge, Nathan Matthew Brown, Trevor Aaron Buser, Jaedin Elizabeth Canterbury Considine *, Sean Anthony Celestino, Haley Marie Cheshier, Allie Jennifer Considine, Karter Isidro Decker *, Catalina Rebecca Desmond-Lopez *+, Tanner Marie Doran *, Brentin Lee James Erickson, Drake Edward Farster, Bradley John Fritts *, Cade Jonathan Gorz-

ny, Michael Walter Healy, Cassidy Grace Heffelfinger *, Kamryn Renee Hey, Delaney Raeann Hinrichs *, Matthew Allen Hodge *, Baylie Ann Howell, Caitlin Anne Hoy *, Samuel Lynn Jungerman, Gehrig William Koerner *, Quentin Mitchell Larson *, Audrey Regina Melton *+, Jalen Mary Morthland *, Payton Catherine Murray, Nicholas Alan Nailor, Christian David Navarro, Hannah Nicole Newberry *, Elizabeth Rose Oswald *, Abigail Christina Phelps *, Brooke Logan Richardson *, Jillienne Elizabeth Roe *, Cael James Sanders *, Carlie Marie Sherman *, Michaela Anne Skinner, Emiline Grace Strum, Kirsten Ashley Tunink *+, Lucas Tyler Velasquez, Haley Marie Verdick *, Landen Ross Vesley, Erin Elizabeth Vits *+, Joseph Gordon Widolff, Travis Joseph Williams *+, Cassidy Kathleen



Travis Williams
Salutatorian

Wilson *, Hannah Jean Wilson *, Lauren Marie Wilson, Aubrie Ann Wolf, Clayton Tyler Yde *

*National Honor Society
+Illinois State Scholar

Aurora Central Catholic High School, Aurora

Baccalaureate: May 23, Aurora Central Catholic High School gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Graduation: May 24, Aurora Central Catholic High School gymnasium, 6 p.m.

Graduates: Tristan Douglas Abalos, Jonathon Phillip Aguilar, Graciela Angela Aguirre, Stephanie Michelle Alagna, Juan Pablo Alanis, Marvin Albert, Alberto Alcantar, James Stephen Alessia, Carmela Adrianna Alexander, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Alicz*, Alysia Tatyana Aponte, Antonio E. Arroyo, Sharika Alexis Been, Madelyn Lettie Bunker, Hannah Theodore Caballero, Vanessa Cahue, Alexis Madison Camp, Alize Casas, Elian Humberto Castillo, Hailey Lauren Catich, Ryan Jacob Cerza, Ahtziri Chavez, Matthew Michael Christensen, Owen Matthew Clayton, Ethan David Cohen, Yaritza Iris Cordero, Katherine Ann Corrigan, Xzavier J. Cortes, Lauren Elizabeth Cosgrave, Kyle Thomas Czerak*, Hunter Dennis Darnell, Lily Kathleen Dean, Hayley Nicole Decker, Edward William Deja, Yajaira Delgado, Isaias Diaz, Adam Joseph Dickerson, Maguire Gerard Doherty, Keegan Edward Donnelly*, Brianna Marie Dorpat, Anna Ilga Dudziak, John Walter Dudziak, Leilah Mary Dudziak, Olivia Magda Echevarria*, Sarah Louise Elliott, McKimmon Michael Engelhardt*, Oscar E. Ferrer,



To achieve your dreams you should put your faith in God. In Philippians (4:13) it says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This is the most important thing to remember if you want to achieve your dreams.'

—Cameron Pedersen, Valedictorian



Alan Watts once said, "Everyone is the ultimate reality. Not God in a politically, kingly sense, but God in the sense of being the self, the deep down, basic, whatever there is. And you are all that, only you are pretending you are not."

—Olivia Echevarria, Salutatorian



Brianna E. Fonseca-Perkins, Karelly Jazmin Franco, Maclovía I. Garcia, Jack Ryan Gehrke, Dianna Maribeth Gomez, Maria Esther Gomez, Trever J. Gonzalez, Angelina Marie Gorter, Connor Robert Griffin, Madison Margaret Gruenke, Joanna Guadalupe Guzman, Rachel Marie Haley, Ryan Michael Hammond, Thomas Michael Hannon, Ethan Joseph Hansford, John Ryan Hanson, Luke M. Harazin, Brennan Shayne Hare, Megan Marie Harner, Rachel Mairead Harreld, Lillian T. Hausler, John Clifford Hedley, Therese Anne Hein, Jacob Edward Hendricks, Avery Robin Henry, José Francisco Herrera, Karisa Grace Hoffman, Alecsandru Felix Ingraham, Michael Arthur James II, Michael Jasin, Meghan Kathleen Johnson, Mia Marie Jungels, Jackson Reed Kennedy, Jessica Lauren Kling, Samantha Jordan

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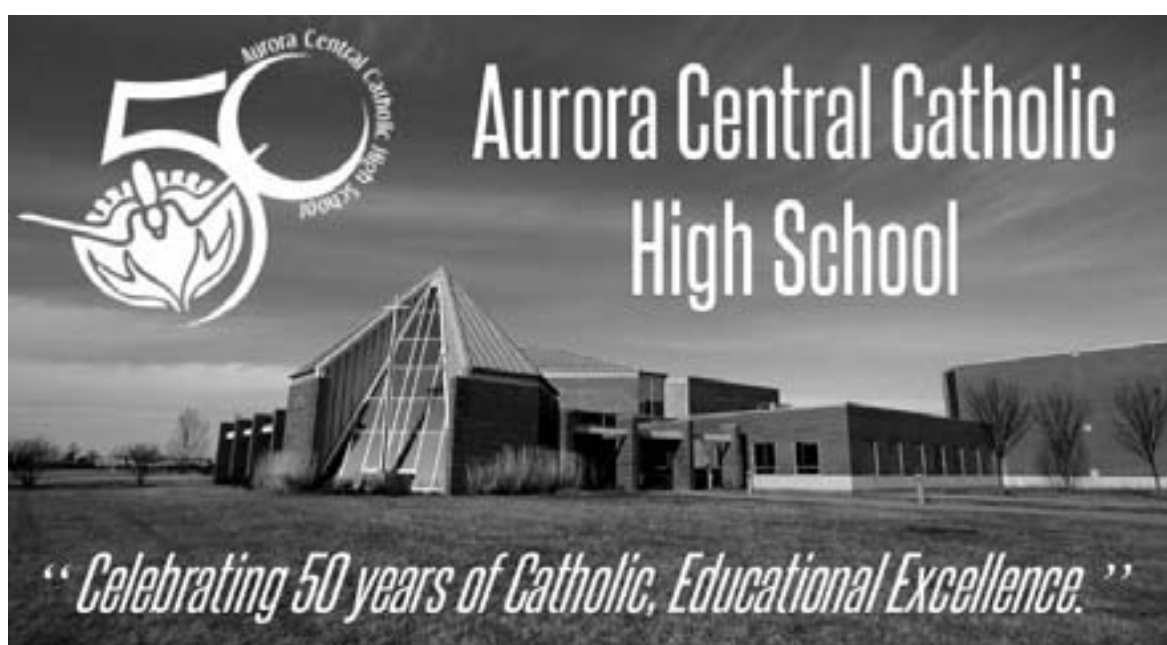
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art, Joshua Dylan Thomas, Aissa Ivelisse Torres, Zackary Charles Toussaint, Toriana Nicole Turk, Carina Allyssa Vazquez, Andrea Villarreal, Patrick J. Walder, Gavin Matthew Washington, Tyler Thomas Wiesbrook, Michael James Winger, Claudia E. Withers, Aidan Alonso Witthoff, Elijah Joe Woodward, George Yañez, Sarah Grace Zeigler

*Top 10 students

From this evening forward, you will always be ... a graduate of a Catholic High School. Much has been invested in you, both in terms of human effort by all of your staff and teachers, as well as the financial sacrifices. You have received an education most in the world can only dream of. Now the question is, how will you use and repay that gift? ... You have received a great gift. Live it well. Congratulations 2018 graduates.'

—Bishop David Malloy, commencement address



As we prepare to celebrate Aurora Central Catholic High School's 50th Anniversary, we would like to Congratulate the Graduating Class of 2018. We recognize all who have gone before and all who will follow! God Bless.

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Catholic College Graduates Urged to Make Difference

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—University of Notre Dame graduates were asked May 21 to take stock of where they are going and what they will do with their talents.

"Today you have the opportunity to decide what you will be beyond this point. Will you say yes to God's plan in your life?" Sister Norma Pimentel, recipient of the university's 2018 Laetare Medal, asked the university's graduating seniors.

Sister Pimentel, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, urged the graduates to think about what their response would be to the world "which needs you to make a difference and speak for the voiceless and help the voiceless have a voice."

The Laetare recipient, who has overseen the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, since 2008 — providing those in need in the Rio Grande Valley with emergency food and shelter, housing assistance, clinical counseling and pregnancy care — recounted



(CNS photo/Matt Cashore, courtesy University of Notre Dame)

Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, places the Laetare Medal on Sister Norma Pimentel May 20 at the university's 2018 commencement ceremony.

her own experience as the child of Mexican immigrants and encouraged the graduates to accept God's call to stand in solidarity with those in need.

"Today our country, our world for that matter, is divided, Continued on page 13

Dominican Literacy Center Honors Students, Graduates

AURORA—The Dominican Literacy Center, here, recently recognized women in the center's three-year English learning-program.

Area residents were among 19 women awarded graduation certificates in the 24th annual ceremonies May 14-18 at the center, on the grounds of St. Therese of Jesus Parish, 260 Vermont St.

Celebrations were held after graduates' final weekly 90-minute class. About 150 students received participation certificates for completing one or two years of studies.

Alison Brzezinski, the center's tutoring coordinator, awarded graduation certificates.

Dominican sisters Kathleen Ryan, center founder and director and Jane Beckman, instructor, pinned corsages on students.

Each student and tutor reflected briefly on their DLC experiences. Refreshments concluded the ceremonies.

Graduates were:

Aurora: Maria Aguila, Ana Aguilar, Alicia Aleman, Lilia Altamirano, Angelica Escalera, Maria Gamino, Maria Carmen Garcia, Gloria Gomez, Sunghye Goo, Maria Gutierrez, Sr. Irma Luna Lira, Rosa Ruiz, Martha Ortiz, Claudia



(Photo provided)

Sister Irma Luna Lira (right), from Mexico, was among graduates of Aurora's Dominican Literacy Center who were recently honored for completing the center's three-year English learning program. Dominican Sister Jane Beckman (left), a literacy center instructor, pins a flower on Sister Irma as Sister Kathleen Ryan (second from left), the literacy center director does the same for Irene Christensen, an 11-year tutor. Sister Irma serves at St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora during the school year.

Pena, Ana Perez and Hortencia Ramirez

Montgomery: Miriam Baraza, Carmen Camacho

Plainfield: Yunmi Lee

"Women who come to the Dominican Literacy Center put

themselves on the path to a successful life in their new country," said Sister Kathleen.

"They learn English-language skills that help them to become informed mothers,

confident women and full participants in life in the United States."

Sister Kathleen founded the center to enable women to receive individual tutoring in

reading, writing and speaking English from trained volunteer tutors.

Students meet with tutors weekly for 90 minutes between September and May at the center.

Tutoring sessions are held on five weekday mornings, four afternoons and three evenings.

New students are tested to receive individually-tailored instruction and learning materials. Twice-weekly conversation classes are optional.

The center also sponsors classes to prepare men and women to take the U.S. citizenship exam.

"We are always looking for volunteer female literacy tutors," added Sister Kathleen.

"Tutors meet weekly with students for 90 minutes, using (English as a Second Language) books, writing exercises, conversation practice, grammar exercises and computer materials.

"Tutors receive 16 hours of training and on-going support from the DLC staff."

Tutors select a weekly tutoring time which fits their schedules.

Students and tutors are needed for the fall term starting in September.

Info: 630/898-4636

"Today you have the opportunity to decide what you will be beyond this point. Will you say yes to God's plan in your life?"

— Sister Norma Pimentel, recipient of the university's 2018 Laetare Medal at the University of Notre Dame graduation, May 21

St. Anthony Graduates Nurses with Bachelor, Master, Ph.D. Degrees

ROCKFORD—St. Anthony College of Nursing awarded the following degrees on May 18, at Holy Family Church, here:

Doctor of Nursing Practice: Dawn Mosher

Master of Science in Nursing: Cynthia Burke, Misty DeHaven, Megan Haney, Cynthia Hanson, Brittany Klein, Jessica Knoll, Lisa Lindenberg, Sarah Linder, Muamer Mulasmajic, Katherine Nothnagel, Jessica Oslund, James Plasky, Andrea Shewalter, Chelsea Smith

Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Hayley Anderson, Maribel Cano, Ashley Christensen, Courtney Davis, Meredith Ekberg, Charles Gillingham, Amanda Hall, Laura Kelly, Jessica Klosinski, Loryn Kresin, Dijana Lozanovic, Carly McGee, Mackenzie Menke, Taylor Muchow, Richard Mulnix, Ashlyn Nayonis, Zenia



Ortiz, Amanda Postlethwaite, Hayley Rivard, Brian Rozek, Megan Sengchannavong, Elizabeth Sieracki, Caitlyn Socha, Patricia Sortino, Benjamin Swanson, Halley Thompson, Tia Thompson, Lindsey Tilbury, Ellen White, Katharine Wight, Andrew Zellmer, Jose Zepeda.

Bishop David Malloy presided at the ceremony.

Annunciation B.V.M. Catholic School congratulates the Class of 2018!

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Baccalaureate: May 17, Holy Cross Parish, Batavia, 7:30 p.m.

Graduation: May 20, Marmion Academy Alumni Hall, Aurora, 1:30 p.m.

Graduates: Christian Altner, Carlos Arzola, Adam Auchstetter*, Samuel Augustyn, Luigi Auriemma, Joshua Bakker, Samuel Baranick*, John Barry*, Jacob Baxa, Ryan Boland, Kevin Buckley, Bryce Burton, Jack Caton*, Nicholas Cerone, Avik Chatterjee*, Ryan Conti*, Jack Davis*, Jeffrey Davis, Joshua Dickerson, Zachary Dietz, James Durant, Mark Ebert, Mark Fillar, Austin Flanagan, Ryan Fletcher*, Noah Foster, Sean Galle*, Christopher Garcia, David Garcia*, Noah Gayford*, Patrick Glanville*, Liam Gleason, Edward Goyao*, Thomas Grayczyk, Trevor Green, Seth Groom, Brandon Hamling, Liam Hawkins, Joseph Hernandez, Brian Heyboer, Dominic Hoare, Timothy Hoying*, Patrick Hughes*, Andrew Jankowski, Nathan Jimenez, John Paul Jochum*, Jeffrey



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Marmion Academy salutatorian, Abraham Yakistan (right), receives the Four Years of Scholastic Excellence Medal from Anthony Tinerella, head of school and principal.

Jungknecht, William Kamps*, William Kane, Liam Kelly*, Peter Kelly, Andrew Kieffer*, John Kirtley*, Matthew Koebel, Miles Kowalkowski, Matthew Lagman*, Jacob Lee*, Noel Lerma, Matthew Leuer*, James Licari, Jack Liesen, Sean-Paul Lorenz, Carlos Luna, Andrew Madej, Nicholas Masus, Vincent Mayer, Sean McKenna, Brandon McPherson, Jack Michel*, Christian Miller, Keith Mokry*, Jacob Molenhouse, James Morton*, Sanjay Morton*, Johan Muscutt, Michael Noble, Eric

O'Brien, Samuel Ochoa, Lucas Oesterlin*, Zachary Orpilla*, Bennet Piotrowski*, Jesus Ponpa*, Thomas Powell*, Jacob Preston, Evan Pugh, Anthony Purpura, Aidan Quinn, Robert Quintana, Kyle Riggs*, Gary Rockwood, Michael Ronzone, Luke Salamon, Hugo Saltijeral, Addison Schaeffges, Isaac Schieble, Benjamin Schwartz*, Frederick Shoaff*, Ryan Smith, Dante Sosa, Chase Stanke*, Daniel Stueland, Michael Sullivan, Tyler Surges*, Phillip Swanson*, John Timko*, Al-

I think the most important words by far have been those of Father Michael (Burrows, OSB). You might recall how our freshmen year he said something along the lines of, 'If you don't meet Jesus in these hallways here in the next four years, we failed you.' ... I have felt and I am certain that all of you have felt the presence of Christ in this school. ... I think all of us can attest to the fact that Marmion Academy stands firmly today, 85 years old and rich in tradition, because of God's providence and the steadfast hard work and commitment of the monks. I know that sometimes we jest that, 'It's all about the monks.' And you know what, that's absolutely true. Everything that we have done here as part of our development into young Christian leaders has been for the monks. Our merited successes, our edifying failures, our service to Marmion and the greater community, these have all glorified God and supported the mission of the monks.'

— Keith G. Mokry, Valedictorian



exander Torres, Austin Tulley, Evan Turcich*, Jack Twitty*, Zachery Urwiler, Lucas Wagner, Samuel Wallace, Nicholas Ward*, Samuel Wehrli, Justyn Wicks*, Matthew Williams* and Abraham Yakistan*

Marmion Alumnus Receives Ad Regnum Dei Award

AURORA—Brian Zimmerman, Marmion alumnus of the class of 2007, is the 2018 recipient of Marmion Academy's Ad Regnum Dei award.

The award, presented to Zimmerman at an all-school Mass in March, recognizes Marmion alumni who have given evidence of sound moral character

and the practice of their faith, with a record of exceptional service in programs of Gospel-based values to the community through a long-term public

witness. Zimmerman's life is a powerful testament to these qualities.

In 2005, during his time as a Marmion student, Zimmerman began the Crayons for Kids school supply drive program, which has grown into an annual Marmion service event that collects and distributes thousands of school supplies to local students in need each year.

As a direct result of his efforts and willingness to help others, along with the continued dedication of current Marmion and Rosary volunteers, thousands of area students have been able to start the school year with the needed supplies that they would be unable to afford on their own.

Following his graduation

from Marmion, Zimmerman attended Syracuse University and continued to be involved in Christian service work as a college student through the Diocese of Syracuse's Catholic Charities group home program.

In 2011, he graduated from Syracuse with a bachelor's degree in social work and international relations. In 2013 he earned his master's degree in social service administration from the University of Chicago.

He has worked as a consultant for Chicago-based organizations including the YMCA, the Shedd Aquarium, Urban Gateways, and the City of Chicago. He is a business intelligence lead analyst for a global events company.

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Brian Zimmerman (center), 2007 graduate of Marmion Academy is the recipient of Marmion's 2018 Ad Regnum Dei Award. His parents are Julie and Steve Zimmerman

Rosary High School, Aurora



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Rosary Grad Heads to Air Force Academy

Lt. Col. Anna Adams (right) of the United States Air Force presents Mackenzie Adkins with her formal certificate of acceptance into the United States Air Force Academy. Adkins is also a member of Rosary High School's state championship swim team and will continue her swimming career at the academy as well.

You have been trained, formed and instructed. You have learned to be a disciple and a witness to Jesus Christ and your Catholic faith. Now it falls to you to live and deepen your faith. Most especially, will you continue to come to Mass as you face the future? That is the unifying thread to all of the math and science and camaraderie of the last few years.'

— Bishop David Malloy, commencement address

Catholic College Graduates Urged to Make Difference

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polarized in two opposing sides," she said. "Those who believe we are called to primarily defend and protect ourselves — and those who believe we have a moral responsibility to defend and protect everyone we can."

The Laetare Medal given to Sister Pimentel has been presented annually since 1883 to honor a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

The event's main speaker was Judge Sergio Moro, a Brazilian federal judge who has been a central figure in efforts to confront corruption.

"Everything is connected in this small world," he said, "and you could have a reasonable expectation that what you do ... could have a positive impact abroad, all around the globe.

This makes your responsibilities even bigger."

He urged graduates to always fight for the common good.

"Never forget to act with integrity and with virtue in your private and public life. Never stop fighting for these values within your community," he said.

The ceremony concluded with a prayer by Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, who noted that the commencement fell on Pentecost and prayed for God to inspire the graduates with the Holy Spirit.

"We need this generation, Lord, to be the next greatest generation to uplift those burdened in poverty and oppression, to welcome the stranger and the immigrant, to fight bravely for justice, much like that great generation of their ancestors did in the last century," he said.

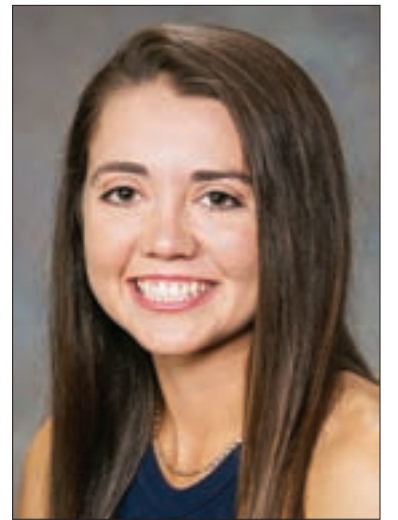
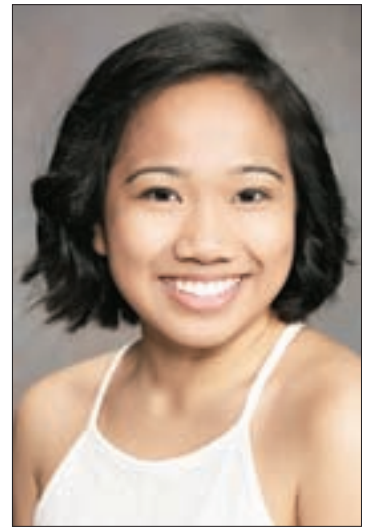
Candle Rose Convocation: May 22, Rosary High School, 6:30 p.m.

Graduation: May 23, St. Peter Parish in Geneva, 7:15 p.m.

Graduates: Mackenzie Adkins +#, Kylie Bancroft +#, Bina Berliner, Sara Bocian, Lauren Brummel +, Nadia Callahan +#, Diana Campos, Nicole Casey, Krystal Cortes, Katherine Danos *, Hannah Darnell +#, Angela Dassis #, Mikhaela De Guzman, Brooke Delahanty, Kathryn Desch +#, Sydney Drozdowski, Annie Dybas, Samantha Eliceche, AnnaLeah Esp, Jessica Finnerty, Sarah Foley +#@, Erika Ford *+#, Jaclynn Garcia, Jordan Geriane, Madeline Gilmore +#, Anna Glasgow, Elizabeth Graft, Maya Guzniczak *+#, Jenna Harte, Claire Hengesbaugh +#, Jenna Hernandez, Karianne Hoban, Carlee Hoshouer #, Julianne Hutchison #, Abigail Kennedy, Miranda Kombrink, Sophia Kramer, Mallory Larson, Samantha Laurich, Abigail Loria, Madison Luce *+#, Caroline Mandarino, Madelyn McCarthy, Riley McCue +#, Carole Mele, Cassandra Navarro, Emily Neidermann, Hannah Noel +#, Zoe Nowaczewski, Xandria Olsen, Catherine Oros, Carly Perillo, Mary Peters, Madeline Powers, Emily Ryan +#, Kaitlyn Schatteman, Marissa Sepul-

'As I look at the Class of 2018, I see confidence, courage, and capability. I see heart. I see passion and strength radiating within the souls of these bright women. ... Women who are on the path to transforming the world around them as brilliant doctors, inspiring educators, and fierce leaders. ... Women with an inextinguishable fire for what they love. I see Veritas: Truth! Enjoy your ride. ... Your journey has only begun — so hit the road and drive as far as you possibly can. For Proverbs 3:6 says, "Seek God's will in all you do, and He will show you which road to take." So ... trust the roadmap that God has laid out for you, and just drive.'

— Jordan Geriane, student speaker



Riley McCue
Valedictorian

veda, Jennifer Speicher *#, Sara Stawiarski, Katheryn Stephens, Lillian Stich, Camryn Streid #, Maya Sullivan, Olivia Swindle +#, Rachel Tork, Bridgette Valenti +, Maura Van Bogaert, Molly Wehner +#, Megan Whitmer, Hannah Wilson, Sarah Woodford *+#, Anna Wright +, Lauren Zadorozny

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Congratulations to the Rosary Class of 2018!

Achievements of the Class of 2018

- 100% College-Bound
- \$13.2M in College Scholarships (90% of the 73 graduates earned this total)
- 12,375 Hours of Community Service
- 21 Illinois State Scholars
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
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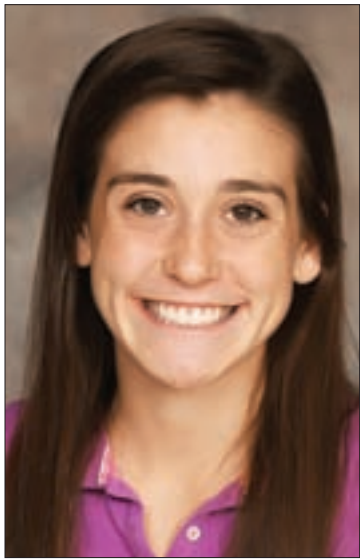


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— Georgia James, student speaker

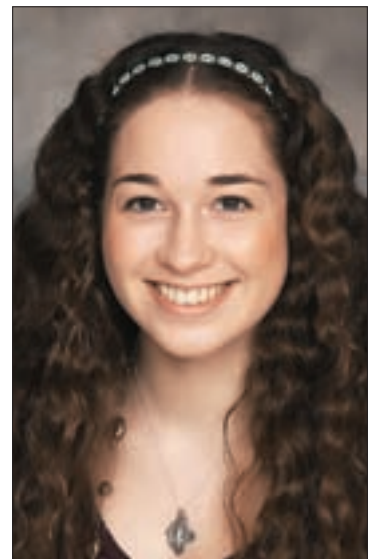
Baccalaureate: May 11, Aquin Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School auditorium, 7 p.m.

Graduation: May 18, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Freeport, 7 p.m.

Graduates: Cooper Arndt *, Margaret Bald, Couy Barkau, Bryce Carlson, Wen-Han "Cherry" Cheng+, Zachary Cummins, Jonah Diemer, Mary Fellers *, Natelie Freedlund *, Natalie Gustafson *, Jackson Holder, Georgia James *, Javier Jazo, Kiersten Koch *, Keegan Koester, Kelsey Kramer *, Arja Kumar *, Donghooon "Tony" Lee+, Hailie Lenz *, Cole Luedeking, Cassandra Martin *, Nathan Meyers, Lauren Miller *, Colton Neubauer, Jeffrey Peterson, Brady Sheehan, Sedona Smith *, Cole Stykel *, Gregory Yount

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— Mary Fellers, student speaker

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Love: Grandma & Grandpa

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St. James in Lee Takes Part in Baccalaureate

The centuries-old interdenominational spiritual celebration, Baccalaureate, was hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Compton on May 6 for PawPaw High School graduates. Participants were (back from left) Pastor Dr. Anne Hoflen, Paw Paw First Presbyterian Church; Pastor Jeff Schlesinger, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton and First Lutheran Church, Lee; Father Bonaventure Okoro pastor of St. James Parish in Lee; Pastor Dave Holden, Compton United Methodist Church and Paw Paw United Methodist Church; and Pastor Jed Cary, Paw Paw Bible Church; (front from left) graduates Esra Dogan, Samantha Ladson, LeeAnn Smith, Cassidy Fairchild and Joshua Mateja.

Villont Graduates

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass.—Nineteen school leaders — including Barbara Villont, superintendent and principal at St. Edward Central Catholic High School in Elgin, graduated May 18 from the Emmaus Series for Catholic School Leaders.

The Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College conducts the 20-month leadership development program.

The Emmaus Series program is designed to form transformative leaders in Catholic



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Barbara Villont (second row, right), who recently graduated, poses with classmates from the Boston College Roche Center for Catholic Education Emmaus Leadership Series.

education by offering quality training to deepen their knowledge of spiritual leadership, instructional leadership, and

business management.

Its workshops, webinars, and retreats focus on topics such as effective financial planning,

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Sarah Bruckner
Carroll University
Waukesha, Wis.
From: Mom, Dad, Katie,
Grandmare, Uncle Beaver
and Uncle Rick

CONGRATULATIONS

Lee Jones, Jr.
Mercyhurst University
Erie, Penn.
From: K of C Council 12302

Pray for Vocations

St. Edward Central Catholic High School, Elgin

Baccalaureate: May 16, St. Edward Central Catholic High School gym, Elgin, 10 a.m.

Graduation: May 16, St. Patrick Parish, St. Charles, 7 p.m.

Graduates: Tyler Mitchell Anderson, Abigail Fumiko Armstrong, Mary Jean Ashton*, Andrew James Biber+, Brandon Scott Broertjes, Kyra Jill Buenaventura*+, Josh James Buttrum, Paula Michelle Candia, Luca Saverio Corso, David Ryan Cozzi II*, Jordan Elizabeth Cumpata*+, Madeleine Sophie Danner, Thomas Robert Davidson, Adam Micheal Davis, Noelle V. Dela Cruz,

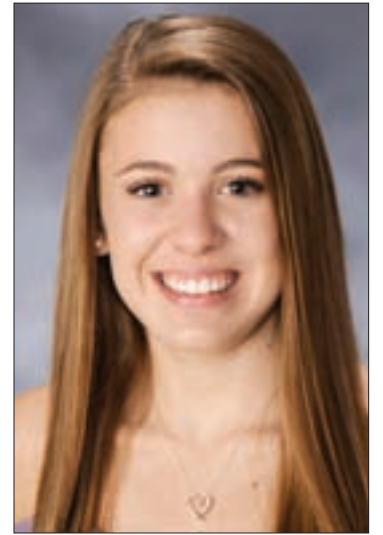
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Harrington, Sarah Elizabeth Hayward, Sophia Isabella Heneghan+, Isabella Luisa Hernandez*, Tyler Michael Holte, Jayda Cheyenne Jefferson*, Andrew Joseph Johnson, Mikiyo A Johnson, Anneston Michelle Paige Jones, Mary Catherine Kelly, Tiffany Keokanlaya, Heidi Katherine Kirchen, Madison Lynn Knott, Elizabeth Chantal Kopacz*+, Brett Robert

Kruska, Kaytlin Leigh Kutyba, Natalea Nicole Leon*, Jacob Allen Lesh, Brianna April Lopez, David Joseph Madden*+, Maria Catalina Maloney*, Noemi Mancera, Maxwell Jordan Marcordes, Jordan Marie Mattas*, Vincenzo Anthony Mauro, Shannon Grace May*+, Mackayla Shafara Meighan, Mackenzie Nakeita Meighan, Chas Daniel Migut, Victoria Antoinette Mindykowski*+, Dylan Jeffrey Mlinarich, Dylan James Morawski, Elizabeth Moreno, Emma Grace Olson, Colan William O'Neill, Isabella Deanna Palacios, Matthew John Pettey, Ryan Edward Pomeroy, Julian Edward-Vining Ramos, Preston Abigail Reeves, Mallory Louise Rejman*+, Anna Lillian Riedle, Gabrielle J. Davis-Rivera, Arianna Leigh Rudolf*+, Claudia Marie Sajtar, Daniela Sandoval, Matthew W. Schimbke, Colleen Feth Schuck*+, Katelyn Ann Schweik, Juliana Kathleen Scumacci, Marc John Stasinski, Alyssa Mariel Sto.Domingo, Ashley Danielle Treiber*, Isabella Christine Uscila, Austin William Vana, Johnathan Frederick Walschot*+, Cara Ann Walsh*, Isabel Grace

'It will be a significant change for some of us, but I know that every single person here is prepared for that change and I know that God will be there to help you succeed wherever life takes you.'

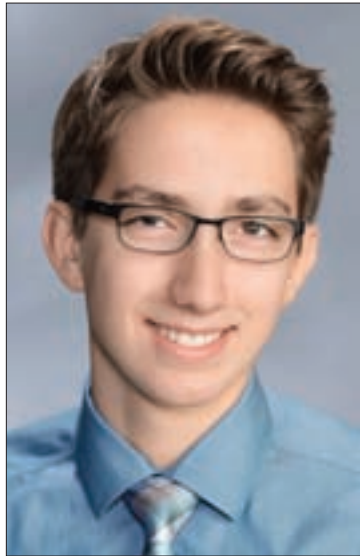
— Jordan Cumpata/Salutatorian



Warner, Phillip Bradley Welch, Ryan Matthew West, Mackenzie Hope Wilson, Kailey Tynan Wood
*National Honor Society +Illinois State Scholar @National Merit Commended Student

St. Edward Graduation Trivia

Reno Domel, the 2018 valedictorian is the last of his five siblings to earn the honor at St. Edward Central Catholic High School in Elgin, according to Donna Lake, development director at the school. The other four Domel valedictorians were Tommasina in 2009, Gus in 2010, Antonio in 2013 and Gino in 2015.



'I think the greatest thing I can say that I have learned is that so often, the extraordinary memories we have are those that we believe, in the moment we are living them, to be only ordinary moments. . . the truth of it is that our lives are a patchwork of the beauty that the ordinary can have when stitched together into something more meaningful. . . I hope that wherever you find yourself in the near and distant future, you will find a home like St. Edward, a place where small moments can become as large as life itself.'

— Reno Domel, Valedictorian



St. Edward

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future endeavors!*

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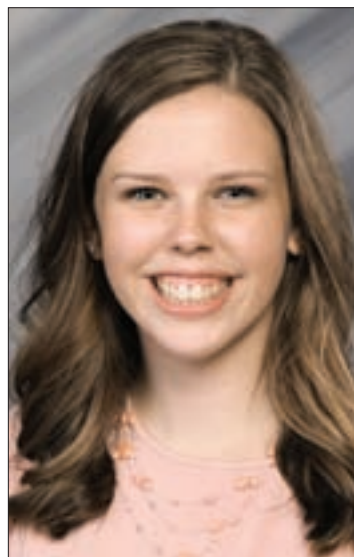
Boylan Central Catholic High School, Rockford

Baccalaureate: May 24, Boylan Central Catholic High School main gym, Rockford, 7 p.m.

Graduation: May 25, Boylan Central Catholic High School main gym, Rockford, 2 p.m.

Graduates: Ellen Terese Altenhoff, Jonathan Emerson Alvarado, Benjamin Stuart Ambrose II*, Anthony Joseph Anderson*, Jacob Edward Appino*, Brianna Kristine Arreguin*, Adrian Arteaga, Leighton Jane Barnes*, Angelina Nicole Barr Perkins, Jacob Logan Bennett*, Robert Edward Bimmerle, Conor Michael Bischel*, Eva Pascal Bloom*, Leah Carson Boccignone*, Luca Alexander Brandt, Hannah Kathleen Breault*, Michael Anthony Bremer, Kaylie E. Brotcke,

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— Kelsey Hughes, Valedictorian

Jacob Tyler Demler, Natalie Georgine Deutsch*, Natalie Rose DeWitt, Amanda Sue Didier*, Daniel James Dobrowski, Alyssa Jennifer Doss, Nathan Anthony Droessler*,

Katharine Teresa Elliott, Alexandra Elizabeth Erdmier*, James Thomas Fabiano, Aaron Joshua Felebrico, Morgan Joanne Fischer*, Aleksander Octavio Fiut Saenz Sejas,



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Boylan Edge Winners

Class of 2018 Boylan Edge Award winners (from left) are David Snyder, Nicholas Parnello, Lily Johnston, Lauren Honkamp, Anne Flanagan and

Anthony Anderson. The award is presented to individuals who make an unselfish, positive contribution to the quality of school life at Boylan.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2018.

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'Our teachers not only educate us, but provide a deep, personal care, support and patience through our academic struggles and victories. A classroom becomes a small family in the year that it is together. We do not walk our academic journey alone, but with individuals we come to know and love.'

—Jessica Hindenburg, Salutatorian

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lina, Jessika Lynn Montoya, Ashley Deborah Karen Morgan, Lydia Irina Muldowney, Forrest James Nelson, Adam Matthew Newton*, Samuel Noe, Brendan Daniel O'Boyle, Catherine Maeve O'Grady*, Mitchell Robert Olds, Kayla M. Ousley, Bryce Michael Parker, Nicholas Michael Parnello, Karen Pasillas, Maria F. Pasillas, Isaac Thomas Patterson, Matthew Scott Pearson, Ariel J. Perez, Michael Francis Perino*, Isabella Brianna Perone, Bailey Isaac Peterson*, Cassidy Colleen Ruth Phillips, Emily Renae Phillips, Mark Thomas Pifer*, Michael Robert Pifer, Caroline Anne Piper*, David Christopher Plançon, Edie Monet Ports*, Brianna Victoria Prestegaard, Cooper Weis Proudfoot, Kenneth Joshua Quiroz-Martinez, Felipe Ramirez, Jane Catherine Reesor*, Daniel Jesus Renteria, Catherine Anna Reynolds*, Frida Sabina Romero*, Kevin Brady Rosenberg, Raul David Rubalcava, Christian Matthew Russell, Jude Albert Nuguid Salazar*, Trevor Wayne Salisbury, Sophia Kathryn Sankaran*, David Joseph Schmid, Dylan Salvatore Sciortino, Morgan R. Seidl, Morgan Renee Shew-

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"I have experienced first hand, the tasks this class can accomplish, and I believe that each and every one of us exhibits a tremendous propensity to adapt and learn. Therefore, possibilities for us are endless, and there are truly no limits to our goals and aspirations."

— John Hintz, Valedictorian

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"Most people live lives that are comfortable, but unfulfilled. Most people neglect to dare mighty things because most people are too afraid of failure. My fellow graduates ... we are not most people."

—Casey Wells, Salutatorian



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Class of 2018 Achievements

- Over \$20.8 million in college scholarships earned
- 40.7% of the senior class graduated with a GPA of 3.8 or higher
- 22.2% of the senior class scored 30 or higher on ACT
- 44 Illinois State Scholars
- 1 National Merit Commendation
- 86.2% of seniors are 4-year college bound
- 11.4% of seniors are community college bound

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Marian Students Receive Right to Life Scholarships

MCHENRY—Members of Right to Life McHenry County have awarded scholarships to students from around McHenry County.

The Right to Life McHenry County Commitment Scholarships went to Marian Central Catholic High School students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to right to life issues.

Recipients are Colin Stoll, RLMC Commitment Scholarship winner, \$1000; Lucca Kenyon and Kevin Niehaus, both runners-up, \$500 each.

George Jost, director of RLMC, and Stephanie Hanlon, vice president of RLMC, presented the awards.

The Right to Life Commitment Scholarship is merit-based. Both private and public high school students in McHenry County are eligible for the awards.

Applicants were required to write an essay detailing their involvement in right to life activities and how they plan to

continue their pro-life commitment beyond high school.

"We were blown away to find out what incredibly dedicated pro-life students there are in our county," said Hanlon. "At Marian, we have two runners-up and one official winner to (honor)."

Winner Colin Stoll was a participant in the March for Life-DC, planner of trips to March for Life Chicago and pro-life prayer services. He also has spiritually adopted a child and prayed for nine months.

In the classroom, he has written papers in defense of the pro-life position and started following pro-life blogs on social media.

He is an active member of the Mime for Life, where he has played the role of the boyfriend alongside the pregnant girlfriend who make the tragic choice. Without even saying a word, he and the mimes have changed many people's outlook on this issue.

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Students Receive Annual St. Timothy Award

DIOCESE—The St. Timothy Youth Award is a national recognition award given to youth by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in collaboration with the Diocese of Rockford Catholic Education Office.

The award is frequently given near graduation.

It is the highest recognition from the NFCYM to a teen who demonstrates the following qualities:

■ Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth;

■ Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity;

■ Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others;

■ Exhibits Christian leadership in their school and community settings.

This spring's recipients from parishes and high schools in the diocese are:

Algonquin

St. Margaret Mary: Janelle Binghay, Adam Burdzy, Ashley Klocke, Angela Marat, Courtney Nejman, Krista Park, Olivia Przybylski

Aurora

Annunciation BVM: Raymond Nugent, Harlequin Walton

Aurora Central Catholic High School: McKimmon M. Engelhardt, John R. Hanson, Mary Catherine May, Cathleen M. O'Donnell

Holy Angels: Patrick Burkhalter, Esmeralda Gallegos, Adam Pauley, Briann Seiner

Marmion Academy: Adam Auchstetter, Samuel Baranick, Patrick Glanville, Timothy Hoying, John Paul Jochum, Nicholas Ward

St. Peter: Camille Alanis, Jorge Campos, Adam Delgado, Isabel Delgado, Aaron Gonzales, Ethan Hansford, Ted Hansford

St. Rita of Cascia: Aidan Daly

St. Therese of Jesus: Emily Flores, Liliana Mendoza

Batavia

Holy Cross: Stephen Baker, Anne Dant, Annaleah Timm

Belvidere

St. James: Karen Gonzalez

Byron

St. Mary: Maddie Harvey, Emily Miller

Cary

SS. Peter and Paul: Nathan Ancheta, Natalie Dombrowski, Megan Heinhold, Alexis Jablonski, Lanie Johnson, Joseph Rita, Broden Sklena

DeKalb

St. Mary: Johnathan Hillier, Samantha Schimbke, Noah Smith

Dixon

St. Patrick: Alicia Ardis, Isaac Blaney, Bradley Fritts, Noah Grot, Owen Grot, Cecilia Sagel

Durand/Irish Grove

St. Mary/St. Patrick: Andrew Nestler

Elgin

St. Edward Central Catholic High School: Thomas Robert Davidson, Jordan Mattas

St. Joseph: Maria Catalan, Vanessa Ceballos, Ariana Lara

St. Laurence: Karen Perez

Freeport

Aquin Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School: Cooper Arndt, Brian Harrington

St. Mary/St. Joseph: Adam Acevedo

St. Thomas Aquinas: Caitlin Chapman, Javier Jazo, Madelyn McIntyre, Brynn Schiffman, Kimberly Williams

Geneva

St. Peter: Cole Olson

Hampshire

St. Charles Borromeo: Nicholas Jergler, Emma Olson, Andrew Seyller

Hanover

St. John the Evangelist: Julianna Kuzniar, Steven Moris

Huntley

St. Mary: Kevin Andren, Jacob Barker, Samuel De La Paz, Emily Hall, Allison Heine, Savannah Heine, Conor Krohne, Katie Miller

Lee

St. James: Catie Bend, Olivia Muetze, Devin Probst

Lena

St. Joseph: Maura Fellers

Loves Park

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Maple Park

St. Mary of the Assumption: Connor Bullard, Andrew Stover

McHenry

St. Patrick: Lucas Adams, Lindsey Huff, Kevin Niehaus, Kevin Santopadre

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Oregon

St. Mary: Lucas Lauer

Pecatonica

St. Mary: Zach Mirza

Rockford

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(Photos provided)

St. Timothy Award winners at St. Mary Parish in Sycamore are (from left) Eli Bluijus, Collin Theriault, Ally Versluys, Alison Coovert, and Rebekah Reynolds.

School: Catherine O'Grady, Bailey Peterson

Cathedral of St. Peter: Lillian Drinkwine, Michael Perino

Holy Family: Isabel Cooling

St. Anthony of Padua: Gabriella Viveros, Petra Viveros

St. Bernadette: Maria Hilby, Jessica Hindenburg, Lauren Honkamp, Nicholas Parnello

St. Edward: Dilen Renteria

St. Rita: Melanie Garbacz, Solomon Pfundstein

Sandwich

St. Paul the Apostle: Branden Scherer

Somonauk

St. John the Baptist: Michelle Harms, Rebecca Harms, Haley Jansen, Keith Mokry, Marta Salgado

Sterling

Newman Central Catholic High School: Abigail Phelps, Travis Williams

Sacred Heart: Hannah Newberry, Mitchell Petrosky, Clayton Yde

Sycamore

St. Mary: Eli Bluijus, Alison Coovert, Molly Irving, Maria Momeno, Rebekah Reynolds, Collin Theriault, Ally Versluys

West Dundee

St. Catherine of Siena: Christopher Cranston, Deeva Evangelista, Peyton Janicki, Elizabeth Kopacz

Woodstock

Marian Central Catholic High School: Flannery Harman, Lucca Kenyon

Resurrection: Anna Skala

St. Mary: Fatima Gomez, Lucca Kenyon



Sacred Heart Parish in Sterling St. Timothy Award recipients are (from left) Mitchell Petrosky, Hannah Newberry, and Clayton Yde.

Marian Students Receive Right to Life Scholarships

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Stoll, 18, said having had a teacher who is a strong advocate for pro-life issues has influenced his conscience, leading him "to the correct ideals when voting."

In writing papers in defense of the pro-life position, Stoll has written "a vote against life, is a vote against God." Stoll believes "His votes and actions should reflect his beliefs."

Furthermore, while a pre-med student at the University of Notre Dame, Stoll is looking to do studies on adult stem-cell research and their role in neuro-regeneration.

Stoll recognizes "research on these types of cells," and not embryonic stem cells, "promote the pro-life movement, while still allowing for scientific advancement."



(Photo provided)

George Jost (left), director of Right to Life McHenry County, and Stephanie Hanlon (right), RLMC vice president, pose with scholarship recipients Kevin Niehaus, Colin Stoll and Lucca Kenyon at Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock.

He also recognizes that in addition to his obligation to live his pro-life beliefs, Catholic institutions have the duty to support the pro-life movement as well.

Niehaus has been an active member of his church's Respect Life Ministry where he has assisted in fundraising for

a crisis pregnancy center.

He also has helped collect signatures for a Right to Life ad that runs every January in a local newspaper. Thanks to him and others, more than 2,200 people from the community signed to stand in defense of the unborn.

Niehaus held signs and of-

fered prayers at the Life Chain on Illinois Rte. 14 in Crystal Lake.

While watching a performance of the Mime for Life and people's reaction to it, Niehaus realized how strongly this issue can impact so many different people.

Of all right to life activities, his favorite is working with the elderly.

In voting he will make it his responsibility to find which candidates support life the most.

He will attend McHenry County College where he plans to join the Oasis Club, witnessing to students God's message that each human life has value and should be treated with dignity.

Kenyon's activities include March for Life in Washington

and Chicago, prayer in defense of the unborn, and spiritual adoption of a child to be born.

Kenyon converses about her pro-life convictions with peers who oppose her beliefs. Also, Kenyon is a member of the Mime for Life Performance Troupe. This presentation put on by teens travels locally performing at churches and retreats.

In the performance Kenyon plays the role of a teen in a crisis pregnancy pressured into termination of her unborn child. After each performance, Kenyon and members of the mime group led small group discussions with audience members.

Kenyon will attend St. Norbert College where she will continue to educate others on the importance of standing up for life.

News in Brief

Court upholds decision overturning California assisted suicide

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (CNS)—A California appeals court has denied Attorney General Xavier Becerra's request for an immediate stay on a lower court ruling that overturned the state's assisted suicide law. The decision was handed down May 23 by the 4th District Court of Appeals in Riverside. The court gave Becerra and other interested parties 25 days to provide more arguments as to why the court should grant the stay and suspend the lower court ruling. The attorney general requested the stay after Judge Daniel A. Ottolia of Riverside County Superior Court ruled May 15 that the California Legislature violated existing law when it passed the End of Life Option Act during a special session dedicated to health care. The 2015 law, which went into effect in June 2016, authorized doctors to prescribe lethal prescriptions to any patient determined by two doctors to have six months or less to live. On June 16, 2017, Ottolia ruled that a civil rights lawsuit challenging the assisted suicide law could go forward. Five California physicians and the American Academy of Medical Ethics brought the legal challenge.

Irish bishop hopes papal visit can help bring healing after abortion vote

DUBLIN (CNS)—An Irish bishop said he hopes Pope Francis' August visit can help bring healing after a divisive referendum that will pave the way for abortion on demand up to 12 weeks' gestation. In a May 25 referendum, voters opted by a margin of 66.4 percent to 33.6 percent to remove the right to life amendment from the constitution.



(CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)

A voter in Dublin casts his ballot May 25.

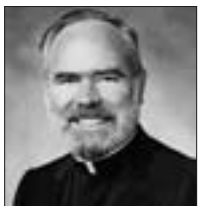
Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick told Massgoers May 26 that the result "is deeply regrettable and chilling for those of us who voted 'no.'" He said "the final result of the referendum is the will of the majority of the people, though not all the people." "It is a vote, of course, that does not change our position. Our message is one of love: love for all, love for life, for those with us today, for those in the womb," he said. Referring to Pope Francis' Aug. 25-26 visit, Bishop Leahy said: "In August, we will unite as a family, to renew that sense of family when the World Meeting of Families comes here."

Cardinal, other faith leaders, scientists urge action on climate change

BRAINTREE, Mass. (CNS)—Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley and other faith leaders joined scientists in issuing a call to action to address the "ecological and moral emergency" of climate change while there "is still time." The group issued the statement at an afternoon news conference held May 23 at the headquarters of the Boston Archdiocese in Braintree. Its release marked with the third anniversary of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home." "As a community of faith leaders, we have worked together to alleviate poverty, to fight racial and social injustice, and to defend human life," the statement said. "All of these social goods are negatively impacted by climate change, which devastates the most vulnerable and jeopardizes us all."

Creighton University's longest serving president dies at age 81

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (CNS)—Jesuit Father Michael Morrison, the longest serving president of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and a major force in its growth, died May 24 in hospice at St. Camillus in Wauwatosa, a retirement and health care community. He was 81. A native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Father Morrison was president of Creighton from 1981 to 2000, and he remained a history professor throughout his tenure. Known for his daily walks and sitting on the wall by St. John's Church on campus, ready to talk with anyone passing by, he also oversaw construction of 10 new buildings, including the V.J. and Angela Skutt Student Center, the Beirne Research Tower, the Lied Education Center for the Arts and the Cardiac Center. He established an undergraduate occupational therapy program, as well as the nation's first doctoral program in physical therapy in 1993, and the country's first clinical doctoral program in occupational therapy in 1995.



(CNS photo/courtesy Creighton University)

Father Michael Morrison



(CNS photo/Jonathan Ernst, Reuters)

Ecumenical Effort Held Outside the White House

Saying that Jesus Christ has been "hijacked" in the name of politics, a large crowd of national Christian leaders and members of their congregations vowed during a prayer service and vigil May 24 to "reclaim Jesus" from those who not only use His name for their political and personal gain, but reject the gentleness, kindness, love of neighbor, the poor and the truth that Christ embraced.

Sports on Sundays OK, Except When Used to Skip Mass, Says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A new Vatican document cautions against the dangers of highly competitive children's sports, political and economic pressures on athletes to win "at all costs" and the unsportsmanlike or violent behavior of fans.

The 52-page document on sports also calls on every group or institution sponsoring sports programs to have expert-guided child protection policies in place and it urged bishops, parishes and lay Catholics to be proactive in helping "humanize" sports.

The document, "Giving the Best of Yourself," also condoned sports on Sundays as a means of bringing families and communities together in joy and celebration, but only as long as such events are not used as an excuse to miss Mass.

The document was released



(CNS photo/Father Nate Willis)

Msgr. Mike Burke, better known as Father Mike, prays with Wisconsin Badger football players before their game Nov. 11, 2017, against Iowa.

June 1 by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, and is the first Vatican document on sports, said Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the dicastery's prefect.

In a message to the cardinal, Pope Francis applauded the document and said, "Sport is a very rich source of values and virtues that help us to become

better people."

"We need to deepen the close connection that exists between sport and life, which can enlighten one another," said the pope, who often fondly recalls how he and his family cheered on his favorite soccer team when he was a boy.

The 52-page document highlighted the Church's positive view of the important values inherent to sport and blew the whistle on the growing threats in the sports world, including corruption, over-commercialization, manipulation and abuse.

The document — meant for all Catholics and "people of goodwill" — also was an invitation to the Church to offer itself as a valuable resource, partner and leader in safeguarding the dignity of the human person and all of creation.

Chilean Priests Say They Felt Welcomed, Listened to by Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—After meeting with Pope Francis for more than four hours, a Chilean priest who suffered abuse and a priest who ministers to survivors said they felt comforted and hopeful for the church's future in their country.

The pope met June 2 with five priests who the Vatican described as being "victims of abuses of power, of conscience and of sexual abuse."

Two priests who have accompanied the survivors "in their juridical and spiritual journey" and "two laypeople involved in this suffering" also were invited by Pope Francis. They were all guests at the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican residence where Pope Francis lives.

Speaking to journalists after the groups' final meeting with the pope June 2, Father Francisco Astaburuaga Ossa, who has accompanied survivors of abuse, said the pope asked forgiveness



Chilean Fathers Francisco Astaburuaga Ossa, Eugenio de la Fuente Lora and Alejandro Vial Amunátegui, abuse victims of Father Fernando Karadima, who was found guilty in a Vatican investigation, address a news conference May 23 in Santiago, Chile.

for the abuse and subsequent cover-ups committed by members of the church.

Parish Prays with School Shooting Survivors, Mourners at Memorial Vigil

HITCHCOCK, Texas (CNS)—Two weeks after the violent shooting shattered the small-town communities near Santa Fe High School, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, located six miles from the high school in Hitchcock, hosted a May 30 memorial vigil and prayer service for the 10 victims of the shooting.

At least 300 parishioners, friends, family, visitors and survivors of the shooting gathered in the church to remember those who died May 18, including eight high school students, aged 14 to 17, and two beloved Santa Fe school teachers.

One by one, as Father John Kappe, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, read the names of each of the victims, 10 teens slowly walked down the aisle, each carrying high a candle in memory of one victim. They then placed their candle next to a victim's portrait and a white rose as a bell tolled loudly.



(CNS/James Ramos, Texas Catholic Herald)

Portraits of the 10 victims of the May 18 Santa Fe High School shooting in Texas are displayed during a May 30 memorial prayer vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

"The truth is that up until almost two weeks ago, no one in this church this evening planned to be here. Our plans and our schedules at this time were vastly different. We were all going to be somewhere else," Father Kappe said.

"But we are here because life goes on, and we need to pray for our friends and our loved ones,

especially those who were injured or have died," the priest said. "We need to continue to support each other in our healing. We need to pray in thanksgiving for the blessing that our deceased loved ones have been in our lives. And we need to continue to be a light in the darkness of this world."

Hawaii Parishioners Displaced by Lava Ask for Prayers

HONOLULU (CNS)—Paul and Rose Utes, members of Sacred Heart Parish in Pahoa, had to leave their home when lava from the Kilauea eruptions moved into their section of the Leilani Estates subdivision in Puna on the Big Island.

At the time they heard the mandatory evacuation order, the couple, who own Black Rock Cafe in Pahoa, were prepping to cater food for Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva's parish visit that first weekend in May.

While the Utes were at their house retrieving their belongings, a fissure opened up across the street, sending a lava fountain shooting into the air. They later returned to get some of their dogs that had run off after the fissure explosion and a few more things. But with the road to their home fairly inaccessible, they haven't been back recently.

"It's just frustrating not knowing what's going on around your house," Paul said May 23 in a telephone interview with the *Hawaii Catholic Herald*, Honolulu's diocesan newspaper.

"If everybody could just keep all the people affected in their prayers," Paul asked. "I know a lot of people that lost their houses and need help. And they're devastated."

Hawaii County Civil Defense said 82 structures to date have been destroyed by lava in this latest outflow from Kilauea Volcano.



(CNS photo/Timothy Aepfel, Reuters)

Vatican Document on Economy Welcomed

A worker welds drawers on the assembly line at Metal Box International toolbox factory in late February in Franklin Park. A new Vatican document on the economy, which contains a strong emphasis on financial transactions and maneuvers, is getting a warm welcome among U.S. Catholics who observe the economic scene.

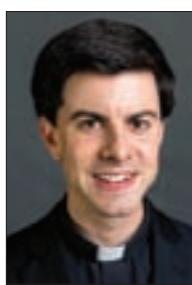
Catholic Seminaries Selected for Program Promoting Faith-Science Dialogue

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The American Association for the Advancement of Science announced in *Science* magazine that it has chosen seven seminaries to participate in its "Science for Seminaries" program.

Three of the chosen institutions are Catholic: Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois; Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin; and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

The program awards 18-month grants to each selected institution, and the seminaries put the money toward programs which explore the connections between faith and science.

All institutions participating in the program are required to incorporate science into two core courses and hold at least one campus-wide event related to science, but they have wide



(Observer file photo)

New transitional deacon, Charles Warren, is one of four Rockford Diocese seminarians attending Mundelein Seminary.

latitude regarding the science-related activities to which they devote the remainder of the grant money. The institutions have selected a wide variety of fields of science to integrate into the core courses, ranging from cosmology and genetics to neuroscience and psychiatry.

Both the AAAS and the seminaries believe that making future priests more knowledgeable about science will make them better pastors and help them address common misconceptions about the relationship between faith and science.

News in Brief

Pope names apostolic visitor to Medjugorje

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis has named as apostolic visitor to Medjugorje the Polish archbishop he had initially sent to the town as his personal envoy to study the pastoral needs of the townspeople and of the thousands of pilgrims who flock to the site of the alleged Marian apparitions. Archbishop Henryk Hoser, the retired archbishop of Warsaw-Praga, Poland, will be apostolic visitor to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, for an indefinite period, the Vatican announced May 31. "The mission of the apostolic visitor has the aim of assuring a stable and continuous accompaniment of the parish community of Medjugorje and of the faithful who go there in pilgrimage, whose needs require special attention," the Vatican announcement said. Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, told journalists that his mission does not involve investigating the authenticity of the alleged apparitions.

Supreme Court rules in favor of baker in same-sex wedding cake case

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In a 7-2 decision June 4, the Supreme Court sided with a Colorado baker in a case that put anti-discrimination laws up against freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had violated the Constitution's protection of religious freedom in its ruling against the baker, who refused to make a wedding cake for the same-sex couple. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. Kennedy noted the case had a limited scope,



(CNS photo/Rick Wilking, Reuters)

writing that the issue "must await further elaboration." The ruling in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* stems from the case argued before the court last December from an incident in 2012 when Charlie Craig and David Mullins asked the Colorado baker, Jack Phillips, to make a cake for their wedding reception. Phillips refused, saying his religious beliefs would not allow him to create a cake honoring their marriage.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has reached a consensual plan with a committee representing clergy sexual abuse survivors to resolve its bankruptcy, offering \$210 million for restitution to claimants. The settlement is the largest ever reached in a bankruptcy case related to clergy sex abuse. "By means of this consensual plan, the archdiocese and its parishes bring definitive resolution to this matter in a way that avoids further litigation and expense, and that allows the local church to carry on with its mission of spreading and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda during an afternoon news conference announcing the agreement May 31 at the archdiocese's central offices in St. Paul.



(CNS photo/Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit)

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis speaks during a May 31 news conference in St. Paul.

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Church official rejects Jewish charges against former Polish primate

WARSAW, Poland (CNS)—A Catholic priest involved in the sainthood cause of a Polish cardinal has rejected claims the cardinal fostered anti-Semitism and refused help for endangered Jews. "These charges are manipulative and untrue. There's no way he can be accused of anti-Semitism," said Father Boguslaw Koziol, vice postulator for the cause of Cardinal August Hlond, who headed the Polish church from 1926 until his death in 1948. The priest's comments came after claims by Rabbi David Rosen, international director of interreligious affairs for the New York-based American Jewish Committee, that Cardinal Hlond advocated a boycott of Jewish-owned shops and businesses in a 1936 pastoral letter, and later declined requests for help from threatened Jewish communities. The priest said accusations of anti-Semitism first appeared in German newspapers after Cardinal Hlond's cause was opened in 1992. These claims were disproved by "historically objective and unemotional research," he said.

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Blessing on a Child's Birthday

(From Jer 1:5)

The Lord said to Jeremiah:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.

May God, in whose presence our ancestors walked, bless you.

R/. Amen.

May God, who has been your shepherd from birth until now, keep you.

R/. Amen.

May God, who saves you from all harm, give you peace. R/. Amen.

— from "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers," USCCB



Date Ideas For Married Couples

Running a little dry on ways to make time for just the two of you? Find fresh ideas at www.foryourmarriage.org/weekly-dating-ideas/.

Suggestions include "Absolutely Free" — star gazing in the back yard — and "Cheap Dates" — midnight (or anytime) bowling. There are plenty of indoor and outdoor options.

The site, sponsored by the USCCB, also includes ideas for dating couples and young families.



Susan Walker (left), founder of Rest in His Arms, and Cori Pavlis, a McHenry volunteer, still their hands for a moment during a sewing day at the Church of Holy Apostles on June 2.

(Observer photos/Sharon Boehlefeld)

McHenry Parish Welcomes Hands to Mend Hearts

BY SHARON BOEHLEFELD
Features Editor

Chatter and laughter create a happy chorus in the parish hall, covering the sounds of snipping scissors and sewing machines.

On a sunny Saturday, the Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry is hosting its second gathering of volunteers for Rest in His Arms, modern bee that sews love into tiny garments for babies who have died.

The work is methodical. Each donated wedding gown — and right now they have more than they can work on — is given a number to identify its donor. As it is deconstructed, cut and re sewn, the number and name remain with every kit that is assembled and with the tiny gown eventually delivered to a grieving mother.

"We do that so if a bride wants to see what happened to her gown, we can

show her," says Susan Walker, founder of Rest in His Arms.

Walker, like many of her early volunteers, is from the Archdiocese of Chicago, although not everyone helping is Catholic — or female.

Jacob Tipre is a deconstructionist, one of the volunteers who, armed with scissors and seam rippers, tackle the stitching that holds the wedding gown together, "deconstructing" them into their original parts. He came to McHenry with his wife, Susan, and their daughter, Joy.

The Tipre family are parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hanover Park, also in the archdiocese. For



Linda Lyon from Lake Zurich has been one of the instructors for Rest in His Arms for two years. "This is a really good turnout," she says, pointing to "all the new sewers around the table."



As Nadine Berczynski welcomes volunteers, she says she's always imagining gowns. Her first thought on seeing the future duchess, Meghan Markle's wedding dress, was, "I could make a lot of (our) dresses."

them, Rest in His Arms is an activity they can share as a family.

Susan is wheel-chair bound, so ripping at the seams of a wedding gown is an ideal activity for mother and daughter, says dad.

"We brought our whole American Heritage Girls troop to one of these," he says. "They need service hours. ... Our daughter said, 'I really want to keep coming.'"

Tipre also likes that Rest in His Arms is "an end (of life) Respect Life ministry. That's not often talked about. ... For me it's 'respect life unto death.'"

Others at work also represent families.

Sisters Peg Pare from McHenry and Theresa Ruppert from Streamwood sit together with Eileen Berna of Spring Grove, cutting patterns that will become kits for gowns.

Ruppert got involved first and encouraged Pare to join her.

"She lured me in," Pare says, "because I had a full-term baby that



'We cannot understand the works of Christ, we cannot understand Christ Himself, if we do not enter His compassionate and merciful heart.'

— Pope Francis



One Gown At a Time

If you want to help

To learn more about how you can help Rest in His Arms to make its Angel Gowns, follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RestinHisArms/> or on the website www.RestinHisArms.org.



Jacob Tiptre of Hanover Park is the undaunted, lone male volunteer at the sewing day. He deconstructs donated gowns with his wife, Susan, and daughter.

died at birth." Forty years ago, Pare explains, she wasn't allowed to see her baby. "I wasn't even able to go to the funeral. I was still in the hospital."

Rupprecht, the oldest sister, was at the funeral and felt her sister's loss. "I think it's a wonderful organization," she says, adding she participates "because of my nephew."

The two have a younger sister who was still in grade school when Pare lost her baby. She also wasn't at the funeral either, but now takes part in a similar group in Park Ridge.

"I'm okay with it now," Pare says of the wound in her heart. "I can make these for babies now."

Berna, who attends St. John the

Baptist in Johnsburg, a Rockford diocesan parish, was inspired to join Rest in His Arms after the daughter of a friend had a stillborn baby. The young woman who is a photographer created a business that makes photos of mothers and fathers with their own lost babies.

"They're not sad pictures," Berna says. They are photos that help the family toward "better closure."

When Berna saw the pictures, she knew unfulfilled pregnancies "should end more beautifully," so she helps make the gowns.

Walker calls them Angel Gowns, and says her inspiration came from a newspaper article about a baby boy's body that had been found in a landfill. That was in 2005.

Since then, Rest in His Arms has provided gowns for dozens of babies, as well as blankets and satin sacks like old-fashioned pull-tie purses.

The blankets are for babies too tiny for a gown. And the sacks are for remains that used to be handed to bereaved mothers in a specimen jar.

"This is more respectful and better for the moms," Walker says.

The finished gowns are distributed to hospitals and directly to women who request them through Facebook or on the web.

Cori Pavlis is the Holy Apostles parishioner who brought Rest in His Arms to its first Rockford Diocese location last year. She was pleased to see that the group had doubled in size for the second gathering June 2.

She got involved when her husband's job meant they needed to move and she became a full-time mom.

"I do this as my 'thank you' for two healthy babies and two healthy pregnancies," she says.

In addition to helping with the

gowns — on this day she's cutting ribbons and attaching collars for gown kits — she also helps get the word

out about upcoming sewing days to parishes in the Fox Valley.

Pavlis and Walker have become good friends, as they have with most of the other Rest in His Arms volunteers, something they could use more of.

They have so many donated gowns right now that they've started having cutting nights in addition to the sewing days. That way, women who have time can take kits home to assemble at their convenience and return later.

"We started in Nadine's living room," Pavlis says. Nadine Berczynski welcomed participants and introduced the program for the day in McHenry.

Walker and Pavlis look at each other



Mother-to-be for the second time Kate Bellandi (left) and her mother, Gail Gianpetra, are both members of Our Lady of the Wayside in Arlington Heights. Gianpetra wanted to donate her wedding gown and Bellandi did the research to find Rest in His Arms. "I was so glad to be able to donate my gown and we both got to cut it," Gianpetra says. "I felt good knowing it might bring some consolation. When I wore it it was a day filled with love. This group passes that on." Bellandi says, "I feel very blessed ... that I get to help a fabulous, lov-

and laugh as they struggle for words to describe Berczynski's role with the group.

"Nadine missed once," Walker says, "and it took us 11 people to make up for her."

Just before the group is about to break for lunch, Walker says "people have been so generous" that they are not taking gown donations right now. But, they are happily accepting sewing notions or donations to help buy supplies.

They are also looking for

additional venues for sewing days, including more in the Rockford Diocese if parishes are interested in inviting them.

"If you have helping hands," Pavlis says, "there's a place for you."



Valerie Kwasigrouch is a second-time volunteer from the Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry. The first time she couldn't stay, so she took a kit home to work on. She said she hopes to interest her own daughters in the project.



Eileen Berna (left) of Spring Grove works at a deconstruction table with sisters Peg Pare from McHenry and Theresa Rupprecht from Streamwood.



Maureen Behof (left) of Kildeer, a regular volunteer, works with Berniece Ferraro, a helper from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Crystal Lake. Ferraro learned of the group in a senior publication.

David Goodall and Autonomy

Just a few weeks ago, people around the world were fixated on the decision of 104-year-old, Australian scientist David Goodall to end his life at a euthanasia clinic in Basel, Switzerland.

Media reports about it were largely positive using adjectives like “powerful” and “courageous” to describe his decision.

Goodall claimed his motivation was in part done to “raise awareness” of the “injustice” that elderly people often face when they don’t want to live any longer. For Goodall, continuing to live without the legal option of euthanasia was seen as a denial of what he believed was a basic human “right” — ending his life however and whenever he wanted.

For those unfamiliar with his story, it is important to contextualize his decision by noting that he was not suffering from a terminal illness, nor did he claim he was in physical pain. He simply decided he didn’t want to live any longer and wanted to control how and when he died.

Additionally, he had been an outspoken proponent of assisted suicide and euthanasia for the last 20 years and was associated with groups advocating for their legalization.

His death, therefore, was carried out in a manner that would bring as much attention as possible to his case. Certainly, he was not the first to do so. Others, like 29-year-old Brittany Maynard in 2014, likewise attracted great media attention to their cause leading up to their decision to end their life.

What was particularly poignant about Goodall’s case, was that it subtly highlighted the actual stated motivation for the vast majority of cases involving assisted suicide in our own country and indeed, throughout much of the world.

While advocates largely claim they are about ending suffering, and while it is true that some people choose it for this reason, the reason most often given, even for those diagnosed with a terminal illness, comes down to a question of autonomy, not pain.

The State of Oregon (the first state to legalize assisted suicide) publishes a yearly report about their “Death with Dignity” act which includes the motivation for choosing assisted suicide. Every year the number one reason given is the concern

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over “losing autonomy.” About 91 percent of people list this as a motivation in choosing assisted suicide.

The least cited reasons for choosing it are concerns over pain and finances (see the Oregon.gov website’s “Death with Dignity Act” annual report for more

information).

Autonomy — or the ability to make one’s own decisions — is a real concern for all of us, especially as Christians. It is a part of the exercise of our God-given free will, which is a hallmark of human dignity. Therefore, it is a very good thing.

However, what our free will chooses is even more important at the end of the day than the fact that it has the power to choose.

Using it to choose evil or to choose against God will never lead us to happiness.

Seeing the mere exercise of autonomy as something more valuable than the object of its choice or the moral consequences of that choice, loses sight of the reason God endowed us with this faculty in the first place. It is given so that we might have the ability to freely choose that which is good, not simply for the act of choosing anything or directing our lives in opposition to God.

What might be missed — not only in cases like Goodall’s, but for each of us in our moral choices — is that autonomy can easily become a false god.

This is especially the case if it is used to supplant that which is uniquely God’s domain, namely, sovereignty over life and death.

An autonomy which doesn’t choose that which is good will never lead to the exaltation of the human person. To the contrary, it will become the very instrument through which a person is led furthest from it.

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(Photo provided)
Students from Rosary High School in Aurora gather at the graduation ceremony, May 23.

Food for Thought Graduation

Our lives are defined by various key moments, and when telling stories and recalling memories, we use these pillars to frame our lives. One of these key transitions is graduation, whether it be from high school or college.

Transition from one phase of life to the next offers the opportunity for reflection.

After graduation, gap year volunteer experiences can expand recent graduates’ worldviews and faith lives.

Father Geoffrey A. Brooke, Jr., of the Diocese of Jefferson City in Missouri says graduation is a good time to examine your conscience. He suggests asking these questions:

■ What have the highlights (and low-lights) been from my time throughout this phase of my education? How was God working in those moments? How was I able to grow from that experience?

■ Have I made time to say goodbye to my friends? Have I let go of any lingering grudges?

■ Have I said thanks to my family, mentors, friends and support system? God?

■ Have I truly entered into a process of discernment about my future? Am I open to God’s will in my life?

At the Catholic University of America’s May 2017 commencement ceremony, Peggy Noonan, columnist for the *Wall Street Journal* and former speechwriter for President Ronald Regan, gave graduates a simple piece of advice: Read books.

“I humbly urge you to embark on a lifelong relationship with a faithful companion who will always help you and sometimes delight you — who will never desert you, who will make you smarter, and wiser, who will always be by your side and enlighten you all the days of your life,” Noonan said, “I am talking about: books.”

“If you seek a happy and interesting life, one of depth, meaning and accomplishment, you must read books,” she added.

“I know this: If you cannot read deeply you will not be able to think deeply. If you cannot think deeply you will not be able to lead well. And all of you deep down, in whatever areas and whatever ways, hope to lead,” Noonan said.

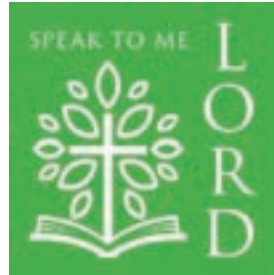
“So, unplug and read every day,” she said.

Scripture Reflection for June 10, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Little Picture of the Church

BY KEVIN PERROTTA
Catholic News Service

Today’s Gospel begins with one of those quietly astonishing statements that you find here and there in the Gospels: “Jesus came home with His disciples” (Mk 3:20).



It’s like you said, “Sarah picked up Justin at child care and went home.” Or “Ben got home just in time to read the children their bedtime story.” Nothing could be more ordinary — except that it was Jesus who went home.

He’d been on a walking tour of nearby towns, teaching about the reign of God and performing miraculous healings. Now, like it was the most ordinary thing for the Word through whom God made the universe to do, He just headed home. No doubt He looked forward to chilling out and having dinner with His friends.

Of passages like this, one ancient Father of the Church wrote:

“When we see in Him some things so human that they appear in no way to differ from the common frailty of mortals, and some things so divine that they are appropriate to nothing else but the

primal and ineffable nature of deity, the human understanding with its own narrow limits is baffled, and struck with amazement at so mighty a wonder. It does not know which way to turn, what to hold to, or how to establish itself.”

In other words, I can’t wrap my mind around this!

Actually, dinner was disrupted. The neighbors crowded around the house as soon as they heard Jesus was back. He gave them His attention. As He was talking with them, His family arrived, but they couldn’t get to Him because people were blocking the way, so they sent word through the crowd.

When He was told that His mother and brothers were waiting outside, Jesus looked around the room at His disciples and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers.”

The simple stone house (Peter’s house) where this took place has been excavated. The room in question would accommodate maybe a couple of dozen people, if they were willing to really squeeze in. You can picture Jesus sitting there, with His followers, packed in around Him, listening intently.

That’s kind of an icon of the Church. No matter how big or developed it gets, that’s always what it is, essentially — a group of people who have become brothers and sisters by becoming followers together of Jesus, who is at home in their midst.

Reflection: *What’s your place in that picture?*

Different View

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Disciples in Faith, Not Victims in Trial

With a bit of reflection, we might find it relatively easy to see how Jesus' sufferings emulate our own crosses and trials, and to realize that He comprehends from experience the difficulties we go through.

The thorns on His head might relate to our migraines, for example, and the weight of His cross to our difficult manual labors, our aching joints and our exhaustion.

Person in the Pew



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But Jesus' Passion relates also to the trials we may experience through a long, slow, frustrating decline of abilities — even though His long-ago Passion did not last for months and years.

Adrienne von Speyr in her book, "Confession," provides a marvelous description how this can be. Her thoughts might provide us with some peace.

"The Mount of Olives is contemplation again," von Speyr says, describing Jesus as He prays in the garden "no longer with an eye toward action or to acquire the strength for the right activity, but rather a contemplation leading into death, a relinquishing of all active energy to the Father for the sake of being able to suffer as the Father wishes and of being undisturbed in His sufferings by the power and thoughts of action." (Note that the Garden of Gethsemane is described online as an urban garden located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, in Jerusalem.)

For those of us who have a well-developed work ethic, slowing down at any age is unlikely to be part of our vision for the future. This is true especially if our families held the concept of a "good worker" in high esteem, perhaps over other valuable characteristics of good men and women.

But even those of us who sit at work and are otherwise not inclined to go looking for activities that use energy will feel a great sense of loss should we ever experience physical restrictions from a lengthy illness or injury that is not anticipated to heal or even improve.

As with most everything, however, Jesus is the way and the goal is heaven for our bigger future. Jesus' Mount of Olives beginning of tears and pleas led Him finally to acceptance. That process provided a different kind of strength to our Lord, helping Him to travel through the cross to His resurrection.

I spoke once with an *Observer* customer who was cancelling her subscription because her eyesight had diminished to where she was unable to read or watch television or see much more than fuzzy colors. Somehow this lovely lady had the *best* attitude about that huge loss in her life, peacefully saying something to the effect that God apparently didn't require her to see much anymore — and that was okay. I've never forgotten her even though we never met and communicated only briefly in that one phone call.

We can hope to reach such a point of acceptance of all that God sends, but we might expect first to go through our own "agony in the garden," working like Jesus did to relinquish "all active energy to the Father" until we become "undisturbed ... by the power and thoughts of action."

Acceptance is not exactly like resignation. We may become resigned to something we can't change without tapping into our faith. But if we can begin to view our losses as coming to us *from God*, our approach can shift from a perhaps-depressed resignation to a more positive acceptance — in the belief that God is in charge and will see us through.

Perhaps we'll even decide to give our consent to our long and difficult trial. That kind of grace-filled act can lead us to the same strength provided to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

With such a "yes" we take action as we offer our losses as offerings to God. Even in our physical forced-inactivity, we can be active from within, secretly yet powerfully choosing to believe in God and to trust His goodness, His love for us, and look forward to our larger future.

A depressed resignation makes us a victim of forces we can't control. A faithful acceptance helps us be a participant, in hope and in love.

A Black Catholic Experience At the Royal Wedding

I never saw it coming, a British royal wedding that brought American black culture center stage before the world!

This happened May 19 as Prince Henry of Wales, known as Prince Harry,

wedded former American actress Rachel Meghan Markle. Now she is the Duchess of Sussex, elevated to stratospheric fame.

It was surreal to me how their wedding ceremony reflected aspects dear to American black Catholics.

As director of the Office of Black Ministry for the Diocese of Brooklyn in the 1980s, I joined leaders nationwide to develop programs highlighting cultural contributions of blacks to the Church that were indispensable to those desiring to minister more effectively in significantly black parishes.

Our workshops and conferences introduced outstanding lecturers, singers, clergy, religious and lay people as facilitators. We welcomed non-blacks to our functions that aimed to be spiritually uplifting for all.

Most, however, were content to remain where they already were. No amount of public relations could make them budge.

But this royal wedding turned the tide. It put in place a worldwide captive audience. The rich and poor alike of every nationality were not going to budge from their televisions, their coveted seats in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, or their positions along roadsides.

So without forewarning they got a taste. The spoon was down their throats and out before they could swallow! The experience others labored almost in vain to get across was at last delivered, and people will be talking about it for years to come.

You see, blacks in America have always been accustomed to ministers, regardless of their race, who talk to us — not at us with

Guest Column



by **Carole Norris Greene**
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written scripts — and with passion.

I heard this intimacy in Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry's powerful sermon on the power of love that touched upon the Old Testament, America's

painful legacy of slavery and civil rights struggles.

I nearly fell out of my bed when I heard the British gospel choir deliver the soul classic "Stand by Me" made popular by American singer Ben E. King. It had a flawless grace rarely associated with the '60s hit.

Then there was Etta James' version of "This Little Light of Mine" resounding as Prince Harry and Meghan exited the church. The lyrics were written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s and later became an anthem of the American civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s. The words convey a determination to be the best one can be, appropriately saluting the bride and all who struggle against adversities.

Like James, considered one of the greatest soul singers of all time, Meghan has had a tumultuous life. She is the daughter of a white father of Dutch-Irish origin and an African-American mother who married two years before Meghan was born in 1981 and divorced when she was 6. Meghan was raised a Protestant but attended an all-girls Catholic high school outside Los Angeles. She married and divorced a Jewish man, and in March was baptized as an Anglican by the archbishop of Canterbury.

"This Little Light of Mine" may be beloved by Protestants, but it is also considered by many American black Catholics to be our own national anthem as we share our gifts in the Catholic Church.

A close runner up is the African-American spiritual "There Is a Balm in Gilead," another wedding selection that holds onto hope for God's healing and liberation.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH.

Gospel for June 10, 2018
Mark 3:20-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a lesson about how all are united in Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HOME	CROWD	HEARD
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Deaths

BATAVIA—Holy Cross: Robert Schulenberg, 71, April 24;

BELVIDERE—St. James: Robert E. Spurlin, Sr., 90, May 13; Anne Marie O'Connell, 80, May 2;

CRYSTAL LAKE—St. Thomas the Apostle: William Schaffer, 75, April 6; Maria Del Rufucio Rivas Rodriguez, 85, April 19; Marcella Kranz, 94, April 29; Michael Langel, 56, May 6; Ellen Amann, 77, May 15; Connie Lo, 79, May 17; Mary Grewe, 91, May 19; Robert Bengel, 66, May 26;

HUNTLEY—St. Mary: Deacon Anthony "Gene" Schubert, 88, May 18; Patricia Lavin, 88, May 21; Robert Dean, 77, May 22; Opal Giroux, 98, May 27; Margaret "Peggy" Manning, 80, May 27; David Galen, 75, May 27;

SOUTH BELOIT—St. Peter: Paul Cennell, 82, May 26; Barbara Cannell, 80, May 28.

Carl Beekman

ST. CLOUD, Fla.—Carl Beekman, 73, of Kissimmee, Fla., father of Father Carl Beekman, died May 26, 2018.

He was born on May 28, 1944, to Edward and Evelyn Beekman in Kentland, Ind.

Beekman was a professor of sociology. He enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Stephanie; two sons, Cyle (Michelle) Beekman and Father Carl Beekman, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Cary; three daughters, Carrie (J W) Plemmons, Cirsten (Gary) Lewis and Courtney (Mike) Culver; two sisters, Marilyn (Richard) Johnson and Sharon (Dick) Major. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

Visitation preceded a funeral ser-

vice on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at Osceola Memory Gardens, St. Cloud Chapel in St. Cloud, Fla.

Sister Leopold Kaufmann, OP

SINSINAWA, Wis.—Sister Leopold Kaufmann, OP, died May 29, 2018, at St. Dominic Villa.

Sister Leopold was born Dec. 30, 1922, in Oshkosh, Wis., the daughter of Leopold and Catherine (Freuen) Kaufmann.

She made her first religious profession as a Sinsinawa Dominican Aug. 5, 1942, and her final profession Aug. 5, 1945.

She taught elementary students for 40 years and served as finance officer for 13 years, secretary to the prioress of the congregation for six years, and sacristan for five years. Sister Leopold served in Illinois, New York, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In the Diocese of Rockford, Sister Leopold taught at St. James School in Rockford, 1943-1944.

Her parents; three sisters, Isabella Fessler, Elizabeth Radford, and Sister Catherine Mary Kaufmann; and two brothers, Anton Kaufmann and Jacob Kaufmann, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a brother, Denis Kaufmann; nieces; nephews; and her Dominican Sisters with whom she shared 75 years of religious life. The funeral Mass was held at the Dominican motherhouse, Sinsinawa, June 1, 2018, followed by burial in the Motherhouse Cemetery.

Weddings

CRYSTAL LAKE—St. Thom-

as the Apostle: Isabel Arias and Marcos Bernal Ortiz, April 7.

Stewardship Moment

A right sense of proportion: We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but He does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance. The question is: "If I have this for myself then what should I do for God?" This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.

Courtesy of Parish Publications "Stewardship" newsletter

Mass Meditation

Sunday, June 10 (3rd Ordinary): There is a certain urgency in Sunday's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples — Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me — at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Courtesy of Sharon Hueckel

Life Moment

Pray: For all children who have been lost by abortion, that they be received into the eternal dwelling prepared for them in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Courtesy of www.priestsforlife.org

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Members of the St. Therese of Jesus School choir sing during Mass.



Dominican Sister Jane Ann Beckman, Sister Kathleen Ryan, OP, and Alicon Brzezinski came to the Mass from their workplace at the Dominican Literacy Center located in the former parish convent between St. Therese school and the church. "We'll miss hearing the children outside," Sister Kathleen said.

Many Memories at St. Therese of Jesus' ...

From page 6 (School) in our minds, in our hearts and in our spirits."

"It is hard to see opportunity, especially if the ending wasn't sought," Father Caicedo said. "How can we see (opportunities)? The answer is by living in the present ... we must focus all of our energies, not in trying to change our past ... we must focus our minds on the things we want ... it is in our own hands

(to write) a most wonderful story."

Visitors at the Mass included St. Therese class of 1961 alumni Barb (Hoffer) Thrall and Pat (Gurbal) Scott, both of whom come back to their childhood home parish frequently for

its Summerfest, bazaars, bingo and rummage sales. Their friend, Joyce (Hammond) Frantino, class of 1959, continues at St. Therese Parish, and was busy back in the parish hall kitchen during the reception following the Mass.

Two other guests, Marilyn Fidler, class of 1958, and her sister, Joann Campbell, class of 1955, laughed as they reminisced about their father, Julius Kartheiser, who was one of the "12 apostles" – the first class of students at St. Therese School when it began in 1926. He was the last survivor of those "apostles" when he died at the age of 97 not too long ago.

They agreed that the closing of the school is a sad event, but, as Campbell said, they treasure "a lot of good memories."

Memories were a highlight of Principal Michael Neis' address to students, teachers and guests. He spoke in English and Spanish of a trip he and his wife took seven years ago

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. A priest there had blessed them and said, "Now this is your home."

Three years later, Neis noted, he discovered what that meant when he applied at St. Therese School for what he laughingly said was to be a part-time job as principal.

"Our hearts told us we could double our enrollment," he said, outlining other hopes and dreams such as welcoming special needs students to its loving, faith-filled environment.

"Our hearts are thankful," he said, naming Bishop David Malloy, the Diocese of Rockford, teachers, staff and parents.

"As we bring 90 years plus of a Christ-centered (education), we say farewell to our physical home," Neis said. "But home is where the heart is ... and we will carry our memories ..."

"Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, pray for us. May Jesus be in our hearts."

MEDIA / ARTS

At the Movies



(CNS photo/Paramount Pictures)

Action Point

O R (Paramount) This chaotic, poorly crafted comedy amounts to little more than an endless succession of painful, supposedly amusing, pratfalls. Johnny Knoxville stars as the owner of a low-rent amusement park. Besides being mind-numbingly boring, director Tim Kirkby's film treats underage drinking as a rite of passage and furtive sex as a sight gag.

PARENTS: THIS FILM CONTAINS graphic sexual activity, nudity, sexual and scatological humor, profanity, oaths, rough and crude language.



(CNS photo/courtesy of STXfilms)

Adrift

A-III PG-13 (STX) Fairly routine adventure, adapted by director Baltasar Kormakur from Tami Oldham Ashcraft's (Shailene Woodley) memoir about surviving 41 days on a storm-wrecked yacht in the Pacific. In a matter of days, they fall prey to the full force of Hurricane Raymond, which produces deadly 40-foot waves. Throughout the ordeal that follows, Tami is portrayed as sometimes frustrated, but never paralyzed by terror, and always highly competent at any task.

PARENTS: THIS FILM CONTAINS gore, implied cohabi-

tation, nudity, sexual banter, rough language.



(CNS photo/Universal Pictures)

Upgrade

L R (BH Tilt) Brief but excessively graphic scenes of bloodletting mar this otherwise mildly interesting sci-fi thriller, set in a recognizable version of the future. Left a widower and a quadriplegic after a seemingly random attack by a group of thugs (led by Benedict Har-

die), an auto mechanic (Logan Marshall-Green) agrees to let a wealthy inventor (Harrison Gilbertson) implant an artificial intelligence chip into his body. The device, not only restores his normal abilities, it endows him with super-human fighting prowess. Eventually, man and machine struggle for control.

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Fuss Replacing Cieslak in Research and Planning Office

ROCKFORD—Kevin Fuss is now the Director of Research and Planning in the Diocese of Rockford.

He is replacing Dr. Michael Cieslak, who held the post for more than three decades before retiring June 1.

“I found that the diocese offers something very unique in today’s world, and that is the opportunity to combine professional work with an active Catholic faith life,” Fuss says.

“I am both humbled to be able to join the diocesan team and excited to begin the next chapter of my career working for the Church!”

Fuss joins the staff of the Rockford Diocese after nearly 20 years in higher education.

He began as the director of research and planning at Kishwaukee College in Malta.

In that role he established the college’s first research office and handled data requests and survey needs from the campus community. He also completed numerous major projects such as developing and tracking key performance indicators, creating a fact book, developing en-



(Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

Dr. Michael Cieslak (left) officially passes the diocesan research and planning “baton” to Kevin Fuss. Fuss has been in his new office during a brief transition since late May. A retirement send-off party for Dr. Cieslak was held June 1 at the Diocesan Administration Center in Rockford.

rollment projections, assessing academic programs, studying how students are placed into courses, and working with area high schools to increase college-level preparedness.

Fuss created Kishwaukee College’s first strategic planning process, chaired its steering

committee, and led the college through the phases of planning.

After more than a decade in that role, he became vice president of institutional effectiveness where, in addition to leading the research and planning efforts, he assumed responsibility of managing the college

divisions of information technology, marketing and public relations.

During this time, he led the college through another strategic planning cycle and began to provide strategic planning assistance to other non-profit organizations as well.

He served as the college’s accreditation liaison officer and led it to successful re-accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.

In 2016 the board of trustees asked him to serve as acting president during a search. Soon after, Fuss accepted the position of vice president of administra-

tion and served as the college’s chief financial officer and treasurer.

He also supervised the newly-created accreditation and grants office. In addition to directing the finance division of the college, he was the college’s legislative liaison and directed the campus operations division, which includes maintenance, grounds and custodial services.

Prior to his career in higher education, he worked for Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton as an assistant research scientist.

Fuss has also been active in his community and parish life.

In 2012, he was invited to become a board member for the DeKalb County Community Foundation. He led the foundation through a strategic planning cycle, then served on the finance committee for two years before being asked to become the chair.

From then to the present, he also has served as treasurer to help manage the foundation’s \$52 million endowment.

Fuss lives in DeKalb with his wife and son, who is a student at St. Mary School there. He is an active member of St. Mary Parish and currently chairs the pastoral council and helps organize events at the school.

He has served as a eucharistic minister for the past three years.

He is a past committee member of Cub Scout Pack 173.

“My hopes,” Fuss says, “are to build on the strong foundation Dr. Cieslak has established to ensure Bishop (David) Malloy, all of his staff and the individual parishes continue to have the information they need to make informed decisions.

“In my short time here I have already discovered the amazing talent and dedication of my colleagues,” he adds, “and I hope to provide them the support they need so that we can most effectively do the important work of the Church.”



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