Teen’s desire to live her dream leads her to overcome odds and fight for new law

By John Shaughnessy

To fully appreciate the courage of Paige Moore—a courage that has helped her change a law that will benefit her and other students in Indiana—consider doing one thing: Think back to when you were 16.

It’s an age when most people savor the songs of their youth and enjoy being surrounded by their friends; a time when they need to be accepted, and they years to be part of something bigger than themselves; a time when they also long to live the dreams that define them as an individual.

At 16, Paige fits all these descriptions. The sophomore at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis loves listening to music and being with her friends. She longs to be part of a team that reflects her passion for the game she loves. And she works hard in her classes, striving to one day define her as an individual.

Yet life is also marked by pronounced challenges for Paige, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis.

“My love is constant caring for others, pope says during parish visit

ROME (CNS)—Love is not all hearts and flowers or what is presented in a sappy romantic film, Pope Francis said.

“Love is something else, Love is taking responsibility for others.”

Visiting Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Rome suburb of Tor de Schiavi on May 6, Pope Francis focused both on the day’s Gospel reading about “remaining” in Jesus’ love and on how parishioners were living that out or could undermine it.

“Love isn’t playing violins, violins, all romantic,” the pope said in his homily at Mass. “No. Love is work.”

But that work is not drudgery, he said. It brings joy.

Before celebrating Mass, the pope went up to what had been a series of storage rooms and classrooms on the floor above the church. The rooms have been transformed into the “Casa di Gioia” (“House of joy”) and the pope blessed the premises.

Father Maurizio Mirilli, the pastor, explained to the pope that a few years ago, a group of older women who had children with disabilities shared with him their anguish over what would happen to their children once they were gone.

A little while later, he said, he went to a retreat preached by Philippine Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila. At one point, the cardinal was commenting on the Gospel story where friends take the roof off the building where Jesus is so that they can lower down their paralyzed friend for Jesus to heal.

“The roof” was what struck Father Mirilli, he said. He immediately started thinking about the rooms above the church. Now, two years later, the rooms are home to seven people with disabilities, two religious sisters and a laywoman.


Fewer refugees accepted into U.S. impacts Catholic resettlement programs locally and nationally

By Catholic News Service and John Shaughnessy

War, famine and gang violence have created the largest global refugee population since World War II, yet the United States has drastically cut the numbers of refugees it will accept, causing the reduction and closure of Catholic resettlement programs nationwide.

Nearly 20 U.S. Catholic refugee resettlement programs have closed in the past two years, and dozens of others have scaled back their efforts because there are fewer refugees being admitted into the country, said Richard Hogan, director of resettlement services for Migration and Refugee Services, an arm of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The impact has been felt by Refugee and Immigrant Services of Catholic Charities Indianapolis.

The sophomore at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis successfully lobbied earlier this year for a new law that will benefit her and other students at private high schools in Indiana. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)
2016-17 accountability report for archdiocese is available online

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associate pastors, St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus.

Rev. Matthew H.ucci, associate pastor, St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, and chaplain coordinator of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, Indianapolis, to associate pastor, St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis, and chaplain coordinator, University of Indianapolis.

Rev. Jude Meri Christopher Sahayam, educated at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology for the Diocese of Pulaski, Indiana, beginning to serve a five-year commitment to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as associate pastor, St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis.

Rev. Xavier Raj, associate pastor, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis, to associate pastor, St. Malachi Parish, Brownsburg.


Pastor Second-Term Appointments


Rev. Eric “Rick” Nagel, reappointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis, and continuing as Catholic chapel for Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.

Rev. Glenn L. O’Connor, reappointed pastor of St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, and continuing as Catholic chapel for Indianapolis International Airport.

Rev. Clement T. Davis, reappointed pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, for a one-year term, and continuing as priest moderator, Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh.

Other appointments

Very Reverend Joseph L. Newton, J.C.L., Vicar Judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, appointed permanent minister at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, while continuing as Vicar Judicial.

(The appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Charles T. Thompson, Archbishop of Indianapolis.)

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Pope appoints U.S. stem-cell biologist to Pontifical Academy for Sciences

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis named a pioneering U.S. scientist specializing in stem-cell research to the Pontifical Academy for Sciences.

Elaine Fuchs, professor and head of the laboratory of mammalian cell biology and development at The Rockefeller University in New York, was appointed to the papal think tank, according to a Vatican press release published May 5.

Fuchs, 68, has done ground-breaking research on the biology of skin stem cells, studying how these cells make and repair tissues, how they “communicate” with other neighboring cells, and how the communication malfunctions in cancer and aging, according to the press release. The research is aimed at developing therapies that enhance wound repair and impact the stem cells of tumors, it said.

Born in Hinsdale, Ill., she earned a degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois and her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Princeton University. She was the first woman hired in the biochemistry department at the University of Chicago in 1980.

In addition to working at Rockefeller University, she is also an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute—a philanthropic organization working to advance biomedical research and science education.

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May 15 – noon
Women’s Care Center Board of Directors Meeting, Archdiocese Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 15 — 3:30 p.m.
Ecclesiastical Provincial of Indianapolis Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 16 — 9 a.m.
Mass with Indiana Bishops and Indiana Catholic Conference Board of Directors’ members, Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 16 — 10 a.m.
Indiana Catholic Conference Board of Directors’ Meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 17 — 7 p.m.
Confirmation of youths of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Danville, and St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) and St. Michael the Archangel parishes, Indianapolis, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 20 — 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation of adults of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 20 — 3:30 p.m.
Confirmation of youths of Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, at Holy Family Church

May 22 — 9 a.m.
Mass with the Missionaries of Charity and the Queen of Peace Shelter residents, Indianapolis

May 22 — 1 p.m.
Priests’ Council Meeting, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Recitory, Indianapolis

May 22 — 7 p.m.
Bilingual Confirmation of youths of St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 23 — 12:30 p.m.
South Deeney Priests’ Meeting at St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis

May 23 — 7 p.m.
Confirmation of youths of St. Mary Parish, North Vernon, and youths of St. Ann Parish and St. Joseph Parish, Jennings County at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 24 — 10 a.m.
Leadership Team Meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 24 — 6 p.m.
Circle of Giving Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Starlight, and reception to follow at Huber Winery, Starlight

(Schedule subject to change.)
Late priest’s love of Mary helps students create rosary garden

By Sean Gallagher

It is said that April showers bring May flowers, but those rains in April threatened to extend into May and dampen the blessing of a new rosary garden at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. Students of the Indianapolis North Deanery faith community’s school gathered on May 3 at the newly created garden on the parish grounds with dark clouds looming overhead.

Perhaps Mary’s prayers at the start of a month traditionally dedicated to her kept the rain away just long enough for Father Guy Roberts, St. Joan of Arc’s pastor, to bless the rosary garden brought about through the efforts of the school’s seventh- and eighth-grade classes.

About 10 minutes after the blessing, when all the students were back in their classrooms, the skies let loose and a driving rainstorm began.

The work to create the rosary garden, which is located on an island where two neighborhood streets meet on the east side of the parish grounds, was led by Joe Sheehan, who teaches religion to the school’s junior high students and serves as a pastoral associate in the parish.

It features a prominent statue of Mary holding a rosary. Around the statue are paving stones painted by the students that are laid in the form of a rosary. Perennial flowers have also been planted around the garden, which was nicely mulched by the students as well.

Father Roberts was pleased with the project and the school’s students taking an active part in it.

“They’re helping to make part of the history of the parish by their physical work here. By investing their labor, they’re helping to develop a deeper faith within themselves.”

The students’ work was made possible through a $1,500 grant from the Queen and Divine Mercy Center Endowment Fund, which is managed by the archdiocesan Catholic Community Foundation. The endowment fund was created from a gift of the late Father Elinor Burwinkel, an archdiocesan priest who died in 2014.

“The rosary wasn’t going to happen if we did not receive the grant, financially speaking,” Sheehan said. It was pivotal.

Sheehan also appreciates how the new rosary garden is a lasting gift of Father Burwinkel, who had a deep devotion to Mary.

“That’s part of us as Church, as the communion of saints,” Sheehan said. “Just because we pass on doesn’t in any way separate us from who we are as Church.”

Sheehan said the construction of the rosary garden helped his students, many of whom are not Catholic, to understand better the Church’s devotion to Mary.

“The statue we have is Mary herself holding a rosary,” he said. “I want them to understand that we’re not worshiping Mary We give her a special devotion and, at the same time, join in prayer with her to Son, walking through the mysteries of her life and the mysteries of Christ’s life.”

Corbin Wentworth, an eighth-grader at St. Joan of Arc School, painted some of the paving stones used in the garden and helped to spread mulch. She said the project gave him and his classmates “a sense of pride.”

“It’s kind of fulfilling,” said Corbin after the blessing. “We did a lot of hard work out there. Yesterday, we spent a couple of hours just finishing up for today. It was very hot. I’m glad it looks so good.”

Sheehan hopes that the work that Corbin and the other students did in creating the rosary walk will be a subtle form of evangelization for the people of the neighborhood that surrounds the parish.

“It’s in such a prominent location so that it does impact the neighborhood,” he said. “If you’re driving by, it will remind them that we’re a Catholic school and that they’re invited to come and pray with us.”

“Corbin shares that wish.

“I'd like to see some people sitting there praying to God, worshipping.”

(For more information about the Queen and Divine Mercy Center Endowment Fund, send an e-mail to ccf@archindy.org or call Rhobie Bentley, donor relations coordinator for the Catholic Community Foundation, at 800-382-9830, ext. 1462 or 317-236-1482.)

A 15-year-old named Beatrice asked how she could convince her friends that church isn’t boring. Pope Francis responded that “sometimes they’re right,” and that everyone at a parish—including the priests, nuns and parishioners themselves—must make sure that the warmth of God’s love and the joy of the risen Lord shine on their faces and through the welcome they give.

Earlier in the day, Pope Francis had recited the “Regina Coeli” prayer with visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square. There, too, he focused on the meaning of love in the day’s Gospel reading.

The love Christians are called to show others, he said, is not something that should be optional. “But must be constant in our existence.”

“This is why we are called, for example, to care for the elderly as a precious treasure and with love, even if they create economic problems and difficulties. But we must care for them,” he said. “This is why we must give every assistance possible to the sick, even at the last stages. This is why the unborn always must be welcomed. “Life always must be safeguarded and loved from conception to its natural end.”

Pope Francis continued. “This is love.”

Tonight, the parish, were present for the blessing and for the Mass that followed.

After his homily, Pope Francis asked the parishioners packed into the church to profess their faith out loud on behalf of Maya, a 12-year-old he was about to confirm. Maya has Leishman syndrome and is unable to speak. She and her mother, Paola Desideri, were confirmed together by the pope.

Desideri told TV2000, the television station of the Italian bishops’ conference, that some people had questioned the need for a child with such a severe illness to receive the sacrament. “We don’t know how much Maya understands, but why deprive her of the sacraments all other children receive when they are born into a Catholic family?” she said.

Father Roberts, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, blesses on May 3 a newly created rosary garden on the parish’s grounds. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)
Reflection/
Natalie Hoofer
Witnessing the Gospel of Matthew through crisis pregnancy ministries

I have long known of and had the privilege to report on crisis pregnancy ministries in central and southern Indiana. But through a recent incident, I now have a greater understanding of and profound gratitude for what they do, and for the donors, volunteers and staff who operate these ministries possible.

I am friends with a young woman who was pregnant and struggling financially. Her son was born seven weeks premature (praise God, he is progressing well). He came 11 days before her baby shower, so she had absolutely nothing the baby needed when he arrived—not diapers, no bottles, no baby wipes, no baby clothes, nothing.

She texted me after the early morning birth, beyond worried not just for her little prince, but also for how she would clothe and care for him.

I immediately contacted Birthline, which operates out of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Once they had an outline confirming the birth, they prepared a wonderful package for my friend the very same day. It was filled with blankets, diapers, clothes and many other necessities for the baby. I was awed by the generosity and kindness of all those who had donated to Birthline, and by the wonderful volunteers and staff—particularly Jená Hartman—who make this ministry possible.

I then contacted St. Elizabeth Coleman in Beech Grove. They generously offered the same service. Both the Birthline and Birthline allow the mom to return within a few months—with a doctor's or social worker's note—to receive more as the baby grows.

Next, I contacted the Gabriel Project of St. Malachi Parish in Brownsburg. Once again, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who donate to the ministry and by the warm, gracious volunteers who keep it going. Debbie Timko greeted me with diapers and several bags of smaller items for the baby (and a wonderful pamper-package for the mom). She then took me to a donated storage unit to see larger items people had given—a pack-and-play, swing, changing table, stroller, sink bathing tub and more. As these items were not enough, she also offered to have volunteers prepare meals to be delivered to the home.

To the multitude of people who donate items, money or time to these and other such organizations, I never doubt just how invaluable your contributions are and how much a mother in a crisis situation—like my friend—appreciates your generosity.

When my friend thanked me for bringing her all of the items, it struck me that that is all I did—I simply transported them to her. My two hands merely represented the hands of an untold number of caring, giving people serving as the hands of God in this world. It is to all of you who donate to and volunteer or work for these ministries that the thanks belong.

And this is just one instance in Indianapolis. I know the same generosity is shared by all those who operate such ministries throughout the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Walking with someone who truly could not have provided for her baby without the help of crisis pregnancy ministries, I better understood the angels attending the Nativity (‘you are chosen and appointed by God for the unusual service of giving birth to the Son of God.’) Now I had a new appreciation for the Immaculate Conception, and should not deny that Mary remained a virgin, although it’s interesting to note that Mary’s birthday emerged early in Catholic beliefs about Mary

Catholics have long used the month of May for special devotions to Mary, the mother of Jesus. It’s one of the things that differentiates Catholics from other Christians, who find it hard to understand this strong devotion to Mary. Catholics, by the same token, don’t understand why all Christians don’t have a greater devotion to her.

Catholics and Orthodox honor Mary because God himself did so by making her the mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Luke’s Gospel quotes Mary in her Magnificat as saying, “From now on all life. Both Luke’s Gospel (Lk 1:35) and God. It’s a simple syllogism: Jesus was one person, and Mary was the mother of that person. If Jesus was God, as Christians believe, and Mary was his mother, then Mary was the mother of God. It’s a simple syllogism: Jesus was God; Mary was his mother; therefore, Mary was the mother of God.

Mary is depicted at a window at Cathedral Preparatory School in Brownsburg, Ind. The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary and is traditionally celebrated by the crowning of Marian statues and praying the rosary. (CNS photo/Stephen Bussell)

• Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. This doctrine, called the Assumption, was not defined as doctrine until 1950, but the feast of the Assumption was celebrated as early as the sixth century. There is no biblical basis for this dogma.

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The only biblical basis for this doctrine is the angel Gabriel’s address to Mary, “Hail, full of grace,” or, in modern translations, “Hail, favored one” (Lk 1:28). If Mary was full of grace, according to Catholic teaching, it meant that she did not have original sin on her soul.

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Letter to the Editor
Heaven or hell? We are called to evangelize, spread the word of God with sense of urgency

In his April 20 editorial, Daniel Conway reminds us that souls go to hell because, ultimately, they refuse to respond to God’s love. While that principle is true as far as it goes, it needs to be clarified: The Church teaches, more specifically, that anyone who dies in a state of mortal sin is irredeemably lost.

I trust, therefore, respectfully disagree with his assertion that the ultimate sin (rejecting God) “is not easy to commit or, once committed, to sustain.” On the contrary, it is very easy to reject God by committing a single mortal sin, which is a deliberate and contemptuous rejection of God’s law of love. It is not necessary to engage in a prolonged pattern of sinful behavior to lose God’s friendship.

Yes, if they are given time and the opportunity, sinners may turn to God at the last minute, but their deathbed repentance will not suffice unless they love God more than they fear hell—except for those who have lived the last satisfyingly sin-filled years (by many, an act of perfect contrition). That is why the good thief, motivated by a love of Christ, is the Bible’s first example of a successful end-of-life conversion.

Conway asserts that we cannot know if anyone is in hell. This idea is not consistent with the teachings of sacred Scripture. Our Lord has told us that there will be many who “are not able” to enter through the narrow gate. At the last judgment, he will separate the sheep from the goats. Under the circumstances, we can safely assume that there will be a significant number of goats on the other side of that divide.

Though it is a generous gesture to pray for everyone, including God’s enemies, we do not have a “reasonable hope” that all men will be saved.” It is that realization that prompts us to evangelize and spread the word of God with the appropriate sense of urgency.

Stephen Bussell
Indianapolis

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Three papas share loving voice on marriage love

“Pablo VI fue valiente; fue un buen pastor y advirtió a su rebaño que ‘venían lores que desgarrarían las familias’, Manila, Filipinas, 16 de enero de 2015"

Han transcurrido casi 50 años desde que el beato papa Pablo VI escribió su encíclica profética titulada “Humanae Vitae” (“Sobre la regulación de la natalidad”). Esta encíclica fue controvertial puesto que denegaba una separación entre las dos finalidades del acto sexual: la unión amorosa entre el esposo y la esposa, y su participación en la generación de una nueva vida humana. Por consiguiente, reafirma la belleza y la importancia de la sexualidad humana. "La verdadera naturaleza y nobleza del amor conyugal se revelan cuando éste es considerado en su fuente suprema, Dios, que es 'Amor', el Padre de quien procede toda paternidad en el cielo y en la tierra ("Humanae Vitae").

San Juan Pablo II profundizó en esta enseñanza sobre el amor y la sexualidad, y habló a menudo sobre "la unión original entre hombre y mujer" de acuerdo con los designios de Dios. Asimismo, hizo énfasis en la conexión integral entre el amor conyugal y las obligaciones de ser padres responsables. La exhortación apostólica "Familiaris Consortio" ("Sobre la misión de la familia cristiana en el mundo actual") abordó al matrimonio como "el fundamento de la comunidad más amplia de la familia, ya que la institución misma de la familia conyugal está ordenada a la procreación y educación de la prole" ("Familiaris Consortio").

Juan Pablo II expresa que "la Iglesia cree firmemente que la vida humana, aunque siempre está entrelazada con un don espléndido del Dios de la bondad. Contra el pesimismo y el egoísmo, que ofuscaban el mundo, la Iglesia está en favor de la vida: y en cada vida humana sabe descubrir el esplendor de aquel ‘Sí’, de aquel ‘Amén’ que es Cristo mismo. Al ‘no’ que invade y aflige al hombre con su malestar, con su autodestrucción, con su deficiente de este modo al hombre y al mundo de cuantos acechan y rebajan la vida" ("Familiaris Consortio").


El papa Francisco se ha hecho eco de muchas veces del sentir de sus predecesores. Durante un discurso pronunciado en Manila el 16 de enero de 2015, el sumo pontífice afirmó: "Penso en el beato Pablo VI. En un momento cuando surgía el problema del crecimiento poblacional, tuvimos el valor de defender la postura de estar abiertos a recibir vida en las familias. El conocía las dificultades que enfrentan todas las familias, así que en su encíclica fue muy misericordioso con el amor conyugal, y nos envió a sus conflictos que también fueron muy misericordiosos y comprensivos al luchar con casos específicos. Pero también tenía una visión más amplia.

En su exhortación apostólica "Amoris Laetitia" ("Sobre el amor de la familia"), el papa Francisco cita el núcleo doctrinal de "Humanae Vitae" al decir que: "Desde el comienzo, el amor exige todo impulso de cercarse en sí mismo, y se abre a una fecundidad que lo prolonga más allá de su propia existencia. Entonces, ningún acto genital de los esposos puede negar este significado[46], aunque por diversas razones no siempre pueda de hecho engendrar una nueva vida" ("Amoris Laetitia").

"Humanae Vitae" también hace referencia al párrafo 813 de "Familiaris Consortio" al afirmar que "el amor conyugal exige reverencia y respeto. "No está de más recordar que, aun dentro del matrimonio, la sexualidad puede convertirse en fuente de sufrimiento y de manipulación. Por eso tenemos que reafirmar con claridad que ‘un acto conyugal impuesto al cónyuge sin su consentimiento no es un verdadero acto de amor, y prescinde por tanto de una exigencia del recto orden moral en las relaciones entre los esposos’ ("Amoris Laetitia").

Durante 50 años hemos escuchado a nuestros papas expresarse con una misma voz, profética y devota. Nos recuerdan con vehemencia, pero sin severidad, que la vida humana es un don espléndido de la unidad de cuerpos y almas, y que el amor sexual pertenece exclusivamente a la unión de un hombre y una mujer, quienes tienen el deber de recibir nuevas vidas. Todo esfuerzo por separar el coto del matrimonio convertiría este don de Dios en un instrumento para recibir vida en las familias. El conocía las dificultades que enfrentan todas las familias, así que en su encíclica fue muy misericordioso con el amor conyugal, y nos envió a sus conflictos que también fueron muy misericordiosos y comprensivos al luchar con casos específicos. Pero también tenía una visión más amplia.

La perspectiva de la Iglesia con respecto al amor y la sexualidad no es severa ni negativa. Incluso cuando las enseñanzas de la Iglesia exigen disciplina y mesura, y nos plantean desafíos, queremos descubrir en la Iglesia el ‘Sí’, el Amén’ que es Cristo mismo. Al ‘no’ que invade y aflige al hombre con su malestar, con su autodestrucción, con su deficiente de este modo al hombre y al mundo de cuantos acechan y rebajan la vida" ("Humanae Vitae").

Papa Francisco, Meeting with Families, Manila, Philippines, on Jan. 16, 2015

For 50 years now, we have heard our papas speak on a single prophetic, loving voice. They remind us forcefully—but without any harshness—that human life depends on the unity of body and soul, and that sexual love belongs exclusively to a loving union between a woman and man who are open to life. All efforts to separate sex and marriage trivialize this profound truth and make love a commodity. As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical "Humanae Vitae", “let’s pray for the courage to accept this prophetic teaching as we cherish the gift of our sexuality.”

Humanae Vitae

Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote his prophetic encyclical, "Humanae Vitae" ("On the Regulation of Birth"). This encyclical was controversial because it refused to separate the two purposes of sexual intercourse: the loving union of a woman and man in marriage and their participation in the generation of new human life. It, therefore, affirms the Church’s opposition to abortion, sterilization and artificial birth control.

Unfortunately, the controversy too often blinds readers to the powerful underlying affirmation of love and sexuality of "Humanae Vitae.

"Love is total,” Blessed Paul writes, “that very special form of personal friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing the partner for the partner’s own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself or herself” ("Humanae Vitae").

The Church’s view of love and sexuality is not harsh or negative. Even when Church teaching calls for discipline and restraint, challenging us to see sex as a gift to be treasured and reserved for marriage—not as a casual form of recreation per se—a profound and important import of human sexuality are affirmed. "Married love particularly the loving union of a woman and man in heaven and on Earth is named "Humanae Vitae” (8).

St. John Paul II expanded on this teaching about love and sexuality. He spoke often about “the original unity between man and woman” in God’s design. He also emphasized the integral connection between married love and the duties of responsible parenthood. The 1981 apostolic exhortation "Familiaris Consortio" (“On the Role of the Family in the Modern World”) refers to marriage as “the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children” ("Familiaris Consortio").

In "Familiaris Consortio,” St. John Paul II encouraged the church family believes that human life, even if weak and suffering, is always a splendid gift of God’s goodness. Again this foundational principle is simply to cast a shadow over the world, the Church stands for life: in each human life she sees the splendor of that ‘Yes,’ that ‘Amen,’ who is Christ himself. To St. John Paul, "Humanae Vitae” is a compassionate encyclical. “Christ has come not to judge the world but to save it, and while he was uncompromisingly stern toward sin, he was patient and rich in mercy toward sinners” ("Veritatis Splendor,” 89).

Pope Francis has echoed the sentiments of his predecessors many times. During a talk in Manila on Jan. 16, 2015, the pope said, “I think of Blessed Paul VI. At a time when the problem of population growth was being raised, he had the courage to defend openness to life in families. He knew the difficulties that are there in every family, and so in his encyclical he was very merciful toward particular cases, and he asked confessors to be very merciful and understanding in dealing with particular cases. But he also had a broader vision.”

In his 2016 apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia” (“Love in the Family”), Pope Francis cites the core teaching of "Humanae Vitae” when he says, “From the outset, love refuses every impulse to close in on itself, it is open to a fruitfulness that draws it beyond itself. Hence no natural act of husband and wife cannot be regarded as a sin when for various reasons it may not always in fact beget a new life” ("Amoris Laetitia,” 80).

Humanae Vitae” #13 in emphasizing that married love requires reverence and respect. “We also know that, within marriage itself, sex can become a source of suffering and manipulation. Hence it must be clearly reaffirmed that ‘a conjugal act imposed on one’s spouse without regard to his or her condition, or personal and reasonable wishes in the matter, is no true act of love, and therefore offends the moral order in its particular application to the intimate relationship of husband and wife’” ("Amoris Laetitia,” 154).

For 50 years now, we have heard our papas speak on a single prophetic, loving voice. They remind us forcefully—but without any harshness—that human life depends on the unity of body and soul, and that sexual love belongs exclusively to a loving union between a woman and man who are open to life. All efforts to separate sex and marriage trivialize this profound truth and make love a commodity. As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical "Humanae Vitae”, “let’s pray for the courage to accept this prophetic teaching as we cherish the gift of our sexuality.”
### Events Calendar

#### May 15
- **St. Nicholas Church, 605 S. 79th St., Sunman.** Eucharistic healing service. The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Father James Blount presenting, 6-30 p.m. praise and worship, 7 p.m. service. confessions available. Information: 812-623-2964.

#### May 16
- **Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 6:30 p.m.** praise and worship and Mass at 6:30 p.m. father James Sunman. Information: 317-784-6980, www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

#### May 17
- **St. Joseph Church, 1401 S. Mckley Ave, Indianapolis.** Third Thursday Adoration, interested for women experiencing pregnancy crisis, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. with Mass at 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.
- **Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Monastery, 9001 Hosick Road, Indianapolis.** Monthly Mass, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

#### May 18-20
- **Madonna Hall, 1900 Sunset Ave., Greenwood.** from 6:30-9 p.m. on May 19. The event is free. Please bring a snack or side dish to share. Information: 317-173-5797. 
- **St. Meinrad.** Your Faith Has Saved You—Or Has It? Your Faith Has Saved You—Or Has It? Your Faith Has Saved You—Or Has It? Your Faith Has Saved You—Or Has It? Your Faith Has Saved You—Or Has It?

#### May 21
- **Monica's Shrine, 1332 Monica Shrine Road, St. Meinrad.** Blessed mother Maggie Plummer, hosted by Saint Meinrad Archabbe, prayers, hymns, rosary procession, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, Benedicate Father Christian Ballard speaking, 2 p.m. CT. Information: 317-837-4080, benedictcfnb.org.

#### May 22
- **Plum Creek Golf Club, 1420 Lynnwood Blvd., Carmel.** Catholic Radio Indy.

#### May 23
- **Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis.** for the Least Among Us: A Conversation on Federal Aid, sponsored by Pro-Life Ministries of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist parishes. Information: 317-837-5765.

#### May 24
- **St. John the Baptist Parish, Stratiff, 8330 St. John Road, Floyd's Knobs, Strawberry Festival, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., www.floydsknobstrastrawberry.com, 812-284-0690.** build your own strawberry shortcake, donate to kids, bake houses bingos, game, craft booths, kids, music, food, drink, live music, entertainment and raffle. Information: 812-923-5786.

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### Correction on the time of free dental care offering in Terre Haute on May 20

Please note the correct time below for the Terre Haute Family Medics annual “Smiling Days” offer, free dental care for uninsured or underinsured children up to age 18.

- **May 20:** Terre Haute Family Medics offering remain the same: 8:30-9:30 a.m., bring lunch at 11 a.m., prizes at 12:30 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m.

### Polish priest to speak on angels, saints and Divine Mercy in Indianapolis on May 24-25

The Marian Center of Indianapolis is hosting Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel Father Peter Prusakiewicz for two events the weekend of May 24-25. Father Peter will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood, at 5:45 p.m. on May 24. Immediately following, he will host aorskay at St. John the Baptist Parish, 2 p.m. CT.

#### For further information, contact the Marian Center of Indianapolis at 317-887-0873 or e-mail marianc@adl.com.

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### Sisters of Providence to offer teen volunteer program throughout June

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 1 Sisters of Providence, 800 E. 77th St., Indianapolis, 46201.

- **Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, C.S.B.A.**

#### For a list of events for the next few weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.
Pope praises retired Pope Benedict’s writings on faith and politics

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—For more than 50 years, the writings of retired Pope Benedict XVI on the relationship between faith and politics have insisted that the measure of human freedom is the extent to which each person acknowledges being dependent on the love of God, Pope Francis wrote.

The key difference between Marxism and Christianity in the retired pope’s writings, he said, lies in the relationship each sees between redemption and liberation.

Does redemption occur through liberation from all dependence, or is the only way to liberation the complete dependence on love, which would then also be true freedom?” he quotes Pope Benedict as writing.

The retired pope’s insight is relevant and urgent today, Pope Francis wrote. “In fact, today more than ever there is the same temptation to refuse any dependence on love that is not a person’s love for his own ego, for ‘the I and its desires,’” and, consequently, the danger of the “colored” conceptions of an ideology that denies the basic certainty that humankind exists as male and female to whom the task of the transmission of life is assigned,” Pope Francis said.

A new set of human “rights,” Pope Francis wrote, are actually leading to the self-destruction of humanity, as Pope Benedict had pointed out. The self-destructive attitudes “have a single common denominator that consists in a single, great denial: the denial of dependence on love, the denial that man and woman are creatures of God, lovingly made by him in his image and to whom they yearn as the deer longs for running water.”

When we deny this dependence between creature and Creator, this relationship of love, Pope Francis wrote, “we renounce the true greatness of the human being [and] the bulkhead of human freedom and dignity.”

Pope Francis said reading the retired pope’s essays “can help all of us not only to understand our present and find a solid orientation for the future, but they also can be a real source of inspiration for political action that, by placing the family, solidarity and equality at the center of its attention and planning, truly looks to the future with foresight.”

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It’s a daunting present and future for a 16-year-old. Yet Paige is all smiles as she sits in the room surrounded by her parents. She understands the law she helped change, the school she loves, and the faith that guides her life.

Seeking the best of two worlds

The story of the Indiana law that Paige helped change is an inspiring one of her love for her Catholic faith and her high school. “Everyone at Roncalli has been so nice and helpful,” she says. “I love the religion classes and the Masses. I have friends here. I like the classes.

Still, one of the main challenges for her at Roncalli is communicating with others. She’s able to understand her teachers who wear a transmitter that sends sounds to her hearing aids. But in group discussions with other students, where comments are coming rapidly and in different directions, her lip-reading ability doesn’t serve her well.

“I don’t know everyone, and not everyone knows I can’t hear too well,” she says. “It’s a struggle.”

It was at the end of her freshman year at Roncalli, Paige and her mother Keri began exploring a possibility that they hoped would offer her the best of both worlds.

They were aware that a state law allowed public school students to stay at their high school while also accessing services at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Paige and her father and mother and another daughter hoped that Paige could do the same, splitting time at Roncalli and the School for the Deaf, where she could learn the intensive sign language she will need to communicate when she completely loses her hearing. Instead, they found a major obstacle to that hope.

The wording of the state law didn’t allow the access to the School for the Deaf to students at non-public schools. And while mother and daughter and father discussed Paige leaving Roncalli for a public school, they found a major obstacle to that switch.

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“It’s a struggle.”

“Even with the worse types of hearing loss, I was shaking,” says Paige, recalling her testimony earlier this year before the House and the Senate members in separate meetings. “At the same time, it was a very cool experience. I got to speak my mind, to let them know this is the way I feel.”

Paige shared how she didn’t want to give up her experience at Roncalli, and how she felt she needed its honor classes and Advanced Placement courses to prepare her for applying to Ivy League colleges.

She also stated how visits to the School for the Deaf in Indianapolis have brought her some new challenges. She has learned another place where she felt at home among similar young people, where she could learn the new language she could play the sport she loved—basketball.

“I touched the hearts of the legislature by telling her own story,” Elecesser says. “A lot of the legislators came up to her afterward and wished her well.”

Behning adds, “She was able to testify with class and with confidence. It’s great when you can have someone her age who can articulate her position so well. She’s a great advocate not only for herself, but for other students.”

Still, the vote on the bill came down to the last hour of the last day of the regular session on March 14. Immediately after it became one of the last bills to be passed, Elecesser texted Paige’s mother with the news.

“There was lots of screaming, lots of jumping, lots of clapping and high fives,” Paige recalls with a huge smile. “I’ve been wanting this to happen for more than a year. I wanted to be at Indiana School for the Deaf because they understand me. They get me. I also wanted to be at Roncalli because of their academics and the religion, and I’m Catholic. I get to be in both worlds.”

“You want God to win”

She will start that adventure when her junior year in high school begins in August. Her ‘cheerleaders’ believe she will make the most of her experience.

“Even with the worse types of symptoms and with just doing her homework making it worse, she still has earned outstanding grades and her way into our honors and AP classes,” says Smith. “She is passionate, determined, driven and personable.

“She works harder than any student I’ve ever worked with, so I will not be surprised about the very impressive things she will most certainly show us she can do in the future.”

Elecesser notes, “She’s looking for other ways to advocate for people who are deaf or have hearing losses. She wants to make an impact on other students as well. She’s got big goals and a lot of drive. It will be interesting to see where she ends up.”

At 16, Paige says her optimism and her prayer life help guide her through the challenges of the present and toward the dreams of her future.

“Sometimes, I’ll be like, ‘Why God?’ Because lack of communication is hard, school is hard, life is hard. When I get upset, sometimes I don’t play. And things get worse. Sometimes I don’t understand why I have to be hard of hearing. Why do I have to lose my hearing? But then I say, ‘Let go and get God’ That’s one of my favorite sayings.”

She pauses before she adds, “Everyone is struggling with something. You can’t stop. Once you stop, the struggles win. You don’t want the struggles to win. You want God to win.”

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Refugees

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many of them living in refugee camps, according to Donald Kerwin, director of the Center for Migration Studies in New York.

Many of these refugees often wait several years to either return to their homeland or to be resettled in the United States, which is the only solution to reassemble them, Kerwin noted.

The situations that face refugees is devastating, Smith said.

“We are facing the greatest global refugee crisis since World War II, and while political leaders debate policy and process, people are dying,” she said. “The U.S. refugee resettlement program is a lifesaving program that is being gutted at a time when it is most needed.”

The change in policy frustrates and saddens Smith, who said the United States has historically been a global leader in welcoming refugees.

She also understands the economic, diplomatic, or political reasons for temporary restrictions, but also for the American economy, she said.

“Historically, both Republicans and Democrats have seen refugee resettlement as I think national security. In fact, the highest number of refugees admitted to the United States was 217,000 in 1980 under President Ronald Reagan.”

“The truth is, we can safely and securely admit refugees into the United States. We have been proudly closing this as a nation since 1975. We can balance safety and compassion.”

Administration officials have reasoned that the lower numbers of refugees will allow more extreme vetting to ensure this is someone who will not pose a terrorism threat. They also have maintained that accepting more refugees is too costly and becomes a drain on American resources.

Several officials at Catholic Charities agencies throughout the U.S. told CNS they know of no serious crimes committed by the refugees resettled by their organizations.

Officials also noted that the $1,125 in federal funding they receive for each refugee helps with food and shelter while they are getting settled into the community.

In addition to providing economic relief to refugees, Catholic Charities programs assist with navigating health and school systems, receiving temporary cash assistance, tutoring for the youth, English as a second language for adults, orientations to help with cultural adjustment and even clinical counseling.

Such assistance is supplemented in the archdiocese by “the outpouring of support” that Catholic Charities Indianapolis has received from the community, Smith said.

“We are thankful for the volunteers of all ages and backgrounds that do everything from organizing our storage units to mentoring families.”

Smith has seen the difference that help has made in the lives of refugees. She has also seen the difference that refugees make to their new country.

“For those fortunate to be selected for resettlement in the United States, they are not trying to find a ‘better life,’ they are trying to stay alive,” Smith said. “And it’s an opportunity that they take and run with. They start working immediately and support their families. They enroll their kids in school. They save and invest in home ownership and start businesses.”

“The American dream is alive and well for these families. We saw refugees giving of their extra time and resources to the community—from Syrian refugees organizing food drives for local Hoosiers in need, to Chin refugees donating thousands of dollars to Hoosiers in crisis.”

The refugees who settle in the archdiocese have also been a blessing to the local economy, she said.

“We continue to receive more calls from employers interested in hiring refugees than we can begin to fill,” Smith said. “Many employers across industries are sharing with us that they are having a difficult time finding people to do the jobs. These are jobs ranging from manufacturing to hospitality. Refugees have represented a significant part of this workforce. Thus, employers are negatively impacted by the reduction in numbers as well.”

Smith hopes the Trump administration will change course and admit “no lower than 70,000 refugees in fiscal year 2019—so we can stabilize a program that both saves lives and benefits the economy.”

Such a move would return the United States to its roots as a country, she said.

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— Heidi Smith, director of refugee services for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Graduations set for Catholic high schools in the archdiocese

By John Shaughnessy

As another school year comes to a close, 1,018 seniors are preparing to graduate this spring at Catholic high schools across the archdiocese.

For those graduating in the Diocese of Lafayette, it will be a time of looking back—and looking forward—with a mixture of pride, relief, sadness and anticipation.

It will also be a time to consider the blessings of a Catholic education and the support of the community when people have made a difference in a high school senior’s life, says Gina Fleming, superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese.

“Congratulations to all our high school graduates and their families,” Fleming says. “Your achievement would not be possible without the selfless generosity and guidance of priests, school leaders, teachers, staff members, parents and benefactors. With this solid foundation of formation and education that is unique to our Catholic schools, our young people are fully prepared for new endeavors.”

During this time of celebration, Fleming also encourages parents to take a moment to reflect that God’s love is ever present, and that in striving to fulfill God’s will, you can find great peace and joy.”

Fleming is among the archdiocesan representatives who will be attending graduations at 14 Catholic high schools—the archdiocese has seven archdiocesan schools and four private—in the archdiocese. Here is a listing of graduation-related information for these schools.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 161 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 25 at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 26 at the school.

There are nine salutatorians:

Jacob Ball, son of John and Christina Ball.

Seth Bolden, son of Sam and Gloria Bolden.

Camryn Castellino, daughter of Dinesh and Cherri Castellino.

Holly Czachura, daughter of Steve and Holly Czachura of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

Sara Kress, daughter of Karen and Dave Kress of St. Mary’s Parish in Indianapolis.

Kalysta Antoniuitte Huai-huei Lee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mike Lee.

Isabella Paige, daughter of Paul and Holly Paige of St. Luke’s Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

Katherine Urschy, daughter of Alan and Julie Ursacy of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

Leah White, daughter of Brian and Rhonda White.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. William F. Stumpf, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 222 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 20 at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be at 12:30 p.m. on May 20 at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. William F. Stumpf, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 284 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 1 p.m. on May 20 at Old National Centre in Indianapolis.

There are 12 class valedictorians:

Christopher Basile, son of David and Deborah Basile of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

Molly Beatty, daughter of Mike and Carol Beatty of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

Lauren Burgett, daughter of Richard Burgett and Malinda Mundy-Burgett.

Seth Flood, daughter of Dr. Michael and Cathy Flood of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

Inka Grill, daughter of Dan Grill and cane Olson of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield.

Gabriela Hanahan, daughter of Tom and Kristin Hanahan.

Liam Moore, son of Harold and Christine Moore of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

Annie O’Neill, daughter of Dr. Steve and Kathy O’Neill of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.

Brock Snyder, son of Pete and Kimberly Snyder of Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

Audrey Teasley, daughter of Kevin Teasley and Colleen O’Brien-Teasley of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

Lauren Walker, daughter of Morgan and Ercika Walker.

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Javiel Castellanos, son of Deivy and Elida Castellanos.

Audrey Decker, daughter of Lisa and Steve Decker.

Myles Esposito, son of Ron and Karen Esposito.

Matthew Gianforcaro, son of Dr. Michael and Lisa Gianforcaro.

Casey Klinkert, son of Sam and Gloria Klinkert.

There are nine salutatorians:

Jacob Ball, son of John and Christina Ball.

Seth Bolden, son of Sam and Gloria Bolden.

Camryn Castellino, daughter of Dinesh and Cherri Castellino.

Holly Czachura, daughter of Steve and Holly Czachura of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

There are three valedictorians:

Henry Egan, son of Pete and Kimberly Egan.

Sara Gaffney, daughter of John and Christina Gaffney.

There are 12 class valedictorians:

Phillip Kozenski, son of Thomas and Kathleen Kozenski of Holy Spirit Parish.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson.

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg has a graduating class of 40 seniors.

The graduation ceremony will be at 1 p.m. on June 3 at the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg.

There are three class valedictorians: Jacob Herbert, son of Ken and Julie Herbert of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Brownsburg.

Daniel Siemer, son of Joe and Julie Siemer of St. Michael Parish in Brookville.

Rachel Stoll, daughter of Albert and Karen Stoll of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg.

The archdiocese will be represented by Msgr. William F. Stumpf, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville has a graduating class of 113 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 p.m. on May 25 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany.

The graduation ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on May 27 at the school.

There are two class valedictorians: Shawn Fitzpatrick, son of Michael and Jody Fitzpatrick of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

Emma Karr, daughter of David and Bethany Kerr of Holy Family Parish.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Gina Fleming, superintendent of Catholic schools.

Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 43 seniors.

The graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 24 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

There are three valedictorians: Cesar Mares, son of Francisco and Ruth Mares.

There are two valedictorians: Youssef Martinez, daughter of Eva Martinez of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Mary McCoy, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools.

Brownsburg Catholic High School has a graduating class of 79 seniors.

The class valedictorian is Benjamin Asdell, son of Drs. Steven and Tessa Asdell of St. Barnabas Parish in Brownsburg. The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. William F. Stumpf, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 285 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 6 p.m. on May 25 at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be at 9 a.m. on May 26 at the school.

There are three valedictorians: Benjammin Asdell, son of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by chancellor Annette “Mickey” Lentz and Gina Fleming, superintendent of Catholic schools.

Seton Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Richmond has a graduating class of 24 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. on June 3 at St. Andrew Church in Richmond.

The graduation ceremony will follow on June 3 at the school.

There are three valedictorians: Sarah Dickman, daughter of Dan and Angela Dickman of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Richmond.

There are two valedictorians: Grace Deitch, daughter of Dr. Andy and Lisa Deitch of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

There are two valedictorians: Patrick Devine, son of the Mass and the graduation by Rob Rash, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools.
Speaker Paul Ryan reinstates Catholic House of Representatives chaplain

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Father Patrick Conroy, chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives who said he had been forced to resign, was reinstated to his post by House Speaker Paul Ryan on May 3. The priest was reinstated after a letter he wrote to Ryan, R-Wisconsin, became public. In the letter, Father Conroy said he wished to retract his resignation letter and continue working during this Congress and beyond.

“I have never been disciplined, nor reprimanded, nor have I ever heard a complaint about my ministry during my time as House Chaplain,” his letter said. He also mentioned displeasure that Ryan hadn’t spoken to him directly, but had his chief of staff ask for his resignation.

In a statement, Ryan said his original decision was made with what he thought was in the best interest of the House, but he now decided that “a prolonged fight over such an important post” would not be good for the body, and so he accepted the priest’s letter and decided he could remain in his position.

Ryan, who is Catholic, was expected to meet with Father Conroy on May 4 when the House went back in session. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, said she encouraged Ryan’s decision to let Conroy remain as chaplain.

“However, many distressing questions must still be answered about motivations behind Father Conroy’s unwarranted and unjust dismissal,” she said.

In a June 2017 interview with Catholic News Service, the priest said he had opinions about politics, like most people, but knew his job was focused on his role helping members of Congress without paying attention to political stripes.

“I can think of anything I want,” he said. “But I can’t say it. Some people say, ‘You’re there, why don’t you say prophetic things?’ If I did, a week or two now, there would be a different person here, and nothing would have changed.”

Some have speculated that a prayer he said in November as lawmakers considered the tax bill led to his ouster. The prayer said, “May all members be mindful that the institutions and structures of our great nation guarantee the opportunity to achieve great success, while others continue to struggle. May your efforts these days guarantee that there are not winners and losers under new tax laws, but benefits balanced and shared by all Americans.”

Via Twitter, fellow Jesuit James Martin, editor at large of America, the Jesuits’ national magazine, said if that prayer was what led to the firing, “then a Catholic Speaker of the House fired a Catholic chaplain for praying for the poor.”

On April 27, House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joseph Crowley proposed establishing a committee to look into the ouster, but House Republicans overwhelmingly voted to kill the resolution. Outrage, however, continued on Twitter and beyond trying to save the chaplain’s seat. Father Conroy told The New York Times, at the time, that he wasn’t going to question the decision.

The priest is the second Catholic in history to hold the House chaplain’s spot. Father Daniel Coughlin was the first Catholic to occupy the position and was looking to retire from the post in 2010, when then-House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told him in a letter fellow Catholic Pelosi about a finding a Jesuit they could both support. Father Conroy was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the ouster of the 60th chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives on May 25, 2011.

Central Catholic breaks ground on renovation project in Indy

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 20 for a renovation project that will accommodate an expanded early education program at Central Catholic School in Indianapolis, one of the University of Notre Dame ACE Academies owned by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and operated in partnership with Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education. Central Catholic preschool students donned shovels to officially help initiate this project.

The expansion will allow for much-needed classroom space that will support early learning programming for 3- and 4-year-olds, make full use of the existing 4-year-old classroom for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and resource support, and provide necessary safety measures that include more secure building access and safer arrival and dismissal procedures.

Shea Family Charities generously donated $500,000 toward this major renovation, along with individual donor support. The Shea donation places the appeal within $50,000 of the total project goal.

To donate to this Central Catholic School expansion, or for more information about the Notre Dame ACE Academies, call Kim Pohovey, director of Mission Advancement for Catholic Education Initiatives, at 317-236-1568.

Catholic groups decry decision to end Temporary Protected Status for Hondurans

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Catholic leaders were angered and disappointed by the Trump administration’s April 5 decision to end Temporary Protected Status, popularly known as TPS, to more than 450,000 Hondurans living in the United States.

Hondurans who arrived in the United States after their country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998 now have until Jan. 5, 2020, to return home.

“The administration’s decision to end TPS for Honduras is untenable,” said the Rev. C. John Boland, director of the Jesuit Social Justice Office.

Returning tens of thousands of people to a country with a staggering unemployment rate, high rates of violence, and few available resources to support them could quickly become a tipping point for communities throughout the country, the representative for Honduras for Catholic Relief Services said.

He said those who are forced to return will be separated from family and could be targeted by gangs for extortion.

“This decision, as well as previous determinations made for El Salvador and Haiti, will undermine ongoing efforts to reduce rates of migration and violence, and in doing so, lead to more,” he added.

Jeanne Atkinson, executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, said the Trump administration attempted to paint a picture that it had “no choice but to terminate TPS,” suggesting that past administrations that extended the protected status for Hondurans had not properly applied the law.

“To the contrary, it is the Trump administration’s action that disregards the law and the intent of Congress in creating TPS in the first place to safeguard human lives,” she said.

Catholic Legal Immigration officials have been urging the Trump administration to grant an 18-month extension of Temporary Protected Status to Hondurans based on the ongoing humanitarian crisis. The group notes that amid efforts to recover from the hurricane and other natural disasters, Honduras has been plagued by a housing deficit of 1.1 million homes, lack of access to safe drinking water that affects 638,000 people, and a food shortage that leaves 25 percent of the country’s children under age 5 chronically hungry.

Mercy Sister Patricia McDermott, president of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, was similarly disappointed with the decision announced on April 5 by Kirstjen Nielsen, the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.

“The termination of TPS for Honduran nationals is both disgraceful and immoral,” she said. “Many of these individuals have been in the U.S. for 20 years, raising families and creating vibrant communities. Forcing their return to a country that is wracked by endemic violence and poverty will put their lives in danger, separate families, and have devastating effects on communities both in Honduras and the United States.”

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QUEST SPEAKER

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11:00 — MASS
11:30 — LUNCH (All American Buffet)
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Christian faith recognizes parallels between sports and faith

By David Gibson

Sports and spiritual life resemble each other in notable ways that caught St. Paul’s attention in his First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 9:24-27).

In the back of Paul’s mind, when he urged Corinth’s Christians to “run so as to win,” was an image of athletes training for the ancient Isthmian Games, held in alternate years on Greece’s Isthmus of Corinth (1 Cor 9:24).

Winning was everything in these games; there were no second place or third place awards. Without disciplined, demanding training, the athletes—who wrestled, long jumpers, chariot racers and numerous others—were unlikely to achieve their dreams. “Every athlete exercises discipline in every way,” Paul observed (1 Cor 9:25). Paul’s discussion briefly mentioned the great demands of his endeavors to spread the Gospel far and wide. He drew upon his image of the training the games required. “I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing,” he said. “No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified” (1 Cor 9:26-27).

Few 21st-century heirs to more than 2,000 years of Christian thinking will be surprised that Paul thought it made sense to meet the demands of Christian life, to get into condition, so to speak, through prayer, reading, discussion and participation in the life of the Church. God, after all, is not a magical power to be sought for granted. Indeed, there can be times when Christians must ready themselves to live faith under adverse circumstances. The fact that Paul recognized parallels between the stadium athletes’ disciplined preparation and that undertaken by Christians does not mean he failed to recognize their differences. The athletes of the games prepared “to win a perishable crown,” a wreath made of pine or wilted celery. But Christians sought an “imperishable” crown (1 Cor 9:24-25).

Or, as St. John Paul II noted in an October 2000 speech, Paul’s “metaphor of healthy athletic competition” has a way of highlighting “the value of life, comparing it to a race not only for an earthly passing goal, but also for a goal which not just one person, but everyone can be a winner.”

Human growth and development do not tend to come easy, certainly not over the long term. In sports and in all of life, it is safe to say with St. John Paul that “without sacrifices, important results are not obtained”; dissatisfaction takes root.

This is “the logic of sport,” just as it is “the logic of life,” he explained.

In other words, close observation reveals that sacrifice, commitment and, yes, elements of suffering are inherent to achieving honorable goals and advancing in human maturity. St. John Paul urged every Christian “to become a strong athlete of Christ, that is, a faithful and courageous witness to his Gospel.” This, he said, requires perseverance in prayer, training in virtue and following “the divine Master in everything.”

In this, he suggested, the wisdom of a particular Psalm is pertinent: “Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy” (Ps 126:5).

(David Gibson served on Catholic News Service’s editorial staff for 37 years.)
Last week, I wrote about Eddie Doherty. I thought that this week I should write about his wife, Catherine de Hueck Doherty. She was called “Baroness” because she lived alone for a while, but most of her life was lived among the poor. She was born Catherine Kolyschnik in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1896. Her father was Russian Orthodox, and her mother was Lutheran. She traveled extensively as a child, because of her father’s occupation, and received part of her education in Germany, Alexandria, Egypt, and Istanbul, Turkey. She learned to speak six languages and understand 12. Her parents also taught her a love of God and those in need, regularly taking her to them when they visited the poor. While in Alexandria, she studied in a school run by Catholic nuns, and thus learned about Christianity.

She married her cousin, Baron Boris de Hueck, in 1911, when she was only 15. World War I began three years later. It was followed by the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, which forced Catherine to escape to Finland with her lives, but little else. They endured poverty and near starvation before leaving their home in 1920. There she was received into the Catholic Church.

Catherine and Boris immigrated to Canada in 1921. Catherine gave birth to a son and supported the three of them by working in the offices of a newspaper and lecturer. Boris, meanwhile, lived a dissolute life and had numerous extra-marital affairs. They were divorced in 1930, and eventually divorced.

In 1934, Catherine moved into the slums of Toronto to start a group based on what she called Friendship House. Four years later, she moved to Harlem in New York City. She joined the Friendship House there, and became an advocate for civil rights and social justice. She opened other Friendship Houses in various U.S. cities.

During the Spanish Civil War and the first part of World War II, she went to Europe to serve the poor. She founded Cornucopia House in Toronto to serve the poor. She founded a new rural apostolate there that they named Madonna House.

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Celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord varies from place to place. In some places, this feast will have been celebrated on Thursday, May 10. In these places, the liturgy for this weekend will be that of the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

In the dioceses in Indiana and other dioceses in various parts of the United States, this weekend is celebrated this weekend. These reflections will address the readings for the Ascension of the Lord, not for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

In the opening reading, from the first verses of the Acts of the Apostles, the author speaks first to Theophilus. Scholars debate about the identity of Theophilus. Some believe that it is the actual proper name of a person in the early Church. Others, noting that the name is the Greek translation for “friend of God,” hold that it was not a proper name, but rather something of a title of respect or endearment.

Regardless, the use of this name or title in the opening prayer of the liturgy indicates the nature of Luke and Acts. Both are addressed to Theophilus.

This reading is about Christ’s ascension. It also is about the Apostles and, more importantly, it is about the special role that Jesus gave them. They witnessed the Ascension, as they were called to preach the Gospel. He commissioned them to go abroad taking with them the Good News of God’s mercy, come what may.

Indeed, as the future unfolded, all went forth to the broader world preaching the Gospel. All, save one, were martyrs. For the second reading, this liturgy presents St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians. In this epistle, Paul prays that God will give wisdom and insight to all who follow the Lord. It is a wisdom too great to be native to humans. God must provide it.

In the reading, Paul extols Jesus as the Lord and Savior, supreme above all entities, including humans. St. Mark’s Gospel is the last reading. The Lord sends the Apostles into the entire world “to proclaim the Gospel to every creature” ( Mk 16:15). He invests them with divine power, giving them authority even over the devil. They will vanquish death. They will cure the sick.

They will be able to act as the Lord acted. In every sense, they will represent Jesus. The Gospel concludes that as the Apostles went far and wide, the Lord “worked with them” ( Mk 16:20).

**Reflection**

Today, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. This great event of the Ascension, so well described in the Scriptures, is a sign of the Lord’s divine identity, as was the resurrection, certainly as much as were the miracles.

The story, however, as reflected in Acts and in Mark, does not end with its affirmation of the place of Jesus as Son of God and Savior, visibly seen during the Lord’s public ministry in the Roman province of Palestine in the first century.

For us Christians today, as for all Christians who have lived since the events recorded in these Scriptures, the story has critically strong personal implications. The Lord, crucified on Calvary, risen at Easter, is with you and me. He is in our world. He has been in the world: living, healing, and saving, for 20 centuries and more.

He lives through the Apostles and their successors. Through them, we hear the Lord. Through them, we meet the Lord. Jesus is Lord! He is God. He lives! †

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**Purity is Like a Rose**

By Sandra Hartlieb

Like the rose, pure and white. I must attain Purity in my mind, my body and my soul By Your grace, in purity I will remain

For perfect purity, Your precious mother Is our model, our guide and our mentor She, who is pure of heart and body, like no other

Guide us Gentle Woman every day With your help, God’s most perfect creature, From this precious virtue I will not stray

And like a rose, so perfect, pure, and white The fragrance of this virtuous purity Rises up to heaven’s height

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The Ascension of the Lord/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings
Sunday, May 13, 2018

- Ephesians 1:17-23
- Mark 16:15-20

**Daily Readings**

**Monday, May 14**
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

**Tuesday, May 15**
St. Isidore
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:1-17, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 16**
Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36b
John 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 17**
Acts 22:30-23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5-7, 11
John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 18**
St. John I, pope and martyr
Psalm 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-26b
John 15:1-19

**Saturday, May 19**
Acts 26:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 113:1-8
John 21:20-25

**Vigil Mass of Pentecost**
Genesis 11:1-9 or
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Exodus 37:1-14 or
Joel 3:1-5
Psalm104:1-2a, 24, 35c,
27-28, 29bc-30, Romans
8:22-27 John 7:37-39

**Sunday, May 20**
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 1:1-11, 12-13
Psalm 104:1ab, 24ac,
29bc-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Galatians 5:16-25
John 20:19-23 or
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**My Journey to God**

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“Today’s event to announce this office began with a series of prayers, led first by Vice President Mike Pence, who also told the crowd that he and the president frequently have people telling them: ‘We’re praying for you.’

The new executive order takes a step further, he added.

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Survivors hope pope will act against ‘epidemic of abuse’

ROME (CNS)—Three Chilean abuse survivors who met with Pope Francis said his apology to them must be accompanied by “strong, concrete actions, not only against those who committed sexual abuse, but against those who cover it up. We have never seen someone be so contrite about what he was telling me,” Juan Carlos Cruz told journalists on May 2. “I also felt that he was hurting, which for me was very solemn. I don’t know what word to use because it’s not often the pope really says sorry to you and apologizes to you. He said, ‘I was part of the problem, this caused I and I’m sorry.’”

Jose Andres Murillo, one of the Chilean survivors, said, “All of us had different experiences with the pope, and when we asked, we’re waiting for actions.”

“Always we said that we’re not here to do public relations, but for actions,” Murillo said. “That’s what I’m waiting for.”

Pope Francis had invited Cruz, Murillo and James Hamilton to stay at his Vatican residence, Sanctae Marthae, in the week before lent. In 2011, the Vatican sentenced Father Karadima to a life of prayer and penance after finding him guilty of sexually abusing boys. Briefing journalists on their meeting with the pope, the survivors said he had a prepared statement, saying they recognized and appreciated “this gesture and the enormous hospitality of these days.”

“For almost 10 years, we have been treated as enemies because we fight against sexual abuse and cover up the pope,” the church said. “In these days, we met the friendly face of the church, completely different from the one we had seen before.”

All three sharply criticized the Chilean bishops for their role in “misinforming the pope” on the reality of sexual abuse. When asked whether they also received an apology from the bishops of Chile, Cruz said, “Pope Francis asked forgiveness for himself and on behalf of the universal Church. The bishops of Chile don’t know how to ask for forgiveness.”

Hamilton said that the former archbishop of Santiago, Cardinal Francisco Javier Errázuriz Ossa, was community encouraging them. The Church should be a place where grace and the love of God is demonstrated in a person’s time of need. The Church can care well by praying, asking the individual what he or she needs, and seeking out concrete ways to provide support, like loving meals or rides. Although the individual may not have a desire to engage in conversation regarding their struggle, it is important for the individual and the Church to respect where they are and love them in that place.

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Basketball tournament champs in Enochsburg

Shown here are the 1955 Eagles basketball team and cheerleaders from the former St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg. The priest at left is Father Ambrose Schneider, longtime pastor of the Batesville Deanery faith community. According to a note on the back of the photo, the team won the Franklin County tournament that year. The former St. John the Evangelist Parish merged with the former St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County in 2014. St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Decatur County was then formed from the two previous parishes.

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First Communion

Top: First Communion was celebrated on April 14 at St. Boniface Church in Fulda. Pictured, front row, from left: Kasen Hildenbrand, Lilly Gogel, Austyn Oeding, Lila Hildenbrand and Seger Collett. Middle row: Altar server Benjamin Mangum, Waylon Wampler, Jace Welch and Clark Schaefer. Back row: catechist Karen Mangum, Benedictine Father Anthony Vinson, pastor of the parish, and catechist Karen Scherzer. (Submitted photo)

Bottom: St. Meinrad Church in St. Meinrad celebrated its first Communion Mass on April 15. Pictured, front row, from left: Jake Arnold, Gracie Gruber and Tyler Fromm. Back row: Altar server Benjamin Mangum, catechist Karen Mangum, Benedictine Father Anthony Vinson, pastor of the parish, and catechist Karen Scherzer. (Submitted photo)

States file lawsuits to end DACA

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Continuing the legal drama against a program that protects some 800,000 young adults brought into the country without legal documentation as minors, seven states have filed a lawsuit attempting once more to end it.

Joined by Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia, the state of Texas is leading the charge in a lawsuit filed on May 1 that says then-President Barack Obama and his administration unlawfully and unilaterally granted what amounts to “citizenship” to “otherwise unlawfully present aliens” when it approved in 2012 the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Popularly known as DACA, the program grants a renewable work permit and other temporary documentation to the young adults if they meet certain conditions. Saying it was unlawful, President Donald J. Trump announced the program’s end in September, and asked Congress to draft legislation before March, but lawmakers have not done so.

Since Trump’s announcement, DACA has been on a legal roller coaster. Most recently, a federal district judge from the District of Columbia ruled on April 24 that the Trump administration did not explain why DACA was “unlawful” when it announced it was going to rescind it.

Until it can do so—the administration was given 90 days to justify its action—the Department of Homeland Security, which administers the program, must continue to accept new applications and renew documents for those already enrolled, the judge said.

Some see the push by Texas, and the other states filing the lawsuit, as a move to force the Supreme Court of the United States to ultimately rule on DACA and on the future of those enrolled in it.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops repeatedly has spoken in favor of the young adults, and urged the government to find a legislative solution that would allow them to stay in the U.S. and ultimately to find a path toward citizenship.

The May 1 lawsuit is not the first time states have tried to end DACA. In 2017, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton urged the Trump administration to end DACA by Sept. 5 or face a lawsuit by more than 20 states. A different group of 20 attorneys general wrote to the administration urging the president to keep the program.

The president said in the past that he wanted to make a decision “with heart” when it comes to DACA, but handed the decision over to lawmakers who cannot seem to find a way to pass legislation tied to it that does not also involve funding other controversial immigration projects.

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