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Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
Through the power and
working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our
faith in the midst of the
world,
bringing the light and the
saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.
We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift
of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of
mind and heart
to readily defend our
freedoms when they are
threatened;
Give us courage in making
our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of
your Church
and the freedom of
conscience of all people of
faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly
Father,
a clear and united voice to
all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the
history of our nation,
so that, with every trial
withstood
and every danger overcome
for the sake of our
children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us,
this great land will always
be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all."
We ask this through Christ
our Lord.
Amen

Bishops — 'Fortnight' About Religious Freedom, Not Politics

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

ATLANTA (CNS) — Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore June 13 acknowledged the U.S. bishops' "Fortnight for Freedom" campaign has come under heavy criticism in the secular media, in the blogosphere and by some Catholics as being a partisan political effort.

But the two-week period is meant to be free of politics and will emphasize church teaching on religious freedom, the chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom said in Atlanta.

"Already we realize that defending religious freedom is not a walk in the park," Archbishop Lori said during the spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, saying that politics plays no role in the effort.

"We've seen some reaction to our work that is sometimes hostile, sometimes unfair and inaccurate and sometimes derisive," he said.

The upcoming fortnight will be a period of prayer, education and action aimed at explaining how a federal health care contraceptive mandate violates religious principles. The mandate requires most religious employers to provide free health insurance coverage for contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations.

The fortnight opens with Mass June 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. It ends in Washington July 4 with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the tolling of bells at churches across the country at noon eastern time.

Cautioning that derogatory comments can be discouraging, Bishop Lori encouraged his fellow bishops to maintain their focus on religious rights as established in the U.S. Constitution and to avoid choosing to "soft-pedal" the church's basic message.

"Instead I would say these things should prompt us to do exactly the opposite. They show how very great is the need for our teaching and our prayers both within our culture and within our church. It shows how far we have fallen and how far we have to climb before we can rest assured religious freedom stands on firm footing," he said.

During a news conference following the afternoon session, Archbishop Lori said the bishops' religious liberty campaign was being funded by the

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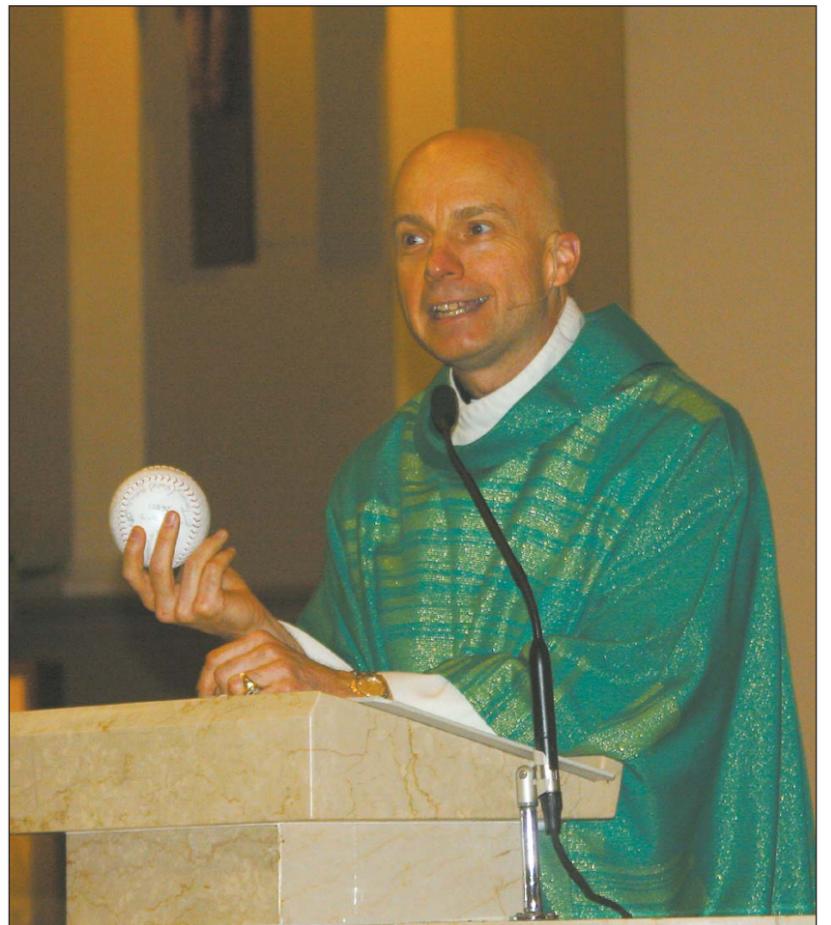
Father Metzinger Installed as Cathedral Rector

OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop Paul S. Coakley joked with the faithful attending the vigil Mass June 16 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help that he had brought them a Father's Day present. A few minutes later he formally installed Father John R. Metzinger as Rector of the Cathedral.

Father Metzinger replaces Monsignor Edward J. Weisenburger, who recently was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Salina. He moved over to the Cathedral after spending several years as pastor at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond.

One of six children, Father Metzinger delivered his first homily at Our Lady's with his parents in attendance. And like many of Father Metzinger's homilies, he found a way to work in a mention of the famous Peanuts comic strip he is known to admire. He did ask, however, that parishioners refrain from giving him gifts related to the comic strip, saying he already has more "Snoopys and Charlie Browns" than he knows what to do with.

Father John R. Metzinger holds up a softball he said was signed and given to him as a gift by the youth group at the Cathedral in 1983. Father was a seminarian then assigned to assist at Our Lady's during the summer.



Put Out Into the Deep
Luke 5:4

Fortnight for Freedom

We Catholics, joined by other concerned Americans, have entered into an important "Fortnight for Freedom." Sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, this initiative is a focused period of prayer, study, catechesis and public witness highlighting our Christian and American heritage of liberty. It is being observed from June 21 through July 4.

This extraordinary event has been precipitated by a growing concern over mounting threats to religious liberty in our nation and around the world. Our liturgical and civic calendars during these two weeks offer ample opportunities to focus our attention on this theme. The calendar includes the liturgical observances of several great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political powers as well as the great civic celebration of American freedom, Independence Day.

Our local "Fortnight for Freedom" observance began this weekend with two special events in Oklahoma City. I want to thank those of you who were able to join in the Mass in honor of the martyrs St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher at Our Lady's Cathedral on Friday evening and at the Rally for Religious Freedom on Saturday afternoon at the Cox Convention Center.

Why are we suddenly hearing so much about religious liberty? The remarkable mobilization of energies around this issue has been triggered by the recent federal HHS mandate. Unless overturned, this mandate will require virtually all employer-sponsored health insurance programs to provide coverage for sterilization, contraception and even abortion-inducing drugs as so-called preventive services. Any exemption to this requirement based on religious belief has been written so narrowly that few can actually qualify. Before summarizing the bishops' concerns about this unjust mandate, let me say briefly what this debate is not about.

— This debate is not about contraception. Though I pray that more Catholics will recognize and accept the wisdom of the Church's consistent teaching against the use of contraception, the bishops are not attempting to ban it. Contraception will undoubtedly remain widely available for those who seek it. We simply and forcefully object to being compelled to pay for something which is contrary to our religious beliefs.

— This debate is not about religious freedom for Catholics only, but about the religious freedom and conscience rights of those whose beliefs may be the next to face government interference.

— This debate is not about the Church attempting to force anyone to do anything. It is about whether the government should be allowed to compel the faithful, and all but a few Catholic institutions, to act against Church teachings.

— This is not a fight that that the Church has asked for, but one which has been forced upon us by the federal mandate. We did not choose the timing for this public debate. The government picked this fight, and we cannot afford to back away from it.

— This is neither a partisan issue, nor a liberal or conservative issue, but an American issue.

If these are things that this debate is not about, what then is it about? At the heart of our concern about this mandate is an unwarranted government definition of religion. The separation between Church and State, enshrined in our Constitution, is certainly intended to prevent the Church from overreaching unlawfully in the affairs of government. But it is also intended to keep the government from interfering in the internal affairs of the Church. This

action represents an unprecedented and unlawful piercing of the veil of separation by which the government is attempting to define who is and who is not religious. The government has no business defining religion or religious ministries.



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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The HHS mandate includes an extremely narrow definition of who is a religious employer. Only those are considered "religious enough" to qualify for exemption from the mandate that hire and serve primarily those of their own faith and have as their goal the inculcation of their own religious beliefs. This narrow definition fails to recognize and protect our vital Catholic ministries such as Catholic Charities, Catholic hospitals and even our Catholic universities. All of these institutions serve without regard to the faith or beliefs of those whom they serve. Yet they are an integral expression of our faith.

This arbitrary and narrow definition of religion divorces the commandment to love God from the commandment to love our neighbor. Whether intentional or not, its effect is to reduce the ability of the Church to carry out its mission in the public square and contribute to the common good. It reduces religious freedom to simply the freedom to worship. It privatizes religion.

Further, this mandate forces those Catholic entities which the government does not deem sufficiently religious to violate their own teachings within their very own institutions. It is a mandate to act against our own consciences. This cannot stand!

There is also imbedded in this HHS mandate another concern. The mandate creates a third category in addition to the exempt religious institutions and those religious institutions "not religious enough" to qualify. This third category is the individuals who strive in their daily lives to act in accordance with their faith and moral values. These are the individuals who have labored to form their consciences properly but now face a government mandate requiring them to aid in providing "services" contrary to their faith or deeply held values. Whether as employers, or employees, or even as insurers, they are left without any sort of conscience exemption at all. This too is unprecedented in federal law which until now has always been generous in providing conscience protection to individuals so that they are not forced to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions.

The "Fortnight of Freedom" is a rallying cry. This is going to be a long struggle. It will not end on July 4. Let us raise our voices in prayer, but also commit ourselves to study and appropriate action in witness to the important values at stake for us as Catholics and as Americans. Religious liberty is a right recognized in our Constitution. But it is not a right bestowed on us by the government. It is a universal human right granted to us by God our Creator.



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Archbishop Coakley's Calendar

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley's official calendar.

June 24 - Wednesday, June 27 — Catholic Leadership Institute Bishops Meeting, Charlotte, N.C.

June 28 — Personnel Board, Catholic Pastoral Center, 9:30 a.m.

June 28 — Catholic Charities Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

July 5 - Friday, July 6 — Provincial Meeting, Little Rock, Ark.

July 8 — Confirmation, Korean Martyrs Catholic Community, 11 a.m.

July 10 — Department Heads, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.

July 10 — Mass, Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

July 10 — Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, 2 p.m.

July 12 — Envisioning Leadership Team Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, 10 a.m.

July 14 - Friday, July 27 — Spanish Language Studies, Mexican American Catholic College, San Antonio, Texas



New Sign for St. Francis Parish, Rosary School

Thanks to the generosity of W. John Hefner Jr., pictured on the left, St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Rosary School finished the school year with a new sign noting Rosary's Blue Ribbon status. As Father Charles Murphy, pastor, blesses the sign, Karen Lynn, Rosary's principal, and Bill Bowlby, outgoing school council chairman, admire the monument.

Australian Archbishop — Church Under Attack for Its 'Uncompromising' Stance on Marriage

By Michael Kelly
Catholic News Service

DUBLIN (CNS) — The Catholic Church is under attack “partly because of the sins of some of its leaders, but mainly because of its uncompromising teachings” on marriage, said an Australian archbishop.

“Faced with this, the church can either compromise and face irrelevance, or continue to teach Christ's truth about marriage, life and love, and pray that the world will listen,” Archbishop Barry Hickey, retired archbishop of Perth, told pilgrims at the International Eucharistic Congress June 12.

The archbishop told a packed conference hall that “only a few years ago one could safely assume that our understanding of marriage was generally accepted,” but this is no longer the case.

“Increasingly marriage is being promoted as only one of the many options in human sexual relationships,” he said. “Recent years have witnessed a sharp rise in cohabitation before marriage. These so-called partnerships are even taking the place of marriage.”

He said that “adding to this is the pressure to change the very definition of marriage from a union of a man and a woman to a union of two persons of the same sex.”

“The ideal of Christian marriage is under great threat,” he warned.

He said that “the availability of easy divorce undermines the strength of commitment that true marriage requires and encourages the view that marriage is no longer a permanent contract.”

The archbishop said that “this worsening situation is all around us, yet it is rarely the subject of political debate.

“It calls for urgent action at all levels of society. The family is under threat because the institution of marriage is being undermined,” he said.

The June 12 events at the congress concentrated specifically on marriage and



Retired Archbishop Barry Hickey of Perth, Australia, gives a catechesis on marriage and family during the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin June 12. (CNS/Paul Haring)

the family. While the bright sunshine that marked the opening days was replaced by dark clouds and rain showers, spirits were not dampened as many parents brought along their children. A special “children's space” allowed for a celebration of faith in song, dance and animation while adults attended the speeches and workshops.

In his address to the congress, Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, criticized a tendency to see marriage merely as a contract.

“Without sanctification, the family's gift of self becomes reduced to a mere consensual agreement or, as one American law school textbook on family law described marriage, as being better understood today as ‘a joint venture for profit between the spouses.’”

He warned that “too often the cultural commentary about marriage — especially found in defense of divorce — suggests marriage and family is risky because one's commitment and contribution may not ‘pay off’ — that there may not be an adequate return on one's investment in the marriage.”

Each day of the June 10-17 congress, Mass was celebrated by a visiting prelate and contained special interces-

sions chosen to reflect the theme. Encouraging families to draw strength from prayer, Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois of Paris said the church “must not rule out anything of all that can be done publicly to defend the value of the family.”

However, he said that “the first mission of Christian families is to live concretely by these values, by reconciliation, mutual acceptance and joy in giving one's life for one's loved ones.”

“The strength of our testimonies lies in the examples we give. The church will be heard and respected inasmuch as she helps Christians remain irreversibly faithful, confident enough to welcome new lives, tirelessly kind to the oldest and to the most vulnerable, and respectfully open to the ones who are alone,” he said.

Vatican II Did Not Downplay Importance of Eucharistic Adoration, Pope Says

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) — A misunderstanding of the Second Vatican Council has led some Catholics to think that Eucharistic Adoration and Corpus Christi processions are pietistic practices that pale in importance to the celebration of Mass, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“A unilateral interpretation of the Second Vatican Council has penalized this dimension” of Catholic faith, which is to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and worthy of adoration, the Pope said June 7 during a Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The evening Mass outside Rome’s Basilica of St. John Lateran preceded a moment of silent adoration and the Pope’s traditional Corpus Christi procession with the Eucharist through the streets of Rome.

In his homily, the Pope told the thousands of people gathered on the basilica lawn that it is important to recognize the centrality of the celebration of Mass, the moment in which the Lord gathers his people, nourishes them and unites them to himself in offering his sacrifice.

But if Christ is seen as present in the Eucharist only during Mass, “this imbalance has repercussions on the spiritual life of the faithful,” who need to be aware of “the constant presence of Jesus among



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Celebration and adoration are not in competition, the Pope said. “Worshipping the Blessed Sacrament constitutes something like the spiritual environment in which the community can celebrate the Eucharist well and in truth.”

Pope Benedict said Mass is most meaningful when the faithful recognize that in the Blessed Sacrament, the Lord is present, “awaits us, invites us to his table and then, after the assembly disperses, remains with us with his

discrete and silent presence.”

Spending time in prolonged silence before the Eucharist “is one of the most authentic experiences of our being church,” and it finds its complement at Mass when Catholics “celebrate the Eucharist, listening to the word of God, singing, approaching together the table of the bread of life.”

Truly entering into communion with someone, he said, is accompanied by “exchanging glances and intense, eloquent silences full of respect and veneration.”

“If this dimension is missing, even sacramental communion can become a superficial gesture

on our part,” the Pope said.

Pope Benedict said another misunderstanding — one influenced “by a certain secular mentality” of the 1960s and ’70s — was the idea that the Bible teaches that with the coming of Christ, rituals and sacrifices no longer should have meaning. Basically, he said, some people believe “the sacred no longer exists.”

It is true that Christ inaugurated a new form of worship, one tied less to a place and a ritual and more to his person, but people still need “signs and rites,” the Pope said. In fact, without its annual Corpus Christi procession, “the spiritual profile of Rome” would change.

Preceded by members of parish Eucharistic associations, children who recently made their first Communion, religious, seminarians, priests, bishops and cardinals walking to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Pope Benedict rode on the back of a truck facing the Blessed Sacrament, which was held in a gem-studded gold monstrance.

Thousands of people carrying candles walked behind the Pope. People watching from the sidewalks behind metal barriers tossed flower petals in front of the truck and joined in singing Eucharistic hymns and reciting litanies.

Darkness fell as the procession made its way to St. Mary Major, and the evening ended with the Pope blessing the crowd with the Blessed Sacrament.

New Missal Combines Many Elements Into One, Including the New Mass Translation

Some may remember the days when one could purchase a missal and have almost all of the readings and prayers for Mass for every day of the year in it. After the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, missals were provided in two or three volumes. They were small, but still one had more than one to keep track of. They served their purpose and were useful, but now a new missal, Saint Paul Daily Missal, that has almost everything in it is available with the new translation of the Mass. The clergy will love this because they can take this one volume when they are traveling. Most people will not need a magnifying glass to read it either. Those who attend daily Mass will love this missal too since it has all of the readings and the prayers that they will need to prepare for the Mass or to follow along.

The missal has a general calendar followed by a liturgical calendar. There is a list of the Scriptures with their abbreviations. This is followed by the proper of seasons. With this section the user has the Sunday and weekday readings and prayers together which flows very well. For Ordinary Time, the Sunday readings that are divided into years A, B and C are together, which are followed by the two-year cycle of weekday readings. Again things flow well.

The Proper of Seasons is followed by the Order of the Mass which has Eucharistic Prayers I-IV and the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses of Reconciliation I and II. The missal does not have the four Eucharistic Prayers for Use in Masses for Various Needs. It does not



By Brother Benet Exton

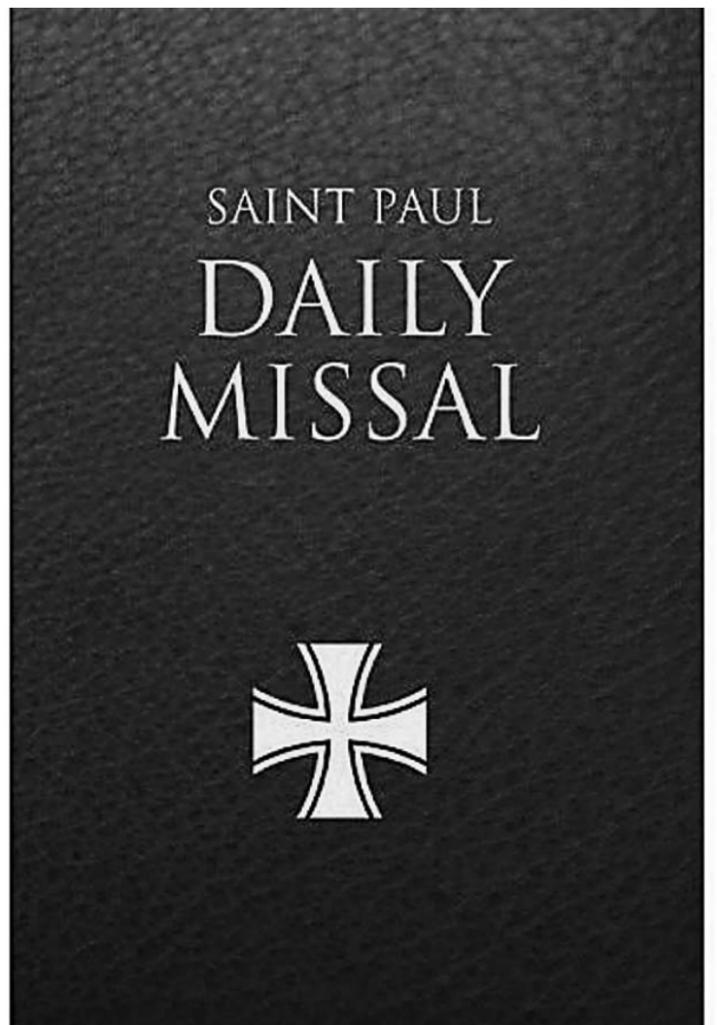
have the Latin Order of Mass. The Proper of Saints and then the Commons follow the Order of the Mass. The Masses for the Dead follows that and the missal ends with a Treasury of Prayers.

There are four colored silk ribbons. The cover is leatherflex or imitation leather. It comes in burgundy or black. There are some black and white illustrations. There are commentaries on the Scripture readings by Sister Anne Eileen Heffernan, FSP, and Sister Mary Lea Hill, FSP.

This missal is highly recommended to those who participate in daily Mass and to the clergy and others for their preparation for Mass. There is also a one volume that has the Sunday readings and prayers available too.

Brother Benet Exton, O.S.B., St. Gregory’s University, Shawnee.

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'Ultimate One' Provides Home Health and Spiritual Care to Those in Need

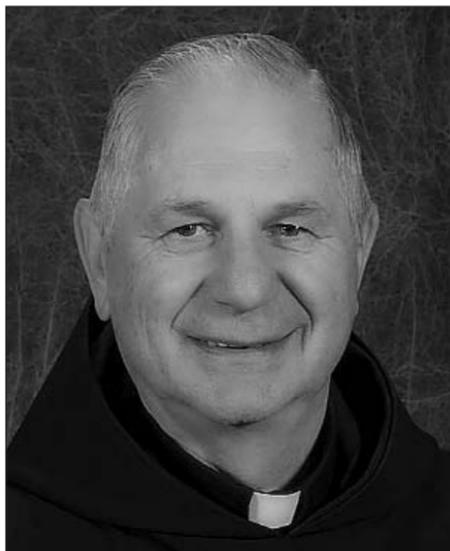
By Emily Kindiger
For the Sooner Catholic

SHAWNEE — Expanding Benedictine values to those in need increased as Ultimate One Home Health Care opened its doors.

Registered nurse and administrator Debbie Espinosa said this program started “from nothing” in January, and provides home health and spiritual care paid for by Medicare or private pay, depending on the services needed. This care is available to all ages and needs.

Founder and director Father Paul Zahler, Ph.D., Order of Saint Benedict, said his original program began in 1964 as a swim program to help special education children. The Early Child Development Center at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee was established in 1974, and he soon founded the National Institute on Developmental Delays.

According to the NIDD website, <http://www.nidd.org>, some of the programs include a child develop-



Father Paul Zahler

ment program, home integration program (which was the branch that Ultimate One sprang from), camp program, consultancy and training program, and support living program. NIDD is now recognized as a “national and international presence.”

With the children's programs in place, Espinosa said adding home

health care was the last piece of the puzzle because as the children aged, they noticed a growing need for home health care.

“I always had the idea in mind that we need a womb to tomb program,” Father Zahler said, that covers the first and last years of life in a respectful, religious and caring manner.

He said the state started closing its institutions due to a lawsuit in the 1990s, and a void was left. Since society cannot or is simply unable to take on many of the challenges of the elderly and special needs individuals, “we wanted to pick up the slack ... we took on what was needed,” he said.

“Saint Benedict says the care of the sick is the most important part, and they should be looked upon as Christ himself,” Father Zahler said.

Ultimate One is “up and running, open to all” and provides a variety of services to people of all ages in need: home health care, non-medical home care, sitter services, home nursing, home

therapy and transportation, to name a few. Services depend on Medicare or private pay, Espinosa said.

We cover “a broad spectrum,” she said. “Very basic (care) ... to someone needing therapy or rehabilitation.”

Although Ultimate One has patients and personnel, it is still in an “infancy stage,” she said, and is looking for more qualified recruits so they can expand further and provide more necessary care.

Father Zahler, who recently celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood, said this program is based at St. Gregory's campus with his children's programs, while a drop-in office is located at Catholic Charities on Classen Boulevard in Oklahoma City. He said Ultimate One serves a 100-mile radius and includes the Oklahoma City and Shawnee areas.

For more information, call Wanda Orr at 795-8663, Espinosa at 596-4802, or email ultimate1hhc@gmail.com.

Catechism Now in Browser-based E-Book Format

WASHINGTON — The Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available at the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in a format identical to an e-book. The new version, currently only available in English, can be found at www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/index.cfm.

Authorized by Pope John Paul II in 1986, the Catechism of the Catholic Church was first published in 1992, with a revised second edition published in 2000. Prior to 1992, the Church had been using a universal catechism approved by the Council of Trent in 1566. Since its release in 1992, the Catechism of the Catholic Church has become a bestseller in the Church, with the USCCB alone having sold more than 988,000 print copies of the second edition. Late in 2011, the USCCB

released the e-book edition, which has sold more than 7,100 copies through Amazon, iTunes and the USCCB online bookstore.

“Providing the Catechism in this particular electronic format will make this foundational resource even more accessible to people,” said Bishop John Wester, chair of the USCCB Communications Committee. “It is free to anyone who has access to the Internet.”

Available through any Internet browser, the Catechism file displays and functions as an e-book. Users can bookmark or highlight areas, see footnotes in a “light box” without leaving the original page, and search within the Catechism, including by paragraph number.

Until the second half of the 20th century, for millions of Catholics in the United States, the word “catechism”

meant the Baltimore Catechism, which originated at the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884 when the bishops of the United States decided to publish a national catechism. The Baltimore Catechism contained 421 questions and answers in 37 chapters and gave unity to the teaching and understanding of the faith for millions of American Catholics. Its impact was felt right up to the dawn of the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church is proving to be as compelling if not more, of an influence on the faithful,” said Bishop David Ricken, chair of the USCCB Evangelization and Catechesis Committee. “Our ability to use the new technologies means that many more millions will be able to find the Catholic Church's teachings on their tablets, their smartphones and their laptops.”

“The USCCB is wisely using technology to serve their constituents and they are raising the bar for engaging users,” said Dave Gallerizzo, CEO of Fig Leaf Software, the interactive Web agency that partnered with the USCCB to create the e-book. “There might be some e-book readers that have a few of these features, but I doubt you can find one that offers all of these features in a single application.”

The new e-book version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is on the USCCB's flagship website, www.usccb.org. The site receives more than 2 million visitors per month, with approximately 2 trillion bytes of data delivered. In addition to reading content, visitors to the site can share what they find with their social media networks, receive an RSS feed of the daily readings, and view videos of reflections on the daily Scripture readings.

Retreat in Daily Life Scheduled

“Come as you are! Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened,” says Jesus to each of us.

Are you wanting to live more mindful of God's personal love, care and guidance in your daily life? For more than 500 years in the Catholic Church, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola have helped persons to better “find God in all things.” More than 25 years ago the Sisters of Benedict brought to Oklahoma the 30-week prayer process of the Spiritual Exercises that is called the Retreat in Daily Life (RIDL). At least 1,500 people have prayed and been changed by faithfully praying the RIDL. The retreat begins each year in October and ends in early May. There is a commitment of an hour of prayer a day for the seven months. Each week there is a group meeting and twice a month one-on-one spiritual guidance sessions with a trained listener. During July and

early August, there are discernment interviews and prayer that help each person determine if God is drawing them to pray the Spiritual Exercises at this time. It is has been a great tool for young and old alike. Young adults stepping into career, marriage or other vocation decisions have had such peace at the end of the retreat. For those serving in family and/or other work situations, the retreat allows them to experience God's love and guidance in new ways. For those in retirement, the habit of daily prayer gives new meaning to a life more free to grow in one's relationship with God.

If you want to inquire more about the RIDL, please contact one of the following persons: Mary Ann Henderson, 405-969-3090; Joanne Fogue, 405-350-6976; Joe Froehle, 405-341-2515; Carolyn Sher, 405-360-0007; Marilyn Seiler, 405-334-1630; Nancy Vargas, 405-715-0283.

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Catholic Schools, Endowment Fund Big Winners Thanks to Foundation Golf Classic

The Catholic Foundation's 11th Annual Golf Classic by every measure was again a huge success. The event, held on June 4 at Gaillardia Country Club, sported 204 golfers in both morning and afternoon sessions. In addition to the golf played on a great weather Monday in June, lunch, a wine and cheese gathering, silent auction and awards dinner were held. The net proceeds of the event was almost \$75,000 and will be split with half going proportionally to the 21 Catholic schools and remaining half going to the Catholic Schools Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is set up to support Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, maintain the quality education and make it affordable to more students. In the last 11 Golf Classic events, the Catholic Foundation has raised over \$300,000 cumulative for the Endowment Fund.

The Presenting Sponsor for the event was GMX Resources, Inc. and the Flight Sponsors were Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, MidFirst Bank and Charles L. and Jaimee R. Zorio. The Golf Ball Sponsor was Wells Fargo Advisors/St. Katharine Drexel Retirement Center. The Double Eagle Sponsors included David and Cathey Cooper, Heritage Trust, Gallagher Benefit Services, Lawter & Associates, Bank of Oklahoma, Mercy Hospital and Walters Power International/Mark Ruffin. Premium Hole Sponsors included Reverend James Greiner, Dr. Joe Otto for St. Mary's School, Ponca City, Ron Conner, Cole & Reed, Tish and Doug Eason and Phil Brockhaus, Peters & Chandler. Classic Hole Sponsors included Anderson & House, Inc., Alan and Kathy Aneshansley, Asset Services Company LLC, BancFirst, Boaz & Associates P.C., Catapult Learning, Computer Dealers & Recyclers Global, Inc., Crowe & Dunlevy, Dental Depot, Eide Bailly, First Commercial Bank, Foot Clinic of El Reno, Gregory W Group, Gerald E. Kelley LLC, Longhorn Service Co., Medley Material Handling, Montag & Caldwell, Nash & Company, P.C., Nashert Constructors, Rocket Color, Inc., Smith & Kernke Funeral Homes and Crematory, Synergy DataCom Supply, Inc., Todd Veredus Asset Management, Tyler Media, United Mechanical Service, and Wedge Capital Management. Special Donors/In-Kind Sponsors included Justice Golf Car



At left, Archbishop Coakley, right, presents the Archbishop's Trophy to Principal David Morton representing the winning team from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. The school will also receive a \$2,500 grant in honor of the winning team. At right, Archbishop Coakley presents the First Place Foundation A Flight trophies to, from left, Mike McMillin, Cade McCracken, Michael Fong and Tom Beadles.

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Brewery; Barney and Gayle Semtner, Sacred Heart Catholic Gift Store, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Gifts, Tony Tyler, Leonard Taron, Winstar Golf Course and Jaimee Zorio.

New last year to the Golf Classic was the Father Kirk Larkin All-Parish Team First Place Traveling Trophy, which was won by the St. Monica Church team of Chuck Zorio, Jerry Krittenbrink, Jerry Jackson and Al Warren. Again this year, Catholic schools teams competed in the Schools Flight, which allowed for representative teams from any Catholic school to compete for the Archbishop's Trophy and a grant award to the school. This year's winner was the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School team of Kevin Daly, Caitlyn Farris, Jake Harrell and Alexis Sadeghy. Second-place team which also received a school grant was the St. Eugene School team of Jake Stone, Trey Welker, Cavett Lee and Jody Snowden. Also in the third year of separate prize money was the Women's Flight. The winning team in the Women's Flight was Jaimee Zorio, Marlena Chenault and Leslie Ives. Second place in the Women's Flight went to Susie Fuller, Kitty

Belden, Susie Sullivan and Mary Scannell. The Foundation A Flight winning team was Tom Beadles, Mike McMillin, Michael Fong and Cade McCracken. Second-place team in the A Flight was Baloo Subramaniam, Bill Schultte, Gary Bintz and Chris Greenwood. The Foundation B Flight winning team was David Eaton, Jay Mauldin, Louis Gasbarra and Ryan Eaton. Second-place team in the B Flight was Don Greiner, Matt Atyia, Bob Metzinger and Father John Metzinger.

In the Skills Contest, the winner of the Closest to the Pin Competition was David Lawrence; winner of the Straightest Drive Competition was Dallas Mauch; winner of the Longest Drive Competition was Caitlyn Farris; winner of the Longest Putt Competition was Rick Nash. None of the participants won the Hole-in-One contests for a new 2012 Buick Verano from Rick Jones Buick-GMC or for a new golf cart from Justice Golf Cart Company.

Chairman of the Golf Classic was Jaimee Zorio. The event committee included Mary Beadles, Don Creel, Russ Farley, Patricia Hudacko, Kevin Karpe, Jerry Kelley, Mary McNulty, Mary Mills, Jill Nisbet and Barney Semtner.

Below, Archbishop Coakley and Sister Catherine Powers, CND, present the Father Kirk Larkin All-Parish Team award to St. Monica Church team members.



At left, Archbishop Coakley presents the First Place Women's Flight trophies to Marlena Chenault and Jaimee Zorio. Below, Archbishop Coakley presents the Foundation B Flight winning team trophies to, from left, Louis Gasbarra, David Eaton, Jay Mauldin and Ryan Eaton.

Fortnight

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Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Malta, Our Sunday Visitor and “many other groups as well.”

“They (Knights of Columbus) have been generous to a whole variety of causes including this one,” he said.

“It is not just one group. It is not in any way partisan in its spirit or its funding. I will say once again that the generosity that we’ve experienced has been heartening,” he added.

The archbishop also said the USCCB has begun considering alternative actions should the U.S. Supreme Court uphold the health care law and should the dozen lawsuits challenging the contraceptive mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services fail to have the mandate overturned for religious institutions.

While not offering specifics, Archbishop Lori said the bishops remain interested in meeting with officials from President Barack Obama’s administration.

He also suggested that the bishops’ conference may look toward a legislative remedy, “even though that’s pretty challenging at this particular time in our political history.”

At the same afternoon session, the president of The Catholic University of America suggested that the decline in the religious practice across society seems to be playing a role in the growing indifference toward religious rights in the United States.

John Garvey said that if fewer people are practicing religion, as census data and sociological studies indicate, people are less likely to understand that a government action infringes on religious freedom.

“Our society won’t care about religious freedom if it doesn’t care about God,” Garvey explained. “That’s where reform is needed. We won’t have, and we probably won’t need, religious exemptions for nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, if no one is practicing religion.”

Garvey suggested that “the best way to protect religious freedom might be to remind people they should love God.” Garvey supported his claim by citing the findings of author Charles Murray in his book “Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010.” Murray found, according to Garvey, that among white working class Americans, those who profess no faith or attend a worship service only once a year has increased from 38 percent to 59 percent in the last 50 years.

The university president also quoted Murray’s findings that point to a decline in marriage in the same demographic group from 84 percent to 48 percent and a seven-fold increase in out-of-wedlock births from 6 percent to 44 percent during the same period.

Garvey also said infringements on religious liberty such as the HHS mandate as well as a series of other decisions by federal and local governments pose serious threats to religious practice.

As part of his presentation to the bishops, Archbishop Lori reviewed



Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore speaks June 13 about religious freedom issues in the United States during the mid-year meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Atlanta. (CNS/Michael Alexander, Georgia Bulletin)

two documents explaining church teaching on religious freedom recently issued by the bishops.

One document, “United for Religious Freedom,” which describes various threats to religious liberty in the United States, was adopted by the USCCB Administrative Committee in March.

The five-page statement explained the bishops’ concerns about the contraceptive mandate of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the health care law as well as its “new definition of who we are as people of faith and what constitutes our ministry.”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan moved that the full body of bishops adopt the statement as its own. His motion was approved unanimously.

Archbishop Lori also discussed “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” a statement on religious liberty issued by the ad hoc committee. He noted that the statement “recognizes that our religious freedom problems in the United States pale in comparison to those problems abroad.”

Noting that at least 70 dioceses had planned events — with more expected — during the fortnight campaign, the archbishop thanked the bishops for their support.

Bishops Welcome President’s Action, Urge Congressional Action for Those Eligible for ‘Dream’ Act

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops welcomed the action of President Barack Obama to defer action to all young people eligible under the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

The bishops said this would permit young people who were brought into the United States undocumented to come out of the shadows and more fully participate in society.

“This important action will provide legal protection, and work authorization, to a vulnerable group of immigrants who are deserving of remaining in our country and contributing their talents to our communities,” said Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration. “These youth are bright, energetic and eager to



Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles accompanies Maria Meza, a 92-year-old survivor of Mexico’s Cristero War May 31 at the Beverly Hills premiere of the film “For Greater Glory,” which tells the story of the rebellion. Archbishop Gomez welcomed recent action by President Barack Obama to defer action to all young people eligible under the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. (CNS photo/Victor Aleman, Vida Nueva)

pursue their education and reach their full potential.”

As many as 800,000 young people would be eligible to receive a deferred action on deportation for two years, and a work permit.

In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley called the announcement a positive move.

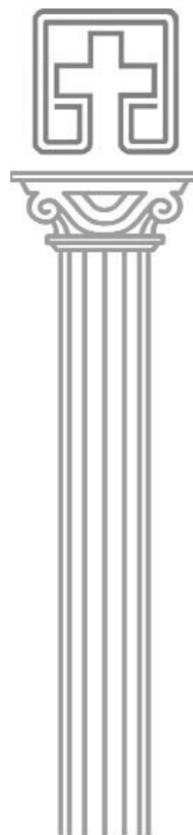
“I too welcome this

but recognize that it is only a first, though important step toward passage of the DREAM act and comprehensive immigration reform,” Archbishop Coakley said.

Archbishop Gomez agreed, saying the president’s action is “no substitute” for passage of the DREAM Act and encouraged Congress to enact comprehensive and humane immigration reform.

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Singing for the Redhawks

OKLAHOMA CITY — Saint James the Greater Catholic Church Children's Choir sang the Star Spangled Banner prior to the Redhawks game June 2 at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. The Redhawks hosted Catholic Night at the ballpark. The Saint James students were directed by Kristin Stang. The children enjoyed meeting the Redhawks mascot and watching as Archbishop Coakley threw out the ceremonial first pitch.



Sister Elizabeth Ann Schmidt



Sister Bernice Taylor



Sister Floriana Voegeli, left, and Sister Nicolette Herman

Blood of Christ Adorers Celebrate Anniversaries

On May 20, 2012, at the ASC Wichita Center in Wichita, Kan., four Adorers of the Blood of Christ who served in the Oklahoma City Archdiocese celebrated significant anniversaries of first profession.

Sister Elizabeth Ann Schmidt, born in Spearville, Kan., celebrated her 65th anniversary of first profession. She made her first profession of vows on July 1, 1947. Her years of ministry have focused on education, with her first 23 years spent in classrooms in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. In the Oklahoma City Archdiocese, she taught at Corpus Christi (1969-1971), assisted teachers at Christ the King in 1988, and was a special education teacher at Elmhurst School (1989-1990). After obtaining a master's in education to the handicapped, her ministries shifted to assistant teacher and tutoring special needs students. Her work in education continued in the Oklahoma City Diocese, Kentucky, Missouri and various schools in Wichita. Her ministries also included serving as director of Parish School of Religion and as director of the temporary professed for the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. She is currently Living Mission in Later Life at the ASC Wichita Center.

Sister Bernice Taylor was born in Canute. She celebrated her 70th anniversary and made her first profession of vows on Aug. 16, 1942. After attending Sacred Heart College in Wichita and Marymount in Salina, Kan., she received a master's degree from St. Louis University and she studied library science at Emporia St. Teachers College in Kansas. Her 52 years of education ministry found her in several schools in Kansas and Oklahoma as elementary teacher and principal. In the Oklahoma City Diocese, she taught at St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier in Stillwater, St. Mary's in McAlester, St. Francis in Canute, St.

Joseph in Elk City, Holy Trinity in Okarche and St. Mary's in Medford. She also shared her experience as an instructor in the Education Department at then Sacred Heart/Kansas Newman College, now Newman University, for seven years. Even after retiring from teaching she continued her dedication to education as a volunteer at Ryan Library at Newman University. She is now Living Mission in Later Life at the Wichita Center.

Sister Nicolette Herman and Sister Floriana Voegeli celebrated their 75th anniversary. They made their first profession on Aug. 10, 1937.

Sister Nicolette Herman was born in Westphalia, Kan. Her early ministry was in domestic services in various convents in Kansas and Oklahoma. In 1947 she began a ministry as executive housekeeper at St. Mary's Hospital in Enid. Except for the years from 1960-1968 when she was the executive housekeeper at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Sister served at St. Mary's until 2005 when she moved to the Wichita Center. The last 10 years of her time at St. Mary's, she served as a volunteer, continuing her dedication and service there. She is currently Living Mission in Later Life at the Wichita Center.

Sister Floriana Voegeli was born in St. Marks, Kan. She began her ministry as a nurse in hospitals in New Mexico and Oklahoma, spending a total of 13 years at St. Mary's Hospital in Enid. After studying pharmacy at Creighton University, she spent 14 years as pharmacy supervisor at a hospital in Carlsbad, N.M. Returning to Wichita in 1989, she served at the Acuto Center, becoming the director of services from 1990-1992. She then moved to then Provincial House and served as driver and receptionist there until she began Living Mission in Later Life in 1995.

Book Reveals Rich, Healing Powers of the Rosary

HUNTINGTON, Ind., June 12, 2012 — Most Catholics know the Rosary as an effective intercessory prayer — for their own needs, or those of others. But many people don't have a full appreciation for how powerful, rich and healing it can be.

When the faithful say the Rosary, they ask for Mary's prayers, and as an attentive mother, she responds. In fact, Mary intercedes even as someone begins to speak to her.

A new guide to optimal utilization of this centuries-old prayer, *Praying the Rosary for Intercession*, by Catherine M. Odell (Our Sunday Visitor, 2012) couples each of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries with a pertinent Scripture passage, a reflection that relates the mystery to the topic of intercession, a mystery prayer and suggested

intercessory mystery intentions. Also included in each chapter is a feature called "The Rosary in Our Lives" — true stories of the Rosary and its place in the lives of saints, popes and theologians, as well as ordinary Catholics.

Praying the Rosary for Intercession also includes a history of the Rosary, and step-by-step instructions on how to pray it. The book is ideal for anyone — whether that person is a regular at praying the Rosary, or it is someone who's never attempted this prayer but who wants to learn about it.

Readers will better understand the collective role of the Communion of Saints in praying for others, encompassing the faithful still in this world, as well as those in heaven and purgatory.



A Very Special Birthday Gift

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sadie Harris (10), Claire Owen (10) and Callie Lander (11) are all fourth-graders at Rosary School. They all celebrated their birthdays together recently and asked that instead of presents, guests bring donations for the Infant Crisis Center.

Across Oklahoma

Conference Coming to Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY — Come join us on Saturday, Aug. 18 for the Fourth Annual Women of Faith ... Women of Action Conference. The conference will be held at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church. Speakers will be Leah Darrow from America's Next Top Model; Lisa Hendey, founder of catholicmom.com; and Mary Diane Steltenkamp, Director of the Faith Community Nursing program at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Participants will enjoy the spiritual and joyful music from the Corpus Christi Church Choir. Early registration is \$40. Go to okcaccw.com to register or contact Barbara Wann at 1-580-875-2278 or email wannb@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Class Sets July 14 Reunion

OKLAHOMA CITY — On July 14 the class of 1952, second graduating class of "Catholic High" as called then, will be celebrating the 60th year of graduation from Bishop McGuinness High School. Contact Patty Konarik at patty-sellars@hotmail.com, or Carole Papin Ryan at carole8772@cox.net for more information.

NFP Classes Set for Couples

EDMOND — Natural Family Planning can help postpone a pregnancy or achieve a pregnancy. It is an ongoing observation and interpretation of the symptoms presented by the body each month and can be used throughout all the fertile years. The couple approach enriches the marriage relationship through improved communication. Couples tell us that each spouse feels special and not taken for granted.

Learn the Sympto-thermal Method of Natural Family Planning with Scott and Gail Hunt, certified instructors, on Wednesday nights, June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 9th and Boulevard. The classes will be held in the basement council room. You must register for the class

online at www.ccli.org and your materials will be sent to you. Payment is by credit card at \$135. Free child care is available upon request by contacting Dr. Harry Kocurek at 340-0691 Ext. 109.

Catechetical Materials Available Online

WASHINGTON — Materials for Catechetical Sunday 2012 are available online for free download by parishes in the United States. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday, which will be celebrated the weekend of Sept. 16, is "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization."

"Before Catholics can go out and evangelize, they must be evangelized," said Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "We celebrate catechists because, since they instruct our people, they have a crucial role in the New Evangelization."

The New Evangelization, the effort to rekindle the faith in Catholics, whether practicing or not, is a major focus of the Year of Faith, an effort announced by Pope Benedict XVI beginning on Oct. 11 and running through Nov. 24, 2013.

Materials available for Catechetical Sunday 2012 include resources on welcoming Catholics back to church, building cultural competencies, explaining the New Evangelization and providing engaging activities for young people. The materials also include posters, certificates, prayer cards, bulletin inserts and resources for a family retreat. Spanish language materials will be available soon.

Catechetical Sunday, which is observed on the third Sunday in September, is a celebration of catechists and teachers of the Catholic faith. The U.S. bishops have provided resources for Catechetical Sunday since 1971. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday.

Harvest of Hope Offered at Divorce Ministry Conference

FORT WORTH — Catholic Divorce Ministry (CDM) presents Harvest of Hope, Peace and Joy, its International Conference and Leadership Seminars, a conference which is open to all who have experienced divorce or loss of a relationship and those who minister to them.

Learn to laugh with friends and peers as you journey toward wholeness, healing, growth, wisdom and peace! With a focus on spirituality, this conference offers knowledgeable speakers and a variety of topics plus a rich array of activities, workshops and people who understand that God never abandons us.

International Conference and Leadership Seminars at Diocese of Fort Worth-Campus of St. Ann Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, Texas 76028, Oct. 4-6, 2012.

Conference keynote speaker will be Bishop Kevin Vann, JCD, DD. Bishop Vann was ordained and installed as the third bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth in 2005 and has served as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop Episcopal Liaison to Catholic Divorce Ministry since May 2010.

Conference details, as well as registration information, is available online at www.nacsdc.org.

Communicating in a LUVing Way is in the Flow of God's Will for Us

LUVing communication is a key to bringing God into our marriages, enabling loving and intimate relationships with our spouses — our best friends, soul mates and lovers.



By Joe Froehle

LUV is an acronym for Listening, Understanding and Validating.

LUVing communication occurs when we truly listen to our partners while focusing on understanding what they are saying and then validating to them that we understand what they are communicating. This is very much in line with the St. Francis prayer where it says, "Lord grant that I not seek so much to be understood as to understand."

When we are LUVing our spouses, we are truly loving them. When we are LUVing our spouses, we are focusing on understanding them in intimate and empathic ways that are in the flow of God's will for us. As we LUV our partners we are being Christ incarnate by being the eyes, ears, mouth, face and gestures of Jesus.

LUVing communication helps to exclude the evils and hurts of taking things personally, being defensive and excessively explaining ourselves. LUVing communications excludes blaming, advise giving, being critical, attempting to control, name-calling, resentment and self-pity.

LUVing communication is about compassionately understanding, accepting and forgiving and allows us to be a compassionate healing presence to one another while sharing in intimate and loving ways. LUVing communication promotes the love and goodness that our heavenly Father brings to our marriages.

LUVing communication, however, is a real paradigm shift for most of us in how we talk to

one another because we are so used to communicating in ways to satisfy the ego. How do we make this paradigm shift after communicating this way for 20, 30 or 40 years?

We have to ask for God's help and so prayer and meditation are keys to gradually changing how we communicate. In addition, we can notice, be honest about and when necessary apologize for the ways we negatively talk with our spouses and share with one another a commitment to change.

We can initiate change by taking turns sharing for one or two minutes with one another while the other listens intently, focusing on understanding what our spouse is sharing. Then, as listener, we validate to the other that we understand, by repeating back in our own words what we heard. The speaker may need to clarify if we do not understand what was said. If the speaker is talking about feeling hurt and disrespected when we don't listen to them while watching TV, we might share in our words, "Honey, I understand that when I continue to watch TV while you are speaking to me you feel hurt and disrespected. Am I understanding you?"

Once the spouse who is the speaker believes we understand them, it is our turn to speak for one or two minutes while they listen. Subjects we could talk about include our hopes, desires, hurts, sadness, disappointments, excitement, making love, financial issues, rules for children, etc. When we understand and practice LUVing communication, then we can become LOVR's where the R is RESOLVE for resolving problems, issues, etc.

Assistance in LUVing communications is available at St. John's Counseling Center, 359-8539.

Joe Froehle, Parish Counselor, Spiritual Director, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Calendar

JUNE

24 Pilgrimage Sunday, Mass begins at 11 a.m. and includes blessing of the sick and blessing of the children, noon lunch, 1 p.m. Novena prayers to Infant Jesus of Prague, Litany of the Infant Jesus, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague is located at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church at 304 Jim Thorpe Blvd. in Prague. (405) 567-3080 or www.shrineofinfantjesus.com.

26-28 Mount Volleyball Camp Grades 2-5, 8 a.m. to noon. Grades 6-9, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$55. Enrollment is limited to 30 players per age group. Camp directors: MSM volleyball coaches Kenneth Bethune, Bo Bedford and Mary Jekel. Camp is held on the campus of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School located at 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

27 Learn the Sympto-thermal Method of Natural Family Planning with Scott and Gail Hunt, certified instructors, on Wednesday night, June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 9th and Boulevard, Edmond, in the basement council room. You must register for the class online at www.ccli.org and your materials will be sent to you. Payment is by credit card at \$135. Free child care is available

upon request by contacting Dr. Harry Kocurek, 340-0691 Ext. 109.

JULY

6 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 5:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available prior to Mass. Mass is at 7 p.m. Those wanting to learn more about First Friday Devotion and the practice of consecrating the family and home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will find materials available after Mass. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 or Diane Grim at (405) 528-6252.

7 The Lay Missionaries of Charity, the Secular (Lay) Order of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Edmond, on the first and third Saturday of each month beginning with Holy Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199 or lmckoklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

8 Charismatic Healing Mass, 5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3901 S.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City. For more information, call the Church office at (405) 685-4806.

9-12 Mount Softball Camp

8 a.m. to noon. Girls entering grades 1-5. Cost: \$60. Camp director: Daryl Reynolds, 361-2253, dreynolds@mountstmary.org. Camp is held on the campus of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School located at 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

10 Catholic War Veterans (of any war/conflict) will meet the second Tuesday of each month in the community room of St. Ann Retirement Center at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Father M. Price Oswalt at (405) 567-3404.

10-13 Rocket Team Football Camp (full padded camp). 5 to 9 p.m. Grades 7-12. Cost: \$85 pre-register, or \$100 day of camp (cost includes dinner and camp shirt). Camp director: Chris Stiles, head football coach, (405) 990-1806, cstiles@mountstmary.org. Camp is held on the campus of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School located at 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City 73109.

11 Catholic War Veterans USA. Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Sunnyside Family Reception Center located at 3900 SE 29th St. in Del City, every second Wednesday. For more information, contact Ken at (405) 739-0036 or by email at OklaPost168@cox.net.

11-12 Mount Softball Camp 8 a.m. to noon. Girls entering grades 6-8. Cost: \$60. Camp director: Daryl Reynolds, 361-2253, dreynolds@mountstmary.org. Camp is held on the campus of Mount St. Mary Catholic High School located at 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

14 McGuinness High School Class of 1952 Reunion (second graduating class of "Catholic High" as called way back then!) will be celebrating the 60th year of graduation. Contact Patty Konarik at pattysellers@hotmail.com, or Carole Papin Ryan at carole8772@cox.net.

15 The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Francis Fraternity meets at 1:15 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel. For more information, call Jim Disbrow at 830-8688.

28-30 Emmaus Days is a retreat for young men in high school who want to learn about the call to the priesthood and explore their relationship with God. The three-day retreat is held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp. There is no cost for this retreat. Complete the registration form and return to the vocations office to reserve a spot. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at (405) 721-9351 or email vocations@archokc.org.

Jobs Box

Director of Hispanic Ministry The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is searching for a Director of Hispanic Ministry (full-time position). Minimum qualifications include bachelor or master's degree in theology or related field. In lieu of degree, several years of experience in this type of position or ministry could be substituted, at least five years of experience in Hispanic Ministry on the parish and/or diocesan level, as well as experience in ecclesial/ministerial leadership and planning required. Must be bi-lingual (English/Spanish) and a practicing Roman Catholic. Applications (required) are available online at www.archokc.org or by request from Father William L. Novak, VG, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, (405) 721-5651. Applicants must submit a complete and up-to-date resume and two letters of recommendation.

Executive Director

Catholic Charities of OKC is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree and social service or leadership experience or a master's degree in social work or related field. Ideal candidate will also have three to five years of senior management level experience in program oversight, finance, fund development or planning. Must be a practicing Catholic and support Catholic moral and social teachings. Strong interpersonal and communication skills necessary. Interested individuals must present a resume to molly_bernard@ajg.com for confidential screening by a search committee of the board of directors. Resumes submitted by June 29.

Buckley Team Coordinator

St. Gregory's University is looking for a Buckley Team Coordinator.

The essential functions of the position are to oversee the Buckley team, a student ministry program. Responsible for recruitment, selection, training, scheduling and supervision of team members. Promote the Catholic and Benedictine Identity and mission of St. Gregory's University. Includes evening and weekend hours.

Qualifications: bachelor's degree in theology or pastoral ministry is preferred. Bachelor's degree and experience in youth/young adult ministry will be considered. Practicing Catholic in good standing.

Mature understanding of the Catholic faith. Ability to communicate creatively and pastorally to young adults. Ability to work in a collaborative ministry environment. Instrumental musical ability is desirable. Completion of Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Safe Environment Training Program. Position is part time with an anticipated start date of 8/1/12. Interested candidates should submit cover letter and resume to hr@stgregorys.edu.

Full-Time Teaching Position The Catholic School of St. Eugene

Eugene in Oklahoma City is accepting applications for a certified fourth-grade teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year. CSSE is a faith-filled community where teachers and families work together to grow spiritually and academically. Please send a resume and copy of teaching certificate to Suzette Williams, CSSE, 2400 W. Hefner Rd., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73120.

Special Education Teacher Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy

School at Mercy in Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time teacher to teach children ages 3-9 with autistic spectrum disorders in an 11-month school-year program beginning in August, 2012. The teacher must hold a

standard Oklahoma Teaching Certificate in special education and either elementary education or early childhood education. Preference for a candidate who has completed training in Applied Behavior Analysis and experience teaching children with autism. Please submit Archdiocesan application along with a resume and copy of teaching certificate to Dr. Donna Kearns, Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy, 13404 N. Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73120. The application form may be found at www.archokc.org.

Sixth-Grade Teacher

Sacred Heart Catholic School in El Reno has a sixth-grade teaching position open for the 2012-2013 school year. Applicants must hold a current Oklahoma Teaching Certificate. Applicants must also be committed to providing academic excellence in a Christian environment. Please send resumes to Principal Shannon Statton at 210 S. Evans, El Reno, Okla. 73036, or fax to (405) 262-3818.

High School Guidance Counselor Mount St. Mary Catholic High School

School has opening for the 2012-13 school year for high school guidance counselor. Duties include college guidance and high school scheduling. Please send résumé and certification to Talita DeNegri at (405) 631-9209 or email to tdenegri@mountstmary.org

Junior High Science Teacher

All Saints Catholic School in Norman is accepting applications for the position of junior high science teacher. In addition to classroom instruction, the teacher is also responsible for co-chairing the school science fair and coordinating student paperwork for district, regional and state science fairs. All applicants must hold current Oklahoma Teacher Certification. Mail or fax resumes to

Leslie Schmitt, Principal, All Saints Catholic School, 4001 36th Avenue, NW, Norman, Okla. 73072. Fax (405) 447-7227.

Certified Elementary Teachers St. James the Greater Catholic School

School is seeking a full-time elementary teacher for the 2012-2013 school year as well as two part-time teachers for Art and Spanish. Faith-filled applicants must be committed to high standards of academic excellence in a strong Catholic environment. Submit archdiocesan application and a copy of teaching certificate to Anne Codding, 1224 S.W. 41st, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

Full-Time Kindergarten

St. Mary's Catholic School in Lawton is seeking persons of faith wanting a challenging career in Catholic education. The school will have the following opening for next year: Kindergarten/full-time.

Degree and certification are preferred for teaching positions. All applicants should submit resume and copy of application, in addition, for teaching positions, submit transcripts to Paolo J. Dulcamara, 611 SW 'A' Avenue, Lawton, Okla. 73501. Phone (580) 355-5288 to schedule an interview.

Middle School Opening

St. Mary Catholic School in Guthrie is accepting applications for teaching positions for the 2012-2013 school year. Applicants must hold a current Oklahoma Teaching Certificate in middle school subject specific certification areas of science and math. Interested individuals should be able to share their faith within an academic challenging classroom environment. Send resumes to St. Mary Catholic School, Attention: Sheila Whalen-Guthrie, Principal, 502 E. Warner, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



Lawton Girl Travels to Rome to Celebrate First Communion at Vatican

By Rex Hogan
For the Sooner Catholic

LAWTON — Isabel Celedon had an experience of a lifetime when the St. Mary Catholic School second-grade student received her first Communion — at the Vatican.

And she owes it, at least in part, to her aunt.

Isabel's mother, Joanne Celedon, was talking by phone to her sister, Inka Szalinski, who is a teacher at an international school in Florence, Italy. Szalinski mentioned that some of her students were going to the Vatican to receive their first Communion.

Isabel's father, an Army officer stationed at Fort Sill, overheard the conversation and said, "What are the chances that Isabel can take her first Communion at the Vatican?"

"He was half serious, half joking," Joanne Celedon said.

About a week later Szalinski called

back. She told her sister that Isabel had been included in a group of youngsters who would meet at the Chapel of Mary, Mother of the Family to receive her first Communion from Senior Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo.

The Celedons sent a certificate from Father Joe Ross, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, verifying that Isabel had received all the necessary instruction classes to receive first Communion.

On May 12, in front of her mother, father, brother, Andrew, 10, and her aunt and her cousins, Isabel received her first Communion.

"I knew it was special, but I was kinda nervous," Isabel said. "All the other kids were speaking Italian."

Her mother said the ceremony went off without a hitch. "It was picture perfect. We were all in awe," she said. "It was very personal. The chapel was not all that large so everyone could hear and see what was taking place."

The Army gave Robert Celedon, who is an instructor at Fort Sill, a special leave of absence to go to Italy with his family. "They recognized how important this was to him," Joanne said.

Isabel received a Bible and a Rosary blessed by Pope Benedict XVI as well as a "parchment" also signed by the Pope.

Far left, Isabel Celedon, a second-grade student at St. Mary Catholic School in Lawton, receives her first Communion at the Vatican. At left, Isabel with her parchment, signed by Pope Benedict XVI.



Catholic Schools Fund Grants Scholarships for 2012-2013

The Catholic Schools Opportunity Scholarship Fund established by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City last year extended 35 need-based scholarships to elementary and high school students that will attend Catholic schools for the 2012-13 school year. These scholarships were made available as a result of donations received in the calendar year 2011, which netted \$24,360. The funds were allocated to the 22 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, based in part on donor requests and partly on a near-equal distribution of the remainder to all of the schools, so that all schools were able to receive a portion of the funds granted. The 35 scholarships will help to lower the tuition costs for the receiving families. Scholarship recipients were nominated by the principals of the Catholic schools. Anyone seeking tuition assistance in future years should contact their Catholic school office after the first of each calendar year.

The Catholic Schools Opportunity Scholarship Fund, Inc. (CSOSF) is a separate nonprofit corporation under the leadership of Archbishop Paul S. Coakley. The corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization under the umbrella of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The fund's program is administered by the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.

The Mission of the CSOSF is to make Catholic School education available to all Catholic families. Scholarship Fund President Tony Tyler of St. Mark the Evangelist Church, Norman, said, "Statistics show that when tuition expense exceeds 8 percent of a family's gross income, the burden becomes too great and the families choose public schools as an alternative. The CSOSF will solicit donations annually. Over 90 percent of the gross funds raised will be used for need-based scholarships the following

school year. No endowments will be created with these donations."

The CSOSF operates as a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the Oklahoma state law which grants a 50 percent Oklahoma state income tax credit to CSOSF donors. Donations will be solicited annually. Contributions received in 2011, 2012 and 2013 will be reported to the Oklahoma Tax Commission for the purposes of qualifying the donation for a 50 percent tax credit, which will be available in the year 2013. Subsequently, donations received in 2014 will qualify for a 50 percent tax credit in the year 2014, and continuing each year thereafter.

Archbishop Coakley communicated his vision for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese earlier this year by stating, "Forming children and youth in the Catholic faith is a vital task for the Church if we are going to keep faith with the missionary mandate that Jesus taught when he commissioned his Apostles, saying, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.' (Mt. 28:19-20). Handing on the Catholic faith to young people is an essential part of the Church's mission to evangelize. Our Catholic schools, by virtue of the instruction, formation and



Archbishop Coakley reads with preschool students.

witness that they provide, are a privileged place of evangelization. The reason we invest and sacrifice so much in support of our Catholic schools is for the sake of this missionary mandate. It is for the sake of evangelization."

Opportunity Scholarships will allow more Catholic families to send their children to Catholic schools. Funds raised each year will be given in scholarships the following school year.

Support the Scholarship Fund by sending a gift to the CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND, P.O. BOX 32180, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123, or give online at www.archokc.org.

For questions, call (405) 721-4115.