



June: the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

By Rev. Andrew Vogel

When we were planning my ordination last summer, Bishop Quinn suggested that I pray and think strongly about June 11, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The bishop pointed out that the date marked the end of the Year for Priests, and I realized that ordination on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus would complete a cycle for me. I attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, for my pre-theology. I then went to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Mich., for major seminary, and my first assignment is to Sacred Heart Parish, Owatonna. It is a great gift to have my vocation sealed under the protection and guidance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart has been celebrated by the Catholic Church nineteen days after Pentecost since 1856. In that year, Pope Pius IX established the feast as being obligatory for the whole Church. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday. This year, because Easter was so late, it will not be celebrated until July 1. For those of you who like trivia, the earliest possible date is May 29, which happened in 1818 and will happen again in 2285. The latest date is July 2, which happened in 1943 and will happen again in 2038.

It is difficult to determine when devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began. Devotion to the love of God, symbolized by the heart of Jesus, is found in the writings of the early Church Fathers: Origen, Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine of Hippo, Hippolytus of Rome, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, and Cyprian. A devotion specifically to the Sacred Heart of Jesus had developed for sure by the eleventh century. Throughout the Middle Ages, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus remained a practice within

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Jason Kern ordained to the diaconate



On May 15, Bishop John Quinn ordained Jason Kern to the diaconate. Jason is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna. His parents are Harlan and Renee Kern of Owatonna. He has a brother, Nick, who is a police officer in Waseca.

Jason completed his high school education at Owatonna High School, then attended Bemidji State University for a year. He transferred to Saint Mary's University and to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and received his undergraduate degree in 2008. He is completing his theological studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

During his time at IHM, Jason spent a summer with the PIME Missionaries in India. PIME is the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions, an organization founded in the 19th century that has more than 400 priests and brothers in missionary work in 17 countries.

Deacon Kern will spend this summer at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, assisting the pastor, Father Edward McGrath, and working with Deacon Pat Fagan and the other members of the parish staff. He will return to Sacred Heart Seminary for his final year of formation. God willing, Bishop Quinn will ordain him to the priesthood on June 15, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Diocese welcomes Raymond de Souza as Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

Bishop John Quinn announced that Mr. Raymond de Souza will join the diocesan staff as Director of the Office of the New Evangelization and Apologetics. Last December, de Souza spoke at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona. He and the bishop began to talk about the new evangelization and about the growing need to prepare Catholics to explain and defend their faith. The conversations led to an invitation to join the staff and de Souza accepted. Because he has so many speaking engagements already planned in Africa, Europe and Australia over the next few months, de Souza will

be a consultant. At some point in the future, he will become a full time member of the diocesan staff.

De Souza describes himself as "Brazilian by birth, Catholic by grace, Australian by choice." As an internationally renowned speaker, he has given over 3,000 talks on issues of apologetics and Catholic social teaching in countries on five continents. More information about his activities and ministry can be found at <http://saintgabriel-international.com>. His programs on EWTN air on Mondays at 5 PM and Fridays at 9:30 AM. He is very active in the Knights of Columbus

and welcomes the Knights' support of the New Evangelization. He sees the Knights as potential leaders in the continuing struggle against de-Christianization. Raymond is married to Theresa, a Californian born on the fourth of July. Their marriage has been blessed with eight children. They moved from Australia back to the United States, and settled in Sugarloaf, Pa., five years ago.

Apologetics is a long respected ministry that presents a well-reasoned defense of the hope that is in

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Raymond de Souza

Diocesan priests celebrate jubilarian years 60 year anniversaries (To view other jubilarian anniversaries, see page 7)

Msgr. James D. Habiger



He served as associate pastor at St. Augustine, Austin (1951-1955) and as principal of St. Augustine High School, Austin (1955), and Cotter High School (1956). administrator of the Church of St. John Nepomucene, Winona (1957), Diocesan Superintendent of Education (1960-1962). In 1962, the Honor of Papal Chamberlain to His Holiness Pope John XXIII was bestowed and in 1967, he was named as a Domestic Prelate by Pope Paul VI. He was elected as Vice-President for the school superintendent's Department of the National Catholic Education Association (1969), and as President 1971. He served as pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester (1975-1980), and was appointed Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference in 1980.

Rev. Donald G. Leary



He served as assistant at St. Mary Church, Winona (1951-1957), principal of Lourdes High School and pastor at St. Margaret Church, Mantorville (1957-1965), pastor of Sacred Heart, Hayfield, and the Our Lady of Loretto, Brownsdale (1965-1967), pastor of Sacred Heart Church and Superintendent of Sacred Heart School, Waseca (1967-1968), administrator of St. Jarlath, Iosco (1968-1971), and St. Patrick, LeRoy (1971), administrator of St. Bernard, Stewartville, and pastor of St. Mary, Lake City (1971-1977). He served as pastor of St. Casimir, Wells (1977-1978), St. Mary, Chatfield (1978-1986), St. Anthony, Altura and St. Aloysius, Elba (1987) and of St. Mary, Lake City (1988-1992).

Bishop Quinn: Summer events & pilgrimage

Summer finally has arrived, and I hope it brings to each of you a time to turn down the volume and the pace of life and spend some time reflecting on the more important questions of life. Summer is a great time to reflect on our faith. What do we believe? More importantly, how well does our behavior reflect what we believe? We know the two great commandments, love God first and always, love our neighbor as ourself. If someone watched us for a week, would it be clear that we love God? Would it be clear that we love our neighbor? When the sun is warm and the pressure of the world goes on summer vacation, spend some quality time with the Lord. Maybe it's at the lake or in the backyard. God is there whenever we turn our thoughts and hearts to these questions.

If you travel this summer, please continue to respect the Lord's Day and attend Mass every weekend. With internet access opportunities, iPhone and cell phone options and the rest of modern technology, it is relatively easy to find a nearby Catholic Church; go to its web site and find Mass times and often directions. I suggest that you also check locally, sometimes the national directories are not always kept current.

Deacon Jason Kern

While my summer will have a lot of exciting activities, the most rewarding event predated the warm weather. On May 15, I ordained Jason Kern to the diaconate in his home parish of St. Joseph, Owatonna. There is a photograph in this issue of the Courier.

Jason is an outstanding person and a wonderful seminarian. I had the pleasure of having him as a student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. It is a special honor to ordain a student, especially one of whom I think as highly as Jason. God willing, I will ordain him to the priesthood on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 15, 2012, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Deacon Kern will spend his summer at St. Joseph Parish. Then, it's back to Detroit for his last year of seminary studies and ministry in a local parish as a deacon.

Please pray for Deacon Kern and for all of our seminarians. Pray, also, for vocations in our diocese. Every year, one or two priests will reach retirement age, and we struggle to replace them. The Lord calls men to work in His vineyard as priests; pray that they hear and respond to His call.

World Youth Day

My summer has more than a little travel planned. The highlight surely is the pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Madrid, August 16 – 21 and our continuing pilgrimage to the holy sites in Spain during the following week. A story in this issue of the *Courier* has more of the details, and I know that you will see lots of television coverage of World Youth Day. Hundreds of thousands of young Catholics will gather in Madrid to pray, to celebrate the love and the glory of God and to learn more about their faith. The Holy Father will join us on August 21 for the closing Mass. I think that at least five hundred bishops will concelebrate

with him along with several thousand priests, and the congregation will stretch into the hundreds of thousands.

Our Winona pilgrimage group will participate in all of the World Youth Day activities. Then, after the closing Mass, we will spend a few days on pilgrimage in Spain. There are many places and sites that are important to our faith as well as to the history of the faith in Europe. We will visit them and pray for the people of our diocese. Please keep us in your prayers, that our journey is safe and that, as pilgrims, we are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit for change in our lives. God seeks a closer relationship with each one of us and, often, that happens when we are away from the usual distractions of life. For nearly two millennia, Christians have sought God on pilgrimage. This summer, we follow in that tradition.

Ministry Days

But there is much to be done before the World Youth Day pilgrimage. On June 9 and 10, we will have our annual Ministry Days. The theme this year is, "Celebrating Christ's Presence – Witnessing to Christ's Love," and it will be at the usual location at Saint Mary's University in Winona.

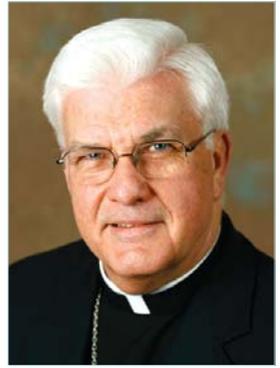
We have two excellent speakers who will make presentations. Father Michael Witczak of Catholic University will speak on the new English translation of the Mass that we will begin to use on the First Sunday of Advent. On the second day of Ministry Days, he will meet with the priests

and continue the conversations that we began last year. Father John Sauer has been a great resource as the priests familiarize themselves with the changes and prepare to explain them to the people. Mr. Raymond de Souza, about whose appointment to the diocesan staff you will read in this issue of the *Courier*, will speak on the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and on the New Evangelization. We also will have workshops for parish staff and volunteers to help them become more effective in their ministry.

I want to call special attention to the Safe Environment training in VIRTUS that will be offered at Ministry Days. VIRTUS will replace Safe and Sacred as the program that we will use as part of our commitment to the safety of our children. It is used by many dioceses across the country and is recognized as an excellent program. All clergy, church employees and volunteers who work with children are required to complete a training program. By offering an opportunity for training at Ministry Days, we will ensure that VIRTUS gets off to a good start in the diocese.

Harvest Mass

Just before our departure for Spain, I will celebrate the annual Harvest Mass. As has been the tradition in the diocese, the Harvest Mass is celebrated on the feast of the Assumption. This year, it will be on the Vigil of the Assumption, 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 14 at the farm of Dan and Marlys Hinckley in Chatfield. The people of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles, led by their pastor Father Kurt Farrell, are hosting the event. More details are in an article in this issue of the *Courier*, and you will find a map and directions on the diocesan web page, www.dow.org. The Harvest Mass is



Bishop John M. Quinn

always a wonderful event. Many of the priests concelebrate with me, and the Mass is celebrated outdoors in a beautiful rural setting. Supper is served after Mass, and the food and fellowship always are great. If you can come, I know that you will have a very positive experience.

Marriage Amendment

As I write, the Minnesota legislature has adjourned, but without finishing its work, that is, there is no budget for the state for the next biennium. The bishops of Minnesota have persistently called for a just budget, one that does not deprive the poor of the essentials that they require to live and to maintain their human dignity. Medical care, certainly, is the biggest challenge in financial terms. In recent years, the state has reduced sharply its investment in medical care, especially for seniors. Through the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the bishops have called on the legislature and Governor Dayton to respect life by assuring that everyone has access to the medical care they require.

The governor vetoed several measures that would have advanced the cause of respect for life. He vetoed a bill that would have banned human cloning in the state and a bill that would have prohibited the use of state funds to pay for an abortion. We pray con-

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Bishop Quinn's Calendar

- June 5, Sunday**
4 p.m. – Latin Mass, St. Bridget, Simpson
- June 6, Monday**
6 p.m. – WACS Golf Day Dinner, Winona
- June 8, Wednesday**
12 p.m. – Senior Priest Luncheon, Clarion Inn, Rochester
- June 9-10, Thursday - Friday**
Diocesan Ministry Days, Saint Mary's University, Winona
- June 11, Saturday**
5 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist – St. Martin, Woodstock
7 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist – St. Leo, Pipestone
- June 12, Sunday**
8 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist – St. Joseph, Jasper
- 10 a.m. – Bilingual Liturgy of the Eucharist & Installation of Jonathan Fasnacht as Reader – St. Leo, Pipestone
- June 13, Monday**
10 a.m. – St. Luke Institute Workshop "Walking Into the Light: the Realities of the Internet" – Seattle WA
- June 15-17, Wed. – Friday**
USCCB Spring Assembly, Seattle
- June 23, Thursday**
3:30 p.m. – St. Mary's Sponsorship Board, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester
5:30 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Land Reunion, Rochester
- June 24, Friday**
11 a.m. – Presbyteral Study Day, Resurrection, Rochester
- June 24-26, Friday – Sunday**
Retreat Weekend for Men and Women, IHM Seminary, Winona
- June 26, Sunday**
2 p.m. – Holy Hour for Vocations, Crucifixion, La Crescent
- June 27, Monday**
5 p.m. – Catholic Aid Priests Golf Day Dinner, Willow Creek, Rochester
- June 28, Tuesday**
10:30 a.m. – Consultors Meeting, Pastoral Center, Winona

OFFICIALS

The Most Rev. John M. Quinn, DD, Bishop of Winona, makes the following appointments:



- Father Gregory Havel**, pastor of Crucifixion Parish, LaCrescent and Holy Cross Parish, Dakota, also to be member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona for a three year term effective May 26, 2011.
- Fr. John Sauer**, Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of Winona, in addition to Pastor of Sacred Heart, Owatonna, and Holy Trinity, Litomysl.
- Fr. Joseph Fogal** has been assigned Pastor of Pax Christi in Rochester, and includes Saints Peter and Paul in Mazeppa. Please accept our apologies for the omission of Mazeppa in the original announcement.
- Michelle Folk**, Mankato, and **James Bruner**, Winona, appointed members of the Diocese of Winona Deposit and Loan Fund Board of Directors for a five year term beginning May 18, 2011.

stantly for respect for life, from birth to natural death. These bills would have advanced that cause tremendously, and the bishops of the state deeply regret the governor's action.

There is good news from the legislature. Near the end of the session, the legislature voted to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2012 that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The bishops argued strenuously that the people should have the right to vote on such an important issue, and the legislature agreed. I had the privilege of testifying before a Senate committee in support of the move to place the amendment on the ballot. For the year and a half, we will make a concerted effort to persuade the people of Minnesota to support the amendment.

Every spring, I attend graduation at Saint Mary's University and at one or more of our Catholic high schools, this year at Lourdes High School in Rochester. I offer congratulations to all of our graduates in the diocese, and to their families. These graduations remind me of the great ministries of the religious sisters and brothers and all the lay teachers in our diocese. Many of our parish schools, at one time, were staffed entirely by religious. Though that is no longer the case, the hard work and prayers of the nuns and brothers of years ago continues in all the lay administrators and teachers

and continues to bear fruit in our Catholic schools. In the Diocese of Winona, the Franciscan sisters, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Christian Brothers have been most active in educational ministry. I am very thankful for their ministry, both today and over the years.

Other religious communities have different ministries and have been very successful. I think of the Carmelites in Austin and in Houston who are committed to a life of contemplative prayer. I think of the Religious Sisters of Mercy who operate a medical clinic in Jackson, and of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Savior who are ministering to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in the Worthington area. And, there are many more nuns and brothers who are active in parishes, schools and other ministries. Over the centuries, the Church has benefited immensely from their hard work. The Diocese of Winona has been blessed in countless ways by the work of these very special men and women.

I hope that your summer is a time for relaxation and preparation for the busy fall that is just around the corner. Please keep our priests and especially your bishop in your prayers, and I will do the same for you. May the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is beyond all our comprehension, be with you always.

Marriage amendment to be on 2012 ballot

As it approached its final session, the Minnesota legislature approved SF 1308, which will put an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution on the ballot in 2012 that would preserve marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

Bishop John Quinn testified before a Senate committee in support of the amendment: "There is no question about the teaching of the Catholic Church on this issue: marriage is the union of one man and one woman. The law must reflect what we know from reason, experience, and tradition, as well as revelation. The Church also teaches that all of us, including our brothers and sisters with same sex attraction, are children of God with intrinsic human dignity. The Church's teaching on marriage is not a condemnation of persons with a same-sex attraction as human beings. The Church sincerely desires that people who are same sex attracted are not unjustly discriminated against, as well as

have the same ability as everyone else to transfer property, or visit and care for loved ones in the hospital. But that does not require transforming the nature and definition of marriage, which is about the well-being of children, not the needs of adults."

Pope Benedict XVI has summarized clearly what is at stake: "Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself." Jason Adkins, Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, welcomed the vote: "Today, the voters of Minnesota, like those in 30 other states, have been given the opportunity to have an important conversation about the future of marriage. We look forward to a respectful and civil conversation among Minnesotans about why the amendment should be adopted."

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Diocese of Winona about an incident of sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons or other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator please call (507) 454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls about incidents of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries.

Diocese welcomes Ben Frost as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Bishop John Quinn announced that Ben Frost would join the Diocese of Winona on June 1, 2011 as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Before coming to the diocese, Ben served as Youth Director at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Duluth for four years and then at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth for four years. He also served eight years on the Youth and Young Adults Committee for the Diocese of Duluth. Ben holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and speaks Spanish. He traveled throughout

the Southwestern United States on a bi-lingual NET Ministries team for one year and led retreats for middle school and high school students in both school and church settings.

Ben's responsibility will be the development and implementation of programs for youth and young adults focused on catechesis and faith formation. Some programs will operate at the diocesan level; Ben is available to parishes seeking advice in the development of their programs. Ben's wife, Tisha, is



Ben is pictured here with his wife, Tisha and his children, Hollis and Greta.

from Chatfield and they have two children, Hollis, 3, and Greta, 1.

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us, of the faith we proclaim, of the charity we live. It has nothing to do with 'apologizing' for something we have done...! The tradition goes back to St. Justin Martyr in the second century. Catholic apologists focus on the importance of logic, consistency, kindness and courage in the affirmation of the faith. In this way, they show that the faith has real-life applications to modern day and temporal society.

To make his mission and ministry known in the diocese, de Souza has begun to meet with priests in their deanery meetings. Within a short time, he plans to bring his ministry to every parish in the diocese. De Souza does not stop with making presentations. He intends to form apologetic teams in every parish

to energize and prepare Catholics to defend the truth as revealed to us by Jesus and found in the teachings of the Church. That is a challenge at a time when the world prefers to see everything in relative terms and to ignore the presence of evil. Pope Benedict XVI has identified relativism as a major challenge to the Gospel in today's world, and de Souza intends to form an army to fight for truth. As he says, the goal is to put Logic at the service of the Faith throughout the diocese, and beyond!

Parishes, schools or youth groups interested in arranging for a visit by Raymond de Souza may contact his office at the Winona Pastoral Center (507) 858-1265, or at rdesouza@dow.org.



Celebration of Marriage



Sunday, September 11, 2011
Resurrection Church,
Rochester

Sunday, September 25, 2011
St. Mary's Church,
Worthington

The Diocese of Winona is pleased to announce that we are offering two celebrations this fall to honor married couples. Bishop Quinn will preside at a special celebration of the Eucharist at 2:00 pm honoring married couples and extending special blessings.

Married couples are invited to join in a light reception with the Bishop following the Mass. The celebration is a great way to honor a loved one's anniversary or celebrate your own! This celebration is not restricted to any particular anniversary. A beautiful, full color certificate will be presented to all attending couples.

Bishop Quinn wishes to send a special invitation to married couples who will be celebrating this year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an invitation, please submit the form below (duplicate this form as needed) to:



Celebration of Marriage
 PO BOX 588, Winona, MN 55987
 or by email to parishinfo@dow.org

Names: _____
 Husband's First Name Wife's First Name Family Name

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Years Married: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Marriage Celebration they would be attending: Resurrection, Rochester - September 11
 St. Mary's, Worthington - September 25

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary hosts annual Rector's Dinner

WINONA - Crookston Bishop Michael Hoepfner received top honors at the 8th Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Rector's Dinner April 29. More than 300 people were in attendance including 30 priests, 60 seminarians, plus Winona Bishop John Quinn, Winona Bishop-Emeritus Bernard Harrington, and La Crosse, Wis., Bishop William Callahan.

"This Rector's Dinner, the seminary's primary fundraiser, honors an individual who is esteemed and who has impacted IHM Seminary," said Ellen Speltz, IHM development director who coordinated the event. "This year the seminary chose Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner."

The evening began at Saint Mary's University with a social hour followed by a five-course dinner served by the IHM seminarians. After dinner a short program was given in honor of Bishop Hoepfner who was introduced by his long-time

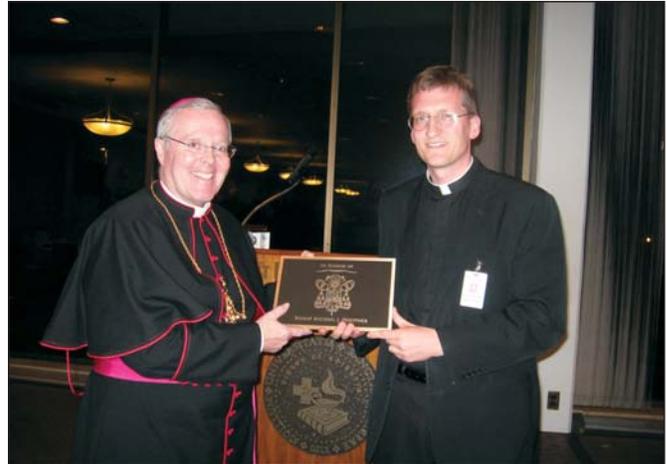
friend Father Paul Heiting, who worked for him in the Diocese of Winona.

"Our Honoree was ordained to the Episcopate and installed as the 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Crookston Nov. 30, 2007," Father Paul began in his introduction. "Since that time he has taken his northland diocese by storm.

"From Barnesville to Wanoad and from Bagley to Baudette, Bishop Hoepfner has met and ministered to his people and his priests. Whether involved in diocesan meetings, the Bishop's cup fishing tournament, Camp Corbet on Big Elbow Lake, supporting Catholic schools, maintaining Native American parishes, or supporting his IHM seminarians Matt, Bryan, Jordan and Tom, Bishop Hoepfner has given life, purpose, and meaning to his episcopal motto, "Omnia in nomine Domini Jesu" - "Everything in the name of our Lord Jesus."

Bishop Hoepfner was given a plaque of his Coat of Arms as a tribute to him and his support of the seminary. The plaque will be placed on a stone in the John Paul II Memorial Garden on the grounds of IHM Seminary, which are frequently toured by guests.

"IHM seminary was honored to have Bishop Hoepfner return to his hometown for this wonderful event," said Speltz.



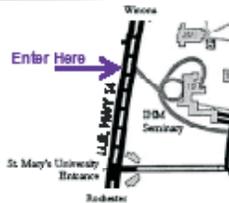
Top: Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner and Very Rev. Andrew Beerman, Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Bishop Hoepfner was honored at the annual Rector's Dinner.



Left: Pictured at the Rector's Dinner are: (Standing) Bishop William Callahan, Diocese of LaCrosse, Bishop Michael Hoepfner, Diocese of Crookston, Bishop John Quinn, Diocese of Winona, (sitting): Fr. Richard Colletti, Chancellor, Diocese of Winona, Bishop Emeritus Bernard Harrington, Diocese of Winona and Fr. Joseph Hirsch, Vocations Director, Diocese of LaCrosse.

Announcing a Summer retreat Weekend - June 24-26, 2011

for men and women hosted by Bishop John Quinn and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN



Retreat Hosts...



Most Rev. John M. Quinn became the eighth bishop of Winona on May 4, 2009. He has degrees in religious studies and systematic theology.



Very Rev. Andrew Beerman is the rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Father Beerman has been a priest of the Winona Diocese since 1996.

The New Millennium with

Blessed John Paul II

On May 1, 2011 Pope John Paul II was beatified by Pope Benedict in Rome. During this retreat we will reflect on the person and message of Blessed John Paul II, as he calls us to deeper prayer in contemplating the face of Christ and invites us to join him on the pilgrimage to the house of the Father.

The weekend will include gender separated small group prayer, sharing, social time & meals.

It will also include combined conferences, Eucharistic celebration & Reconciliation.

Registration Form

Registration for _____ \$90 per person \$ _____

Please charge my reservation: Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to IHM Seminary

Registration deadline Fri. June 17, 2011

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mall to: IHM Seminary Rector,
700 Terrace Heights #43
Winona, MN 55987

Contact Us: (507) 457-7373 or ihm@winona.edu
www.ihmseminary.org

Retreat begins Friday, 6/24 at 8:00 pm and concludes Sunday, 6/26 at 10:30 am.

Mass celebrated for Lourdes seniors



Participants in the Rochester Lourdes College Connection program: Kneeling is Lourdes Chaplain Father William Thompson. The Seniors who received their college campus letters are from left to right: Louis Hanson, Sam Slightam, Monica Hendrickson, Chloe Piepho, Tim Kehoe, Brittany Alexander, Alex Shepherd, Anne Wentz and Zach Muehlenbein.

The Senior Mass for Lourdes was another success. The program was well received by parents and students. The College Connection for Catholics program helps connect freshmen college students with the campus ministry chapters of the colleges and universities they will be attending. This is an awesome way to help freshmen make the connection to their faith

during their transition to college life.

The Serra Club will send a letter with information about the campus ministry or local parish for the college the student will attend. Serra will also forward information to campus ministers so they can invite the young people to campus events.

Thanks are due to Serra

Chaplain Fr. Kevin Connolly, Principal Tom Donlon, Campus Ministry Director Rita Hendrickson, and Academic Dean Sarah Groven. Special thanks to Mary Lose for her support of the program. Also in attendance were Rochester Serra President Bill Doucette and College Connection chairman Ed Fujan.

Passings

Sister Eileen Haugh

Sister Eileen Haugh, 82, a Franciscan Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester, died at Assisi Heights on Monday, May 23.

Mary Eileen Haugh was born to William and Eldora (Ascheman) Haugh on Nov. 3, 1928. She was the fourth of thirteen children and grew up on the family farm near Easton. Her early years of education were divided between a country school and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, where she was taught by the Rochester Franciscans. Eileen graduated from Delavan High School in 1945 and entered the Franciscan Sisters in January 1948, receiving the name of Sister Turibia.

Sister Eileen served in parish schools in Chicago, Caledonia, Austin, Sleepy Eye and Rochester. She was also principal in Springfield and Adams, and at Cotter Junior High School. She served for fourteen years as a secretary to the president of the Rochester Franciscans, then followed six years on the staff of the Tau Center in Winona until it closed in 2002. Sister Eileen moved back to the Rochester Area where she worked in the Communications Department at Assisi Heights until illness forced her into retirement at the end of March 2011.

Sister Eileen is survived by her Franciscan Sisters with whom she shared life with for sixty-three years. Also surviving are her siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Harold, William, Jr. and Raymond.

The Memorial Mass for Sister Eileen was held on May 30, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester.

Serra Club hosts 'Vocation Day'



Left to Right: Charlie Richmond, John Paul Trask, Bishop John Quinn, Georgia Morff, Fr. Tom Niehaus and Fr. Tom Melvin, present to St. Stan's sixth graders on religious vocations at the Serra Club's 'Vocation Day'.

The Serra Club of Winona held a Vocation Day for 45 sixth graders at St. Stanislaus School on April 6. Presentations were given by Bishop John Quinn, Father Tom Melvin, Father Tom Niehaus, seminarians John Paul Trask (Rapid City), and Charlie Richmond (LaCrosse), and also Georgia Morff, a WSU student.

The bishop, priests and seminarians talked about priesthood and brotherhood, while Georgia talked about religious life for women.

Georgia had recently returned from a week-long retreat with Mother Teresa's sisters in New York who work with AIDS patients. She described how she felt God's love wrapped around her the whole time she was there.

Crucifixion students crown Mary



The students at Crucifixion School, La Crescent, took part in a May Crowning ceremony. Each student was asked to bring a flower to honor Mary. The sixth grade boys led a procession into the church and were followed by the students of Crucifixion. The boys collected the flowers from the students. The sixth grade girls walked in just before Father Havel. They took their flowers over to Mary, and Emma Smith had the honor to crown Mary. May Crowning is a Catholic tradition done to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and as the Mother of God in her month of May.

Cotter Seniors present at SMU Symposium

Clara Bruner, Marissa Giers and Brian Rivers, seniors at Cotter High School presented papers at St. Mary's University History department and capstone symposium.



The idea for the inclusion of Cotter students came from Dr. Tycho DeBoer and Mrs. Karen Sullivan of SMU. It was an honor for these students to be included with college students majoring in history from Saint Mary's University, Winona State University, Viterbo, and University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. For years, many universities have had capstone projects for their seniors.

Cotter High School has also had a capstone project for the past decade, being developed as a means of allowing students to put the skills and values they have learned in high school into

a single and meaningful project. It is a collaborative effort by the English, Religion and Social Studies departments. The students do research on contemporary issues. Their papers must include an ethical component and a call to action. This project has been proven to help prepare them for college, while reflecting upon the values they have received while at Cotter High School.

Houston Boy Scouts receive merit badges



Five Boy Scouts from St. Mary's parish in Houston MN received their God & Life Merit Badge at Mass on Saturday, May 14. The five scouts are from Troop 53 in Houston. Pictured are scouts: Taylor Johnston, Kevin Beckman, Hunter Laschenski, Joshua Stremcha, Daren Chapel; Father Joe Pete, Scout Leader Mike Beckman, and Scout Master Arlyn Frauenkron.

Members of Franciscan Sisters of Saint Francis celebrate jubilees

Diamond Jubilees



Standing, L to R: Sisters Faith Huppler, Barbara Ann Haag, Parma Kathman and Mary Cullen. Seated, L to R: Sisters Mary Ann Snyder, Rafael Tilton and Colleen Byron

Sister Colleen (Patricia) Byron, daughter of William and Elmira Byron (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Mary, Waseca. She pronounced vows in 1951. She received her undergraduate degree in Latin and Spanish from the College of Saint Teresa and her Masters in Education from St. Mary's University. Currently, she serves as receptionist for the Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester.

Sister Mary Cullen, daughter of Frank P. and Helen Cullen (deceased), grew up in Fulda, and entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Mary, Worthington. She pronounced vows in 1951 and became known as Sister M. Culan. She received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from the College of Saint Teresa. Currently, she is retired and resides in Rochester.

Sister Barbara Ann Haag, daughter of Charles and Frances Haag (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Sacred Heart Parish in Waseca. She pronounced vows in 1951 and became known as Sister Jacoba. She received her undergraduate degree in Nursing from the College of Saint Teresa, her Masters in Nursing from Wayne State University, in Detroit, MI, and her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. She served on the Congregational Leadership as an Associate Minister from 2000-2006. Currently, she resides in Minnesota Lake, where she volunteers at St. John the Baptist Church and Mankato House in Mankato.

Sister Faith (Eileen) Huppler, daughter of Wallace and Anna Huppler (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown, SD. She pronounced vows in 1951. She received her undergraduate degree in Nursing from the College of Saint Teresa, and her Masters in Religious Education from Fordham University in New York, NY, fol-

lowed by a Masters in Counseling and Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, CA. Currently, she volunteers her services at Assisi Heights in Rochester, where she also resides.

Sister Parma (Rita) Kathman, daughter of Edward and Frances Kathman (deceased), arrived at the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Stephen, Lawrence, NE. She pronounced vows in 1951, and was given the religious name of Parma. She received her high school equivalency certificate in 1976, and obtained her Nurse's Aide Certificate in 1977. In 1989, Sister Parma began her ministry as full-time seamstress at Assisi Heights. In 2002, she retired and continues to reside at Assisi Heights in Rochester.

Sister Mary Ann Snyder, daughter of Julian and Helen Snyder, arrived at the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Saint Mary, Portsmouth, OH. She pronounced vows in 1951, and was given the religious name of Sister Angelitta. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Teresa. Currently, she works for J.O.I.N. in Columbus, OH, serving as a receptionist and interviewer.

Sister Rafael (Madonna) Tilton, daughter of Charles L. and Clara Mary Tilton (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Hamilton, MT. She pronounced vows in 1951. She received her undergraduate degree in English and Education from the College of Saint Teresa, and her Masters in Renaissance English Literature from Fordham University, in New York, NY, and a Masters degree in Creative Writing and Ph.D. in Literary Theory from the University of Minnesota. Currently, she writes poetry, some of which has been published locally, and volunteers at Assisi Heights in Rochester, where she resides.

Golden Jubilees



Standing: Sisters Kay Rundquist, Briana McCarthy, Ramona Miller, Delore Rockers, Mary Beth Burns and Cashel Weiler. Seated: Sisters Dominique Pisciotta, Nancy Kinsley and Mary Pat Smith. Front: Sister Monique Schwartz

Sister Briana McCarthy, daughter of Bert and Florence McCarthy (deceased), arrived as Mary Anne McCarthy from S. Brendan's Parish in Green Isle, to join the Rochester Franciscans. She pronounced vows in 1961. A graduate of the College of Saint Teresa in Winona, Sister Briana majored in Elementary Education and Theatre. She received her Masters of Education in the field of Theatre Arts from Emerson College in Boston, MA. Later, she earned a Masters in Counseling from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. Currently, her ministry includes counseling services at St. John's Parish in Rochester. Sister Briana also serves on the Board of the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa, and provides volunteer services for Habitat for Humanity, Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester Community Host Program, and serves on various Franciscan committees for her order.

Sister Cashel Weiler, daughter of Leo and Antoinette Weiler (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Cecilia's Parish in Hastings, NE. She pronounced vows in 1961. She received her undergraduate degree in Nursing from the College of Saint Teresa. Currently, she resides at Saint Marys Hospital Convent and volunteers in the community.

Sister Delore Rockers – (no information provided.)

Sister Dominique Pisciotta, daughter of Dominic and Mary Pisciotta (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Shrine of St. Therese Parish in Pueblo, CO. She pronounced vows in 1961. She received her undergraduate degree in Business Education and Home Economics from Colorado State College of Education in Greeley, CO and her Master's in Pastoral Ministry from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Currently, she volunteers at Assisi Heights in Rochester, where she resides.

Sister Kay Rundquist, daughter of Ralph and Gladys Rundquist (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis. She was given the name of Sister Mary Pius when she pronounced vows in 1961. She received her undergraduate degree from the College of Saint Teresa in the field of Applied Music and Music Education, and her Masters in Music from Seattle University, in Seattle, WA, with a focus in Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality. Currently, her ministry continues at the Spiritual Center on a contract basis, including work as a Retreat Facilitator.

Sister Mary Beth Burns, daughter of Edward and May Burns (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Juliana, Chicago, IL. She pronounced vows in 1961 and became known as Sister Mel. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Teresa, and her Masters degree in Special Education from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI. Currently, she serves as an Activities Specialist in an adult day facility.

Sister Mary Pat (Patricia) Smith, daugh-

ter of Irwin and Audrey Smith (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from Queen of Angels Parish in Austin. She pronounced vows in 1961 and became known as Sister Donall. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Teresa, and her Masters in Pastoral Ministry from Seattle University, in Seattle, WA. Currently, she volunteers her services at Assisi Heights in Rochester.

Sister Monique Schwartz, daughter of John and Victoria Schwartz (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from her home parish of Sacred Heart in Owatonna. She pronounced vows in 1961. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Teresa, and her Masters in Elementary Administration from Winona State University. Currently, Sister Monique serves as a Spiritual Director and is on the staff at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Janesville. Her volunteer work involves serving as a visitor to patients in hospice care, as well as those imprisoned in the Federal Prison.

Sister Nancy Kinsley, daughter of Pearl and Don Kinsley (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Theodore's Parish in Albert Lea. She pronounced vows in 1961 and became known as Sister Mary Jarett. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Teresa. Currently, she teaches 3rd and 4th grades at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia Heights. In 2008, Sister Nancy was recognized as a "Teacher of the Year" by KMSP-TV in the Twin Cities.

Sister Ramona Miller, daughter of Alvin Miller, Sr. and Lucille Miller (deceased), entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from her home parish of Sacred Heart in Waseca. Sister Ramona pronounced vows in 1961 and became known as Sister M. Perpetua. She received her undergraduate degree in Mathematics from the College of St. Teresa, her Masters in Ministry from Seattle University, Seattle, WA, and her Masters in Franciscan Studies from the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University. Sister Ramona continues to offer presentations on contemporary aspects of Franciscan spirituality including virtual pilgrimages to Assisi. She is currently a member of the Congregational leadership team for the Sisters of Saint Francis.

Priests Celebrate Jubilarian Years

55 year anniversaries

Rev. Gerald Conway



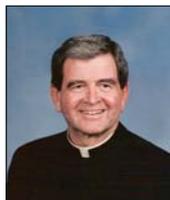
Father Conway was ordained on December 16, 1956, at the chapel of the North American College, Rome, Italy, by the Most Rev. Martin J. O'Connor. He has served as an Assistant at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, and an instructor at Cotter High School (1956-1960), as the Secretary to the Bishop of Winona, Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Assistant Director of the Diocesan Bureau of Education and for a short time as Administrator of St. Anthony, Altura, and St. Aloysius, Elba (1960-1963). He earned his Doctor of Theology degree at Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, in 1965. He was then assigned to the staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, teaching in the theology and education departments at St. Mary's College. He served as Assistant Professor of Theology at St. Mary's College, Kans. (1969-1970), joined by staff of Catholic Seminary of Indianapolis. He returned to Minnesota in 1974, serving as the Director of St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato, followed by pastor at St. Peter, Rose Creek, Our Lady of Peace, Lyle and for two years at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Brownsdale. He was assigned as pastor to St. Felix Parish in Wabasha before retiring in 1999.

Rev. Andrew C. Fabian, O.P.



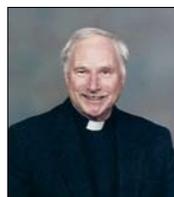
Father Andrew C. Fabian, O.P. was ordained a priest in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 26, 1956, by Archbishop Leo Binz. He was assigned to teach at DePaul University, Chicago, and Loras College, Dubuque. He was then assigned to the Dominican priory in Winona and the Saint Mary's University faculty in 1964. While continuing his teaching career at Saint Mary's, Father Fabian lived at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish in Winona for five years, then moved to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, where he lived for 25 years. He continues to teach philosophy at Saint Mary's University, living as a "scholar in-residence" at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona.

Rev. James McCauley



Father McCauley was ordained on May 31, 1956, in the Cathedral of Winona by His Excellency Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald. He was then assigned to St. Peter, Hokah (1956) and as assistant at St. Theodore, Albert Lea, and as instructor at St. Mary Junior High School (1956-1960). He then served as instructor at Cotter High School, Winona, and assistant at St. Stanislaus (1957-1960), Headmaster at Cotter High School, Chaplain at Cotter Convent and Administrator at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Hart (1960-1965), pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Hayfield, and Our Lady of Loretto, Brownsdale (1970-1973), Pax Christi, Rochester (1973-1980). In 1980, he was appointed area director for the Rochester area. He then served as pastor of Christ the King Church, Byron (1981-1984), Church of St. Joseph, Owatonna (1984-1991), St. John, Rochester, and St. Bridget Parish, Simpson (1991-1994). He served as dean of the Rochester Deanery from 1991-1996, and as a member of the College of Consultors from 1993-1998.

50 year anniversaries



Rev. James Hennessy



Rev. Paul Nelson



Rev. Charles Quinn



Rev. Robert Stamschror

40 year anniversaries



Rev. Joseph Keefe



Msgr. Gerald Mahon

35 year anniversaries



Rev. Joseph Pete

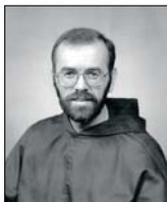


Rev. John Kunz



Rev. Gerald Kosse

30 year anniversary



Rev. Jon Moore

20 year anniversary



Rev. James Berning

15 year anniversary



Very Rev. Andrew Beerman

10 year anniversaries



Rev. Thomas Melvin



Rev. Luis Noriega



Rev. Timothy Hall



Rev. Brian Sutton

5 year anniversaries

8th Annual St. John's Block Party

The Church of St. John the Evangelist will host the 8th annual St. John's Block Party on Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, in downtown Rochester. This non-profit community event is open to folks of all ages and is packed with music, entertainment, food, friends and fellowship.

The Block Party festivities will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 8. Four bands will rock the main stage Friday night, including a returning favorite, the Minneapolis indie rock sensation Cloud Cult, who has recently been voted by The Current as one of the year's best local artists. Opening for Cloud Cult are individual sets by two of Minnesota's hottest new bands: Peter Wolf Crier and Communist Daughter. Friday evening gets started with the sweet-soul-sounds of Alison Scott, who opened for Bon Jovi at a recent concert in St. Paul.

On Saturday, July 10, gates open at noon, with the traditional two-stage format from years past. Headlining on Saturday night is the popular East coast native Eric Hutchinson, whose music has peaked at No. 5 on the iTunes album chart, becoming the highest-charting self-released album in iTunes history, creating a breakthrough artist for Warner Brother's records. Saturday's lineup also includes the eclectic sounds of Mates of State, as seen on Good Morning America (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq1_9D7IKag). Jeremy Messersmith, who was voted best local artist of the year on The Current, will be playing plenty of songs from his top ten ranked and critically acclaimed album, "The Reluctant Graveyard". American Idol fans will hear the hot new California rocker Jared Lee whose new hit song, "It's Over (Goodbye)" has been featured on this season's popular series. Fans will also have a chance to see the rising blues talent Trent Romens, E.L.n.O. (E.L.O. tribute band), and the alternative-country

band Trailer Trash, along with the rockin' sounds of Machine 22 and the ever popular Led Penny.

For the second straight year, the Block Party Battle of the Bands contest will take place on the main stage from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Five bands will compete for the coveted grand prize: a full day of recording at the Institute of Production and Recording (www.ipr.com) in Minneapolis, and a spot in the popular "Thursday's on First" concert series in Rochester.

Family entertainment and children's activities will take place Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Family-oriented entertainment includes music by the Okee Dokee Brothers, dance extravaganza by Koo Koo Kanga Roo, as well as Elvis tribute artist Brad Boice. Children's activities include an instrument petting zoo, storytellers, face painting, balloon animals and more. Admission is free for children under the age of 12 with a paid adult.

Tickets will be available at a reduced price of just \$20 each for Friday or Saturday (or \$35 for both days) from Saturday, June 4, through Friday, July 1. Tickets the week of the event and at the gate will be sold for \$25 each or \$45 for both days. Children under the age of 12 receive free admission with a paid adult.

More than 400 volunteers from the Church of St. John help to make the St. John's Block Party a reality — all in support of the mission to be a welcoming and hospitable community. Proceeds totaling more than \$20,000 from last July's successful community event have been distributed to 11 organizations throughout Rochester. In the seven years of St. John's Block Party history, more than \$100,000 has been donated to organizations in need.

For more information, contact the Church of St. John the Evangelist at 507-288-7372, or check out the St. John's Block Party Web site (www.sjblockparty.org).



National Catholic Youth Choir Concert

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca, MN, is pleased to host the National Catholic Youth Choir (NCYC) in concert on Saturday, June 25, at 7 p.m., with a reception immediately following the concert. No admission to the concert will be charged, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. The choir will also join the Sacred Heart community again the following morning for worship at the 10 a.m. Mass.

The choir is sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota. The choir began under the motto Spreading the Catholic Faith Through Great Music as a response to the call of Pope John Paul II for a "new evangelization." The choir sings music of various Christian traditions, ranging

from medieval Gregorian chant to twentieth-century music and is led by conductor, Dr. Axel Theimer. The primary focus of the choir is liturgical, and the choir seeks to implement the directive of Vatican Council II that the "treasury of sacred music" be preserved and fostered in the modern liturgy.

Up to 45 students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 from across the United States are selected to participate in the choir based on written applications, formal recommendations, and recorded auditions. The two week summer camp generally takes place the last two weeks in June and includes extensive choir rehearsals; repertoire-based classes in religion, music theory, and music history; recreation, recording a CD, daily worship and prayer (Mass, Liturgy

of the Hours, Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament). They worship together as a group with the Benedictine monks on campus and with the Benedictine sisters in nearby St. Joseph and conclude each day by singing Compline.

Camp also includes a multi state concert tour. For a complete listing of 2011 concert dates and times, please visit their website at www.catholicyouthchoir.org. Application and audition information can also be found on the website; applications are generally accepted September through the first week in March annually.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Dey, Director of Music and Liturgy, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, ejdey@hickory-tech.net, 507-835-1222.

Community Events Calendar

June 5

His Excellency, Bishop John Quinn will celebrate the traditional Tridentine Latin Mass at St. Bridget's Church near Simpson at 4 p.m. He will celebrate a Low Mass for the Sunday after the Ascension in the traditional Church Calendar. In addition, there will be a reception and dinner for Bishop Quinn at the St. Bridget's parish hall at approximately 5:30 p.m. following the Mass. In order to get a person count for those wishing to attend the event including the dinner, please contact Don Hagler (507-206-4355) so that necessary arrangements can be made. Also see the website: www.Rochesterlatinmassociety.org for map directions.

June 11

The Sisters of Saint Francis invite you to join them on the eve of Pentecost to Celebrate God's Gift of Spirit to the world by participating in a Fire Ritual, in conjunction with our theme of "Staying in the Fire." We invite you, the Voices of the World, to join us in bringing spirit and life to our community at 6:30 p.m., at Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights.

June 27

Catholic United Financial (formerly Catholic Aid Association) is sponsoring their annual clergy golf outing to be held on Monday, June 27, at Willow Creek Golf Course in Rochester. Please mark your calendar and watch for an invitation that will be sent in a direct mailing to you.

July 15

A Day of prayer, honoring Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and our tenth anniversary at 7 p.m. Brother Robert Bathe, O.Carm, Vocations Director for the New York Province, will give Marian conferences. Bishop John Quinn will preside at Mass on Saturday morning. To register, call 507-437-4015. Free will offerings will be accepted. Annunciation Hermitage and Queen of Angels Church, Austin, Minn.

July 15-16

Experience a weekend of healing and hope with Immaculee

Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide, and source of spiritual inspiration for many. A weekend retreat with Immaculee will take place at St. Mary's Church in Worthington on July 15-16. This powerful retreat includes Immaculee's witness of the power of prayer, the miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. Reservations can now be made on line at: <http://www.immaculee.biz/A-Weekend-with-Immaculee-MN.html>. If you would like more information contact Lisa Kremer at lkremer@ccwinona.com or call 507-360-3423.

Pilgrimage Opportunities:

In these trying times, we ask help from Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Join us for a faith filled journey on June 13-17, 2011, to these places in Wisconsin: Our Lady of Guadalupe at LaCrosse, The Dickyville Grotto, The National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, The Schoenstatt Sisters of Waukesha, The National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill, The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help at Champion (recently approved by the Catholic Church as true apparitions of Our Lady), St Joseph Shrine at DePere and St Phillips Grotto Shrine and Wonder cave at Rudolph. A stop at the Fatima Rosary Chapel in Coon Rapids, Minn., and the Basilica of St. Mary's in Minneapolis. We will be accompanied by Rev. Samuel Perez of Murdock. We plan to have a Mass each day and prayer time on the bus. Call or e-mail to the following, Gloria 507-920-3859 or Mary 507-227-7816 or mfacilitator@hotmail.com

Oct 31 to Nov 10, 2011 Includes Venice, Florence, Padua, Pisa, Assisi, Rome with a Papal audience. Optional: Pompeii and Sorrento. The low tour price of \$2749 includes airfare from Mpls, first rate hotels, tour buses, guides and most meals. Call Fr. Donald J. Schmitz at 507-280-0683 or Fr. Steven Peterson at 507-346-7565, for more information and a brochure.

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Summer Splash 2011

School Sisters of Notre Dame invite moms and daughters to "Splash" into the beginning of summer with a little bonding time on Good Counsel Hill in Mankato, MN. Summer Splash is an annual event that includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection and provide an inside look at the Sisters' lives. The camp is open to any girl completing 6, 7 or 8th grade and her mom or a significant female adult. It begins at 1:00 PM Friday, June 17 and ends at 3:00 PM Saturday, June 18. Highlights include an overnight stay, creative and educational activities, BINGO with the senior sisters, time to enjoy a walk around peaceful Good Counsel Campus, and prayer in the glorious and serene Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Sisters have been hosting Summer Splash for the past ten years. Girls and moms come from all over Minnesota. Read what two participants had to say about last summer's SPLASH.

Mary Kubista, Jordan, Minn.:

Last summer, I asked my 6th grade daughter Brinnon if she'd like to attend Summer Splash as a mother-daughter "getaway weekend." She is a middle child and sometimes it's hard to fit in that individual one-on-one time. We found that the weekend was full of activities for mothers and daughters to have fun while getting to

know each other a bit better. We both enjoyed hearing about the sisters' work and travels. It was interesting to hear how many roles a sister could have. Brinnon enjoyed Bingo with the sisters and She was amused to see her mom struggle with art projects (something that comes easily for her!).

Even though the weather made a "splash" that weekend it didn't dampen the girls' spirits. One special memory I have is taking a quiet early morning walk around the grounds at Good Counsel enjoying the Community Gardens and flower gardens with my daughter. I enjoyed meeting the other mothers and daughters and especially enjoyed the panel presentation with several generations of mothers and daughters from one sister's family who shared bits of wisdom with us all.

Brinnon Kubista, age 13:

I really enjoyed the crafts. We made paper stars and created cards. We got to play bingo and watch a funny movie with snacks. I really liked being able to chat with the sisters in the dining room. Altogether I really liked Summer Splash.

Join the fun! Cost \$60 per pair. Scholarships are available. Register by June 7 online, www.ssndmankato.org, or by contacting Sister Mary Beth Schraml, mbschramlssnd@yahoo.com

Diocese to celebrate Harvest Mass, 2011

By Nichole Paladie

One of my most pleasant assignments in recent weeks was to prepare for the Harvest Mass, scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. I went to visit the farm of Dale and Marlys Hinckley, the site of the Mass. Driving south on winding Highway 74 toward Chatfield, my eyes are captured by rolling hills, freshly planted fields and varied shades of green grass. We turn into the driveway that encircles the dairy farm and a familiar aroma of free roaming cows brings a smile to my face. Dale and Marlys, owners of Hinckley Holsteins, warmly welcome us. Their farm is a perfect location for the Harvest Mass. It offers ample room for the crowd expected to attend and offers a stunning location in the trees for the altar.

The Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Bishop John Quinn as the principal celebrant, will begin at 4 p.m. A picnic supper and entertainment will immediately follow. The supper cost for adults is \$6 and children (under 12) \$4 can have a hotdog supper. Tickets can be reserved by call-

ing (507) 932-3294 or emailing triparishff@hbcsc.net. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. There will be tours of the dairy operation, an area for young and old to pet the calves in their nursery and enjoy family games on the lawn. There will be antique trucks and tractors to view as well as handmade items to purchase. Proceeds benefit the Southeastern Minnesota Rural Resource Center.

The Hinckleys operate a modern, sustainable dairy farm that is a certified F.A.R.M. (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management). While at the Harvest Mass, everyone is invited to see the farming operation, how the animals are treated and how the farm uses recycled water and energy generated by farm operations. The Old Territory road from Winona to Chatfield stage road passes through the property, which also boasts a nearby covered bridge. All are invited to the Mass to pray for a good and safe harvest and to thank God for the blessings of the growing season. Directions for the farm are on the Diocese of Winona website: <http://www.dow.org>.



Parish Events Calendar

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Salad Luncheon will be held on Wednesday June 8 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. This event is sponsored by the Cathedral Women and The Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Cost is \$6.50. Carry outs available.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Easton, will host their annual Friendship Day celebration on Saturday, June 25, at the church grounds in Easton. Activities begin at 9 a.m. with volleyball tournaments, country store and craft sale. The Country Auction begins at 1 p.m. and features handmade quilts, woodworking and craft items. A Polka Mass is set for 5 p.m. Saturday evening. Following Mass, enjoy a Winsor Chop Dinner. The final event of the day will be the annual big-ticket raffle drawing. Food will be served throughout the day and will include pork sandwiches, walking tacos, root beer floats, homemade desserts, and more. Kids and adults will enjoy many activities planned for the day including kids' games, miniature golf, and more.

St. Aloysius Church, Elba, is having its Summer Fun Fest on Saturday, July 16. There are many fun filled activities planned for both children and adults! New this year is a fishing contest for the largest brown trout caught in the Whitewater tributaries (fish must be caught 7/16/2011). Registration for the fishing contest is from 7-9 a.m. at the church with the contest ending at noon. Cost is \$3 for 15 yr and under and \$5 for 16 yr and older. There will be 3 prizes for each group. Activities starting at 10 a.m. are the Farmers Market/Bake Sale, cash raffle & Silent Auction. Many children's activities are planned starting with Sing and Dance with MJ at 11 a.m. There will also be a bounce castle, snow cones and fun filled games for both children and adults. A lunch of pulled pork sandwich, baked potato, coleslaw, beans,

fruit dessert and ice cream will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bingo will be played from 1:30 -3:30 p.m.. Festivities will come to a close with Mass celebrated at 4 p.m. Please call Beth Mauer (507-932-5426) for further information regarding the fishing contest. Call Sue Mathison (507-932-3840) if you are interested in having a table at our Farmers Market.

St. Felix, Wabasha, Council of Catholic Women and St. Mary's Court #208 National Society of Foresters, Wabasha, will co-host a Salad Luncheon Monday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Felix Gym. There will be a large selection of salads, rolls and homemade desserts. This year's theme is "Too Hot To Handle". Foresters have been busy making roaster and casserole covers, cake carriers, pot holders, microwave baked potato bags, fingertip and full length oven mitts, cupcake shaped hot pads and denim hot pads. These items will be for sale the day of the luncheon. There will be a large selection of salads, rolls and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. National Catholic Society of

Foresters will match funds raised up to \$500.

St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester, will host a live auction on June 11, at 9 a.m. in McCarthy Hall. Visit the St. Francis web page at www.stfrancis-church.org; click on Parish Antique Auction for current photos, merchandise lists, and information. Auctioneer: Ed Kuhlman ed@kuhlmanauction.com. Terms are cash, check or credit card. Lunch available. Call Nancy & Tom Hockett at 282-2843 with your questions.

St. Vincent de Paul, West Concord, is hosting their 39th Annual Funfest Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 28. The day starts with a Polka Mass featuring the Dan Stursa Band at 10 a.m. A Chicken BBQ dinner will be served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dinner includes: BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, pie and beverage. Activities planned for the day are Polka music, beer and pop sales, Big Raffle Ticket sales, small raffle table, Country Store and Kiddie games on the church grounds.

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are looking for a full time person to be an assistant to the Director of Faith Formation and to direct an existing youth ministry program. Position will be open as of July 1, 2011. Please contact our Personnel Board for the job description/duties/responsibilities by calling Sue Pries, 507-775-6455, or e-mailing ckhf@churchofchristtheking.net. Qualifications: Must be Catholic, youth ministry experience would be helpful, and knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Applications are due by June 10, 2011. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Father Paul Surprenant, 202 4th Street NW, Byron, MN 55920 or e-mail it to: ckhf@churchofchristtheking.net. Questions may be directed to the Coordinator of Faith Formation -- Laura Barron at 507-775-0501.

NFP and the Telos of Sex

Spanish Masses in the Diocese

Albert Lea, St. Theodore, Spanish Mass, 11 a.m., every Sunday.

Austin, Queen of Angels, Spanish Mass at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. every Sunday.

Dodge Center, St. John Baptist de La Salle, Spanish Mass, 11 a.m., every Sunday.

Fairmont, St. John Vianney, Spanish Mass, 2 p.m., every Sunday.

Lake Wilson, St. Mary, 4 p.m., first Saturday of the month.

Madelia, St. Mary, Spanish Mass, 9:30 a.m., every Sunday.

Mankato, Ss. Peter and Paul, Spanish Mass, 1 p.m., every Sunday.

Owatonna, Sacred Heart, Spanish Mass, 1 p.m. every Sunday.

Pipestone, St. Leo, Spanish Mass, 2:30 p.m., every Sunday.

Rochester, St. Francis of Assisi, Spanish Mass, 12 noon, every Sunday.

St. Charles, St. Charles Borromeo, Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m., every Sunday.

St. James, St. James, Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m., every Sunday.

Waseca, Sacred Heart, Spanish Mass, 7 p.m., every Saturday.

Winona, St. Casimir, Spanish Mass, 5 p.m., every Sunday.

Worthington, St. Mary, Spanish Mass, every Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Married Catholics today often struggle to understand the moral difference between using contraceptives to avoid a pregnancy and using natural family planning (NFP). NFP relies on sexual abstinence during fertile periods in a woman's cycle, as assessed by various indicators like cervical mucus or changes in body temperature. To many, the Church's prohibition of contraception seems to be at odds with its acceptance of NFP because in both cases, the couple's intention is to avoid children. That intention, however, is not the problem, as long as there are, in the words of Pope Paul VI, “serious motives to space out births.” Dietrich von Hildebrand puts it this way: “The intention of avoiding conception does not imply irreverence as long as one does not actively interfere in order to cut the link between the conjugal act and a possible conception.”

That link between the conjugal act and a possible conception is a key source of meaning for our human sexuality. Sex, by its very nature, involves the capacity and driving energy to produce offspring. Anyone in a high school biology class already understands this. We are able to recognize the purpose (or “telos”) of many different processes in the world: the telos of fire is to generate heat and to consume combustibles; the telos of an acorn is to become an oak tree; the telos of human sexuality is to draw man and woman together to procreate

and raise children in the family unit. William May observes, “This is the meaning objectively rooted in the marital act itself and intelligibly discernible in it; it is not a meaning arbitrarily imposed upon or given to the act.” Seeing the telos of a process can reveal authentic goods to us which can then guide the moral choices we make.

Any time a married couple engages in sexual activity that has been intentionally rendered infertile by contraception, they are powerfully acting against the telos of the sexual act they share. Elizabeth Anscombe notes how their act is no longer “the kind of act by which life is transmitted, but is purposely rendered infertile, and so changed to another sort of act altogether.” Contraception strikes at the heart of the marital act. When a couple impedes the inherent procreative powers of that act through the use of a condom, a pill or other means, they are engaging in disruptive and contradictory behavior by seeking to perform the act on the one hand, while simultaneously blocking it on the other.

In natural family planning, on the other hand, they are not directing any countermeasures towards the fertility of a specific conjugal act; the natural order and telos of the act is respected. As Janet Smith and Christopher Kaczor observe, “Contracepting couples make themselves infertile; NFP couples work with an infertility that is natural.”

Consider an analogy: a woman who is blind wants to talk to her husband each evening and tell him about the events of her day. He, meanwhile, wants to relax in the evenings by listening to baseball on the radio. He decides that while listening to his wife talk, he will at the same time plug in headphones and follow the game, so his attention will be divided between his wife and the game. He will occasionally say things like “yes, dear” and “uh huh” to give the impression that he is listening with full attention.

A woman on the pill similarly gives the impression that she is receiving her husband fully in the marital embrace, while, in fact, she is shutting down her own fertility in order to ward off his fruitfulness. On a deep level, she is rejecting his life-giving masculinity and speaking a false language to him with her body, much as the sports-minded husband is speaking a contradictory language with his headphones and “yes, dear” responses. If a man uses a condom with his wife, or even if both spouses agree to use contraception, they still speak a false and inauthentic language to one another right at the core of their intimacy.

Suppose that on alternating days of the week, the sports-minded husband agrees to stop listening to the radio and instead visits with his wife in a direct and focused manner. Both spouses agree to delay their gratification (he practices “sports abstinence”;

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

Making Sense Out of Bioethics



she practices “verbal abstinence”), on alternating days, rather than acting against the good of their personal communication by employing countermeasures like headphones. This is similar to the case of a couple using NFP. On some days, they fully share with each other in the conjugal act; on other days, they delay sexual gratification and freely choose abstinence, so as to avoid speaking inauthentically to each other through contraceptive sex.

In sum, contraceptive intercourse always represents a radically different kind of act than intercourse during a known infertile period.

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religious communities. Then, in the seventeenth century, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus. In her visions, Jesus asked for devotion under the image of His human heart. He asked for frequent Communion, especially on the First Friday of the month, and Holy Hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The spreading of the stories of her visions and the devotion to the Sacred Heart was carried out mostly by the Jesuits. Rome finally made it a universal feast day in 1856.

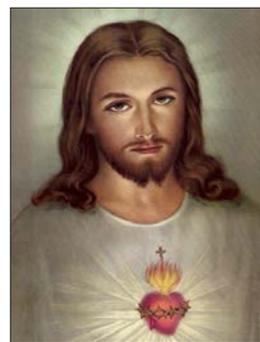
To be ordained under the protection of the hearts of Mary and Jesus is a great gift. Jesus' love for us is infinite. We see this in the lives of those around Jesus during His time on earth. Can you imagine being St. Joseph and observing first-hand the love between the Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart? One of my favorite episodes in the Gospels occurs when the adulteress is brought before Jesus. After telling them that he who is finally sin may cast the first stone, Jesus is left with just the woman standing before Him. He then tells her that her sins are forgiven, go and sin no more. In two sentences, Jesus affirms her, but He also chal-

lenges her to change her ways. Her past is not to define her, but she must move on. This is true charity, true love. Jesus loves her so much that He wants the best for her.

Lately, I have reflected on how much Jesus' heart rejoiced and ached throughout His ministry. He must have felt like His heart was going to burst with joy when Peter declared Him to be God. Jesus must have felt like His heart was going to break whenever Judas stole from the gifts given to Jesus and His Apostles. It would break not out of anger, but the sadness that came from a desire to have Judas freed from the sin of greed.

On the Cross, the very blood that flowed through Jesus' Sacred Heart fell through the wound created by the soldier's sword and onto the ground. What holy ground. The Church is ever renewed by the Sacrifice of the Cross, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We too, in the Eucharist, under the appearance of wine, receive the blood that flowed through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Just as human blood carries nutrients to the rest of the body, Jesus' Sacred Heart carries nutrients via the Eucharist to His body, the Church.



This is how much Jesus loves us; He shares with us His very divine body with us.

Christianity is not a religion that is first and foremost about rules and commandments. It is a religion that is about the persons (and Persons), love and relationships. However, Jesus' love demands a response, a response of love and of obedience to the commandments. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart reminds us of the love that Jesus has for us and our responsibility to welcome His love and allow it to bring us closer to Him.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE

Alpha, St. Alphonsus Liguori, weekly and daily. Sunday: 8 a.m. except second Sunday of the month variable.

Guckeen, Our Lady of Ransom, weekly. Sunday, 11 a.m., except second Sunday of the month, 9:15 a.m.

Mankato, Ss. Peter and Paul, First Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.

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Celebrating the Death of Bin Laden?

By Rev. Robert Barron

Osama bin Laden was a wicked man, responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent people on several continents, and responsible too for something more subtle and insidious, the terrifying of practically everyone on the planet. I believe that fear-mongers deserve special opprobrium, since, they produce that state of mind, which, as St. John tells us, is the opposite of love: "perfect love casts out all fear." The memory of September 11 is like a nightmare that will forever haunt and nag and trouble the consciousness of mankind. It is impossible to doubt what President Obama said, namely, that the world is a better, safer place without the cruel and hateful man at the source of all this misery.

I heard the news of Bin Laden's death when I was in Rome for the beatification of Pope John Paul II. I watched some of the coverage on the BBC and CNN, taking in the scenes of Americans celebrating at Ground Zero, at the Mets/Phillies game, and in front of the White House. I completely understood the feelings of jubilation and patriotic pride that they were exhibiting, and I will admit that I felt them too. There was indeed a keen sense that at least a measure of justice had been done in putting Osama bin Laden to death. And there was, too, just that wonderful release that comes when a great threat has been made to disappear. Some of the celebrations yesterday put me in mind of the unrestrained rejoicing at the end of World War II.

In the midst of all the shouting, however, another small voice

was heard, that of Pope Benedict XVI. The Pope commented very simply that it is never right to celebrate the death of another human being, no matter how vile. I am quite sure that the Pope is under absolutely no illusions regarding Osama bin Laden. He is not the least bit interested in exculpating him for his crimes. But he reminded Christians of a disturbing and deeply challenging truth that stands at the very heart of our moral tradition, namely, that we must love everyone, even our enemies. Jesus said, "bless those who curse you; pray for you who maltreat you; if someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn and give him the other." This has nothing to do with sentimentality; nor is it a matter of being "soft" on crime. Original sin—the irreducible depravity that all of us experience in ourselves—is a fundamental Christian doctrine. But it is an acknowledgement that all of us are children of the one God and hence brothers and sisters to one another. We are connected, through God, by bonds that are deeper than the ties of nationality, culture, religion, or family. Whether we like it or not, we are implicated in each other.

And therefore our enemies are also our brothers and our sisters. Notice please, that I am not denying that we have enemies, real enemies, who are wicked, twisted, violent, and dangerous. But it is a Christian conviction that all of that evil is not telling the deepest truth about the enemy. The deepest truth is that he or she is a child of God and thus worthy of our love. None of this implies, of course, that wicked people should not be arrested, brought to jus-

tice, punished, or even, in extreme cases, that they should be killed. If, for example, in the process of bringing bin Laden to justice, our soldiers were fired upon, they had the right to return that fire. But it does indeed imply that the person so arrested, tried, imprisoned, or even put to death, should remain a beloved brother or sister.

How should this manifest itself? There are heroic examples of enemy love, such as the Amish couple, who befriended and then defended in court the young man who had brutally killed their own son; or Cardinal Bernardin, who visited and anointed the man who had accused him falsely of sexual misconduct. But these are precious and rare. Something that all of us can do is to pray for those who maltreat us, offering them to God, expressing a spiritual solidarity with them. This is why I found it particularly moving that the American forces who buried Osama bin Laden at sea gave this terrible man a proper Islamic funeral service.

We should celebrate that the world is a safer place and that a wicked man has been brought to justice. But the Pope is right: we shouldn't celebrate that our enemy is dead. As hard as it is to say, we should pray for him as an act of love.

Father Robert Barron is the founder of the global ministry Word on Fire and the Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He is the creator and host of a new ten episode documentary series called "Catholicism" and hosts programs on Relevant Radio, EWTN and at www.WordOnFire.org.

Catholic Charities: A melting pot of flavors and the garage sale lady

By Mary Alessio, Director of Refugee Resettlement - Catholic Charities Diocese of Winona



The weather report predicted an April snowstorm but the elements could not dampen the celebratory spirit in the air. A "Welcome" banner was adorned with tulips, and the cake followed suit with a garland of flowers and an inscription that read, "April Showers Bring May Flowers." How appropriate, yet ironic, that the annual refugee potluck took on the challenge of a snowstorm and created a melting pot of beautiful flavors.

The annual potluck celebrates the endurance and perseverance of newcomers to our community and their hope for new beginnings. Refugees who have arrived throughout the year came with their favorite dishes to share with volunteers. This year, our many volunteers included Winona State students from the Multicultural Class who used their experience with us to raise community awareness on campus. The potluck was an opportunity to share not only favorite dishes, but to share stories and deepen friendships over Briani, savory chicken and rice dishes, and delicious pastries.

A highlight of the afternoon included a very special guest who has been a friend to the Refugee Resettlement program and the refugees it has served. Edith O'Brien is endearingly referred to as "Our Garage Sale Lady" because, for years, Edith has supplied our program with valued treasures from her weekly travels to garage sales throughout our community. She asks them what families need, then hones her search for the treasures that will assist a refugee family start their new life here. Her selfless acts of kindness and generous donations have changed the lives of countless families and I often wonder what our world would be like if we all tried to emulate "The

Garage Sales Lady?"

It isn't that we don't know her name, as Edith has become a well-loved and admired member of our Refugee Resettlement family; we just fondly connect her mission with her title. But then, I am thinking Edith is just fine with that connection. Even Christ was referred to as the carpenter, fisherman, teacher, shepherd, rabbi, brother, father, and friend. I am thinking that He would like the title "Garage Sale Gentleman." No doubt He watches over our "Garage Sale Lady" as she goes from one garage sale to another, in search of looking for treasures that will change the lives of refugees. Those gently used donated plates, pots and pans are signs of hope for the melting pot of arrivals that come with great skills, talents and dreams of new beginnings. And our 'Garage Sale Lady' is an instrument of God's love!

I recently read a quote online that made me think of the melting pot of flavors refugees and immigrants bring to our community. The words echoed in my mind: "Your car is Japanese. Your vodka is Russian. Your pizza is Italian. Your potato dish is Irish. Your kebab is Turkish. Your democracy is Greek. Your coffee is Brazilian. Your movies are American. Your beers are German. Your shirt is Indian. Your electronics are Chinese. Your numbers are Arabic and your letters are Latin." And as I read the words in the Bible describing the Holy Family fleeing Israel and arriving as refugees in Egypt, I am reminded of those I serve, God's call to welcome the stranger, and their melting pot of flavors.

Congratulations to Catholic Charities!

Catholic Charities has received the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility, for the fourth year in a row! The national award is part of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's When Work Works initiative, and winners undergo a rigorous review that includes confidential responses from employees of nominees.

The Televised Mass

Offered as a service for the homebound and elderly. Every Sunday on the following stations: KTTC-TV, Channel 10, Rochester at 9 a.m. KEYC-TV, Channel 12, Mankato at 7:30 a.m. Donations for the continuation of this program may be sent to: TV Mass, PO Box 588, Winona MN 55987. Thank you for your donations to the TV Mass

Diocese of Winona Catholic High School Scholarship

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Diocese to transition to new Safe Environment Program

Beginning on July 1, 2011, the Diocese of Winona will utilize a new Safe Environment Program called VIRTUS®. We recognize the need for a Safe Environment Program that offers updated and continued education that can better assist us in protecting our youth from sexual abusers (who are now using social networking sites on the Internet as a way of accessing youth). The Diocese is committed to providing safe environments in every organization that sponsors activities and/or provides services to children and youth.

Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have any further questions, please contact Peter Martin, our Director of the Office of Life at (507) 858-1264 and he will be able to assist you. Thank you all for the service you do to help protect the children and young people of the Diocese of Winona. Thank you also, in advance, for your patience and understanding as we transition to this new program.

Why are we changing from Safe and Sacred™ to VIRTUS® as our Diocesan Safe Environment Program?

The Diocese of Winona is dedicated to offering safe environments for all children and young people. We intend to continue that by taking every possible measure to ensure that everyone is properly trained to be able to spot any of the possible warning signs of sexual abuse.

Protecting our children must be our number one priority, not only at the beginning of the school year or the initial days of employment, but it must be an ongoing vigilance. VIRTUS® implements an ongoing education that keeps us all informed of ways we can be vigilant in protecting our children from potential sexual predators.

VIRTUS® focuses on knowing the warning signs of the presence of a potential predator. By educating all adults who come in contact with children and youth, we can all be alert to these signs and together be active in protecting our children.

Who has to attend a VIRTUS® awareness program?

There are three categories of people who are required to attend an awareness session. They are: 1) all clergy, 2) all employees of the Diocese of Winona and their parishes and schools, 3) all volunteers who have regular contact with children.

What does "regular contact with children" mean?

Regular contact means planned and on-going contact with children, vulnerable adults or the

elderly. These are the critical "third party eyes" we need to help us spot others who put our children at risk.

When will all this take place?

We will continue using Safe and Sacred™ until July 1, 2011. All new employees/ volunteers beginning on or beyond July 1 will be required to do their Safe Environment Education with VIRTUS®.

Does this mean that I am going to have to do the training all over again?

No. The Safe and Sacred™ program that we have been using for the past several years was designed to offer a new training each year. An updated training session has not been issued this year; the VIRTUS awareness session will take its place.

What is an awareness session?

An awareness session is a three-hour session offered by a facilitator at a parish or a school. It involves watching two videos that address the nature of sexual abuse and focus on a specific plan to prevent it.

How does VIRTUS® implement its ongoing education?

After someone has completed their training they will log in to VIRTUS® Online. There they will be enrolled to receive web-based bulletins that are sent monthly. These bulletins take less than ten minutes to read and contain follow-up questions to ensure that the reader has fully understood.

Who created the VIRTUS® programs?

The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. (National Catholic) created the programs. Monsignor Kevin McCoy, past board chairman of National Catholic, asked whether child sexual abuse could be prevented and, if so, how? In March of 1998, National Catholic invited prominent national experts—experts in many disciplines—to discuss these questions at a forum in Washington, D.C. From those discussions, the initiative for the VIRTUS programs was created. The National Catholic Board of Directors selected an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee development of the programs. The Ad Hoc Committee was assisted by a steering committee of nationally known experts and program and service providers.

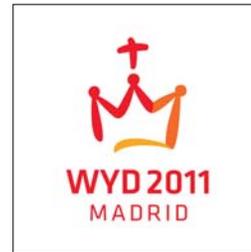
Find out more about VIRTUS by going to their website: www.virtusonline.org

World Youth Day: A pilgrimage of faith

Hundreds of thousands of young people will gather in Madrid, Spain on August 16 – 21 to celebrate World Youth Day, more accurately described as World Youth Week. Bishop Quinn and Bishop-Emeritus Harrington will lead more than forty pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona to Spain, including the seminarians from the diocese.

Every two or three years since 1984, the Pope has called all of the world's young people to gather and celebrate their faith. Madrid is the latest edition of what has become one of the largest gatherings of religious pilgrims for a special event in the history of the world. The Diocese of Winona was well represented in Australia three years ago, and will be again this year in Madrid.

World Youth Day centers on a closing Mass and homily by the Holy Father, scheduled for Sunday, August 21. In the days prior, the pilgrims will visit the important historical and religious landmarks in Madrid. They will celebrate Mass every day and participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Way of the Cross and other special services. Catechesis sessions are conducted



daily during the gathering. While the pilgrims from Winona will see sites and sights that many never see, this truly is a pilgrimage, a journey of faith.

Over the years, World Youth Day pilgrims have developed a tradition of exchanging pins with travelers from other parts of the world. The Winona pilgrims will have for exchange a pin designed and produced by Wincraft in Winona especially for World Youth Day, 2011. At the Sydney gathering in 2008, the Winona pin was among those most energetically sought by pilgrims from around the world.

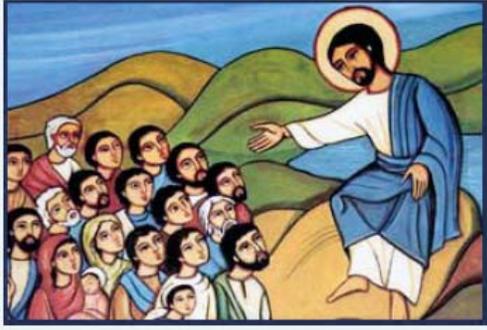
After World Youth Day has concluded, many of the Winona delegation will visit sites of his-

toric and religious significance in Spain, including Santiago de Compostela where the apostle St. James is believed to have preached the Gospel and been martyred for the faith. Barcelona and Salamanca are among the other sites on the pilgrimage itinerary.

"This is not a tour," Bishop Quinn, said, "but a pilgrimage. We will enjoy Spain, but we also will undertake the tasks of praying for each other and for our diocese, and growing in our faith. Sometimes, growth is uncomfortable. The Lord leads us in directions that challenge our comfort. It is on pilgrimages such as this that Christians from the beginning of the Church have met the Lord and sought His guidance."

The pilgrimage is not without financial costs but, according to Bishop Quinn, these are dollars well spent to strengthen the faith of the pilgrims, and to prepare them to carry out the commands of the Lord. People interested in supporting the pilgrimage to World Youth Day are encouraged to send their gifts to Bishop John Quinn at the Pastoral Center in Winona. The pilgrims and the diocese will be most grateful for their generosity.

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