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The U.S. Catholic bishops have designated July 24–30 as Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic teachings about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Visit [nfp@uscbb.org](http://nfp@uscbb.org).

## Pope Benedict XVI beatifies John Paul II before an estimated two million pilgrims

**Rome (CNA/EWTN News)** – Pope Benedict XVI has beatified Pope John Paul II. In a ceremony before hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in Rome on Sunday, May 1, he explained his great admiration and affection for his predecessor: "John Paul II is blessed because of his faith, a strong, generous, and apostolic faith."



In April of 1986, Fr. John M. LeVoir (left), now Bishop LeVoir, traveled to Rome with a priest friend, Fr. Richard Hogan, to participate in an International Moral Theology Congress sponsored by the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family. The invitation came because of the book they co-authored: "Covenant of Love: Pope John Paul II on Sexuality, Marriage and Family in the Modern World." The two had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father in his private chapel followed by a meeting with him.

It is estimated that two million pilgrims descended on Rome for the occasion. The presidents of Italy, Poland, and Mexico were also among some 90 heads of state and other dignitaries attending the beatification.

The pope told the pilgrims that the Blessed John Paul II, as he can now be called, had reinvigorated the Catholic Church following his election as pontiff in October 1978. "By his witness of faith, love and apostolic courage, accompanied by great human charisma, this exemplary son of Poland helped believers throughout the world not to be afraid to be called Christian, to belong to the Church, to speak of the Gospel," the pope said.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when he worked closely alongside Blessed John Paul. "I was at his side and came to revere him all the more. My own service was sustained by his spiritual depth and by the richness of his insights. His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me."

The coffin of Blessed John Paul II was on display in St. Peter's Basilica until the following day, May 2, to allow pilgrims to venerate him.

On very personal note, Pope Benedict recalled his 23 years in charge of the Vatican's

*(For more on the beatification, see page 6.)*

## Marriage Amendment advances to statewide ballot in 2012

**New Ulm** – The Minnesota House of Representatives passed a measure May 23 by a vote of 70-62 that will put a state constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2012 to define marriage as only a union between one man and one woman.

For example, a bill introduced May 16 in the House would make marriage the union of two consenting persons. It would also cleanse Minnesota Statutes and Rules of "gendered" language related to male and female or husband and wife. In addition to the new bill, a

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Jason Adkins, executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC), which supported the bill. "We look forward to a respectful and civil conversation among Minnesotans about why the amendment should be adopted."

The Senate has already passed the bill. The measure is not subject to a veto by the governor. The question on the ballot for voters will be: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?"

Minnesota's existing law, which defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman, has been challenged in recent years. Minnesota's Catholic bishops support the amendment as a way of turning back efforts to redefine marriage in the state both with new laws and through the courts.

lawsuit pending in the Minnesota Court of Appeals seeks to have Minnesota's existing marriage laws declared unconstitutional.

"Opponents of the amendment try to argue that the amendment is about bigotry and discrimination, but that simply is not true," said Adkins, whose MCC is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota.

The legislation introduced May 16 "transforms the institution of marriage from one that seeks to attach mothers and fathers to their children into a whole different one that puts a government stamp of approval on the relationships of adults," he said.

"As the new bill shows, the movement to redefine marriage is part of a broader movement ... to create a gender-neutral society and transform the institution of marriage into one based solely on

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## BE NOT AFRAID "Financial Commentary"



Bishop John M. LeVoir

Presented for your review in this issue of "The Prairie Catholic" is the "Statement of Activities" of the Diocese of New Ulm for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (see page 3). The figures are taken from the audited financial statements.

Under "Revenues," please note the large "gain on investments" of \$1,113,076 for the fiscal year. This represents the "paper gain" on monies invested by the diocese for the fiscal year. Last fiscal year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009), there was a "loss on investments" of \$1,682,405. This significant swing from loss to gain in the "gains (losses) in investments" category over the two-year period reflects the recovery of the stock market during this period. The current policy of the diocese is to keep its funds invested with Christian Brothers Investment Services in good times and bad.

Turning to the "Change in Net

Assets," there was an increase of \$649,792 during the year. This is largely due to the "paper gain" of \$1,113,076. With the addition of \$649,792 to the July 1, 2009 balance of \$11,497,675, the total "Net Assets as of June 30, 2010" is \$12,147,467.

The pie charts show, by percentage, the various items that compose the revenues and expenses of the diocese. The diocese had a good year. The diocese has been assured by its outside auditor that it remains in sound financial condition.

Remember, the Diocesan United Fund (DUF) is the total of the annual assessments for each of the seventy-six parishes of the Diocese of New Ulm. Each parish's assessment is based on the parish's number of households, the number of \$50 (or more) donors, and Sunday offertory collections. On the other hand, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA) supports new ministries in the diocese, in most cases started after the first DMA in 2006. These ministries include the education of our seminarians, Catholic Charities, the permanent diaconate program, and the ongoing education of lay ministers who serve day in and day out in the parishes.

The budgeting process for 2011-2012 is completed. Thank you to Tom Holzer and his staff for preparing the budget. Thank you to

the diocesan staff for keeping expenses down. The 2011-2012 budget has been reviewed by the Finance Council, the Budget Review Committee (which interviews the director of each of the offices of the Diocese of New Ulm), the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and the College of Consultors (composed of priests of the diocese). I have accepted the budget. The projected revenues for 2011-2012 are \$3,280,596 and the projected expenses are \$3,280,596, for a projected balanced budget.

Each Catholic belongs to a parish, each parish belongs to an area faith community (with the exception of four parishes), and the area faith communities and four parishes compose the Diocese of New Ulm. Working together and giving generously, we can accomplish many good things for the people of the diocese. I pray that the Lord will continue to pour out his blessings on us as we look with hope into the future.

### Capital Campaign for the diocese and parishes

The "Christ Our Life" Campaign is incorporated separately from the diocese. The purpose of the campaign is to solicit funds for the construction of a new pastoral center and to satisfy the various needs within the parishes of the diocese. All funds collected and disbursed for the campaign will go in and out of the

capital campaign bank account. The results of the campaign are sent out regularly to the parishes of the diocese.

**Living our faith when on vacation**  
Sometimes, we leave our faith at home when we go on summer vacation. But, Jesus wants to be an integral part of our lives every day and everywhere. So, we should continue to pray each day when on vacation, even though it might not be the way we pray when at home. Finding a Catholic church at which to attend Mass on weekends is made easier by going to the Web site, MassTimes.com.

It is important to be a people of charity and kindness on vacation. We face different challenges and temptations when on vacation. So, we should ask for the special graces we need to say "yes" to Jesus and "no" to temptations when they come at us from a different direction.

Modesty in dress should be attended to as well during the warmer summer months. Modesty of dress is particularly important when attending Mass because the Mass is a sacred event.

I hope everyone has a faith-filled and refreshing summer. Be assured of my prayers, and we will meet again through this column in September.

## Bishop's Summer Calendar

### JUNE

**1-2 Sleepy Eye:** Good Leaders, Good Shepherds.

**1 Duluth:** Minnesota Catholic Conference Board Meeting and Bishops' Gathering.

**3 New Ulm:** 5 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Holy Hour, Ordination Rehearsal, and Dinner for Deacon Zachary D. Peterson.

**4 New Ulm:** 10 a.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Ordination to the Presbyterate of Deacon Zachary D. Peterson.

**5 Clara City:** 10 a.m. Church of St. Clara. Fiftieth Anniversary of Profession of Vows of Sr. Carole Freking, OSF.

**New Ulm:** 5 p.m. Catholic Pastoral Center. Lectio Divina Prayer Group Gathering.

**11 Leavenworth:** 8 p.m. Church of the Japanese Martyrs. Fiftieth Anniversary of Profession of Vows of Sr. JoAnne Backes, OSB.

**12 New Ulm:** 1 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Presbyterate of Fr. Bernard J. Steiner.

**12-17 Seattle:** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Special Assembly.

**17-18 Seattle:** Bishops' Support Group Gathering.

**19 Willmar:** 3 p.m. Church of St. Mary. Thirtieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Presbyterate of Bishop John M. LeVoir.

**20 Olivia:** 11 a.m. Olivia Golf Club. Priests' Golf Outing.

**21 New Ulm:** 12 p.m. Catholic Pastoral Center. Capital Campaign Executive Committee Meeting.

**22 Sleepy Eye:** 11 a.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Mass for Schoenstatt Girls' Youth Summer Camp.

**25 New Ulm:** 5 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Mass and Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi.

**27 Olivia:** Good Leaders, Good Shepherds.

**28 New Ulm:** 5 p.m. Staff Family Picnic.

**29 Sleepy Eye:** 11 a.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Mass for Schoenstatt High School Camp (Hispanic Mission Camp).

### JULY

**1 New Ulm:** 3:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Holy Hour for the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

**New Ulm:** 5:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. First Profession of Vows of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

# Diocese of New Ulm

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

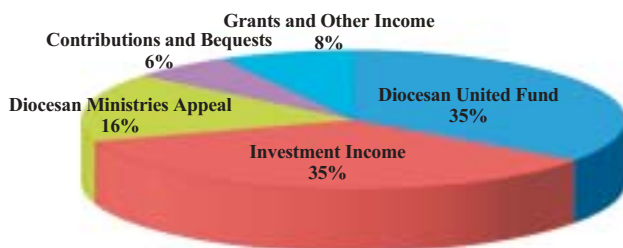


REVENUES	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTALS 2010
Diocesan United Fund	\$ 1,399,769			\$ 1,399,769
Diocesan Ministries Appeal	660,000			660,000
Contributions and bequests	80,390	\$ 118,173	\$ 54,253	252,816
Grants		94,000		94,000
Interest and dividends	166,336	92,735		259,071
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments	598,026	515,050		1,113,076
Program income	188,463			188,463
Rent income	42,399			42,399
Gain on sale of land held for resale	26,269			26,269
Other income	4,688			4,688
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	550,295	(550,295)		-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b> (see pie chart below)	<b>\$ 3,716,635</b>	<b>\$ 269,663</b>	<b>\$ 54,253</b>	<b>\$ 4,040,551</b>

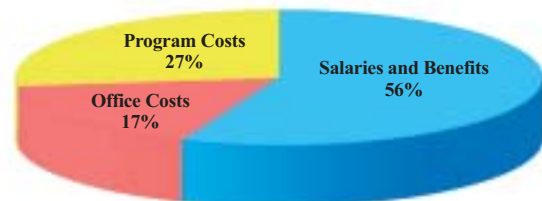
### EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,900,365			\$ 1,900,365
Office costs	577,910			577,910
Program costs	912,484			912,484
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> (see pie chart below)	<b>\$ 3,390,759</b>			<b>\$ 3,390,759</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 325,876</b>	<b>\$ 269,663</b>	<b>\$ 54,253</b>	<b>\$ 649,792</b>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	5,788,014	1,859,791	3,849,870	11,497,675
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 6,113,890</b>	<b>\$ 2,129,454</b>	<b>\$ 3,904,123</b>	<b>\$12,147,467</b>

### 2009–2010 REVENUES \$4.0 MILLION



### 2009–2010 EXPENSES \$3.4 MILLION



## Grain as good as cash when gifting to "Christ Our Life" Capital Campaign



by Wayne Pelzel, director  
Office of Development

The "Christ Our Life" Capital Campaign is recognizing significant benefits from gifts of grain. Active farmers are encouraged to consider this method of gifting to the campaign and to their parish as it may provide substantial tax benefits.

Three important criteria to keep in mind that make this practice work are:

- You must be a cash-basis taxpayer. If you use the accrual method of accounting to figure your taxes, much of your advantage is negated.
- You must be an active farm producer.
- The charity you contribute to must sell the grain.

### *Campaign starts payouts to parishes*

Tom Holzer, diocesan Director of Finance, presented the first payments from the "Christ Our Life" Capital Campaign to Msgr. John Richter and Fr. Samuel Perez who were representing their parishes, Cathedral of the Holy



Trinity in New Ulm and the Church of the Sacred Heart in Murdock, respectively. The parishes are among the 17 parishes participating in the pilot wave of the campaign. Parishes and the diocese share the receipts of the campaign from the first dollar donated. At the time of this picture, that amounted to a check of \$70,773.58 for Murdock and \$121,922.08 for Cathedral.

(photo by Dan Rossini)

When delivering your contribution to the elevator, ask that the storage receipt be made out in the name of the charity. Then give the charity the receipt with a letter saying the commodity is theirs to handle as they see fit. The charity will then contact the elevator and instruct them to sell the grain.

Make sure to contact your tax accountant if you have specific questions about how commodity giving will affect your tax liability.

*Editors note: Substantial portions of this article were taken from a publication prepared by the accounting firm Larson Allen.*



## No Tengas Miedo Comentarios Financieros

por Obispo John M. LeVoir

En esta edición del "Prairie Catholic" para su revisión es la "Declaración de Actividades" de la Diócesis de New Ulm para el año fiscal del 1 de Julio, 2009 hasta el 30 de junio, 2010 (ver página 3). Las cifras son de la declaración financiera ya auditados.

El proceso de elaboración del presupuesto para el 2011-2012 está completo. Agradesco a Tom Holzer y a su personal administrativo por preparar el presupuesto. Gracias al equipo administrativo diocesano por mantener los gastos bajos. El presupuesto para el 2011-2012 ha sido revisado por el Consejo de Finanzas, el Comité de Revisión de Presupuesto (quien entrevista al director de cada oficina de la Diócesis de New Ulm), el Consejo Pastoral Diocesano y el Colegio de Consultores (compuesto por sacerdotes de la diócesis). He aceptado el presupuesto. Los ingresos previstos para el 2011-2012 es de \$3,280,596 y los gastos que se proyecta es de \$3,280,596, para un presupuesto equilibrado previsto.

Cada católico pertenece a una parroquia, cada parroquia pertenece a una Comunidad del Área de Fe (con la excepción de cuatro parroquias) y la Comunidad del Área de Fe y cuatro parroquias componen la Diócesis de New Ulm. Trabajando juntos y dando generosamente, podemos lograr muchas cosas buenas para el pueblo de la diócesis. Ruego que el Señor siga derramando sus bendiciones sobre nosotros, mientras vemos con esperanza el futuro.

### **Campaña Capital de la Diócesis y las Parroquias**

La Campaña Cristo Nuestra Vida se incorpora por separado de la diócesis. El objetivo de la campaña es para solicitar fondos para la

construcción del nuevo Centro Pastoral y para satisfacer las diversas necesidades de las parroquias en la diócesis. Todos los fondos que se vaya a obtener para la campaña saldrá de la cuenta bancaria de la Campaña Capital. Los resultados de la Campaña se envían periódicamente a las parroquias de la diócesis.

### **Vivir nuestra fe cuando estamos de vacaciones**

A veces, cuando nos vamos de vacaciones dejemos nuestra fe en casa. Jesús quiere ser parte integral de nuestras vidas todos los días y en todas partes. Por lo tanto, debemos continuar orando cada día cuando estemos de vacaciones, no importa si no es de la misma manera como se ora en casa. Hoy en día, encontrar una iglesia católica en la que asistir a misa los fines de semana es más fácil en la página de internet, [www.Masstimes.com](http://www.Masstimes.com).

Cuando estamos de vacaciones es importante ser un pueblo de caridad y bondad.

Cuando estamos de vacaciones enfrentamos diferentes retos y tentaciones. Por lo tanto, debemos pedir por una tolerancia especial para decir "sí" a Jesús y "no" a las tentaciones.

Tener modestia en el vestir durante los meses más cálidos del verano. Cuando uno va a la Misa es importante tener modestia al vestir ya que la Misa es un evento sagrado.

Espero que cada uno de ustedes tenga un verano lleno de fe y refrescante. Esten seguros de mis oraciones por ustedes y nos volveremos a encontrar otra vez a través de esta columna en septiembre.

## U.S. bishops to meet June 15-17 in Seattle agenda to include Charter revisions, assisted suicide document, and Spanish Mass translation

**Washington** – The annual spring General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be June 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel in Seattle. The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

The bishops will debate and vote on revisions to the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," a document on physician assisted suicide called "To Live Each Day With Dignity," and the Spanish translation of USA Propers, as well as an appendix of major feast days of Spanish-speaking countries for inclusion in the future Spanish translation of the Roman Missal.

The bishops will hear addresses by Ken Hackett at the conclusion of his service as president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland, on the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in June 2012, Fr. Edward Dougherty on the 100th anniversary of the Maryknoll Society, and Msgr. David Malloy at the conclusion of his service as general secretary of the USCCB.

The agenda also includes:

- A presentation on the Defense of Marriage efforts of the USCCB, including a Spanish-language video.
- A report by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington on "Anglicanorum coetibus," the Vatican guideline for allowing

communities of Anglicans to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

- A report by Bishop Kevin Farrell of Dallas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on National Collections, on the evaluation of national collections.
- Discussion of "Faithful Citizenship," the bishops' call to political responsibility.
- A request by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations to proceed in drafting a document on preaching.

Live streaming coverage, as well as documents, vote tallies, and other information from the meeting will be available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).





## Diocesan Ministries Appeal status as of May 31, 2011

# Update

*“With a goal of \$680,000, over 4,400 households throughout the diocese have generously responded with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$1.14 million which in return will be used to fund four vital ministries: seminarians/permanent diaconate, lay ministry, children and youth, and people in need (Catholic Charities). I deeply appreciate your generosity and faith that led you to make those gifts. The gifts and pledges in excess of the \$680,000 goal mean that over \$434,000 will be returned to parishes to help them carry out important work. Your faith response to the Church’s need is inspiring.” – Bishop John M. LeVoir*

Parish	Goal	Amount Received	Total Committed
APPLETON	\$ 4,413	\$12,488	\$12,788
ARLINGTON	7,755	17,090	18,520
BEARDSLEY	2,614	3,023	3,023
BENSON	11,483	21,285	24,440
BIRD ISLAND	12,425	12,045	12,605
CANBY	8,569	21,658	22,700
CLARA CITY	7,284	12,261	13,530
CLONTARF	2,485	2,795	3,145
COMFREY	5,099	5,525	5,525
COTTONWOOD	3,770	3,155	3,505
DARWIN	9,126	10,941	11,895
DAWSON	3,171	7,355	7,907
DEGRAFF	2,099	1,085	1,165
FAIRFAX	7,327	11,186	11,246
FAXON TWP.	3,128	2,975	3,405
FOREST CITY	2,999	1,960	1,960
FRANKLIN	2,399	3,035	3,035
GAYLORD	4,285	9,280	10,075
GHENT	5,527	6,972	8,680
GIBBON	4,413	6,955	7,355
GLENCOE	12,939	23,077	27,547
GRACEVILLE	6,812	7,420	8,545
GRANITE FALLS	5,698	10,761	11,061
GREEN ISLE	2,314	7,990	9,490
GREEN VALLEY	2,828	6,480	7,030
HECTOR	4,285	6,380	6,710
HENDERSON	3,042	5,580	6,800
HUTCHINSON	28,706	42,822	47,617
IVANHOE	5,484	8,018	9,118
KANDIYOHI	4,884	4,893	6,060
LAFAYETTE	3,556	4,312	4,412
LAKE BENTON	3,213	6,250	6,650
LAKE LILLIAN	2,528	3,043	3,155
LAMBERTON	2,699	2,585	2,705
LEAVENWORTH	3,899	5,115	5,115
LITCHFIELD	15,724	24,148	26,165
LUCAN	2,999	8,870	9,395
MADISON	6,427	16,004	16,880
MANNANAH	5,227	9,570	10,350
MARSHALL	41,646	50,123	52,928
MILROY	3,428	18,688	20,213
MINNEOTA	11,783	13,721	14,621
MONTEVIDEO	9,255	8,290	8,820
MORGAN	7,798	11,326	12,311
MORTON	2,571	2,995	3,295
MURDOCK	4,670	9,645	9,925

Parish	Goal	Amount Received	Total Committed
NASSAU	\$ 814	\$ 125	\$ 125
NU CATHEDRAL	37,747	56,818	64,229
NU ST MARY	25,579	84,664	86,926
NICOLLET	4,670	2,185	2,185
NORTH MANKATO	27,250	31,432	33,876
OLIVIA	10,026	21,530	21,690
ORTONVILLE	9,597	3,736	3,786
REDWOOD FALLS	17,738	20,840	22,245
RENVILLE	5,270	6,120	6,735
ROSEN	3,171	2,180	2,180
ST. LEO	1,500	5,339	5,339
ST. PETER	24,079	32,966	38,436
SEAFORTH	3,985	11,413	11,473
SEARLES	4,413	9,749	10,289
SILVER LAKE	17,267	20,875	23,205
SLEEPY EYE	35,605	47,170	50,885
SPICER	15,253	19,359	22,039
SPRINGFIELD	12,854	17,154	17,924
STEWART	3,213	13,331	13,331
TRACY	6,213	7,785	8,110
TYLER	5,827	7,556	8,286
WABASSO	8,141	17,395	18,195
WALNUT GROVE	2,185	3,630	3,830
WANDA	3,385	11,019	11,099
WATKINS	10,669	13,378	13,838
WEST NEWTON	4,970	12,015	12,645
WILNO	8,269	11,030	11,130
WILLMAR	31,877	36,979	42,221
WINSTED	21,508	23,085	25,160
WINTHROP	2,142	4,721	4,721
UNDESIGNATED		3,306	3,306
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$680,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,058</b>	<b>\$1,132,861</b>



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## Eight from diocese travel to Rome to witness beatification

*Editor's Note: Eight from the Diocese of New Ulm were in Rome to be present for the beatification of Pope John Paul II. They are: Fr. Matthew Wiering, seminarians Dcn. Aaron Johanneck and Garrett Ahlers, Mother Mary Clare and Sr. Myriam Rose of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, Dr. Frani Knowles of New Ulm, Sarah DeCock of Minneota, and permanent deacon candidate Jim Guldán of New Ulm. Following are some of the pilgrims' personal reflections from their experience.*

The beatification of John Paul II has had a great impact on my life. I was blessed to study in Rome in the Jubilee Year of 2000 for a semester where I was able to attend many liturgies and events with him. As we arrived in Rome for the beatification, all of the billboards, buses, piazzas, and churches were plastered with images of the soon-to-be Blessed John Paul II, a man truly loved by all. The night before the beatification we attended a vigil at the Circus Maximus. A place where once saw the bloodshed of many Christians was now filled with Christians alive in their faith, there to honor a man who always said "yes" to God with the gift of his life. During the vigil we were connected via media to others throughout the world who were gathered with us but in their own countries. The five sights were five different Marian shrines throughout the world that were particularly dear to John Paul.

After the vigil, we journeyed with the other pilgrims to St. Peter's Square. As we arrived, we became

one with hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims. Although we had hoped to camp out in St. Peter's, because of the crowds, they would not allow us into the square until 6:30 a.m. We stood in the massive crowd all night long, with little room to stand or even move but full of joy and expectation at the events to come.

As the beatification began, there were a million and a half pilgrims there to celebrate with the Church the gift of this man's life. After Pope Benedict declared him blessed, the crowd cheered, cried, and waved their flags, as the full orchestra and choir expressed the sentiments of heaven at this declaration. Fifteen minutes later, the crowd was still applauding and rejoicing at this moment of grace for the world and the Church. Then there was an announcement to reverently enter in to the sacred mysteries of the Holy Mass. Immediately one and a half million people were silent and communing with the Lord in their hearts as the choir began to sing the "Gloria," truly proclaiming the sentiments of the Church.

For me, the beatification was an experience of the glory of Holy Mother Church, honoring one of her most faithful members who offered his life in union with Christ for the glory of the Father and the good of the Church. The Church is fully alive because of the faithfulness and holiness of a man who chose not to do his will but to lay down his life for his friends, a man who taught the world to "be not afraid" and to "open wide the doors to Christ."

— Mother Mary Clare

From the estimated 1.5 million people who came to Rome to take part in this joyous occasion, it is clear how great an impact Blessed John Paul II had on so many. Blessed John Paul was and continues to be a great inspiration to me personally, as well. I feel truly blessed that the Lord provided me with the opportunity to travel to Rome to participate. Blessed John Paul fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel to a world that is so often indifferent and even hostile to Christianity. He constantly called us to open the doors of our hearts to Christ, trust in the Lord, and move beyond all fear citing the words of Jesus, "Be not afraid." His life provided a great example of what it means to be a priest and of what it means to be a Christian. Blessed John Paul was a man of deep union with the Lord, a man of deep love, and a man of great joy. He has inspired hundreds of thousands of us in the "JP II Generation" to give ourselves wholeheartedly to the Lord.

— Dcn. Aaron Johanneck

Personally, the beatification of Pope John Paul II was important to me because of the significance and length of his papacy at a time in the history of the Church and the entire world when it was very much needed. He was courageous in preaching the truths of the gospel to all people. For me, having the opportunity to attend the beatification of Pope John Paul II was special since my first trip to Rome in the jubilee year of 2000 had a special place in my deeper conversion to the Catholic faith.

— Jim Guldán



The coffin of Blessed John Paul II was on display May 1 in St. Peter's Basilica until the following day to allow pilgrims to venerate him.

(photo by Dr. Frani Knowles)

On May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated in the diocese in conjunction with the beatification of Pope John Paul II. Members of the diocese gathered with Bishop John M. LeVoir at the Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake for a penitential service followed by confessions, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In recognition of the beatification, Bishop LeVoir read Pope Benedict XVI's homily. The celebration was followed by a reception, which featured Polish desserts.



(photo by Christine Clancy)

## Handmaids to Celebrate First Profession of Vows

The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will celebrate the First Profession of Vows of (pictured l-r) Sr. Magdalena Marie, Sr. Myriam Rose, and Sr. Regina Marie on Friday, July 1 at the Cathedral of Holy Trinity, New Ulm.



Having completed a period of formation as novices, the sisters will vow to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience for a period of three years, after which these vows may be renewed. Bishop John M. LeVoir will celebrate the Mass of Religious Profession at 5:30 p.m. A potluck dinner reception will follow. All are welcome.

On Dec. 8, 2009, Bishop LeVoir established the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus as a public association of the faithful – the first step toward becoming a religious community of diocesan right. The group is the first of its kind in the diocese. Since the diocese's formation in 1957, there has never been a motherhouse within its boundaries. For more information about the Handmaids, call 507-276-9128; handmaids1@gmail.com.

## Family Bible camp reunion set for August

**Sleepy Eye** – A 2011 Catholic family Bible camp reunion will be held Aug. 5–7 at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Sleepy Eye.

Back by popular demand will be keynote presenter Jim Murphy. Murphy was the keynote presenter at the 1995 Family Bible Camp and was very well received.

The camp will begin on Friday at 5 p.m. and end at noon on Sunday. The Schoenstatt Retreat Center, 940 NW Prescott, is located west of Sleepy Eye on the south shore of Lake Mary. Electrical hookups will be available for campers, however it is preferred that all meals be eaten together in community to grow in family fellowship.

The cost of the camp is \$110 for adults, \$55 for ages 5–15, and free for children 4 years and under.

To register call Kim Levinski at 320-275-2184; e-mail kimlevinski@gmail.com.

## Changing lives in San Lucas – and lives back home

**San Lucas** – Last March, permanent deacon candidate for the Diocese of New Ulm Paul Treinen of Ortonville led a group of missionaries to the diocese's mission parish of San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala. The group included two therapists, one prosthetist, and eight other lay people.

Treinen, a therapist by profession, is one of three owners of Big Stone Therapies (BST), who were part of the mission trip. The group spent one week at the mission providing therapy services for the indigent people.

Six years ago, when BST first traveled to San Lucas, they thought they would be teaching and sharing their therapy gifts to the people there. And while they have fit many folks with artificial legs and wheelchairs, and designed numerous exercise programs for all ages from those with pediatric disabilities to elderly stroke patients, the lessons learned through their work at the mission have definitely

benefitted the therapists who have been a part of BST's outreach.

"Gifts like strong faith, commitment to family, and a sense of joy and trust in God can be seen in the eyes of the people in spite of not having the

economic blessings that we have here in the States," says Treinen.

Teams of three to four therapists from BST visit San Lucas every six months. The outreach opportunity is valued by BST's employees because they see and hear of the good and necessary work that occurs in Guatemala – as well as the change in the therapists that travel to the mission.

"You cannot spend a week with these people and not be moved," says Treinen. "They touch your heart in a way you can never forget ... in a way you never want to forget because it is so worthwhile."

"I realize that the therapy we provide is wonderful and that we are being great stewards of the gifts and talents that the Lord has given us. However, the gifts the people of Guatemala give us are a tough thing to match," says Allison Naber, occupational therapist from Marshall, who participated in the mission.

Big Stone Therapies provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services in several communities within the Diocese of New Ulm, including Marshall, Olivia, Madison, Minneota, Hendricks, Ivanhoe, Graceville, Appleton, and Ortonville.

For the past six years, Big Stone Therapies (BST) have been traveling to the mission in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, providing therapy services for the indigent people. BST co-owner Wade Van Dover of Big Stone City, S.D., works with Edwardo, a boy with cerebral palsy.



## John Jay College reports no single cause, predictor of clergy abuse

**Washington** – A landmark study by researchers at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York, which examined the causes and context of the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the U.S. Catholic Church, concluded that there was no single cause or predictor of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy. The report added that that situational factors and opportunity to abuse played a significant role in the onset and continuation of abusive acts.

"The bulk of cases occurred decades ago," said Karen Terry, Ph.D., John Jay's principal investigator for the report. "The increased frequency of abuse in the 1960s and 1970s was consistent with the patterns of increased deviance of society during that time." She also stated that "social influences intersected with vulnerabilities of individual priests whose preparation for a life of celibacy was inadequate at that time." Terry also said that neither celibacy nor homosexuality were causes of the abuse, and that priest candidates who would later abuse could not be distinguished by psychological test

data, developmental and sexual history data, intelligence data, or experience in priesthood. The development of human formation components of seminary preparation for priesthood is associated with the continued low levels of child sexual abuse by Catholic priests in the United States, she said.

The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010 report by a John Jay College research team was made public May 18 in Washington. Terry presented the report to Diane Knight, CMSW, Chair of the National Review Board, a group of lay Catholics who oversaw the project and to Bishop Blase Cupich of Spokane, Washington, who chairs the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.

The study also found that the initial, mid-1980s response of bishops to allegations of abuse was to concentrate on getting help for the priest-abusers. Despite the development by the mid-1990s of a

comprehensive plan for response to victims and the harms of sexual abuse, diocesan implementation was not consistent or thorough at that time. Yet, the decrease in incidence of sexual abuse cases by clergy was more rapid than the overall societal patterns.

Knight, a social worker from Milwaukee, lauded the work of John Jay. "Through its extensive processes of data collection and statistical analyses," she said, "the researchers found that the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic priests is an historical problem."

She added that "researchers also concluded that much of what has been implemented through the Charter is consistent with a model response to the prevention of child abuse. However, this in no way should lull us as a Church into complacency."

The report can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/mr/causes-and-context-of-sexual-abuse-of-minors-by-catholic-priests-in-the-united-states-1950-2010.pdf>.

## Catholic Charities - Catholic in mission and identity

**Sleepy Eye** – Representatives of six upper midwest Catholic Charities agencies joined Kathy Brown, the director of mission effectiveness for Catholic Charities USA, and Brian Corbin, the director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Youngstown (Ohio) and a member of the CCUSA Board of Directors, to discuss the topic: "Catholic in Mission and Catholic in Identity."

The April 3-4 dialogue at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Sleepy Eye was hosted by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm. Bishop John M. LeVoir celebrated morning Mass and participated in the Monday discussions. Agency representatives from the Minnesota Catholic Charities of St. Cloud, St. Paul-Minneapolis, and Winona, related department directors of the New Ulm diocese, and staff from Catholic Charities of Des Moines and North Dakota also participated in the dialogue.

At the conclusion of the event, Tom Keaveny, New Ulm's Catholic

Charities director, spoke about what makes his organization especially Catholic: "Without the support of the annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA) and the generosity of so many in the diocese, we would not be able to do a what we do. It is because of this substantial support that we are able to be truly Catholic in mission and Catholic in identity in our all work. Similarly, our efforts are truly 'catholic' and offered without regards to people's ability to pay (or their religious affiliation) because we serve as a program of the Diocese of New Ulm and primarily through the support offered by the people of the diocese."



Catholic Charities services available for those in need

In the Diocese of New Ulm, Catholic Charities offices are located in Hutchinson, Marshall, New Ulm, and Willmar. For more information call 866-670-5163.

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## PRIESTLY ORDINATION

A priest is “a man who holds the place of God, a man clothed with all the powers of God. ‘Go,’ our Lord said to the priest, ‘As my Father has sent me, I also send you.’” – St. John Vianney

**D**eacon Zachary D. Peterson, 32, the son of Dean and Doreen Peterson of Marshall, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John M. LeVoir on Saturday, June 4, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. The Most Rev. John C. Nienstedt, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, was present to celebrate this joyous occasion. Also in attendance were pastoral leaders of the diocese, seminarians, family and friends, and lay people.

Bishop LeVoir began his homily by telling the assembly that this day was “an occasion of joy and of gratitude.” Reflecting on Psalm 118 he said, “This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it and be glad that we have an ordination to the priesthood.” The bishop expressed gratitude to God for calling Zachary to the priesthood, and to Zachary for saying ‘yes’ to God and ‘yes’ to his vocation to the priesthood.

Fr. Peterson celebrated his first Mass on Sunday, June 5, at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Bishop LeVoir has appointed him to serve as associate pastor of the Church of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson and the Church of St. Boniface in Stewart.

### Fr. Peterson’s background:

A 1997 graduate of Marshall Senior High School, Fr. Peterson attended Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, graduating with a degree in elementary education in 2002. Following college and prior to entering the seminary, he was employed by the Echo Charter School in Echo, Minn.

He received his training in philosophy from Cardinal Muench Seminary in Fargo, N.D., and for the past four years has been studying theology at St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana.

On Nov. 7, 2009, he was ordained a deacon at his home parish of Holy Redeemer in Marshall by Bishop John M. LeVoir. For the 2009-2010 academic year, he interned at the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye and taught at St. Mary’s School.



During the election of the candidate for the priesthood, Dcn. Zachary D. Peterson is called forth and presented to the bishop.



After Bishop LeVoir announced the election of the candidate, the assembly showed its consent by applause.

### *My journey to the priesthood and life after*

— a Q & A with Fr. Zachary D. Peterson —

#### **Q. Was Church always an important part of your life and your family’s life growing up?**

**A.** The Church was a very big part of my family life as I was growing up. My siblings and I attended Catholic school from kindergarten through eighth grade, and we attended Mass every Sunday, even when we were away from home. My parents made many personal sacrifices in order to afford our Catholic education and that gave credence to the importance of the education we received. My mother’s parents were very faithful Catholics, and seeing my grandfather still attend Mass after the death of my grandmother was a great witness to the importance of the faith in both of their lives. When I was in high school, my father and I, along with a friend of mine, joined one of Holy

Redeemer’s choirs, and we became even more involved in the life of the parish. Ironically however, the first time I was ever an altar server was when I entered the seminary.

#### **Q. When you were in high school, did you already know you wanted to be a priest?**

**A.** It was only after I was a sophomore in college that I first gave serious thought to the priesthood. I had changed my mind a few times about what I wanted to major in. I did consider the priesthood, but decided to become a teacher. While in college, I began to attend daily Mass. I had the opportunity to chaperone groups to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in 1999 and 2001. These experiences really helped to energize my faith by



The ordinandi prostrates himself on the floor while the Litany of Saints is sung. The prostration is a symbol of his death to his former life and his rising into a new Spirit-filled and resurrected life in the Risen Christ, who came among us not to be served, but to serve. The Litany of Saints invites the intercession of this holy cloud of witnesses who will support and sustain the ordinandi in his new life as a priest.

## Holy Order of the Priesthood

seeing 30,000 or so young people on fire for the Catholic faith!

In addition, the priesthood of Blessed Pope John Paul II was an incredible witness for me to the power of the priesthood in the modern age. The example he gave to the world in both his youthful vigor and in his suffering through Parkinson's I believe is one of the reasons why seminaries across the world are seeing higher enrollments than at any time since Vatican II in the 1960s.

After I received my teaching degree, I was not able to continue my daily practice of attending Mass because both the town I lived in and taught in did not have a Catholic church. I did not fully realize the role that daily Eucharist played in my life until I was no longer able to make it a part of my daily life.

It was after teaching at a Charter school in Echo, Minn., that I entered seminary. Although I loved teaching, I was not teaching what I loved the most, which was the Catholic faith.

**Q. What was the attraction for you to become a priest?**

A. I was attracted to the priesthood because of the importance of the sacraments in the lives of Catholics. Now that I am a priest, I am honored to be able to bring the sacraments to the next generation of Catholics.

**Q. What are your strengths that you bring to the priesthood?**

A. In my role as a priest, I see myself finally becoming the person God has created me to be. All of the gifts and strengths that he has given me translate beautifully to the priesthood. My strengths that I bring to the priesthood are in the role of teaching and presiding at liturgy. I think my background as a teacher will also help me pass on the faith and my many years of singing in



The most solemn moment of the ordination is the laying on of hands. In prayerful silence, the bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinandi and prays the Prayer of Ordination, conferring upon him the gift of the Holy Spirit.

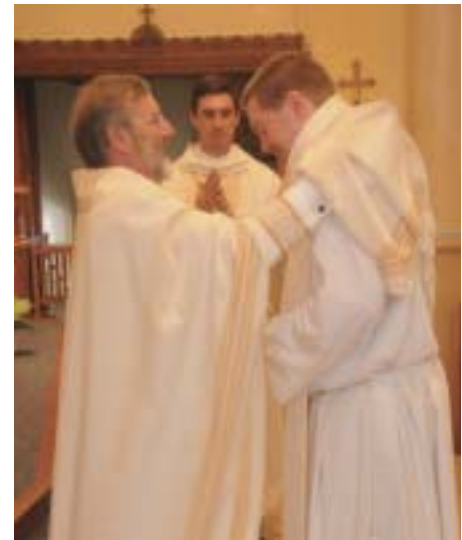
the choir will help me develop a solid voice for singing and proclamation.

**Q. What type of advice would you give a young man today who is considering the priesthood?**

A. I encourage any young man who is considering the priesthood to remember that not everyone who enters seminary is called to be a priest. It is a success when a man spends time in seminary and clearly comes to the knowledge after prayer and discussion that he is not called to the priesthood. Even if one is not called to the priesthood, he is a better man for having spent time in the seminary going through the discernment process and through the formation that takes place. I would also encourage men discerning a call to the priesthood to begin attending daily Mass if it is not their current practice. A priest is called to be a man of the Eucharist, and the Eucharist must be the source and summit of each Catholic's life, whether daily or weekly.

I also encourage every parish to work at

praying and fostering a vocation to the seminary. The Diocese of New Ulm currently has seminarians from both large and small parishes, and this trend must continue if we hope to have priests serving the local Church in a few decades. We must have faith that God is continually calling men to serve us as priests, and we must work to foster these vocations within our parishes and within our families.



Fr. Gerald Meidl, pastor of the area faith community of the Church of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson and the Church of St. Boniface in Stewart, assists Fr. Peterson in putting on the stole and chasuble, symbols of the presbyteral office in the Church. Fr. Craig Timmerman, pastor of the Good Teacher Area Faith Community (the Church of St. Leo, St. Leo, and the Church of St. Peter, Canby) is pictured in the background.



Fr. Peterson concelebrates Mass for the first time with Bishop LeVoir, Archbishop Nienstedt, and brother priests.



Immediately following the ordination, brother priests gathered outside the Cathedral to extend their congratulations to the newly ordained priest.

(photos by Dan Rossini)



## Learn more about your Catholic faith! *registration open for discipleship formation program*

Foundations, a discipleship formation program of the Diocese of New Ulm, dates back to 2004 when the first session was held on Sept. 18 at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. Ninety people were in attendance. Since then, a total of 157 lay people from throughout the diocese have benefited from the program.

### Foundations sessions to begin

Through a joint partnership between the Diocese of New Ulm and St. Mary's University in Winona, Foundations is again being offered. If you are seeking a greater understanding of the Catholic faith, this program is for you.

Foundations seeks to form participants to live more reflectively, to see their lives as a vocation, and to make wiser, faith-based decisions. Participants are introduced to the basic principles of the Catholic faith and the resources available for learning about their faith, including the Bible and the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." Topics include theology, prayer, sacraments, philosophy, Church history, and Scripture. Some participants of past Foundations have commented how it helped them understand their faith better to share it more effectively. Some stated that they now can better respond to other's questions about faith and grace and free will. "It felt like I knew so little about this subject, but now this helps me understand Vatican II and all that has gone on since," one participant said.

Foundations offers times of prayer, a forum for discussing faith, and a place to begin long-lasting friendships. Some participants find the sessions to be so interesting that they seek more formal education in theology. This was the case for Roger Schroeder from Holy Redeemer Parish in Marshall, who after participating in the 2007 Foundations sessions, went on for three more years of study to earn a master's in pastoral administration from St. Mary's University.



Lori Thul (second from left), a member of St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, recently received a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary's University. She is pictured with other graduates and Dr. Greg Sobolewski (middle), one of the professors for the Foundations program, who also teaches at St. Mary's University.

Bishop John M. LeVoir supports Foundations and recognizes the impact that it can have for the laity. "Lay Catholics have the responsibility by Baptism to: 'Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope ...' (1 Peter 3:15). In the process of giving reasons for their hope, the laity evangelizes the culture. Lay Catholics are called to bring the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the public square. To a culture that increasingly tells us that there is no God and that religion is a private, personal matter, we must answer in the negative. Instead, like the first Apostles, lay people are called to: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature' (Mark 15:16). Foundations prepares the laity to answer this call," he said.

### New session begins in September

This year Foundations will take place at St. Anastasia Church in Hutchinson. Participants commit to one Saturday session per month, with the first session beginning Sept. 17. Sessions are led by university professors who take an oath of fidelity according to Canon no. 833.7. To register visit [www.dnu.org/word/adultfaithform.html](http://www.dnu.org/word/adultfaithform.html), or call 507-359-2966.

Foundations is funded by generous donations to the annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal and a Catholic Home Missions Grant.

## Bishop LeVoir and 11 from diocese to travel to WYD

**Madrid** – In August, young people from around the world will gather with Pope Benedict XVI for World Youth Day Madrid 2011 to pray, learn, celebrate, and strengthen one another in faith. Bishop John M. LeVoir and 11 pilgrims from the diocese, led by diocesan director of Youth Ministry Margaret McHugh, will be part of the WYD experience.

The theme of the 2011 World Youth Day (WYD) is "Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith." Organizers estimate that nearly 600,000 young people from outside of Spain will participate in the events, with about 25,000 of them from the United States.

WYD will begin Aug. 16, before the pope arrives, with many of the events taking place near Madrid's central Plaza de Cibeles and at the Cuatro Vientos Air Base. The pope will arrive at the Barajas airport Aug. 18, where he will

be greeted by the king and queen of Spain. The welcoming ceremony with youth will be held in the evening at the Plaza de Cibeles. While much of the schedule repeats standard WYD events, a couple of new appointments have been added to the pope's schedule: an Aug. 19 meeting with young religious sisters followed by a meeting with about 2,000 young university professors.

The pope will celebrate Mass Aug. 20 with seminarians in La Almudena Cathedral followed by a visit with a delegation of disabled persons participating in WYD and with residents at a center for those with handicapping conditions. In addition, the pope will be present in the Plaza de Cibeles Aug. 19 for the beginning of the Stations of the Cross, which will be spaced out over a mile of a main Madrid street. Visit <http://www.wydusa.org>.

**Discipleship Summer Camps dates/location revised**  
The location of both the Girls' and Guys' Discipleship Summer Camps have been changed to the Center of Youth Ministry in Renville. The Girls' Camp dates have been moved to July 24-28. Call 507-359-2966; [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org).

## Spanish language lay formation program closes year one of two-year program



Pictured are 16 of the 19 participants from the diocese who completed the Llamados a Servir (Called to Serve) program.

The Diocese of New Ulm has completed its first two-year Spanish language diocesan lay formation program. Llamados a Servir (Called to Serve) provides a solid Catholic formation in the areas of the Creed and Revelation, Introduction to Sacred Scripture, Sacraments and Liturgy, Morality and Catholic

Social Teaching, as well as Spirituality and Prayer.

Eloina Carrillo, parishioner and catechist at the Church of St. Andrew, Fairfax, shared, "The program has been very helpful to me and I learned a lot that I didn't know. Through it I have deepened

my faith and I am very grateful." Eloina, along with her husband Rodrigo, was among the 19 participants from across the diocese that completed the program on May 14. The next cohort for Llamados a Servir will begin in the fall of 2011. For more information call 507-359-2966.

## NUACS to move middle school classes effective the 2011-2012 school year

by Karla Cross, director  
Office of Schools

New Ulm Area Catholic Schools (NUACS) is changing the use of its current three-building campus effective the 2011-2012 school year. The Holy Trinity Middle School building, constructed in 1905, will no longer be used as a middle school in an effort to reduce operating costs.

Holy Trinity Middle School has housed the fifth through eighth grade programs since an area school consolidation in 1968. The fifth and sixth grade will now become part of the St. Anthony's elementary building; the seventh and eighth grade will move to the Cathedral High School building. Parts of the

middle school building will remain in use by the school. These include the auditorium, lunchroom, science lab, gymnasium, and locker rooms.

School families were informed of the changes at an open meeting on April 18. The meeting also included a presentation of the findings of the Meitler study, which compiled data on the New Ulm and Sleepy Eye areas and outlined proposed areas of collaboration for NUACS and St. Mary's of Sleepy Eye.

An open house of the middle school was held on May 18. Shelly Bauer, current principal of St. Anthony's Elementary School and Holy Trinity Middle School reported, "It was wonderful to hear the stories of those who once walked the halls.



Holy Trinity Middle School has been serving students since 1905.

The school building was originally built to accommodate the growing needs of its congregation and has served the community well for over a century."

## marriage amendment

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consent, which need not necessarily be limited to two people," he continued. "That development would have far-reaching effects well outside the scope of same-sex relationships. Thus, the movement to enact a constitutional amendment is not 'anti-gay,' but instead 'pro-marriage.'"

Sr. Candace Fier, director of the Office of Family Life Education for the Diocese of New Ulm, pointed to Bishop John M. LeVoir's commentary on Blessed John Paul II's teaching on marriage and family in the May 2011 issue of "The Prairie Catholic" as an excellent starting point for understanding why the proposed amendment should be adopted.

"In marriage, man and woman are called to reflect God by making their family a personal loving communion," Bishop LeVoir explained. "Husband and wife are persons and are to love each other with a love that makes them one."

"Then when children are born, they become members of the one personal loving communion or union that is called the family. Just as God is one being, but three Persons, so is the family one family, with many members. Marriage and family reflect God and his love," the bishop wrote.

In their "2010 Joint Pastoral Statement on Marriage," Minnesota's Catholic bishops also focused on the intrinsic orientation of marriage toward children. "Our own State's constant recognition of marriage is based on the evident fact that only the sexual union of a man and a woman has the natural capacity to bring forth new life with the bearing of children," they said.

"Both faith and reason agree, then, that marriage is an institution central to the life of human society and touches profoundly on the common good," they continued.

"This committed relationship between one man and one woman calls forth the best of the spouses, not only for their own sake, but also for the well-being of their children and the community. It is neither possible for us to change the definition of marriage nor wise to attempt to do so."

Thirty states currently have constitutional amendments defining marriage as a union of a man and a woman. Same-sex "marriages" are recognized in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Washington, D.C.

To view the MCC's Marriage Amendment Resource Page, visit <http://mncc.org/issues/marriage>.

## HRS students learn valuable message

Marshall – In April, students of Holy Redeemer School in Marshall enjoyed listening to internationally celebrated speaker John Crudele.

Crudele's energetic, funny, and fast-paced presentation conveyed a message to the young students about making great choices, accepting



themselves, and trusting in God. A profound motivator and educational authority, Crudele is

the Founder of Partnership for Youth and is the author of "Making Sense of Adolescence."

## Sleepy Eye sophomores participate in annual vocation awareness event



On April 6, the sophomore girls of St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye spent the day with Sr. Genevieve Kudlick, SSPC, and the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver in St. Paul. As a way to promote vocation awareness, the Diocese of New Ulm Office of Vocations coordinates the annual motherhouse-seminary visit for the sophomore class of each of the three Catholic high schools in the diocese. If you or anyone you know is considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact the diocesan Office of Vocations, 507-359-2966; [toddpetersen@me.com](mailto:toddpetersen@me.com) or [mmchugh@dnu.org](mailto:mmchugh@dnu.org).

(photo by Margaret McHugh)



## Second collection benefits Catholic schools

by Wayne Pelzel, director  
Office of Development

In a January 4, 2011 pastoral letter, Bishop John M. LeVoir announced a second collection to be taken during Catholic Schools Week this year for the benefit of the Catholic schools of the diocese. The combined total of all parish collections was a tremendous \$36,849.

The second collection was taken to help with current finances, but also to help build endowments to provide financial assistance well into the future. As the bishop stated, "This is an opportunity for the entire Catholic community of the diocese to join in solidarity to support Catholic school education."

According to the fund-sharing model established before this collection was taken, a portion of the money collected would be returned directly to the schools of the diocese and the remainder would be split between two endowment funds that support the diocesan Catholic schools.

Consequently, \$19,570 was directly returned to the schools of the diocese and \$8,639 will be invested in the Bishop John M. LeVoir Catholic School Endowment Fund.

### *Money returned to schools*

New Ulm Area Catholic Schools	\$2,931
John Ireland School, St. Peter	1,238
Holy Rosary (Loyola), N. Mankato	1,481
St. Michael's, Morgan	347
St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye	1,529
St. Raphael's, Springfield	849
St. Anne's, Wabasso	664
St. Mary's, Tracy	365
Holy Redeemer, Marshall	1,008
St. Peter's, Canby	980
St. Edward's, Minneota	455
St. Mary's, Bird Island	179
St. Philip's, Litchfield	1,879
St. Anastasia's, Hutchinson	4,040
St. Pius X, Glencoe	748
Holy Family, Silver Lake	538
Holy Trinity, Winsted	303

This endowed fund will return interest and dividends to all the schools of the diocese annually in support of the needs of the school.

Another \$8,639 will be invested in the Bishop John C. Nienstedt Catholic School Scholarship Endowment Fund. This endowed fund will return interest and dividends to the Catholic schools of the diocese to provide scholarships to students who could not otherwise afford a Catholic school education.

The appealing and unique feature of endowed funds is that the principal is never spent. In that way, interest and dividends of the fund support the fund's goal in perpetuity.

The portion of the money returned directly to the schools was 75 percent of the money that came in from the collection from the parishes in the area faith community in which the schools are located.

## Latino youth of diocese gather for Hispanic retreat



Youth enjoy watching improvised skits on the Prodigal Son at the diocese's annual Hispanic Youth Retreat, which took place Sunday, April 10 at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. Originally scheduled for November 2010 and postponed due to inclement weather, the retreat brought together Latino youth from across the diocese. Wendoline Aguilar and her team from St. Alphonsus parish in Brooklyn Center led the retreat, which was comprised of talks, games, songs, spiritual reflection, and prayer. The youth reflected on the theme of God's great love for them as well as their Christian call to respond to God's abundant love.

## Pennies for seminarians *Knights of Columbus make \$7,000 donation to diocese*



On March 19, Knights of Columbus State Deputy Ricardo Acevedo presented a check for \$7,000 to Msgr. John Richter, rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm, who accepted it on behalf of Bishop John M. LeVoir. The money was raised through one of the oldest Knights of Columbus vocation programs, Pennies for Seminarians. The Knights collect money when their members pay dues and at other times during the year. All the councils in Minnesota give these collected funds to the State Knights of Columbus. It is then returned to the dioceses throughout Minnesota to support seminarians studying for the priesthood.

## Bishop's Medal for Service



Four parishioners from the Light of the World Area Faith Community (St. Anne, Wabasso; St. Mary, Seaforth; Our Lady of Victory, Lucan; St. Mathias, Wanda) received the Bishop's Medal for Service for outstanding service to the church. The medal was awarded by Bishop John M. LeVoir during his Confirmation visit April 2 to (l-r) Neal Rohlik, Sue Andersen, Dan Weber, and Julie Plaetz.

(photo by Linda Weber)

## Council of Catholic Women celebrates 52nd annual convention

by Audrey Prokosch,  
DCCW President

Some 258 women from all parts of the Diocese of New Ulm attended the 52nd annual Council of Catholic Women Convention held April 30 at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) was the convention theme.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Deborah Savage spoke on "The Beauty of the Feminine Genius at Home and in the World." Assuring her audience that anyone who is a mom knows something about the feminine genius and anyone who has a mom knows about it, Savage explained that the feminine genius was a "very observable phenomenon that shows up every day in our lives in very concrete ways."

Savage said that according to Pope John Paul II, women and men each have their own gifts and are meant to work together to renew all things in Christ. She reiterated the pope's statement that "Mary played an absolutely essential role in the definitive event of God's self-revelation. As is said, Eve had brought death to man; and Mary's response to God's invitation at the Annunciation brings life to all humankind. The salvation of humankind made possible by the Incarnation is intimately related to the reality that Jesus Christ was conceived and made flesh in the



Elections of new future officers were held during the annual Council of Catholic Women Convention. Pictured (l-r): Chris Heidersheid, president-elect; Ronda Mathiowetz, treasurer; and Lori Dahlberg, second vice president.

(Right) Keynote speaker Dr. Deborah Savage spoke on the beauty of the feminine genius.

(photos by Arlyce Anderson,  
DCCW historian)

body of a woman, born of her and fed and nurtured through her motherhood."

Savage referred to John Paul's statement that Mary's motherhood did not begin with the birth of God's Son or even at the moment his human existence began to take shape in her womb, but rather it began with her fiat ("yes" at the Annunciation). "This is the context of Pope John Paul II's argument that women occupy a special place in God's design and in Mary, we find the feminine genius in its perfected state," Savage said.

### Other convention business

As part of the convention's agenda,



new officers were elected: Chris Heidersheid of St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye, president-elect; Lori Dahlberg of St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, second vice president; and Ronda Mathiowetz of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, treasurer. Their duties will begin in 2012.

Bishop John M. LeVoiir celebrated Mass for those assembled. Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, DCCW moderator, and Fr. Todd Petersen concelebrated.

### Mark you calendars

The 2012 DCCW Convention will be held on April 28 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall.

### Brunner named "Woman of the Year"



Honored for her leadership and service, Dolores Brunner of Hutchinson received the 2011 DCCW "Woman of the Year" award from Bishop John M. LeVoiir.

Dolores Brunner was named the 2011 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women "Woman of the Year" during the annual DCCW convention. Brunner, a member of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson, is the mother of three, two of whom were adopted through Catholic Charities.

As a member of her parish, Brunner has served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, lector and choir member. She has cooked for funerals and continues to bring food whenever needed. She has served on the church maintenance committee, the parish council, and the pastoral council. Brunner has been active in the organization of the parish fall festival, has served on the capital campaign committee, and has been a member on the parish stewardship

committee. She has organized the church nursery, taught CCD to eighth grade boys, has been instrumental in the publication of the parish's newsletter, and has volunteered instructing computer skills at the Catholic school.

As a member of the DCCW, Brunner has served as treasurer, vice president, president, and secretary. She has also served as the scholarship chairperson and bylaws chairperson. On the region board, she has served as secretary, region parliamentarian, scholarship chairperson, and on the bylaws committee.

To read more about the accomplishments of Dolores Brunner, visit [www.nudccw.org](http://www.nudccw.org).

## ENDOW initiative to begin in diocese; daylong seminar will review foundational study guide

by Sr. Candace Fier, ISSM  
Director of Family Life Education

A new initiative starting up in the Diocese of New Ulm is generating a lot of interest. The diocesan Office of Family Life Education is coordinating the set-up of ENDOW study groups. ENDOW stands for Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women. Its mission is to give women a deeper understanding of their God-given dignity and

vocation as women and their role in bringing about a civilization of love and life.

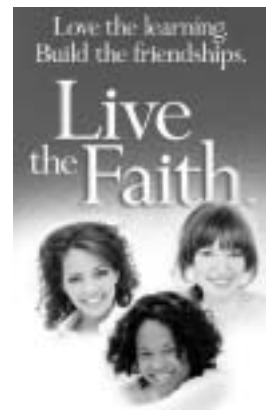
This is achieved through facilitated small group discussion that focuses on discovering the richness of the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church and exploring the implications for a woman's personal life. The foundation of the study curriculum is Blessed John Paul II's writings in which he defines the

New Feminism and affirms the true genius of women as a response to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence in every aspect of life and society.

Currently ENDOW establishes and builds on this foundational knowledge by offering 10 adult study programs, with five additional study programs in development. They also currently have one youth study program for middle school

girls and one youth study program for high school girls, with three youth study programs in development. The study programs cover Church teaching as it is exemplified in Church documents, Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the writings of Catholic thinkers, philosophers, and saints.

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## Changes in the translation of the Nicene Creed



(photo by USCCB)

*Editor's note: The Roman Missal, Third Edition, will be implemented in the United States on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. Visit [www.usccb.org/rommissal](http://www.usccb.org/rommissal).*

by Daniel Merz, SSL

With the revised translation of the Roman Missal, it might be helpful to take a look at some changes in the translation of the Creed. First, why do we even say the Creed during Mass? There are two main reasons. The Creed serves as the key for understanding the entire Bible, Old and New Testaments – like a condensed version of the Bible! This is why it comes at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. Any interpretation of Scripture – including that made during homilies – must be in agreement with the Creed. Secondly, it serves as a marker or guide for the Communion that will soon follow. The Creed is our communion in the faith that enables us to share in Communion in the Eucharist. It serves as key and summary of the Word, as well as introduction to, and criterion for, Communion.

One of the first changes in the revised translation of the Mass texts that the assembly will pray will be at the start of the Nicene Creed. Instead of stating, "We believe" as we start the Creed, members of the assembly will say, "I believe." The first liturgical use of the Creed was at Baptisms, and still today, whenever we celebrate a Baptism, we profess the Creed. As a representation of our faith, the Creed is most appropriate to Baptism, which brings others into our faith. The words of the Creed give us the opportunity for individual ownership of this faith. It's similar at Mass. Each of us must profess individual ownership of the common faith that is necessary for sharing Holy Communion as a Church: "I believe."

In the first part of the Creed, we profess God the Father as creator. He is "maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible." God is the maker of what is visible, such as the earth and the stars and you and me; he is maker not only of "unseen" things (as the former translation has it) but also of

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"invisible" things, such as angels. He is also maker of what is invisible, such as our immortal souls.

The main point of the second part of the Creed is our affirmation that Jesus Christ is both divine and human. The same man who became flesh, "incarnate of the Virgin Mary" (in other words, who received our human nature from her), and who suffered death on the cross – this man is also "God from God, Light from Light." John's first letter tells us that God is light (1 John 1:5-7), so Jesus is divine light. The holy ones, the saints, dwell in this light. They dwell in the presence of this eternal light, in the presence of Jesus. Thus, we pray that our deceased loved ones may dwell forever in this light!

The most striking change in the Creed is the phrase that Jesus is, "consubstantial with the Father." We used to say "one in Being with the Father," which is just as difficult to say! Consubstantial refers to the core substance of who Jesus is; this core substance is the same core

substance of who God the Father is. This is the most important word in the Creed. It professes specifically that the divinity of Jesus and the divinity of the Father is one and the same, without saying that Jesus is the Father or vice versa (kind of like how ice and steam are both H<sub>2</sub>O without being the same thing). "Consubstantial" is an important word; it was fought over by theologians and bishops for centuries as they sought the best word to clarify this great truth about Jesus. It deserves our respect and attention.

The Creed goes on to profess faith in the Holy Spirit and the Church. The former translation stated, "We acknowledge one baptism," whereas, now it states, "I confess one Baptism." Our job is not simply to acknowledge Baptism, but to confess our faith in its saving power. Similarly, we no longer "look for the resurrection of the dead" as though it were lost, but rather we "look forward" to it, as something that fills

us with hope and expectation. Today, let's be mindful of how this Creed opens up for us the correct understanding of the Bible, and just as importantly, how it calls us to communion in faith so that we can approach this altar to receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of our Lord, human and divine, consubstantial with the Father in his divinity, and consubstantial with you and me in his humanity.

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## Pope to mark 60th anniversary of priesthood Eucharistic adoration encouraged for the intentions of holy clergy and new priestly vocations

**Washington** – Catholics worldwide are asked to mark the 60th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's ordination to the priesthood with 60 hours of Eucharistic prayer for vocations.

The pope will celebrate his anniversary June 29, the Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul. In honor of his anniversary, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, president of the United States



Conference of Catholic Bishops, has proposed that the 60th anniversary be celebrated by organizing 60 hours of Eucharistic adoration for the intention of the sanctification of the clergy and

for the gift of new and holy priestly vocations.

Therefore, Bishop John M. LeVoi has asked that each parish, if possible, schedule 60 hours of Eucharistic adoration during the month of June for the intention proposed by Archbishop Dolan.

A prayer card is available on the USCCB Web site, [www.foryourvocation.org](http://www.foryourvocation.org).

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ENDOW study, instead of depleting a woman's energy, is meant to build it up physically and spiritually. There is no homework with this study group. The unfolding of each study program by reading and discussing a document and its associated study guide is done as a group. The study programs are usually eight chapters in length and are designed to be completed in eight sessions which are traditionally held weekly or biweekly. The study groups are comprised of eight to 10 women and a trained facilitator.

Through the fellowship of small group study, women strengthen their faith, are encouraged to embrace their spiritual and physical gifts, are challenged in their service to their families, community and church, and are supported as they bring forth and share their unique feminine gifts and talents through the vocation God has chosen for them. Many women attest to the

fruits of ENDOW study: a more devout participation in the sacramental life, more harmonious relationships at home and at work, and a fuller understanding of the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith.

### Seminar to introduce ENDOW study materials

As a way to introduce the ENDOW study materials, the diocese will be hosting Eileen Love from the national ENDOW office in Denver. She will present a daylong seminar on the foundational study guide, "Blessed John Paul II's Letter to Women." This will provide an opportunity for any interested women to experience one of the study guides in a convenient and fascinating daylong class. Stay tuned to your parish bulletins for specific information on the date, time, and location or call the diocesan Office of Family Life Education, 507-359-2966; [cfier@dnu.org](mailto:cfier@dnu.org).

## Bishop LeVoir 30 Anniversary

The public is invited to a **Mass of Thanksgiving** in recognition of Bishop John M. LeVoir's 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 19, at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. Reception in the parish center will follow. Bishop LeVoir was ordained for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis on May 30, 1981, at the Cathedral of St. Paul by Archbishop John R. Roach.

## Fr. Sommereisen recognized for his legacy



Bishop John M. LeVoir blesses the Fr. Valentine Sommereisen memorial plaque during a May 25 ceremony held on the St. Joseph church grounds south of New Ulm. Also pictured is diocesan priest Fr. Eugene Hackert, who played a major role in the research of the history of Fr. Sommereisen.

(photo by Christine Clancy)

## bishop's calendar

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### JULY

**18-20 Steubenville, Ohio:** International Catechetical Conference.

**29 Olivia:** Good Leaders, Good Shepherds.

**30 Henderson:** 5 p.m. Church of St. Joseph. Pastor Installation of Fr. Samuel Perez.

**31 Faxon Township:** 10:30 a.m. Church of St. John-Assumption. Pastor Installation of Fr. Samuel Perez.

### AUGUST

**New Ulm:** 11:30 a.m. New Ulm Country Club. Cathedral Golf Classic.

**2 New Ulm:** 5 p.m. Catholic Pastoral Center. Magnificat Dinner.

**3 Olivia:** 3 p.m. St. Aloysius. Retired Priests' Gathering.

**4-7 Mundelein, IL:** Courage Conference.

**8 Buffalo Lake:** 12 p.m. Oakdale Country Club. Priests' Golf Outing.

**9 New Ulm:** 12 p.m. Flandrau State Park Group Center. Family Camp.

**Willmar:** 6 p.m. Church of St. Mary. Catholic United Financial Fraternal Gathering.

**10 Sleepy Eye:** 11 a.m. Divine Providence Community Home. Fiftieth Anniversary of Profession of Vows of Sr. Lucy Tardivo.

**Sleepy Eye:** 1 p.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Discernment Retreat.

**14 Murdock:** 10 a.m. Church of the Sacred Heart. Pastor Installation of Fr. William A. Sprigler.

**15-22 Madrid, Spain:** World Youth Day.

**23 New Ulm:** 5:15 p.m. Way of the Cross. Stations and Mass.

**24 New Ulm:** 4:30 p.m. New Ulm Area Catholic Schools. Open House.

**26 New Ulm:** 6 p.m. Kaiserhoff. Dinner with Parents of Seminarians.

**27 Redwood Falls:** 9:30 a.m. Church of St. Catherine. Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting.

**28 Green Isle:** 7:30 a.m. Church of St. Brendan. Pastor Installation of Fr. Keith R. Salisbury.

**Gaylord:** 8:45 a.m. Church of St. Michael. Pastor Installation of Fr. Keith R. Salisbury.

**Arlington:** 10:15 a.m. Church of St. Mary. Pastor Installation of Fr. Keith R. Salisbury.

**29 Sleepy Eye:** 8:30 a.m. Church of St. Mary. School Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year.

**Sleepy Eye:** Good Leaders, Good Shepherds.

**30 Winsted:** 8:15 a.m. Church of the Holy Trinity. School Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year.

**New Ulm:** 1:15 p.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. School Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year.

**New Ulm** – The local Knights of Columbus and a small crowd of spectators gathered on Wednesday, May 25 with Bishop John M. LeVoir as he blessed a memorial plaque in honor of the late Fr. Valentine Sommereisen, the first priest to say Mass at the now closed Church of St. Joseph. Built in 1861, St. Joseph's was the first Catholic Church in Cottonwood Township, Brown County. The ceremony and celebration of Mass that followed

took place on the grounds of the church located south of New Ulm. Fr. Sommereisen ministered to 36 communities in 14 counties in southwestern Minnesota from 1856 to 1871. "Sommereisen certainly deserves the recognition for all he accomplished throughout the area," said parish historian Ken Ziegler.

According to event organizer George Glotzbach of New Ulm, Fr. Sommereisen definitely deserves this honor. "We are pleased as

punch to be able to do this for him." Fr. Sommereisen lived to be 67 and leaves a legacy of having built several strong Catholic communities.

Funds for the plaque were donated by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Bishop Cretin Assembly. Research on Fr. Sommereisen was done by Fr. Eugene Hackert and Glotzbach.

## Media Resource Center to close next month

**New Ulm** – The Media Resource Center of the Diocese of New Ulm will close its doors on July 1. The decision, which was approved by Bishop John M. LeVoir, came as a result of steadily declining use over the past 15 years.

With the retirement of its media center librarian last December, the Office of Communications undertook a cost analysis of the center. That analysis revealed that the time and expense on the part of the diocese and parishes to borrow and return an item exceeded the cost of purchasing the average DVD online.

For almost 40 years, the Media Center has offered a variety of media resources for parishes and schools to borrow primarily to help with religious education. In the 1970s and '80s, it was often an indispensable source of videos and audio cassettes that Catholic educators could not easily find elsewhere.

Recent innovations in communications technology, however, have lessened the

importance of the center. Most Catholic media resources are now readily available for purchase at reasonable prices on the Internet. Catholic video clips and audio files are also available on different Web sites for download free of charge. With these other sources of Catholic media, membership in the center declined from 62 parishes and 22 schools in 1996 to 29 parishes and

seven schools in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The number of items borrowed dropped by about 50 percent during this time, to about 280 in 2009-2010.

Those with questions about the closing of the center should contact Dan Rossini, director of Communications, at 507-359-2966 or drossini@dnu.org.

### The Diocese of New Ulm

#### has an opening on the staff of its Communications Office for a FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

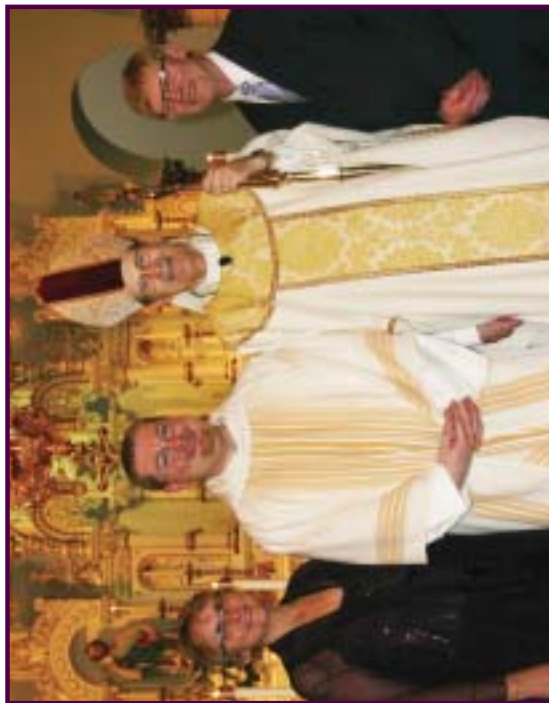
**Responsibilities:** This media professional will write news stories and take photographs of people, places, and events of Catholic interest for the diocese's newspaper, "The Prairie Catholic," and edit content for publication on the diocese's Web site, dnu.org. This person will also select Catholic programming for broadcast on cable access television stations in the diocese.

**Qualifications:** A person in full communion with the Catholic Church; thorough knowledge of Catholic doctrine and practice; sound organizational skills; strong attention to detail; and a willingness to travel regularly by automobile within the diocese. Comprehensive knowledge of English is also required. A bachelor's degree (1) in theology, Catholic studies, or a related field, is required, and (2) in English, journalism, or a related field is preferred. A complete job description is available on the diocesan Web site. Send letter of introduction, resumé and three examples of written work to: Search Committee, Diocese of New Ulm, 1400 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or e-mail this information to drossini@dnu.org. Applications accepted until position is filled.

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## Ready to Serve

Fr. Zachary D. Peterson, pictured with Bishop John M. LeVoi and his parents Dean and Doreen Peterson of Marshall, was ordained to the Holy Order of the Priesthood on Saturday, June 4 by Bishop LeVoi at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Fr. Peterson was among the 480 across the nation expected to be ordained this spring.

(See pages 8-9.)

## catholic trends

The annual Peter's Pence Collection to support the charitable works of the Holy Father is scheduled to be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of New Ulm the weekend of June 25-26.

The Holy Father uses the proceeds to help people in urgent need of assistance, and to strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith.

In many places around the globe, the Church labors to be a visible sign of Christ's peace: in poor dioceses where many depend on the Church for social and pastoral support; in regions where Catholics are persecuted and must be helped discreetly; in nations overloaded with refugees or victims of war and natural disasters.

Last year, the people of the diocese contributed \$19,160 to

the collection. "The collection is a tangible reflection of our communion with the universal Church," said Bishop John M. LeVoi. "This collection gives us the opportunity to extend the sign of Christ's peace to people around the world," he said.

**Pope Benedict XVI has chosen "Educating young people in justice and peace"** to be the theme for the Church's 2012 celebration of World Peace Day.

World Peace Day is Jan. 1 each year. A papal message on the theme is sent in December to heads of state around the world.

In building a world of peace and justice, the Catholic Church must listen to the ideas and hopes of young people and offer them educational opportunities that will strengthen their ability to work for the common good, the Vatican said.

Announcing the theme on May 19, the Vatican said the pope wanted to highlight "an urgent need in the world today: to listen

to and enhance the important role of new generations in the realization of the common good, and in the affirmation of a just and peaceful social order where fundamental human rights can be fully expressed and realized."

The duty to prepare future generations also includes a government obligation to ensure that young people have appropriate opportunities for

personal growth, particularly through education and employment, the Vatican statement said.

"Young persons must labor for justice and peace in a complex and globalized world," so preparing them for the future will require a real alliance among all those responsible for educating and forming the world's future leaders, it said.

