The Institute for Church Life is the heart of the University of Notre Dame’s direct service to the Church. This service reaches parishes and dioceses, as well as the whole spectrum of Church leaders—bishops, clergy, religious, and laity—in the form of theological education, pastoral scholarship and research, and faith formation. The partnerships forged through this service produce synergies for pursuing the Church’s mission of evangelization, while also informing the ICL about how to best channel Notre Dame’s resources in response to ecclesial concerns. Within the University community, the ICL engages students on the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as scholars of the University, in interpreting and addressing the complex realities of contemporary Church life.
Dear Friends,

The Institute for Church Life, by its very name, proclaims—in the midst of the life of the University, which is dedicated to reason—a mystery, the mystery of the pilgrim Church whose life is “hidden with Christ in God,” (Col. 3:3). What is the life of the Church but Christ’s Spirit, who is the Spirit of Life, who dwells in the Church as in a temple? But the pilgrim Church is a “seed” of this life, not yet its perfect, completed growth: “Until the arrival of the new heavens and the new earth in which justice dwells (see 2 Pet. 3:13) the pilgrim Church, in its sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and it takes its place among the creatures which groan and until now suffer the pains of childbirth and await the revelation of the children of God” (see Rom. 8:19-22, Lumen Gentium 48). The Church is not a witness to her own perfection, but to her *being* perfected in the divine life, which she has from Christ.

The Church is not the pilgrimage of an accomplished perfection, sailing through the world, using her perfection as a source of contempt for the world. She does not brag about her perfection, but bears authentic witness, nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, to her formation by a life that is not her own, but Christ’s, a purifying and perfecting life, a *being* perfected, and by her very presence in the world she draws the whole world into this mystery of transformation in the love of God, she is its “sacrament.” That is an awesome mystery!

Here at the Institute we have the charge of contemplating this mystery of the life of the Church at the heart of the University, and bearing witness to it, by offering programming within the Spirit-filled community that builds up the one Body in ways appropriate to a university, namely, education and research. The universal call to holiness is a mark of the pilgrim people of God and Notre Dame Vision works squarely in the domain of fostering discernment of this call in the lives of high school students, our own undergraduates, and youth ministers in the Church. The ministry of catechesis builds up the one Body with its echoing resonance of the first proclamation of the Gospel, and Echo is a national leader in the training of catechetical leaders for the Church in the United States, with a reported 100 percent success in finding its recent graduates jobs after graduation. STEP continues to offer the highest quality distance learning theology available online, building up many teaching ministries in the Church, as well as individual Catholics. The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is undergoing a dramatic renewal with a new director, a planned new journal and an enhanced relationship with the local Church. The Sustaining Pastoral Excellence programming this year was dramatic and nationally visible, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Lilly Endowment. Joining these established programs, the new initiative on Spirituality in the Professions is laying the groundwork for its operations in Washington, D.C. And brand new to the ICL is the coordinator of University Life Initiatives. In the planning stage is a new initiative in Church Life research.

“Saturday with the Saints”—what better way to spend an hour the morning of a football Saturday than to hear a presentation by a distinguished faculty member on a saint of current, contemporary interest. It reminds us, each time, of the destiny of the pilgrim Church by allowing us to contemplate those companions of ours in the human condition, who are already more perfectly transformed into the image of Christ (LG 50).

See you there in the fall of 2011!

Sincerely,

John C. Cavadini,
McGrath-Cavadini Director
“I knew Echo would be an opportunity of learning and spiritual growth. However, I never expected to grow in the ways that I have. This experience has been the most challenging experience of my life, but also the most fruitful.”

— BREE HALER, ECHO APPRENTICE
The Center for Catechetical Initiatives (CCI) offers direct service opportunities for meeting the Church’s urgent need for preparing more highly qualified people to serve as catechetical leaders in parish faith formation.

The center’s service-learning initiative, the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program, is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that enables recent college graduates to serve for two years as apprentice catechetical leaders in parishes of partner dioceses while pursuing a master’s degree in theology at the University of Notre Dame. Echo participants serve the broad array of constituencies for parish faith formation, live in intentional faith communities within partner dioceses, and engage in intensive academic study during the summer months. Their distinctive ministerial leadership formation incorporates academic, professional and ministerial, human and communal, and spiritual dimensions.

The year 2010 brought a key development in Echo ministry formation with a new additional support element for apprentices. Conceived and developed by the associate director, this “Echo formation assistant” model provides an additional layer of support for new apprentices as they live in community and serve in parish ministry. The model is already being applauded for its superb benefits for new apprentices. The Echo formation assistant, typically an Echo graduate working in the same location or a nearby city as the apprentices, partners with the Echo staff and maintains monthly contact with Echo at Notre Dame.

The center also serves national constituencies in religious education in advisory and consultative capacities in support of catechetical ministry. In 2010 the director accepted an invitation to serve on the executive committee of the Department of Religious Education of the National Catholic Educational Association and in the same year was invited to lead a session on the work of the center and Echo at the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in January 2011.
Through 2010, Echo had placed 90 graduate students in 10 partner dioceses.

Through 2010, program participants had come from 25 institutions of higher education, including Notre Dame, Catholic University of America, Harvard University, and Amherst College.

In 2010, 22 participating students were serving in seven partner dioceses (with one diocese hosting two residential groups).

In 2010, an expansive recruitment process under the direction of ICL’s assistant director for Recruitment and Outreach resulted in Echo representation at many postgraduate service fairs nationwide.

About 80 percent of all positions secured by Echo graduates for work, service, or study are in ministry or in areas related to ministry.

Two Echo graduates hired by dioceses are the senior staff persons in their areas of diocesan responsibility (i.e., youth ministry, young adult ministry).

Echo is influencing catechetical leadership development internationally (e.g., two graduates are serving in Malawi as Comboni lay missionaries).

Through 2010, Echo partners had included these dioceses and/or archdioceses: Dallas, Fort Wayne—South Bend, Fort Worth, Galveston—Houston, Indianapolis, Manchester, Milwaukee, Peoria, St. Petersburg, and Wilmington.

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“"Our bishop has candidly observed that the Echo program has been successful precisely because it has been able to connect the Academy with the life and ministry of the Church in ways that extend directly to the people of God in the parishes. Echo has served as leaven for the Diocese of St. Petersburg!”

— BRIAN A. LEMOI, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION, DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
The Future

Plans for 2011 include Echo program expansion into a new diocese (Camden, New Jersey), reinforcement of the Echo formation assistant concept, and an exploration of internal needs as Echo grows and as the CCI explores more pursuits on behalf of the ICL in support of the Church’s catechetical mission.

In summary, Echo and the CCI demonstrate both internally (e.g., within the institute and with the Department of Theology) and externally (e.g., with dioceses and parishes) that strong and lasting relationships can be nurtured within and between the Academy and the Church. As a direct service of Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life, Echo continues to enliven these ecclesial partnerships, advancing the Gospel in the hearts and minds of Catholics of all ages in dioceses and parishes of the United States.

“Living, studying, and ministering within a community of like-minded peers as a member of the Echo program, I have gained both lifelong friendships and dynamic professional connections. My academic and personal formation in Echo has given me the tools to apply theological clarity to ministerial practice. Working as a lay ecclesial minister I regularly consult my comprehensive training as a participant in Echo and view those formative experiences as invaluable.”

— JONATHAN LEWIS, ECHO ALUMNUS

“The dynamic relationship between the University and the parish church was realized in the Echo program. The academic abilities of the apprentices coupled with the pastoral approaches of the parish staff provided the professional development for the apprentice and enlivened the staff and parishioners. Any parish would benefit from the youthful enthusiasm of the apprentice for the mission of the Church.”

— TERRY GERLACH DI FONZO, ECHO MENTOR, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
NOTRE DAME CENTER FOR LITURGY
2010 Overview

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy (NDCL) renews the liturgical life of the Church through research and pastoral formation. Specifically, it serves:

• Graduate students and professors, engaging in liturgical scholarship, hopeful that their theological inquiries might enrich the liturgical life of the Church.

• Parish and diocesan liturgists, discerning how their ministry may be better informed by liturgical and sacramental theology.

• Catechists, integrating sacramental preparation and mystagogy into a comprehensive formation in Christian faith.

• Faculty, staff, and students of Notre Dame, who desire to move from the sacramental signs to the mysteries of faith celebrated in these rites.

• Bishops, priests, and deacons wanting to craft persuasive, catechetical homilies and to reflect upon celebrating the rites in a beautiful way.

• Lay Catholics, committed to understanding how the practice of liturgical prayer is transformative of their vocation as created beings made to praise and adore God.

“Continued intellectual challenge helps me in my own spiritual life. The annual conference is one place where that challenge can take place. The plenary sessions and breakouts offer opportunities to look again at concepts I thought I knew. Through the presentations and the discussions that follow I can reevaluate my understanding of the liturgy in the light of new scholarship and different perspectives (e.g., what I learned from a Dominican is sometimes cast in another light when conveyed by a Jesuit—really!).”

— MICHAEL G. KREJCI, EDITOR OF CONNECT!, A HOMILETIC AND LITURGICAL PLANNING SERVICE PUBLISHED BY LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.
2010 Highlights

In 2010, the NDCL fulfilled its mission of direct service to the Church through its annual June conference, Unfolding the Mystery of Christ: Exploring Liturgical Time, that focused on liturgy for pastoral ministers. These addresses were videotaped and will serve as the basis for a new course on the liturgical year through our sister program, STEP (Satellite Theological Education Program).

The NDCL also co-sponsored three lectures at Notre Dame for faculty, staff, and students. The first two recognized the 80th anniversary of G.K. Chesterton’s visit to Notre Dame and were given by Rev. Ian Boyd, C.S.B. (editor of The Chesterton Review) and Dale Ahlquist (president of the American Chesterton Society). The third lecture, on the relationship between liturgy and the liberal arts, was offered by Stratford Caldecott, a London-based writer and editor of the journal Second Spring.

Other highlights include:

One hundred and twenty-five priests, deacons, liturgical ministers, and catechists attended the Unfolding the Mystery of Christ: Exploring Liturgical Time conference with addresses by:
- Nathan Mitchell, Ph.D., professor of theology, University of Notre Dame;
- Rev. Msgr. Kevin W. Irwin, S.T.D., dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America;
- Rev. Andrew Ciferni, O. Praem., Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, Pa.;
- Wendy Wright, Ph.D., Kenefick Chair in the Humanities, Creighton University.

Three hundred liturgical ministers and scholars belong to Liturgy Network, a professional organization sponsored by the NDCL.

Over 30 liturgical musicians took courses in liturgy and music through SummerSong, a program co-sponsored by the NDCL, the Department of Theology, and Notre Dame Campus Ministry.

In 2010, the NDCL edited and published, through Liturgical Training Publications in Chicago, Ill., the 36th volume of Assembly: A Journal in Liturgical Theology, a journal with nearly 1,000 subscribers. Among the contributing editors of the 2010 volume were:
- Rev. Don LaSalle, S.M.M., secretary of the North American Academy of Liturgy;
- Joris Geldhoff, professor of sacramental theology at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium;
- Abbot Gregory Polan, O.S.B., abbot of Conception Abbey and translator of the Grail Psalter;
- Rev. Douglas Martis, S.T.D., chair of the department of worship and director of the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein Seminary;
- In addition to the contributing editors, substantive articles in liturgical and sacramental theology were published by Rev. Robert F. Taft, S.J., Rev. John Behr, and Ann Astell.

Videos for the Web catechesis series were recorded by:
- Msgr. Bruce Harbert, former executive director of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL);
- Rev. Michael Joncas, S.T.D., professor of Catholic Studies and theology at St. Thomas University;
- Rev. Anthony Ruff, O.S.B., associate professor of theology at St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, Minn.;
- Rev. Paul Turner, S.T.D., priest of the diocese of Kansas City;
The Future

Plans for 2011 include a conference on liturgical catechesis; a new online publication, *Oblation: Liturgy and Evangelization*; an online video series on family prayer; a day of renewal for liturgical musicians; and, the development of a series of online courses on the Eucharist.

“In benefiting from the resources the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy provides, I have grown in both understanding of the meaning of the liturgy and ability to invite others to share in these mysteries. The growth I’ve experienced through the NDCL’s resources has a direct impact on the catechetical work I do with my parish community. I have found as a young Catholic in parish ministry that the NDCL makes space where I can deepen and reflect upon the liturgical catechesis I offer; it does so through a community of liturgically and academically formed leaders, publications, conferences, and web catechesis. The NDCL thus enlivens and informs the contemplation, evangelization, discussion, catechesis, and planning we are privileged to do on our way from the source of our faith to its summit.”

— KRISTI HAAS, APPRENTICE CATECHETICAL LEADER, ECHO PROGRAM
2010 Overview

Encourage the storm. On the first night of Notre Dame Vision’s summer conferences, these words greet and challenge high school students, college student-leaders, and adult ministers alike. These words present a practice and a way. Do not be afraid to ask the hard questions. Do not hesitate to explore all aspects of your life. Do not doubt that God is intensely interested in all of who you are.

Encourage the storm. Allow all dimensions of your life to come crashing together as you open yourself to the reality that God is calling you and that you are invited to respond with your own gifts throughout your entire life. This commitment might well produce a storm, but Christ is present in the midst of the storm, and He is with you to the end of the age.

This is a distinctly Catholic message: that holiness of life and the fullness of humanity grow in direct rather than inverse proportion; a critical engagement with contemporary culture is thereby promoted. As the arm of the Institute for Church Life that intentionally reaches toward the young Catholic Church, Notre Dame Vision proclaims the Gospel and invites young people to explore the mysteries of the faith, while also valuing and upholding the concrete realities of teenagers’ lives.

“There is something about that place and its people that just seem to breathe excellence. The program is so needed for young people today. Nobody is doing what Notre Dame is doing.”

— MIKE PATIN, NATIONAL SPEAKER AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINER
Over the course of its four summer conference sessions in 2010, Notre Dame Vision welcomed 1,261 high school students into the Notre Dame family. These young people were invited to immerse themselves in the depth, breadth, and richness of God’s call in their lives. The theologically rich and pastorally appropriate curriculum of Notre Dame Vision allowed the high school students to consider themselves as disciples involved in lifelong conversion, who are created for relationship and service, and who are called to participate fully, actively, and consciously in the life of the Church.

Accompanying and guiding these high school students on their journey, 66 Notre Dame students were trained and commissioned as “Mentors-in-Faith” for the 2010 conferences. These mentors engaged in theological and pastoral formation through two Vision-specific theology courses, in addition to attending workshops and retreats that further prepared them for their ministerial leadership. During the summer conference, the mentors facilitated small faith sharing groups for the high school students, offered witness talks in front of the entire group of participants, led and modeled prayer, and served as resident counselors in the conference dormitories. Seventeen of the mentors were chosen as “Music Mentors,” responsible for all of the music for the conference, including music for liturgies. As the academic year reconvened in August, Notre Dame Vision welcomed these Notre Dame students into ongoing formation opportunities, for which they met together weekly for theological enrichment, prayer, and faith sharing.

Notre Dame Vision for Campus and Youth Ministers (CYM) convened simultaneously with the conference for high school students for four separate weeks this summer. This conference series gathered 163 adults who are involved in ministry to teenagers in parish, high school, or diocesan settings. Over the course of five days, the conferees considered the Call to Discipleship and Conversion in such a way that they were engaged intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally as persons who are responding to God’s call themselves, even while guiding others in their own lives of faith. As a follow-up to the summer conference for these adult ministers, Notre Dame Vision hosted, for the first time, both an online networking space and an online book club, which enabled the conferees to further their theological exploration and networking. Both of these efforts were accomplished in partnership with ICL’s Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP).
On July 22-24, 2011, Notre Dame Vision will celebrate the completion of its tenth summer of programming. To mark this auspicious occasion, former mentors from every year of Notre Dame Vision will gather for a retreat, reunion, and banquet. Coincidentally, Notre Dame Vision will also host its 10,000th high school participant in 2011.

Substantial enhancements abound for the process of preparing Notre Dame undergraduates to serve as Mentors-in-Faith. The 3-credit theology course in which every mentor enrolls in the spring semester prior to their summer service will be completely redesigned so as to more directly meet the intellectual formation needs of the undergraduate students preparing for ministerial leadership. Correlatively, Notre Dame Vision will launch a series of four pastoral skills workshops that will enable the undergraduates to develop the capacities and abilities for pastoral leadership.

In 2011, the annual theme for Notre Dame Vision CYM (adult conference) will be the Call to Relationship and Communion. This particular track of the conference will begin with a keynote presentation on Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, before launching into a five-day exploration of Lumen Gentium, Gaudium et Spes, and connections for ministerial praxis.

“The programs form youth and their ministers in the vision, the focus, and the very reason for discipleship... I was impressed with the scope of the theological content and the continuation of discussions in small groups facilitated by the Mentors-in-Faith.”

— Jan Vonhandorf, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Covington
The partnership of STEP and the Diocese of Salt Lake City that we have enjoyed since 2006 has been most helpful and productive. We are deeply appreciative of the guidance, special considerations, and generous support that our formation program has received from STEP, from STEP’s director, and from STEP’s excellent course facilitators.... This diocese does not have a local Catholic college or university within 500 miles, and so the excellent online theological education STEP offers has been invaluable for our formation program.”

— THE MOST REVEREND JOHN C. WESTER, BISHOP OF SALT LAKE CITY
2010 Overview

“I believe that I may understand” captures the mission of STEP (Satellite Theological Education Program). We hope to provide high-quality theological courses for those who believe but now want to understand more deeply what they already believe. In order to accomplish this mission STEP provides exceptional but accessible theology education through online courses for believers involved in all levels of Church life. This audience primarily includes catechists, directors of religious education, deacons, deacon candidates, and lay ecclesial ministers.

STEP recruits students for its courses through two methods. The first involves email and electronic and print advertising through several different Catholic journals and periodicals. This effort aims to capture a general, “at-large” audience who are interested in continuing education. The second effort focuses on partnerships tailored to incorporate STEP courses into local educational programming. Each of these efforts generates approximately 50 percent of STEP’s annual enrollments.
2010 Highlights

For 2010, STEP maintained 20 partnerships, with Catholic dioceses constituting the bulk of these partnerships.

Our partner dioceses include the following:

- Atlanta, Ga.
- Charlotte, N.C.
- Fall River, Mass.
- Kingston, Ontario (Canada)
- Metuchen, N.J.
- Raleigh, N.C.
- Santa Fe, N.M.
- Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Erie, Pa.
- Indianapolis, Ind.
- Manchester, N.H.
- Ogdensburg, N.Y.
- Salt Lake City, Utah
- Trenton, N.J.

In addition to leading 1,575 students through 73 individual classes, STEP accomplished many other significant milestones in 2010:

- Celebrated its 10th anniversary of service with a Mass and reception in Geddes Hall.

- The STEP blog, featuring articles written by STEP’s network of facilitators and updates on STEP news and events, went live on WordPress.com.

- Featured in an article in suite101.com’s Catholicism section, which introduced STEP to a new audience and still drives traffic to the STEP website today.

- Posted its highest-ever monthly Web traffic in August, September, and October. September 2010 had the most traffic ever for the STEP website, with 33,653 page views for that month (including registration pages, or 28,334 views without the registration pages).

- Awarded the Constant Contact All-Star Email Marketer status for 2009 (award given in 2010).

- Sent 42 emails in 2010 to 79,139 people with an overall open rate of 28.8 percent. The average open rate for educational and religious organizations hovers around 20 percent.

- Established a Facebook page that included announcements, video postings, and “fan” responses. This Web presence enhanced STEP’s Web traffic for the year.

- Published (in electronic form) a general quarterly newsletter (February, May, August, November) and a quarterly newsletter for our national facilitator network (January, April, October, July).

- Awarded 605 certificates of completion for course work.
I am happy to recommend the STEP program at the University of Notre Dame. STEP has been a special gift to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. When our seminary closed and the priests were assigned to other areas, we lost the core of our teachers for our in-house deacon formation program. Thankfully, STEP was available to offer high-quality, substantial courses very similar to those that we were offering on weekends to our deacon candidates. The course offerings are superb; it is a joy to interact with the staff of STEP. In addition, STEP wants to make sure that its program is responding to our needs. STEP is a perfect fit for a rural diocese like ours without any Catholic institutions of higher learning and spread over a large area. In the current online learning environment, the STEP courses and format could assist any diocese in the faith formation of their adults. STEP is rendering a great service to the Church of the United States.”

— MSGR. ROBERT H. AUCOIN, DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION, DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

The Future

STEP will continue this progress of building relationships and growing enrollments into the foreseeable future. The new National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States has both stimulated the growth of diocesan deacon formation programs and also raised the educational standards of these programs. Many rural dioceses have few affordable options to meet these new standards. STEP will help many of these programs achieve high standards of education and formation in an affordable and accessible manner.
UNIVERSITY LIFE INITIATIVES
2010 Overview

New to the institute in August 2010, University Life Initiatives (ULI) is dedicated to broadening and deepening the pro-life culture in and among various constituencies in order to strengthen the Notre Dame community’s witness to Catholic teaching on life.

The office is a collaborative effort of the Institute for Church Life (ICL) and Notre Dame’s Office of the President. It was created as part of the final recommendations of the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, which was co-chaired by ICL’s director, John C. Cavadini, in the 2009–2010 academic year. While continuing to implement the March 2010 recommendations of the task force and with the assistance of a faculty advisory committee, the ULI coordinator seeks to determine new ways in which the University can strengthen and manifest its own commitment to a culture of life across campus and in partnership with other members of the Notre Dame family.

ULI seeks to integrate principles of the Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life across all areas of the University of Notre Dame and collaborate with relevant education and research programs across all colleges to support and enhance the University mission and vision as a Catholic institution of higher education. The scope of dignity of life covers those endeavors which pertain to the growth of the “culture of life,” as understood in Pope John Paul II’s encyclical Evangelium Vitae, and includes fostering respect for the sanctity and dignity of life, from conception to natural death, as well as an increase in knowledge and understanding of the major life issues of the modern world.

The most evident way that Notre Dame can express its commitment to the culture of life is through the concrete resources offered to students who are pregnant or parenting children during their studies. The office works closely with the Office of Student Affairs to increase awareness of the University’s supportive policies and resources for these students, as well as compassionately assisting students who are pregnant and parenting.
ULI is partnering with the Office of Student Affairs and Notre Dame’s Graduate School in starting a Pregnant and Parenting Student Assistance Fund to assist Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students who are pregnant and or parenting. Notre Dame will be one of the few campuses in the country to offer such an assistance program.

In conjunction with Notre Dame’s Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, ULI encouraged students to pursue academic interests on life issues by offering summer research grants. Student proposals were accepted to work one on one with a Notre Dame faculty on a self-directed research question on life-related topics.

In the 2010-2011 academic year, ULI was invited by the Notre Dame Gender Relations Center to co-sponsor the campus’s observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

The ULI coordinator was invited to join the board of directors of Hannah’s House of Michiana. Hannah’s House is a home that provides shelter, programming, and staff support for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of pregnant young women.

ULI introduced its new website, news blog, and weekly e-newsletter in December 2010.

ULI worked with the undergraduate Right to Life group to send a large contingent of students, faculty, and staff to Washington, D.C., for the 2011 March for Life. Father Jenkins joined the group in D.C. for a second year. More than 375 students and 40 faculty traveled to the nation’s capital to commemorate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized access to abortion in the United States. While there, students, faculty, and staff attended a diocesan Mass at St. Matthew’s Cathedral which was celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. All also were invited to attend a reception hosted by the D.C.-area alumni clubs.

Other highlights of University Life Initiatives include:
The Future

Plans for 2011 include the creation of a research internship aimed at collecting comparative data on the resources for pregnant and parenting students at peer institutions as well as collecting information on the environmental and material needs of these students. Insights and information gained from these research efforts will be used to develop a Notre Dame program that would facilitate and offer appropriate assistance and support to students who are pregnant and parenting. This project will be in conjunction with Notre Dame’s Office of Student Affairs as well as the Graduate School.

Other plans include organizing an awareness week in October 2011. This weeklong program will consist of a variety of opportunities for the University community to consider from different perspectives and particularly in light of Catholic teaching the issues surrounding topics such as relationships, the family, and the dignity of life at all stages. University Life Initiatives also will continue to promote academic opportunities for students through the offering of research grants and facilitating collaborative learning for students and faculty alike.

“Notre Dame’s Life Initiatives, led by Mary Daly, has helped organize the energy and commitment of so many students and faculty to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Its efforts have helped the pro-life movement be grounded in prayer, as seen in the Masses and Rosaries it has sponsored; it has been a source of education and discussion, evident in the numerous lectures and debates on campus; it has helped us be more steadfast in our witness, as seen in the March for Life; and it has facilitated volunteer service to support life. Life Initiatives has helped us deepen the culture of life at Notre Dame, and we are grateful for it.”

— REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C.
Central Office Initiatives

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

This is our Lilly Endowment funded program intended to work with the bishops of the USCCB in discerning and advancing their pastoral priorities. Our program was very active in 2010. In partnership with the African American Catholic Bishops’ Caucus, the National Black Catholic Congress, and the Office of Vice President and Associate Provost Don Pope-Davis, we hosted the workshop, *Stir into Flame: a Symposium on Vocation and Leadership in the African American Catholic Community*, intended mainly to discuss the challenges of encouraging vocations to the priesthood among black Catholic men, though vocations to the religious life were also a subject of discussion. On May 3-5, 2010, the symposium gathered a group of 30 black Catholic bishops (ordinaries and auxiliary bishops) and priests in order to develop better strategies for the promotion of vocations. Participants developed both shorter and mid-term action plans. A follow-up conference is planned for 2012.

Following on the heels of that symposium, the Institute for Church Life hosted another conference, this time with over 300 participants from off campus, the Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation. This project was co-sponsored with the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. How can bishops best deal with the pastoral challenge presented by the reality of multicultural parishes? How to make sure that effective pastoral care is provided to all of the groups and yet preserve the reality of one parish? Sometimes this means balancing pastoral care for newcomers, with older parish constituencies, often the ones that founded the parish. How can the Church foster vocations so that priestly and Episcopal leadership better reflects the changing ethnic composition of

Saturdays with the Saints

This exciting new program had its premiere in the fall of 2010. On each of the three football Saturdays in October, the institute hosted a lecture on a saint of current or contemporary interest. We began at 10:30 a.m. and finished promptly at 11:30 a.m. We had excellent attendance, with about 100 fans interested in spending some time with the saints before their appointment with ‘Touchdown Jesus.’ In honor of the 100th birthday of Mother Teresa, Prof. Larry Cunningham of the Theology Department gave a lecture on her life and especially on the spiritual struggles revealed in her recently published letters. Next, in honor of the canonization of Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., and in fact the very day before the canonization, the McGrath-Cavadini Director of the Institute for Church Life spoke on St. Joseph and Brother André, whose lifelong devotion to St. Joseph is so well known. Finally, in honor of the beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman, Prof. Cyril O’Regan of the Department of Theology gave a talk on Newman and Holiness, “The Validity of Holiness in the Modern World.” This program was such a success that we will repeat it in the fall of 2011, for what better way to spend a Saturday morning than with the saints?
the Church? How can the bishops set pastoral priorities to best take into account changing demographics of the Church in the United States? These were the questions that animated this symposium, which was also supported by the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost, again through Don Pope-Davis. The bishops present at this convocation, many of whom were committee chairmen of the various USCCB committees, formed a listening panel that participated in all of the discussions and also hosted a no-holds-barred open Q&A session after the convocation dinner on the last day. We were honored that the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, linked the gathering to the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and through him to the universal, global Church. President John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., hosted His Excellency in a luncheon on the 14th floor of the library, to which a number of faculty and University leaders were invited.

Finally, in August of 2010, the ICL was host to the annual meeting of the Association of African Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS). A team of African and African American bishops headed up this meeting of ACCCRUS, designed to consider the pastoral challenges facing African priests and religious, mainly sisters, who serve in parishes in U.S. dioceses. Many of these are vitally involved in some of the most successful parishes in the country and have become real pastoral leaders in our churches. Others have some difficulty making the cultural transition between their own country and culture of origin, and the typical U.S. Catholic parish—if there actually is a “typical” parish. How can we help priests who are going to serve in U.S. parishes become more acquainted with U.S. customs and culture? Perhaps, we concluded, a one-month summer seminar could be sponsored by the institute for Church life, pending securing the funding for such an initiative. It would be a service to the Catholic Church in America, and also a service to the priests and religious who so generously give of their lives away from home and family.

Spirituality in the Professions

Headed by Br. Bob Sylvester, C.S.C., this new initiative is intended to offer a range of spiritual care services to members of the professions, beginning with the legal profession. Bob was himself a successful lawyer in public policy and private practice in the Washington, D.C., area before receiving his vocation to religious life in the Congregation of Holy Cross. The initiative provides confidential, one-on-one spiritual and pastoral care; builds a referral network among the local religious and pastoral counseling community, and utilizes appropriate vehicles and venues to educate and build community, for example, informal luncheon conversations, social gatherings, retreats, speakers for groups, etc. Br. Bob has set up an office in the D.C. area and has been working hard to establish the network necessary for the successful launching of this program. The basic question animating the initiative: How can lawyers attend to their spiritual needs, integrating their values with their thoughts, feelings, and actions, to achieve greater satisfaction and meaning in their work?

Notre Dame Initiative on Spirituality in the Professions
Publications and Presentations

Gerard F. Baumbach

Publications:


Collaboration with William H. Sadlier Inc. on the new edition of We Believe Program, known as We Believe with Project Disciple (2011).

Presentations:

“Catholic Teaching on Marriage,” three hour lectures presented to a joint meeting of the Catholic and Lutheran bishops of the dioceses and synods of the State of Minnesota, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, Nov. 4–5, 2010.


“An Introduction to the Theology of St. Augustine for Hymn Writers,” three presentations given to the St. Augustine Hymnal project (Vince Ambrosetti, editor), Nashville, Aug. 2010.


“St. Joseph: A Presentation on the Centenary of the Notre Dame Collegiate Chapter of the Knights of Columbus,” April 2010.

Two presentations for the Gender Relations Center sponsored group, Men Against Violence, one on “Madmen,” and one on “The Price of Pleasure,” Feb. and March 2010.

Presentation for the Gender Relations Center event on Healing from Sexual Assault, “A Night to Heal,” Feb. 2010.

John C. Cavadini

Publications:


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Thomas Cummings

Presentations:

Visited four partner dioceses (Salt Lake City, Santa Fe, Charlotte, and Kingston) to deliver a lecture titled “The History of Salvation: Faith, Reason, and a Theological Primer.”

Conducted three workshops on theological essay writing for the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Panelist for a workshop on Lay Ministry Formation at the National Association of Lay Ministers National Conference.

Leonard DeLorenzo

Presentations:


“Resurrection and Ascension; Silence and the Eschatological Imagination,” meeting of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion: Transforming Violence: Cult, Culture, and Acculturation; University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, July 2010.
Leonard DeLorenzo and Philip Sakimoto

Presentations:

David Fagerberg

Publications:

Presentations:
“Encountering Christ in the Sacraments: Escaping the Superficial Life,” the Evangelical Catholic, Wide Awake Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
“Liturgical Theology as Point of Synthesis,” John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland, May 2010.
“Why Be a Catholic?” John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland, May 2010.
“What is Liturgical Theology?” Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine, June 2010.

Nathan Mitchell

Publications:
“Ecclesiae Dei sociari; Ecclesiae incorporari; in corpus Ecclesiae transire.” Worship 84.4, 345-54, July 2010.

Colleen Moore

Publication:
“South Dining Hall,” The Notre Dame Book of Prayer, Notre Dame, IN; University of Notre Dame Office of Campus Ministry, 2010.

Timothy O’Malley

Publications:

Megan Shepherd

Presentation: