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Tebow encourages Right to Life attendees to 'act like we're on a rescue team'



The Message photo by John Rohlf
Former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow speaks to 2,500 attendees at the annual Southwest Indiana Right to Life Banquet.

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Tim Tebow spoke to 2,500 attendees about the importance of standing up for the unborn during the annual Southwest Indiana Right to Life Banquet at Old National Events Plaza.

A former NFL quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner and two-time national champion in college, Tebow was the keynote speaker for the annual event. The mission of his foundation, the Tim Tebow Foundation, is to bring faith, hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need.

During his keynote address, Tebow said when his mother was pregnant with him, doctors advised his mother she needed to

have an abortion "or it's going to cost you your life and your baby's life." After his mother gave birth to Tebow, a doctor of 30 years said he did not know how Tebow survived, noting the placenta was barely attached.

"I'm so grateful that I get to be here because my mom loved me enough and trusted God," Tebow said. "And then there was also so many people that would write her letters and encourage her and pray for her."

Tebow shared a story from a testimony he heard from a counselor in abortion clinics. After the abortion, the counselor returned to see the baby, who was missing two legs and one arm. The doctor turned to her

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Cathedral organ project nears completion

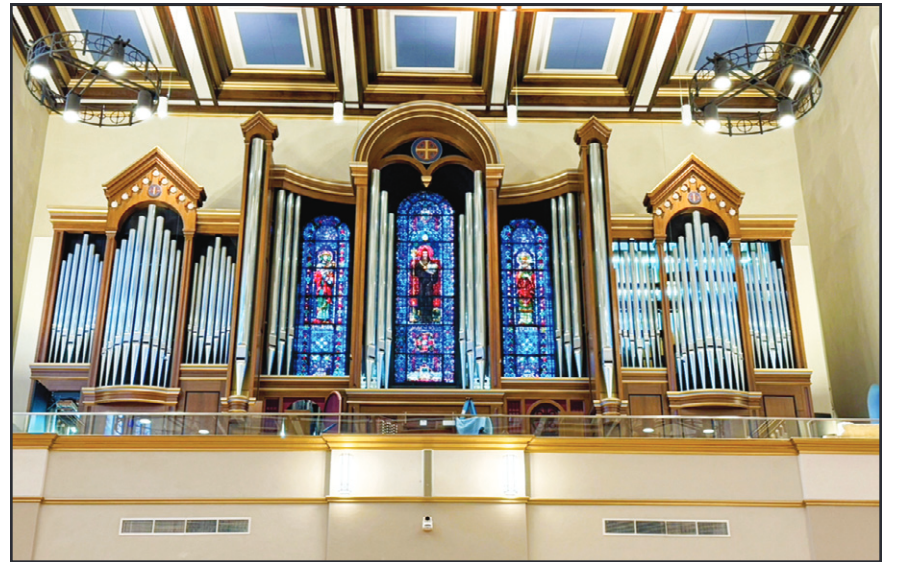
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Thanks to the work of many people in and outside the diocese and the generous gift from Ginny and the late Deacon Dave Cook, St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville will be home to the largest organ in the region for years to come.

A project years in the making, the final adjustments are being made to the new organ at St. Benedict Cathedral. The organ was donated to the Cathedral by Ginny and the late Deacon Dave Cook. He served as deacon at St. Benedict Cathedral for 13 years.

Ginny Cook said years ago, she and Dave were visiting Dyersville, Iowa, and were attending Mass when they heard a beautiful organ. They later met with their financial planner and she asked if they could donate funds for an organ. After they were given the green light from their

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The Message photo by John Rohlf
Work continues to complete the new organ at St. Benedict Cathedral. The main organ, the Gallery organ, is placed in the back of the church.



The Message photo by John Rohlf
Reitz Memorial junior Dylon Kendrick attempts to break a tackle during the Sept. 13 Hunger Bowl matchup between Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial.

Tigers cruise to Hunger Bowl win over Mater Dei

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The Reitz Memorial Tigers cruised to a win in a clash of unbeaten teams in the Sept. 13 Hunger Bowl between Reitz Memorial and Mater Dei high schools at the Reitz Bowl in Evansville.

Reitz Memorial (4-0) scored in every quarter in their 41-13 win over Mater Dei (3-1). The Tigers led 14-3 after the first quarter and 21-6 at half-time. Reitz Memorial quarterback Matthew Fisher accounted for five touchdowns in the win. He threw four 289 yards and four touchdowns. He added a touchdown on the ground. He rushed for 51 yards on four carries. Reitz Memorial wide receiver Luke Ellspermann caught two of Fisher's four touchdown passes.

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