



Beginning active duty Air Force chaplaincy



FATHER GARRETT BRAUN

Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno was first inspired to the priesthood by a publication of the Maryknoll Society known as the "The Field Afar." Attracted to the life of holiness, sacrifice and adventure of the missionary priests he read about,

FROM FIELDS AFAR
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Father Vincent discerned a calling to join their community himself and was ordained a priest in 1958. After several years of missionary work, Father Capodanno pursued a calling to become a different kind missionary . . . serving American service members as a Navy Chaplain during the Vietnam War.

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Mission Evansville is 'more than service hours'

By JOHN ROHLF
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Diocesan youth spanning over a dozen parishes served the local community during the seventh Mission Evansville.

On June 18-21, sixty diocesan youth spanning 14 parishes in the Diocese of Evansville participated in Mission Evansville, a home-based mission trip aimed at serving the local community and making a difference in Evansville.

"I heard a lot of great things from years past from my friends and I decided to give it a try this year," Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioner Lucas Church said. "Definitely give it a try if you are interested. People may say they might not like to work but once you do the (service) work and you see what you finished, you feel accomplished and you can't beat that feeling."

Mission Evansville Executive Director Katie Goebel said back in



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Mission Evansville participants take part in an activity at the Diocese of Evansville Catholic Center.

Mission Evansville's first year in 2016, they sent crews to seven different locations around Evansville. In every year the program has been offered, they have expanded impact and par-

icipation, she said.

Goebel said the three main goals of Mission Evansville are to empower youth to show Christ's love to the local

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Passage of budget reconciliation act sparks Catholic response

By AMIRA ABUZEID
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The U.S. House of Representatives passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" last Thursday, just in time for President Donald Trump to schedule his signing into law of the bill on the Fourth of July.

Following the bill's passage, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a statement lamenting "the great harm the bill will cause to many of the most vulnerable in society."

Specifically, Broglio faulted the legislation for including "unconscionable cuts to health care and food assistance, tax cuts that increase inequality, immigration provisions that harm families and children, and cuts to programs that protect God's creation."

The statement also expressed disappointment over several "positive aspects" of the bill in the final version approved

on Thursday that were either reduced or removed. In particular it cited the reduction of federal funds to Planned Parenthood from 10 years to only one, the weakening of educational parental choice provisions and the elimination of restrictions on the use of federal dollars for so-called "gender transition" medical procedures.

In the face of this situation, Broglio affirmed that "the Catholic Church's teaching to uphold human dignity and the common good compels us to redouble our efforts and offer concrete help to those who will be in greater need and continue to advocate for legislative efforts that will provide better possibilities in the future for those in need."

In the run-up to the passage of the measure in the U.S. House and Senate, the USCCB had delineated concerns over numerous aspects of the bill, including its tax provisions, increased immigration enforcement, the reduction of federal

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Corpus Christi Processions

Parishes in the Diocese of Evansville held Corpus Christi processions the weekend of Corpus Christi, which was June 22. Corpus Christi is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It celebrates the Real Presence of Christ; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. See more photos on page 8.

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Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch was one of several diocesan parishes to hold a Corpus Christi procession.

