

## **ND CLUB of GETTYSBURG**

# **2009 BISHOP SENDOFF**



### **BISHOP RHOADES HONORED AT ST. FRANCIS DINNER**

Bishop Rhoades celebrated mass at St. Francis Xavier in Gettysburg on Thursday, December 3, 2009, the feast of St. Francis Xavier. During his homily, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the children and the rest of the congregation to accept God's will as Jesus taught us in the Our Father. It is in this spirit that the bishop accepts Pope Benedict's new assignment as the bishop of the Ft. Wayne-South Bend diocese. In this capacity, Bishop Rhoades is the presiding bishop over the University of Notre Dame.

After mass, Bishop Rhoades met with the teachers, students and staff of St. Francis Xavier School. At noon, he ate lunch with the faculty and staff. Brendan Cushing-Daniels, past president of ND Gettysburg, was lucky enough to attend the luncheon, and his two children, Michaela, Grade 8, and Maria, Grade 3, presented the bishop with gifts of a hat and golf shirt from the ND Gettysburg Club. Bishop Rhoades appreciated the gifts and the warm wishes from the club. During lunch, Bishop Rhoades said that he is very much looking forward to a strong relationship with the University of Notre Dame, and he is encouraged in that relationship by the fact that Father Jenkins is coming to Harrisburg to visit with him later this month.

