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New Pope, Argentinian cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, left, appears at the window of St. Peter's Basilica's balcony after being elected the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church, Wednesday, at the Vatican.

Francis I Takes The Papal Reins

Argentine Jorge Bergoglio Elected Pope Francis

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VATICAN CITY — From “the end of the earth,” the Catholic Church found a surprising new leader Wednesday, a pioneer pope from Argentina who took the name Francis, a pastor rather than a manager to resurrect a church and faith in crisis. He is the first pontiff from the New World and the first non-European since the Middle Ages.

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the archbishop of Buenos Aires who has spent nearly his entire career in Argentina, was a fast and fitting choice for the most unpredictable papal succession — start to finish — in at least six centuries.

He is the first pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit and the first named Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, the humble friar who dedicated his life to helping the poor. The last non-European pope was Syria's Gregory III from 731-41.

“You know that the work of the conclave is to give a bishop to Rome,” the new pontiff said as he waved shyly to the tens of thousands who braved a cold rain in St. Peter's Square. “It seems as if my brother cardinals went to find him from the end of the earth, but here we are. Thank you for the welcome.”

The 76-year-old Bergoglio, said to have finished second when Pope Benedict XVI was elected in 2005, was chosen on just the fifth ballot to replace the first pontiff to resign in 600 years. In the past century,

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Sacred Heart Schools Celebrate New Pope, Use Process As A Learning Tool

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When the new pope was announced Wednesday, the Sacred Heart Schools in Yankton had their own version of the smoke that arises over the Vatican during the election process.

The Sacred Heart students used a poster, tracking each round of the cardinals' voting for a new pontiff, said Principal Regan Manning. The poster featured black smoke during the first four rounds, then switched to white smoke with the joyous news of electing Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina — who would take the name of Pope Francis — as the next pontiff.

“Over the last couple of weeks (since Pope Benedict XVI's resignation), we have done a lot of teaching to the kids about the pope and his selection,” Manning said.

Both the elementary and middle school students were tracking the historic process, the principal said.

“I was at the grade school (Wednesday) morning, and the third graders were just glued to see if the new pope had been chosen and if there was white smoke,” he said. “A couple of students were afraid they would select the pope during (the school's) lunch and they would miss it. We had a teacher who



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Vermillion Ready For Onshore Opportunity

Eagle Creek's Goal: To Return Jobs 'Onshore' To Vermillion And S.D.

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VERMILLION — The term “offshore” has gained increasing popularity in recent years to describe everything from bank accounts to call centers that have fled the United States for other countries.

Eagle Creek Software Services hopes to popularize a new term — “onshore.”

That's how the business describes its operation in the Midwest that will soon be expanding significantly in South Dakota, particularly in Vermillion.

“It's our goal to bring 1,000 jobs to the state of South Dakota in the next three to five years, which will make South Dakota a major player in the IT outsourcing market,” said Ken Behrendt, president of Eagle Creek Software Services, at a Wednesday afternoon press conference on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion.

“A new \$10 million technology center is to be built in Vermillion that will house 200 of those jobs. There's a reason we are doing this. Simply put, America has an IT (information technology) problem, and it's time for America to solve that problem.”

Officials from USD, the city of Vermillion, and state government, including Gov. Dennis Daugaard, joined Behrendt as he announced a unique partnership involving the state, the university and his private company to generate new jobs.

Those jobs will boost pay higher than the



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Gov. Daugaard and Eagle Creek Software Services President Ken Behrendt join the audience in laughter at remarks made by University of South Dakota President James Abbott during a Wednesday afternoon press conference at the Al Neuharth Media Center on the university campus.

state's average wages, and the supply of employees will come from USD and its recently formed Information Technology Consultant Academy.

UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Eagle Creek Software Services, with headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minn., was founded in 1999. The company has project centers in Valley City, N.D., and Pierre, and has targeted Vermillion as the site of a fourth location.

“We're delighted today to announce a unique

partnership between South Dakota's flagship university and an outstanding private company that will bring technology support jobs back to American soil,” said USD President James W. Abbott. “Eagle Creek is the largest onshore services company in the United States. For the University of South Dakota, this means a great opportunity to partner our great liberal arts institution with

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Memories Of War

Debate Continues Over Iraq War Legacy

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of stories looking back at the impact of the Iraq War on the 10th anniversary of the beginning of combat operations.

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Was the Iraq War one of necessity or one of choice?

Ten years on from when the United States began combat operations in Iraq, a local professor thinks that is still an important question for Americans to ask themselves.

“At some point, we as a country will find ourselves preparing for war again, and we need to know whether we are truly walking down a path that is necessary, or if there are other options,” said Dr. Tim Schorn, director of the International Studies Program at the University of South Dakota. “We also need to ask if we accepted what our leaders said (in the lead up to the Iraq War) a little too unquestioningly. Sometimes we need (a) sober second thought when someone presents us information that is either untrue or still too incomplete.”

In Schorn's opinion, there is no question that it was an unnecessary war.

“(The Iraq War) allowed us, even forced us, to take our eyes off a conflict that was even more important, and one that was necessary — Afghanistan,” he added. “We took limited resources, and necessary resources, out of the Afghanistan theater and transferred them to an area that we did not need to be in at that time. Not only did it result

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in the unnecessary loss of lives, both American and Iraqi, and a squandering of resources, it also meant that the Afghan war would be more prolonged because it was short-shrifted.”

A NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll conducted in January asked Americans, “When it comes to Iraq, do you think the war was worth it or not worth it?” In response, 35 percent said it was worth it, while 59 percent said it was not.

Dr. Richard Lofthus, a professor of history at Mount Marty College, said the anniversary reminds him of something director Ken Burns wrote in 2007 about lessons that could be learned from “The War,” his documentary on World War II.

“He observed that ‘perhaps the most important lesson to be learned from all the blood and horror and tragedy our witnesses recalled is that no nation should embark upon any war without first understanding what its costs will be and without being certain that its objectives are really worth the fearful price.’

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