

Local publisher serves nation, community

Our Sunday Visitor distributes items on a national level

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Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington publishes more than just a weekly newspaper for churches across the United States.

Since originally being created in 1912 by Father John Noll, a Fort Wayne native, the publishing company has evolved into providing brochures, church offering envelopes, textbooks, parish resources and more.

Scot Landry, chief mission officer, who joined OSV earlier this year, said working for the company is something that makes him proud.

"It certainly makes us proud that OSV publishes the oldest and the only national weekly," he said. "I think everybody in Huntington as they drive down this road (Noll Plaza) might say, 'that's pretty neat that something from here is reaching everybody throughout the country.'"

OSV serves more than



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THE WAREHOUSE: From left, Scot Landry and Kyle Hamilton discuss the many products that Our Sunday Visitor has to offer.

15,000 Catholic parishes in the United States and about 10,000 Protestant churches. Due to the way technology has evolved over the years has allowed OSV to expand to more people.

"It's all the technology and tools associated with giving and communications along with teaching about the faith," Terry Poplava, executive director of marketing and sales, said.

The evolution of tech-

nology, Landry said, helps them achieve their mission at OSV.

"Our mission is just to serve the needs of the Catholic Church," he said. "Not just that we can meet the needs but as we look at new ways to serve the Church, can we do this as well or better than any other organization? Those are the things we should really be investing time in."

While technology plays a

vital role in how OSV serves the Church, it also serves the by providing grants through the OSV Institute.

According to the OSV Institute website, its vision is "supports the mission of the company in a way that both heightens public awareness of Our Sunday Visitor's mission and strengthens the effectiveness of the entire corporation."

"Because we are not-for-profit, the Our Sunday Visi-



VARIETY OF READING: Our Sunday Visitor has several different publications with its main focus on the Catholic Church.

tor Institute gives money back to Catholic initiatives, projects ... to the tune of about \$3 million dollars a year," said Kyle Hamilton, chief executive officer.

The grants don't just benefit organizations nationally, either.

"There are lots of local organizations within the general Fort Wayne area that do apply for those grants and get them so it helps not only parishes and dioceses across

the country but it does have a lot of local impact too," Landry said.

Hamilton said Kevin Rhoades, chair of the board of directors at OSV, makes community a priority.

"His oversight and spiritual direction, but also his close connection with the Fort Wayne-South Bend dioceses and what the Church needs is what helps brings us close together to the community," he said.