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# Faith helps athlete beat cancer

Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood prayed for Mike Kaufman to recover

By Susan M. Bierman

When Mike Kaufman learned last November that he had testicular cancer he was sure he was going to die.

The 21-year-old Indiana University athlete has taken a lot of hard knocks playing rugby over the years, but he didn't know if he was strong enough to beat cancer.

Despite his doubts, Kaufman says he never lost his faith in God.

"When this happened it was like another cross for me to bear in my life. It was something that I was ready to take, because I knew that God was going to be with me during this whole time," he said.

Jackie Brames, a registered nurse who works with Kaufman's oncologist, Dr. Lawrence H. Einhorn, at the IU Cancer Center in Indianapolis, said one of every 500 men in the world are stricken with this disease each year.

Brames said the type of cancer Kaufman was diagnosed with is a rare form that is most prevalent among men ages 17-35. She said it is highly curable depending on the stage in which it is diagnosed.

"Mike's was diagnosed at a fairly early stage," she said.

Kaufman, a junior majoring in business, said when he was first diagnosed he believed he was supposed to die.

"I thought there was going to be a lot of stuff going on in the future and God was giving me a way out," he said.

Learning he had cancer was particularly crushing because Kaufman and his girlfriend, Bridget McCarthy, had begun talking about

Kaufman, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, said he knelt down and began praying for his soul. He told God it was all up to him.

"But I want to stay here and suffer on earth some more. I want to suffer longer on earth because I know that all the pains that I have like simple back pains wouldn't happen in heaven," Kaufman said.

Kaufman said he, his friends and his family began praying to Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress of The Sisters Adorers of the



diagnosed with cancer last year.

Precious Blood.

Sister Joan Milot of The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood in Lafayette, said Mother Catherine's cause for sainthood is currently

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Mike Kaufman marries Bridget McCarthy. See The Criterion Marriage Supplement, Page 11.

# **Generation X** thirsts for spirituality, author says

By Mary Ann Wyand

Generation X researcher and author Tom Beaudoin of Boston studies the cross-over influences of faith and popular culture on young adults.

Beaudoin earned national recognition with his book Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation

X and now is in demand on the speaker's circuit and as a recruitment consultant to groups as diverse as religious orders and the U.S. military.

As a member of Generation X—the 20-something and 30-



Tom Beaudoin

something Americans who are the primary pool for religious vocations and military service—Beaudoin talks easily about the challenges of growing up in an ever-changing world saturated by sophisticated media and state-of-the-art technology.

During a keynote presentation at the Benedictine Vocation Directors' Conference July 16 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove, Beaudoin shared insights gained from sociological research and personal experiences with "my generation."

Currently a Ph.D. candidate in religion and education at Boston College, Beaudoin completed a master of theological studies degree at Harvard Divinity School and cofounded Xairos, a Christian Gen X ministry based at the Paulist Center in Boston.

Between speaking engagements, he is writing a book with a post-Vatican II theme and playing in a rock band. In August, Beaudoin and his wife, Jennifer, are moving to Atlanta so she can pursue a doctorate at Emory University.

Like many Gen Xers, Beaudoin likes relaxing with music and video games. He admits to being "a product of popular culture" and enjoys discussing both positive and negative aspects of American society

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### Heaven is an intimate relationship with God

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Heaven is not a place, but an intimate relationship with God that can be experienced partially on earth, Pope John Paul II said.

Heaven "is not an abstraction nor a physical place amid the clouds, but a living and personal relationship with the Holy Trinity," the pope said at his July 21 general audience.

The pope's talk focused on God's judgment and mercy which, he said, is so great that the only people who will be condemned to hell are those who actively turn away from God.

"When this world has passed away, those who accepted God in their lives and were sincerely open to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human existence," the pope said.

It is possible to get a taste of heaven on earth, he said.

Through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and through acts of self-giving in charity, the pope said, one can experience some of the happiness and peace which will reach its culmination in final, complete communion with God.

"If we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day of our earthly lives, then we have begun to experience the joy which will be completely ours in the next life," the pope said.

Pope John Paul said the idea of heaven as a place in the sky came from metaphorical biblical language contrasting the dwelling place of humanity and the dwelling place of God.

But the Old Testament makes it clear

that God "cannot be enclosed in heaven," that he hears human prayers, intervenes in human history and that, "through grace, believers can ascend" to God's presence, the pope said.

The New Testament teaches that Jesus is the way to heaven for all men and women. Through his death and resurrection, all who believe in him were made "citizens of heaven," he said.

"Therefore, after the journey of our earthly life, participation in complete intimacy with the Father passes through the Pascal mystery of Christ," the pope

Pope John Paul told visitors at the audience that care must be taken when trying to describe heaven because whatever descriptions people come up with "always remain inadequate." †

under investigation following a miracle in Canada. It is believed that through Mother Catherine's intercession, a woman was healed of an incurable disease. Sister Joan said if the incident in Canada is approved by the Church as a miracle, then Mother Catherine will become Venerable Mother Catherine. At this point, Mother Catherine is considered a servant of God.

Kaufman and the others started praying to her because they realized miracles must be performed through Mother Catherine's intercession for her to become a saint.

"I told God I am just a vessel and if he wanted a healing miracle to be performed through me that's fine with me," Kaufman said.

During this time, Kaufman prayed to God only through Mother Catherine because if there were a miracle, he would know that it was because of her.

Kaufman's father-in-law, Kevin McCarthy, made a call to The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood in Lafayette. McCarthy told them about Kaufman's illness and that his family and friends were praying to Mother Catherine for a miracle. After McCarthy's call, the Sisters of Adorers of the Precious Blood in Lafayette, in their home base in Canada and all over the world, began praying to Mother Catherine for a miracle for Kaufman.

"If nothing else, all those prayers were working on my soul the whole time," Kaufman said.

Brames said patients who have a strong belief or faith tend to do a little better.

"There is a strong connection between faith and medicine," she said.

Following the initial surgery in November, Kaufman has had monthly check-ups and so far there has been no indication that the cancer has returned or spread anywhere else in his body.

If cancer is found during a check-up, Kaufman will receive chemotherapy at that time.

Kaufman said there's only a 15 percent chance that the cancer will reoccur and, with each month that passes, the likelihood that it will return decreases.

"I think there's a better chance that I will die in a car accident than getting cancer again," he said.

Mark Erdosy, pastoral associate at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, said Kaufman has a strong survivor instinct as well as complete faith and trust that God would heal him.

"When he [Kaufman] would talk about his faith and trust in God you could hear the depth and conviction in his voice that with God's grace he would beat this cancer," Erdosy said.

Kaufman added that his faith in God was strong before his cancer diagnosis and that his relationship with God has grown stronger since.

"This illness has given me an abundant trust in God," he said.

The 6-foot-2, 305-pound Indiana University student isn't your stereotypical rugby player.

"Whenever the team goes on tours, I try to find a church," said Kaufman, a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

The Indiana University junior is a retreat leader for his peers, organizes a group that prays the rosary, and believes strongly in eucharistic adoration. Kaufman attends daily Mass prior to rugby practice at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

Sometimes his teammates tease Kaufman about his spiritual side.

"They can't believe I go to church before rugby practice. I just come from Mass and these guys at practice are cussing and using a foul mouth and I'm like, 'You guys better stop this or I'm going to stop playing,'" Kaufman said, laughing. †



Mike Kaufman smiles on his wedding day.

# Vatican censure leaves U.S. nun's future undecided

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In her first public comment since the Vatican ordered her to leave gay and lesbian ministry July 13, Sister Jeannine Gramick said she is torn between a commitment to

Sister Jeannine Gramick

the Church and a commitment to that ministry.

"The censure from the Vatican presents a dilemma for me," Sister Gramick said in a statement July 24.

"I still feel called by God to lesbian and gay ministry," she said. "I also

feel called to serve the people of God as a loyal member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the Catholic Church."

In a notification published in Rome July 13, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith permanently barred Sister Gramick, 57, and Salvatorian Father Robert Nugent, 62, "from any pastoral work involving homosexual persons." The two have been engaged in a joint gay and lesbian ministry since 1971.

Father Nugent said July 13 that he would comply with the Vatican order, but Sister Gramick gave no immediate response. The School Sisters of Notre Dame said they asked her to set aside all ministerial commitments for the next 30 days to "reflect on and discern her future."

In her two-page statement, Sister Gramick criticized the process leading to her censure as "fundamentally unfair."

She said the investigation of the two began as an inquiry into the orthodoxy of their "public statements and writings on homosexuality," but "became in the end an interrogation about my inner personal beliefs on the subject."

She said in her efforts to build bridges between the gay and lesbian community

and the Church, she always "tried to keep my personal views on contentious issues as far as possible in the background."

Sister Gramick questioned "an emphasis on the teaching about homosexual acts and orientation which obscures our Church's teaching about the human dignity of lesbian and gay persons and their rights as baptized Christians." She said repeated condemnation of sin is not a requisite for effective pastoral ministry.

"Those who minister today to the divorced and remarried are not expected to constantly proclaim the immorality of divorce and remarriage," she said. "Hospital chaplains are not expected to constantly proclaim the immorality of neglecting and endangering one's health. Those in prison ministry are not expected to constantly proclaim the immorality of criminal acts. Military chaplains are not expected to constantly proclaim the immorality of war. The expectations of those in lesbian and gay ministry should be similar."

The notification barring Sister

Gramick and Father Nugent from all pastoral work with homosexuals followed a Vatican—ordered investigation by a commission headed by Cardinal Adam J. Maida of Detroit.

The Vatican announcement said the commission found "some positive aspects" in the work of the two, but also found "serious deficiencies in their writings and pastoral activities, which were incompatible with the fullness of Christian morality."

A commentary appearing in *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, in conjunction with the notification said, "To be effective, authentic and faithful, all pastoral care of homosexual persons must convey the serious sinfulness of homosexual behavior."

It also said that to assure authentic proclamation of the Church's teaching, all those engaged in such ministry must "be personally convinced of the Church's teaching and ready to profess the Church's teaching as their own." †

# Papal envoy urges clemency for Alabama murderer

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope John Paul II's representative in the United States has appealed to the governor of Alabama for clemency for a convicted murderer whose execution is scheduled for Aug. 6.

In a letter to Gov. Don Siegelman, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, apostolic nuncio to the United States, said that "the Holy Father, while praying and expressing deep sympathy for the victim, for her family and friends, also prays that the life of [Victor] Kennedy may be saved through your compassion and magnanimity."

The letter noted that "the Holy Father's appeals to end the death penalty have become more and more frequent and pressing, especially as the new millennium draws near. Killing people to show that killing people is wrong is a piercing contradiction."

Kennedy was convicted of brutally killing an 86-year-old woman during a 1980 burglary.

The letter said the pope "counts on your right to spare a life by commuting

this sentence with a gesture of mercy that would, hopefully, contribute to the promotion of nonviolence in today's society. A sentence of life without the possibility of parole provides substantial safeguards for society and levels a grave punishment against the accused."

Archbishop Montalvo also wrote a letter on the pope's behalf in support of the

second National Weekend of Faith in Action on the Death Penalty, to be observed Oct. 8–10 this year.

According to Amnesty International USA, sponsor of the weekend of opposition to capital punishment, Archbishop Montalvo's letter said the pope was pleased to hear that the weekend of faith would be conducted and gave it his blessing. †



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# GENERATION

affecting the lives of young adults.

"I work with young adult ministries around the country and am immersed in the symbol system that moves Generation Xers," Beaudoin told Benedictine vocation directors attending the "Membership for the New Millennium" conference hosted by the Benedictine sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery July 15-19 in Beech Grove.

"However we define the relationship between the young Christian and contemporary culture, interpreting the texture of this culture is critical to our Christian identity," Beaudoin explained. "Gen X culture is nothing if not a set of ambiguous symbols."

One person cannot definitively speak for "this pluralistic, much-maligned and often misunderstood generation," he said, but extensive research has identified significant generational trends for people in this age group.

The constellation of symbols, experiences, events and ideas found in the middle-class America of Generation Xers can be divided into cultural, religious and cross-over phenomena, Beaudoin said. Common themes range from an emphasis on tolerance and inclusiveness to greater mobility, technological literacy and disposable income that provides Gen Xers with easy access to the expense and materialism of popular culture.

Regarding spirituality and religion, he said, many Generation Xers describe themselves as spiritual but not religious.

"Within the American Catholic Church, many of our divisions are not only gender divisions or racial divisions," he said, "but generational divisions before and after Vatican II. My generation doesn't understand Vatican II and doesn't know much about the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. This is a major new situation in the American Catholic Church that calls for reformulation of Catholic identity. It also poses tremendous challenges for recruiting religious vocations."

While studying the spiritual quest of Generation X, Beaudoin said he found that "my generation came to adolescence in the 1980s, an era of ambiguity" characterized by a return to conservative politics, the rise of the religious right, lessening of the nuclear threat, an increasing focus on materialism and the growth of violence in society.

Generation X Americans also were formed by the impact of divorce, he said, and by daycare or latchkey arrangements necessitated by the dramatic increase in single-parent homes and two-parent incomes.

We've never had a generation in the United States [grow up] with such widespread divorce," Beaudoin said, "and we don't know, on a cultural level, what's going to happen at each stage of faith development. The divorce experience of

Generation X is one of the primary challenges to the psychology of religious development for the next 20 to 30 years. We're trying to adapt the way we think about forming people in faith to a generation that grew up with disruption, infidelity and impermanence as far as the self-understanding of their family experience."

As a result of these lifestyle changes in many American middle-class families, he said, Gen Xers are searching for "an experience of unconditionality, permanence and stability. Clearly we're at a crisis point in American culture on this issue. We have to redefine family, to give people new experiences of family."

Generation Xers are "a generation concerned with money from an early age because we saw our parents struggling with it," Beaudoin said. "We also are the first generation to be exposed at a young age to adult themes and issues in popular culture. We had access to cable TV at home, MTV, movie channels, VCRs, R-rated videos and the Internet" with less parental supervision and more disposable income.

"The success at marketing popular culture so directly to young people keeps it out of the eyes of parents and teachers," Beaudoin said, "and has been the story of my generation. The youth culture has become very autonomous, and parents often have very little clue what's going on with young people today. Popular culture is increasingly targeted to young people, and public schools do not challenge any of

Generation Xers also face unique economic challenges, he said, because they spend freely, use credit casually and often fail to save money. Many are working in temporary jobs, known as temping, and don't have health insurance.

"We are an indebted generation and are the first generation that will not do as well financially as our parents," Beaudoin said. "Within the next few years, one out of every six people in my generation and the millenial generation will be temping for a significant part of their career" or accepting positions below their educational qualifications.

Many Gen Xers live far from their relatives, he said, rely on a network of friends, marry at a later age and engage in premarital sexual activity.

Generation Xers focus on materialism but also thirst for spirituality, Beaudoin said. "People want the CD collection and they also want inner peace. I think this paradox is linked to the increasing individualism of U.S. culture."

Churches need to foster materialismresistant attitudes, he said. "The issue of stewardship and ministry becomes more important than ever. Yet statistics indicate that volunteerism on many college campuses today is at its highest rate since the 1960s."

Adult religious education for Gen Xers also is critically important, Beaudoin said, due to widespread "religious illiteracy" stemming from the fact that "Generation X is largely uncatechized."

In the early 1990s, he said, about



Author Tom Beaudoin of Boston discusses the complexities of Generation X during a keynote presentation to Benedictine vocation directors July 16 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove. Beaudoin said popular culture is both formative and expressive in the lives of young adults.

48 percent of young Catholics were baptized but not served by the catechetical mission of the Church.

"At least half of Generation Xers never got any exposure to Catholic education," he said, "and those who did often focus on 'God loves me and that's all that matters.' What I have found in Gen X ministries is that you cannot be too basic with regard to religious concepts. You must start with foundational issues such as [the Gospel messages of] Jesus and the meaning of the sacraments."

This religious illiteracy and confusion about Catholic beliefs can lead Gen X Catholics to choose another religion, he said, or focus on personal spirituality and practice mysticism.

"Generation Xers need to develop moral values other than just tolerance and inclusiveness," Beaudoin said, to combat the powerful influence of popular culture which is ambiguous and casually violent.

"Pope John Paul II, the only pope that Generation Xers have ever known as a public symbol of the Catholic Church, has been able to present himself as a spiritual media icon," Beaudoin said. "He understands young people and makes extraordinarily effective use of the media.

"I think the attraction of Pope John Paul II across denominations is that he represents a spiritual permanence in a culture of radical flux," Beaudoin said. "Young people admire him because he actually does what he says and practices what he believes, even though they may disagree with the Church's stance on issues like sexual morality." †

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# **Editorial**

# Defending teaching about homosexuality

omosexuality has been back in the news again. As reported in The Criterion's July 16 issue, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the personal approval of Pope John Paul II, on July 13 permanently banned Salvatorian Father Robert Nugent and School Sister of Notre Dame Jeannine Gramick from any pastoral work involving homosexual persons.

Father Nugent and Sister Gramick had been engaged in ministry to homosexuals for more than 25 years and founded New Ways Ministry in 1977. Already by 1983, though, it was clear, at least to Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, that they were distorting the Church's teachings about homosexuality. The cardinal forbade them from conducting workshops in the Archdiocese of Washington. The Vatican became involved in investigating the pair's teachings as early as 1977 and, in 1988, appointed Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit to head a three-member commission to study their writings. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith began reviewing the matter in 1994.

The action by the Vatican, therefore, can hardly be considered sudden or surprising. There were numerous attempts to resolve the problems and to get Father Nugent and Sister Gramick to teach what the Church teaches about homosexual acts. Finally, though, when those attempts failed, the congregation said that it "is obliged to declare for the good of the Catholic faithful that the positions advanced by Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent regarding the intrinsic evil of homosexual acts and the objective disorder of the homosexual inclination are doctrinally unacceptable because they do not faithfully convey the clear and constant teaching of the Catholic Church in this area."

Despite the long process, many American Catholics, especially the younger generations, are certain to think the Vatican is being unreasonable and harsh. This is mainly because those Catholics believe that sexual acts of any kind, except adultery, should be entirely up to the individuals involved. Research by James Davidson, whose column

"Research for the Church" appears on page 5 twice a month, has shown that 46 percent of Catholic parishioners say the decision to engage in homosexual acts is entirely up to the individual while only 41 percent of parishioners agree with the Church's teaching that such acts are always wrong. Three percent say that such acts are wrong except under certain circumstances.

The Church is not holding homosexuals to a higher standard than heterosexuals. The Church's teaching about human sexuality is really quite awesome. Sexual activity is a special sacred gift from God ordered to the loving and potentially lifegiving union of a man and woman in marriage. Sexual activity outside of marriage is wrong because it is not in accord with the purposes for which God created human sexuality, that is, to cooperate in the creation of children who will be born and reared within a loving family, and to increase the love of married couples. Homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" because they close the sexual act to the gift of life.

Unfortunately, that argument often falls on deaf ears. It does no good to explain that sexual activity is wrong for both heterosexuals and homosexuals outside of marriage because so many Catholics have rejected the Church's teachings about sexual activity outside of marriage. Davidson's statistics show that 58 percent of parishioners now believe that it is up to the individual to decide whether premarital sexual activity is right or wrong. Only 33 percent still accept the Church's teachings that it is always wrong and 9 percent say it is usually wrong but might be acceptable under certain circumstances.

Given these statistics, what is the Church to do? Despite the rejection of its teachings by a good percentage of Catholics, the Church must continue to teach the moral precepts that are taught in Scripture and the constant tradition of the Church. When people who are supposedly representing the Church water down its teachings to make them more acceptable, Church officials would be neglecting their responsibilities if they didn't take steps to stop them. †

— John F. Fink



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### **Seeking the Face of the Lord**

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

# Sixth commandment guards vocation of love and communion

hen I began this series of columns on the Ten Commandments, I worried that I wouldn't have enough to say, but I am finding the opposite to be true. Being reasonably complete and at the same time succinct and clear is a challenge! Please realize much more can be said! This is especially so concerning the sixth commandment, which protects the beauty of love.

"You shall not commit adultery." The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "God is love and in himself he lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in his own image. ... God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion" (#2331).

The vocation of love and communion is precisely what is threatened by the prevailing philosophies of materialism and secularism which nurture a "contraceptive" mentality.

As the catechism says further: "Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul. It especially concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and to procreate, and in a more general way the aptitude for forming bonds of communion with others" (#2332).

The ready availability of contraceptive methods and of abortion has unleashed sexual promiscuity and in so doing has rendered prevalent the notion that sex is primarily for recreation without serious consequences. The essential connection of sexual activity to committed love and as an expression of the most intimate love has been broken.

Sexual involvement other than with one's committed marriage partner is deceitful in that the physical statement being made does not correspond to the committed love that it bespeaks, nor is it open to the possible consequence of truly intimate love, namely a child.

The pornographic character of much of the entertainment media, the availability of pornographic videos and magazines, and the more ready availability of porn on the Internet are demonic. Lust is one of the seven deadly sins.

The power of lust and the allurement of pornography is illustrated by Dr. William F. May in his book Catalogue of Sins. "We may be made temporarily uneasy when lust is broken up into its various legal components: fornication, adultery, incest, seduction, rape and unnatural vice, but few people today are hesitant to pursue their natural bent for the topic under its more fetching guise: sex. Denis de Rougemont once showed a comic sense of its attraction when he introduced a chapter on the 'Devil and Sex' with words to this effect: To the

adolescent among my readers who have turned to this chapter first. ... And there one is, young or old, caught red-handed, eyes riveted, imagination stirred, ready for fresh rivulets of knowledge on the most pleasurable of the vices: lust.

"Lust takes its origin from a sexual passion in which the object of passion is not, finally, the sexual partner but rather the pleasure or services which the partner or the passion itself can provide."

The wrong of lust and of casual sex for recreation (only) is that it is self-centered, the antithesis of love.

Benedictine Father Demetrius Dumm, wrote in his book on Biblical spirituality, Flowers in the Desert: "The commandment embraces any attack on the delicate and very vulnerable relationship of love. Love is perhaps the most precious and mysterious of all human experiences. It defies explanation and analysis. One can read volumes about love and not know as much as is learned from five minutes of actual loving! But it is very vulnerable too and can easily be damaged or destroyed by seduction, envy or distrust. This commandment forbids such destructive behavior and thus strives to protect the precious mystery that made the Exodus possible." (p. 17)

We face a great challenge in our culture if we are to restore a positive understanding of the true beauty and dignity of human sexuality. At a time when we are overwhelmed by negative sexual images in the news media and the entertainment industry, this may be our most countercultural value. We believe that God created human sexuality to unite man and woman in a sanctified married love and to bring new life in the stability and harmony of family life. Seen in this context, there is nothing more wondrous or joyful than sexual love. But we also know that divorced from marriage and family, sex can be dangerous and destructive.

All of us—parents, pastors and teachers—are challenged to teach and preach and emphasize abstinence, chastity and a true appreciation for this precious gift from God not only to our youth and young adults but also to each other. Chastity is not just for celibate clergy and religious, but also for single and married laity. Genuine love, the future of family life and of our children is at stake—and much more! †

(Flowers in the Desert: A Spirituality of the Bible [ISBN 1-879007-29-0] by Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B., is published by St. Bede's Publications, P.O. Box 545, Petersham, Mass.)

(A Catalogue of Sins: A Contemporary Examination of Christian Conscience, 1967, by William F. May, is published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York.)

### Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for August

Parish Awareness: that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

### Buscando la Cara del Señor

Arzobispo Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

# **Sexto mandamiento** protege la vocación del amor y la comunión

(Séptimo de una serie)

l empezar esta serie de columnas acerca de los Diez Mandamientos, me preocupé por no tener bastante que decir, sino estoy descubriendo lo contrario. ¡Es un gran desafío ser razonable y al mismo tiempo conceso y claro! ¡Hay que entender que existe mucho más por decir, especialmente sobre el sexto mandamiento que protege la belleza del amor!

"No cometerás adulterio". El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica declara: "Dios es amor v vive en sí mismo un misterio de comunión personal de amor. Creándola a su imagen. ... Dios inscribe en la humanidad del hombre y de la mujer la vocación, y consiguientemente la capacidad y la responsabilidad del amor y de la comunión" (#2331).

Las filosofías prevalecientes del materialismo y del secularismo que nutren una mentalidad "anticoncepcional" son precisamente lo que amenaza la vocación del amor y de la comunión.

Adicionalmente el catecismo dice: "La sexualidad afecta todos los aspectos del ser humano, en la unidad de su cuerpo y su alma. Concierne particularmente a la afectividad, a la capacidad de amar y de procrear y, de manera más general, a la actitud para establecer vínculos de comunión con otro" (#2332).

La fácil disponibilidad de los métodos anticonceptivos y del aborto ha desencadenado la promiscuidad sexual y en el proceso ha causado que prevalezca la noción que el sexo es principalmente para recreación sin consecuencias serias. Se ha roto la conexión esencial de la actividad sexual al amor comprometido y se ha roto una expresión del amor más íntimo.

Es engañoso ser envolvido sexualmente con una persona que no sea su cónyuge porque la declaración física hecha no corresponde al amor comprometido que indica, ni se permite a la posible consecuencia del amor verdaderamente íntimo, es decir

El carácter pornográfico de muchos de los medios de comunicación es demoniaco, por ejemplo la disponibilidad de videos y revistas pornográficas, y la fácil disponibilidad de pornografía en la Internet. La lujuria es uno de los siete pecados mor-

El Dr. William F. May ilustra el poder y atractivo de la lujuria de la pornografía en su libro, Catalogue of Sins. "Nosotros podemos sentirnos temporalmente intranquilos cuando la lujuria se divide en sus varios componentes legales: la fornicación, el adulterio, el incesto, la seducción, la violación y el vicio antinatural, pero pocas personas hoy en día son vacilantes seguir su inclinación natural para el tema bajo su nombre más atractivo: el sexo. Denis de Rougemont mostró una vez un sentido cómico de su atracción cuando él introdujo un capítulo sobre el 'Diablo y Sexo' con palabras a este efecto: Para el adolescente entre mis lectores que ha llegado primeramente a este capítulo... Y joven o viejo, uno está pillado con las manos en la masa, con los ojos clavados y la imaginación estimulada, y está listo para los riachuelos

frescos del conocimiento en el más agradable de los vicios: la lujuria.

"La lujuria tiene su origen en una pasión sexual en la que el objeto de pasión no es el compañero sexual, sino el placer o los servicios que el compañero o la propia pasión puede proporcionar." (p. 125)

El mal de la lujuria y del sexo casual para propósitos exclusivos de recreación es egoísta y es la antítesis del amor.

El Padre Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B. escribió en su libro sobre la espiritualidad Bíblica, Flowers in the Desert: "El mandamiento aprovecha cualquier ataque en la relación delicada y muy vulnerable del amor. El amor quizá sea el más precioso y misterioso de todas las experiencias humanas. El mismo se escapa a la definición y análisis. ¡Uno puede leer un montón de libros acerca del amor sin saber tanto como es posible en cinco minutos del amor real! Sin embargo, dicho amor es también muy vulnerable y puede ser dañado o destruido fácilmente por la seducción, envidia o desconfianza. Este mandamiento prohibe dicha conducta destructiva y así se esfuerza por proteger el misterio precioso que hizo posible el Éxodo". (p. 17)

Enfrentamos un gran desafío en nuestra cultura si queremos restaurar un entendimiento positivo de la verdadera belleza y dignidad de la sexualidad humana. En un tiempo cuando somos inundados con las imágenes sexuales negativas en los medios de comunicación y la industria de entretenimiento, esto puede ser nuestro valor más contracultural. Creemos que Dios creó la sexualidad humana para unir al hombre con la mujer a través del amor matrimonial santificado y para traer una nueva vida en la estabilidad y armonía de la vida familiar. Dentro de este contexto, no hay nada más maravilloso o jubiloso que el amor sexual. Pero sabemos también que el sexo separado del matrimonio y de la familia puede ser peligroso y destructivo.

Todos nosotros los padres, pastores y maestros tenemos el desafío de enseñar, predicar y dar énfasis en la abstinencia, castidad y una verdadera apreciación para este precioso don de Dios, no solamente a nuestra juventud y los adultos jóvenes, sino también a nosotros. La castidad no es simplemente para los clérigos célibes y religiosos, sino también para los legos solteros y casados. El amor autentico, el futuro de la vida familiar y de nuestros hijos está en peligro—y mucho más! †

(Flowers in the Desert: A Spirituality of the Bible [ISBN 1-879007-29-0] por Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B., es publicado por St Bede's Publications,, P.O. Box 545, Petersham, Mass.)

(Catalogue of Sins: A Contempary **Examination of Christian Conscience**: A Contemporary Examination of Christian Conscience, 1967, por William F. May, es publicado por Holt, Rinehart y Winston, Nueva

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### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

Conocimiento de la Parroquia: Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a considerar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

**Research for the Church/***James D. Davidson* 

# **Most Catholics not** sure about Vatican II

Two months after being elected pope in 1958, Pope John XXIII expressed an inter-



est in updating the Church and its role in the modern world. He wanted to open Church windows and let in some fresh air. You know, air the place out a bit.

So, he called a meeting with Catholic cardinals and bishops

from all over the world. These Church leaders met in Rome four times between 1962 and 1965. Their meetings are known as the Second Vatican Council, or Vatican

Pope John, the cardinals, and the bishops explored a wide variety of issues internal to the Church, such as modernizing the Mass; increasing the Church's emphasis on Scripture; placing more emphasis on the Church as "the people of God;" and increasing the laity's role in liturgy and parish decisions. They also considered a number of external issues, such as a more ecumenical attitude toward other faith traditions; the importance of pursuing peace and social justice; and the Church's need to adapt to the language and customs of people living in different parts of the world.

Background documents were prepared on each topic. These documents were discussed, revised, and voted on. The 16 documents that were approved by the council are published in a variety of places.

Most Church leaders believe that Vatican II is the most important event in the last 100 years of Church history. They agree that Vatican II produced enormous changes in the Church and in its role in society.

Some of the most visible changes flowing from the council include turning the altar around so the priest faces the people at Mass and celebrating the Mass in English instead of Latin.

Others include more attention to Bible reading and Bible study; greater emphasis on the importance of the individual's conscience; lay people's increased participation in parish and diocesan decisions; and increased attention to social and economic justice. The Church also has a more open attitude toward other Christian faiths, science, and modern culture.

Given the importance of Vatican II and its impact on today's Church, it is somewhat surprising-some would say a bit disheartening—to find that American Catholics are largely unaware of the council and the changes resulting from it.

When asked how often they have ever heard priests discuss Vatican II from the pulpit, 41 percent of lay people say "never" or "almost never." Another 40 percent say "a few times." Only 15 percent say "many times.'

When asked how often they have talked with other people about Vatican II, 67 percent say "never" or "almost never." Twenty-two percent say "a few times." Only 8 percent say "many times."

When asked how often they have read books or articles about Vatican II, 63 percent say "never" or "almost never." Twenty-nine percent say "a few times." Only 6 percent say "many times."

When asked to evaluate the council's impact on the Church, 67 percent say they don't know enough about it to say whether it has had positive or negative effects. Fifteen percent say Vatican II has helped the Church more than it has hurt it. Ten percent say its positive and negative effects are about equal. Five percent say the council has hurt the Church more than it has helped it.

As we approach the millennium, we might want to reflect on the enormous changes that have taken place in the Church in the last 100 years. As we do, we will discover—or rediscover—Pope John XXIII, his dream of updating the Church, Vatican II, and the impact it has had on the Church. †

(James D. Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University.)

### **Light One Candle/**Fr. Thomas McSweeney

### The Divine Sense of Humor

Laughter is big business. Moviegoers pay as much as nine dollars for an evening of chuckles.



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Archbishop Fulton

J. Sheen, who laced his television talks with a cheerful dose of humor back in the 1950s, often worried about the modern world's inclination to take itself too seriously. "A person has a sense of humor if he can see through things and he loses it entirely when he ceases to see things as revelations, or symbols, or reminders of God, and begins to regard things as ends in themselves."

Archbishop Sheen's observation struck home recently when I came across a condensed Dictionary of Terms Used in Church. Here's a sampling from that tongue-in-cheek list:

Amen: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Bulletin: Your receipt for attending

Chior: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

Divine justice: When kids have kids of

Hymn: A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

Recessional hymn: The last song at a service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already

Incense: Holy Smoke!

Jesuits: An order of priests known for their ability to found colleges with good basketball teams.

Jonah: The original "Jaws" story. Pew: A medieval torture device still found in many churches.

Procession: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of a service, consisting of the clergy and lay participants as well as latecomers looking for seats.

Recessional: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of a service led by church members trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

Ushers: The only people in the parish who do not know the seating capacity of a pew.

I am convinced that the ability to laugh—especially at ourselves—is a divine gift. †

(For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Have a Good Laugh—The Power of Humor," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017.)

### Check It Out . . .

Sister of The Most Precious Blood Maureen Mangen, will present a workshop on "Enneagrams: Know Thyself" at St. Lawrence Church in Indianapolis Aug. 9–11 from 6:15 p.m.–9:15 p.m. Sister Maureen is co-director of the Pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City, in the Lafayette Diocese. For more information, call Kathy Barlow at St. Lawrence Parish at 317-549-2480.

The fourth annual Father Bob Golf Outing in memory of Father Robert Borchertmeyer, will be held at Links Golf Club in New Palestine on Aug. 13. Special events include a putting contest, hole-inone contests, an awards banquet with numerous prizes, and more. To register, call David Burkhard at 317-357-8352. Proceeds go to the Little Flower School Tuition Assistance Fund.

The annual Church Teaches Forum will be Aug. 7 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. The event begins at 9 a.m. Speakers include Jesuit Father John A. Hardon, an author, lecturer, philosopher and theologian, and Father Edmund F. McCaffrey, Ph.D., political scientist, scholar, and writer. Tickets are \$10 each. A sitdown meal will be served at 6 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$10. A reception and dinner will be held Aug. 6. The cost for the reception and dinner is \$25. For tickets, call 800-842-2871 or 317-894-4134.

Mike Pence, a former youth minister and a media personality, will speak about faith and career at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4440 Middle Road, in Columbus. Information: Anne Grayson at 812-372-6947.

The Frassati Society of Young Adult **Catholics** of the Diocese of Lafayette is hosting a weekend conference open to young adults ages 19 to 35 on July 30-31 and Aug. 1 at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer. Information: Paula Kosiack at 765-963-3441.

The Indiana National Guard and the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana are sponsoring a rosary, Mass and pitch-in picnic at 11 a.m. on Aug. 8 at Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh. The event commemorates the 56th anniversary of the building of Our Lady's "Chapel in the Meadow" in 1943 by Italian prisoners of war incarcerated at Camp Atterbury. Festivities begin with the rosary, followed by Mass in front of the chapel at 11 a.m. The pitch-in picnic begins at 12:45 p.m. Utensils will be provided. Camp Atterbury is located 38 miles south of Indianapolis. Information: Salvatore Petruzzi at 317-849-9731.

The Cardinal Ritter Alumni Association will hold its annual Alumni Golf Outing on Aug. 14 at Riverside Golf Course in Indianapolis. A "shotgun" start is at 12:45 p.m. The outing is open to all alumni and friends of Cardinal Ritter High School. The "Florida Scramble" will be the format. The entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fees, cart, prizes and post-outing social at Riverside. For information, call Tim Murphy at 317-329-

An information session concerning the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) program of Loyola University in New Orleans is scheduled

at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Those interested in the four-year graduate-level, Catholic university program leading to a master's degree or certificate in religious education or pastoral studies are encouraged to attend the information session to learn about the program and application procedure. Plans are to begin the next learning group in the fall of 1999 in Indianapolis. For additional information, call Maria McClain at 317-888-6026.

Laudis Cantores (Praise Singers), a new cathedral choir, is being formed under the direction of Ed Greene with Mary Martha Johnston as accompanist. The choir will provide liturgical music for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass every other week at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Rehearsals begin Monday, Aug. 23, and are held every Monday at the cathedral from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Interested singers should contact Ed Greene at 317-634-4519, ext. 14, or by e-mail at edgreene@ameritech.net.

Dan and Judy Hoyt of Immaculate Heart of May Parish in Indianapolis are seeking to form a group of people whose close relatives are members of religious orders or congregations or are lay missioners. They envision the group gathering a couple of times each year to pray for each other and the religious in their families, to tell stories, to celebrate and to support each other. If you are interested, call Dan Hoyt at 317-263-4832 or contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490.

"Seeing with the Eye of the Soul: Gospel Stories for Spiritual Development," will be offered Aug. 6–8 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. The presenter is author John Shea. The registration fee is \$150 per individual and \$250 per married couple. The fee includes program, meals, and overnight accommodations. For more information or to register, call 317-545-7681.

**August 15 is Contemporary** 

Christian Music Day at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. Featured performers are Mitch McVicker, Brother's Keeper, Deluxtone Rockets, Nichole Nordeman and John David Webster. Admission is free with Indiana State Fair admission of \$5. For more information, call 317-927-7524.

A nation-wide search has begun for **Bishop McDonnell Memorial High** School in Brooklyn, N.Y., graduates. Graduates should contact the following classmates for upcoming reunion schedules: Jan. 1949, call Janet Ryan Scarpelli at 516-931-8928; June 1949, call Eileen McGrath Donahoo at 718-849-1350; Jan. 1950, call Peggy Kelly Costa at 718-698-7852; June 1950, call Catherine Traynor Gregory at 718-446-7206.

Hand in Hand International Adoptions, a non-profit adoption agency which places children from nine foreign countries, will host a free orientation on international adoptions at two locations in Indianapolis in August. Meetings are Aug. 23 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Lakeview Christian Church, 47 Beachway Dr., in Indianapolis and Aug. 24 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Library, 7898 N. Hague Road, in Indianapolis. Reservations not required. For more information, call 219-636-3566.

A grade school reunion for St. Michael School in Bradford will be held Sept. 11 at St. Michael Parish hall in Bradford. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet at 7 p.m. The cost is \$9.50 per person. The deadline for reservations is Aug. 15. Information: Margaret Fessel Smith at 812-364-6301 or Brenda Geltmaker Baylor at 812-923-5406.

Marian College in Indianapolis is sponsoring a trip to Madrid scheduled March 4–12, 2000. The tentative cost is \$1,595. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due by Sept. 10. The balance is due by Jan. 10, 2000. Space is limited. For more details, contact Maribeth Ransel at 317-955-6210 or by e-mail at alumoff@marian.edu. †



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John "Bill" and Anna Cannaday of Indianapolis will mark their 50th anniversary on Aug. 6. The couple will celebrate on Aug. 7 with a Mass at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. A reception will follow at Firefighters Union Hall. The

Cannadays were married on Aug. 6, 1949, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The couple has six children: Brendan, John W. II, Joseph, Patrick Cannaday, Carolyn Leffler and Maureen Rowe. The couple also has eight grandchildren.

Rodney E. Farrow of Seymour and Jeffrey R. Guenther of Indianapolis have been named to the board of The Gibault Foundation Inc. Farrow, an attorney, has been named to a three-year term on the board of directors. He is a member of St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour. Guenther, a business analyst with Ameritech Services, has also been named to a three-year term. The purpose of the Gibault Foundation is to provide support for Gibault School for Boys, a residential treatment facility, located in Terre Haute. The facility serves delinquent, pre-delinquent and emotionally disturbed boys, ages 8 to 18. †



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# Peace Corps volunteer enjoys year in Bulgaria

By John Bordenkecher

BANSKO, Bulgaria—Gorgeous Black Sea beaches that attract tourists during the summer, beautiful snow-capped mountains that beckon skiers of all skill levels, ancient monasteries and much more all describe the southeastern European country of Bulgaria.

Although an immediate neighbor of both Serbia and Macedonia, Bulgaria is working hard to maintain its reputation as "the most stable country in the Balkans."

It is here in Bansko, a small town of 10,000 people in southern Bulgaria, that I work and live as a Peace Corps volunteer. My assignment is to teach English.

Despite being located in a historically unstable region, Bulgaria continually strives to improve its political and economic situation in the hope that one day those efforts will bring the country up to par with other European democracies and into the European Union.

After the fall of communism in 1991, Bulgaria faced many problems as it began to move from a state-run, centralized economy to a free-market, democratic economy. High inflation, unemployment and a poor infrastructure are concerns.

The Peace Corps began working in Bulgaria in 1991. Although it has many different programs for the roughly 90 countries in which volunteers are located, Peace Corps Bulgaria has only three types of volunteers: business people, ecologists and teachers. A new group of about 75 volunteers arrived in June to assist the 97 volunteers already working in Bulgaria.

Last fall, Congress voted a major

increase in the Peace Corps budget and this increase also was felt in Bulgaria. Estimates indicate that 7,400 Peace Corps volunteers will be working in countries throughout the world by September, the highest number in 25 years.

Bulgaria is a country of striking contrasts, where old traditions meet modern technologies. It's not unusual to see a motorist in a new Mercedes speed past carts pulled by donkeys or horses that carry older pensioners to their fields.

Teen-agers dressed in the latest European styles, with trendy haircuts, walk arm-in-arm with elderly relatives who wear homemade wool clothes and rubber shoes bought at the open-air markets.

While the elders speak in the regional dialect, teen-agers practice foreign language skills with school friends. Although many languages are taught in Bulgarian schools, English is the most popular choice for the younger generation.

Radio stations play Bulgarian folk music and "chouga," a type of Bulgarian dance music, mixed in with the latest popular music hits from elsewhere in Europe and the United States.

After finishing the eighth grade, students can choose from a variety of high schools. They can opt for specialized schools for languages, math, science or economics. Or they can attend vocational schools, known as technicums, to study business, tourism, catering, woodworking or electronics.

I teach at a school specializing in electronics, although for the first two years the students study core subjects like math, literature, history and chemistry. Their later years are spent concentrating on television,



parishioner John Bordenkecher of Indianapolis (left) who is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria, stayed with this host family last summer. They were visiting the mountains near Samokov, Bulgaria, when this photograph was taken.

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radio or refrigerator repair or specializing in electrical circuits and other technical areas. The equipment is terribly outdated, but the teachers and students make do with what they have and the young people receive as good an education as possible.

High schools are divided into four levels like a typical high school in America. In my school, I have one English class of each level. I start by teaching the alphabet to the "freshmen," as almost all of the students had not studied English.

Because this is an *electrotechnicum* school, where students specialize in electronics, the students only have four hours of English class each week. In comparison, students attending a school specializing in languages would have close to 25 hours of foreign language instruction every week.

Despite this time limitation, I can see a marked improvement in my students since the beginning of the school year based on their willingness to speak English in class.

Foreign language study is vital to a Bulgarian high school student's education, as almost all universities have a foreign

language proficiency test as part of their entrance examinations.

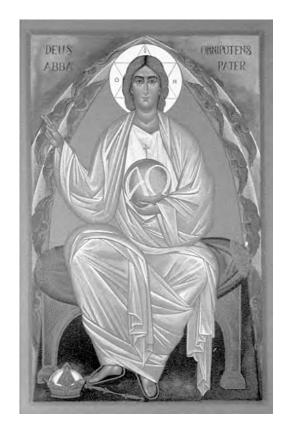
Summer is a fabulous time in Bulgaria, especially in Bansko. After a long, snowy winter, people work in their fields and bring home ripe fruits and vegetables in addition to what they buy at the markets.

May was busy with different holidays, which were sometimes celebrated with small concerts in the town. Friends often gather for conversation and food at the many cafes. It is during these outings that visitors truly experience Bulgaria. Anything and everything is open for discussion. It is possible to get a true sense of how Bulgarians see the world and how they see themselves in the world. Learning their views, which are very different from American viewpoints, has been my most important experience this first year. †

(John Bordenkecher has volunteered for the Peace Corps in Bulgaria for a year. He is a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis.)

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# Franciscans to honor 15 women jubilarians

July 26 was Jubilee Day at the mother-house, when the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg honored 15 women who have ministered in the archdiocese during 50 and 60 years with the community.

The day began with a special morning prayer, festive dinner, continuous slide show of the jubilarians and Mass at 2 p.m. in the convent chapel, followed by a reception.

Franciscan Sisters Terese Adele Blum, Wilhelmina Burkemper, Mary Catherine Eschenbach, Veronica Frederick, Mary Louis Murer, Frances Jean Sandschulte, Mildred Speed, Virginia Ann Streit and Charlyne Wolff marked 60 years in the community.

Celebrating 50 years as Franciscans are Sisters Patricia Connor, Gloria Kellerman, Mary Kuhl, Mary Martin McHugh, Rosemary Stewart and Stephanie Zimmer.

Sister Terese Adele Blum ministered at St. Mary Academy, St. Rita and St. Francis de Sales and the Veteran's Hospital in Indianapolis, and an orphanage in Vincennes.

**Sister Wilhelmina Burkemper** is currently archivist for the community at Oldenburg.

Sister Mary Catherine Eschenbach (formerly Sister Clarence Cecile), a native of Indianapolis, ministered at St. Louis in Batesville, St. Francis de Sales and St. Michael in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg and St. Vincent in Bedford. She served 15 years in Papua New Guinea, returning last year to community service at the motherhouse.

**Sister Veronica Frederick** served at Little Flower in Indianapolis, Holy Family in Richmond, St. Gabriel in Connersville and at a school in Evansville. She is currently in family ministry in Hamilton, Ohio.

**Sister Mary Louis Murer** ministered at St. Louis in Batesville and is now in retirement at the motherhouse.

Sister Frances Jean Sandschulte served at Little Flower, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Lourdes in Indianapolis and St. Mary in New Albany. She is currently teaching music in the Cincinnati area.

Sister Mildred Speed (formerly Sister Charles Helene) ministered at St. Louis in Batesville, St. Mary in Greensburg, St. Vincent in Bedford, Our Lady of Lourdes and Scecina High School in Indianapolis. She is currently coordinator of a center in Tohatchi, N.M.

**Sister Virginia Ann Streit**, a native of North Vernon, served at St. Mary in Greensburg, St. John in Enochsburg, St. Joseph in Shelbyville and St. Mary in Aurora. She is currently in community service at the motherhouse.

Sister Charlyne Wolff (formerly Sister Patricia Ann Wolff) ministered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany, Scecina High School in Indianapolis and as directress of aspirants and postulants at the motherhouse. She served 25 years in Papua New Guinea, returning to community service at the motherhouse in 1995.

Golden jubilarian **Sister Patricia Connor** (formerly Sister Cajetan) served in Princeton and St. Paul in New Alsace. She is now assistant librarian at Marian College in Indianapolis, where she has ministered for 25 years.

Sister Gloria Kellerman (formerly Sister Francis Cecile) ministered at Holy Name in Beech Grove, St. Michael in Charlestown, St. Lawrence in Indianapolis, St. Mary in Greensburg and in an Evansville parish. She now teaches adult education in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Sister Mary Kuhl** served at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Lawrence in Indianapolis, St. Mary in Greensburg, Holy Family in Richmond, St. Mary in Aurora and Holy Family in Oldenburg. She has been teaching in an Ohio kindergarten for 23 years.

Sister Mary Martin McHugh ministered at Little Flower in Indianapolis and at a Vincennes orphanage. She is now doing hospital ministry in Cincinnati.

Sister Rosemary Stewart (formerly Sister Martha Clare) served at Our Lady of Lourdes and Marian College in Indianapolis, St. Gabriel in Connersville, St. Louis in Batesville, St. Joseph in St. Leon, St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg and St. Joseph in West Harrison. She is currently director of religious education at St. Peter, Ind.

Sister Stephanie Zimmer ministered at St. Michael in Brookville, St. Mary in Greensburg, Sacred Heart in Clinton, St. Michael, St. Lawrence and Marian College in Indianapolis. Now she ministers to retired sisters at the motherhouse. †





Sr. Charlyne Wolff



Sr. Frances Jean Sandschulte









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Sr. Stephanie Zimmer

# Bishop Ziemann resigns, admits sexual relationship with priest

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (CNS)—Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann, 57, who resigned July 22 as head of the Santa Rosa Diocese, has admitted to having a sexual relationship with a priest who is suing him and the diocese, according to his attorney, Joseph Piasta.

However, Bishop Ziemann denies sexually assaulting the priest, Father Jorge Hume Salas, as the lawsuit alleges, Piasta said.

The lawsuit, *Salas vs. Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann et. al.*, also accuses the bishop of "defamation and other violations," which he also denies, Piasta said.

"The bishop did regretfully have a personal consensual

relationship with Father Salas that was inappropriate for both of them as priests," the attorney said in a statement sent by fax July 23 to Catholic News Service. "It is unfortunate that Father Salas and his attorneys are now using this consensual relationship as a weapon against Bishop Ziemann and the diocese."

Bishop Ziemann's resignation was announced at the Vatican July 22. Archbishop William J. Levada of San Francisco was named apostolic administrator of the diocese.

The Vatican said Bishop Ziemann's resignation was accepted under provisions of canon law regarding health or other serious reasons.

The priest's civil suit, filed in Sonoma County Superior Court, is asking for \$8 million in damages. It charges Bishop Ziemann with sexual battery, alleging that the bishop coerced sex from the priest in return for keeping silent about the reasons for the priest's dismissal from St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Ukiah, Calif. The suit also says Bishop Ziemann defamed the priest.

"His choice was letting the suit be filed or the payment of money to purchase silence," Gaspari said. "The bishop made it clear he was not going to expose the diocese to that." †



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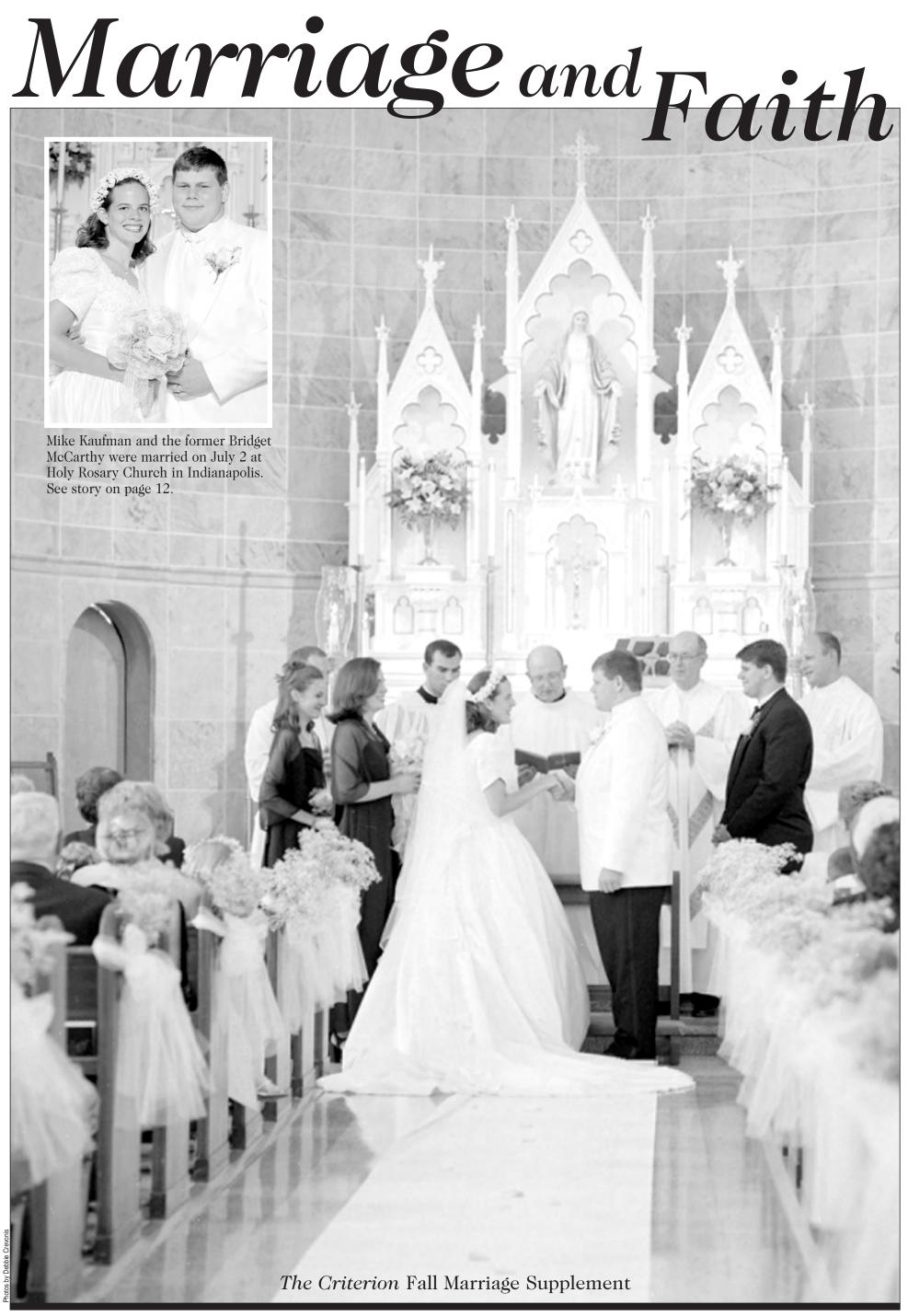
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# Married couple invites God into their relationship

By Susan M. Bierman

If this love story were published in paperback, it probably would become a best seller.

It includes friendship, love, and even a life-threatening illness.

But Bridget and Mike Kaufman's love story has a different twist from many of today's romances. Here is a young man and a young woman who know the importance of inviting God into their marriage.

"Our relationship always has to be centered on God," the former Bridget McCarthy said.

The couple was married July 2 at Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis.

"The wedding Mass was a reflection of how they wanted their family and



Mike Kaufman adjusts his tie while trying on his tuxedo prior to his wedding day.

friends to pray with them on their special day, as well as what they wanted to say about their love for God and for one another," said Mike Erdosy, pastoral associate at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

The wedding was at 3:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Holy hour began at 2:15 p.m. for eucharistic adoration and concluded with Benediction.

Both Bridget and Mike believe this was the perfect way to begin their marriage.

'God is the focus of the sacrament,' Mike said.

Bridget added this also gave their friends who had never been introduced to eucharistic adoration an opportunity to experience it.

"Most of our friends are quite spiritual themselves. But all of them who aren't know that it's no secret that we are always trying to help them grow in their faithand we want them to grow in their faith," Brigett said.

Mike and Bridget have always allowed God to be the pilot of their relationship.

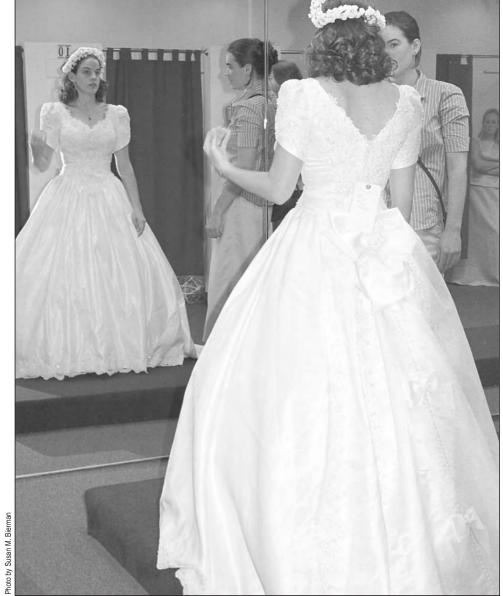
The couple's relationship began nearly seven years ago when they were both juniors at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Bridget and Mike, both now 21 years old, recall that their relationship began as a

The two went on double dates with one another. Mike said he would fix her up with one of his close friends-mainly so he could keep an eye on her.

"The whole time I wished I was on the date with her," he said.

Mike recalls driving away from her house after these double dates praying to God.

"I was like, 'God, I love her so much. I can't tell her, but someday I want to marry



Bridget McCarthy tries on her wedding dress during a fitting 10 days prior to her wedding day. Her sister, Molly McCarthy, looks on.

her—please help me," he said.

Little did Mike know, at the time, Bridget was saying the same prayer as she watched him drive away.

"I was always in love with him and I prayed that some day he would be my husband. But I never knew whether or not it was God's will. Then I kept praying and praying," Bridget said.

It wasn't until a few years down the road, when the two were freshmen in college, that they finally admitted their love for one another. Neither wanted to admit this to the other, because they were afraid it would harm their friend-

"I kept thinking that he's my best friend in the world and I don't want to lose that," Bridget said.

She continued to pray every night. "I really just trusted in God that if Mike was supposed to be my husband then he would be," she said.

Both Bridget and Mike remember it was Jan. 10, 1997, when he first told her his true feelings.

"It was perfect timing, because we had a lot of maturing to do separately on our own before we could start dating and growing together," she said.

It wasn't too long after that the couple started talking and praying about marriage.

"I think one of the things that I love most about being best friends—and then falling in love with Michael—is that we can always pray together," Bridget said.

Although a lot of times couples feel they have to be financially set at the time of marriage, Mike and Bridget agreed to separate their relationship from the money

"We realized that nowhere in the Bible does it say you must be rich to get married," Bridget said.

Mike, a junior majoring in business at Indiana University, is a member of the college's rugby team. Bridget is a 1999 graduate of University of Notre Dame.

At a point in the couple's lives when their relationship was going in the direction in which they had prayed years for, Mike was diagnosed with testicular cancer on Nov. 4, 1998.

Here again, the couple placed everything in God's trust.

"I just realized that there's no sense in me constantly being upset about this, because with God's will, everything will work out perfectly," Bridget said.

Mike underwent surgery for the cancer soon after his diagnosis and is in good

On Jan. 10, 1999, at midnight—two years after the couple had started officially dating-Mike proposed to Bridget at Our Lady of Lourdes grotto on the campus of Notre Dame, where Bridget was attending college. She recalled the wind chill factor was 40 degrees below zero and snow was pouring down. The grotto was lit up with the flames of candles surrounding it.

"He said all this wonderful stuff, I can't remember now because at the time I was just listening to him," Bridget said.

Mike then kneeled down in the snow and asked for her hand in marriage.

'We stayed there a while longer, lit a candle and prayed for our marriage and for our children," Bridget said.

Looking back, Bridget said it was wonderful to marry her best friend. Her advice to couples in relationships—aside from having God as the central focusis "be patient." "Grow in your friendship as much as

possible, because that's the foundation on which you'll build your life," she She added that once a couple has a

foundation of friendship everything else falls into place.

"I would just recommend being patient and praying a lot. And when the time comes, you'll be ready and God will prepare you," Bridget said. †



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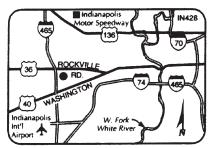
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Bridget McCarthy's mother, Patrice McCarthy, adjusts Bridget's veil during the fitting.





Adams – Hawkins

Michelle Lynn Adams and Eugene Anthony Hawkins were married July 3 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara Adams-Moore and Mortimer C. Adams. The groom is the son of Marion and Eugene Hawkins.





Andreani – Carr

Louise Marguerite Andreani and Gregory Brian Carr will be married Oct. 2 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andreani. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carr.

### Attkisson – Heneghan

Dawn Michelle Attkisson and Kevin William Heneghan were married July 17 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Attkisson. The groom is the son of Connie Heneghan and the late John W. Heneghan.



#### Andrews - Christman

Mary Kathleen Andrews and Jamie Troy Christman will be married Nov. 20 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Therese Dever Andrews. The groom is the son of Penni and Joel Christman.



### Bauerle – Lagler

Melissa J. Bauerle and Richard L. Lagler Jr. were married July 23 at Little Flower Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Charles and JoAnn Bauerle. The groom is the son of Janet Purtle Baugh and Richard Lagler Sr.



### Billerman – Blumer

Amy Anne Billerman and Terry L. Blumer will be married Sept. 18 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Lujuana and William Billerman. The groom is the son of Mariann and Raymond Back and the late Howard Blumer.



### Bingham - Burton

Nicole L. Bingham and Daniel Burton will be married Oct. 22 at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donna Fuss and Keith Bingham. The groom is the son of Jane and Mike Bryant.



Boone - Schaub

Kellie M. Boone and Paul M. Schaub were married July 17 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Skip Boone. The groom is the son of Peggy and Greg Schaub.





#### Broderick - Wood

Tricia Marie Broderick and Michael David Wood will be married Oct. 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Broderick. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Wood Jr.



### Brumley – Hagedorn

Jenna L. Brumley and Jon M. Hagedorn will be married Oct. 30 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Mary Cris Fink and Larry Brumley. The groom is the son of Janice and Jack Hagedorn.



#### Buer - Murray

Laura Lee Buer and Robert Elliott Murray will be married July 31 at St. Roch Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Edward Buer. The groom is the son of Rosemary and Leonard Murray.



Butler - Schelonka

Marie Stephanie Butler and Stephen Paul Schelonka will be married Oct. 16 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary and Joseph Butler. The groom is the son of Donna and Anthony Schelonka.



Candler – Magbanna

Shawn Renee Candler and Richard Erwin Magbanna will be married Oct. 9 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Candler. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Glover.



### Cerbone – Borgert

Liza Marie Cerbone and Jeffrey Joseph Borgert will be married Sept. 18 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Diana and Robert Cerbone. The groom is the son of Mary Evelyn and John Borgert.



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Clifford - Greer

Jennie Marie Clifford and Jason Anthony Greer will be married Jan. 8, 2000, at Good Sheperd Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Michael Clifford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer.





Coffman - TenBarge

Stephanie Gerard Coffman and Barry Lee TenBarge will be married Sept. 4 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Steve Coffman. The groom is the son of Wanda and Tom TenBarge.



Coughlan - Sanders

Janice Mari Coughlan and Robert Todd Sanders will be married Aug. 28 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Judy and Nelson Coughlan. The groom is the son of Sherry Davenport and Al Sanders.



Crawford – DiSanto

Jessica Ruth Crawford and Michael James DiSanto will be married Oct. 30 at St. Luke Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell W. Crawford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. DiSanto.



### Crotzer - Murphy

Victoria Lynn Crotzer and Daniel James Murphy will be married Sept. 4 at St. Thomas Aguinas Church in Charlottesville, Va. The bride is the daughter of Jo Ellen and Gerald Crotzer. The groom is the son of Agnes Murphy and the late Peter Murphy.



Davis - Freund

Erin Davis and Jay L. Freund will be married Dec. 18 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Sandra Clark and Sam Davis. The groom is the son of Johnna and Elmer Freund.



Doss - Blair

Jacqueline Janeen Doss and Stephen Paul Blair, Jr. were married July 3 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Toni Spurlin. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paul Blair Sr.

### Durbin – Parr

Bridget Ruth Durbin and Timothy Raymond Parr will be married Oct. 16 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ruth and Robert Durbin. The groom is the son of Virginia and Warren Parr.



### Dwenger – Collins

Angela Dawn Dwenger and Roger Dale Collins Jr. will be married Aug. 14 at St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Joan and Lloyd Dwenger. The groom is the son of Mary and Roger Collins Sr.



#### Eifert - Joniskan

Rebecca Marie Eifert and Edvins Alberts Joniskan will be married Sept. 18 at St. Mary Church Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. James and Judith Eifert. The groom is the son of Alberts Joniskans and the late Antanina Drics Joniskan.



#### Faust - Brown

Tracy Jo Faust and James Christopher Brown will be married Sept. 18 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Rhodie and Bob Faust. The groom is the son of Linda and Billy Brown.



#### Gause – Fletcher

Joan Marie Gause and David Robert Fletcher will be married Dec. 18 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Fred Gause Jr. The groom is the son of Amelia Fletcher and the late Duncan Fletcher.



### Gedeon - Thomasson

Rebecca Erin Gedeon and Robert A. Thomasson will be married Sept. 11 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of W. Stewart Owsley and the late Vicki B. Owsley. The groom is the son of Carol and Robert Thomasson.



Gordon – Baugh

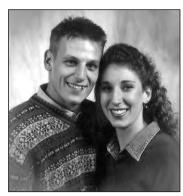
Leslie Gordon and Sean Baugh will be married Jan. 8, 2000, at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis.



Graf – Robinson

Julie Anne Graf and Robert Allen Robinson will be married Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Hill Church in Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Jane and Elmer Graf. The groom is the son of Connie and Dennis Robinson.

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Guise – Breedlove

Julie Marie Guise and Ned G. Breedlove Jr. will be married Oct. 16 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Suzanne Guise and Dr. Paul Guise. The groom is the son of Connie Breedlove.





Harnishfeger -Van Der Burgt

Beth A. Harnishfeger and Marty J. Van Der Burgt will be married July 31 at St. Andrew Church in Richmond. The bride is the daughter of Mary and Dan Harnishfeger. The groom is the son of Marty J. Van Der Burgt.



### Harpenau – Hutzel

Amy E. Harpenau and Andrew R. Hutzel will be married Oct. 2 at St. Bartholomew in Columbus. The bride is the daughter of Judith and David Harpenau. The groom is the son of Nancy and Mark Hutzel.



Harris - Solomon

Robin Marie Harris and Robert Alan Solomon will be married Aug. 28 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth and Ronald Harris. The groom is the son of Marilyn and Robert Solomon.



### Herman – Logan

Jennifer Kristina Hermann and Aaron Joseph Logan will be married Jan. 8, 2000, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Leigh Ann and Richard Hermann. The groom is the son of Rosemary and William Logan.



#### Hines - Wassill

Julie Ann Hines and John Michael Wassill will be married Sept. 11 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of Doris Hines and the late Frank Hines. The groom is the son of Patricia Wassil and the late Michael Wassill.



### Hoeing – Stier

Missie Mary Hoeing and Mark James Stier will be married Oct. 23 at Immaculate Conception Church in Millhousen. The bride is the daughter of LaDonna and Norbert Hoeing. The groom is the son of Ann and Marvin Stier.





Hoff - Riehle

Ragena Marie Hoff and Kevin James Riehle will be married Sept. 18 at St. Nicholas Church in Sunman. The bride is the daughter of Ann and Stan Hoff. The groom is the son of Marilyn and James Riehle.



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### **Humphrey** – **Bolton**

Jocelyn Cologne Humphrey and Warren Philip Bolton will be married Oct. 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Evelyn and John Humphrey Sr. The groom is the son of Othella and Warren Bolton.



### **Hutcheson** – Wiley

Sara Jansen Hutcheson and Craig Warner Wiley will be married Nov. 6 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Marty and Ralph Hutcheson. The groom is the son of Janet and J. Warner Wiley.



### Iverson – Felts

Kirsten A. Iverson and Tony Felts will be married Oct. 30 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth M. Iverson and Dr. Robert Iverson. The groom is the son of Mary Jane and Mark Felts.



### Jeffers – Schreiber

Kathleen Erin Jeffers and Benjamin Francis Schreiber were married July 3 at St. John Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jeffers. The groom is the son of Mrs. Patricia Schreiber and the late William M. Schreiber.



#### Jones – Davis

Lisa Anne Jones and Cary Scott Davis will be married Aug. 21 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Earlene and William D. Jones. The groom is the son of Katherine Davis and the late John E. Davis.





#### Kane - Threlkeld

Shannon Elizabeth Kane and Shannon Threlkeld will be married Aug. 14 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Marsha and Frank Kane.



### Kappes - Miller

Jennifer Lynn Kappes and Brian Miller will be married Dec. 18 at St. Xavier in Cincinnati, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Ted and Mary Kappes. The groom is the son of Ray and Ruth Miller.



### Kattau - Huggins

Amy Louise Kattau and Scott Christopher Huggins will be married Sept. 18 at St. Catharine Church in Columbus, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Lois and Robert Kattau. The groom is the son of Nancy and Robert Huggins.



### King – Lam

Judith Marie King and Carlos Federico Lam were married July 3 at St. Joseph Church in South Bend. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Gary King. The groom is the son of Ruth Lee and Carl Lam.

Dolores J. King and Anthony J.

King - Record

Record will be married Sept. 11 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joseph W. King Jr. The groom is the son of Jane and Howard Record.

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### Kleaving - Ebert

Theresa Ann Kleaving and Jeff Alan Ebert will be married Aug. 7 at St. Isidore Church in Bristow. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kleaving. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ebert.



Kramer – Zeh

Donna Jean Kramer and Jonathan Mark Zeh will be married Aug. 7 at St. Mary Church in Greensburg. The bride is the daughter of Helen and Norbert Kramer. The groom is the son of Mary Ellen and Brian Zeh.



### LaHue – Lohr

Cinnamon Rae LaHue and Jeffrey Keith Lohr will be married Oct. 22 at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyle LaHue. The groom is the son of Fay Lohr and the late Edward N. Lohr.



Latran – Gandolph

Michelle Denise Latran and Daniel Joseph Gandolph will be married July 31 at SS. Francis and Clare Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Latran. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gandolph.



#### Law - Petree

Teresa Marie Law and Stephen David Petree will be married Sept. 11 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Janet and Robert Law. The groom is the son of Nita Killman and David Petree.

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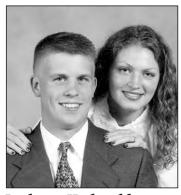


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Angela Marie Lecher and Andrew James Hudepohl will be married Sept. 25 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Enochsburg. The bride is the daughter Steven and Edith Lecher. The groom is the son of John and Mary Hudepohl.



Lewis - Brown

Elizabeth Jane Lewis and Kevin Thomas Brown will be married Aug. 7 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Inez and Charles Lewis. The groom is the son of Jean and Tom Brown.

### Lewis - Minor

Kimberly Elaine Lewis and Marlon Richard Minor will be married Sept. 11 at Holy Angels Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of the late Barbara Lewis and Herman Lewis. The groom is the son of Barbara Minor.



### Lichtenberg - Moore

Jackie Ann Lichtenberg and Randy Moore will be married Oct. 2 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of JoAnn and Jack Lichtenberg. The groom is the son of Roberta and Richard Moore.



### Loury - Chrisler

Tamera Elaine Loury and Thomas Edward Chrisler will be married Oct. 1 in Natperville, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Glenn Loury and Charlene Loury. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Crenshaw and the late Joe L. Chrisler.



### Lutgring – Hale

Donna Jean Lutgring and Thomas Gerard Hale Jr. will be married Nov. 6 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Jean and Al Lutgring. The groom is the son of Thomas Gerard Hale Sr.



Lynch - DiGiusto

Julie Kathleen Lynch and Christopher Adam DiGiusto were married July 3 at Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Sue and James Lynch. The groom is the son of Dennis and Marcia DiGiusto.





Lyons – Snider

Amanda Marie Lyons and Steven Douglas Snider II will be married Oct. 23 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lyons. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Snider.



#### Marsh - Sherman

Tanya Dawn Marsh and Blane Robert Sherman will be married July 31 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donna and William Marsh. The groom is the son of Kathleen and Robert Sherman.



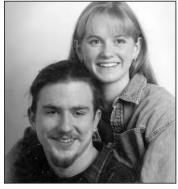
### Mattingly - Skaggs

Dorothy Marie Mattingly and Dennie Exton Skaggs will be married July 24 at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville. The bride is the daughter of Jenny and Jack Donoghue. The groom is the son of Dorothy Decker and Vernon Skaggs.



### McCarthy – Haberthy

Kathleen M. McCarthy and Michael R. Haberthy were married July 10 at St. Patrick Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McCarthy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haberthy.



Mefford - Rowe

Amy L. Mefford and Michael T. Rowe will be married Oct. 29 at St. Mary Navilleton Church in Floyds Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Connie and Rocky Mefford. The groom is the son of Linda and Bill Rowe.

### Meyer - Caufield

Katherine Renee Meyer and John Gregory Caufield will be married Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer. The groom is the son of Mary Lou and Jim Caufield.



### Meyer – Drury

Amy Lynn Meyer and Chad Thomas Drury will be married Aug. 14 at St. Joseph Hill Church in Sellersburg.





Meyers - Kirkhoff

Teresa Marie Meyers and Mark Timothy Kirkhoff will be married Oct. 16 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Meyers. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkhoff.



### Moore - Pruzin

Kristie Lynne Moore and John Michael Pruzin will be married Sept. 18 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patricia M. Scott and William T. Moore Jr. The groom is the son of Sharon and Jack Pruzin.



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#### Moser - Kenny

Christine Julia Moser and Steven Michael Kenny will be married Dec. 18 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Martha and Stephen Moser. The groom is the son of Terry and Steven Kenny.





Nance – Glavash Kendall Allison Nance and Christopher David Glavash will be married

at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington Oct. 15. The bride is the daughter of Kim and Richard Nance. The groom is the son of Kathy and Cecil Shoemaker and William Glavash.



Nevitt – Gallagher Susan Marie Nevitt and Robert Patrick Gallagher will be married

Oct. 2 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of JoAnn and Ronald Nevitt. The groom is the son of Nancy and Richard Gallagher

### Newman – Krieger

Connie Sue Newman and Douglas Edward Krieger will be married Sept. 4 at St. Mary Church in Rushville. The bride is the daughter of Alberta Newman. The groom is the son of Norma Krieger.



### Nobbe - Kinker

Rebecca Anne Hobbe and Daniel Joseph Kinker were married July 24 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Enochsburg. The bride is the daughter of James and Theresa Nobbe. The groom is the son of Thomas and Judy Kinker.



O'Brien - Funk

Molly Beck O'Brien and Michael James Funk will be married Jan. 1, 2000, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jan and J.J. O'Brien. The groom is the son of Jim Funk.

# Preparation is key to toast that sets positive tone

By Agostino Bono

Catholic News Service

So, you've been tapped as best man for a wedding. Naturally, your thoughts turn to throwing a bachelor party and getting the groom to the church on time.

But wait! You also have to give the main toast at the wedding reception. Maybe you should spend some time attending to this, too, lest you show up speechless.

The job is easier than it may seem, according to experts in preparing words to dress up your ideas. A few basic rules are:

- Learn about the bride and groom, personalizing the toast as much as possible.
- The toast sets the tone for the reception, so it should be in good taste and respect the feelings of the newlyweds, their parents and the guests.
- Humor is good to lighten the atmosphere, but the toast should also reflect the seriousness of the day.

"Do some homework," said Hal Garber, co-owner of

Roasts & Toasts, Your Lyrical Ghosts. "The more you can personalize the toast, the better."

This means learning about eccentricities, likes and dislikes, ambitions, nicknames and funny experiences, said the ghostwriter of toasts for more than 30 years.

Garber and his partner, Joel Cohen, send out questionnaires before preparing their toasts. One aim is to find out how the couple met and to incorporate that information in the toast.

"Aim for the real person, but don't make the comments so 'inside' that the guests will not enjoy them," she added.

One good approach is to "balance the knocks" by emphasizing things at which the bride and groom are good or accomplished, Cohen said.

Garber suggested quoting from the Bible or poetry to establish a serious tone and to toast to the sentiments of the couple. If the bride or groom has a favorite poem, quote from it, he suggested.

An easy way to find Bible quotes is to look up a word in one of the many concordances to the Bible. A concordance, a standard reference book found in most libraries, gives chapter and verse citations for specific words that appear frequently in the Scriptures.

Obvious choices are "wedding" and "marriage." In addition, a toaster can look up words such as "love" and "happiness" to find appropriate quotes.

Another good source for quotes—religious and otherwise—is Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, also a standard reference readily available in libraries. It lists famous quotes by author and topic. So, if the couple likes Shakespeare, let the Bard offer some handy advice.

Garber also suggested reading your toast rather than winging it and forgetting the right word to make a point or a joke.

Garber and Cohen noted that wedding toasts are growing in popularity. It is fashionable now for the maid of honor, the parents, siblings and friends to also toast.

Regarding length, "brief is better," said Garber, suggesting three to five minutes. But, he added, there is no hard and fast rule. †

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# <u> Wedding Announcements</u>

#### Ortman - Roth

Kathleen Mary Ortman and Timothy Joshua Roth will be married Oct. 16 at St. Cecilia Church in Oak Forest. The bride is the daughter of Constance and Edward Ortman. The groom is the son of Candy and Ron Yurcak and Tim and Nancy Roth.



### Owens - Patton

Carrie Michelle Owens and Anson Jay Patton will be married Oct. 30 at St. Joseph Church in Rockville. The bride is the daughter of Pat and Roy Owens. The groom is the son of Cindy and Jerry Patton.



### Poynter - Thomas

Chrisi Lenette Poynter and Bill Arthur Thomas will be married Oct. 23 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Annette Poynter. The groom is the son of Art and Bonnie Thomas.



### Prible - Davis

Patricia Lea Prible and Richard Patrick Davis were married July 2 at East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Prible. The groom is the son of Mrs. John E. Davis and the late John E. Davis.



### Quackenbush – Bock

Teri Elaine Quackenbush and Christopher Michael Bock will be married Oct. 2 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel. The bride is the daughter of Connie and Thomas Quackenbush. The groom is the son of Linda Beadle and Michael Bock.



Raver - Livers

Monica Louise Raver and John Leonard Livers will be married Sept. 11 at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter Anna Mae and Elmer Raver. The groom is the son of Rita Livers and Joe Livers.



### Ripperger – Wethington

Heidi Jeanine Ripperger and Jeremy Lee Wethington will be married July 31 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Kathy and Bob Ripperger. The groom is the son of Judy and Dwain Wethington.



#### Roth – Holdman

Cathy Jean Roth and Paul Alexander Holdman were married July 24 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Judith and Daryle Roth. The groom is the son of Sharon and Louie Leach.





Russell - Curd

Nancy L. Russell and Michael A. Curd will be married Aug. 14 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Nancy and Spike Russell. The groom is the son of Marty Curd and the late James Curd.



### Schmidt - Schepers

Dawn R. Schmidt and Jim C. Schepers will be married Aug. 28 at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight. The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Dan Schmidt. The groom is the son of Joyce Wilson and Jim Schepers.





Schneider – McIntosh

April Elizabeth Schneider and Aaron Michael McIntosh were married July 10 at St. Anthony Church in Clarksville. The bride is the daughter of Cathie and Jim Schneider. The groom is the son of Susie and Bob Elliott.

### Scheidt – O'Brien

Melissa Scheidt and John O'Brien will be married Sept. 11 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Howard Scheidt. The groom is the son of Kay O'Brien and the late Bernie O'Brien.



### Scott – Coykendall

Laura Marie Scott and Robert Coykendall will be married Oct. 16 at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Little Flower Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jo and Jim Scott. The groom is the son of Jeanne Coykendall.



### Sharpe – Tokarek

Patricia L. Sharpe and Charles R. Tokarek will be married Oct. 16 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Jeanne and Ralph Sharpe. The groom is the son of Agnes and Charles Tokarek.



### Sheehan – Holdcraft

Jennifer Anne Sheehan and Brian William Holdcraft will be married Dec. 18 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara and William Sheehan. The groom is the son of Edith and William Holdcraft.



Short – Mills

Tammy Danielle Short and Timothy Robert Mills will be married Aug. 7 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Paul and MaryLee Short. The groom is the son of Connie Senné.



Shumaker – Schindler

Crystal L. Shumaker and Kevin J. Schindler will be married Sept. 25 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Lee and Ruth Shumaker. The groom is the son of James and Barbara Schindler.



### Stacy - Fippen

Lora A. Stacy and Charles P. Fippen will be married Oct. 16 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Janice and Ralph Stacy. The groom is the son of Roberta and Charles



### Staley - Pedersen

Erica Ann Staley and Andrew Carl Pedersen will be married Aug. 21 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Rebecca Horton and Jerril Staley. The groom is the son of Mary and Haldie Pedersen.



#### Stratman - Bradtmueller

Susan Margaret Stratman and Damon Joseph Bradtmueller were married July 24 at St. Gabriel Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stratman Jr. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bradtmueller.



Suding – Schemmel

Maureen T. Suding and Mark D. Schemmel will be married Sept. 18 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Bonnie Suding. The groom is the son of Thomas W. and Ellen Schemmel.



### Tex – Muterspaugh

Stephanie Ann Tex and Gabriel L. Muterspaugh will be married Oct. 30 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn A. Tex. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Muterspaugh.



### Thomas - Schonard

Angela M. Thomas and Christopher M. Schonard will be married Oct. 2 at St. Anthony Church in Clarksville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louvell and Marabeth Thomas. The groom is the son of Robert Schonard and Cassandra Schonard.



### Thornton – Campbell

Nancy Lynn Thornton and Matthew L. Campbell will be married Aug. 14 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Marion Thornton. The groom is the son of William and Karen Campbell.



### Turley - Burns

Anne M. Turley and James P. Burns will be married Oct. 23 at Little Flower Church in South Bend. The bride is the daughter of James and Sharon Turley. The groom is the son of George and Margaret Burns Sr.



#### Vedder – Risch

Kimberly Ann Vedder and James Leland Risch will be married Aug. 14 at St. Alphonsus Church in Zionsville. The bride is the daughter of Sally Borghart and Jan Vedder. The groom is the son of Dr. John and Joanne Risch.



### Vilardo – Thompson

Stephanie Vilardo and Steven Charles Thompson were married July 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Frank Vilardo. The groom is the son of Frances and Charles Thompson.



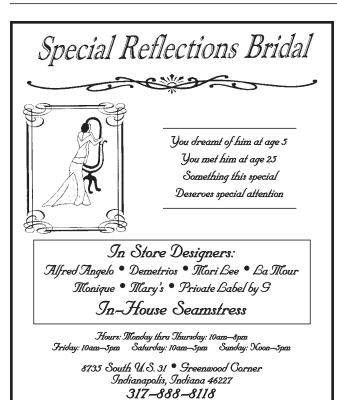
### Vohs – Smith

Elizabeth Kay Vohs and Kevin Michael Smith will be married Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Greenwood Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Kay and Jeff Vohs. The groom is the son of Karen and Robert Smith.



### Whitesell - Dawn

Kristen Michelle Whitesell and Jerffrey Dwayne Dawn wil be married Dec. 30 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Donna Whitesell. The groom is the son of Ethel Dawn and the late Curtis Dawn. †





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### Choose florist wisely, be sure to budget when selecting wedding flowers

By Julie Asher

Catholic News Service

The custom of a bride carrying a bouquet as she walks down the aisle may date back to the ancient Romans.

Some historians say Roman brides carried bunches of fragrant herbs and flowers on their wedding day to ward off evil spirits.

And the ancient Greeks, they say, carried ivy as a symbol of fidelity.

But however the modern tradition of flowers at the wedding and reception got its start, making appropriate choices of flowers for marriage celebrations is usually more complicated than choosing a simple bouquet or a few ivy leaves.

Kathryn Peebles, a sales associate with Greenworks in Washington, suggested that before a couple visits a florist they should look at bridal magazines for some ideas to start narrowing down choices and chat with newly married friends about their flowers and recommendations of florists.

But, before seeing any florists, the most important decision for the couple is to determine how much they can afford, Peebles said. Once a florist is chosen, which Peebles recommends happen at least six months in advance of the wedding date, the couple should insist that floral creations be kept within that budget.

Author Madeline Barillo, in her 1996 book The Wedding Sourcebook' writes that the cost of the flowers can use up 10 to 20 percent of the couple's wedding

Some couples are happy spending \$500 for flowers; for some the cost will be figured in the thousands of dollars. And it is not unknown that a bride and groom spent more than \$20,000 just on flowers.

Bonnie Schwartz, an events planner in Bethesda, Md., who handles 10 to 12 weddings a year, said some couples may prefer to spend more on music and photography than on flowers, or some may make flowers their top priority.

Barillo offers a basic checklist on the type of flower arrangements used at a wedding:

- Bouquets for the bride, including possibly a separate bouquet for her to toss to the reception crowd, and for the maid or matron of honor, bridesmaids, flower
- Floral hair ornaments are an option for those in the bride's party.
- Boutonnieres for bridegroom, best man, usher, father of the bride and father of the groom.

· Corsage, wrist corsage or arm bouquet for the mothers of bride and groom.

- At the ceremony, flowers for altar, pews, and the church's main entrance.
- At the reception, centerpieces for the head table and arrangements for the tables for guests, for buffet and
- Thank-you arrangements for parents, honored guests and the bridal consultant.

"Flowers are a very important part of the setting. They should reflect the taste of the bride," said Kay Wildt, who has been arranging flowers for weddings and other events for 15 years.

She advises that the couple find a florist who will really listen to them.

Usually the first appointment with the florist will involve having the couple look at that person's previous work. That's the time to tell the florist what has appeal and what doesn't.

'What I like to do is find out what the bride wants," said Wildt, a member of St. Mark Parish in Vienna, Va.

"Most people have a vision," she said. "I try to elicit little hints about what it is the bride wants so I can translate that into flowers."

Wildt, who feels the bride's personal flowers are the most important of all, suggested that a couple on a tight budget choose a more expensive focal flower and surround it with less expensive flowers.

Barillo offers some cost-cutting advice, too.

For example, she recommends the couple consider forgetting flowers for the pews and concentrate on the flowers for the altar, since it is the focal point of the ceremony. She also recommends choosing altar flowers that can double at the reception.

She also suggests a bride make her own hand-tied bouquet using homegrown flowers or buying blooms from a wholesale florist. In place of bouquets, she said, attendants could carry baskets decorated with ribbons and streamers or prayer books or fans.

Wildt noted that different flowers require different handling, and sometimes it can be a balancing act to have the couple's choice in flowers correspond with the wedding date.

The couple might want to consider that certain flowers have traditional meaning, a fragrance that might be appealing or a color that might relate to the scheme of the ceremony and reception. †

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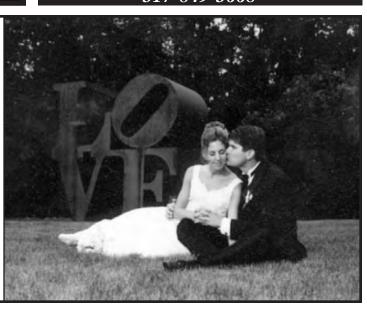
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# Marriage outside the Church

By Patricia Zapor

Catholic News Service

Nothing brings religious differences to the forefront like wedding plans.

The decision by a Catholic to marry someone of a different Christian denomination or a non-Christian faith can be especially complicated, requiring understanding of both partners and both families.

The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law permits marriage between Catholics and people who are baptized into different Christian churches—now described as "a church or ecclesial communion not in full communion with the Catholic Church"—with the permission of "competent authority."

This represents a change from the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which prohibited marriage between a Catholic and someone who was baptized into "a heretical or schismatic sect"—essentially any other Christian church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states "differences of confession (Christian denomination) between the spouses does not constitute an insurmountable obstacle for marriage." But, it warns, not to underestimate the difficulties of mixed marriages lest "the tragedy of Christian disunity" affect the home.

Catholics still promise to do "all in my power" to raise their children as Catholic. But, since 1970, the non-Catholic spouse has not been obligated to make such a promise, and Church teaching acknowledges that parents should share the responsibility and decision-making of their children's education.

Michael G. Lawler, director of the Center for Marriage and Family at Creighton University, is in the midst of a three-year study of "interchurch marriages"—the term for couples of different Christian faiths.

The fact that Christian Churches in the United States all recognize one baptism takes away some of the difficulties of past generations, Lawler said, though adding that other theological differences separate the Cchurches, and those are unlikely to be eliminated any time soon.

Still, he said, differences in religious beliefs are the basis for misunderstandings between spouses and families.

Lisa Kile, a Catholic who was involved in the campus Catholic center, and Charles Scott, a Methodist who attended service only on Easter and Christmas, first dated as sophomores at the University of Maryland.

They broke up once for a period of several years over issues including the long-term prospects of how their children would be raised.

As they prepared for an August 1997 wedding, Kile said when they got back together again she and Scott had both shifted their perspectives.

Now he's comfortable with the idea of raising his children as Catholics and she has been making an effort to learn about Methodism. Scott accompanies her to Mass most weeks.

'That's not to say he's going to convert," she said. "It's more that he's getting a feel for what I believe."

About 40 percent of all Catholics who get married today marry someone of another Church, according to

He noted that few marriage preparation courses address the particular complications of interchurch mar-

"Clergy have even told us that part of the problem is they themselves know very little about other Churches and their traditions," Lawler said.

Young Catholics planning marriages often understand little enough about their own church, he said.

'I'm not surprised they don't understand each others'." Joan C. Hawxhurst agrees. She is a United Methodist married to a Jew. Their experiences with an interfaith marriage led her to found Dovetail, a publishing company that produces a newsletter and other resources about marriages between Christians and Jews.

Hawxhurst said the biggest obstacle to interfaith weddings is rarely the objections of the Christian church

"It is more likely the parents or grandparents who have a problem with it," she said.

And increasingly, she said, rabbis of some Jewish sects are discouraging interfaith marriages.

Hawxhurst said more than half of all Jews who marry are married to non-Jews. That led Reform Jewish leaders recently to start to close the doors to interfaith marriages and to take steps such as discouraging families from enrolling their children in religious education at synagogues and in non-Jewish congregations at the same time, she said.

Aside from such examples of discouraging marriage outside the faith, Hawxhurst said the mainstream religions of the United States are generally understanding and cooperative in helping interfaith couples.

The Diocese of Dallas recently ordered copies of Dovetail's book, Interfaith Wedding Ceremonies: Samples and Sources, for every parish in the diocese, she said.

As for couples who are planning an interchurch or interfaith wedding, Hawxhurst and Lawler agree on tips for planning a wedding and for a successful marriage. They include:

- Learn about your partner's beliefs, as well as your own. "Get to appreciate why they do things the way that they do," Lawler said.
- Give it time. "Don't make all the important decisions on the day of your engagement. It will change and so will you," Lawler said.
- Try to find members of the clergy who are familiar with interfaith or interchurch marriages or who are at least open to learn more about them.
- Before you marry, talk through your plans for how your children will be educated about religion. "It's very easy to live side-by-side and practice independent faiths, but once children arrive on the scene, it's very common for deep, emotional, gut-level responses: 'I want this child to be like me,' to surface," said Hawxhurst. †

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# Couples face challenges of making Catholic home

By Nancy Hartnagel

Catholic News Service

Newly married Catholic couples face the challenge of making and sustaining a home that reflects their Catholic

But what makes a home Catholic?

There are some obvious signs, such as a crucifix on the wall or saying grace before meals. But there also are intangibles that help Catholics who are sincerely trying to follow Christ and grow in prayer and service.

While not addressing the question directly, the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers some guidance.

"The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer," the catechism notes in #2685. "Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the 'domestic church' where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church' and to persevere in prayer.

special or personal about

each gift. Sabath said. For

instance, the writer could

say he or she is pleased

the person was able to

attend the wedding,

Sabath said.†

### Thank-you note pointers

By Barb Fraze

Catholic News Service

Thank-you notes for wedding gifts should contain a personal touch, butmost importantly—should be sent promptly.

From the moment the bride and groom open a gift, "a very short time should go by before they send out a thank-you," said Ann Marie Sabath, founder of At-Ease Inc., in Cincinnati and author of "Business Etiquette in Brief."

"There is no excuse in the world, short of death, that a thank-you should not go out in a prompt manner," added Sabath, who advises sending notes within 48 hours of receiving the pre-

Bonnie Schwartz, president and owner of Bonnie Schwartz and Co., an event-planning company in Bethesda Md., said thankyou notes should be sent within one or two months of receiving the present, despite what traditional etiquette writers allow.

"They say something like up to six months to write a thank-you note-I think that's awful," she said.

Sabath said that since many wedding presents are mailed from a department store's gift registry, the givers have no idea if the couple has received their gifts if they do not receive a thank-you note. She said it could take two or three months from the time a gift is ordered until it is sent out, so the givers already have a long wait.

The engaged couple should feel free to write thank-you notes before the wedding for gifts received early, Sabath added.

Schwartz and Sabath agree that the groom as well as the bride should

do the writing. In an egalitarian society, Schwartz said, "The groom takes responsibility for the gifts that are given by his family and his friends."

Both also said only one person should sign the note, but refer to the other person.

Sabath said that having a format will help the writing go more smoothly.

The notes can be changed to say something

"For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit," it notes.

The catechism recommends a prayer corner—what it refers to as a "personal or family oratory"—for reading Scriptures or meditating with icons. It says such places are both appropriate and favorable for prayer, adding, "In a Christian family, this kind of little oratory fosters prayer in

At such a quiet spot in their home, family members might use these prayer aids:

- A crucifix.
- Rosary beads.
- Small statues, pictures or holy cards of Jesus, Mary and other saints.
- A library containing the Bible, the catechism, and other religious books.

Of course, being prayerful doesn't require a special place. Prayer and spiritual sharing can be done anywhere at home, even on a computer via the Internet.

The catechism stresses the importance of the Bible, saying the Church exhorts all Christians to know Jesus by frequently reading the Scriptures.

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ," the catechism notes in #133.

Special devotions, such as those to Our Lady of Guadalupe or the Infant of Prague, also have a place in Catholic homes. Like praying the rosary or wearing a religious medal, these forms of piety help people express their religious sense.

Some seasonal, even daily, practices have their roots in

Christ's life and ministry:

- Lenten sacrifices, such as saving money in "rice bowls" for overseas aid.
- Palms blessed on Palm Sunday and hung with crucifixes.
- Advent calendars to help prepare for the coming of Jesus.
- Nativity scenes at Christmas.
- Giving prayerful thanks in the morning, at mealtimes and at bedtime.

But any discussion of what makes a home Catholic also must include family relationships.

Family members, the catechism stresses in #2203, "are persons equal in dignity" who have "manifold rights, responsibilities and duties."

Their mutual "feelings, affections and interests" originate chiefly in their respect for one another, it adds.

Care and responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped and the poor should be learned at home.

illness, "Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service," giving them a "share in his ministry of compassion and healing," according to the catechism (#1506). The family, the catechism notes, is "the community in

When disciples—of whatever age—try to heal wounds or

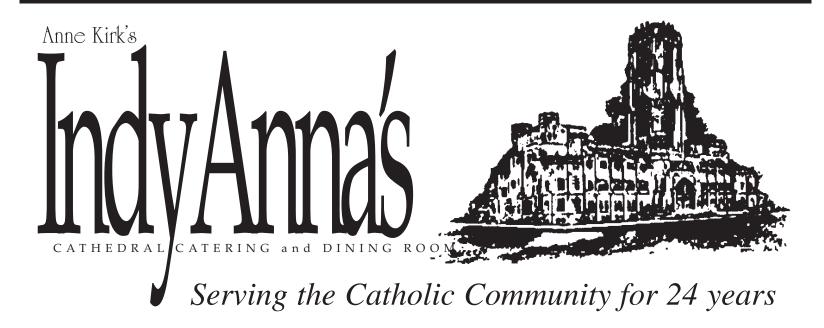
which from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society" (#2207).

So in a Catholic home, virtues are learned, and then learned again and again in practice. Catholic couples who are patient and respectful, unselfish and forgiving teach themselves and their children the habits of cooperation, sacrifice and forgiveness so essential in Jesus' transforming mission. †

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# Pope says values concerning elderly should be reexamined

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Society should reexamine its values concerning the elderly and adjust its comportment toward them accordingly, Pope John Paul II said.

"In industrially and technologically developed societies, the condition of the elderly is ambivalent," the pontiff said, explaining that old people are becoming less integrated into family and social life while "their role becomes ever more important, above all in the care and education of grandchildren."

The 79-year-old pope made his observations on aging during his July 25 Sunday noon prayer with visitors outside the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo.

He noted that the next day's liturgy was to commemorate St. Joachim and Anne, traditionally considered to have been Mary's parents.

This occasion "induces me to say a word or two about old age and its value," Pope John Paul said.

He pointed out that in the very countries where the elderly are moved out of mainstream life, "young couples, in fact, find grandparents an indispensable help.'

"On the one hand," he said, "the elderly person is mar-

ginalized, while being sought after on the other."

The situation highlights "the characteristic imbalance of a social model dominated by the economy and by profit, which tends to penalize 'nonproductive' groups, assigning value to people ... for their utility."

A long life has intrinsic value, the pope said, because life itself is a gift of God. Beyond that, he added, life experience is accompanied by "understanding (and) lessons of which the elderly person is the custodian."

"For this reason," the pope noted, "in all cultures, old age is synonymous with wisdom and equilibrium."

Pope John Paul pointed to Biblical verses indicating respect for old age. He said a just person "does not ask to be relieved of old age and its burden" but prays to God not to abandon him. †



Pope John Paul II has called on society to reexamine its values concerning the elderly. "In all cultures, old age is synonymous with wisdom and equilibrium," he said in his July 25 address at Castel Gandolfo, Italy.

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### **Perspectives**

### From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

# Ninth council settles issue of imperial interference

No ecumenical councils met during the 253 years between 870 and



1123. After the split of the Eastern and Western Churches in 1054, the Byzantine emperors, who convened the first eight councils, influenced only the Orthodox Church. In the West, there were numerous regional councils but

none that was called ecumenical.

During the 10th–12th centuries, the Catholic Church concentrated on spreading its authority throughout Europe. It exchanged disputes with the Byzantine emperors for disputes with European kings and emperors. The popes were caught up in the secular politics of that time.

In the early 11th century, Germany's Emperor Henry II (St. Henry) helped Pope Benedict VIII reform the Church, which badly needed reforming. However, Henry's successors weren't as holy as St. Henry, and soon there were momentous disputes between papalists and imperialists. Popes claimed the right to depose monarchs and to release subjects from their civil allegiance, while emperors claimed the right to appoint and install bishops and otherwise intervene in ecclesiastical matters.

Early in the 12th century, Emperor Henry V entered Rome with an army and imprisoned Pope Paschal II until the pope agreed to recognize the emperor's right of investiture. When Paschal died in 1118, his successor, Gelasius II, refused to grant Henry the right of investiture, so Henry refused to recognize Gelasius as pope and appointed an excommunicated prelate as antipope under the name Gregory VIII.

Gelasius died after only one year as pope. Pope Callistus II was elected in 1119 in the city of Vienne and made a triumphal march to Rome. He had the antipope shut up in a monastery. He then recognized the importance of reaching an honorable settlement of the investiture issue with Henry, and negotiations were begun. The result was the famous Concordat of Worms, the first concordat entered into by the papacy, signed on Sept. 23, 1122.

The concordat was a victory for the pope. Although it made certain concessions, it drew a distinction between spiritual and temporal rights, established the principle that ecclesiastical jurisdiction comes from the Church alone, and abolished the control of ecclesiastical offices and benefices by laymen. The emperor received the right of investing prelates with the scepter, symbol of temporal authority, and he was granted the right to be present at the election of prelates within the kingdom of Germany on the understanding that he would not interfere in papal elections.

Pope Callistus then called the First Lateran Council to ratify this agreement. It was the first general council held in the West and is recognized as the ninth ecumenical council. Besides solemnly ratifying the concordat, the council published 22 disciplinary canons, mostly repeating earlier legislation.

Pope Callistus' pride in his achievement of securing freedom for the Church from interference by kings and emperors is attested in frescoes celebrating the settlement that he commissioned in the Lateran.

But, secular interference in ecclesiastical affairs didn't end. It would continue long after the First Lateran Council, most notably in England and France. †

### **Be Our Guest/**Shirley Vogler Meister

# Preparing for marriage with material, spiritual hope chests

Years ago, older women knitted, crocheted, and stitched pretty linens for the



younger women in the family. They also passed down special treasures as heirlooms with hopes that one day the young ladies would fall in love and marry. These treasures were kept in hope chests, usually crafted from or lined with

cedar. Many women instead used boxes or closet shelves to hold not only linens, but a variety of items necessary for setting up a household.

In some families, this tradition continues; but, more often than not, the bridal registry takes the hope chest's place in contemporary life. Yet the spirit of hope prevails, no matter how such material goods are gathered—hope for a good marriage, hope for a happy family, hope that the bridal couple's love endures through whatever trials and tribulations might arise.

A hope chest prepares for the outward needs of married life. Programs for engaged couples are metaphorically hope chests, too. They promote an understanding of the spiritual and emotional needs of couples, helping them maturely meet the joys, challenges, and disappointments that might lie ahead.

However, long before marriage is in the picture, the ongoing good example from married family members and friends prepares members of the younger generation

for their own future marriages. This good example strengthens hope.

In the current issue of *St. Anthony Messenger*, Franciscan Father Albert Haase writes about the theological virtue of hope: "Unlike a natural virtue with which one is born, hope is a grace from God that helps one trust there is life ... despite the loss of treasured possessions or in spite of the rights and privileges due but never experienced ... it is planted in the cracks of broken dreams by the words, presence, and actions of others. Christian hope is rooted in the reality of God who does not abandon creation, who protects, who reaches out to redeem and save."

As Father Albert continues, "Sometimes prayers and words are not enough. We must *become* the hope of others."

As I wrote in my "Threads of Hope" poem (previously published in *The Criterion*): "We *are* the threads that bind us, one to another—with trust, with love." †

Note: Franciscan Father Albert Haase's St. Anthony Messenger column is part of a monthly series, "Peace Prayer, Millennium Prayer." More information about the author's works can be obtained by contacting the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, 1615 Republic Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45210; phone 513-241-5615 or Web site: www.americancatholic.org

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a nationally known poet and author.)

### **Cornucopia/**Cynthia Dewes

### Remembering Ernest Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway was an omnivorous reader, a superb writer, an adventurer, a



sometime Catholic and a great lover of women, drink, good conversation and passionate living.

Unfortunately, during his 61 years, he abandoned his Church, most of his women and ultimately his own life. He was a

great artist, but not always a nice man.

July 21 this year marked the centennial of Hemingway's birth, and was the focus of more worldwide attention than there are works written by him, including his letters, which are numerous and often as noteworthy as his fiction. We've been treated to Hemingway-related books, articles, symposiums, bullfights, drinking contests and beard competitions.

My daughter reports that even a small German town outside Hamburg is holding a Hemingway look-alike contest. The contestants are told that if they aren't sure how he looked, they can just show up in a safari suit and that will do!

As a nonscholarly Hemingway fan, I think I'm well-situated to observe him as a writer and as a man. On the one hand, I can read his books and stories just because I like his use of language, without worrying about deconstruction or snooty critical analysis. And on the other, I can assess him without being blinded by his literary eminence, or the macho myth that came to surround him, or even profit.

I don't care about his misogyny, real or imagined, or his latent homosexuality, real

or imagined. I don't care that he could rationalize his bad behavior into something necessary to his art. All I care is that when I read some of his best paragraphs in *A Farewell to Arms* I am transported into nobility or romance or youth, and it's a place I want to be.

At any given moment in *The Sun Also Rises* or *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, I can recall the excitement and pain of youthful love, or understand the stubborn purpose of political conviction. After a few words I am sitting in a garden courtyard or riding a second-class train or smelling a Spanish morning in the mountains. As I read, my imagination is stretched to include other times, worlds, experiences.

Even though Hemingway seemed to discover religious faith only when it suited him to do so, he makes us believe him when he writes of faith in God, faith in himself and in his fellow humans. He presents the Catholic Church in all her mystical, certain beauty, and he makes us aware of the continuing human struggle between good and evil.

His stories are morality plays, full of failed humanity but at the same time contained within divinity. They make us feel our humanness, but they also help us to understand our relationship to God.

I like to think that artists, even if they fail as human beings, serve God well by connecting us with him through the insights and beauty they provide. So "Happy Birthday, Hem," from one of your long-time fans. †

(Cynthia Dewes, A member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist with The Criterion.)

### **Journey of Faith/**Fr. John Buckel

### **Judgment Day**

"Number 143,999," called out an angelic voice over the loudspeaker.



"Oh God, I'm ext!"

It's Judgment Day, and George is next in line.

"I knew this would happen some day, but I never dreamed it would be so soon."

"Come in," God said as he shook hands

with George.

"Excuse me for saying this," George responded, "but you look just like my dad." God smiled. "Everyone tells me that."

George replied, "I expected you to be an old man with a long beard, with lightning bolts coming out of your head."

God shook his head and replied: "That's vpical."

God stood up and began to pace back and forth. "This has been a crazy day. The last person I had in my office said he was disappointed. He had hoped to walk toward a 'bright light' after he died. He didn't see a thing.

"Then a man came in who wanted to discuss reincarnation. He thought it would be nice to 'go back' as a movie star. I told him that life was a one-shot deal. You should have seen the look on his face.

"A certain college professor walked in and said he felt very confident. He had read his horoscope that morning, and it promised that 'things would be looking up.'"

God shook his head in disbelief. "Where do these people get such strange ideas?

"The other day, it happened that two people in the waiting room were talking and came to discover they were related, even though they had never met on the other side of life. They were mother and daughter ... but the mother had had an abortion.

"'I had to do it. There was no other way,' the mother said.

"'I loved you, Mom, even from the

inside,' the daughter responded.

"The mother interrupted, 'Try to understand. I did what I thought was best.'

"The daughter continued, 'I don't understand, Mom, but I forgive you."

"The mother," God said, "came into my office crying and said that she was sorry. The daughter was also in tears, begging me to let her mother into heaven.

"One woman crying is bad enough, but two women crying is more than I can handle. I started crying! 'Go to heaven,' I told them, 'but please stop crying.'

"An atheist walked into my office," God told the man, "and demanded to see some identification to prove that I was God!

"A minister came in shouting hellfire and damnation. He spoke of the rapture, the beast and Armageddon. Then he started quoting the Bible, chapter and verse.

"Imagine someone quoting Scripture to me! I sent him for a long walk through the woods," God reported. "I hope that will help.

help.
"Then there was this hippie who came in smoking marijuana. I think he was high because he asked me if I ever meditated.

"I also had several mothers this morning. They are easy appointments. I send them straight to heaven. The only trouble with mothers is that they insist on showing me lots of pictures of their children.

"Now, how about you, George? What should I do with you? Heaven or hell?"

"Well, God," George answered. "Thanks for my life on earth. I probably deserve to be sent downstairs, yet your son Jesus died for me and I would hate to think that his great sacrifice was in vain."

"Well put, George. You are heaven-bound. If more people responded like that, my job would be a lot easier. Go now, your faith in my Son has saved you." †

(Father John Buckel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is associate professor of Scripture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.)

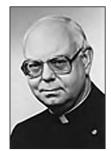
### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/**Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 1, 1999

- Isaiah 55:1–3
- Romans 8:35, 37–39
- Matthew 14:13–21

The Book of Isaiah supplies the first reading for this weekend's Liturgy of the Word.



This selection is from the last section of Isaiah. The environment that surrounded its original composition was anything but pleasant or hopeful. God's people had been released from Babylon, and they had returned

to their own land. It was a return that their prophets had promised, and for four generations they had yearned for the day when they could walk away from the wretched exile of Babylon and once more be in the place God had given them.

However, their return from Babylon was bittersweet. They were home. It was indeed their land, but it was a bleak and harsh place to be. Decades of desolation and desertion by humans had left the land fallow and not at all forthcoming.

Without doubt, many were tempted to accuse God of playing a cruel joke on the people. Perhaps they even denied God's mercy or God's existence.

Prophets, such as the author of these verses in Third Isaiah, called the people to intense faith despite many hardships.

The reading this weekend builds very vividly upon the experience familiar to the Jews of the time—and of any time in the Holy Land for that matter.

Water is precious. Even today, with the most modern and efficient of systems to retain water and to transport water for irrigation, drought is an everlasting threat.

In this circumstance, the invitation to come to the water translated instantly and very clearly into a call to life itself. God is the source of this life.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of the second reading.

It is a brief but powerful reading. Important to recall is that Paul was writing to a community of people at best scorned by the culture around them. If legends are true, and there is no cause to dismiss them altogether, families were divided by the connection of some members with Christianity and the rejection of Christ by others.

Looming darkly around the pioneer Christian Romans was the disdain and eventually the hostility of the empire.

To people, therefore, who very much were aware of the threats confronting them, the apostle Paul insists that no earthly force

is strong enough to separate the loyal and the faithful from the Lord.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the third reading. It is a magnificent and familiar passage detailing how Jesus fed the hungry. The reading is straightforward and not at all obscure. Still, certain elements very critical to understanding the story can be overlooked.

First, Jesus is "moved with pity." The Lord is the earthly manifestation of the God of love. No human need is beyond this great

Second, Jesus orders the crowd. Only when the people obey this command are they nourished.

Third, in the mysterious way in which Jews of the time looked upon numbers of symbols, the facts that there were "five" loaves and "two" fish underscore how meager the resources were. These were most imperfect numbers. On the contrary, 12 was considered a perfect number, a symbol of abundance. Twelve baskets, not just 12 loaves or 12 pieces of food, were left after this great hillside feast.

God, in Jesus, makes plenty in places where human ingenuity and fortune count

Fourth, the apostles distributed the food. They are the Lord's messengers. They bear the great spiritual gifts of Jesus.

In the first century A.D., when this selection was written, dark clouds, dangerous with the lightning bolts of persecution, hung over Christians. Paul, and the author of Matthew's Gospel, had to encourage people living in these conditions.

The present era, in our country, may seem quite removed from the Rome of 1,935 years ago. In some respects, we live in a world very unlike the living conditions experienced by those who first heard the second and third readings today. In a more profound sense, however, we are in no way different. Wariness, doubt, heartbreak and distress still haunt us all.

To us then, excitedly repeating Third Isaiah, the Church calls us to life, to the water. It is imagery meaningful for us. After all, thirst also could bring each of us down. Jesus is the source of living water. We meet this water in our baptism.

Most importantly, we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. He gives us divine nourishment, "moved with pity" prompted by divine love. In all our earthly abilities and answers, God is with us in Jesus. God is with us abundantly. And once we are with Jesus truly in faith, a faith sealed in the water of baptism and in the Eucharist, as Paul still would assert, we cannot be separated from the Lord of Life. †

### My Journey to God

# **Ordinary Time**

For a long time I have thought about the time the Church calls Ordinary Time. I know it is the time between great happenings of the Church year. The name doesn't seem to fit when I experience a God-filled summer day.

I awoke early one morning in time to see the moon and stars slowly disappear. I watched the sun come up, and the beauty of God's creation was all around me.

A soft wind blew the green leaves against the background of blue skies and white clouds. I knew for certain that God

Is this Ordinary Time?

I think not.

I heard the sound of children laughing

at play and the sound was like a song of joy. A small child placed her hand in mine and looked up at me with eyes filled with love. This became a time of celebration of God's love.

Is this Ordinary Time?

I think not.

A gentle rain began to fall, refreshing the earth. Soon the rain was playing peekaboo with the sun. A rainbow formed across the sky as God remembered his covenant of love with his

Is this Ordinary Time? I think not.

By June Hill

(June Hill is a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.)

### **Daily Readings**

Monday, Aug. 2 Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop Peter Julian Eymard, priest and religious founder Numbers 11:4b-15 Psalm 81:12-17 Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, Aug. 3 Numbers 12:1–13 Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13 Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, Aug. 4 John Mary Vianney, priest Numbers 13:1–2, 25–14:1, 26-29, 34-35 Psalm 106:6–7a, 13–14, 21–23 Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug. 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Numbers 20:1–13 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, Aug. 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1–9

Saturday, Aug. 7 Sixtus II, pope and martyr and his companions, martyrs Cajetan, priest and religious founder Deuteronomy 6:4–13 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51ab Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, Aug. 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22–33

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

# Church law specifies criteria for ordination

I would like to know the bottom line on an ordination question. Does the



Catholic Church knowingly ordain homosexual men to the priesthood?

Some of my fellow parishioners say, 'What's the difference?" If priests do their job and remain celibate, they say, it's not an issue for con-

tention and debate.

Others say it is an issue because the person is not whole and has set aside God in this large part of his life, is not reconciled in this important physical part of his life and would be a negative example, blocking God's grace to others. I would greatly appreciate your answer. (Pennsylvania)

A First, I need to say that your description and your judgment of homosexuality in men or women are highly questionable, to put it mildly, and certainly do not reflect the attitude and position of the Church in the matter.

To say such persons have set aside God, are not reconciled in their physical make-up and block God's grace to others is at best rash judgment and furthermore simply does not fit experience.

In my 45 years as a priest, I personally have been acquainted with a good number of homosexual men and women, among them some priests. I'm not sure how many people they ministered to were aware of the fact, and as far as I know these priests were not sexually active. Nearly all of them have been good, highly effective, prayerful and dedicated in their ministry.

To answer your question, nothing in Church law would automatically preclude a bishop from "knowingly" ordaining a homosexual. For validity of orders, the only requirement is that the candidate be a baptized male (Canon 1024).

Other requirements, of course, must be fulfilled if the ordination is to be licit, or lawful. These include a period of probation, during which the necessary education and formation programs take place and adequate evaluation of the candidate's qualities can be accomplished.

Also, there must be no impediment in the way (for example, according to the present general law of the Church a valid marriage is an impediment to ordination), and the individual must be considered useful for ministry in the Church. These are all spelled out in a number of canons.

When these conditions are fulfilled, a bishop may ordain the individual, whatever his sexual orientation.

Recently I received an offer to learn more about the Catholic faith. My employer, who is not Catholic, received the same offer. Why would I be sent such a mailing since I am already Catholic?

I am leery of unsolicited offers of this nature. The name of the program is Home Study Service. Can you tell me who sponsors it? Is it a legitimate Catholic publication? (North Carolina)

The Catholic Home Study Service A(CHSS) is an evangelization program published by Liguori Press, for many years one of the outstanding Catholic publishers in the United States.

The author of the series is Father Oscar Lukefahr, a Vincentian priest. CHSS has been a ministry of the Vincentian community and the Missouri Knights of Columbus for many years.

I have seen the five primary books of the program and self-test study guides dealing with all major aspects of Catholic faith, the Bible, devotion to Mary and so on. They are excellent, well-balanced and thoroughly Catholic. The basic volume has an introduction by Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis.

I would warmly recommend them to non-Catholics wanting to learn about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who wish to learn more about their religion. The address is Catholic Home Study Service, Box 363, Perryville, Mo. 63775, or call CHSS at 573-547-4084. †

(Send questions for this column to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill.,

### The Active List

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#### July 30

Deadline for registration: Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, Aug. 6 Brickyard Calcutta Driver Auction, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carson, 6 p.m., admission \$5. Information and directions: 317-927-7825.

#### Aug. 1

St. Michael Church, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., Feast of God Our Father, consecration and Benediction, 3 p.m., Msgr. Joseph Schaedel presiding.

**\* \* \*** St. Boniface Parish, Fulda, Main and Jefferson Streets, annual picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., raffle of 25 quilts, grand raffle, bingo, special quilt raffle, Fulda's Famous Soup. Information: Faith Schaefer, 812-357-2676 or 812-357-5533.

St. Bernard Parish, Frenchtown, 7600 Hwy. 337 N.W., annual picnic, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., games of chance, silent auction, truck raffle and quilts. Country fried chicken dinners, \$6, adults; \$3, children. Information: 812-347-2558.

St. Cecilia Parish, Oak Forest, chicken dinner and festival, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., raffle, games and homemade ice cream.

### August 2–6

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., vacation Bible school, preschool to grade six, 6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in parish hall located at 1125 S. Meridian St. Bible stories, music, crafts, refreshments. Information: Jeri Werner at 317-638-5551.

#### August 4

Deadline for Father Elmer Burwinkle Aug.6-9 pilgrimage to Schoenstatt International Center, Waukesha, Wisc. Information: 812-689-3551.

#### August 5

Holy Name School cafeteria, Beech Grove, 21 N. 17th Ave. (across from St. Francis Hospital), Altar Society annual summer rummage sale, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Greenwood La Leche League, Methodist Medical Plaza, Greenwood, 8830 Meridian St., 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-882-2355 or 317-887-3317.

#### August 6

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Greenfield, St. Michael Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Mass and healing service, 7 p.m. Information: 317-462-4240.

#### August 6–8

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 5353 E. 56th St., storyteller John Shea, "Seeing with the Eye of the Soul: Gospel Stories for Spiritual Development," 6:30 p.m. Fri.-1:30 p.m. Sun. Information: 317-545-7681.

#### August 7

St. Michael School, Brookville, 354 High St., alumni reunion. Mass in church, 5:30 p.m.; dinner and dance at Brookville Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

#### August 8

St. Anthony Parish and All Saints School, Indianapolis, 379 N. Warman Avenue, smart discipline program, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Information: 317-636-4828.

All Saints Homeschool Association orientation for parents new to homeschooling, Indianapolis, 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Information: 812-637-6277.

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary Dr., Lanesville, annual picnic, 10 a.m.-5 p.m, country-style chicken or ham dinners, handmade quilts and \$5,000 cash drawing. Information: Barry Geswein, 812-952-2336 or Richard Geswein, 812-952-2558.

St. Paul, New Alsace, 9736 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford. Mass 9 a.m. EDST. Country-style chicken dinners 11 a.m.-4 p.m., lunch stand, country store, quilts, prizes, games, beer garden. Rain or shine. Information: 812-623-2198.

Our Lady's Chapel in the Meadow, Camp Atterbury, near Edinburgh, 10th annual Mass, rosary, picnic to honor Italian POWs who built the chapel. Mass, 11 a.m., Father John

Sciarra; picnic pitch-in, 12:45 p.m. Information: Salvatore Petruzzi, 317-849-

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, New Alsace, picnic/festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. EDST, chicken dinners, games and country store. Information: Ray Schaefer, 812-623-2198.

### Recurring

#### **Daily**

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., perpetual adoration in the parish center.

Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass. Times and other information: 317-636-4478.

### Weekly

#### **Sundays**

Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville, "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 6 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, Indianapolis, rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

Christ the King Church, Indianapolis, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.

### Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

**Tuesdays** 



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Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., 7 p.m. for rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **\* \* \*** 

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates, rosary and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., adult religious education classes from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. with small fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., prayer group from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis (behind

St. Michael Church). Information: 317-271-8016.

### **Thursdays**

St. Lawrence Church. Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

. . . St. Mary Church, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates, 7 p.m. prayer for lay and religious vocations.

St. Patrick Church, Salem, Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m.

St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg, Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195. **\* \* \*** 

Christ the King Chapel, Indianapolis, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer, 5:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.

### **Fridays**

St. Susanna Church, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main St., adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

A pro-life rosary at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis. **\* \* \*** 

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Road West, eucharistic adoration for one hour after 8 a.m. Mass.

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Sept.	3	The Famous Chicken	7:00 PM
	4	RCA TV Night	5:00 PM

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#### **Saturdays**

Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

### Monthly

#### **First Sundays**

St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, prayer group, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

#### **First Mondays**

The Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, Archbishop

O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.

#### **First Tuesdays**

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.; confession, 6:45 p.m.

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St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

#### **First Fridays**

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until noon. . . .

Sacred Heart Church, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass,

closing with noon communion service.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bedford, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. Sacrament of reconciliation, 4 p.m.–6 p.m.

\* \* \* St. Joseph University Church, Terre Haute, eucharistic adoration after 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. Rosary at noon.

St. Mary Church, New Albany, Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 9 p.m. Mass after Benediction at noon.

Christ the King Church, Indianapolis, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass, closing with Benediction and 5:30 p.m. communion service.

### **First Saturdays**

St. Nicholas Church, Sunman, 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music and the Fatima rosary, followed by SACRED gathering in the school.

Apostolate of Fatima holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., first Saturday devotions and sacrament of reconciliation after 8 a.m. Mass.

\* \* \* Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

\* \* \* St. Mary Church, New Albany, Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 9 p.m. Mass after Benediction at

# Statement asks Hollywood to exercise self-restraint

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—A statement signed by, among others, former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, a few religious leaders, and entertainers Steve Allen, Naomi Judd and Joan Van Ark, asks the entertainment industry to practice "self-restraint" in its artistic endeavors.

"We are not advocating censorship or wholesale strictures on artistic creativity. We are not demanding that all entertainment be geared to young children," said the statement, issued July 21. "We are not asking government to police the media. Rather, we are urging the entertainment industry to assume a decent minimum of responsibility and take modest steps of self-restraint."

Reaction among some in the Hollywood creative community cautioned that censorship would not be an answer to the statement's concerns over increased violent and sexual content in "an increasingly toxic popular culture."

Director Thomas Schlamme, of ABC's "Sports Night," acknowledged there is some validity to what the statement says. "I think we should all be aware of what we're putting out there in the airwaves," he said.

"I have three kids, so I'm very concerned about it," he added, noting he doesn't direct that kind of fare in the first place, but feared the statement was "a knee-jerk reaction" to news events and the connection some have made between such events and violence portrayed in the media.

Schlamme said dialogue is the best route to tone down violent and sexual content.

David Carren was transferred from the Dick Van Dyke mystery series "Diagnosis Murder" to the CBS action series "Martial Law" to make the show less violent.

There was too much shooting during the show's first season, Carren said. Martial arts star Sammo Hung has the lead role. "There's kicking," he said. "People get punched. You want to get away from the gunplay anyway," since Hung's character doesn't carry a firearm.

'We're all conscious of this new scrutiny with violence," Carren said. He added that he would like to transform "Marital Law" into "the kind of action-adventure shows we grew up with: 'The Avengers' and 'The Man From U.N.C.L.E.' Those weren't high-body-count shows. They were fun. The whole family could sit and watch them."

Al Ruggiero, a supervising producer on the UPN action series "Seven Days," said, "It's not just, 'Let's go do violence." "He added, TV heroes display "a great moral code to kids: Stop people from being bad. And I don't know how you do that without the military, without police."

The statement said, "We appeal to those who are reaping great profits to give something back." It added, "We believe that by choosing to do good, the entertainment industry can also make good, and both the industry and our society will be richer and better as a result.

"There is a growing public appreciation of the link between our excessively violent culture and the horrifying new crimes we see emerging among our young," it said.

While such factors as negligent parenting, ineffective schools, family disintegration and the availability of firearms must be taken into account, "the proposition that entertainment violence adversely influences attitudes and behavior is no longer controversial," it added. "There is overwhelming evidence of its harmful effects."

The statement called for a new voluntary code of conduct for the television, film, music, video and electronic game industries modeled after the old code of the National Association of Broadcasters. That code, which had been in use for 30 years, prescribed specific standards and outlined responsibilities to children, communities and society.

A new code, the statement suggested, could set limits on the quantity and tone of "violent, sexual and degrading material," provide more accurate content information to parents, a pledge to develop more family-oriented entertainment, and revival of the "family hour" on the first hour of prime time television.

We strongly urge parents to express their support for this voluntary code of conduct directly to media executives and advertisers with telephone calls, letters, faxes or e-mails," it

said, as well as supervising their children's media exposure. The signatories to the statement represent a cross-section of American civic life.

From politics, the list includes Sens. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.; John McCain, R-Ariz.; and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; retired Sen. Sam Nunn; and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

From media education, signers included Temple University telecommunications professor George Gerbner; National Institute on Media and the Family president David Walsh; and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean and communications professor of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

Religious figures included Father Richard John Neuhaus, president of the Institute on Religious and Public Life; Bill Bright, founding president of the Campus Crusade for Christ; and the Rev. Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners magazine.

Other high-profile signatories include Holocaust survivor and educator Elie Wiesel; retired Gens. Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf; former Domino's Pizza chairman Thomas Monaghan; actress Carol Lawrence; Empower America co-directors William Bennett and Jack Kemp; and Stephen Covey, author of the best seller The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. †

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AMBERGER, Leo G., 89, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary, July 16. Husband of Ruth Amberger. Father of

Rosemary Gander, Edie Ernstes, Millie Blanken, Dee Dee Linkel, Mags Thielking, Ann Gutzwiller, John, Dick,

Amberger. Brother of Regina and Edna Laker. Grandfather of 32. Great-grandfather of 18.

BELL, Martha A. (Heffernan), 82, St. Jude, Spencer, July 18. Mother of Jean Young, Janet Brownlee, Kathy Crabill, Karen VanBenthuysen, Barbara, Ann, Maureen, James, Robert and Micheal Bell. Grandmother of

BODNER, Catherine T., 92, St. Mary, New Albany, July 16. Mother of Dolores Spellman, Frank and Louis Bodner. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 13.

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BRADEN, William R., 73, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 23. Husband of Veronica M. Braden. Father of Veronica Perry. Son of Russell Braden. Brother of Glen Braden. Grandfather of one.

DUVALL, James E., 72, St. Vincent, Bedford, July 19. Husband of Virginia (Coulter) Duvall. Father of Jamie Banks and James Duvall. Brother of Marist Missionary Sister Margaret Duvall, Martha Coulter, Georgiana, William and Joseph Duvall.

**EMERY, Mary Margaret** "Marg," 68, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, July 21. Sister of Franciscan Sister Rosina Emery, Patricia Engle, and Henry Emery.

ERCANBRACK, Jay Arnold, 55, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 9. Brother of Marjorie Wyland, Willie Jo Pena and Larry Spitler.

EVANS, Patricia J., 74, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 5. FERGUSON, Mary Jo, 76, St. Christopher, Speedway, July

18. Wife of John W. Ferguson. Mother of William J. Ferguson. Sister of Helen Hissam, Lucille Higbie and Mildred Brock. Grandmother of two.

FITZGERALD, Thomas M. Jr., 83, St. Luke, Indianapolis, July 24. Husband of Florence Fitzgerald. Father of Thomas and Michael Fitzgerald. Brother of Margaret Prout and James Fitzgerald. Grandfather of four.

GROTE, Timothy Michael, 60, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 18. Husband of Charlotte F. Grote. Father of Michelline Levingston, Philisha, Vincent, Anthony and Brent Grote. Son of Nettie M. Grote. Brother of Philip Grote. Grandfather of

HENDRIX, Eugene W., 74, St. Ambrose, Seymour, July 12. Husband of Mary Elizabeth Hendrix. Father of Nola Ungari, Jean Bell, Nancy Zarick, Joan, Timothy and William Hendrix. Brother of Eleanor Newton, Rita Durkin and Virginia Knudson. Grandfather of 10.

**HODGES, Robert E.,** 67, St. Anne, Hamburg, July 21. Husband of Della Hodges. Father of Kathleen Meer, Karen Nance, Michael and Robert Hodges. Brother of John, David and Dick Hodges. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of

JENSEN, Christopher M. "Chris," 29, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 9. Husband of Doris Ann Jensen. Father of Emily Rae Varner and Casey Jensen and Branden Callis. Son of Judy and Larry Jensen. Brother of Jim and Larry Jensen.

MANLEY, Josephine A., 97, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 18. Mother of Jovce Morrison. Grandmother of three. Greatgrandmother of six.

MURPHY, Gertrude A., 77, St. Christopher, Speedway, July 18. Mother of Joseph, Daniel and Michael. Sister of Margaret Seeley and Anne Fuller. Grandmother of seven

NAUGHTON, Louise M., 82, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 14. Mother of Lois Allis, Martha Bartlow and Dennis Naughton. Sister of Ruth

Buchanan and Charles Boesche. Grandmother of six

PARTIPILO, Frank R., 71, St. Paul, Sellersburg, July 11. Husband of Anita Partipilo. Father of Angelique Shumann, Tom and Frank Partipilo. Brother of Lucille Ferrara. Grandfather of one.

PLYMAN, Charles J., 63, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 16. Husband of Patricia "Patty" Plyman. Father of Margot Vetrovsky and Jennifer Koesler. Brother of Betty Brown. Grandfather of one.

PORTEN, Mary, 94, St. Christopher, Speedway, July 11. Mother of Dolores Boston, Mary Powers, Rosalyn Griffin, Jeanne Jett, Joseph, David, Edward and Nicolas Porten. Grandmother of 31. Great-grandmother of 45. Great-great-grandmother of

RALSTON, Lois M., 64, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 16. Mother of Robert, Gary, Larry and Dan Ralston. Sister of Betty King, Mary Overman, Deloris Robbins, Marilyn Einhaus, Paul, Gene and Steve Ricke. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of one. Step-great-grandmother of two.

RUSSELL, Barney Wilson, 59. St. Thomas More. Mooresville, July 21. Father of Michele Wilson, Brian and Pamela Russell. Brother of Mary South, Anita Metsenhall, Allen, Stewart and Robert Russell. Grandfather of three.

SMITH, Gennell J., 87, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 17. Mother of Nancy Hellmueller, Phyllis Kaelin, Melvin and Thomas Smith. Sister of Eileen Mangin. Grandmother of 14. Greatgrandmother of nine. Greatgreat-grandmother of two.

WELLS, Martha M. (Brawner), 79, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 15. Wife of Paul N. Wells. Mother of Paul Brawner Sister of Jane Lee, Alice Morris, Herman and Raymond Geyman. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of nine. Great-greatgrandmother of one.

WELSH, Frances T., 81, Little Flower, Indianapolis, July 12. Mother of Marjorie J. McCoun. Sister of Catherine Frisbie. Grandmother of two

### John Lindgren III worked for The Criterion



John A. Lindgren III of Indinanapolis died on July 23. He was 53.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Luke Church in Indianapolis on July 27, with Father Patrick Kelly presiding.

For eight years, Lindgren had worked in the advertising sales department of The Criterion, most recently as a senior account executive. He worked the day before his death.

Always cheerful and supportive, Lindgren was proud of his family, often showing friends and co-workers the latest photos.

He was a loyal graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and the University of Notre Dame.

Lindgren was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Council, as well as the Notre Dame Monogram Club and the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis.

He is survived by a son, John A. Lindgren IV; two daughters, Elly and Susan Lindgren; two brothers, Robert D. Jr. and Christopher J. Lindgren; a sister, Mary Garrison; and three grandchil-

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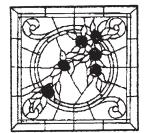
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# Celebrating an intimate wedding

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St. Joseph Parish was founded in 1896 in the city that was the capital of the Indiana Territory from 1813–1816, when Indiana became a state. Then, it served as the state capital until 1825, when the capital was moved to Indianapolis.

Catholics have always been a minority in Corydon and prejudice against Catholics was prevalent through much of the city's and parish's history.

Today, the parish numbers about 1,500 persons. †

(This feature is based on information currently in the archdiocesan archives and is as accurate as possible. The archives would appreciate receiving additional information or, if necessary, corrected information from readers. Also, the archives is attempting to expand its collection. If you have photographs or other materials, please send them to Associate Archivist Janet Newland, Archives, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1410. Newland, may be reached at 317-236-1429, or 800-382-9836, ext.1429, or by e-mail at archives@archindy.org.)



# **News briefs**

### Buffer-zone bill on pro-life activism being considered

BOSTON (CNS)—A measure being considered by the Massachusetts Senate calls for pro-life activists to be fined or jailed if they come within 25 feet of an abortion clinic even if they want to stand outside and silently pray the rosary. The bill, filed by Democratic Sen. Susan Fargo, states that existing laws do not adequately offer enough "public safety" in the areas around clinics. The measure states that people who are trying to enter abortion facilities have been harassed and intimidated and that they are emotionally and physically vulnerable to the effects of such activity. The solution, say the supporters of the bill, is to create a 25-foot buffer zone around abortion clinics that would keep pro-life activists away from those needing to enter the facility.

### Serb-Albanian reconciliation now paramount, says archbishop

NEW YORK (CNS)—Reconciliation between ethnic Albanians and Serbs is now the paramount concern in Kosovo, said Archbishop Rrok K. Mirdita of Durres-Tirana, Albania. But reconciliation "will be very hard because the scars are very deep," he added. The archbishop made the comments in an interview with Catholic New York, the archdiocesan newspaper, during a visit to New York in mid-July. Archbishop Mirdita went to the Albanian Catholic community he served for 20 years, Our Lady of Shkodra Church in Hartsdale, where he celebrated Mass for an overflow congregation of 800 persons July 18. He said that, just as in the Gospel parable about the grain of wheat and the weeds growing together, the good will triumph in the Balkans.

### WORLD

### Bishops prepare document on 'the Mexico we long for'

MEXICO CITY (CNS)—As Mexicans prepare for national elections in July 2000, the country's Catholic bishops are preparing a document that will outline their vision of "the Mexico we long for." In January, the Mexican bishops' conference will publish a document including formal proposals for "achieving unity, cohesion and dialogue among Mexicans, so as to overcome the crises and defeat the economic and political threats of the next millennium."

The document will include reflections on evangelization, economic models, development, employment, education, politics, culture and human rights, a spokesman for the bishops' conference announced July 20. †

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