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Stewardship/United Catholic Appeal set to begin

John and Louise Dorenbusch are chairing appeal for home missions, shared ministries

By Mary Ann Wyand

St. Bartholomew parishioners John and Louise Dorenbusch of Columbus are the archdiocesan chairpersons for the 1999 Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal, which has been moved from May to October and combined with Parish Stewardship Month. The theme for this new, combined effort is "Called to Serve: The Greatest Among You Will Be the One Who Serves the Rest."

Michael Halloran, secretary for stewardship and development for the archdiocese, said pastors and parish life coordinators enthusiastically supported the decision to change the date for the annual appeal from the spring to the fall because now it complements parish stewardship education efforts next month.

"Just as parishes take up collections each Sunday and continue to need volunteers to work in many parish ministries," Halloran said, "the

archdiocese and archdiocesan community pass the basket for an annual collection among parishes to meet the needs of the Church's ministries."

Last year, he said, archdiocesan Catholics responded generously to the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation campaign, which included funding for parish and archdiocesan capital improvements as well as for the 1998 United Catholic Appeal.

"The tremendous success of the Legacy of Hope campaign is a testament to the generosity and See APPEAL, page 2

France honors Indiana WWI veterans

St. Augustine Home resident Gustave Streeter is named to the French Legion of Honor

By Mary Ann Wyand

"I hope we never have another war again," World War I veteran Gustave Streeter of Indianapolis emphasized. "Never! There's too much suffering going on in the world."

Streeter, who will be 103 on Sept. 29, relaxed in a comfortable chair in his room at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged and reflected on the excitement of being honored by the French government for courageous service with the U.S. Army in France during the Great War.

On Aug. 31, Streeter and fellow Hoosier World War I veterans Philip McDowell, who is 101, and the late Henry J. Donnell, who died in June, were named to the French Legion of Honor by M. Jean-René Gehan, French counsul general in Chicago, during a ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial auditorium in Indianapolis.

Streeter and McDowell received medals designating them as *chevaliers de la Legion d'honneur*, France's highest national award. Henry K. Donnell of Fishers accepted the medal earned by his father.

The military ceremony last week was the result of the French government's decision to honor American veterans who served in France during the "war to end all ored veterans, Ambassador François Bujon de l'Estang of the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., said "by a decision of the President of the French Republic, you have been named Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor."

The ambassador said the medals were presented "as a sign of the high esteem my country has for you who personally contributed to the decisive support the United States gave to French soldiers in the defense of their country during World War I."

A day after his induction into the French Legion of Honor, Streeter looked at his medal and said he was amazed to be recognized with such a prestigious award.

"I was so surprised to receive this honor from France for my actions there during World War I," he said. "I thank the Lord that I was here to receive it."

It is his second military honor from the French government. In 1939, he was awarded the *Medaille de Verdun* for courage and valor during wartime.

As an artilleryman in the U.S. Army's 340th Field Artillery, 89th Division, Streeter participated in seven Allied campaigns in France and Germany. He was wounded twice in combat and had to treat his injuries with a first aid kit while on the hetlefield



St. Augustine Home for the Aged resident Gustave Streeter of Indianapolis (center) accepts congratulations from Little Sister of the Poor Charles Marie Pilz and John L. Hogan, who accompanied him to an Aug. 31 military ceremony where he was named to the French Legion of Honor.

89th Division and spoke of their tremendous courage and great sacrifices on behalf of their country.

Technological advancements had produced the machine gun and submarine, weapons of war that changed the way countries fought on the land and sea. Grenades, artillery shells and poison gases were equally deadly. include experiences that were both gruesome and spiritual.

During a campaign in France, he had to fire artillery rounds at a church to destroy the steeple because German snipers hiding in the tower were firing on American soldiers.

At the end of another long day of combat, he looked at a beautiful sunset and was astonished to see angels in the clouds. See VETERAN, page 2

wars." In letters of commendation to the hon-

the battlefield.

Streeter praised the men in the Army's

Streeter's memories of the First World War, which ended 81 years ago,



East Timorese jump a barbed wire fence into a U.N. compound in Dili to avoid gunfire from pro-Indonesian militiamen Sept. 1.

Bishop evacuated as violence in East Timor hits crisis level

DARWIN, Australia (CNS)—Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, outspoken in his defense of East Timorese, was evacuated to Darwin, Australia, after militias attacked and burned his home.

Nearly 40 people were reported killed when militias attacked his residence in Dili, East Timor, Sept. 6 as the territory continued to spiral into a state of chaos. Militias were apparently targeting the more than 4,000 refugees who were seeking shelter at the bishop's residence.

Bishop Belo, who was unharmed in the attack, was later evacuated to Baukau, to the residence of Bishop Basilio do Nascimento. However, when militias began attacking there, a Royal Australian Air Force Hercules transport plane carried Bishop Belo and other refugees to Darwin Sept. 7.

Speaking at a press conference upon his arrival, Bishop Belo, apostolic administrator of Dili, said of his fellow East Timorese, "They are very sad and they feel that they are unable to fight against all the ways of violence, and they expect that the international community should act urgently immediately to protect their people."

The attack on Bishop Belo's home was one of several incidents that prompted an international outcry for a peace-keeping force. In Washington, the Clinton administration said it supported an Australian offer of troops, providing Indonesia agreed.

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commitment of Catholics in the archdiocese," Halloran said. "All of our gifts that we return to God are part of our Christian stewardship that we share with our family, our parish and our archdiocesan community.'

During October, parishes will be participating in stewardship awareness programs that include witness talks, guest speakers and an educational video.

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Other soldiers also witnessed the vision. At the time, he wasn't sure whether his angelic experience was a good omen or a warning.

After Streeter returned home from the war, he became a pharmacist, married an Irish Catholic woman named Catherine and joined the Catholic Church. Their son, Gerald, was a Jesuit priest who died three years ago.

Streeter mourns the deaths of his wife and son, but figures that since he has been blessed with a long and happy life, his wartime vision of angels must be a good omen after all. †

Series on the Ten Commandments is available as booklet

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's recently completed series on the Ten Commandments is being published in booklet form in both English and Spanish by Criterion Press, Inc.

The 52-page booklet, "Guideposts to Freedom: God's Ten Words"/"El Camino Hacia la Libertad: las Diez Palabras de Dios," may be ordered free of charge while supplies last from Criterion Press at P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410; by telephone at 317-236-1454, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1454; or by e-mail at criterion@archindy.org. †

Halloran said the generosity of people like John and Louise Dorenbusch, who stepped forward to lead this year's Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal, "makes all the difference" in continuing the day-to-day ministries of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

"Their love of God and their love for the Church are exemplified in their willingness to give so much of their time and talent to this effort," Halloran said. They are visiting parishes throughout the archdiocese to discuss the 1999 effort.

"The archdiocese covers a lot of territory," John Dorenbusch said. "It's very broad, very diverse. And it's very evident when you travel to all corners of the archdiocese that there is a family spirit present, a real spirit of shared ministries. It's remarkable."

The Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal video explains the need to raise money each year for home missions and shared ministries, Dorenbusch said. This year's archdiocesan appeal goal is \$4.5 million. Forty percent of that amount, or \$1.8 million, goes to help home missions and 60 percent, or \$2.7 million, helps fund a number of shared ministries.

"A home mission is a parish that cannot make it on its own and would not survive unless the whole archdiocesan family helps out," he said. "Shared ministries are those ministries for the good of all that parishes can do better together than separately. It's much better that we do things collectively as a family."

of capturing the volunteer spirit that is very evident throughout the archdiocese," Louise Dorenbusch said. "The Church couldn't do all that it does [to help people] without dedicated volunteers. Stewardship extends beyond the individual parish to include the archdiocesan Church."

During an Aug. 31 meeting at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein introduced the archdiocesan employee phase of the appeal and said Catholics support the work of the Church because "we love God and the people of God."

He said Christian stewardship "recognizes that God is the source for every gift, for everything we are and have-our

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Fr. Happel Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Father Happel came to in 1966 as a student of sacred theology

He also holds doctorates in philosophy,



St. Bartholomew parishioners John and Louise Dorenbusch of Columbus are leading the 1999 Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal.

physical attributes and abilities, and all our material goods. We do not 'own' anything in an absolute sense. What we have, and who we are, comes to us from God as precious gifts to be nurtured, developed and generously shared with others, especially the poor and needy."

As Christian stewards, the archbishop said, "we recognize that we have a need to give that is very basic and fundamental. In fact, this need to share is part of our distinctive identity and vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ.

"As Catholics in central and southern Indiana," he said, "we are called, in a special way, to share our faith with all our sisters and brothers in the 39 counties that make up this archdiocese. We respond to this call to discipleship by evangelization and by supporting the shared ministries and home missions of our archdiocese.

We must be generous with our time, talent and treasure because God has been so generous to us-as individuals and families, as parish communities and as an archdiocese." †

Father Happel named to religious studies post at Catholic University

WASHINGTON (CNS)-Father Stephen P. Happel, chairman of the Department of

Religion and Religious Education at The Catholic University of America for the past five years, has been named interim dean of the university's School of Religious Studies. A native of Indianapolis and a priest of the

religious studies and theology, all earned in Belgium.

Following his ordination in 1970, he was named an associate pastor at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis before returning to graduate school in 1971.

He served as an instructor in the theology department of Catholic University from 1973 to 1978, when he was promoted to assistant professor.

From 1978-83, he was associate professor at Saint Meinrad School of Theology and administrator of St. Isidore Parish in Bristow.

He returned to Catholic University in 1983 as an associate professor in the Department of Religion and Religious Studies. He was named chair of the department in 1994. †

Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and earned his bachelor's degree in 1968 and a licentiate in 1970.



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Little Sisters sponsor prayer breakfast Sept. 25

Ecumenical event for International Year of Older Person honors Arthur, Joanne Sullivan

In October 1998, the United Nations announced that the next 12 months would be celebrated as the International Year of the Older Person with the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages."

"The Little Sisters of the Poor around the world were eager to take this opportunity to honor the residents of our homes and all elderly, thanking God for the gift of their presence among us," said Sister Charles Marie Pilz, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis.

To commemorate the close of the International Year of the Older Person, the Little Sisters of the Poor are sponsoring an ecumenical prayer breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon Sept. 25 at the Skyline Club in downtown Indianapolis.

Representatives of five denominations will officiate at the interfaith gathering. They are Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly of Saint Meinrad; Rt. Rev. Joseph Deyman, bishop of the Midwest Anglican Catholic Church; Rev. Terry Hursh of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Indianapolis; and Rev. Warren Hurley of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Keynote speaker Lawrence S. "Bo" Connor, retired managing editor of The Indianapolis Star, and immediate past president of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc., will discuss "Dynamic Aging: The Inspiration Behind the Action."

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will sing with Father Richard Ginther, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, serving as cantor.

Also during the breakfast, the Little Sisters of the Poor will honor St. Luke parishioners Arthur and Joanne Sullivan of Indianapolis with the Jeanne Jugan Award named for the international religious order's foundress.

"While this event was planned as an opportunity to invite increased support for our apostolate of service to the aged poor," Sister Charles Marie said, "it seemed appropriate to use the occasion to honor someone who has for many years generously collaborated with the Little Sisters of the Poor to serve our elderly residents."

Arthur Sullivan, who will be 90 in December, and his wife, Joanne, have donated their services to St. Augustine Home for the Aged for more than 40 years, Sister Charles Marie said.

He has worked as an attorney in Indianapolis for 67 years, she said, yet found time to contribute his time and talent to the Little Sisters of the Poor by volunteering his legal services.

During his lengthy career, Sullivan has served as assistant prosecutor in Marion County, president of the Indianapolis Board of Safety, a member of the Indianapolis Airport board and an attorney for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Sullivan assists Saint Meinrad Seminary as a member of the board and St. Augustine Home for the Aged as a member of the advisory board. He also

has served as a eucharistic minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, St. Luke Parish and St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center.

He is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and a Knight of St. Gregory. A former Irishman of the Year, he also has been honored by the University of Notre Dame

Joanne Sullivan is a Lady of the Holy Sepulchre and a member of the St. Vincent Hospital Guild. For nearly 20 years, she has volunteered for the Little Sisters of the Poor, including serving two terms as president of the St. Augustine Guild. †

(For information about the ecumenical prayer breakfast, call the Little Sisters of the Poor at the St. Augustine Home for *the Aged at317-872-6420.)* †



Arthur and Joanne Sullivan

Catholics and Disciples of Christ plan joint worship service Sept. 21

Catholics and members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis on Sept. 21 to celebrate the first year of their local ecumenical journey together.

Based on the theme "Celebrating Christ Who Has Called Us to Unity,' the celebration includes a joint worship service at 7 p.m. followed by a reception. The public is invited to attend the service. St. Thomas Aquinas Church is located at 46th and Illinois streets.

Homilists for the worship service are Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and

Rev. Robert Welsh, president of the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Utilizing a dialogue-style format, they will reflect on the significance of ecumenical dialogue.

Members of the local ecumenical group include representatives of the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana.

The group's work is inspired by a similar dialogue team that has been active in the Louisville, Ky., area for more than 20 years. †

The Little Sisters of the Poor and the Residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged continue to celebrate the

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Editorial

Forked tongues, confused thinking

recent headline in USA Today promised that new "morningafter pills" are "easier on the stomach."

The article reported on new "emergency birth control pills," called "Plan B," that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The pills contain levonorgestrel, a synthetic form of the hormone progestin, and are intended to be taken by women up to 72 hours after sexual intercourse as a means of preventing pregnancy.

Information on the drug's Web site says that levonorgestrel acts as a contraceptive "principally by delaying ovulation or preventing fertilization. In addition, it may inhibit implantation by altering the endometrium [the lining of the uterus]."

The Catholic Church teaches that all forms of artificial contraception are wrong. But there is an important moral distinction here between an agent that blocks the uniting of a sperm and an egg or an agent that delays ovulation or chemically prevents fertilization and an agent that prevents the implantation of a fertilized egg (a potential human being) in woman's uterus. At that point a "contraceptive" agent becomes an abortifacient.

Equally disturbing is what seems to be a deceptive use of language in the news story and on the Web site. "Spinmeisters" are at work here:

• The drug's proponents call the pills a form of "emergency birth control" when, in fact, it may very well pro-

duce the abortion of a potential human being.

- The choice of the name, "Plan B," is just a bit too cute for our taste, with a touch of sophisticated folk wisdom that legitimizes the use of the drug— "If Plan A (another means of contraception) fails, go to Plan B."
- The pills are "easier on the stomach." Not much different than an antacid perhaps?
- A "contraceptive researcher" from Princeton University is quoted in the news article as saying, "This is a better mousetrap." So now, we see that some in our society take pride in finding more efficient, more pleasant ways to snuff out life.

The good news (if one can find such in this situation) is that Plan B won't be widely available and will be distributed only to physicians and clinics (including "many Planned Parenthood clinics.")

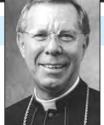
It seems that we continue to push the envelope of what is acceptable behavior in our society. And the push is being aided and abetted by people who play with our language so that what they are advocating isn't readily or easily seen for what it really is. An abortion-causing drug becomes a form of "emergency contraception." A partial-birth abortion, a form of infanticide, is merely " a late-term medical procedure."

It's time we got our heads straight in this society. Perhaps that will happen only after we relearn how to talk straight. †

— William R. Bruns

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Granting of indulgences based on forgiveness of debts

What is the significance of 50-year, 1,000-year time frames?

For Christians, the flow of time is not just random, because time marks the appearance of God's salvation in human history. The beginning and ending of a jubilee year mark significant stages in the unfolding of God's love for us. Of course, if salvation is not important to someone, then the meaning of a jubilee year will not seem important.

Why is the year 2000 called the Great Jubilee? Simply because a 1,000-year anniversary is pretty monumental. When it marks the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the savior of the world, it is a Great Jubilee! When Christians mark a jubilee anniversary, we are celebrating our redemption by Jesus Christ. Note that the Church is celebrating *the event* of salvation, not particularly the exact moment of time.

What response is appropriate as we celebrate the Great Jubilee?

First, an attitude of gratitude is appropriate. Because our first parents turned their backs on God's love, our human family needed redemption, a need that our human family could not fulfill by itself. God's great mercy came to our rescue as his own Son became one of us and died in order to redeem us from sin and death. Nothing more important ever happened in human history, nor will anything more important ever happen in human history. The Great Jubilee is, first and foremost, time set aside for us to thank God for the free gift of his loving mercy.

A jubilee offers us an opportunity to show our gratitude to God in particular ways. As someone else has remarked, the jubilee is a stage in time that reminds us to respond even more faithfully to God's love in our lives. It's a time to purify and renew ourselves somewhat in the way a wedding anniversary commits a couple to continue and renew their journey of love. A jubilee, then, can mark a new beginning in our journey of faith and hope, in the continuing story of our love for God. In the tradition of our Church, we believe that a jubilee offers us an opportunity for special graces that strengthen us on our journey to God. One of the graces for which we pray is a renewed sense of what life is all about. "Where are we headed?" would be a good jubilee preoccupation. A

renewed sense of purpose in the journey of life will surely lead us to a prayerful evaluation of how we have been responding to God's love in our life. Jubilee opportunities for a humble and general examination of our consciences should also lead us to a renewed sense of the need for sacramental confession, penance and reconciliation.

The opportunity for repentance and renewed conversion to God is one of the time-honored, ancient practices that accompany the observance of jubilees. Indeed the roots of jubilee observance and reconciliation reach far back into the Old Testament.

Another practice attaches itself to the tradition of religious jubilee. It is the notion of amnesty, the forgiveness of debt. If you have followed religious news reports from the Vatican and from our national conference of bishops, you have noticed that our Church and others are urging the wealthy world governments to observe the ancient practice of jubilee by forgiving the impossible debts of some of the poorest countries in the world.

Akin to the notion of forgiving material debts, another religious practice has attached itself to the observance of jubilee by our Catholic Church. Not too long ago, Pope John Paul II issued what is called "A Bull of Indiction for the Great Jubilee Year 2000." (A *bulla* is a formal Latin term for a special proclamation.)

The Holy Father proclaimed the Great Jubilee as a time during which Catholics can receive a special indulgence under certain conditions. This practice requires explanation.

In the spirit of amnesty or forgiving debts, the Church's custom of granting indulgences for certain devout practices is the forgiving of temporal punishment, time spent after death in purification of our less-thanperfect love of God in the state we





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call purgatory.

During the Great Jubilee, indulgences will be granted under certain circumstances for visits to special churches and for pilgrimages to holy places. Pilgrimages to Rome and to the Holy Land are examples. But the local bishop can also designate places (for example, the cathedral and other churches and holy places in his diocese) for jubilee visits. I will certainly do that.

The meaning and history of granting indulgences is complex, and I will provide some information on this topic in my next weekly column. More to come about the Great Jubilee! †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for September

Teachers/Religious Education Directors: that they may rely on the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit as they hand on the Catholic faith to our youth and encourage them to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Why do we persist in hatred, selfishness, and an unforgiving attitude, even if they are bad for us? The Dalai Lama's

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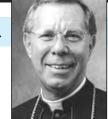
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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



Concesión de Indulgencias, base para conseguir el perdón

or qué la iglesia ha designado al año 2000 como el Gran Jubileo? Qué es el jubileo de todas formas? Cuál es el significado de 50-años, 100-años, 1000-años como fracciones de tiempo?

Para los cristianos, el lapso de tiempo no es sólo casualidad, porque el tiempo limita la salvación de Dios en la historia humana. El comienzo y fin del año de Jubileo marca significativas etapas en el incomparable amor de Dios por nosotros. Por supuesto, si la salvación no es importante para alguién, entonces el significado del año del Jubileo no parecerá importante.

Por qué al año 2000 se lo denomina el Gran Jubileo? Simplemente porque el aniversario de 1000 años es una celebración monumental. El aniversario de 2000 años marca el nacimiento del salvador del mundo, y este es un Gran jubileo!. Cuando los cristianos marcan el aniversario del jubileo, estamos celebrando nuestra redención por Jesucristo. Recalco, la iglesia está celebrando el evento de salvación, más no particularmente el momento exacto.

Cuál es la respuesta apropiada al nosotros celebrar el Gran Jubileo?

Primero, una actitud de gratitud es apropiada. Nuestros primeros padres dependieron del amor de Dios, nuestra familia humana necesitaba redención, necesidad que la familia humana por si misma no podia conseguir. La gran misericordia de Dios ha venido a nuestro rescate al darnos a su propio hijo para que sea uno de nosotros y muera a fin de darnos redención del pecado y la muerte. Nada más importante ha pasado en la historia humana, ni pasará. El Gran Jubileo es, el primer y primordial evento, para apartarlo y darle gracias a Dios por el gratuito regalo de su amante misericordia.

Un Jubileo nos ofrece la oportunidad de mostrar nuestra gratitud a Dios en diferentes formas. Como alguien alguna vez señaló, el jubileo es la etapa de tiempo que nos recuerda responder con más fe al amor de Dios en nuestras vidas. Es un tiempo para purificarse y renovarnos de alguna manera en el aniversario matrimonial en el que una pareja decide continuar y renovar su jornada de amor. Un jubileo, entonces, puede marcar un"nuevo comienzo" en nuestra jornada de fe y esperanza, en la continua historia de nuestro amor por Dios. En la tradición de nuestra iglesia, creemos que un jubileo nos da la oportunidad de fortalecernos en nuestra jornada hacia Dios. Una de los gracias por la que oramos es una renovación del sentido de lo que es la vida. "A dónde nos estamos dirigiendo?" seria algo en que meditar. Una renovación del sentido del propósito en la jornada de la vida, de seguro, nos guiará a una evaluación de como hemos respondido al amor de Dios en nuestra vida. Las oportunidades del jubileo permite una humilde y general evaluación de nuestras conciencias que debería también guiarnos a renovar el sentido de necesidad para la confesión sacramental, arrepentimiento y reconciliación.

La oportunidad de arrepentimiento y renovación y converción hacia Dios es uno de los tiempos honrados y practicados por nuestros ancestros, prácticas que acompañaban la observancia del jubileo. Las raíces profundas de la observancia del jubileo y reconciliación alcanza el Antiguo Testamento.

Otra práctica, ademas de la tradición del jubileo religioso es la noción de amnistia, perdón de culpas. Si usted ha seguido las noticias religiosas del Vaticano y de nuestra conferencia de arzobispos, habrá notado que nuestra iglesia y otras están demandando a los gobiernos como potencias mundiales observar la práctica antigua del jubileo olvidando las deudas críticas de algunos de los paises más pobres en el mundo.

Relativo a la noción del perdón de la culpa, otras prácticas religiosas se han añadido a la observancia del jubileo por nuestra Iglesia Católica. No hace mucho, el Papa Juan Pablo II editó lo que es llamado "gran proclamacion del jubileo año 2000" .(una bulla es un término formal en latin para proclamacion.)

El santo padre proclamó el Gran Jubileo como un tiempo en el que Católicos pueden recibir indulgencias especiales bajo ciertas condiciones. Esta práctica requiere explicación.

En el espiritu de amnistia o perdón de culpas, es costumbre de las iglesias conceder indulgencias por ciertas prácticas devocionales como perdón de culpas temporales, tiempo invertido después de la muerte como purificación de nuestro imperfecto amor en el estado conocido como purgatorio.

Durante el Gran Jubileo, las indulgencias serán concedidas bajo ciertas circuntancias como por visitas a especiales iglesias y por peregrinación a lugares santos. Peregrinación a Roma y a la Tierra Santa son ejemplos. El obispo local puede designar también lugares (por ejemplo, la catedral y otras iglesias y lugares santos en la diosisis) para visitas en el jubileo. Yo ciertamente lo haré. El significado de conceder indulgencias es complicado, y yo proveeré más información acerca de este tópico en la columna de la próxima semana. Hay más en cuanto al jubileo! †

Letters to the Editor

More on Dalai Lama

[Regarding the letter objecting to the coverage of the Dalai Lama's visit to Indiana (The Criterion, Sept. 3)]:

Indeed the Vatican II document on ecumenism stresses that rather than criticizing other religions, we must learn what we can from them to strengthen our own faith.

The Dalai Lama's teachings are to this point. In his Indianapolis appearance, there were leaders of the Jewish, Muslim, Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths who all stressed the need to focus on the great things we have in common, instead of our differences. His universal message is that all human beings legitimately strive for happiness, and the only ingredient needed is compassion. All great religions teach this, and even the nonreligious need to know this.

The trouble is that we do not practice what we are taught. Even among the faithful, we often hear we are weak and human and that God will understand. Billy Graham once said that only God can give us the patience that we need. We need prayers to give us the wisdom to acknowledge that need.

Research for the Church/*James D. Davidson* Three keys to a close relationship with God

In a 1995 national survey for our book The Search for Common Ground,



colleagues and I learned that a majority of American Catholics have at least some meaningful relationship with God. Seventy-seven percent say God has forgiven their sins at least several times

during their lives. Seventy percent say God has taken care of them several times when they've really needed help. Sixty-four percent say God has answered their prayers at least several times over the course of their lives. Forty-two percent say they have sensed God's presence in a very special way on at least several occasions.

These data also suggest that some Catholics have a closer relationship with God than others do. Some feel God's presence in their lives more often than others do.

Our research suggests three keys to a close relationship with God. These keys are childhood religiosity, involvement in an adult social network that supports a close relationship with God, and an active prayer life. The more religious Catholics are during childhood, the more likely they are to feel close to God during their adult years. Catholics who develop a sense of being religious in their youth are likely to feel that God is part of their lives later on. And the opposite is also true. But childhood religiosity doesn't guarantee that a close personal relationship with God will last forever. More than childhood religiosity is needed. The more adults are embedded in social networks that include religiously active Catholics, the more likely they are to feel close to God. For example, Catholics who are married to Catholics feel closer to God than those who are married to people of other religions or no religion. People who include a religiously active Catholic among the people they admire most also feel closer to God than people who lack such a referent. Finally, people who are registered parishioners feel closer to God than Catholics who are not registered in a

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parish. While childhood religiosity and a

strong Catholic network set the stage for a close relationship with God, the individual also needs to have some sort of prayer life.

When we asked Catholics about their prayer lives, we found a real variation in the frequency of different forms of prayer (see box). At least two-thirds of Catholics engage in some sort of private prayer at least once a week. About four in 10 attend Mass weekly. A similar number practice devotions to Mary or other saints at least once a week. Just over one-third receive Holy Communion weekly. About 20 percent pray the rosary or read the Bible. We also found that an active prayer life cultivates and sustains a close personal relationship with God.

Developing a sense of personal religiosity early in life is an important step toward a lifelong relationship with God. Being in a social network that includes religiously active Catholics also increases the likelihood of experiencing God's love. Finally, an individual claims personal responsibility for his or her own relationship with God through an active

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

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Check It Out . . .

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library will feature an exhibit of **Dali on Tour** Sept. 29. Dali on Tour is a series of exquisite photographic reproductions of major works from the permanent collection of the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla.—home of the world's most comprehensive Dali collection. The exhibit is free to the public Mon.–Fri. from 8 a.m.–11 a.m. and 1 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.; and Sat.–Sun. from 1 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Crawford during business hours at 812-357-6501.

Dr. Peter W. Williams is this year's speaker at the annual Dolle Lecture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad. The lecture will be held at 8 p.m. on Sept. 14 in the Newman Conference Center on the grounds of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. The Dolle Lecture addresses various aspects of religious art and architecture. Williams, a distinguished professor of religion and American studies at Miami University in Ohio, has a doctorate from Yale and an AB from Harvard. He directs Miami University's program in American studies, and has been teaching there since 1970. Williams is the author of three books and numerous articles. The 12th annual Dolle Lecture is free to the public. For more information, call Barbara Crawford during business hours at 812-357-6501.

The 26th annual Celebration for Life, sponsored by Northern Kentucky Right to Life, will be held Sept. 19 at Drawbridge Estates in Fort Mitchell, Ky. The speaker, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, is a former abortionist. A pro-life film will be shown at 1:30 p.m., exhibits and refreshments at 2 p.m., followed by the program at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. To purchase advance tickets, call Cathy Smith at 606-431-6380.

AmeriCorps, similar to Peace Corps, but exclusively domestic, is recruiting men and women from ages 17 and up to serve their community and receive money for education. In Indiana, AmeriCorp members are working to open doors to a college education for students eligible for the Twenty-First Century Scholars Program a state-funded scholarship program for low to moderate income students. Students are enrolled in the eighth grade and take a good citizenry pledge. In return, students are awarded a scholarship for eight semesters of tuition to an Indiana college when they successfully complete high school. For more information, call 812-256-8009.

The archdiocesan Office of Worship is sponsoring a series of five workshops, "Liturgy Basics" (formerly the Liturgical Ministry Formation Program–LMP). This series is designed to help Catholics have a basic understanding of liturgy and liturgical principles. The session will be each Saturday in October beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at noon at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral rectory in Indianapolis. Topics to be covered include Liturgical Renewal, Liturgical Building Blocks, the Liturgical Year, Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word and Celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Class size is limited to 30 people. For more information and a brochure, call Christina Tuley in the

Office of Worship at 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483 or e-mail at worship@archindy.org.

"Signs of Salvation in the Gospel of John," a Scripture retreat, will be held Oct. 8–10 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell is the presenter. Father Eugene travels throughout the world presenting retreats for priests, religious and lay persons. The registration fee is \$110 per individual and \$180 per married couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

"Marriage as a Way to God," a retreat to explore the struggle to live the married relationship in a modern world of many challenges, will be offered Oct. 8–10 at Saint Meinrad guest house in St. Meinrad. Benedictine Father Mattias Neuman, a professor of theology for 30 years, is the presenter. The fee is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. For more information, call 812-357-6585 or 800-581-6905.

"The Face of God Revealed," **a women's retreat**, will be held Sept. 24–26 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The retreat will focus on the image of God the Father as revealed in the life and teaching of Jesus in the parables. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

The Butler Ballet, which annually performs *The Nutcracker* at Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis, is seeking **young dancers to fill several roles.** Auditions will be at 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 in Lilly Hall, Studio 27 on the Butler University campus, 4600 Sunset Ave. For more information, call 317-940-6465. St. Louis de Montford Parish, 11441 Hague Road, in Fishers will host an **"Oktoberfest"** from 11 a.m.–9 p.m. on Sept. 25. The festival will feature music, games, rides, craft fair, raffle, food and drinks. Admission is free.

Celebrate the '40s with a day of fun, dress and symbols of the era from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sept. 18 at the Sisters of St. Francis grounds in Oldenburg. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts. Activities include bingo, putt-putt golf, children's games, car show, live entertainment, farm tours, hayrides, visitor and activity centers and door prizes. Rain or shine. Liturgy is at 4 p.m. Parking is available at the Oldenburg Academy or on side streets.

"The Bible–Part II. What's in the Bible?" a workshop for adult Catholics using the "Echoes of Faith" video series, will be held from 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish, Holy Family Center, 2322 N. 13 ½ St., in Terre Haute. The workshop will explore the root story of the Exodus, the relationship of Jesus' saving action to the Exodus event, the basic message of Jesus in the Gospels and the role of Paul in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Bring a Bible.

The Terre Haute Alumnae Club of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will host its **annual style show and luncheon** scholarship benefit at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11 in O'Shaughnessy Dining Room in Providence Center at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. A silent auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. Fashions for the show will be provided by More to Love and Meme's Boutique. Tickets for the event are \$20. For more information, call 812-466-4682 or 812-235-0460. †



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Scholars believe Shakespeare was Catholic

MANCHESTER, England (CNS)— Catholic or not Catholic? That is the question being considered by Shakespearean scholars about the famous playwright.

The renewed speculation that William



Painting of William

Shakespeare

Shakespeare was a Catholic emerged following evidence that he might have spent his youth with one of the great Catholic families of post– Reformation England. Participants

in a summer conference in Lancashire,

England, recently discussed an emerging consensus among scholars about Shakespeare's "missing years."

Many believe that for about 10 years in the late 1500s the playwright lived in Catholic houses in England, said Richard Wilson, one of the organizers of the conference and a professor of renaissance studies at the University of Lancaster.

Scarce information about Shakespeare's life might be due to his need for anonymity during this time of harsh persecution against Catholics, Wilson said.

The summer conference, "Lancastrian Shakespeare," was partly based at the Elizabethan country house, Hoghton Towers, midway between the towns of Blackburn and Preston.

Wilson told Catholic News Service in a recent telephone interview he believes that in 1580 Shakespeare, who was 16 at the time, went to Hoghton Towers with St.

Edmund Campion, a Jesuit martyred at Tyburn in 1581 and canonized in 1970. "That was the start of a period of 10

years for Shakespeare in a series of Catholic houses in the northwest of England, including Hoghton Towers and the home of the Earl of Derby at

Knowsley, near Liverpool," said Wilson. Further evidence to support his thesis was the "spiritual testament" of John Shakespeare, William's father. This was found in approximately 1750, hidden in the rafters of a house in Stratford-upon-Avon that had belonged to the Shakespeare family. The testament, a fervent declaration of Catholic faith, is said to have been drafted by St. Charles Borromeo and was taken to Stratford from Milan, Italy, by St. Edmund Campion.

Hoghton Towers, said Wilson, was the headquarters of a Catholic counter–Reformation, and Shakespeare's association with it would make him a much more elusive and dangerous figure.

In July 1581, St. Edmund Campion was arrested and tortured in the Tower of London—and just a few days later, on Aug. 4, Hoghton Tower was raided.

The will of the head of the family, Alexander Hoghton, which was dated Aug. 3, refers to a young scholar, William Shakeshafte, and asks for a neighboring Catholic family to take care of him. Some scholars are now convinced that this scholar was Shakespeare, and that he had taken the name of his grandparents as an alias in a time when Catholics were being persecuted for their faith.

"It was a common thing at the time for young Catholics, who may have been heading for the seminaries in northern France, to take an alias," Wilson said. "It was also a spiritual statement, a stripping away of the individual identity." Wilson said persecutions of Catholics in 1581 were traumatic for Shakespeare.

"Perhaps the evasiveness and anonymity, which mean that we know so little of Shakespeare's life, were produced as a defense mechanism," he said.

The professor said evidence of Shakespeare's alleged Catholicism is also to be found in his plays and poems, including the famous Hamlet soliloquy:

"To be or not to be, that is the question.

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,

And by opposing end them? ..."

This passage refers to "Hamlet contemplating suicide," Wilson said, "but it is also about the self-destruction—or suicide—of a generation of martyrs, who took up arms against their sea of troubles—the anti-Catholic persecution of the time.

"Shakespeare's plays revolve around the 'bloody question'—where your true loyalty lies," he said. "It was the question of what would happen if there was a move by Rome against the Protestant queen."

Speculation on the poet's religious affiliation is not new. In the 1913 edition of the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Herbert Thurston notes that Anglican Archdeacon R. Davies wrote at the end of the 17th century that the dramatist "dyed a Papyst."

Thurston said "Davies, an Anglican clergyman, could have had no conceivable motive for misrepresenting the matter in these private notes." †

Indianapolis North Deanery offers weekly Catholic Bible study course

"Learn the background and rich meaning of our Sunday readings," says the flyer for the Indianapolis North Deanery Catholic Bible study program that starts on Sept. 13 and Sept. 15.

During 1999–2000, the deanery will offer [year] 1 Denver Bible Study on 30 weekly Monday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at St. Lawrence Parish or on Wednesday mornings, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Coursework will help adults begin to understand the Old Testament.

Donna Proctor, lecturer in theology at Marian College in Indianapolis, will base the first-year program on the Denver Catholic Biblical School text. She has taught years two, three and four of the program. Students will discuss the material in small groups.

Those who have completed the first year of Denver Catholic Biblical School may take year two, three or four on the same schedule.

Babysitting is available by request. The program is sponsored by the Indianapolis North Deanery Parish Administrators of Religious Education.

Class fees are \$90 per semester; book fees are about \$45. There are 15 weeks in a semester. Scholarships are available.

Those wishing more information may contact a parish religious education office or Andrew Davey at 317-845-9458. †

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Youth ministry dinner raises \$25,000

Fund raiser begins New Albany Deanery's 'Work of Angels' youth ministry campaign

STARLIGHT-Local community leader and former National Football League official Dale Orem hosted a fundraising dinner for 170 people Aug. 31 at Huber's Family Farm. The event secured more than \$25,000 in pledges for Catholic youth ministry in the New Albany Deanery.

The dinner was a kickoff for "The Work of Angels" deanery youth ministry fund drive, which will invite the support of others through a campaign mailing.

"I believe firmly that teen-agers need strong role models to emulate and to help them strive for success in their lives,' Orem said. "I have been blessed with many such role models in my own life, and I believe that Catholic youth ministries helps teens find these important role models as well."

Addressing the young people in attendance, Orem said he "never dreamed 33 years ago that I would be an official in the National Football League, but I stuck

with it and always relied on my faith in God. In your lives, you will learn through time that only God can help you as you strive towards your goals."

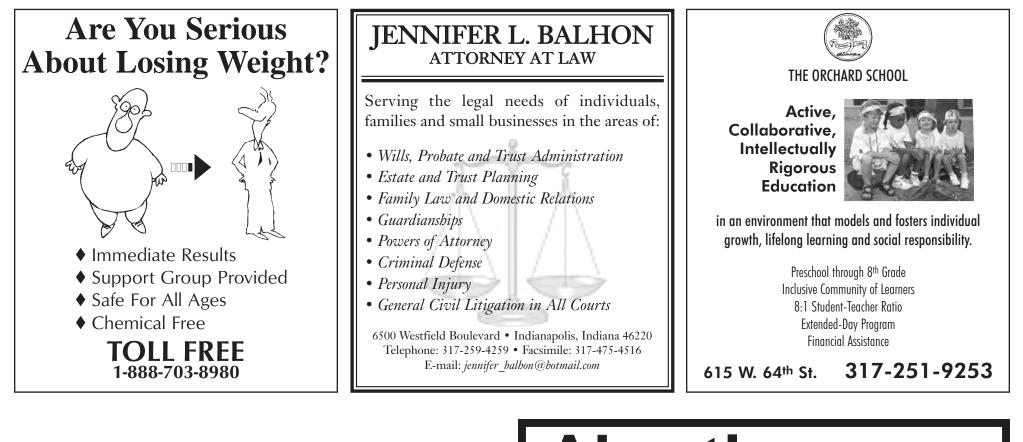
A former mayor of Jeffersonville, Orem has worked closely with the Community Youth Leadership program sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. He also has been a longtime supporter of youth ministry and an advocate for young people in southern Indiana.

Now chairman of the board Heritage Bank, Orem formerly served as director of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana. From 1980-88, he was an official for the National Football

League. He was inducted into the University of Louisville Hall of Fame in 1986 for his achievements as an athlete and coach.

Ray Lucas, director of youth ministry for the deanery, said, "The support that this community has for young people is overwhelming. Youth and young adults are fortunate to grow up in an area where folks see the importance of investing in their futures."

Lucas praised Orem as "a real champion for youth" and said his leadership is "a big part of our success as we kick off our campaign" to benefit the deanery's spiritual, social and recreational programs for youth and young adults. †



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From the Archives Providence influence at St. Ann

These four Sisters of Providence taught at St. Ann School in Terre Haute. The photograph was taken during the 1952–1953 academic year. They are (from left) Sisters Mary Isabelle Welsh, Helene Black (formerly Sister Gertrude Helene, now deceased), Thomasine Griffin, and Eleanor Marie Hubner.

St. Ann School had its beginnings in a small school begun by Mother Anastasie Brown, third

From our readers:

Several readers responded to last week's request for identification of the young folks in a photograph showing the winners from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis of a 1948 Catholic Youth Organization One-Act Play Contest.

Helen J. Kurker, of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, identified five of the eight teens. ("I went to school with some of these fine people," she said.) Virginia Holzer, of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, also called with identifications as did Jeanne Parker Wiles, one of the persons pictured. superior general (from 1868–1874) of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The school occupied a small cottage that had been used during the construction of Providence Hospital in Terre Haute. In 1873, when the hospital was closed, two sisters from the hospital, Sister Mary Thomas Gordon and Sister Mary Patrice Rice, taught religion and the three Rs to the children of the surrounding area. †

But Jane McDavitt, a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, called Associate Archivist Janet Newland with a wealth of information about our "mystery" photograph.

Not only was McDavitt the director of the winning play (it was a comedy titled *Antic Spring*), but she remembered the names of all the actors. They are (front row, from left): Marilyn Herpel, Tom Catton and Kathleen Clouser; (back row, from left) Frank Meier, Jeanne Parker; Bill Daily, Catherine Matthews and Jim Waddick. †



Around the archdiocese

INDIANAPOLIS—The Divine Mercy Chapel for Perpetual Adoration will mark its 10th anniversary on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Located behind St. Michael the Archangel Church at 3354 W. 30th St., the former high school con-

vent has housed the chapel since Sept. 13, 1989. The chapel is next to the

campus of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School.

A reception in the lower level of the chapel building will follow the Mass.

INDIANAPOLIS-

Parents, teachers and older learning-disabled students are invited to a Sept. 28 information night at Bishop Chatard High School, located at 5885 N. Crittenden Ave.

The archdiocesan Special Education Task Force is sponsoring the program about "Surviving with Special Needs."

Qualified professional presenters will offer the program, which lasts from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students who attend should be in the seventh-grade or older. The registration deadline is Sept. 14. The program cost is \$5 per family. Those wishing registration information may call the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education at 317-236-1441 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1441.

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> OLDENBURG— Oldenburg Academy freshman Betsy Gutzwiller, a graduate of St. Louis School in Batesville, is the 1999 recipient of the Cleophus W. Tebbe and Mary E. Moll Tebbe Scholarship. She plans to be active in pastoral ministry and community service during her high school years at the academy.

> The tuition scholarship was established at Oldenburg Academy by their son, Franciscan Father Francis S. Tebbe, in July 1998. †

FaithAlive!

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This sculpture in a

Benedictine monastery

in Germany depicts the

anguish of God the Father

God the Father shares our joys and sorrows

By Dolores Leckey

I noticed a photograph that startled me in a journal on religion, philosophy and culture: a photograph of a sculpture in a German Benedictine monastery.

The sculpture's subject was God the Father. In his arms, the Father held the crucified Jesus, his Son. The Father's face was the most stricken I ever have seen, and the image has stayed with me.

What did the face of God convey?

There was the sense that God, the source of all life, enters into the sufferings of all living beings. God's life is entwined in ours, and so our pain becomes God's.

Elie Wiesel said as much when asked where God was during the Holocaust and its dreadful persecution of the Jews.

"God was with them when they went to the ovens," the Holocaust survivor said.

The sculpture of God the Father not only spoke of pain and desolation; there also was strength and dignity in the Father's countenance. Again, I think of the Jews who aided their fellow campmates with a joke or a song as all awaited their grisly fate.

God was with them in their noble generosity.

Finally, the sculpture seemed to be wrapped in profound stillness. The silence that preceded Genesis graced the Father's face.

The perception of God as silence is an ancient one. St. Ignatius of Antioch, whose life bridged the first and second centuries, and who was martyred under the emperor Trajan, wrote movingly of this. He even drew upon the Father's silence in offering this advice: "It is better to say nothing and 'be' a Christian than to speak and not to be (one)."

Does God the Father really share in our pain or rejoice in our progress? Our answers can be gleaned from the Christian Scriptures.

First, Jesus himself uses the term "Father" to speak about the God whose name was unspeakable to pious Jews. And Jesus insists that he and the Father are one, a perfect identity.

If we see Jesus, we see the Father. If we listen to Jesus, we can hear the Father.

And what do we learn about the Father from watching and listening to Jesus?

We learn that the heart of God is moved to compassion by the pain, the stumblings, the confusion that men and women endure—and sometimes create. The Jesus of Scripture is moved over and over again to respond to the suffering he encounters.

Jesus heals physical ills, he lifts the despairing from the hold of sin, he brings back to life hopeless situations. And God the Father is present in all of it.

The distressed face of God the Father, depicted in the sculpture I described, is authentic.

A way of life also is taught to us by the Jesus of the Gospels. We are told to live in the present, full of gratitude and trust, to care for the least among us and those in trouble, and to remember that God our Father knows us through and through, and loves us forever.

The ends to which God the Father will go to demonstrate love for us also are taught to us in a vivid way by Scripture. The parable of the Prodigal Son movingly tells of this.

The role of God the Father is not easy to write about. So we look to art, to philosophy, to the Scriptures and to the mystics for hints of the reality toward which all our worship ultimately is directed. In these resources we discover accounts of compassion, mercy, dignity, reliability and faithfulness, and a creative silence, all reflected in the photograph of the sculpture that so powerfully caught my attention.

But there is something more to be wondered about in regard to the Father. The God of the Hebrew Scriptures, the one whom Jesus called Father, is the creator of our world and of all who dwell in it. Thus, alignment with the Father is the way to tap into our own creativity, whether that be public (as in painting or drama or poetry, for example), or whether that be in the privacy of the family or neighborhood.

The creation of beauty in the home, for example (especially with limited resources), the care of communal property, creative negotiation in situations of conflict—all these contribute to enhanced community life, and community life is a reflection of the Trinity, the abode of the Father.

J. F. Powers, the Catholic novelist and shortstory writer who died recently in Minnesota, once was asked for his thoughts on God. Powers replied, "I think he's creative, if I can say he. ... The best thing I can do as a writer, as an artist, is do something God can appreciate."

I think Powers' reflection applies to all of us no matter what our work—who call God our Father.

(Dolores Leckey is a senior fellow at Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.) †

as he holds the crucified body of Jesus in his arms.

In Lord's Prayer, we pray to God as Father

By Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S.

In Luke's Gospel, the Lord's Prayer begins with a simple, one-word address: "Father" (Lk 11:2).

In Matthew's Gospel, we pray as a community to "our Father in heaven" (Mt 6:9).

In the Lord's Prayer we say, "Your kingdom come." But we do not say "kingdom of God." We pray for the coming of the Father's kingdom. We also do not pray that the name of "God" be hallowed or the will of "God" be done. We pray that the name of our Father will be hallowed and the will of our Father will be done.

Using the word "Father" refers to our special relationship with God. Addressing God as our Father is very intimate. By praying to God as a Father, we acknowledge that God is the source of life itself and we implicitly thank God for the gift of life.

Jesus referred to God both as Father and as Lord. Jesus

said, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth" (Lk 10:21). Jesus' Father was very different from a human father. He was the Lord of heaven and earth.

Jesus was the Son of the Father through the Holy Spirit. And baptism makes us God's children. In baptism we are reborn from above, from the Holy Spirit, and participate in Jesus' life. God is our Father in our new life. We all are brothers and sisters in the family of our Father.

After the first series of petitions in the Lord's Prayer, we boldly pray to the Father for "our daily bread," for the forgiveness of our sins. We also ask our Father to spare us from the final test and from the evil one. As children of our Father, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are confident that our Father in heaven will respond to our petitions.

(Blessed Sacrament Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.) †

Discussion Point

The image of God is everywhere

This Week's Question

How has your image of God the Father expanded, changed or grown over time?

"One thing that has changed—I do know there is more good in the world because of him. I realize he is doing so much more, and the word is not getting out. If you watch the news you think the bad guys are winning." (Evelyn Zappia, San Francisco, Calif.)

"When I was younger I had childish pictures. God the Father had a longer beard than Jesus and he was all white. Now there is no image, it's not tangible. God is everywhere." (Sally Carlson, Stillwater, Minn.)

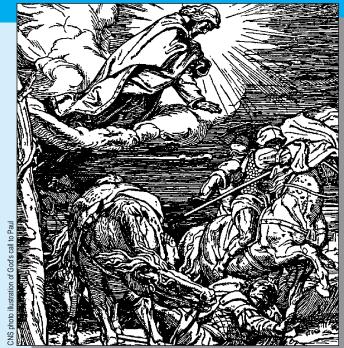
"I have a deeper understanding. The more we know about science and the universe, the more compatible that is with my idea of God. For some people, science challenges their idea of God. For me it confirms it." (Paul Holliday, Beaumont, Texas)

"Certainly it has changed—from being one who would correct and chastise to a very loving Father." (Missionary of La Salette Father Maurice Linehan, Toledo Grove, Texas)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How do you think the meaning of human "freedom" sometimes is misunder-stood?

To respond for possible publication, write to *Faith Alive!* at 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. †



-Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink Council bows to pressure, condemns Knights Templar

The Church is not proud of the Council of Vienne, the 15th ecumenical



council. It was during a time when the Church was controlled by Philip IV, also known as Philip the Fair, king of France from 1285 to 1314.

Philip first had run-ins with Pope Boniface VIII, who

tried to oppose Philip's dominance of the Church in France, eventually excommunicating him.

In retaliation, Philip had Boniface arrested at Anagni, Italy, holding him for three days before the pope was rescued by Italian forces. His health shattered, Boniface died a month later.

He was succeeded by Pope Benedict XI, who died after reigning less than nine months. It then took 11 months for the cardinals to elect a Frenchman who took the name Pope Clement V. It was he who transferred the papacy to Avignon, France, where it was for nearly 70 years. King Philip pressured the pope to call a council to condemn the Knights Templar and to seize their vast properties. After resisting the king's pressure for six years, Pope Clement finally gave in. The council had three sessions in Vienne, France, from Oct. 16, 1311, to May 6, 1312, and was attended by only 132 bishops.

The Knights Templar was one of the military orders established during the crusades. This one began in 1119 in the Holy Land. It took its name from the section of Jerusalem that was given to them by King Baldwin II of Jerusalem, near the former Temple of Solomon. They took possession of the fortress of Acre and held it until 1291, the last crusader fort in the Holy Land.

The Templars then retreated to Cyprus and amassed great riches there before returning to France. They were then large-scale bankers and property-owners.

Because of their wealth, influence, and secrecy, they soon made enemies, especially King Philip. On Oct. 13, 1307, Philip had all the Templars in France arrested and, under torture, extracted confessions from them for such things as devil worship, sodomy and murder. With these confessions in hand, Philip pressured Pope Clement to call a council to suppress the Templars and confiscate their property.

At the first session, the council resisted, concluding that the Templars could not be condemned on the basis of the evidence. Furious, Philip appeared at Vienne's gate and demanded the suppression of the Templars. Clement yielded. He issued a bull of suppression that was promulgated at the second session.

The Templars' property was assigned to the Knights Hospitallers, the Order of the Hospital of St. John (later known as the Knights of Malta), but actually Philip held it until his death.

At the third session, a letter from Philip was read in which he promised to go on a crusade and asked the Church to fund it.

A collection was taken up and given to Philip, who used it in his war against Flanders; he did not undertake a crusade.

The council also issued a large number of decrees, but it is known particularly for its suppression of the Templars. †

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco Some amazing free stuff

I went out for my early morning walk recently and found that my neighbors a



couple of houses down from mine had put out a few items they thought someone might like, labeling these "free stuff." Who can resist a sign like that? I

paused, because some-

thing caught my eye.

It was a book. Anyone who knows me would understand that I could never throw away a book without examining it first. So I picked up the book and saw it was titled *Footnotes to Life*, published back in 1914. I was intrigued by that accent on "life," when our 20th century, which has been so devoted to war and so marked by man's inhumanity to man, was just getting under way.

Here I was, on the side of the road, holding 237 pages of what I quickly saw were gems of wisdom, written by a man named Frank Crane. His "footnotes" were columns published daily in some 30 newspapers in the United States and Canada at a time when people were doing what they're doing now—speculating about the coming of a new millennium.

The titles in the table of contents, like these few, intrigued me: "Men better than their institutions"; "Money an enemy of the future"; "Our children know us too well"; "Nothing dies"; "Why I believe in God"; "Joy is more wonderful than sorrow"; "The angels interested in us"; "Love is the perfect-tense of life"; "The eternal feminine"; "Knowledge and wonder."

Well, I finished my walk with that book under my arm, impatient to get home and read what this man had to say.

I found the book fascinating, right from the beginning, when Crane wrote: "Any man is better than the institution to which he belongs. All institutions were made by men. But a man is made by

The book was published when people still didn't know that the most horrible war yet to be seen in history was starting.

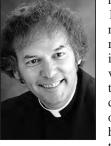
almighty God. The more we study men and love them, the wiser and larger grow our hearts. And the more we lump men and look upon them as members of groups, classes and sects, the more liable we are to become hard and unjust and narrow."

It struck me that the book was pub-

Dying for love: the heart of Christian teaching

Death is the ultimate question. Even Jesus asked "why?" when it was

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel



his turn to die (Mk 15:34). The divine response to this "ultimate question" invites Christians to view their death in the light of Christ's death. The crucifixion of Jesus lies at the heart of Christian teaching.

We are so accustomed to viewing the cross as a sacred object and referring to the day that he died as "Good Friday" that we often forget the tremendous amount of suffering and humiliation that accompanied this most terrifying form of capital punishment.

The crucifixion of a condemned person was a slow and painful process. Once an individual was firmly bound to a cross (with nails or rope), a cramping of the muscles took place. Lack of movement also resulted in a severe decrease of the flow of blood in the lungs. Air could therefore enter the lungs but could only be expelled with a tremendous amount of effort. One had to push oneself up on one's feet (which obviously resulted in terrific pain as the feet were usually nailed to the cross) in order to expel the air. With the passing of time, one had less and less strength to lift oneself up and thus experienced even greater difficulty in breathing. One who was crucified eventually suffocated.

Jesus must have also experienced a great deal of emotional trauma. Even before he was arrested, Jesus had a good idea of the suffering that was in store for him (Mat 26:38: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death."). Moreover, he foretold that his closest companions would desert him, Judas would betray him and Peter would deny that the two had ever met (Mk 14:17-31).

Jesus may also have *felt* abandoned by God ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). Nevertheless, according to St. Luke, Jesus' last words on the cross were those of trust ("Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Lk 23:46).

The focus of the New Testament is not on the intense suffering and anguish that Jesus experienced but rather on the great love that God has shown for humanity by sending his only begotten son into the world to die for us (Jn 3:16). What value we must have in the eyes of God that his beloved Son underwent such tragedy!

The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that suffering and death do not have the final word. God's all-encompassing love changes everything. The crucifixion of Jesus is now understood in terms of redemption instead of tragedy. Because of the resurrection, we no longer look upon the cross as an instrument of torture but rather as a sign of divine love.

The gift of liberation from sin and death should always be treasured as a precious gift. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the followers of Jesus view their own deaths differently than most non-Christians do. Death is not thought of as a "dead-end" but rather as the gateway to eternal life and unending joy. Death may be the ultimate question but Christ is the ultimate answer.

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Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes Thank goodness boys will be boys

Let me tell you about boys. They're

arrowheads and chasing cows, mostly

opinions. They have no agenda and sus-



Although boys are one of only two possible options available to parents, they often redeem that fact by turning out to be tremendously rewarding offspring. I'm sure my only daughter (the other option), would agree with me on that.

In fact, she lent me her best (and only) boy for the summer.

Actually, I'm something of an expert on the subject of boys, having mothered and grandmothered a bunch of them plus having lived with a father and a husband, sometimes all at once, throughout my life. And I also had some great boy cousins, uncles, grandpas, brothers-in-law, a son-in-law and neighbors along the way. Not a bad education in "boy" for an only girl child.

My earliest training came through playing with Jackie, whose mom was the resident cook at the "big house" up the road. We roamed the pastures and woods finding because Jackie wasn't much into dolls and jumping rope.

Then there was Martin, the son of my mom's best friend. We went to the movies every Friday night with our mothers, sitting in a different row down front. We played endless Monopoly games for days sometimes, and once sneaked a puff on one of his mom's "Wings" cigarettes. His room and clothing always smelled of airplane glue.

What I've learned overall is that, for me at least, boys are often easier to raise (live with, endure for long periods of time, work with) than girls. This is nothing against girls; my best friends are girls, etc. etc. It's just that, for me, relationships with boys are less stressful and more fun in the long run.

Boys will tell Mom anything. Even teen-age boys, when spoken to directly, attentively and without guile, will usually blab and tell you what they're thinking and why. Offhand, do you know any Felicity wannabes who do that?

Boys believe what Mom says long after girls have sized you up and dissected your pect none on your part. They do not analyze your motives, criticize your demeanor or chafe under your authority, as girls are wont to do.

Depending upon the respect shown to each other by their parents, boys will in turn show respect for moms and sisters. Sometimes, as in Sis's crush on an obvious loser, or Mom's overprotective noises about them driving the car, this seems to boys to fly in the face of reason, but they keep still anyway.

Boys are noisy, careless of clothing, appearance and manners, and hilarious. They adore irreverent, gross-out humor (burping contests come to mind), and their film taste runs to classics such as *Car Wash*. They are masters at jollying Mom out of inflicting punishment, but they don't whine on the rare occasions when you nail them.

Boys will be boys, they say. Aren't we glad?

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) † lished when people still didn't know that the most horrible war yet to be seen in history was starting. Nor could Crane have envisioned the atrocious conflicts to follow in the 20th century—yet more vicious and destructive wars, and unbelievable happenings like the Holocaust and other ethnic cleansing evils we name by country: Cambodia, Bosnia, Kosovo.

Yet here was a man writing that "brute force never settled any question right. War is medieval. It is senseless. Peace, with compulsory arbitration, is not millennial, does not belong to the dim future; it is utterly present, timely, practical right now. It is war that is the anachronism. It belongs to the 10th century. Arbitration belongs to this present time."

Crane didn't have a crystal ball. But he had what could have saved the century: a love both of God and the humanity created by the love of God.

Crane's book is a treasure I found, literally, at my feet!

(Antoinette Bosco is a regular columnist with Catholic News Service.) †

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999

- Sirach 27:33-28:9
- Romans 14:7-9
- Matthew 18:21–35

The Book of Sirach is the source of this weekend's first reading.



All the Scriptures were written many centuries ago. Even the most recent is over 1,900 years old. Nevertheless, none is without its message for

contemporary life. Despite vast differences in the circumstances of living, the

same hopes and fears drive human actions. People still are magnificently virtuous and loyal or disgracefully impious and disloyal. Parents still yearn for the best for their children. The young still wonder and experiment.

Thus, reading Sirach today is as beneficial as reading it generations upon generations ago.

The reading assigned for this weekend revolves around a fundamental fact that humans always are inclined to overlook. Indeed ignoring it, or repudiating it, led to the first sin, and it has been the foundation and the start of every human fault since Adam and Eve. It is the tendency to see self as absolute and pristine, to set self apart from and even above God.

This weekend the Book of Sirach reminds us of our own faults. Humans always yield to anger, some more often than others. They hold grudges. They think badly of, and wish the worst for, those whom they dislike or with whom they have differed.

In these universal human shortcomings, God alone is the example, and indeed God alone often supplies the strength to rise above disputes and hard feelings.

Sirach advises what is without God an impossibility. The book tells us to forgive and to overlook the faults of others.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans provides the second reading.

In the first century A.D., at least for Western civilization, Rome was the absolute center of power. The power was not just political. Rome was the spark that ignited the brilliant Roman culture. What transpired in Rome was the standard for the vast Roman Empire.

Christians in Rome very much lived lives that ran against the grain. Perhaps some were wealthy or in positions of influence. Most were not. All were at the risk of being scorned. Most felt themselves helpless and worried about even worse consequences.

Paul wrote to these people. He reassured

them that all humans are beneath the power and within the sight of God. Death itself has no threat to present since Jesus vanquished death. In the Lord's Resurrection is the promise and hope for all of everlasting life.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the third reading.

In this reading, the Lord speaks in a parable. Again, as often in the Gospels, the discourse is between Jesus and Peter. It is a special revelation to Peter.

As the text begins, numbers are used to drive home the point. Numbers were very important in the conversations among the contemporaries of Jesus. Numbers often had symbolic values. For example, seven was a perfect number.

The Lord counsels Peter, and through Peter all followers, not to forgive just the perfect, or the most lavishly numerous of times, but again and again and again. Keep in mind that "70 times 7" represented a sum few could even imagine in those days of widespread illiteracy.

In the parable, Jesus reveals the great mercy of God. Nevertheless, this mercy does not offset the effects of human actions when such actions are opposed to God's law.

Reflection

The Scriptures for this weekend call us to realize a basic fact. We are limited. We sin. We make mistakes.

However, we are not inevitably doomed because of this limitation. God has fully revealed to us the path to peace and joy in this life and to eternal rejoicing in the next life. Through the biblical readings for this weekend's liturgy, the Church has conveyed this wisdom to us.

God is above all. Each of us needs God. Each person faces great tests from time to time. In God is our strength and guidance.

We cannot ask of God what we do not ask of ourselves. We must forgive as God forgives. We must love as God loves.

God's love and power envelopes all persons who are in need and earnestly seek the help of God. Nevertheless, our evil deeds can upset and disorder life, leaving consequences that may be forgiven, that may be addressed, but that still may damage. ‡

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number and send to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or by e-mail at criterion@archindy.org. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Sept. 13 John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalm 28:2, 7-9 Luke 7:1–10

Tuesday, Sept. 14 The Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 Philippians 2:6–11 John 3:13–17

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1–6 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday, Sept. 16 Cornelius, pope and martyr Cyprian, bishop and martyr 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalm 111:7–10 Luke 7:36-50

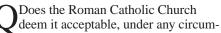
Friday, Sept. 17 Robert Bellarmine, bishop, religious and doctor of the Church 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20 Luke 8:1–3

Saturday, Sept. 18 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:2-5 Luke 8:4–15

Sunday, Sept. 19 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6–9 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a Matthew 20:1–16a

Question Corner/*Fr. John Dietzen*

Sunday obligation may include other liturgies





stances, for Roman Catholics to receive Communion at an Orthodox Mass? Are there circumstances when it is possible to fulfill the Sunday obligation by attending an Orthodox Mass? (Louisiana)

For those who may not be familiar A with the terminology, the word Orthodox generally refers to those Eastern Christian Churches not in full communion with the Catholic Church.

As the Vatican Council II Decree on Ecumenism points out, a special relationship exists with these churches with whom we still have a very close agreement in faith.

"Through the celebration of the Eucharist of the Lord in each of these churches, the church of God is built up and grows in stature," it says. "Although separated from us, these churches still possess true sacraments, above all—by apostolic succession-the priesthood and the Eucharist" (#15). This communion in matters of belief and tradition obviously affects sharing in our respective liturgies. Thus, whenever necessity requires or it would serve some spiritual advantage, Roman Catholics who cannot approach a Catholic minister for some reason may receive the sacraments of penance, Eucharist and anointing of the sick from a minister of an Orthodox Church (Vatican Directory on Ecumenism, March 1993, #122). Likewise, Catholic ministers may administer the same sacraments to members of the Orthodox Churches who ask to receive them and who are properly disposed (Directory, #123,125). Because the policies of some Orthodox Churches are more restrictive than those of the Catholic Church, a Catholic who wishes to receive Communion with Orthodox Christians must respect the wishes and discipline of that particular Church and refrain from receiving if that Church restricts the sacrament to its own

members.

In the same way, Catholic ministers who offer Communion to Orthodox Catholics should be aware of any restrictions on the other side and avoid any suggestion of proselytizing (see Directory, #124).

The limiting conditions for participation indicated above do not normally apply to Eastern Churches that are in communion with the Latin Church. The Sunday Mass obligation, for example, may be satisfied by assistance at Mass celebrated "in any Catholic rite" (Canons 923 and 1248).

In our Church law, this includes the Latin Church and those Eastern Churches in full communion with Rome. Thus, except possibly for the circumstances I explained, the obligation for Sunday and holy day Mass would not be fulfilled at liturgies in Orthodox Churches.

Recently I have come to know two Chaldean Rite Christians, one from Iraq and one from India. Can you provide some history and status of the Chaldeans? (California)

My Journey to God

The Mask

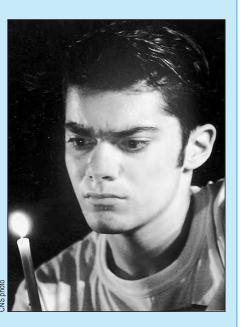
The pious mask we construct To hide our inner deeds Becomes a blade when it slips down That mocks us as we bleed...

Yet very few will hesitate To don their mask again Though we know beneath each mask Lies proud and bloody sin...

But rather a lie that serves us well Than face poor naked truth We've sacrificed the few Who dare not wear a mask as proof ...

By Sonia Chandler

(Sonia Chandler is a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis.)



The Chaldean Church, or APatriarchate, originated with Christians of the Eastern Syrian Church who separated from Rome at the time of the Nestorian heresy.

Nestorians, who formed a large group of Christians for many years, questioned the divinity of Christ and the title Godbearer (Theotókos) for Mary. Dealing with this controversy was the primary work of the Council of Ephesus in 431.

All Chaldean Christians are Catholic today. They reside traditionally for the most part in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Iran. In recent decades, a large number have emigrated to the United States.

Chaldeans today are barely a remnant of one of the great Churches of the East centuries ago. Catholic Chaldeans have been in communion with the Church of Rome longer than any other Eastern church except the Maronites.

Though ancient Babylon (about 60 miles from Baghdad) no longer exists, the head of the Chaldean Church is titled the patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans and lives in Baghdad. †

The Active List

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September 10

Ave Maria Guild rummage sale, St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Avenue, Beech Grove, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

September 10–12

St. Mary Parish, North Vernon, 212 Washington St., festival, with euchre tournament, threeon-three basketball, country store, silent auction, children's games, bingo, adult night and buffet dinner. Festival hours: Fri., 7 p.m.–10 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-midnight; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Costs vary by activity. Information: Lisa Butler, 812-346-8849; Holli Greathouse, 812-346-1858.

September 11

Special Religious Education catechist training and workshop, St. Pius X Parish,

Indianapolis, 7200 Sarto Drive, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m., Information: 317-236-1430, ext. 1601.

September 11–12

St. Mary Parish, Aurora, 203 Fourth St., St. Mary's Riverfest, Lesko Park on the banks of the Ohio River, food, drink, entertainment, games, raffle and country store. Festival hours: Sat., 4 p.m.–11 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission, free. Information: Cheryl Brown, 812-926-0060.

September 12

St. Mary Parish, Rushville, 512 N. Perkins St., festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., raffles, bingo, booths, games and crafts. Ham/fried chicken dinners, \$6.50, adults; \$3.50, children. Information: Dave or Stephanie Hasecuster, 765-932-1357.

Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt, 2:30 p.m., "The Normal Way," Father Elmer Burwinkel presides at Mass, 3:30 p.m. Information: 812-689-3551 or eburwink@seidata.com.

* * * St. Pius Parish, Troy, Hwy. 66, festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. dinners, bingo, raffle, quilt show. car show and turtle soup. Information: 812-547-7994. • • •

Sacred Heart Parish Annual Music Fest, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Information: 317-638-5551.

* * * St. Peter Claver Day, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, 6944 E. 46th St., Information: 317-546-4065.

• • • St. Anthony Altar Society, Indianapolis, Ryan Hall, 379 N. Warman Ave., euchre party, 1 p.m. refreshments, door prizes, \$3.

September 13

Catholic Widowed Organization, Indianapolis, bus trip to Lawrenceburg Argosy, \$10. Information: 317-351-6993.

September 13–19

St. Michael Parish, Charlestown, 101 St. Michaels Dr., Septemberfest parish festival and yard sale. Yard sale hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. through Fri.; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. Chicken dinners Sun. Information: Allan, 812-256-3791; Harold, 812-293-4240.

September 14

Ave Maria Guild business meeting, St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, 12:30 p.m.

September 15

Catholic Widowed Organization, Indianapolis, Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, meeting, 7 p.m., Information: 317-351-6993.

٠ • Guardian Angel Guild luncheon, Indianapolis, Marriott Hotel, reception, 11:30 a.m.; "Millinery Memories," noon. \$20 per person. Reservations: 317-843-0525.

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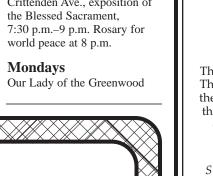
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Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m. • • •

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

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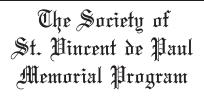
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Wednesdays

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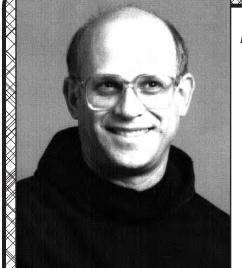


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Archbishop Buechlein will celebrate 50th anniversary Mass at South Deanery parish

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St. Mark parishioners are excited about the Indianapolis South Deanery parish's 50th anniversary Mass and the recent installation of the new church steeple.

A crane was used to hoist the steeple tower onto the church last week, just in time for the anniversary liturgy.

On Sept. 12, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will celebrate Mass at St. Mark Church to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish in the former Edgewood, now part of the Indianapolis South side.

During the past year, parishioners enjoyed a variety of events marking the parish's delayed Golden Jubilee anniversary. "Celebrating 50 Years of Community" was the anniversary theme.

Their year of celebration will close with a 2 p.m. liturgy this Sunday. Msgr. Richard Lawler, pastor and dean of the Indianapolis South Deanery, will concelebrate.

A prelude concert at 1:30 p.m. in the church will feature the combined parish choirs and music ministers under the direction of Dianne Gardner, music director.

Following the liturgy, parishioners, former parishioners and guests are invited to a reception in Schafer Hall. A golden anniversary booklet will be available. St. Mark was founded at 535 E. Edgewood Ave. in 1946 by Msgr. Leo Schafer, who served as pastor until his retirement in 1981.

The parish was established on five acres of farmland owned by two brothers, who sold the rural property to the diocese in 1941. However, the start of World War II delayed the formation of the parish. At that time, 135 families lived within St. Mark's boundaries. Farms were abundant, and the only nearby building was a house across from the parish property.

The late Father James Downey, then pastor of the former St. Catherine Parish, often visited Catholic families in the Edgewood area. He also helped St. Mark parishioners plan and complete a six-room school and church in 1947.

Years later, the parish experienced considerable growth due to the expansion of U.S. 31 into a six-lane highway just west of the church and the construction of suburban homes in the area. Today St. Mark Parish has 953 households. A new church was dedicated in 1993. There are 342 students enrolled in the school. †



This file photo shows St. Mark Church before the addition of a new tower on the steeple last week.

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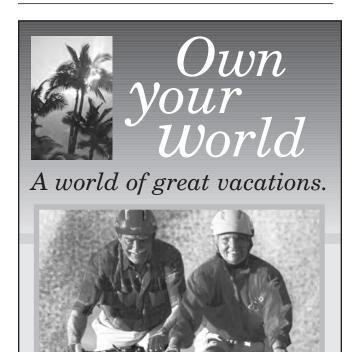
Cardinal O'Connor leaves hospital after brain surgery

NEW YORK (CNS)-Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York had a small tumor removed from the surface of his brain, but doctors "determined that no other areas of the body were affected," according to a statement released Sept. 4 by the cardinal's spokesman, Joseph Zwilling. The statement said the 79-year-old cardinal had been released earlier that day from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, and was "looking forward to returning to the full and vigorous schedule he has followed since becoming the archbishop of New York." But it also said the cardinal would begin radiation therapy shortly and continue it "over the next several weeks." On Sept. 5, a statement was read on behalf of Cardinal O'Connor at the Sunday Mass he normally celebrates at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The statement expressed gratitude for the prayers of people "of all religious persuasions" and for the Masses said for the cardinal. It said he expected to celebrate the Labor Day Mass at St. Patrick's scheduled for the following Sunday, Sept. 12. Pope John Paul II was notified, through the papal nuncio in Washington, that the cardinal entered the hospital for tests Aug. 25 after suffering from weakness and nausea while working at his residence the previous two days.

World

Pope says Mother Teresa's life was 'ray of light' for humanity

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Two years after the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pope John Paul II said her lifetime of service to the poor was a "ray of light" on the future path of humanity. Speaking at a Sunday blessing Sept. 5, he said Mother Teresa was among those Christian witnesses who "make us look to the future with hope" despite the many situations of suffering and injustice that mark the end of the 20th century. He said Mother Teresa "was a great and muchappreciated teacher of life, especially for young peo-



ple." The nun, who founded the Missionaries of Charity, continually reminded youths to build peace in the world by beginning with their own families, and to "defend life always and everywhere, especially when life is particularly weak." He said Mother Teresa was fond of telling young people that their reward for helping others was the inner peace and joy that comes from giving sense to one's own life. Mother Teresa died Sept. 6, 1997. She was considered by many people to be a saint during her lifetime. Earlier this year, the pope lifted the normal five-year waiting period on her sainthood cause, which was immediately opened at the diocesan level by Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta.

Vatican envoy seeks end to Iraq bombing if pope visits

ROME (CNS)—If Pope John Paul II travels to Iraq this fall, the United States and Great Britain should suspend their bombing campaign against the country, said a leading Vatican diplomat. "There ought to be a moratorium, because for one thing, this tactic is not leading anywhere," said Archbishop Renato Martino, Vatican nuncio to the United Nations. Archbishop Martino said the pope would not be going to Iraq to "sanctify the regime" of Saddam Hussein, but added that the pope's opposition to Western sanctions against Iraq was well known. He made the comments in an interview published Sept. 2 by the Italian Catholic newspaper *Avvenire*.

Croatian cardinal is denied entry into Yugoslavia

WARSAW, Poland (CNS)—A Croatian cardinal was denied a visa to enter Yugoslavia for a brief pastoral visit to Catholics in the northern Vojvodina region. A Church source said no official reason had been given for the move, but added that it was widely believed to be linked to Cardinal Franjo Kuharic's outspoken support for Croatian independence in the early 1990s. Cardinal Kuharic, who retired as archbishop of Zagreb in July 1997, was to have arrived in the Diocese of Subotica, Yugoslavia, Aug. 28 for a Sunday Mass at the nearby Marian shrine of Bunaric.



Bishop P. Francis Murphy dies; noted peace, justice advocate

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Auxiliary Bishop P. Francis Murphy of Baltimore, nationally known advocate of peace and nonviolence and the advancement of women, died of cancer Sept. 2 at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore. He was 66. It was Bishop Murphy's 1980 proposal to take a fresh look at the morality of nuclear weapons that led to the U.S. bishops' landmark 1983 pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response." He frequently spoke out against war and the arms race. In 1992, when the bishops were in the midst of trying to write a pastoral letter on women, he wrote an article in *Commonweal*, a national Catholic magazine, in which he condemned the "sin of sexism" and urged the ordination of women "because justice demands it."

Bishop Blair is ordained for Detroit Archdiocese

DETROIT (CNS)—Four cardinals and 41 other bishops took part Aug. 24 in the episcopal ordination of new Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Leonard P. Blair. Bishop Blair, 50, was consecrated before a congregation of nearly 1,200 friends, family members, well-wishers and fellow clergy in Detroit's Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Participating were Detroit's archbishop, Cardinal Adam J. Maida; former Detroit archbishop, Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, now president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State; Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington; and Cardinal William W. Baum, major penitentiary of the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary.

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BAILEY, Thomas A., Jr., 80, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 25. Husband of Hilda (Shireman) Bailey. Father of Dr. Kevin, Sue and Thomas A. Bailey, III. Brother of Rose Teives, Viola, Ruth and Louis Bailey. Grandfather of six.

BRESLIN, Mary Pierce, 96, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Aug. 27. Mother of Ann Reckley, Mary Jane Brady, James and Michael Breslin. Sister of Hannah Berten. Grandmother of 13. Greatgrandmother of 14.

BURGMEIER, Laurence, 96, St. Mary, North Vernon, Aug. 31. Father of Rita Luedeman, Teresa Wilson, Ann Williams, Peggy Scroggins, Helena Miles, Joe, Jay and Ellen Burgmeier. Brother of Lester Burgmeier, Fabian McCammon, Veronica Kelley and Freda Strange.

Grandfather of 24. Great-grandfather of 40. Great-great-grandfather of three.

FLACK, Gertrude Marie, 89, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 26. Mother of Margaret, Paul, James and David Flack. Sister of Bertha Wilder, Viola McCrary and Francis Gutzwiller. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of six.

FRECH, Carmella, 77, St. Mary, Richmond, Aug. 19. Mother of Linda Carr. Sister of Josephine Chifala, Virginia Stephens, Antoinette Strayer and Sam Rich. Grandmother of two.

HARDEBECK, Carl C., 84, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Aug. 26. Husband of Catharine (Wolbers) Hardebeck. Father of Marilyn, Joyce and Robert Hardebeck. Brother of Geneva Tunny, Eleanor Stefanic, Clara Wagner, Irvin and Arthur Hardebeck.

HUSKE, Mary A. (Lambert), 90, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Aug. 27. Mother of Rosemary Lambert Carl and Phyllis Cesnik. Sister of Theresa Bayt Lambert, William, Sylvester, Anthony, Henry and Rudy Bayt. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six. KOVACH, Bernice, 86, Sacred

Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Aug. 27. Wife of John A. Kovach. Mother of John J. Kovach. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

LACY, Cecile P. (Hudson), 90, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Aug. 31. Mother of John and Tom Marchino. Sister of Eva Morris Grandmother of six. Greatgrandmother on nine. LUMAN, Betty, 83, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Aug. 30.

LUTHMAN, James J., 83, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Aug. 27. Husband of Kathryn Luthmann. Father of Eleanor Kolbus, Elaine Huebner and James J. Luthman. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of six.

McCANN, Rosemary, 79, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Aug. 26. Sister of Charles McCann and Joe Milli.

SMITH, Gayle M., 84, St. Louis, Batesville, Aug. 31. Husband of Mildred (Harvey) Smith. Father of Sheila Molock. Cecilia Ann Carvin, Martin and G. Frank Smith. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of seven

THURSTON, Robert, 81, Holy Family, Richmond, Aug. 23. Husband of Anna Marie Thurston. Father of Carolyn Hash, Joseph, John and Randall Thurston, Brother of Elsie Schultz, Reba Wood and Ernest Thurston. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of one.

TOTH, Anna, 87, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Aug. 27. Mother of Charlene Swoverland and Joseph Toth. Sister of Sophie Bozic, Tina Dawnorowicz and Carl Mauser. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of four.



Indonesian President B.J. Habibie declared martial law in East Timor in a last-ditch effort to restore order. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan Sept. 6 gave Habibie 48 hours to end the violence or face international intervention.

Hours prior to the attack on Bishop Belo's residence, militias attacked the diocesan complex in Dili, burning several buildings.

The Carmelite-run Motael clinic in Dili was also attacked, sources in East Timor said. Attacks were also reported at a Canossians sisters convent that was sheltering refugees and at the International Committee of the Red Cross headquarters, located next door to Bishop Belo's residence.

Eyewitnesses said militias, which Timorese have said are backed by the Indonesian military, were seen marching refugees through the streets of Dili. Casualty reports were impossible to verify, but one observer in Dili said more than 100 would be a conservative number.

"The people are panicking. You don't think of asking, 'How many people have died?' But with each passing moment, many people are being killed, many people," said a Salesian nun in Dili, who spoke by telephone to Catholic News Service in New York.

The latest round of violence came after the United Nations announced Sept. 4 that East Timorese overwhelmingly rejected by a nearly 5-1 margin an Indonesian offer of autonomy.

Within hours of the announcement, armed militiamen went on a rampage in Dili, turning the city into a fiery nightmare.

"They're destroying this city. There's nothing left. As I am talking to you, I am watching the city burn," said the Salesian nun, who spoke with the request of

anonymity.

"The houses nearby are burning, and the military is just letting them do it," she said. "No one can do anything at this point, not UNAMET, no one. I don't know what you can do, but we need peacekeeping troops in here right away."

During a series of conversations with Catholic News Service, the sounds of automatic gunfire and explosions from hand grenades could be heard outside the Salesian convent, while militia men screamed "Burn, burn" and "Those of you who are pro-independence come out and show your faces."

"There is no one watching over us, no one," the nun said. "The police and the military have retreated. We're all alone here. Earlier today, an Indonesian military officer told us he could no longer guarantee our safety. The people are scared. They've been praying the rosary all day. What else can we do?"

Reached early Sept. 6, hours before his home was attacked, Bishop Belo said that the campaign by the militias was a *coup* d' etat by the Indonesian military to overturn the results of the Aug. 30 ballot.

In a statement released by his biographer, Arnold Kohen, Bishop Belo pleaded for international peace keeping troops, a request he has repeated for several months.

Most of those who remained in East Timor have fled to the island's rugged mountainside. Refugees have been pouring into Atambua in Indonesian-controlled West Timor at the rate of 1,000 per hour, said a humanitarian aid official.

There were reports of severed heads on sticks on the roads outside Dili.

"Some of our people are leaving for the hillside because we can't offer them protection. We have no guns. We are only women and children and nuns here. There are no men," said the Salesian nun. More than 300 refugees had been living at the convent in the Balide section of Dili in early September. †

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