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Pope tells youths to open their hearts to missionary spirit

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—With the stage set for a week of World Youth Day activities in Rome, a smiling Pope John Paul II welcomed the first of an expected 1.2 million young people and told them to open their hearts to the missionary spirit.

"Christ needs souls who know how to witness to the world the radical newness of the Gospel," he told thousands of young jubilee volunteers Aug. 12.

"I ask you to open your hearts to him with generosity, so that after your stay in Rome you can return to your homes even more filled with an apostolic spirit, to be courageous missionaries of the new evangelization," he said.

The pope made the remarks to about 1,000 volunteers at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo and to 20,000 more watching on video in St. Peter's Square.

Two groups of pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are attending the World Youth Day events. Nine young

adults from parishes in central and southern Indiana are in Rome with Barbara Hollkamp, youth ministry coordinator at St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville, as their group leader.

Also, 80 St. Lawrence parishioners from Indianapolis-including 31 teenagers and 10 college students—are attending the celebration.

Looking energetic and good-humored, the 80-year-old pontiff offered a lighthearted endorsement of the Italian catering firm that will provide meals for the youths during the week.

"They're making delicious meals—at least that's what they've told me," he quipped.

At his Sunday Angelus blessing the next day, the pope greeted participants as well as those who would not be attending the Church's youth celebration.

"I want to express my deepest affection

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South American pilgrims from Uruguay pose in St. Peter's Square Aug. 14, the day before World Youth Day celebrations begin in Rome. More than 1 million young people are expected before the celebrations end Aug. 20.

Organist has served the Church 61 years

By Margaret Nelson

NEW ALSACE—Don Gutzwiller has been playing the organ at St. Paul Church in New Alsace since 1939. He's never taken any money for the job he considers a ministry.

Don was even at the balcony keyboard



Don Gutzwiller has been playing the organ for Mass at St. Paul in New Alsace since Aug. 4, 1939.

when he first asked his wife, Charlotte, for a date. The Gutzwillers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 10,

It all started on Aug. 4, 1939—at a First Friday Mass—when his Aunt Blanche asked the 11-year-old to play.

"In those days, First Friday was a big deal, "said Gutzwiller.

After the Mass, his aunt asked the pastor how he liked the music. Father Joseph Sermersheim said, "Fine, like always."

His Aunt Blanche, who played the organ at St. Paul during the summers, replied, "This young lad did the music.'

"I continued to play during the summers or when the nuns were ill," said Gutzwiller.

The Oldenburg Franciscans, who taught at the public school at St. Paul, played for Masses when school was in session.

"We always had excellent organists," he said.

The Gutzwiller family had an earlier connection with the church music when Don's grandmother, Elizabeth Gutzwiller, played the organ at St. Paul. She was an artist and musician who studied at Saint Mary-of-theWoods. She taught him to play the piano when he was 5 years old.

Don Gutzwiller went to Xavier University in Cincinnati when it was an all-boys academy and was the student organist in Bellarmine Chapel there. Because he skipped a grade in elementary school in New Alsace and did his college work for his degree in business administration in three years, he was graduated from Xavier at the age of 19.

He was committed to doing his work as well, believing in "finding a good job and hanging onto it." But businesses changed hands so he worked for three, ending up as manager of accounting.

Though Don and Charlotte knew each other from childhood, her help with the music brought them together. Charlotte sang in the St. Paul choir. Because the 90-year-old pipe organ was so large, Don needed one person to pull the registration stops and another to turn the music. One of the sisters took care of the stops.

In 1948, Charlotte was helping turn the music pages when Don asked her for a date.

"We went together for two years before we were married," he said.

His ministry is his way of showing God his appreciation, he said. "I never did get one dime for playing in my own church," said Gutzwiller. "I never took anything. It's just a service I do for the honor."

He also plays once a week—on Thursdays—for the school children's Mass. (The principal plays a flute for the Wednesday school Mass.) He also

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Cardinal opens convention with call to protect vulnerable

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles opened the Democratic National



Cardinal Mahony

Convention Aug. 14 with a prayer calling on delegates to be committed to protecting the life of all people, from unborn children and the elderly to those on skid row and death row.

"God of life and love ... we pray that your Spirit will

inspire all candidates, regardless of party, to embody in their words, actions and policies values that protect all human life, establish peace, promote justice and uphold the common good," he said.

He called on the delegates to work on behalf of immigrants and those who are poor, hungry and suffering, and to promote equal access to health care and edu-

"In you, O God, we trust ... that you

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Indianapolis parish rallies behind paralyzed girl

By Susan M. Bierman

Seven-year-old Emily Hunt dreams of becoming a ballerina.

It's a dream that many girls her age have, but for Emily, a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, it's unlikely it will ever come true.

Emily has been paralyzed from the chest down since 1996 when her spinal cord was injured after a miniature train she was riding on at a northern Indiana amusement park jumped its track. She also suffered a

broken neck, arm, jaw and ribs.

Her 57-year-old maternal grandmother, Nancy Jones, who was riding in the same cart, was killed in the accident.

Out of Emily's misfortune, however, hope for helping people with spinal injuries has sprung up. Emily's accident also rallied her parish behind her cause.

A fundraiser for spinal research named after Emily—"Emily's Walk"—will be held Sept. 17 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. This is the fourth year for the walk.

Michael and Amy Hunt, Emily's parents, said St. Christopher parishioners and pastor, Father D. Michael Welch, were supportive throughout the ordeal.

"Right off Father Mike came in and was always at the hospital talking with us," Amy said.

Amy, who lost her mother in the accident, said that immediately following the accident they were unsure if Emily would

Michael said a number of

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Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee

The major event of the archdiocese's Jubilee Year celebration will take place Sept. 16 in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis with Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee. Everyone in the archdiocese is invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate 2,000 years of Jesus Christ and the carrying forward of the faith into the new millennium.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and at least 20 other bishops and several archdiocesan priests will concelebrate Mass and confirm more than 2,500 people from the archdiocese. The Mass is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. †

Archdiocesan indulgence churches

The faithful can receive an indulgence—an amnesty of any temporal punishment accrued because of past sins—by making a pilgrimage to an indulgence church during the Jubilee Year. It is recommended that a sacramental confession and Eucharist be administered at the pilgrimage site to receive the indulgence. Pilgrims should also pray for the intentions of Pope John Paul II.

The designated indulgence churches are:

- SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis
- Immaculate Conception Church, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
- St. Andrew Church, Richmond
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington
- St. Mary Church, New Albany
- St. Anthony Church, Morris
- Monte Cassino Chapel, St. Meinrad
- Holy Trinity Church, Edinburgh.

Readers should check with the individual churches for times of Masses and when confessions will be heard. †

Make a weekend of it!

Participants in Celebrating the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee may want to consider spending the weekend in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association has established a toll-free number through which jubilee event participants can make hotel reservations and receive other information of interest. The number is **800-556-INDY** (800-556-4639). †

Jubilee Masses for senior citizens and young adults

Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee will be the highlight of the Jubilee Year, but several other special Masses will be celebrated throughout the year. These Masses will focus on senior citizens and young adults, but are open to all. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said the Masses will celebrate the contributions of those who have shouldered the faith through the past century and the younger generation that is being asked to carry it forward.

Young Adult Masses (Ages 18-39)

Nov. 1 St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington, 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 St. Louis Church, Batesville, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizen Masses

Oct. 22 St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington 3 p.m.

Nov. 1 Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse Chapel, Oldenburg, 2 p.m.

Symphony to present special program

In honor of Celebrating the Spirit of Hope and the confirmandi, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is offering a special 20 percent group discount for its Sept. 15 and Sept. 16 performances of *The Dream of Gerontius* by Sir Edward Elgar.

This inspirational composition is set to the 19th century poem by John Henry Cardinal Newman. It is the story of a soul's journey from death through the judgment, purgatory and finally to God. The oratorio is said to be one of the greatest choral masterworks in classical music.

The performance at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in downtown Indianapolis will feature the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and the university choirs from Ball State, Indiana, Indiana State, Purdue and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Call Sara Brook at 317-231-6788 or e-mail her at isogroups@juno.com for more information and to make reservations. Specify Code #CG2000 to receive the discount. †

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Suggested approach:

- Remind yourself of the presence of God. Make the sign of the cross.
- Slowly read one of the Scripture passages. Spend at least five minutes reflecting on it and praying with it.
- Reread the passage and then read the reflection. Spend a few moments paying attention to any connections between them.
- Bring your prayer to a close by praying the suggested prayer.
- Spend two days on each Scripture passage. On the final day, return to the passage that you were most moved by.

Week Six, August 20-26: Knowledge

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33, Proverbs 2:1-11, Romans 15:13-14

Reflection: Aware. Skilled. Informed. Concerned. Intimate. Disciplined. These are some of the words Bible translators have used for knowledge. They remind us that the Spirit's gift of knowledge carries with it a practical common sense that sees God's place in the total picture. There are know-how, street smarts, and the ability to use faith to do things, to get things to work.

Prayer: Jesus, you became human and faced the same things in life that we do. Send your Spirit to bring us the knowledge that will help us work with life situations in practical ways. Help us figure out how to make things work, to get things done. Make us your partners in building your kingdom. Amen.

Novena al Espíritu Santo

- Recuérdese de la presencia de Dios. Haga la señal de la cruz.
- Lea despacio un pasaje de las Escrituras. Pase al menos cinco minutos meditando sobre ello y orando con ello mismo.
- Vuelva a leer el pasaje y luego lea la reflexión. Pase unos momentos poniendo atención a cualesquier conexiones entre ellos.
- Concluya su oración diciendo la oración sugerida.
- Pase dos días en cada pasaje de la Escritura. El último día, vuelva al pasaje que más le conmovió a Ud.

Sexta Semana, 20-26 de agosto: El conocimiento

Escritura: Lucas 14:25-33, Proverbios 2:1-11, Romanos 15:13-14

Reflexión: Enterado. Hábil. Informado. Preocupado. Íntimo. Disciplinado. Estas son algunas de las palabras que los traductores de la Biblia han utilizado para el conocimiento. Nos recuerdan que el don del conocimiento del Espíritu conlleva un práctico sentido común que ve el lugar de Dios en el gran plan. Hay la experiencia, la experiencia callejera y la habilidad de utilizar la fe para realizar cosas y hacer funcionar las cosas.

Oración: Jesús, te hiciste ser humano y enfrentaste las mismas cosas en la vida que nosotros enfrentamos. Manda a tu Espíritu para que nos traiga el conocimiento que nos ayudará a tratar con las situaciones de la vida en maneras prácticas. Ayúdanos a entender como solucionar y realizar cosas. Haznos tus socios en la construcción de tu reino. Amén.

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Volunteers are needed for jubilee celebration

The Steering Committee for Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee is seeking volunteers for the Sept. 16 event at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- **Communion guides**: will lead the eucharistic ministers to their places. Training session: 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15.
- Confirmation guides: will lead confirmandi and sponsors to confirming minister. Training session: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.
- Chrism bearers: will assist bishops and priests conferring chrism. Training session: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.
- Hospitality ministers and ushers: Greeters at the main entrances; hand out

worship aids; ushers will help people find seats and will assist the movement of people for communion. Training session: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

• Eucharistic ministers: will assist with the distribution of the Eucharist. Training session: 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

If you are interested in serving the assembly in one of these positions and have not turned your name in to your parish jubilee coordinator, send your name, parish and telephone number to Steve James, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410.

If you have already submitted your name, you will be notified of the position you are filling. †

Father Joseph S. Kos was teacher, chaplain

Father Joseph S. Kos, a priest of the archdiocese who served as a teacher and chaplain, died on Aug. 9 at University Medical Center Hospital in Indianapolis. He was 60.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided at the funeral Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis on Aug. 11. Other priests of the presbytery concelebrated. Burial was at the Priests' Circle at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Father Kos suffered from heart disease and diabetes.

He was a graduate of St. Maur Seminary in Kentucky. Ordained May 1, 1966, Father Kos went to St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis as assistant pastor for his first assignment. He also was an instructor at Scecina Memorial High School that same year.

Two years later, he moved to Holy Spirit in Indianapolis, serving as a fulltime instructor at the high school. Father Kos moved to Holy Trinity in Indianapolis in 1970 and became instructor at nearby Bishop Chatard

High School.

At Chatard, Father Kos coordinated a freshman student production of "Jesus



Fr. Joseph S. Kos

became an instructor at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis,

Christ

Superstar."

residing at Marian College after 1975.

In 1971, he

Father Kos became a chaplain at Community Hospital of

Indianapolis in 1978. There, he worked with the staff providing holistic medical treatment. He also introduced closed-channel televised Masses for the patients.

In 1982, he became pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Fortville. He took a disability leave in 1989.

He continued with a ministry at University, LaRue Carter and Wishard Memorial hospitals in Indianapolis in 1990, with residence at St. Bridget Parish. In 1997, he was appointed chaplain for Wishard Memorial Hospital.

At the University hospitals, he organized a group of Our Lady of Hope volunteers to give personal attention to the patients.

Maxine Shaw, leader of the group that later moved to Wishard with Father Kos, said that the women talked with patients and prayed with them and family members, if they wished. They also made thousands of rosaries to give to those who were ill.

Father Kos edited a newsletter to help with this ministry.

"I'll miss talking with him," said Shaw. "He made time for everybody. People loved him.'

She explained that he loved his work so much that he went in a wheelchair to serve the patients.

"He got a scooter and worked three hours, three days a week until the day he went into the hospital," said Shaw.

Father Glenn O'Connor, pastor of St. Ann Parish in Indianapolis, where Father Kos spent his last months, said that the doctors told him his heart was almost gone in March.

"He was a very conscientious chaplain. He really prayed with the people,"

Besides his Wishard ministry, he also visited the Alzheimer clients at Lockerbe Nursing Home, Father O'Connor said. "He would go over there and see everybody. It was above and beyond the call."

While he was ill, Father Kos tried to build up his strength so that he could celebrate Mass at St. Ann-even if he had to sit in a chair. An experimental heart procedure was planned for Father Kos on Aug. 3.

"Basically, he ran out of time," said Father O'Connor. "He was really a good

Father Kos is survived by two sisters: Mary Lou Tuohy and Peggy A. McAllister. †

Priest visits state seeking support for interfaith school in Israel

By Mary Ann Wyand

Jews and Palestinians, Muslims and Christians alike, must sit around the same table to decide today what kind of future we want for our children tomorrow, Father Elias Chacour told University of Indianapolis faculty members.

The Melkite Catholic priest from Israel visited Indianapolis in early August to enlist support for Mar Elias Educational Institute, an interfaith high school and technical college at Ibillin in Galilee that

he also hopes to see expand into regular university offerings and become accredited as a technological university.

University of Indianapolis officials are investigating the possibility of supporting this partnership endeavor as an accredited branch campus.

Introducing himself as "a Palestinian Arab, a Christian and a citizen of the state of Israel," Father Chacour combined humorous anecdotes with serious talk about the recent unsuccessful Israeli and Palestinian efforts to achieve peace in the

Holy Land.

"I was born a baby created in the image and the likeness of God, not more but not less either, and I wish you to relate to me as such," he said. "This is so important to remember.'

If the Palestinians and Israelis would simply focus on that reality, Father Chacour said, then bridges could be built between them and someday all people could live in peace in the Holy Land.

"I'm convinced that the big majority of the Jews and the Palestinians are oriented

toward peace," he said. "But unfortunately the fanatical religious groups on both sides are increasing. I hope we will not need one more war to be convinced that wars can only destroy, they cannot build peace.

"I survived eight wars," he said. "That is enough. Shortly after I was ordained a priest in 1965, I grew obsessed of this violence, of this hatred, of this separation that exists between all of us in this very small country."

Arriving at Ibillin for his first ministry

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Editorial

Pro-abortion groups' effort backfires

The campaign by pro-abortion groups, led by the so-called Catholics for a Free Choice, to expel the Holy See from the United Nations seems to have backfired. It has resulted in a groundswell of support for the Holy See around the world.

Catholics for a Free Choice and other pro-abortion groups such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation tried to force the United Nations to strip the Holy See of its "permanent observer" status. The proabortion groups have been trying to create an international right to abortion, and they became frustrated by the Holy See's consistent opposition to their efforts. Representatives of the Holy See often lead developing nations at international conferences in support of traditional values and against proabortion resolutions.

When the pro-abortion group started their campaign, which they called "See Change," Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) introduced a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives praising the Holy See's international efforts and condemning any move to reduce its status. The resolution passed the House by a vote of 416-1. Rep. Peter Stark (D-Calif.) cast the lone vote against the resolution.

Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) introduced similar legislation in the U.S. Senate and it cleared the Foreign Relations Committee but, so far, the full Senate hasn't voted on it.

Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-Pa.), one of the co-sponsors of the bill in the House, explained why he supported it. "Often, the Vatican stands alone among Western nations in defending the traditional values of the defenseless and unborn," he said. "Unfortunately, over the past year, an anti-Catholic movement has coalesced to expel the Vatican. Although I am not a Catholic, I cannot stand by as this anti-Catholic bigotry is being promoted amongst us."

The effort by the pro-abortion groups was met by support for the Holy See in other countries, too. The legislatures of

Chile and The Philippines both formally passed supportive resolutions. No government supports the effort to reduce the Holy See's role.

Besides governments, more than 4,000 other groups from more than 70 countries have endorsed the Holy See's status at the United Nations. These include such varied organizations as the evangelical group Focus on the Family and the Shiite Muslim al-Khoei Foundation.

The Holy See (sometimes called the Apostolic See) is the administrative headquarters of the Catholic Church located in Vatican City. Its mission is to carry on the spiritual and moral authority of the pope. Its diplomatic history extends back to the fourth century and today it has formal diplomatic relations with 168 nations. At diplomatic functions it has primacy because it is the oldest sovereignty active in international affairs. It has had nonvoting permanent observer status at the United Nations since 1964.

Although located in Vatican City, the Holy See is not the same as the Vatican City State. The latter is the last remnant of the Papal States, which were under the civil authority of the papacy from 754 to 1870 when Victor Emmanuel united Italy and took the papal territory. The Lateran Treaty of 1929 reestablished the temporal authority of the pope in the 140 acres of Vatican City.

Although they are different, the terms Holy See and the Vatican are often used interchangeably since the Holy See is located in the Vatican.

Ever since 1993, the U.S. bishops have consistently made it clear that Catholics for a Free Choice "merits no recognition or support as a Catholic organization." Nevertheless, the proabortion media seem always to elicit a statement from the organization on any matters concerning abortion.

The result of the campaign by the pro-abortion groups seems to be that the Holy See's support at the United Nations is stronger than ever.

— John F. Fink

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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We must forgive if we expect forgiveness

(Seventh in a series)

we forgive those who trespass against us ... " During this great Jubilee 2000, we have had several images that witness to the full meaning of this petition of the Lord's Prayer. The photograph of Pope John Paul II kissing the large crucifix in St. Peter's Basilica on the First Sunday of Lent 2000, the day of pardon, records a historic event in the life of the Church. Not long after, the Holy Father prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and inserted a prayer of reconciliation in the wall. The photo of that action will also be a memorable and lasting image of his pontifi-

orgive us our trespasses as

In the first instance, the pope begged God's pardon for the sins of leaders and members of our Church through the ages. In the second instance, he apologized to Jews and asked God's forgiveness for the behavior of those who have caused the Jews to suffer, and he committed the Church to "genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant." He also remarked that he hoped people of other faiths might reciprocate.

The forgiving nature of God is a theme that threads its way through the Scriptures. The parable of the Prodigal Son, the interaction between Jesus and the woman accused of adultery, and the forgiveness of Peter's denial are examples. Perhaps the words of Jesus on the cross are the most striking witness to divine forgiveness: "Abba, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Jesus himself is the revelation of the forgiving and compassionate love of God for our sinful human family.

"See, my betrayer is at hand ..." A traitor sets in motion the path to crucifixion, the final enactment of divine forgiveness. One whose feet he had washed only hours before, one with whom he had shared the first eucharistic sacrifice, came forward: "Hail Master!" ... and Judas kissed Jesus. What darkness there must have been in the soul of Judas! In his account of that fateful night, St. John tells us: "He was a thief—and as he looked after the common purse he took from what was put into it." Judas lived a double life and in the process lost his trust in Jesus. Could we not say that Judas personified all the human sin that caused Christ's agony and ultimate act of love? But the most maddening pain for Jesus had to have been the suicide. After all that time being with the Savior of the world,

after witnessing time and again Christ's compassion for sinners, after witnessing all the healing, Judas could not seek forgiveness for himself. There is a Judas in all of us. We need to know what happened to him.

Every human person faces a serious question: Do I believe the power of God's mercy is deeper than the evil in me? Judas could not say yes, he could not trust Christ—and so he could only despair. God has loved us into being; God who is love does not abandon the good he has loved into creation and that includes us. Judas lost his way because he lost sight of the divine Christ's love for him. After he had heard Jesus teach that we are to forgive 70 times seven, even after he acknowledged he had done wrong, Judas could not ask forgiveness. Yet God's forgiveness means that evil does not have the last word. Like Peter, we are always given the chance to start over again. True, we can't do it on our own, so Christ gave the Church the sacrament of penance and reconciliation as a visible way in which we can experience the divine mercy.

A society that tends to forget God also tends to forget sin. Needless to say, if we cannot acknowledge the reality of sin in our lives, this petition has no meaning. Unquestionably, it goes against our pride to ask for forgiveness of our sins. So does asking forgiveness of others who trespass against us. We had better keep in mind that in the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Lord's Prayer is followed directly by the words: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Mt 6:14-15).

St. Benedict provides all the commentary we need for the second part of the forgiveness petition, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." His wise understanding of human nature appears in the Rule that he wrote for his community of monks: "Assuredly, the (daily) celebration of Lauds and Vespers must never pass by without the superior reciting the entire Lord's Prayer at the end for all to hear, because thorns of contention are likely to spring up. Thus warned by the pledge they make to one another in the very words of this prayer: 'Forgive us as we forgive' (Mt 6:12), they may cleanse themselves of this kind of vice" (Rule of St. Benedict, 13:12-13). May God give us this grace! †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for August

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

Buscando la Cara del Señor

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

Debemos perdonar si esperamos que se nos perdone

(Séptimo en una serie)

erdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden ..." Durante este gran Jubileo del año 2000, varias imágenes dieron testimonio del significado completo de esta petición de la oración del Señor. La fotografía del Papa Juan Pablo II besando el gran crucifijo en la Basílica de San Pedro el primer domingo de la Cuaresma del año 2000, día del perdón, registra un acontecimiento histórico en la vida de la Iglesia. Poco después, el Santo Padre oró en el Muro de las Lamentaciones en Jerusalén y colocó en la pared una oración de reconciliación. La foto de aquel hecho será una imagen memorable y duradera de su pontificado.

En primer lugar, el papá pidió perdón a Dios por los pecados de los líderes y de los miembros de nuestra Iglesia por las épocas. En segundo lugar, se disculpó a los judíos y pidió perdón de Dios por el comportamiento de aquellos que hayan causado sufrimiento a los judíos, y comprometió a la Iglesia a la "hermandad auténtica con el pueblo de la Alianza". También mencionó esperar que el pueblo de las demás religiones correspondan.

El carácter perdonador de Dios es un tema que se entreteje por lo largo de las Escrituras. Unos ejemplos es la parábola del Hijo prodigo, la interacción entre Jesús y la mujer acusada de adulterio y el perdón de la negación de Pedro. Puede ser que las palabras de Jesús en la cruz sea el testimonio más impresionante al perdón divino: '¡Padre, perdónalos! No saben lo que hacen" (Lc 23:34). Jesús en sí mismo es la revelación del amor perdonador y compasivo de Dios por nuestra familia pecadora.

"Miren, mi traidor está cerca ..." Un traidor pone en marcha el camino a la crucifixión, el último hecho del perdón divino. Vino adelante el cuyos pies había lavado hace sólo unas horas, el con quien había compartido el primer sacrificio eucarístico,: "¡Maestro!"...y Judas besó a Jesús. ¡Que oscuridad debía haber en el alma de Judas! En su relato de aquella noche fatal, San Juan nos dice: "Era ladrón y a medida que cuidaba de la bolsa común le quitaba lo que se ponía en ella". Judas vivió una vida doble y en el proceso perdió su confianza en Jesús. ¿No podríamos decir que Judas personificó todo el pecado humano que causó la agonía y último hecho de amor de Cristo? No obstante, el peor dolor de Jesús debía ser su suicidio. Tras todo el tiempo con el Salvador del mundo, tras ser testigo una y otra vez a la compasión de Cristo por los pecadores, y toda la curación, Judas no pudo buscar el perdón para sí mismo. Hay un poco

de Judas en cada uno de nosotros. Necesitamos saber lo que le pasó.

Cada ser humano se enfrenta con una pregunta seria: ¿Creo yo que el poder de la misericordia de Dios sea más profundo que el mal en mí? Judas no pudo decir que sí. No pudo confiar en Cristo y por lo tanto sólo se desesperó. Dios nos ha amado en ser. Dios, quien es amor, no abandona el bien que amaba en la creación, incluyendo nosotros. Judas se perdió porque perdió su vista del amor divino de Cristo para él. Tras escuchar a Jesús enseñar que hay que perdonar setenta por siete, aun después de admitir que hizo mal, Judas no pudo pedir perdón. No obstante el perdón de Dios significa que el mal no tiene la última palabra. Como Pedro, siempre se nos da la oportunidad de empezar de nuevo. Es cierto que no podemos hacerlo solos, así que Dios dio a la Iglesia el sacramento de penitencia y reconciliación como manera visible por la cual podemos experimentar la misericordia divina.

Una sociedad que tiende a olvidar a Dios también tiende a olvidar el pecado. Cabe decir que si no podemos admitir la realidad de pecado en nuestras vidas, esta petición es inútil. Indiscutiblemente, es contrario a nuestro orgullo el pedir perdón de nuestros pecados. También es el perdón a los demás que nos ofenden. Tenemos que tener presente que en el Evangelio de San Mateo, la oración del Señor es seguida directamente por estas palabras: "Porque si ustedes perdonan a los hombres sus ofensas, también el Padre celestial les perdonará a ustedes. Pero si ustedes no perdonan a los demás, tampoco el Padre les perdonará a ustedes". (Mt 6:14-15).

San Benedicto da todo el comentario que necesitamos para la segunda parte de la petición del perdón, "como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden". Su sabio entendimiento de la naturaleza humana aparece en la Regla que escribió para la comunidad de los monjes: "Sin duda, la celebración (diaria) de Elogios y Vísperas nunca debe suceder sin que el superior recite toda la oración del Señor a fin de que todos la oigan, porque es probable que los tornos de contienda aparezcan. Así con el aviso de la promesa que hicieron uno al otro en las últimas palabras de esta oración: 'Perdona nuestros pecados, así como perdonamos a los que han hecho mal (Mt 6:12), que se limpien de esta clase de vicio". (Regla de San Benedicto, 13:12-13); Que Dios nos dé esta gracia! †

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Getting to know you ... has been good!

By Margaret Nelson

I will miss all of you readers when I leave The Criterion staff Aug. 15. I have thought



about you—and met quite a few of you-during my 14-year ministry of writing and taking photos.

In the July 14 retirement supplement, I wrote about my future plans. This "looking back," my second non-

news story in as many months, demonstrates one advantage to retirement: I can write first person. And I can use adjectives!

I always said I'd retire when I couldn't remember my computer and phone passwords. Not a problem—yet.

I remember some of the inspiring people I've interviewed. Very early, I talked with Franciscan Bishop Ambrose Pinger, who lived at St. Augustine Home for the aged in Indianapolis. Humble and kind, this missionary to China had been a prisoner under the Japanese during World War II and later under the Chinese communists. He showed me the cross that helped him focus on his faith in prison. Later, I was able to join the celebration of his 50th anniversary as a bishop and then his funeral Mass

I was inspired by Father Lawrence Jenco, who spent 19 months as a prisoner in Lebanon when he was director of Catholic Relief Services there. After his release, he came here to talk with Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara, treasurer of CRS. I was just to take a photo of them, but Father Jenco asked to "meet this young lady." Later, he shared his faith by giving talks to college students and others.

Before I came to *The Criterion*, I thought I knew a lot of priests from those who passed through my parish of St. Andrew the Apostle in Indianapolis. But I was privileged to interview dozens of inspiring men before their ordinations, anniversaries and retirementsand take photos of them for the archdiocesan directory. Many have become friends.

I found that, besides being a fine organizer and leader, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein can be unusually kind and sensitive. And Saint Meinrad's Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, though quite responsive to his duties, manages to have more pure fun than anyone

Religious sisters are friends, too. It was a thrill to hear the voice of Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe reach across St. Peter's Square in Rome with the history of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin at her beatification.

And I was privileged to be there when Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon took vows at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

Many of your parishes have welcomed me—not only to write your parish "deanery" stories-but when you celebrated anniversaries, dedicated new churches, schools or parish centers, or honored your leaders. I wish I could tell all the stories of the kindness and the gifts you share with the Church.

I've felt especially comfortable in the center city—where so many dedicate their lives to serving the poor—at food pantries, the clothing and furniture warehouse, soup kitchens and nursing homes—and I've enjoyed school events and fiestas.

The group of 32 who went to Encuentro 2000 in Los Angeles July 6-9—and the gathering itself-helped me to get an even better view of the diversity of our archdiocese—and the U.S. Church.

I hope each of you have gone—or will go-to a priestly ordination (at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral the first Saturday in June), a Chrism Mass (at the cathedral the Tuesday of Holy Week), a country parish picnic and an Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (at many parishes, near Dec. 12).

I'd recommend, in Indianapolis, the Korean thanksgiving (chapel near St. Lawrence in early fall), a Vietnamese Mass (St. Rita), one

translated in American Sign Language (St. Matthew and others), a Byzantine Catholic Mass at St. Athanasius, Dr. King's birthday celebration at Holy Angels or Black History month (February) at St. Rita or Holy Trinity Day Care, a SPRED (special religious education) confirmation—and the Golden Anniversary Mass.

In 1986, this annual Mass for some 150 couples in the archdiocese who have been married 50 or more years was a few weeks after I started working at The Criterion. I remember the woman—her husband behind her—who approached me in front of the cathedral as I was heading to the reception.

"You don't look like you could have been married 50 years," she said. I explained that my husband died 15 years before and that I couldn't make 50 years of marriage if I were wed the next day.

She smiled, "Once is enough!"

The years have taken me to Detroit for my first sight of Pope John Paul II (1987) and, with hundreds of you, on two archdiocesan pilgrimages—to the shrines of southern Europe and to the Holy Land (which multiplied my understanding of the Scriptures).

I've never worked with a more dedicated group of people than those at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. They really care about the Church and the people it serves. Those I know seem to be praying folks who believe in using God's gifts in their work. The support of this and my extended faith family has strengthened me through some unusually rough times.

People mention the motto near my desk with the words of Mother Teresa to an international Catholic press group: "Be close to Jesus so that He can write with your hand." I need it there to remind me. Leaving everything in God's hands has always worked out perfectly—but I have to keep remembering to

There are two more mundane slogans: "When writing calls attention to itself, the writing fails," from "A Writer's Art" news column by James Kilpatrick. And I like "It is better to be ambiguous than wrong," uttered once on deadline by co-worker Cynthia Dewes.

I was present when inspiring words were spoken. Cardinal Francis George of Chicago told the Catholic Press Association convention: "To report the news of the Church you have to have an experience of grace in your heart and a vision of faith in your head."

I noted this one by Archbishop Daniel: "Every story ... has an element that can be used to preach and teach and illustrate the Gospel of life."

I feel blessed that God brought me to this place with the gifts I needed. Catholic schoolmates in Chillicothe, Ohio, must wonder. I grew up a Presbyterian, went to Ohio State for a fine arts degree, then to Cleveland to become a department store buyer-before my husband's transfer.

Here I am, a convert to Catholicism—no degree in journalism (studying theology)—a person God helped to write and take photos on the archdiocesan newspaper staff for 14 years.

Credit for some of that goes to fellow journalists and teachers of courses and workshops. The staff of Gary's Northwest Indiana Catholic has been most generous.

As a correspondent to The Criterion, I began writing five years before I was on the staff—and I hope to continue that now.

Chuck Schisla, then-archdiocesan director of communications and fellow-parishioner who knew of my work in the St. Andrew newsletter, tipped me off about *The Criterion* opening.

Right away, Jack Fink told me I could have a free Criterion subscription for my mother. I remember waiting until I thought my work was good enough for her inspection, but—after a year—I had the papers sent to her anyhow.

Yes, getting to know all of you has been awesome. You will be in my prayers as I attend archdiocesan celebrations.

I hope to see you at the Great Jubilee Mass at the RCA Dome on Sept. 16! I'll be in the choir—taking pictures! †

VIPs . . .



Ruth and **Harold Bryant** of Knoxville, Tenn., will mark their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. The couple was married on that day in 1950 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis.

They will celebrate with a Mass at noon on Aug. 19 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. A reception will follow from 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Northside K of C in Indianapolis. The couple has four children: Teresa Burt, Stephen, Tim and James Bryant. They

also have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



John E. and Marie P. Mitchell of Indianapolis will mark their 50th anniver-

sary on Aug. 26. They were married on that day in 1950 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The couple will celebrate on Aug. 27 with a Mass at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis followed by a brunch at Monsignor Ross Hall. They have eight children: Janet Inderstrodt, Maryann, Marilyn, John, Gregory, Timothy, Thomas and William Mitchell. The couple also has 14 grandchildren. The Mitchells are members of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

John Sr. and Agnes Stevens of Franklin will mark their 50th anniversary on Aug. 26. The couple was married on that day in 1950 at Assumption Church in Indianapolis. They will celebrate with an open house on Aug. 26 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at Greenwood Convalescent Center,



937 Fry Road, in Greenwood. The couple has three children: Grace Hatfield, John Jr., and William Stevens. They also have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. †

Check It Out . . .

The St. Vincent de Paul Client Choice Food Pantry will feature the work of artist Alfred Eaker during an open house and art auction on Aug 25. He has spent 10 months painting murals on the walls of the

pantry. The open house will enable the public to view his new work for the first time. Donations will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

Sacred Heart Central in **Indianapolis Class of 1965**

is having its 35th reunion on Aug. 26 from 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 National Ave., in Indianapolis. The following class members have not been located. They are: Thomas Bruggner, Elizabeth Bryan,

Theresa Carr, James Carroll, Daniel Fahy, Russ Hager, Judy Harris, Patricia Todd Haste, Sigrun Biro Krisamie, Analean Kurtz, Gary Michaelree, Terry O'Neill, Marlene Zahn Pelfre, Mary Ellen McHugh Reed, Robert

Smith, Beverly Sweet and Patricia Taylor. For more information or to offer information regarding class members mentioned above, call Rosie Cantlon Saylor at 317-781-0091 or Mary Massing Sturm at 317-783-0376.

"Open the Door to Christ—Let the Walls Come Down," a golden-age midweek retreat will be held Sept. 5-7 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

The principal choir of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Laudis Cantores, will begin rehearsals for the coming season on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Anyone interested in participating with this group of liturgical singers may call Ed Greene at 317-634-4519.

The Thomas Merton Center Foundation, based in Louisville, Ky., will offer "Just Faith," a six-month challenging social justice formation program, from Sept. 12-Dec. 5 and from Jan. 9-March 27. Meetings will be held from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St., in Louisville, Ky. The program will provide opportunity to study and discuss difficult and controversial issues in an atmosphere of respect and faith. Sessions will feature prayer, reflection, discussion, guest speakers, and video presentations. The cost is \$325. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants to register. The deadline to register is Sept. 5. For more information, call Terry Taylor at 502-899-1952.

St. Mary Parish Youth Ministry in New Albany will host its Back to School Picnic 2000 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. on Aug. 19 in the school cafeteria located at Eighth and Elm Streets in New Albany. Dinners are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6 and under. For more information, call 812-944-0417.

Familia of Central Indiana will present "An **Evening of Reflection for Husbands and Fathers,"** on Aug. 25 from 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and "A Day of Reflection for Mothers of Young Children," on Aug. 26 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Both programs will be held at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. For more information, call 765-342-4905. †

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From the Archives

First Communion Day

Youngsters pose with Father Michael T. Shea on their First Communion Day in 1912 at Holy Trinity Parish in New Albany.

Father Shea, a son of St. Joseph Parish in Indianapolis, was ordained in 1905 at Louvain, Belgium. He was the assistant pastor at Holy Trinity at the time of this photo. He died in 1926 at the age of 44.

Holy Trinity Church, built in 1851, burned to the ground on Dec. 29, 1975. Located less than two blocks from St. Mary Parish in New Albany, the church was not rebuilt and the two congregations

St. Mary currently has about 1,000 households and 2,400 Catholics. Father William Ernst is pastor. †

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





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St. Christopher parishioners came to the family offering direct financial support.

"Everyone was real concerned that Emily was going to be cared for," he said.

Now, four years after the accident, the parish still continues to offer support to the

Father Welch said that it's the nature of St. Christopher Parish to step in when a member of its community needs help.

"Part of our commitment is that we're going to help out when that type of tragedy hits," he said.

Michael Hunt said St. Christopher parishioners came through to show their support for the cause again during "Emily's Walk" last year.

He attributes the walk's success to Father Welch and St. Christopher parishioners. He said the pastor made an announcement from the podium after Mass last year on the day of "Emily's Walk."

Father Welch told the parish that he would be participating in "Emily's Walk" and said that if they couldn't make it to walk he'd be glad to take their pledges.

Michael said Father Welch showed up with \$2,000 in pledges from the parish col-

In 1998, about one year after the first walk was held, The Emily Hunt Foundation Inc. was established.

The mission of the foundation is "to seek a cure for people suffering from paralysis by raising funds to support scientific research and increasing public awareness of the progress made in spinal cord injury research."

In addition to "Emily's Walk," the foundation hosts two other events in Indianapolis—a golf outing and a gala.

The "Scramble for a Solution" golf outing will be held on Sept. 19 at the River Glen Golf Course in Fishers. And the "Dreams of Dancing" gala is scheduled to be held in the summer of 2001 at the



gathers for a card game at their home in Indianapolis. Seated around the table (from left) are Emily's twin sister, Nikki, Emily, Amy, Michael and Sarah.

The Hunt family

Murat Egyptian Room in Indianapolis.

Because Michael is a native of Denver, Colo., "Emily's Walk" is also held there each August.

Michael said the various fundraising events have raised more than \$500,000 in the past two years for spinal cord research.

(For more information about The Emily Hunt Foundation Inc. and its events, visit the Web site at www.emilywalk.com. or call 317-329-0805.) †

assignment, Father Chacour found displaced Palestinians living in extreme poverty, without electricity and often without daily access to water. He lived there in his Volkswagon Beetle—"I was much smaller then"—for six months and began his educational work by organizing a library for the village.

"It was a grace for me, a gift from God to really feel the ache and the suffering with my own people and to feel the need to do something to reconstruct the broken self-esteem of my people," he said. "I started with the easiest thing that one could do—collecting books and redistributing them to children. Since we had no electricity, the only possible friend would be the

book. Our children love to read, so we started the first public library in Galilee."

Now a noted educator and author, Father Chacour was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his interfaith educational ministry as the founder and president of Mar Elias Educational Institute, which brings together Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Druze students.

The school is a visible symbol of Father Chacour's lifetime dream of helping to bring peace to the Holy Land.

"I was convinced that the only answer would be to bring the Jewish boys and girls and the Palestinian boys and girls together [at an interfaith school] to help them discover each other as human beings," he said, "and to overcome the past conflict toward a new hope for a better future, where we can sit together, Jews and Palestinians, Muslims and Christians alike, around the same table

to decide today what kind of future we want for our children tomorrow.

"Unless we sit together, each will prepare his own agenda, always conflicting with the agendas of the others, and that brings so much hatred, bitterness and wars," he said. "That is one of the major reasons why I was motivated to start this school."

For the Arabs in Israel, "any future with our Jewish neighbors would depend on the quality of education we give the children," Father Chacour said. "That's why I decided to live my life for the young generation through building public libraries, kindergartens, youth centers, and the last project I was very privileged to start was a high school in the very village where I went when I first became a priest."

In 1982, Father Chacour started a small interfaith high school at Ibillin with 80

children 14 and 15 years old and four

"Now I have 265 members of the faculty," he said, "and among them over 80 have Ph.D.s, 96 have master's degrees and the rest have at least four years of university. The students have multiplied so much that now we have 3,970 students.

"This small school is now the biggest Arab college in Israel and the oldest private institution where you find Muslims, Christians, Druze and Jews together on both levels, the faculty and the students," Father Chacour said. "Our goal now is to develop the college into a university. I'm very pleased that the University of Indianapolis has said, 'Yes, we'll help.' You are going to be a sign of hope for us in Israel. This will be a unique opportunity to share with you, not only the past, but also the future. †



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to every young person who joins us spiritually in the coming days, and also to those who feel distant. I say to all: God is close to you and loves you-welcome him!" he said.

Around the Vatican, workers placed welcoming banners and hung the flags of nations around St. Peter's Square, as the first wave of young people rolled into Rome on planes, trains and buses. A group of Italian youths took a more traditional form of transportation—their own feet walking 370 miles from the northern city

Standing under a blistering sun in St. Peter's Square, about 40 U.S. students

from Long Island exuded the sense of excitement and camaraderie of those arriving in Rome. A highlight of their whirlwind pilgrimage along the way, said John Graziano, was meeting young people from Chad in Assisi, Italy.

"We were dancing and singing with them in the square," he said.

Officially, World Youth Day activities were to begin Aug. 15, with welcoming ceremonies that include Pope John Paul, and were to culminate with a rally and Mass Aug. 19-20. But already on Aug. 12, some 300 global representatives, including those from Orthodox and Protestant churches, began a four-day encounter known as the International Youth Forum.

Welcoming the delegates, U.S. Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, spoke

about young pilgrims of the past who can serve as models for today, including St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Jerome and St. Therese of Lisieux.

The young people later broke up into groups to discuss the ways in which the Christian faith brings strength to one's life, the struggles of living out faith in personal and professional life, and how the Gospel can improve the world.

Among those arriving for World Youth Day activities were thousands of youths from Third World countries, including 27 nations racked by war or civil conflict. Many were able to come to Rome because of a \$3.5 million Vatican solidarity fund.

Several Vatican curial officials also said they would join the pope in offering to share their own residences with visiting young people, to help relieve a massive

housing crunch during the Aug. 15-20 activities.

Staying at the pope's residence in Castel Gandolfo, just outside of Rome, were three youths each from Congo, Sri Lanka, Tahiti, Canada and Italy. Most young people were being housed in hotels, schools, religious institutes and private homes.

The gathering included 750 youths from the Holy Land, including Israel, Palestinian Territories and Jordan, the largest delegation from the region to have participated in such an event.

"We need to show the Christians around the world that Christians must remain to live in the Holy Land because this is our land ... because Jesus was born here," Rita Yousef Sa'adeh, a 28-year-old nurse, said before leaving her West Bank city of Ramallah. †

MAHONY

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will keep us ever committed to protect the life and well-being of all people but especially unborn children, the sick and the elderly, those on skid row and those on death row," he prayed.

He also prayed for "a new kind of politics, focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls, more on the needs of the poor and vulnerable than the contributions of the rich and powerful, more on the pursuit of the common good than the demands of special interests.'

A day earlier, Cardinal Mahony urged Catholic delegates at a Mass he celebrated at the Wilshire Grand Hotel to

keep God in their hearts at a time when the lives of America's children "are threatened both in the womb and in our neighborhoods."

"It is the Church's special prayer that during these days of important deliberations for the good of our country God will be present in your hearts to guide you for what is truly in the best interests of all our people," he said at the Mass.

Cardinal Mahony called on the approximately 350 people at the Mass to "be in the forefront of those who stand on the side of all who may be threatened in our communities."

This includes those whose lives are threatened "most clearly because of legalized abortion, but also by the continued use of capital punishment, and the

movement to allow physician-assisted suicide," Cardinal Mahony said.

Threats to human dignity come from "the growing gaps in wealth and income and the scarcity of affordable housing, health care, child care and a quality education," he said.

"Human rights are jeopardized," the cardinal added, "when immigrant workers are exploited, when the minimum wage cannot support a family in dignity, and when discrimination and racism are still evident in the workplace and in our neighborhoods."

Cardinal Mahony said it was "surely a hopeful sign" that so many delegates had chosen to "be nourished by God's word and sacrament" as they prepared for the

"In an era when polling techniques and focus groups sometimes seem to have replaced enduring principles and values to guide us, it is heartening that you are here to listen to God's word and to allow God's plan for the human family to impact your views and decisions," he said.

The next afternoon, as he welcomed convention delegates to Los Angeles and began his prayer, he said he came to the proceedings "out of respect for our nation's democratic traditions."

"I come as a pastor, not a politician; an advocate of values, not candidates," he

Only a few hundred people were in the Staples Center at the time of the invocation, compared to nearly 30,000 later in the evening when President Clinton gave his farewell address to the party.

Cardinal Mahony's decision to deliver the opening prayer drew criticism from some, such as the American Life League, which said that by virtue of the Democratic Party's support for legal abortion, the prelate should have declined

Others, including Father Frank Pavone, president of Priests for Life, said the cardinal's appearance at the convention was a positive thing.

"The defense of life is integral to the cardinal's life, and his prayers could not possibly have any contrary intention, no matter where they are said," said Father Pavone in a statement.

Church leaders were also present at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia closed the Republican convention with a benediction and attended a prayer breakfast with GOP presidentianl nominee George W. Bush after the convention.

At the Sunday Mass before the start of the Democratic convention, Cardinal Mahony told the delegates that they and the country faced many challenges:

- "To protect the lives of all God's children and to promote the rights of the most vulnerable in our society, whether they be the unborn, the powerless and the voiceless.
- "To preserve the dignity of the poor and the least among us.
- "To strengthen families, to nurture our children, and to reinvigorate a deeper sense of promoting the common good, rather than an exaggerated sense of individualism." †

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accompanies singers when they go to a local nursing home.

"The most difficult Mass I played was at my mother's funeral in January of 1978," he said.

Besides playing at St. Paul, Gutzwiller plays at St. Peter in Franklin County on Sundays. That started when the parish was "in a pinch" more than 11 years ago. Since Charlotte goes with him, she started to sing in the choir.

"They have a beautiful choir at St. Peter," he said.

He's been asked to play at weddings and funerals all around the Cincinnati and Batesville area. In November, he'll play at a wedding in the motherhouse church in Oldenburg—there because St. Louis in Batesville is undergoing renovation.

"I never go in cold. I'll make a trip over there to look at the organ, so I'll know what to expect," he said.

"The music is so much easier now than when I first started. There was a lot more playing," said Gutzwiller. He remembers the four-part Latin High Masses at St. Paul with the Agnus Dei, Sanctus and Gregorian chant, when the people spent more time listening and meditating.

He remembers playing for several archbishops when they were in New Alsace for special occasions.

And he remembers when he was not

permitted to play in a Protestant Church.

"Basically, now there are four hymns. The idea today is for the congregation to become more involved in singing," Gutzwiller said.

"The music is more in the registration that people are comfortable singing," adding that he can transpose music that is too high for people to sing.

"They participate well here on Saturday evenings," said Gutzwiller. "We always use music that is in the missalette.

St. Paul parishioner Ray Hemke said, "Whenever he's at the organ, you can tell the difference."

Don and Charlotte built their house, just down the street from the church, one year after they were married. Their friend, Msgr. Harold Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, grew up in a house that still stands next to the school.

The couple has two daughters who live in Indianapolis. Donna Marie is a teacher. Mary Kay Mauer and her husband have four children.

The golden jubilarians walk four miles a day. "I feel like I could be back in school," said Don.

He looks at the music through trifocals now. But he plans to continue playing the organ at St. Paul Church.

"I know there is a shortage of priests," he said, "but there is a shortage of music ministers, as well.

"God thinks I can go on," said Gutzwiller. "I always do the best I can. When I can't, it will be goodbye, Don." †

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Who are those men and women in long robes?

Once in a while I have occasion to participate in some type of liturgical



function along with other Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre. Every time I do, people ask me afterward who we are, the men wearing berets and long white robes with a large scarlet Jerusalem

cross and the women wearing black robes with the cross, and a black veil. After I explain, they sometimes suggest that I write about them in this column.

There are now about 75 Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the cities just to the north of Indianapolis in the Lafayette Diocese. We are part of the 10,000-member Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in the United States, organized in nine lieutenancies. The North Central Lieutenancy includes the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

The order has military names because it traces its origin to the First Crusade that

in 1099 liberated Jerusalem, and specifically the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, from the Muslims. Its purpose then was to defend the basilica. After the fall of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem when the knights had to leave the Holy Land, national divisions were established in various countries.

In 1847, Pope Pius IX reestablished the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and placed the order under the jurisdiction of its patriarch. Pope Pius X reserved the office of grand master to himself, but Pope Pius XII transferred that office from the pope to a cardinal patron. The current grand master is Cardinal Carlo Furno. Pope Paul VI approved the latest statutes of the order in 1977.

The purpose of the order today is to sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Knights and Ladies make annual contributions which go toward the building of Catholics schools in the Holy Land, the support of Bethlehem University, the maintenance of the patriarchal seminary at Beit Jala, and other projects designed

to maintain a Catholic presence in the Holy Land.

Membership in the order is limited to "persons of a deep and practical Catholic faith and of unblemished moral reputation." Present members nominate others for membership and their pastors and bishop must approve prospective members. The bishop must nominate clergy. Archbishop Buechlein, Msgr. Joseph Schaedel and Father Daniel Mahan are clergy members in this archdiocese.

Each lieutenancy has an annual meeting during which new members are invested. For the North Central Lieutenancy, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago invests the members, symbolically presenting them with swords and spurs.

Knights and Ladies are encouraged to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem awards the Pilgrim's Shell, a silver scallop shell, to those who do.

Knights and Ladies also wear the insignia of the order and distinctive decorations. These differ as members receive promotions, largely determined by the length of time one has been a member. †

Research for the Church/ *James D. Davidson*

Attitudes and behavior: a two-way street

There is a well-established body of research showing that attitudes precede



behavior. According to this research, people's values and beliefs affect their actions. Their perceptions affect the choices they make. Their ideas translate into actions.

Applying this principle to religion, we see that people's faith

has consequences for the way they live their life. Their religious beliefs affect the way they act. Their religious worldviews carry over into their relationships with others.

By extension, this research suggests that, if Church leaders want to change the way people currently act, the first thing they have to do is change the way people think. If they want people to do things they've never done before, they need to change people's attitudes.

This body of research underlies a great deal of ministry in the Church. It is the underpinning of much of what takes place in religious education and youth ministry. It also is found in ministry with young adults, and older adults as well. It is the framework within which a great deal of social ministry takes place. It is the bedrock of most weekend homilies and a great deal of pastoral counseling. There is nothing wrong with this way of thinking. Attitudes do affect people's actions.

However, there is another well-established body of research showing that people's actions also precede their values and beliefs. The choices people make affect their perceptions of reality. Their actions translate into ideas.

This approach also can be applied to religion. It suggests that religious practices affect people's religious beliefs.

By extension, this research suggests that, if Church leaders want to change the way people think, the first thing they ought to do is change the way people act.

In a wonderful article he wrote for *Christianity Today* some years ago, Professor David G. Myers of Hope College said the assumption that attitudes affect actions "lies behind most of our teaching, preaching, counseling and child rearing. But," he added, "the reverse is equally true: we are as likely to act ourselves into a way of thinking as to think ourselves into a line of actions. ...Individuals are as likely to believe in what they have stood up for as to stand up for what they believe."

Myers' observation challenges us to think about ministry in some new ways. Many Church programs—such as Bible study, social ministry and small Christian communities—include the components of prayer, study, faith sharing, mutual support and outreach. These components usually occur in just that sequence: prayer and study, followed by a faith sharing and mutual support, ending with a commitment to action. This sequence is based on the familiar assumption that attitude precedes action

Now, arrange the same components using the less familiar assumption that action precedes attitude. Suddenly, the sequence is reversed: action leads to mutual support and faith sharing, and ends in a commitment to further study and prayer.

I do not suggest that Church leaders abandon their traditional approach to ministry for a new one. Both approaches are legitimate ways for people to participate in the Church.

The Church needs to provide a variety of ways for people to be faithful Catholics.

(James D. Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.) †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Separation anxiety never dies, it just mutates

If it were up to me, I'd have all my kids and grandkids with me forever and ever,



amen. I guess most moms feel that way. The presence of

one's immediate family, if experience hasn't been along the lines of *Angela's Ashes*, seems to me one of the most satisfying things ever. I like to think it's a glimpse of the heav-

enly community we aspire to join.

On the other hand, it may be better that kids grow up and go away so that we may rejoice on viewing them again. This is because, once they're adults, the kids' relationship with their parents is changed forever.

This fact was pointed out to me early on in the grown-up kids game. I'd told my oldest son it was cold outside so he'd better wear his jacket, and he gently reminded me that, "I know when I need to wear a jacket, Mom." End of advice.

On another occasion, number-three son, who was already working at his first job and courting the girl who turned out to be his true love, told me (over the phone) that he'd be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his girlfriend's family. "What!??!!" screamed I, and went on to tell him that this was a family occasion and everyone expected to see him.

Immediately upon hanging up, I realized what a dumb and cruel mistake I'd made. So I phoned my son right back and said, "Forget all of the above. I'm sorry. Go, and have a great time." It was taking a considerable number of learning experiences, but I was learning.

Of course, separation from one's child begins much earlier in life. The first time we leave the darling with a babysitter causes pangs in the maternal heart. The kid's first sleepovers with friends or summer visits to grandparents get us mistyeyed, and the first day of school (unless you're home schooling) is another wrenching experience. What's worse, it happens with each and every child.

The year when all the kids finally go to school is a real biggie. And then, there's the vacation in Florida they take with their pals, the going away to college or a job and last, but certainly not least, the final departure for marriage and the start of their own families.

After all that, you'd think we parents would give it a rest, wouldn't you? But no, we have to experience the official "empty nest syndrome" in order to advance to the next level of the game of

life. We have to grow up, just as our kids are growing up.

And this is where it gets really interesting. We're not to give advice to our young, nor demand they make decisions of which we approve. On the other hand, we must try to be supportive and helpful without recrimination, negative criticism or rolling of the eyes, no matter what they come up with.

But all that doesn't matter. On the occasions when the "kids" come home or we visit them, the strangeness of the new relationship fades away in favor of our shared past. Once again, now as adults together, we can see, hear and feel what it is exactly that we love about each other, even when we can't define it.

We reminisce and look at old photographs and laugh like idiots. We eat meals of our favorite dishes and sit at the table for hours over coffee or a glass of wine while we talk politics, morals or the decline of Western culture.

When we part, we're sad. But when we come together again, it's even better than the last time. We're all growing up, not apart.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

The Eucharist: a phenomenal reality

An Episcopal priest saying Mass in a hogan was keenly aware of his surround-



ings at the start of his Navajo mission work. The setting seemed mysterious to the Rev. Ian Mitchell. At the consecration of bread and wine, he elevated the host and found himself "openmouthed with astonishment as the host

was eclipsed by a full moon beaming directly into the hogan through the (hogan's) smoke hole.

"The host was outlined by a brilliant aura, and a thrill surged through my body. This was my sign from God! This was my destiny," he wrote in Follow Your Dream, but Watch Your Back: Memoirs, Commentaries & a Challenge to the Church. I read Father Mitchell's book after interviewing him and his talented, musical Indianapolis family for an article.

A few months after my feature was

published, the priest died of leukemia. While attending his funeral Mass the summer of 1996 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, I hoped to see a halo of light on the elevated host in the manner Mitchell experienced. Nothing happened, but the music greatly affected me. Mitchell, a well-known musician with seven albums to his credit, composed it himself.

Returning home, I re-read Mitchell's page about the Communion host. I'd forgotten that he concluded with "If I had been superstitious about such things ... I would have succumbed and assumed that God had called me to a career of service to the Navajo people. I meditated on the experience and concluded it was a phenomenal coincidence. ... Yet I have never forgotten that moment, nor the impressive presence of devoted people huddled around the altar and the fire, and I thank God I was there."

From time to time, I meditate on this, too, knowing how many "phenomenal coincidences" I myself hold dear, includ-

ing those highlighting the Eucharist. I'm sure all readers have similar memories, incidents between God and ourselves that rarely reach print.

A few non-Catholic clergymen have shared their thoughts about the Eucharist with me, however. Words that surfaced most often were "mystical" and "holy." The Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is life-changing, even in small ways. One minister told me how, whenever on vacation, he now makes a point to attend a Catholic Mass.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will hold a Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame. The participants undoubtedly will be blessed with mystical and holy moments of their own. Some might be "phenomenal coincidences," but all Masses will be phenomenal realities because of Christ's presence.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a parishioner of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

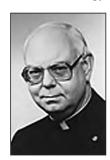
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 20, 2000

- Proverbs 9:1-6
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

The Book of Proverbs provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first



reading. As time passed, and as Greek civilization overtook the Middle East and the Holy Land, pious Jews found themselves face to face with a philosophy that was pagan and also effusive in its regard for human reasoning and

intelligence. Greece, after all, was the home of the great philosophers such as Aristotle and Socrates, whose thinking still influences the world in many ways.

In other developments, Jews left the land given to them by God almost always to find better living conditions elsewhere. As they entered faraway communities, they discovered the pagan world. For many, it was a rude introduction.

They had come from centuries of proclamation of the one God of Israel. They bore the stigma in their new settings of being people seen as having little in learning or grasp of reality. Against this prejudice, and amid paganism, they had to live and rear

In an effort to assert the depth and majesty of their ancient beliefs, they insisted that belief in monotheism, and particularly in the God of Jacob, not only was logical, but the only outcome to any truly authentic attempt at logic.

Proverbs is one of those ancient books that was constructed in this circumstance.

This weekend's reading employs an interesting literary device. Wisdom appears in the third person, as if a person. Wisdom provides for those who seek the truth. Genuine truth is like a meal, providing nourishment. Of course, wisdom is of God, the only source of truth.

For the second reading, the liturgy this weekend turns to the Epistle to the Ephesians. The reading is brief.

It borrows the theme of wisdom first given in Proverbs. Sin is the supreme and final folly. The epistle bluntly equates sinners with fools. It calls the Christians of Ephesus to holiness, and warns against

drunkenness and debauchery. Urging the Ephesians to resist such excesses was more than theoretical. The city was a busy seaport. Vice was not uncommon.

Ephesus also was a great pagan shrine. Its magnificent temple, the centerpiece of the city, was dedicated to Diana, the Roman goddess of the moon. Veneration of the goddess in Ephesus had strong overtones of fertility. Immorality assumed something of a religious character.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. It is a text treasured by Christians all through the centuries.

Jesus is the "living bread" come from heaven. He is nourishment and life. The message does not end with nourishment. The sacrifice that the Lord was to complete on Calvary is clearly foreseen.

During the time of Jesus, bread had an even more powerful symbolism than it has today. Menus were limited. Only what could be easily obtained was on the average table. Bread was an essential food. The Lord's reference to "living bread" built upon this symbolism.

Wine was the common beverage. In popular lore, it also had life. After all, it relaxed inhibitions and calmed anxieties. It was no ordinary drink. It was an excellent symbol for the saving, living, holy blood of Jesus the lamb.

Reflection

The Church has guided us through weeks of instruction, introducing us to the Lord. He is the Risen Savior, the victor over death. He vanquished sin. He restored life to the dead. He healed the sick. He forgave sin. He brought the mercy of God to

Then, the Church instructed us in the fact that this wondrous Lord did not disappear from the world long ago at the moment of the Ascension. Rather, Jesus lives with us through the words, faith and power of the apostles, whom the Lord commissioned to proclaim the Gospel to the world, to all places and in all times.

The Church assures us that Jesus offered us nourishment to sustain us and enable us to overcome death. He is the living bread. In the Eucharist, we eat the body of the Lord and drink the blood of Christ. Through Holy Communion, Jesus becomes part of us and we become part of Jesus. And in this union, we too can overtake the power of death. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 21 Pius X, pope Ezekiel 24:15-24 (Response) Deuteronomy 32:18-21 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, Aug. 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ezekiel 28:1-10 (Response) Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, Aug. 23 Rose of Lima, virgin Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 20:1-16a

Thursday, Aug. 24 Bartholomew, apostle Revelation 21:9b-14

Psalm 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Iohn 1:45-51

Friday, Aug. 25 Joseph Calazanz, priest Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107:2-9 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, Aug. 26 Ezekiel 43:1-7a Psalm 85:9-14 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, Aug. 27 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21 **Ephesians** 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:60-69

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Justice involves positive response to a problem

Your answer to "Is Forgiveness Really Possible?" was very enlighten-



ing. It's not surprising you receive so much mail because this is a common problem.

To take this one step further, what about justice? My brother committed various crimes against me and my parents, which ultimately caused my

father's death. I forgave him for what he did to me, but the fact that he caused our father's death is something I cannot accept. I feel I must get justice for my

Saying God will punish him is a copout. I want to turn to the district attorney, but I keep asking myself whether I am really seeking revenge in disguise.

If we "forgive" everyone's crimes, we may as well abolish the police, courts and jails. Should we not attempt to stop the evil in this world? Revenge seeks to harm. Justice seeks restitution. Can you help me figure this out? (New Jersey)

▲ First of all, I'm going to assume that when you say crime you do mean crime. Crime is an activity, usually quite serious, punishable by law. So not every injustice, even a grave one, is a crime.

Did your brother directly cause your father's death? Or did he bring about a family situation that, as you see it, occasioned the death?

Since you speak of approaching the district attorney, it seems that you consider what your brother did as carrying legal sanctions. It would be good to find out for sure before beginning a move to the courts. For all this, you will need the advice of an attorney.

You omit in your letter some morally critical information. To begin with, you need to identify clearly what you wish to accomplish. You say you do not want revenge or punishment, but restitution.

Is this money or something else? Is what you plan to do likely to be successful? Is the money, or whatever else, there to be returned? Is what you want to do likely to accomplish more good than harm for you? Your mother? The rest of the family? Will it bring some closure or just

reopen old wounds? Are other avenues possible to achieve your purpose?

This may seem a rather cold approach to an emotional situation, but these are basic, common sense questions to ask if you hope to arrive at prudent and otherwise virtuous decisions that will accomplish something positive for everyone con-

After we have reflected and done the best we can, leaving the rest to God is no cop-out. All life on this earth is imperfect. Even morally, everything is not balanced or fair. That full truth is, and can be, revealed only in eternity is still part of our faith and hope.

Why is circumcision mentioned so often in the Bible, and why was it so important for the Jews? Jewish men had to be circumcised, and the Gospels say that even Jesus was. How did this practice get started? (Ohio)

Some archeological discoveries in Arecent decades point to a possible

Circumcision, it seems, may be closely related to human sacrifice, which was widespread in some ancient Mideast cultures (including, at certain periods, the Jews) as a way of placating and supplicating the gods.

Several years ago, archeologists in the Near East discovered an interesting document apparently written by a Phoenician priest.

The text tells how a god named El, to prevent destruction of his city, sacrificed his son to his father, a god named Heaven. El then circumcised himself, and commanded all his followers to be circumcised, thus saving their home.

In this tradition, at least, circumcision seems to take the place of human sacrifice. A part of the body is substituted for the whole. Since an intimate relationship was seen between individuals and the entire community or tribe, circumcisioninvolving part of the male organ of procreation—proclaimed that the whole nation, the whole clan, present and future, was consecrated to the god it worshipped.

In this context, it is easier to see why descendants of Abraham viewed circumcision as a fitting and necessary expression of their covenant with the God of Israel. †

My Journey to God

'Small' details mean so much

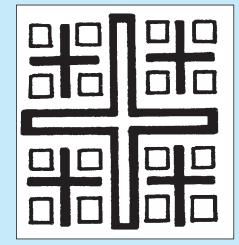
My home computer is dead. Lightning

It sounds cliché, but you always hear about things happening to others and never think it will happen to you. The bad news is that I last backed up my files in 1997. I've told myself, "I need to back up again." But I never got around to it.

On a more somber note, I recently learned that an old acquaintance passed away. He had been sick, but I didn't realize how serious it had gotten. I meant to drop by or send a card, but I never did.

Both experiences have tugged at me to examine how much time, or lack thereof, I spend looking after the "small" details in my life that mean so much ... the few minutes it takes to write a young person a nice card ... to call an old friend ... or to enjoy an extended conversation with a co-worker in the midst of a busy day.

I find it surprisingly difficult to let go of "getting the grass cut" or "finalizing details for a ministry event" in favor of tending to the "small" details in my life



and ministry that are ultimately impor-

Computers crash. Friends (and youth) fade from our lives. I pray for the vigilance to pay attention to the "small" details while I can.

By Ray Lucas

(Ray Lucas is the director of youth ministry for the New Albany Deanery.)

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August 19

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August 20

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August 28

Little Flower Church, 4720 E. 13th St., **Indianapolis**. "Living the Gospel of Life," Dr. Mark Ginter, 7 p.m.

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Daily

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St. Rita Church, **Indianapolis**. Mass in Vietnamese, 2 p.m.

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

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Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., **Indian-apolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m.; rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, **Indianapolis**. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.

Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Prayer group, 7:30 n.m.

Tuesdays

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass. Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th St., **Beech Grove**. Prayer group, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

St. Anne Parish, **Hamburg**. "The Faith Explained," by Father Greg Bramlage, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-5854

Wednesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), **Indianapolis**. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, Catholic Social Services program, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-236-1538.

St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road, **Indianapolis**. Shepherds of Christ prayer for priests, renewal. Information: 317-872-7236.

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Chapel, Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary Church, **New Albany**. Shepherds of Christ prayers for lay, religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Malachy Church, **Browns-burg**. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Fridays

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

St. Lawrence Chapel, **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 10 a.m.

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Theater project brings teens with varying abilities together

By Mary Ann Wyand

It's show time this Saturday at Central Catholic School in Indianapolis.

Good Shepherd Parish youth group members will share the stage with teenagers from the Damar Home, a facility for young people with developmental disabilities, to present a variety show at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 in the school auditorium, located at 1155 E. Cameron St.

The program begins with dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested by calling Bernie Price, youth group coordinator, at the Catholic Youth Organization office at 632-9311 or by leaving a message at 787-7148. The menu includes barbecue sandwiches, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for grade school students and \$2 for preschoolers.

The 10-week theater project was made possible by a grant from Youth As Resources, which approved the youth group's request for community service

funds to teach acting classes at the Damar Home in Indianapolis and present a variety show at the school.

"Our youth group began volunteering at Damar Home in 1973," Price said, as members of the former St. Catherine Parish. They continued the service project when the archdiocese reorganized St. Catherine and St. James parishes as Good Shepherd Parish in 1993.

"We have built a strong relationship with the group from Damar," she said, "and the experience [this summer] has been very rewarding."

Classes began in June, Price said, and continued every Thursday evening. About 15 Good Shepherd youth group members helped teach the classes, coordinate the rehearsals and plan the show.

"We've had a lot of good times," said Roncalli High School sophomore Lori Shreve. She sings in the school choir and plans to enroll in Roncalli's acting class.

"It means a lot just to know that they appreciate you so much," Lori said. "They have such a great time with it."

Youth group member Kelly Konz, who is a senior at Morton Memorial High School in Knightstown, said she has enjoyed helping the kids learn their parts.

"Some of the kids want to sing and some want to dance," Kelly said. "Our main focus is doing skits. It's a great feeling to help. It's fun. I enjoy it.

"We're hoping for a good turn-out," Kelly said. "I'm so excited! I can't wait to see how they do and how the audience reacts to the skits."

Kelly's sister, Elizabeth, is a sophomore at Roncalli and also will study acting there this year.

"The kids really get into it," Elizabeth said of the rehearsals. "They're so happy to see us. I think the show will be really cute."

Roncalli High School sophomore Sarah Shepardson sings in the school choir and acted in the musical last year. Those experiences were lots of fun, she said, but the youth group project has been "really great" because the kids are so excited about the variety show.

"When I helped the kids learn their lines, they hugged me," Sarah said. "It's just a great feeling."

Roncalli freshman Andrew Stimson said the Youth As Resources project has been "a good opportunity to help the kids" and "a lot of fun."

The project has been particularly rewarding for Bernie Price, who has helped youth group members participate in the Catholic Youth Organization's One-Act Play Contest for years.

"I've enjoyed watching the Damar youth learn their parts and prepare for the show," she said. "I told Father Tom [Clegg, Good Shepherd's sacramental minister and Roncalli's chaplain] that in the 26 or 27 years I've been working as a CYO volunteer that this is definitely the best project we've ever taken on. This is the top. This is No. 1!

"I'm so proud of the kids because they initiated the idea, presented the project to the Youth As Resources board and got the grant," Price said. "I hope we get a good crowd for the show on Saturday night." †

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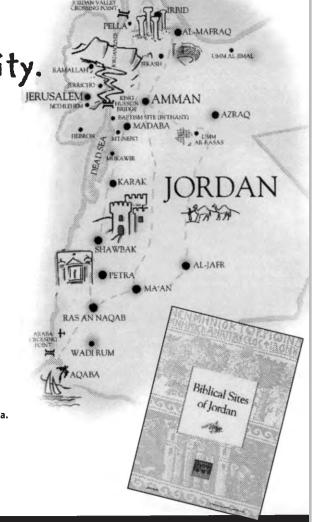
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ASFAIG, Kathleen M., 93, St. Andrew, Richmond, Aug. 6. Aunt of several.

BOYLE, Betty J. (Connely), 75, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Aug. 2. Mother of Cindy Shephani and Mary Martin. Daughter of Mary M. Lunde. Sister of Bill Connely, Shirley Cookson and Chris Scott. Grandmother of two. Greatgrandmother of three.

BROCK, Michael Curtis, 13, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, July 28. Son of Theresa and Curtis Brock. Brother of Anthony and Joseph Brock. Grandson of Paul Swan, Dodie Owen and Loretta Reinhart.

BROWN, Iona, 65, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, Aug. 3. Wife of William Brown. Mother of Kathy Swiantek, Debby, Patty and Tom Brown. Sister of Rosemma Anderson, Roberta

Ehnsley, Phyllis Garry, Rebecca Garvin, David, George, Jerry and Robert Bertram. Grandmother of one.

BULLOCK, Richard Leo, 63, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 31. Husband of Helen (Wire) Bullock, Father of Brenda Enderle, Sherry Farr and Leilani O'Daniel. Brother of Dale Bullock. Grandfather of six.

CODY, Wilfred F. "Bill," 84, Mary Oueen of Peace, Danville, July 29. Husband of Juanita Cody. Father of Lois Burnell and Lora Goins. Stepfather of Joe Evans. Brother of Leroy Cody and Melvina Morgan. Grandfather of six. Greatgrandfather of five.

DECKER, Claude, 71, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 21. Husband of Patty (Flanagan) Decker. Father of Jeanne Bilyeu, Patty des Petrarca, Mary Sovick, Jim, Joe and Susan Decker. Brother of Marianne Gordon and Carol Kulinski, Grandfather of 10.

DEVILLEZ, Alice (Anderson), 83, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 6. Wife of Joseph Devillez. Mother of Vickie Hall, Sharon Meunier, Robert Sr., Barbara and Devillez. Sister of Robert Anderson, Doris Earl, Alma Giles and Caroline

Meadows. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 15.

DURFLINGER, Harry A., 81, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Aug. 1. Husband of Agnes M. (Fraize) Durflinger. Father of Diane Whiteside. Stepfather of Gregory Fraize and Sharon Penaloza. Grandfather of two.

EBBING, Patty Jean, 68, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, July 29. Mother of Kelly Bruce, Kent Ebbing and Leslie Walsh. Sister of Donna Carrie Grandmother of four.

FEGLEY, Lea M., 77. St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 30. Mother of Beatrice McGlynn, Patrick and Paul Fegley. Sister of Germqinn Chassard. Grandmother of three. Greatgrandmother of one.

FITZSIMMONS, Helen R., 92, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, Aug. 9. Sister of Adah Kirk and Lena

FOSTER, Nancy K. (Crawford), 51, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Aug. 8. Wife of James Foster. Mother of Ronald Bryant and James Michael. Daughter of Martha (Klene) Crawford. Sister of Judy Johnson, Joseph and Richard Crawford. Grandmother of one.

GUERRA, Bartolome M., 72, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Aug. 2. Husband of Anicia Guerra. Father of Julio Guerra, Narcisa Millar and Tess Miranda. Brother of Remigia Verzonilla, Jose, Marcus, Rosita, Pedro and Theodore Guerra. Grandfather

JONES, Margaretha, 88, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Aug. 3. Mother of Kathleen Carter, Mary Frances Doyle, Margie Litz, Donna Monaghan and Elizabeth Van Noy. Sister of Kathleen Dant and Thomas J. Schoettle Sr. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 11.

KANNAPEL, Frank, 93, Most Precious Blood, New Middletown, July 10. Husband of Josephine Kannapel. Father of JoAnn Robertson, Mary Rose Stevens, Bill, Charlie, Joyce and Martine Kannapel. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of 15.

KASBERG, Robert, 79, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Aug. 7. Husband of Wylma Hensley. Father of Claudia Fagan, Linda Viehmann, David, James, Robert Jr. and John Kasberg. Grandfather of 19.

KEMPER, Dorothy, 76, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 19. Wife of Sidney Kemper. Mother of Theresa Shank, Mary Lou Wagner, Cynthia and James Kemper. Sister of Mary Kossmann, Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of

KOORS, Susanna H., 86, St. Mary, Greensburg, Aug. 9. Wife of Lawrence Koors. Mother of Arthur, Dale, Harold, Kenneth and Stephen Koors. Grandmother of 26. Step-grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 25. Step-great-grandmother of 12.

KUBALA, Adeline M., 88, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 23. Mother of Mary Cates, Stephanie Tarczy, Joseph and Peter Kubala. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of three.

LECHER, Jerry Paul "Pete," 46, St. Mary, Greensburg, Aug. 10. Husband of Susan (Hirt) Lecher. Son of Harry Lecher. Brother of Larry Lecher.

MASCUS, Ann, 86, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Wife of Justin Mascus. Mother of Charles Mascus. Grandmother of two.

McDANIELS, Hilda, 94, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Aug. 5. Mother of Richard Jr. and David McDaniels. Sister of Agatha Hines. Grandmother of five.

McDONOUGH, James R., 63, St. Aug.ine, Jeffersonville, Aug. 6. Husband of Gerry McDonough. Father of James, Meghan and Mollie McDonough. Brother of Sally Rothrock, Charles and Thomas McDonough. Grandfather of

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MEUSE, Frances E., 69, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Aug. 2. Sister of Theresa Reeves and Josephine Jones. Aunt of several.

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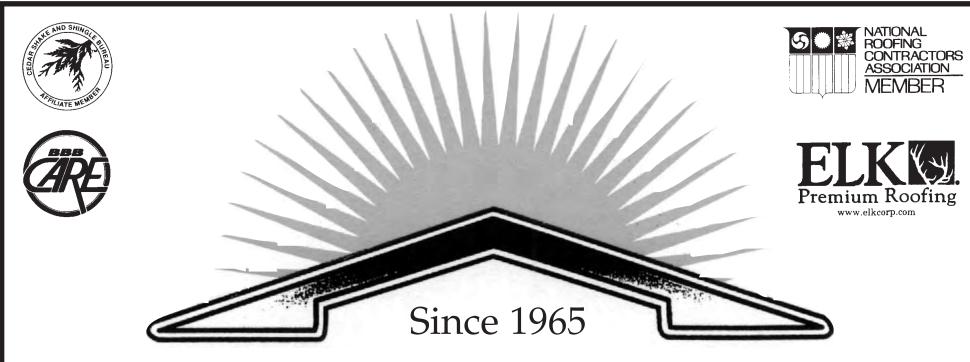
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