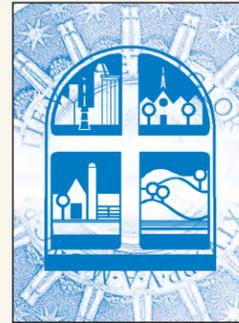




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Residents walk in a destroyed area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 14, two days after the catastrophic earthquake struck the Haitian capital and killed an estimated 200,000 people.

## Parishes look to bolster mission efforts in Haiti

By Sean Gallagher

In the wake of the massive Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti, parishes across the archdiocese that have done mission work there made initial plans to assist in the relief work in the impoverished island nation.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis as a whole is providing aid through second collections taken up in every parish on the weekends of Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 23-24. The money donated in these collections, taken up at the request of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, will be given to Catholic Relief Services, which is coordinating support from Church agencies around the world.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour, St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus and St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg all have sister parishes in the northern part

of Haiti that seem to have come out of the earthquake relatively unscathed.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, however, has a longstanding relationship with St. Jean Marie Parish in Belle Riviere, high in the mountains some 65 miles southwest of the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, an area near the epicenter of the earthquake.

Joseph Zelenka, who coordinates St. Thomas' mission work in Haiti, told *The Criterion* on Jan. 18 that there was no loss of life and only moderate property damage in Belle Riviere.

He said, however, that travel there was difficult even in good conditions because of poor roads. Now he expects travel to Belle Riviere to be impossible.

Nevertheless, Zelenka still expects a Feb. 12-20 medical mission trip sponsored by his parish to take place. The plan now is to remain in Port-au-Prince.

"We're going to try to coordinate and provide those medical services that are so much needed by those who are suffering in

Port-au-Prince," Zelenka said.

Zelenka has made approximately 50 mission trips to Haiti in the past 20 years. Because of that experience, this current tragedy did not extinguish his hope for the people there.

"In all my trips to Haiti, no matter whether there are storms or no storms, they have food or no food, water or no water, their constant cry is, '*Bondye Bon*,' 'God is good,'" Zelenka said. "It makes my faith seem so trivial. They who have nothing live on hope, live on faith, live on courage."

Father Rick Nagel, chaplain of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), has made three mission trips to Haiti in the past three years, including one while still a seminarian.

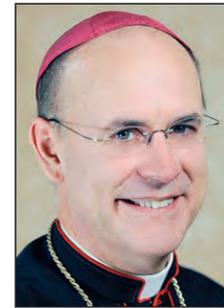
He hopes to take a group of IUPUI students on a mission trip to Haiti in March.

Although his mission work has been

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## Bishop Rhoades installed as ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CNS)—The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend opened a new chapter in its history on Jan. 13 as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was installed as its ninth bishop in a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

The new bishop reminded those at the installation of the words of St. Timothy: "Never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord" (2 Im 1:8).

"This is an important exhortation for us today, living in a culture of increasing secularism and relativism, a society in which the Catholic faith is increasingly countercultural," he added.

As the installation Mass began, 175 priests from the dioceses of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Harrisburg, Pa., and from Maryland, where Bishop Rhoades previously served, processed to the sanctuary robed in cream and gold vestments. The procession included 23 bishops, three archbishops and three cardinals: Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington; Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia; and Cardinal William H. Keeler, retired archbishop of Baltimore.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein opened the Mass and presided at the installation liturgy.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily at the Mass by asking the faithful to pray a Hail Mary for "our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are suffering from yesterday's devastating earthquake. Let us pray together for the victims and their families."

He then spoke of the day's Gospel from the first chapter of Mark. When Jesus called the Apostles, he said, they were "fishermen casting and mending their nets along the Sea of Galilee. They were ordinary men,

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## Catholic values will mark medical school at Marian University

By John Shaughnessy

In the midst of a historic day for Marian University in Indianapolis,



Daniel Elsener

President Daniel Elsener wanted to make sure that the true essence of starting a medical school wasn't lost in the fanfare.

Sure, he was thrilled to announce that the university has received a \$30 million pledge—the largest ever in the school's history—to start Indiana's first college of osteopathic medicine.

And undoubtedly he was pleased that Marian, a university whose future was uncertain less than 10 years ago, has risen to a point where it hopes, by 2012, to open

only the second medical school in the state.

Still, after he made those announcements in a press conference on Jan. 15, Elsener sought to keep the focus on how these developments reflect the longstanding Catholic tradition of courageous and compassionate commitment in health care to helping people in need.

"We truly believe we're going to extend the healing ministry of Christ with this," Elsener said, after noting that Marian will be the first Catholic university in the United States to have a college of osteopathic medicine.

"Our Catholic voice brings Gospel values, our voice brings witness, our voice brings care and compassion for the poor and the vulnerable."

That concern for the poor and the vulnerable connects with the American Osteopathic Association's interest in educating physicians, according to

Michael Claphan, the executive director of the Indiana Osteopathic Association. In a press release from Marian, Claphan noted that osteopathic doctors often have a desire to practice in underserved rural and urban communities.

"Osteopathic physicians are twice as likely as their colleagues who graduate from medical schools as M.D.s to be primary care physicians, and twice as likely to practice in rural areas," Claphan said.

Studies show that there could be a shortage of 2,000 primary care physicians in Indiana alone by 2020 if more doctors aren't trained, Elsener noted.

Marian's president also said that osteopathic medicine's commitment to treating the whole person—body, mind and spirit—is consistent with the emphasis that Marian University uses with its students.

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# Pope honors memory of Holocaust victims at Rome synagogue

ROME (CNS)—Laying a wreath at a memorial to Roman Jews rounded up by the Nazis in 1943 and joining in a standing ovation to a dwindling group of Holocaust survivors, Pope Benedict XVI broke the ice with Rome's Jewish community even before he began to speak.

The pope made his first visit to Rome's main synagogue on Jan. 17, strongly affirming the Catholic Church's commitment to improving Catholic-Jewish relations, its respect and appreciation for the Jewish faith, its condemnation of anti-Semitism and his own hope that Catholics and Jews can work together to bring biblical values back to society.

Pope Benedict began by telling some 1,500 people packed into the synagogue that he came to "confirm and deepen" the dialogue, and to demonstrate "the esteem and the affection which the bishop and the Church of Rome, as well as the entire Catholic Church, have toward this community and all Jewish communities around the world."

He also responded to a widespread impression within the Jewish community, especially the community in Rome, that Pope Pius XII did not do enough to speak out against the Holocaust.

Pope Benedict's decision in December to advance the sainthood cause of Pope Pius led for calls within the Rome community for the visit to be cancelled, and some people boycotted the meeting.

The pope said he could not come to the synagogue without remembering the Jews of Rome "who were snatched from their homes, before these very walls, and who, with tremendous brutality, were killed at Auschwitz."

"How could one ever forget their faces, their names, their tears, the desperation faced by these men, women and children?" he asked.

While many people remained indifferent to Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews, he said, "many, including Italian Catholics, sustained by their faith and by Christian teaching, reacted with courage, often at risk of their

lives, opening their arms to assist the Jewish fugitives who were being hunted down, and earning perennial gratitude."

Throughout the meeting, Holocaust survivors, wearing light and dark blue striped scarves, and their children wept at mentions of the Nazi attempt to exterminate the Jews.

Without mentioning Pope Pius by name, Pope Benedict told them, "the Apostolic See itself provided assistance, often in a hidden and discreet way."

Welcoming the pope to the synagogue, Riccardo Pacifici, president of Rome's Jewish Community, said the only reason he was born was because his father had been hidden by nuns in a convent in Florence, but many others were not so lucky.

"The weight of history is felt even at today's event because there are wounds that are still open and cannot be ignored. For this reason, we also respect those who decided not to be here today," he said.

Pacifici told the pope, "The silence of Pius XII during the Shoah is still painful today."

If Pope Pius had spoken out more loudly, he said, "maybe he would not have been able to stop the death trains, but he would have sent a signal, a word of comfort, of human solidarity, for our brothers and sisters who were transported to the chimneys of Auschwitz."

Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome, spoke about the responsibility of people of faith to protect God's creation, starting with human life and human dignity.

"The silence of God or our own incapacity to hear his voice in the face of the world's evils is an inscrutable mystery," the rabbi said. "But the silence of man is on a different level; it makes us wonder, it challenges us, and it does not escape justice."



Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome, at the main synagogue in Rome on Jan. 17.

The rabbi said that, despite continuing tensions, Catholics and Jews must move forward in their dialogue.

All of the speakers mentioned Pope John Paul II's visit to the synagogue in 1986 and every mention was met with clapping, but the longest applause came when Pope Benedict greeted the retired chief rabbi, 94-year-old Elio Toaff, who had hosted Pope John Paul's visit.

In his speech, Pope Benedict said that "the closeness and spiritual fraternity" of Catholics and Jews flows from sharing the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament.

"It is in pondering her own mystery that the Church, the People of God of the New Covenant, discovers her own profound bond with the Jews, who were chosen by the Lord before all others to receive his word," he said.

The pope said the Ten Commandments are central to the values that Christians and Jews share with each other, and must share with an increasingly

secularized world.

Acknowledging one God as the Creator of the universe, calling for respect for human life and upholding the dignity of the traditional family, the Ten Commandments are "a beacon and a norm of life in justice and love, a 'great ethical code' for all humanity," he said.

The pope told his audience that while Christians and Jews pray to the same God, "they often remain unknown to each other. It is our duty, in response to God's call, to strive to keep open the space for dialogue, for reciprocal respect, for growth in friendship, for a common witness in the face of the challenges of our time, which invite us to cooperate for the good of humanity in this world created by God."

After the pope's visit, Rabbi Di Segni told reporters, "I think the speech calmed the atmosphere," which was tense after Pope Benedict advanced the cause of Pope Pius. "My first reaction is decisively positive," the rabbi said. †



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades holds his crosier during his Jan. 13 installation Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, Ind. Bishop Rhoades, who will turn 52 on Nov. 26, succeeds Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who has headed the diocese since 1985.

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busy with their daily work, but suddenly their lives changed. They met Jesus of Nazareth, who said to them: 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'

He talked about his 26 and a half years as a priest and bishop, mostly in his home Diocese of Harrisburg.

"I thank our Lord for the many joys and blessings of those years, and for the privilege I had of serving his Church in that beautiful portion of the Lord's vineyard," he said. "But just as through the years, Peter, Andrew, James and John were called to proclaim the Gospel and carry on their apostolic mission in new lands, so too I have been called to serve in a new diocese and a new state."

Bishop Rhoades reaffirmed his commitment to his episcopal motto,

"To proclaim the truth in charity."

"Our duty is to bear witness to the truth of the apostolic faith we have received and to act as witnesses of the Gospel in word and deed," he said.

Retiring Bishop John M. D'Arcy said the congregation was 'experiencing a great catechetical lesson of the nature of the Church and the ancient office of bishop.'

He said the presence of Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio who is the official representative of Pope Benedict XVI in the United States, brought the diocese close to the pope.

Archbishop Sambi thanked Bishop D'Arcy "for your faithful priestly episcopal ministry: 53 years a priest, 35 years a bishop, almost 25 years [as] bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and, more recently, this diocese's apostolic administrator. Your excellency, may your apostolic labors

for the sake of the Gospel continue to bear abundant fruit for the people of God."

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude "to all who helped nourish my faith and my vocation through the years, beginning with my beloved parents, who I pray are sharing in my joy today from heaven."

During a reception at the Grand Wayne Center, Theresa Schortgen from St. John Parish in New Haven declared the Mass "beautiful and historic."

"We've been blessed for so many years with Bishop D'Arcy," she told *Today's Catholic*, the diocesan newspaper. "I think with Bishop Rhoades it'll be like a seamless garment. They both embrace the Catholic faith, [and] are scholars and great teachers." †

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# Marriage amendment proposed in Indiana Senate

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

A proposal to amend Indiana's Constitution to protect the traditional definition of marriage is being considered by the Indiana Senate, and expected to pass the Senate before Valentine's Day—an action the Indiana Catholic Conference is supporting.

Sen. Carlin Yoder (R-Middlebury), the author of the marriage amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 13, said,



Sen. Carlin Yoder

"I think it's important to protect the institution of marriage. We simply want to make it clear what marriage means, and this resolution will do that. It is a call to strengthen marriage.

"As we've seen in other states across the country, there is a continued effort to try to change the traditional definition of marriage through the court system," Yoder said. "Even though state law defines marriage in the traditional way between one man and one woman, the sooner we get a definition in Indiana's Constitution the better off the State of Indiana will be.

"The new language in Senate Joint Resolution 13 is better than the marriage amendment language which passed the Senate in 2007 because it shores up any concern that same-sex couples would be denied access to their partners in hospital visits or other situations," Yoder said. "The legislation is not an attack on gays and lesbians. The approach to this is fair. It still allows access for same-sex couples to see each other, but makes clear what marriage is."

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director,

who serves as the official representative of the Catholic Church in Indiana in public policy matters, testified in support of the bill this week before the Senate Judiciary Committee and reiterated the Church's position on same-sex unions.

In a 2003 document published by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on "considerations regarding proposals to give legal

recognition to unions between homosexual persons," it concluded, "The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions.

"The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society," the document noted. "The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women, and for the good of society itself."

Tebbe agrees with Sen. Yoder and others that while the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the legislative intent of marriage when the law was challenged in January 2007, in the case of *Morrison v. Sadler*, future challenges to Indiana's marriage

law might result in it being overturned.

"A constitutional amendment, such as Senate Joint Resolution 13, would keep the definition of marriage intact," Tebbe said. "That's why the Church is supporting it."

A marriage amendment passed the Senate in 2007, but failed to get a hearing in the Indiana House.

In 1996, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which bars the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage and allows the states to do the same.

Under DOMA, Indiana does not have to recognize same-sex unions granted in other states, such as Massachusetts, which allow same-sex marriages. Neither current statute nor DOMA protects against the reinterpretation of the statute by a legal challenge.

According to the Alliance Defense Fund, a non-profit organization promoting traditional marriage, 30 states have adopted marriage amendments as part of their constitutions. The average pass rate vote by the people in states where marriage amendments exist was nearly 70 percent. Only five states have neither

a statute nor a constitutional provision that prohibit same-sex marriage, including Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Rhode Island.

Iowa, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont are the only states that have legalized same-sex marriage. Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut legalized same-sex marriage as a result of high court decisions. Vermont and New Hampshire legalized same-sex



Glenn Tebbe

marriage as a result of legislation.

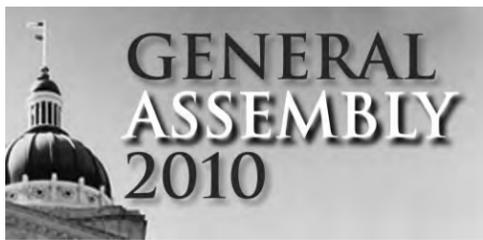
When asked if he thought the legislation would pass the committee, Sen. Yoder said, "I'm very confident we will get a vote and the Senate Judiciary Committee will pass the

amendment, and that it will pass the full Senate. But I am not at all confident that the House will act on it."

To amend the Indiana Constitution, a proposal must pass two separately elected General Assemblies and be supported by a majority of Hoosiers in a referendum vote.

Sen. Yoder said the soonest year that the marriage amendment could be put on a referendum for Hoosier voters would be 2011. For it to reach the ballot, the Indiana General Assembly would have to pass a marriage amendment in 2010 and 2011. The amendments would have to pass in identical form both years.

(To stay informed about the Church's legislative action at the Statehouse, log on to the ICC Web page at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org) and click on "Legislative Updates" to view the most current information.) †



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— Sen. Carlin Yoder

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He also stressed that in teaching future doctors, Marian University will make sure that its Franciscan and Catholic values are part of the education process.

"The Catholic directive and the social teaching will drive the culture of our medical school," he said.

The new medical school will also likely benefit from Marian's existing partnerships with two Catholic health care institutions in the archdiocese: St. Francis Health and Hospital Centers and St. Vincent Health. Both hospitals are possible sites for the medical school. The

grounds of nearby Westview Hospital—the state's only osteopathic hospital—is also a consideration. So is a location on the Marian campus.

While the location and other details of the medical school are in the development stage, Elsener said that one part of the plan is on solid ground: The decision to open a medical school reflects the values and the courage of the Franciscan sisters who founded Marian.

So it seemed fitting that the last part of the press conference was a prayer that Franciscan Sister Jean Marie Cleveland wrote and shared for the occasion. Marian's vice president for mission effectiveness prayed:

"Loving God, your message for us in today's Gospel

reading is the healing of the paralytic. How fitting for this example of your healing love—of both body and soul—to be given to us on this day when Marian University announces its desire to begin a school of osteopathic medicine.

"Be with us as we develop the plan for the future—a plan which continues the healing ministry of Jesus at this school. Guide us as we take our Catholic and Franciscan traditions to new places, and educate women and men in osteopathic health care—care of body, mind and spirit. We ask this in God's name. Amen."

(For more information about Marian University, log on to [www.marian.edu](http://www.marian.edu).) †

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# Anglican-Catholic unity?

Back in 1908, Paul Wattson, the founder of what was then the Episcopal community known as the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, located at Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y., established what he called the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Later, he would say that “the first fruits of the Octave was the acceptance of the Society into the Roman Catholic Church” one year later.

Today, 102 years later, that Octave has evolved into the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, still held during the dates proposed by Father Paul—Jan. 18-25, ending on the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Now it is promoted jointly by the Catholic Church’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. The theme this year is “You are witnesses of these things” (Lk 24:48).

This Week of Prayer is now observed internationally. In Jerusalem, for example, members of all the various Christian communities there—Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Orthodox, Armenian and Protestant—gather each evening of the week at different churches for prayer.

This year, the special week of prayers comes on the heels of the announcement that the Catholic Church is establishing a special structure for Anglicans who want to be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church while preserving aspects of their Anglican spiritual and liturgical heritage. Special Anglican ordinariates will be created for Anglicans who are disaffected by some of the decisions made by some of the Churches in the Anglican Communion.

It might appear that this development would destroy any chance of unity between the Anglican Communion and Catholicism, but the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, fortunately doesn’t see it that way. He met with Pope Benedict XVI on Nov. 21 and used his visit to Rome to urge the recommencement of discussions within the official Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC).

The first round of the ARCIC talks (known as ARCIC I) took place from 1970 to 1982, and resulted in statements concerning baptism, the Eucharist and ministry, and some issues related to authority in the Church. ARCIC II, which met from 1983 to 2005, issued statements on papal authority, salvation and the Church, the Church as a communion, and beliefs about Mary.

ARCIC III is now expected to start later this year. The topic for dialogue is



Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, England, head of the Anglican Communion, during a private meeting at the Vatican on Nov. 21. A Vatican statement said the two leaders reiterated “the shared will to continue and to consolidate the ecumenical relationship between Catholics and Anglicans.”

expected to be the relationship of the universal and local Churches, including the way Church authority is exercised and the nature of papal primacy. These questions have been debated within the Catholic Church.

While in Rome, Archbishop Williams suggested the possibility of unity between the Anglican Communion and Catholicism through the “Covenant” process currently being tried by the Anglicans. The Covenant consists of principles and procedures that the Churches in the Anglican Communion agreed to at the Lambeth Conference in 2008.

In an address at Gregorian University, Archbishop Williams said that the Covenant was “an effort to create not a centralized decision-making executive, but a ‘community of communities’ that can manage to sustain a mutually nourishing and mutually critical life, with all consenting to certain protocols of decision-making together.”

It would appear at first glance that such an idea would have no chance of acceptance by the Catholic Church. One of the problems of the Anglican Communion is that all the Churches that comprise it are autonomous. What the Church of England might accept might be rejected by the Episcopal Church in the United States. A similar problem exists with the Orthodox Churches, all of which also are autonomous.

Nevertheless, the simple fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury is making such a proposal is encouraging.

Pope Benedict plans to travel to Great Britain this fall. While there, he will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman, who lived almost exactly half of his 89 years as an Anglican and half as a Catholic. He was one of the greatest thinkers of both Churches.

Like Cardinal Newman, Franciscan Father Paul Wattson was also a convert. Perhaps during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we can pray especially that a way can be found for unity between Anglicans and Catholics.

—John F. Fink

## Seeking Life/Moises Sandoval

# Haitians set inspiring example

Among the heartbreaking images of death and devastation from Haiti’s earthquake, one stood out for me.

It came from an Associated Press story of the disaster, the country’s worst in 200 years.

“Thousands gathered in public squares to sing hymns,” a report said.



Haitians thus proclaimed to the world that their human spirit was still alive, that there is a God that can help them, that their mental health, if not their physical health, had survived the shocks.

Singing is uniquely human, long-recognized for its power to revive our spirit, give us courage and heal us. From time immemorial, soldiers sang as they went into battle. Worshippers of all faiths sang their praises to God.

In various cultures, it took different forms. For some, it was mantra, for others chanting, scales or pure improvisation.

Professor John Cox, an Englishman, believes that singing can make a major contribution to mental health. In Victorian times, he said, according to a report in *The Observer*, asylums had their own orchestra and choir, conducted by the chief doctor.

My mother always sang as she worked, one of her most endearing traits. This proclaimed to her many children that, though times might be hard, there was always something to celebrate, to cheer us up.

My wife, however, never sings, except in church. She believes it is due to a childhood incident when she was singing a Christmas carol and her mother told her, “Why don’t you just keep quiet.”

Unfortunately, in recent times, singing’s value is little recognized. At Mass, the voices that are silent far outnumber those singing the hymns.

Too many people think they can’t do

it well. Men, especially in white society, tend to look on it as something they dare do only in the shower or in the forest by themselves. Often, it takes alcohol to release inhibitions.

Singing is seen not as an activity to participate in, but as one to be entertained by. While that can also be inspiring and perhaps healing, it is not as beneficial as doing it yourself.

Nikki Slade, who gives singing workshops in north London, suffered a psychotic episode in 1989. Singing helped her recover. “The only thing that really mattered was singing,” she recalled. “I sang every day.”

Moreover, doctors believe that singing is a valuable aerobic exercise, encouraging better posture and deeper breathing, according to *The Observer* report.

It is also believed to release endorphins that relieve pain and reduce stress. That is why singing is a growing therapy for relaxation, overcoming depression and anxiety, and even treating clinically serious mental health problems.

As the Scriptures often teach us, singing is an important form of prayer. The psalmist urges, “Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name” (Ps 30:4).

“Give thanks to the Lord on the harp; with the 10-stringed lyre chant his praises” (Ps 33:2).

Perhaps there should be more singing in our liturgies, even in Lent when other forms of prayer receive more emphasis.

The fact that thousands of Haitians could gather in public squares to sing hymns after the tragedy that overtook them on Jan. 12 gives us all hope.

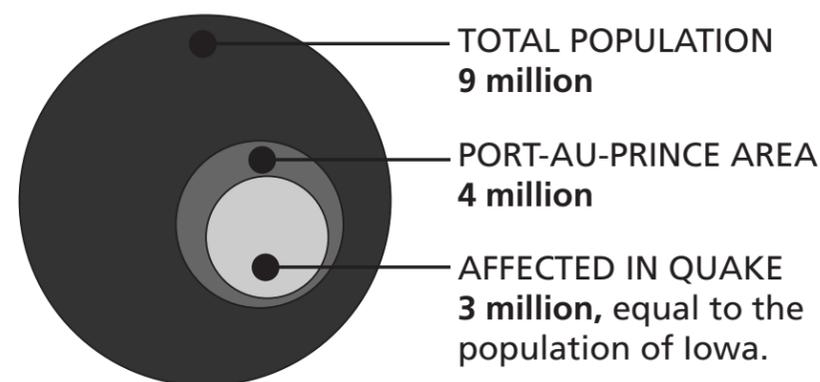
Their example can help us cope with our lesser misfortunes in these trying times: closing plants, unemployment, foreclosure, lack of health care and loss of retirement funds.

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands” (Ps 96:1).

(Moises Sandoval writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

## Human Impact

It is estimated that one in three people in Haiti will require emergency relief as a result of the Jan. 12 earthquake.



Sources: Red Cross, U.S. Census Bureau, CIA Fact Book

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ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, O.S.B.



# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Opening charter schools will help children in need

**T**his week, I want to explain a complicated venture we are undertaking in order to maintain our commitment to helping poor children break the cycle of poverty. First, I will set the context.

Since that press conference at which my appointment as Archbishop of Indianapolis was announced in 1992, I have declared myself as deeply committed to Catholic education. And I declared my deep concern for poor children who deserve the opportunity to break out from the cycle of poverty.

In response to questions from journalists, I said that I would do everything possible to keep our Catholic schools in the center city in Indianapolis and elsewhere alive in the face of the inevitable challenges we would have to face.

The record will show that, in the 17 years since that press conference, our archdiocese has worked very hard to maintain our mission of excellent education and value formation for our poor children.

Over the years, through the combined generosity of many of our people and corporate friends, we have raised and contributed some \$64 million to the cause of Catholic education, much of it going to our poor children in our center-city schools.

As the economic challenges affected our educational mission in more recent years, the burden of caring for the center-city schools was overpowering the sponsoring parishes.

After a great deal of research and study, our leadership decided to remove the burden from inner-city parishes, and we formed a separate consortium of six of those Indianapolis schools,

eventually named the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies.

An executive board was formed to oversee the development and needs of the Mother Theodore schools. The chosen solution was helpful, but with the economic downturn our mission of Catholic education was affected everywhere, and particularly severely so in the center city.

Despite effective fundraising efforts, we had begun to experience an annual \$2 million plus operating deficit which, of course, we cannot sustain. Our educational mission cannot overpower our resources.

Some committed lay leaders helped us to look at alternative ways in which we could keep our commitment to assure poor children a good education.

We launched yet another corporate campaign to raise \$10 million for the Mother Theodore schools. We are making some progress, but the corporate community is challenged in the present economy as well. And, to be frank, even if we succeed in this venture, we still will face a \$2 million annual deficit.

Another alternative was proposed for our consideration, namely that we investigate the possibility of making two of our Mother Theodore schools public charter schools. If that could be accomplished, the fiscal management of our Catholic education commitment in the center city would be feasible.

The downside of pursuing this possibility is disappointing because a public charter eliminates religion in the school curriculum and religious symbols as well. We would sacrifice the visibility of our Catholic identity in the charter schools.

We would retain ownership of the school facilities, and would be able to celebrate Mass and offer religious education before or after the hours of the school day. Maintaining ownership of the schools would also give us the opportunity to ensure the customary academic excellence of our schools and the fostering of moral integrity.

Of course, the decision to apply for a charter for two of our schools is a difficult one. We have put our best resources together to find other alternatives, but have not been successful.

There are those who say we must not sacrifice Catholic identity at the two schools in question. But no one has been able to offer an alternative solution.

We cannot endanger the well-being of the archdiocese by continuing to pay for schools that we cannot afford. By maintaining ownership of the school facilities and the charter, we do not abandon the poor children whom we are committed to serve.

And so we are pursuing the application for a charter for two schools: St. Anthony Catholic School and St. Andrew & St. Rita Catholic Academy.

The Indianapolis mayor's office is reviewing our application. We have tried hard to explain this decision, and to review the implications with both teachers and parents of current students of these schools. We are also communicating with

our concerned publics and neighbors. We want to provide the best education we can for poor children.

There are critics of this endeavor. It disappoints me that often the criticism does not address the needs of our poor children. I share the disappointment of those who deeply regret the sacrifice and compromising of Catholic identity. It is our hope to find alternative avenues for religious education programs in the parishes affected.

I ask for your understanding and especially your prayers as we pursue this difficult course of action. Always, the focus of our efforts is the desire to help poor children.

Please join me in seeking God's blessing for this new venture. †

Do you have an intention for Archbishop Buechlein's prayer list? You may mail it to him at:

Archbishop Buechlein's  
Prayer List  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
1400 N. Meridian St.  
P.O. Box 1410  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-1410

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

**Parents:** that they may remain faithful to their vocations and encourage their children to consider God's call to service in the Church, especially as priests and religious.

### La apertura de escuelas públicas experimentales ayudará a los niños necesitados

**E**sta semana me gustaría explicarles acerca de un proyecto complicado en el que estamos participando con el fin de cumplir con nuestro compromiso de ayudar a los niños necesitados a romper el ciclo de la pobreza. Primero plantearé el contexto.

Desde la rueda de prensa en la cual se anunció mi designación como Arzobispo de Indianápolis en 1992, he declarado mi profundo compromiso con la educación católica. Y expresé mi profunda preocupación por los niños necesitados que merecen tener la oportunidad de romper el ciclo de la pobreza.

En respuesta a las preguntas de los periodistas dije que haría todo lo posible para mantener a flote nuestras escuelas católicas en los barrios pobres del centro de la ciudad de Indianápolis y en todas partes, a la luz de los inevitables retos que tendríamos que enfrentar.

Como demuestran los hechos, en el transcurso de los 17 años posteriores a dicha rueda de prensa, la arquidiócesis ha trabajado muy arduamente para mantener la misión de ofrecer una excelente educación y formación de valores a nuestros niños pobres.

A lo largo de estos años, mediante la generosidad conjunta de muchos de nuestros feligreses y aliados corporativos, hemos recaudado y aportado alrededor de \$64 millones a la causa de la educación católica, buena parte de los cuales se han destinado a los niños necesitados de nuestras escuelas localizadas en barrios pobres del centro.

En años más recientes, a medida que los retos económicos afectaban nuestra misión educativa, el peso de ocuparse de las escuelas localizadas en barrios pobres del centro abrumaba a las parroquias patrocinantes.

Luego de mucha investigación y análisis, nuestros líderes decidieron exonerar de esta carga a las parroquias de los barrios pobres y formamos un consorcio aparte constituido por

seis de dichas escuelas de Indianápolis, nombrado posteriormente academias católicas Mother Theodore Catholic Academies.

Se formó una junta directiva para supervisar el desarrollo y las necesidades de las escuelas Mother Theodore. La solución escogida resultó favorable, pero con la depresión económica nuestra misión de educación católica se vio afectada en todos lados, pero con particular severidad en los barrios pobres del centro.

A pesar de los esfuerzos para recaudar fondos, comenzamos a experimentar un déficit operativo anual de más de 2 millones de dólares lo cual, evidentemente, no es una situación sostenible. Nuestra misión educativa no puede sobrepasar nuestros recursos.

Algunos líderes laicos comprometidos nos ayudaron a buscar formas alternas para mantener nuestro compromiso de garantizar una buena educación a los niños necesitados.

Lanzamos otra campaña corporativa más para recaudar 10 millones de dólares para las escuelas Mother Theodore. Hemos hecho progresos, pero la comunidad corporativa también enfrenta dificultades en la economía actual. Y para ser franco, aunque tuviéramos éxito en esta empresa, de todos modos tendríamos un déficit anual de 2 millones de dólares.

Se nos propuso otra alternativa para someter a consideración: estudiar la posibilidad de convertir dos de nuestras escuelas Mother Theodore en escuelas públicas experimentales. Si esto se lograra, sería posible la administración fiscal de nuestro compromiso con la educación católica en los barrios pobres del centro.

La desventaja de explotar esta posibilidad es desalentadora ya que las escuelas públicas experimentales eliminan la religión del programa de estudios, así como también los símbolos religiosos. Sacrificaríamos el aspecto visual de nuestra identidad católica en las escuelas públicas experimentales.

Conservaríamos la propiedad de las instalaciones escolares y podríamos celebrar la Misa y ofrecer educación religiosa antes o después del horario de clases. Al conservar la propiedad de las escuelas también tendríamos la oportunidad de garantizar la excelencia académica de nuestras escuelas y promover la integridad moral.

Por supuesto, la decisión de solicitar la conversión de dos de nuestras escuelas en experimentales resulta difícil. Hemos combinado nuestros mejores recursos para encontrar otras alternativas, pero no hemos tenido éxito.

Algunos opinan que no debemos sacrificar nuestra identidad católica en las dos escuelas en cuestión. Pero nadie ha podido proporcionar una solución alterna.

No podemos poner en peligro el bienestar de la arquidiócesis al continuar pagando escuelas que no podemos costear. Al conservar la propiedad de las instalaciones escolares y de la escuela experimental no estaremos abandonando a los niños necesitados con quienes tenemos un compromiso de servicio.

De modo pues que estamos solicitando la conversión en escuelas experimentales de las siguientes dos escuelas: Saint Anthony Catholic School y Saint Andrew & Saint Rita Catholic Academy.

El despacho del Alcalde de Indianápolis está analizando nuestra solicitud. Hemos intentado explicar esta decisión y estudiar sus implicaciones con los padres y maestros de los alumnos de estas escuelas. También estamos dialogando con nuestro público y vecinos consternados.

Deseamos brindar la mejor educación posible a los niños necesitados.

Hay quienes critican esta iniciativa. Me decepciona ver que con frecuencia el criticismo no aborda las necesidades de nuestros niños pobres. Comparto la desilusión de aquellos que lamentan profundamente tener que sacrificar y suprimir nuestra identidad católica. Tenemos la esperanza de poder encontrar soluciones alternas para los programas de educación religiosa en las parroquias afectadas.

Apelo a su comprensión y especialmente a sus oraciones mientras emprendemos este difícil curso de acción. Como siempre, el fundamento de nuestros esfuerzos es el deseo de ayudar a los niños necesitados.

Acompañenme a procurar la bendición de Dios en este nuevo proyecto. †

¿Tiene una intención que desee incluir en la lista de oración del Arzobispo Buechlein? Puede enviar su correspondencia a:

Lista de oración del Arzobispo  
Buechlein  
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#### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en enero

**Padres:** Que ellos puedan permanecer fieles a su vocación y puedan alentar a sus hijos a considerar la llamada de Dios para servir en la iglesia, especialmente como sacerdotes y gente religiosa.

# Events Calendar

## January 22

St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington. **Mass for Life**, 10 a.m., followed by ro-life walk and rosary at Planned Parenthood clinic, 421 S. College Ave., Bloomington. Information: 812-330-1535.

## January 23

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Concert, University Choir of the**

**University of Evansville**, 8 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 317-635-2021.

St. Vincent Women's Hospital, 8111 Township Line Road, Indianapolis. **"Grandparent's Point of View," class**, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Information: 317-338-4437 or [www.womens.stvincent.org](http://www.womens.stvincent.org).

## January 23-24

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. **Father Denis**

**Wilde, Priests for Life**, speaker, all weekend Masses, Sat. and Sun., youth group program, Sun., 7 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. Mass, noon, on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel,

celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

## January 26

Butler University, Clowes Memorial Hall, Krannert Room, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis. **Center for Faith and Vocation, spring seminar, "Catholics in Jerusalem: Legacies and Responsibilities,"** 7:30 p.m., no charge, tickets required, available at box office. Information: 317-940-8253.

## January 30

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **American Guild of Organists, Festival Singers, concert**, 3 p.m., no charge. Information: 800-682-0988 or [www.saintmeinrad.edu](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu).

## January 31

Our Lady of Lourdes School, 30 S. Downey St., Indianapolis. **Open house**, 1-3 p.m. Information: 317-357-3316.

St. Christopher School, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis.

**Preschool and K-sixth grade open house and registration**, noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-241-6314, ext. 127.

## February 1

St. Christopher School, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis.

**Preschool and K-sixth grade open house and registration**, 5:30-7 p.m. Information: 317-241-6314, ext. 127. †

## Retreats and Programs

### February 8

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Men's Night at the 'Burg,"** Franciscan Father Carl Hawver, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., free-will donation. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### February 9

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Woman Talk-Life's Transitions," session one of five**, 6-9 p.m., Dr. Margaret Pike, presenter, \$25 per person includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

### February 12-14

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Be My Valentine-A Married Couples Retreat,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### February 13

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Five Love Languages-How Would I Like to Receive Love?"** Father Jim Farrell, presenter, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$35 per person includes lunch. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### February 17

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Thomas Merton seminar, "Bridges to**

**Contemplative Living-Traveling Your Road to Joy,"** four-part series, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, Mass, 5:15 p.m., simple soup and bread supper, 6 p.m., session 6:30-9 p.m., \$65.95 for series. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

### February 18

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Lenten Lecture Series-Called to Conversion,"** Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., \$10 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### February 19-21

Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Sisters of St. Benedict, **"Come and See Vocation Retreat,"** women ages 18-42, no cost. Information: 317-787-3287, ext. 3032, or [jennifermechtild@benedictine.com](mailto:jennifermechtild@benedictine.com).

### February 21

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Coffee Talk-We Are All (Thank God) Prodigal Sons and Daughters,"** Franciscan Father Norman Langenbrunner, presenter, 10:45 a.m.-noon, free-will donation includes pastry and coffee. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### February 25

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Lenten Lecture Series-Called to Conversion,"** Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m.,

\$10 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### February 26-28

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Women's Retreat-Women Clothed in Grace,"** Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Pray Your Way to Happiness,"** Benedictine Brother Maurus Zoeller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### March 1

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, **Lenten program, "Drinking from the Well-Renewing Our Desire for Eternal Life with the Women of John's Gospel,"** Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeardon and Rev. Callie Smith, presenters, Mass, 5:30 p.m., dinner, presentation, \$30 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or [spasotti@archindy.org](mailto:spasotti@archindy.org).

### March 2

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Practicing Our Good Faith at the Table,"** Father Jeff Godecker, presenter, \$35 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or [spasotti@archindy.org](mailto:spasotti@archindy.org).

### March 4

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg.

**"Lenten Lecture Series-Called to Conversion,"** Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., \$10 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com).

### March 5-7

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Reflections on the Book of Job,"** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### March 6-8

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Becoming a Person of Peace,"** author Paula D'Arcy, presenter, \$150 per person, \$280 per married couple. Information: 317-545-7681 or [spasotti@archindy.org](mailto:spasotti@archindy.org).

### March 9

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Woman Talk-Women of Wisdom," session two of five**, Pat Koch, owner of Holiday World in Santa Claus, Ind., presenter, 6-9 p.m., \$25 per person includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

### March 11

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Lenten Lecture Series: Called to Conversion,"** Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., \$10 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com). †

## Rachel's Vineyard retreats are scheduled in March, July

The archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring two Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreats.

The retreats will take place on March 19-21 and July 16-18 at a confidential location.

The retreats are intended for post-abortive women and men as well as others affected by abortion, and will address the spiritual wounds of abortion that affect women and men.

God's unconditional love and forgiveness will also be a focus of the confidential and safe atmosphere of the retreats.

For more information about the Rachel's Vineyard retreats, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext 1521, or Bernadette Roy at 317-831-2892. All calls are confidential. †

## JustFaith Ministries founder to speak at Bloomington parish

The founder and executive director of JustFaith Ministries will speak at a Bloomington parish in February.

Jack Jezreel will discuss the JustFaith Ministries program from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Third St., in Bloomington.

His talk is open to the public.

Jezreel's presentation is sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. John the Apostle Parish and St. Paul Catholic Center, all in the Bloomington Deanery.

For more information, call St. Charles Borromeo Parish at 812-336-6846. †

## VIPs

**Richard and Mary (Ross) Poinsette**, members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 13.



The couple was married on Jan. 13, 1945, at the Basilica of St. Augustine in St. Augustine, Fla. They are the parents of four children: Mary Kay Barbuch, Nancy Delullo, Franciscan Sister Noella Poinsette and Stephen Poinsette. They have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. †

**Ralph and Anne (Royse) Downs**, members of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 23.

The couple was married on Jan. 23, 1960, at St. Roch Church in Indianapolis.

They are the parents of a daughter, Lisa Downs. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. †

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# 2009 Accountability Report

## To the People of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

### Dear Friends in Christ:

As we begin 2010, I pray that your new year will be filled with every grace, blessing and happiness!

Last year brought its share of challenges as economic uncertainties, the continued threat of terrorism on our country's soil and the on-going war weighed heavily on many people's minds, but trying times can lead us to an even deeper faith. Although difficult circumstances can cause distraction and anxiety, we need to remain faithful in prayer and confident that God will never abandon us.

I hope this annual archdiocesan accountability report will be a reminder that we have much to be grateful for in our archdiocese. In this report you will find an accounting of our stewardship of the human, physical and financial resources for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the 2009 fiscal year. We'll also take a brief look at the year ahead.

### Archdiocese's 175th Anniversary

On May 3, 2009, nearly 25,000 people gathered at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for our Jubilee Mass in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This was a beautiful and impressive experience for our local Church and an opportunity for us to invite others to learn about the Catholic faith and to follow Jesus Christ.

It was awe-inspiring to witness 2,800 young people and adults receiving the sacrament of confirmation. We also recognized about 200 couples for 50 or more years of married life and children who had recently received their first Communion. Religious jubilarians in the archdiocese also were honored for their many decades of faithful ministry and consecrated life. The presence of Cardinal Francis E. George, Archbishop of Chicago, and several of my brother bishops, priests and archabbots made the event all the more special.

Looking back on the founding of our archdiocese, which was originally established as the Diocese of Vincennes on May 6, 1834, was a great opportunity for us all to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon the Church in central and southern Indiana. It is truly amazing to see how far we have journeyed since the days of our first bishop, the Servant of God Simon Bruté. Let us pray that the next chapter in our archdiocese's history will be as blessed and fruitful as the 175 years we just celebrated.

### Vocations

We ordained five men to the priesthood in 2009—our largest ordination class since 2002 when we also ordained five men.

We continue to do well in encouraging our people to consider how God might be calling them to a life of service as a priest, deacon or religious. We currently have 13 seminarians at St. Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad and 15 seminarians enrolled at Bishop Simon

Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis.

Our Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, which was established by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 2004 to prepare college seminarians for major seminary, has been a great success. In addition to our own seminarians for our archdiocese, four other dioceses are now sending seminarians there as well. We have been renovating the seminary to accommodate the growing enrollment and likely will have to expand the building as the number of seminarians continues to increase.

In addition to our seminarians, a second group of men who are studying to become permanent deacons are continuing their formation classes. We expect to ordain these 17 men in June of 2012. As permanent deacons, these men will be able to baptize, witness marriages and preside at funerals. At Mass, they will be able to proclaim the Gospel and preach, but will not serve as celebrant or consecrate the Eucharist. In the ministry of the Word, the deacons will teach the faith and provide pastoral guidance. The deacons' primary ministry, however, will be focused on charity.

Pray that God will bless our archdiocese with more vocations and pray for all men and women who are discerning a call to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. More information about vocations can be found on the archdiocesan web site at [www.archindy.org](http://www.archindy.org).

### Catholic Charities

On Oct. 1, 2009, the archdiocese kicked off a yearlong ministry of social renewal called SHINE, which stands for Spreading Hope in Neighborhoods Everywhere. More than 600 participants from parishes, schools, agencies and institutions throughout the archdiocese attended the event to learn more about how they can help expand the social ministry of the Church to respond to the needs of the suffering through the ministry of charity.

More information about SHINE can be found under Catholic Charities on the archdiocesan web site at [www.archindy.org](http://www.archindy.org).

One way the archdiocese carries out the Church's social ministry is by caring for homeless families. After six years of planning and fundraising, the archdiocese opened the new Holy Family Shelter next to Holy Trinity Church in Indianapolis on Nov. 19, 2009.

The demand for services had outgrown the old shelter near Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The new 30,000-square-foot facility, which is operated by Catholic Charities, has 23 bedrooms, a medical examination room, a case management office, an employment and housing classroom and many other rooms and resources for the families.

Over the past 25 years, since the original shelter opened, Holy Family Shelter has housed and cared for more than 9,000 families.

### New education initiative

On Dec. 9, 2009 the archdiocese applied to the Mayor's Office in Indianapolis to create two public charter schools in the center city in Indianapolis,

which we hope to open with the start of the 2010-11 school year. We are awaiting approval of our application from the city. If the application is approved the Archdiocese of Indianapolis would become the first Catholic diocese in the country to oversee the operation of charter schools.

The creation of these two charter schools would cause us to change the status of two of our six Mother Theodore Catholic Academies—a consortium of schools dedicated to educating children in economically challenged, urban areas of Indianapolis. Under the plan, St. Anthony Catholic School and St. Andrew & St. Rita Catholic Academy, would become charter schools. The cost of operating our center-city schools is about \$3.8 million a year above our current funding sources.

The decision to pursue this course was made after consulting with parents, educators, clergy, parish leaders and community leaders. It was a difficult decision to make because as public charter schools religion must be removed from the curriculum. Religious education, however, can be offered before or after school.

We believe this charter school option gives us the best opportunity to continue to serve poor children in the center city and to help them break the cycle of poverty. For more information about how we arrived at this decision please read my "Seeking The Face of The Lord" column on page five of this issue of *The Criterion*.

### Archdiocesan priest named bishop

It was a great blessing for our archdiocese when one of our own priests, Father Paul D. Etienne, was appointed bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo., by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 19, 2009. His Episcopal ordination took place in Cheyenne on Dec. 9, 2009.

### Conclusion

In addition to some of the highlights I have covered from the past year, this report also includes a letter from the archdiocese's Chief Financial Officer, Jeffrey D. Stumpf, which gives more detailed information about our financial operating results as well as information about our annual stewardship appeal and other stewardship efforts. You will also find a financial statement inside and other charts that highlight the archdiocese's financial position.

We have much to be thankful for and let us pray that God will give us the wisdom to continue to be good stewards of all of our resources in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Let us wisely use our ministry resources to serve those most in need and may we all continue to work for the common good of the archdiocese and our society.

Thank you for your support and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Daniel M. Buechlein A*

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.  
Archbishop of Indianapolis





# Summary of Financial Status

This summary of the financial status of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis reflects activities of the chancery of the archdiocese and certain affiliated agencies with direct accountability to the Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis. The information presented has been derived from the audited financial statements and does not

include the activities of parishes, missions and schools of the archdiocese. All significant transactions among entities detailed in this summary have been eliminated. The complete audited financial statements are available for public inspection at [www.archindy.org/financial/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/financial/archdiocese.html).

## Chancery and Certain Entities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Combined Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2009 and 2008

ASSETS	2009	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	\$34,324,755	\$42,779,420
Investments	128,498,582	154,956,031
Receivables:		
Contributions, net	33,138,048	47,526,040
Deposit and loan fund, net	27,240,029	23,083,717
Amounts due from parishes and other archdiocesan entities, net	4,734,431	4,344,164
Accrued interest income	269,038	307,731
Other, net	2,264,128	3,349,536
Total receivables, net	67,645,674	78,611,188
Other assets	994,380	1,315,358
Burial spaces and other inventories	2,832,980	2,923,087
Land, buildings and equipment, net	18,340,490	15,320,669
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$252,636,861</b>	<b>\$295,905,753</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$6,646,671	\$5,958,629
Capital campaign due to parishes	23,154,885	32,693,477
Bonds payable	48,734,954	49,919,113
Reserves for self-insurance	1,589,000	1,322,000
Other liabilities	3,751,971	4,705,614
Deposit and loan fund payable	48,185,937	49,164,392
Total liabilities	132,063,418	143,763,225
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	81,756,214	100,195,839
Temporarily restricted	18,522,442	32,009,146
Permanently restricted	20,294,787	19,937,543
Total net assets	120,573,443	152,142,528
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$252,636,861</b>	<b>\$295,905,753</b>

## Chancery and Certain Entities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Combined Statements of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
Assessments	\$9,991,926	\$9,865,590
Service fees	23,100,377	22,172,903
Capital campaigns and contributions	8,729,920	19,619,309
United Catholic Appeal	4,228,022	3,841,506
Sales of goods and services	4,376,571	4,441,123
Program service fees and other	5,572,025	5,240,221
Other public support	4,626,960	5,182,028
Interest income and investment return	(27,196,507)	(9,338,392)
<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b>33,429,294</b>	<b>61,024,288</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and wages	12,799,060	12,996,568
Employee benefits and taxes	4,216,154	3,878,788
Health care costs	9,185,529	11,245,054
Retirement plan contributions	3,270,215	1,937,229
Cost of equipment and supplies sold	2,007,555	1,644,688
Administrative and supplies	2,129,976	1,925,505
Property insurance	2,511,038	1,665,976
Depreciation	1,058,467	1,069,734
Repairs and maintenance	947,012	1,008,122
Occupancy costs	1,303,510	1,197,039
Interest	3,726,626	6,396,705
Bad debts	3,963,941	4,164,292
Professional services	5,058,874	4,992,793
Specific assistance	1,066,726	927,995
Contributions	4,869,489	4,611,743
Capital campaign funds donated to parishes and others	4,358,366	812,091
Other	2,525,841	2,344,222
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>64,998,379</b>	<b>62,818,544</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(31,569,085)</b>	<b>(1,794,256)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS: Beginning of year</b>	<b>152,142,528</b>	<b>153,936,784</b>
<b>NET ASSETS: End of year</b>	<b>\$120,573,443</b>	<b>\$152,142,528</b>

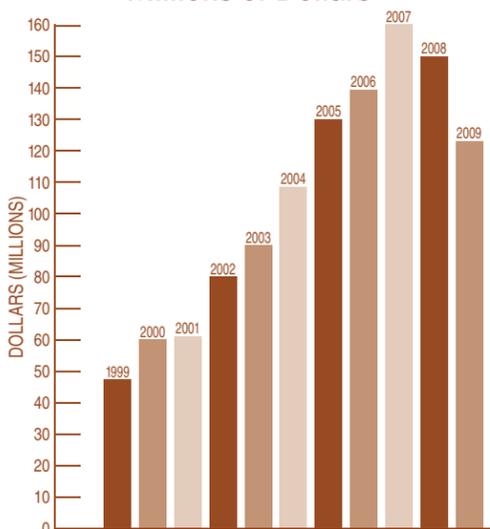


# Catholic Community Foundation, Inc.

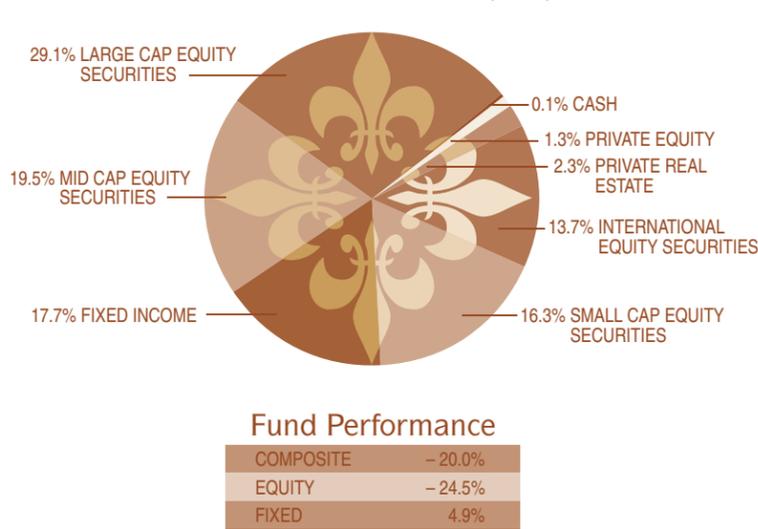
The Catholic Community Foundation is a separate, not-for-profit corporation established by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to professionally invest and administer numerous individual endowment funds for the benefit of parishes,

schools, agencies, and other institutions affiliated with the archdiocese. As of June 30, 2009, the Catholic Community Foundation comprised 368 separate endowment accounts and 109 charitable gift annuities worth \$126.7 million.

Cash and Investments in Millions of Dollars



Asset Allocations as of June 30, 2009  
Cash and Investments = \$124,569,329





Combined Statement of Activities by Secretariat, Vicariate and other operating groups

	SUPPORT AND REVENUES	EXPENSES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
Chancery	\$4,899,228	\$2,258,661	\$2,640,567
Clergy and Parish Life Coordinators	5,923,030	5,069,216	853,814
Spiritual Life and Worship	1,005,422	1,005,239	183
Catholic Education and Faith Formation	9,599,859	10,516,970	(917,111)
Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services	171,472	241,161	(69,689)
Catholic Charities and Family Ministries	10,764,669	9,583,607	1,181,062
Communications	1,816,960	2,154,280	(337,320)
Finance and Administrative Services	1,731,852	3,554,622	(1,822,770)
Stewardship and Development	3,704,343	2,364,870	1,339,473
Vicariate Judicial	182,719	367,624	(184,905)
Parish Shared Services and Support	27,906,798	28,297,722	(390,924)
Catholic Community Foundation and ADLF	(15,445,869)	10,891,884	(26,337,753)
Legacy for Our Mission Capital and Endowment Campaign	372,709	8,296,944	(7,924,235)
Eliminations	(19,203,898)	(19,604,421)	400,523
<b>Combined Total June 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$33,429,294</b>	<b>\$64,998,379</b>	<b>(\$31,569,085)</b>

Breakdown of Change in Net Asset Results for the year ended June 30, 2009

(in thousands)  
Actual

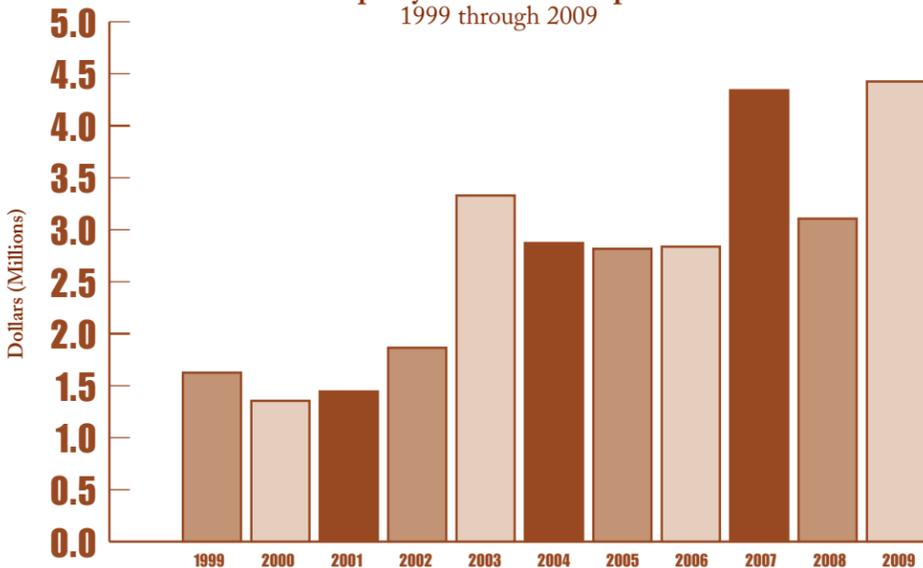
Combined operations.....	\$ 783
Parish Shared Services and Support .....	(391)
Catholic Community Foundation, ADLF, Investing and Debt Activities .....	(26,338)
Capital, Grant and Endowment Activities .....	(8,514)
Other reconciling items and eliminations .....	2,891
<b>Combined Change in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>(\$31,569)</b>

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Values

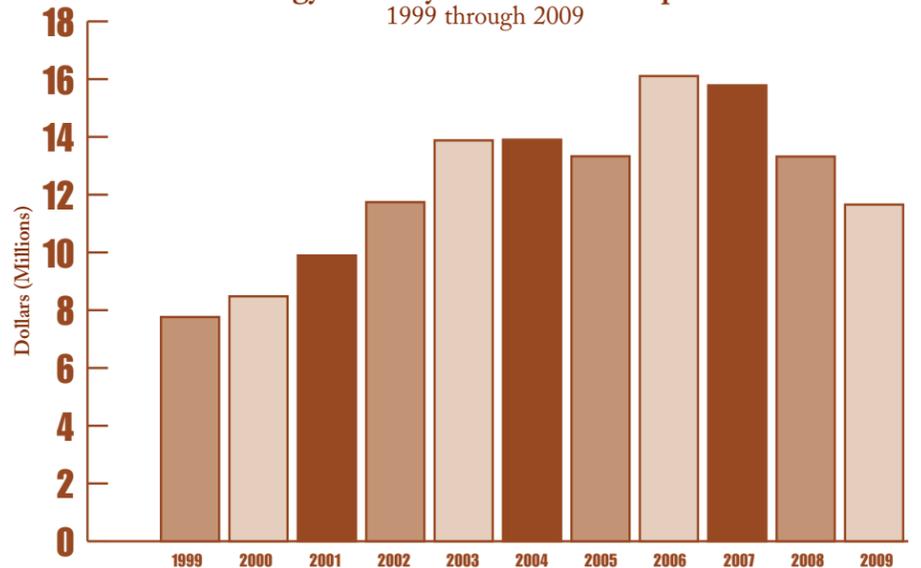
- † Prayer and spiritual growth
- † Lifelong learning and sharing our faith
- † Parish and family, the individual and community
- † Compassion and respect for human life and all creation
- † Justice and consistent moral standards
- † Proactive leadership and shared responsibility
- † Vital presence in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods
- † Stewardship



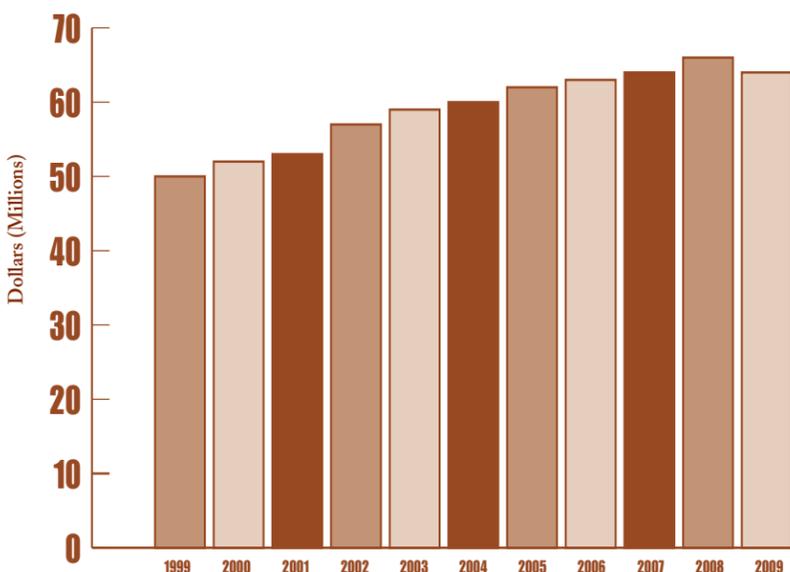
Property Insurance Expense 1999 through 2009



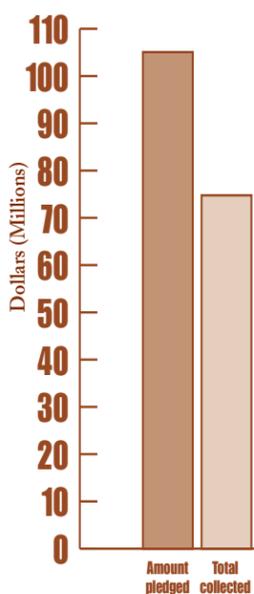
Clergy and Lay Health Care Expense 1999 through 2009



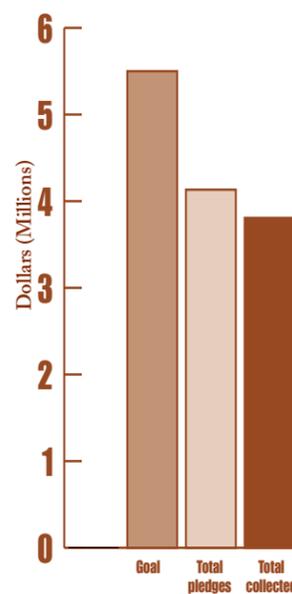
Parish Sunday and Holy Day Collections 1999 through 2009



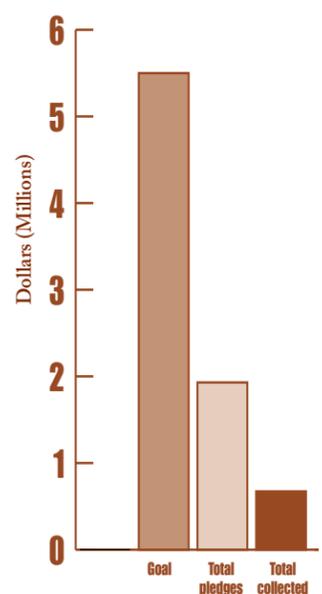
Legacy for Our Mission Capital and Endowment Campaign \$100,000,000 goal through 11/30/09



2008 Called to Serve/ United Catholic Appeal through 11/30/09



2009 Christ Our Hope Compassion in Community through 11/30/09





## Take Matthew's Gospel seriously by caring for least among us

By Daniel S. Mulhall

One of the passages in the Bible that I ponder and pray about most frequently is Matthew 25:31-46.

This is the passage where Jesus describes the final judgment. All the nations will be assembled before the Son of Man, who will separate them into two categories as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

The sheep on his right hand will inherit the kingdom of heaven because they gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty and clothes to the naked.

The goats on his left hand will be sent to the eternal fire because they did not help the needy.

The judgment is pretty definitive: What you did or did not do for one of these you did or did not do for Jesus.

The McGlynn sisters of Belleville, Ill., certainly take this teaching seriously. These five sisters, who are between the ages of 14 and 23, have started a nonprofit foundation called NETwork Against Malaria.

NETwork has a simple goal to provide mosquito nets for the children of Uganda to keep them from getting malaria caused by mosquito bites while they sleep at night.

To buy the nets, the sisters make jewelry and sell it. Every \$10 buys a net.

Keeping a child malaria-free helps to lift a family from poverty and allows the child to receive an education uninterrupted by illness.

Sisters Madelyn, 14, and Mary Claire,

16, are students at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville. They are the driving force behind NETwork. Mary Claire wrote the grant to begin NETwork when she was only 14 and a freshman in high school.

Their older sisters—23-year-old Maura, 22-year-old Margaret and 19-year-old Kathleen—are all students at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., where they continue to make jewelry and are active in their humanitarian organization.

These young women run NETwork, which takes most of their free time. They originally made all the jewelry themselves, but now they have a network of volunteers who help make and sell the jewelry.

This accomplishes their other goals to educate American students about children suffering from malaria, and to offer the students an easy, personal way to help save a child's life in a developing country.

When asked what inspired her volunteer service for NETwork, Margaret said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

Mary Claire said the project inspires her to work hard to help children in need.

"Now that I know that for only \$10 I can

CNS photo/Paul Jeffrey



A child stands outside his home in Omeon, Uganda. Malaria is the leading cause of child deaths in that African country.

save a life, I don't need any more outside motivation," she said. "What could be a better reason to work hard or a better use of my time?"

The McGlynn sisters challenge us to see Jesus in the least among us, one net at a time. Surely they stand with the sheep at

Jesus' right hand.

(Daniel Mulhall is a writer and catechist in Laurel, Md. For information about how to help save a child's life with \$10 or how to become part of NETwork, log on to [www.networkagainstmalaria.org](http://www.networkagainstmalaria.org).) †

## The Gospel of Matthew reminds us to trust God, be faithful and serve others

By Fr. Dale Launderville, O.S.B.

Matthew structured his Gospel into five books. The initial section of each book consists of a narrative about Jesus' public ministry, and the following section is a discourse addressed primarily to the disciples and sometimes to the crowds.

As a healer who drew large crowds (Mt 4:23-25), Jesus used these occasions to teach people to turn in expectation toward the coming of God's kingdom (Mt 4:17).

In Matthew, Jesus delivered three important discourses during the first part of his public ministry—the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:3-7:27), the missionary discourse (Mt 10:5-42) and the parable discourse (Mt 13:3-52).

The Sermon on the Mount is probably the most well-known part of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus appears as a new Moses

when he ascends the mountain and proceeds to instruct his disciples. They are then expected to pass on this new interpretation of how the people are to come into right relationship with God.

Jesus begins with the beatitude that, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3).

In the first four beatitudes, Jesus declares "blessed" or happy those who are regarded as unhappy—the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Jesus twists people's perception so they might look beyond the surface of their lives to what goes on in their hearts—at the center of a person's thinking and feeling—where important decisions are made about God, self and others.

Matthew's Jesus emphasizes that the

actions and character of the people are vitally important evidence of their positive response to the coming of the kingdom of God. The merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for the sake of righteousness and fidelity to Jesus are the ones who are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Mt 5:7-16).

Doing one's duty is important, but not sufficient to be in right relationship with God (Mt 5:17-20).

Jesus emphasizes that a person must come to trust solely in God. It is not enough to avoid murder (Mt 5:21-26), adultery (Mt 5:27-30), divorce (Mt 5:31-32), false oaths (Mt 5:33-37), excessive retaliation for injuries (Mt 5:38-42) and hating one's neighbor (Mt 5:43-48).

This call from Jesus for self-forgetfulness extends to almsgiving, prayer and

fasting (Mt 6:1-18). It is sufficient that God knows what goes on in the heart, and necessary to trust that God will provide for all needs (Mt 6:19-34).

This focus on trusting in God alone means that a disciple will refrain from judging others (Mt 7:1-5) and treat people as he or she wants to be treated (Mt 7:12).

Jesus challenges his disciples to call out to God for all of their needs (Mt 7:7-11) because God alone can save each person's life in the time of reckoning (Mt 7:15-27).

The rightness in the disciple's relationship with God demands trust that God will bring this about in God's own way and at God's own time.

(Benedictine Father Dale Launderville is a Scripture scholar at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.) †

### Discussion Point

## Matthew's Gospel emphasizes God's love

### This Week's Question

What is your favorite passage from the Gospel of Matthew? Why?

"Probably my favorite passage is the one about Jesus asking those who are weary to come to him and he will refresh them (Mt 11:28-30). God doesn't want us to be overburdened, and he tells us that if we let him guide us we can be at rest and at peace." (Mary Lynch, Ames, Iowa)

"Jesus tells us not to worry [and] ... to seek first the kingdom of God (Mt 6:31-33). That passage reminds me that God is always taking care of us. In our married life, we have had some real crises, and God has helped us to work them out. He has provided for us." (Regina Campbell, Warren, N.J.)

"I like the parable where Jesus says that those who listen to his words and put them into practice are like 'a wise

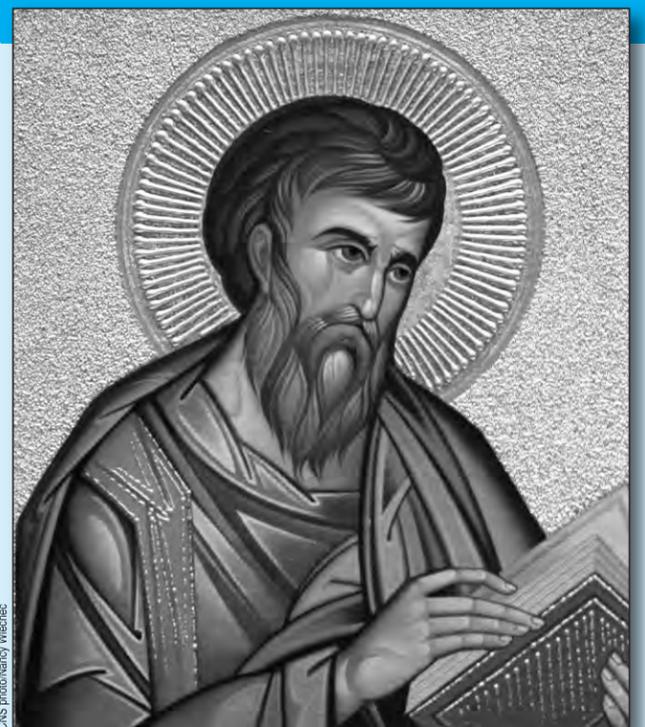
man who built his house on rock' (Mt 7:24-27). ... I once read this passage during a retreat. Later that night, there was a terrible storm, but I felt safe inside. I thanked God for my sense of well-being as I placed my trust in him." (Ann Zsembik, Akron, Ohio)

"At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus talks about his full authority and tells the Apostles to go out and baptize, and to know that 'I am with you always, until the end of the [age]' (Mt 28:18-20). It brings us hope even in our deepest, darkest moments. We know that God is always with us." (Patti Domalakes, Frackville, Pa.)

### Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: What is your favorite passage from the Gospel of Luke? Why?

To respond for possible publication, send an e-mail to [cgreene@catholicnews.com](mailto:cgreene@catholicnews.com) or write to *Faith Alive!* at 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. †



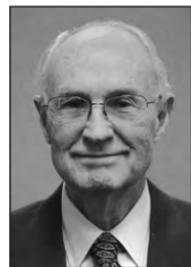
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## From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## 'Charity in Truth': Development and life issues

(Seventh in a series of columns)

As we again this week observe the anniversary of the Supreme Court's



*Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in this country, let us examine what Pope Benedict XVI said about the life issues in his encyclical "*Caritas in Veritate*" ("Charity in Truth").

The encyclical, of course, is not primarily about the life issues. It is the latest in the popes' series of social justice encyclicals. However, the pope said, "Respect for life cannot in any way be detached from questions concerning the development of peoples."

The first such question that he addressed is demographic control on the part of governments that promote contraception, and even go so far as to impose abortion. He said that legislation contrary to life is widespread in economically developed countries and it has contributed to an anti-birth mentality.

He criticized non-governmental

organizations that work actively to spread abortion and sterilization, in some cases not even informing the women concerned. This is wrong, he insisted, because "openness to life is at the center of true development."

An anti-life attitude, he said, that includes the denial or suppression of life destroys the motivation and energy to strive for humanity's true good. However, the acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help.

When we cultivate openness to life, he said, wealthy peoples can better understand the needs of poor ones. They can then avoid employing huge economic and intellectual resources just to satisfy selfish desires of their own citizens.

The encyclical also had much to say about bioethics, which the pope is "a particularly crucial battleground in today's cultural struggle between the supremacy of technology and human moral responsibility." We face a fundamental question: Are we the product of our own labors or do we depend on God?

Technology now makes possible *in vitro* fertilization, embryo research, and the manufacturing of clones and human hybrids. However, the pope said, "Entranced by an

exclusive reliance on technology, reason without faith is doomed to flounder in an illusion of its own omnipotence."

However, he said, it's also true that "faith without reason risks being cut off from everyday life." Both are required.

There is also society's culture of death. Not only do we have the scourge of abortion, but we are now witnessing the eugenic programming of births. And, at the other end of the spectrum, a pro-euthanasia mindset is making inroads. It asserts that, under certain circumstances, someone is considered no longer worth living.

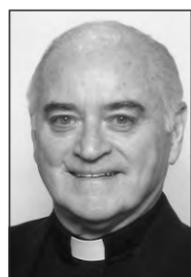
These scenarios and cultural viewpoints deny human dignity, the pope said, and he asked who can measure the negative effects of this kind of mentality for development. An indifference to human degradation, he said, even extends to our attitude toward what is and is not human.

In one of his most powerful sentences, he said, "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human." †

## Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

## Passing on the faith and helping others live in God's joy

Once upon a time, there were two nuns who were teaching in the same school.



They were both good women.

However, one nun was stern and humorless. She made use of fear tactics to communicate her lessons. This approach turned the children off.

The other nun was playful and less rigid. Her cheerful attitude endeared her to the children. She seemed to know that the secret of teaching religion was more related to happiness than fear.

Communicating theological truths is best done when religion is seen as encompassing an attitude of excitement about the gifts of the Father. These gifts range from those of life, family, health and happiness to faith in the promises of Jesus Christ and the joy that comes from the knowledge of God's love.

One of the most subtle truths in all of revelation is the belief that eternal happiness can begin right here and now. Sanctifying grace is a participation in God's life. Since God is love, and love and joy are two sides of the same coin, we can begin right now to live in God's joy.

St. Augustine wrote that, as God's people, alleluia is our song!

Teaching religion involves a skill in communicating the excitement that comes from experiencing God's love.

This is not an easy thing to do, especially if you approach teaching as the development of memory.

Passing on our faith is not just about communicating doctrinal tenets. It is about creating a joyful family here on Earth as we prepare for the joys of heaven.

For instance, the Mass is a joyful celebration—or at least it should be. For those who have the eyes to see, it is much more than a Church ritual or an obligation—it is an act of love.

Amazing, isn't it? We give ourselves to God at the offertory, and God gives himself right back to us at holy Communion.

This intimate exchange of love is holy and produces good fruit. A joyful spirit comes to those who drink deeply from this fountain of love. We gradually come to see that while the problems of this world are monumental, they could become infinitely worse if we forget to count our blessings each day.

Even if all the world's problems were

solved tomorrow, people would still find things to worry about. So we have to teach our children to be more optimistic and hopeful about the future in spite of the darkness around us. We need to teach them that the highest values of the human spirit are truly attainable because God's grace makes all things possible.

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me," Jesus told his Apostles. "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (Jn 16:33).

We should teach children to count their blessings, and protect them from pessimism and fear by inviting them to live a more joyful life because of the knowledge of God's love. Best of all, we can start teaching them to see God in the beauty of nature all around them.

God is beauty and joy. Our longing for paradise is nothing more than a supernatural appetite for living joyfully and without fear.

With God's grace, it can be done.

(Father John Catoir writes for Catholic News Service.) †

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## Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Gentlemen: God created you in wondrous ways

Rarely do I come across a book that teaches me what I wish I had known decades ago.



Better yet is a book that I wish my husband, Paul, and I could have read together, absorbing and discussing the wonderful points being made by the author.

When Christine Schicker, a senior communications associate with Ignatius Press ([www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com)), sent me a book, I was recovering from travels to various states during October and November.

I set the book aside because I was overwhelmed with more travel plans and the upcoming holiday demands.

However, I finally read this book during a busy Christmas week, proving how interesting and powerful the book turned out to be.

Despite my gender, *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be* by Father Larry Richards, a popular Catholic speaker, kept my interest from the beginning to the end. After reading the book, I gave it to my husband to read.

The chapter topics are:

1. Be a man who stays focused on the final goal.
2. Be a man who lives as a beloved son.
3. Be a man who repents.
4. Be a man who lives in the Holy Spirit.
5. Be a man who is strong.
6. Be a man who is loving.
7. Be a man who is wise.
8. Be a man who lives as he was created.
9. Be a man who is holy.
10. Be a man who changes the world.

At the conclusion of each chapter, Father Richards suggests three tasks to be accomplished then offers questions for reflection and discussion.

At the end of the book, he lists 30 tasks

to accomplish to help each man become the person he was created to be.

However, I believe women can also relate to the suggestions in this book. I certainly did.

Father Richards is the pastor of an inner city parish in Erie, Pa., as well as the host of a daily program on Relevant Radio and the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation.

Readers can listen to his homilies and better understand his ministry by logging on to [www.thereasonforourhope.org](http://www.thereasonforourhope.org).

Where does Father Richards get his "world view"? He says his book looks at the biblical male role models of King David in the Old Testament, St. Paul in the New Testament and Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega of all men, who "reveals to us what it is to be a man."

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

Catholic Evangelization Outreach/  
Peg McEvoy

## How can you share the Good News of our faith?

"Evangelization ... [is] sharing the Good News of Jesus and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself" ("Go and Make Disciples," #10).



Sharing the Good News—evangelization—is happening in our parishes every day. Look at the work

being done at and through your parish.

Every time the Mass is celebrated, the Good News of Jesus Christ is communicated clearly in both word and sacrament.

When your parish supports individuals and families in need with material gifts in Jesus' name, that also is sharing the Good News.

When your parish invites, welcomes and works with Catholics who have stopped practicing the faith, that is sharing the Good News.

When your parish reaches out to those who want to become Catholic, embraces them and nurtures their love of Jesus Christ, that is sharing the Good News.

For every parish evangelization opportunity listed, there are parishioners and staff who make it happen. Thank you!

Yet we know there is much more work to be done. Most of us know someone who has stopped practicing their Catholic faith.

Maybe you have shied away from opportunities to share what you really believe and why you believe it. Is it time to step up and become active in spreading the Good News? Could you join and support the efforts of your parish evangelization team?

Or maybe you need to ask your pastor's guidance on how to start one. Is it time to step up and encourage people you encounter in other areas of your life to follow Christ?

With cell phones, tweets, texts and Facebook pages, it has never been easier or faster to share news, especially good news.

Do we really believe the message of our faith is not just good news, but the Good News? Do we act like we believe it? And, knowing that Jesus brought us the best news of all time, how do we share this message to help evoke positive change in individuals and the world, all through the grace of God?

This column is titled "Catholic Evangelization Outreach." Every other month, it will focus on spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Its purpose is to offer reflections and ideas on how we can share the Good News of our faith and to help each of us answer the question "What can I do?"

The days of leaving evangelization to the "professionals" and letting ourselves "off the hook" are gone—if they ever really existed at all. Remember, though, the Holy Spirit will do the real work. We just need to be truly open to how the Spirit is asking us to help.

I encourage each of you to take one step: Consider regularly praying this prayer, written by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, titled "A Prayer to Make a Difference" because prayer really will make a difference.

"O Lord, help me know your will for me. Let your light shine in the depth of my heart that I may know what you want me to do with my life. Help me believe that you have a special plan for me. Lord, I know I pass through this life only once; help me decide how you want me to make a difference. Like your Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. Above all, give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in your name. Amen."

(Peg McEvoy is the archdiocesan associate director for Evangelization and Family Catechesis. For questions and/or help starting a parish evangelization team, contact her at [pmcevoy@archindy.org](mailto:pmcevoy@archindy.org).) †

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

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010

- *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*
- *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*
- *Luke 1:1-14, 4:14-21*

The Book of Nehemiah furnishes the first reading for this weekend.



At one time, in Hebrew editions of the Bible, this book and the Book of Ezra formed one volume. In time, they were separated, and today in English versions they remain separate books.

Although some Old Testament books tell the history of the people of Israel, all are chiefly concerned with inspiring God's people to be faithful and eager in their religious practice.

In this reading, Ezra, who was a priest, called together men and women, as well as children who were old enough to comprehend his message, to be faithful to God. He admonished this gathering to listen carefully to the Scriptures.

After hearing the reading of the Scriptures, the people in this audience affirmed their faith. Ezra continued by interpreting what he had read.

Finally, Ezra and Nehemiah called the people to rejoice. God had spoken to them. God was guiding them.

For the second reading, the liturgy presents St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The Christian community in Corinth particularly challenged Paul. Corinth was an important commercial center. It was one of the major markets and distribution centers in the Roman Empire, and was a very large city.

Troubling for Paul was not that Corinth was large and many of its residents were rich, but that its size and wealth produced an atmosphere in which vice and greed reigned supreme.

Indeed, throughout the Mediterranean world, in which license and exploitation were commonplace, Corinthians had the reputation of being exceedingly licentious. The evils in this atmosphere were contagious, drawing many Christians to them.

The Christians vied with each other, even in the Church. They quarreled with each other. They schemed against each other. They gossiped about each other.

They toyed with pagan practices and customs.

Paul constantly called the Corinthian Christians away from the temptations that the pagan environment pressed upon them. In particular, he scorned the competitiveness among the Christians.

In this reading, Paul insists that all the baptized Christians are members of the Body of Christ.

However, he said, each person who belongs to the Body of Christ has a vocation to serve God.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading.

Midway in this reading, the Gospel directly addresses Theophilus using the honorific title of "Your Excellency." Luke's Gospel seemingly was written for one person and to one person.

Scholars debate whether this person had the name of Theophilus or if it was the Gospel's title since "Theophilus" in Greek means "friend of God." In any case, the person apparently enjoyed some prestige, hence the use of the formal title "Your Excellency."

In this reading, Jesus appears in the synagogue of Nazareth to explain the mission of salvation.

Salvation, unfolding in Jesus, was the gift of God's love, the final chapter in the long record of the merciful deeds of God among God's people.

## Reflection

The Church has celebrated Christmas, the feast of the birth of Jesus, as well as the feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord and the Baptism of the Lord.

In the lessons of these great liturgical events, the Church has introduced us to Jesus. It has identified Jesus as the son of Mary. Jesus was human, and also was the Son of God. He was the Redeemer.

Now the Church begins to tell us about salvation. It tells us how we personally should respond to salvation.

The reading from First Corinthians sets the stage. If we have accepted Christ into our hearts, we belong to God. Each of us has a personal vocation, although we may consider this term too lofty or too suggestive of a religious life.

Nothing matters more than being faithful to God and to the Christian vocation that we are called to live in life.

God provides for us in this effort. He assists and strengthens us. He never forsakes us. But, as with the children of Israel, we must be loyal. †

## Daily Readings

**Monday, Jan. 25**  
The Conversion of Paul,  
Apostle  
*Acts 22:3-16*  
or *Acts 9:1-22*  
*Psalms 117:1bc, 2*  
*Mark 16:15-18*

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**  
Timothy, bishop  
Titus, bishop  
*2 Timothy 1:1-8*  
or *Titus 1:1-5*  
*Psalms 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10*  
*Mark 3:31-35*

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**  
Angela Merici, virgin  
*2 Samuel 7:4-17*  
*Psalms 89:4-5, 27-30*  
*Mark 4:1-20*

**Thursday, Jan. 28**  
Thomas Aquinas, priest and  
doctor of the Church  
*2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29*  
*Psalms 132:1-5, 11-14*  
*Mark 4:21-25*

**Friday, Jan. 29**  
*2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17*  
*Psalms 51:3-7, 10-11*  
*Mark 4:26-34*

**Saturday, Jan. 30**  
*2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17*  
*Psalms 51:12-17*  
*Mark 4:35-41*

**Sunday, Jan. 31**  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*  
*Psalms 71:1-6, 15, 17*  
*1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13*  
or *1 Corinthians 13:4-13*  
*Luke 4:21-30*

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

## Blessing by priest can precede baby's adoption and baptism

**Q** My unmarried daughter recently gave birth to a son. It was a painful decision to place her baby, through the Catholic social services agency, into a Catholic home. Wanting to experience her newborn baby's life as much as possible, she asked the hospital chaplain to baptize the child.



He declined, explaining that the archbishop required that, unless in danger of death, babies should be baptized in the parish where the family and parishioners can welcome them into the faith.

I can't think of a better person to welcome a child into the faith than his own mother.

She endured nine months of emotional and physical pain because she knew it would be wrong to have an abortion.

You would think that the Church could take a more compassionate view toward the needs of the mother and not just the parish community. (Ohio)

**A** I'm sorry for the hurt that you and your family have suffered. The pain involved and the unselfishness required in such a decision is enormous.

Having said this, however, I can only agree with your local Church policy, which, by the way, is common elsewhere.

First, no priest is permitted to baptize a baby unless and until he has some assurance that the child will be raised in the Catholic faith, an assurance that normally comes from the parents who will nurture and bring up the child.

Both canon law and the "Rite of Baptism of Children" stress this requirement.

I admire your daughter's courage, goodness and generosity in the decision she has made. You can be proud of her for that.

Something more needs saying, however, and I hope I can explain it without seeming insensitive to you or her.

The fact remains that the adoptive parents will accept—and perhaps already have as I write this column—an awesome spiritual and physical burden in taking your grandchild as their own child.

They will need all the inspiration and

strength they can get to do that job well as parents, which I'm sure you want above all else.

The sacrament of baptism, among other purposes, is meant to give the parents or adopting parents that grace that will help them.

It may help to recall that several times during the baptism liturgy the parents commit themselves explicitly or implicitly to share their faith with their children, and to model it for them by word and example.

Of course, your daughter cannot make such a commitment. The adoptive parents can and, we hope, will do that.

The community of faith that your priest spoke of is not an abstract idea. It is the concrete group of warm bodies, your grandchild's permanent family and parish, which will have the heavy responsibility to bring to maturity the Christian faith that begins at his baptism.

What it comes down to is that for your grandchild the sacrament of baptism will have a much larger significance than to be a consolation for your daughter, however much that consolation may mean to her.

By this time, perhaps the following recommendation is too late for your daughter.

I strongly suggest, however, that other women who find themselves in the same situation ask their hospital chaplain or parish priest to pray over and bless them and their children with all these deep concerns in mind.

Some parts of the baptism rite might be included, with appropriate Scripture passages and invocations from the Church's blessings.

This opportunity could help recognize the spiritual and emotional needs of both the birth mother and the parents who accept the responsibilities of adoption.

Some procedure along these lines is common practice now for many adoption agencies.

(Catholic Q&A: Answers to the Most Common Questions About Catholicism is a 530-page collection of columns by Father John Dietzen and is published by Crossroad Publishing Company in New York. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612 or by e-mail at [jjdietzen@aol.com](mailto:jjdietzen@aol.com).) †

## My Journey to God

# In the Presence of God

### Thy Will

Lord, grant me the grace  
To be just like an aged old tree,  
A blooming flower  
Or a busy bee,  
Who in all the seasons of their lives  
Always and entirely obey the Will of Thee.

### Trust in Him

Place yourself in the presence of God.  
Enter quietly into prayers of praise,  
petition  
And thanksgiving.  
Calmly trust in Him, and  
Enjoy peace.

By Jean Grubbs



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(Jean Grubbs is a member of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield. She wrote "Trust in Him" while thinking about people she knows who are dealing with the serious illness of cancer. The Eucharist placed in a monstrance designed in the image of Mary is displayed for veneration on the altar at SS. Philip and James Church in St. James, N.Y., during the 20th annual National Night of Prayer for Life on Dec. 8.)

# Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

**ABBOTT, William C.**, 57, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Husband of Patricia Abbott. Father of Kerry Frost, Heather Yater, Kevin and Sean Abbott. Brother of Val Bennett, Christine Boerner, Kathy Cox, Kelly Ellson, Corky Foley and Kimberly Perkins. Grandfather of two.

**ALIG, Richard**, 67, St. Joseph, St. Leon, Jan. 12. Husband of Diana Alig. Father of Terri Bodenber, Kimberly Harm, David, Joseph, Kevin and Michael Alig. Brother of Roseann DeGeorge and Paul Alig. Grandfather of 11.

**BIRD, Mary Jane (Hawkins)**, 77, Prince of Peace, Madison, Dec. 31. Wife of John Bird. Mother of Linda, John, Kevin, Mike and Steven Bird. Grandmother of 10. Step-grandmother of three.

**CALDERONE, Anne Louise**, 81, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Jan. 9. Wife of Robert Calderone. Mother of Paula Bandos and Bruce Calderone. Sister of Kenneth Strobel. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

**CANGELOSI, Julia Lucille**, 92, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Mother of Rosemary Drouzas, Marietta Jackson and Candice Cangelosi. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of four.

**CONSOLINO, John**, 90, St. Mary, Rushville, Dec. 30. Father of Frank and Joseph Consolino.

**FENOGLIO, Becky S.**, 69, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Wife of William Fenoglio. Mother of Denise, Bill and Todd Fenoglio. Sister of Jody Conaway, Jerry, Kevin, Martin and Scott Williams. Grandmother of eight.

**GINDLING, Karissa Dawn**, 31, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Daughter of Randall Gindling and Wanda Hermann. Sister of Barbara Doyle, Jeremiah Harpring, Scott Gindling and Ben Hermann. Granddaughter of Theresa Flannagan, Mary Ann Hermann, Bill and Jayne Means, and Bill and Bonnie Pruitt.

**GROFF, Eleanor (Doyle)**, 88, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Wife of Raymond Groff. Mother of Janis Cook, Sharon Kunard and Nancy Striebeck. Sister of Louise Goddard and Pauline Nester. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of three.

**KAISER, Helen Louise (West)**, 78, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Jan. 11. Wife of William Kaiser Sr. Mother of Ann Day, Mary Gronotte, James, Joseph, Paul and William Kaiser. Grandmother of 17.

**KELLY, Thomas**, 89, Prince of Peace, Madison, Dec. 30. Father of Lisa Bruce, Dorothy Kelly-Paddock, Paul and Thomas Kelly Jr. Brother of Catherine Kelly-Hamilton. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of four.

**KEMPINGER, Gilbert H.**, 79, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Jan. 11. Husband of Kathleen (Clark) Kempinger. Father of Suzanna Rycroft and Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger. Grandfather of two.

**LITMER, Alfred J.**, 81, St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg, Jan. 13. Husband of Jeanette Litmer. Father of Jeff Litmer. Brother of Marcella Schwegman. Grandfather of one.

**LIVERS, Josephine A.**, 70, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 31. Mother of Donna DeArk, Diana Fess, Dawn

Holsonback and Debbie Litrell. Sister of Katie Duvall, Pat Sipes and Father James Lichtefeld. Grandmother of seven.

**McELFRESH, Edith**, 89, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Dec. 21. Mother of Kathy Abney, Marlene Buntin, Cindy Ortiz, Jonie Styles, Mary Jo Turner, Janie Worland, Margaret, Charles Jr. and John McElfresh. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 15.

**MINDEL, Oscar D., Jr.**, 73, St. Paul, Sellersburg, Dec. 25. Husband of Julia Mindel. Father of Andrea Miller and W. Scott Mindel. Grandfather of five.

**MOORE, Marie Theresa (O'Connor)**, 84, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 4. Mother of Jeanne Colson, Joyce Early, Mary, David, John and Mike Moore. Sister of Patty Lawrence. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 31. (correction)

**NEAGLE, Rita (Sherwood)**, 81, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 3. Mother of Katie Allspaw, Ellen Finch, Maureen Pierce, Louise, Chris and Dennis Neagle. Grandmother of 10.

**NEVERS, David E.**, 73, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Jan. 3. Husband of Ann Nevers. Father of Connie Fraley, Frank, Kenneth and William Nevers. Brother of Mary Jo Dehaven, Roseann Snoddy, Daniel and Jake Nevers. Grandfather of seven.

**PRATER, Carol Ann**, 63, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 20. Wife of Michael Prater. Mother of Linda Baldwin, Susan Bengel and Richard Prater. Sister of Karen Blacketer, Martha Gebhart and Mary Stanger. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

**RAFAIL, Theresa Elizabeth**, 84, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 27. Mother of Ann Meagher, Leo and Ronald Rafail. Sister of Gertrude Ariens, Kathryn Roell, Rita Teal, Bernard and William Beyer. Grandmother of six.

**ROSE, Charles L.**, 85, St. Anne, New Castle, Jan. 4. Husband of Lucie Rose. Father of Carryl Jones, Mary Mendenhall, Charles, Darryl, Gary and Jeffrey Rose. Brother of Colleen Barnes, Geneva Mullikin, Geraldine Stephens, Mary Lee Woods,

Bobbie Wright and Ralph Rose. Grandfather of several.

**SCHEIBELHUT, Charlotte**, 79, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Mother of Claire, Marie and Rose Anne Scheibelhut. Sister of Theresa Meyer and Robert McConahay. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

**SCHMELTZ, Larry**, 61, St. Joseph, Rockville, Jan. 6. Husband of Linda Schmeltz. Father of Benny Schmeltz-Myers, Natalie Schmeltz-Ruark, Andrea Schmeltz-Surber, Jeffrey, Josh and Wesley Schmeltz. Brother of Sondra Tuzynski, Jerry and Tony Schmeltz. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of one.

**SMITH, Mary Jane (Greenwell)**, 99, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Jan. 9. Stepmother of June Beavers, Shirley Chastain and Sherry Collins. Aunt of several.

**SMITH, Terrance C.**, 59, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, Jan. 5. Father of Elle and Hannah Smith. Brother of Sheila Moore and Mark Smith.

**SPLITGERBER, Mary Genevieve**, 92, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Jan. 3. Mother of Jeffrey Splitgerber. Sister of Melba Lufkin.

**STALIONS, Helen M. (Jensen) Doll**, 93, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Dec. 26. Mother of Karen Burns Gehbauer, Joanna Parks, Daniel, John and Joseph Doll Jr. Stepmother of Terri Sondrini. Sister of Anna Runciman. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of eight.

**WEBER, Ann (Waltman)**, 89, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 20. Mother of Patricia Smith and Joseph Weber. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

**WILLIAMS, Judith Virginia (Hall)**, 86, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Dec. 31. Mother of Susan Achgill, Rebecca Maners, Alan and Stephen Williams. Sister of Patricia Hall. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of seven. †

## Franciscan Sister Olivia Marie Stier was a teacher and principal

Franciscan Sister Olivia Marie Stier, a member of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died on Jan. 3 at Margaret Mary Community Hospital in Batesville. She was 97.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 5 at the motherhouse chapel. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Leona Margaret Stier was born on May 19, 1912, in Greensburg.

She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community on Aug. 15, 1930, and professed her final vows on July 2, 1936.

Sister Olivia Marie served as a teacher and principal at Catholic schools in Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois for 54 years from 1932-86.

In the archdiocese, she ministered at the former St. Mary School in Indian-

apolis, the former St. Bernadette School in Indianapolis, Holy Name School in Beech Grove, the former St. Andrew School in Richmond, St. Gabriel School in Connersville, the former Holy Family School in Oldenburg and St. Joseph School in Shelbyville.

In 1986, Sister Olivia Marie returned to the motherhouse to minister in pastoral care and as a clerical assistant at the sisters' infirmary.

In 1990, she retired and moved to St. Clare Hall, the sisters' health care facility at the motherhouse.

Surviving are three sisters, Loretta Zoellner of Indianapolis, Margaret Feldman of Virginia and Franciscan Sister Anna Marie Stier of Oldenburg.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036. †

## Providence Sister Adele Mann was a teacher and hospital chaplain

Providence Sister Adele Mann died on Jan. 4 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 83.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 8 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Mary Ida Mann was born on Sept. 9, 1926, in Indianapolis.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Feb. 2, 1946, professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1948, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

Sister Adele earned a bachelor's degree in education at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree in education at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

During 63 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered in education for 24 years at Catholic schools in Indiana, Illinois and North Carolina.

In the archdiocese, Sister Adele taught at the former St. Joseph School in Indianapolis from 1953-62, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute from 1962-67, the former St. James School in Indianapolis from 1967-69 and St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis from 1969-72.

In 1972, Sister Adele changed her ministry from Catholic education to hospital chaplaincy.

She served as a chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove from 1972-78.

In 2008, Sister Adele returned to the motherhouse, where she continued to participate in community life until a recent illness.

She is survived by a sister, Sue Kosegi, of Beech Grove.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. †

## Providence Sister Rosemary Powers served as a teacher and principal

Providence Sister Rosemary Powers, the former Sister Mary Gilbert, died on Dec. 16 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 92.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Dec. 19 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Cecelia Rosemary Powers was born on Jan. 18, 1917, in Linton, Ind.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Jan. 12, 1935, professed her first vows on Aug. 15, 1937 and professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1942.

Sister Rosemary earned a bachelor's degree in social studies at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree in education at the University of Notre Dame.

During 74 years as a Sister of

Providence, she ministered in education for 47 years at Catholic schools in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. For 12 years, she served as a principal.

In the archdiocese, Sister Rosemary taught at the former St. Catherine School in Indianapolis from 1937-42.

After retiring from education, Sister Rosemary returned to the motherhouse and served as a staff member in the congregation's general administration office and archives.

In 2002, she dedicated herself full-time to the ministry of prayer.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

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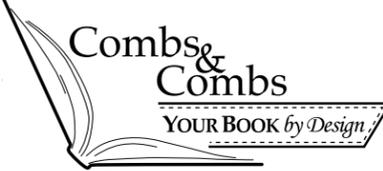


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# St. Mary Parish in Richmond celebrates 150 years of faith

By Sean Gallagher

Catherine Marino came to Richmond in 1956 as a 21-year-old newlywed. Born and raised in South Newport, Ky., she said her only link to the eastern Indiana city was her husband, Phil, and his family and friends.

But more than a half century later, Marino calls Richmond home, in large part because of the friendships she made at St. Mary Parish.

"I met a lot of people that I enjoyed being with," she said. "Meeting those people from the parish was very rewarding. I didn't grow up there. I didn't know a lot of the people except friends of Phil.

"But as my children went to school at St. Mary's, I got to know the parents of the other children. We would take the kids on their field trips and all that kind of thing."

Making friends at St. Mary Parish and raising her family there made celebrating the faith community's 150th anniversary in December all the more joyous for Marino.

An anniversary Mass was celebrated on Dec. 5. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, was the principal celebrant. Father Todd Riebe, pastor of St. Mary Parish, was a concelebrant.

A dinner and program to celebrate the anniversary followed the Mass. Included in the program were musical selections that represented the cultural heritage of the Irish families that founded the parish in 1859, and the many Italian families

that joined it after immigrating to the United States about half a century later.

"We're still talking about it," Father Riebe said. "Someone said, 'When it's time to do the 300th anniversary, they'll be looking to see what we did at the 150th.' It was a memorable evening."

Father Riebe is also pastor of Holy Family Parish and St. Andrew Parish, both in Richmond. These parishes, along with St. Mary Parish, make up what Catholics there call the Richmond Catholic Community.

Collaboration among the three parishes marked the St. Mary anniversary.

David Marsee, a member of St. Andrew Parish, was commissioned to create a watercolor painting of St. Mary Church for the occasion.

He accomplished a similar project in 1996 when St. Andrew Parish celebrated its 150th anniversary.

"Just knowing the response to [the painting of] St. Andrew, I knew it would be something that people would cherish for a long time," Marsee said, "especially for people who have been going there for a long time."

Father Riebe was especially pleased with the results of the artist's work.

"I had it sitting in my office for about a week, and wouldn't let anyone touch it because I just wanted to look at it," he said with a laugh.

Like Marino, Marsee is a transplant to Richmond from Kentucky through marriage. He grew up in Elizabethtown and

studied art at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Ky.

He said his Catholic faith is part of all of his work as an artist.

"[At the start of a painting], I usually do say a quick prayer, 'God please guide my hand and don't let me screw up,'" Marsee said with a laugh. "It's kind of my little prayer at the beginning of each painting."

Marsee said painting St. Mary Church was a special joy for him because of its architectural distinctiveness.

The 150th anniversary of the parish was also the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the church.

"It's a landmark in Richmond," Father Riebe said. "And I think everybody who enters the church is amazed that,

100 years ago, immigrants would build something like this. They truly gave to God their very best."

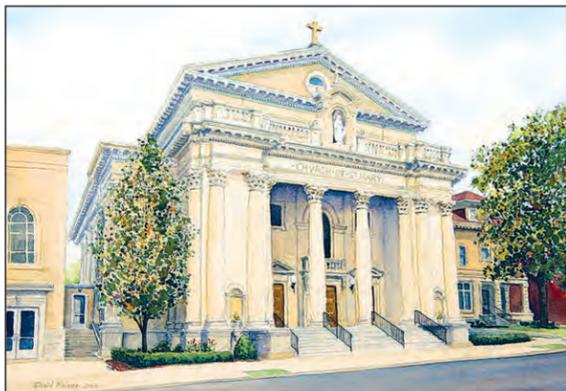
And it's those ancestors of the parish and their descendents living out their faith today that the priest sees when he looks at Marsee's painting.

"It's the painting of a community, a painting of the generations who first built the church and the generations today who lovingly preserve it," Father Riebe said. "It brings so much to life of what St. Mary Parish is that is symbolized by that building."

(For more information on the parishes that make up the Richmond Catholic Community, log on to [www.richmondcatholiccommunity.com](http://www.richmondcatholiccommunity.com).) †



David Marsee, left, talks with Jenna Kolb, Joe Linginfelter and Joel Stocksdales, all juniors at Seton Catholic High School in Richmond, about a watercolor painting that he created of St. Mary Church in Richmond on the occasion of the parish's recent 150th anniversary. Marsee is a member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, and volunteers at Seton Catholic High School.



David Marsee, a member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, created this watercolor painting of St. Mary Church in Richmond on the occasion of St. Mary Parish's 150th anniversary.

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focused in northern Haiti, he is concerned that the people in that region will still feel the effects of the earthquake in a powerful, if indirect, way due to severe increases in the costs of basic necessities that will be difficult to transport out of Port-au-Prince to the rest of the country.

"That's what I think is going to happen in this case," Father Nagel said. "The impact is obviously on the poor people in Port-au-Prince. But the long-term impact in the next



An aerial view shows the ruins of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 14, two days after a catastrophic earthquake rocked the capital of Haiti.

couple of years and probably pretty immediately too will be on the rest of the country, really.

"Port-au-Prince is the gateway to the whole country."

That's why Paul Zielinski, a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg who helps coordinate his parish's mission work at St. Marguerite Parish in Port Margot, Haiti, said that this is a time when his parish will need to re-evaluate their mission priorities in Haiti.

"You want to do everything you can to help them," Zielinski said. "Now there's some confusion as to how this changes what we've been working on."

However, one priority for Zielinski has remained unchanged—prayer.

"We always pray for our friends in Haiti," Zielinski said. "But it's even more intense now because of the great need."

(Monetary donations can be sent directly to the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Checks should be made payable to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with "Haiti Relief Fund" on the memo line of the check.) †



An injured boy receives medical help in a makeshift hospital on a street in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 15. As earthquake survivors sought food, water and medical help, world leaders pledged aid to rebuild Haiti after what the United Nations called the worst humanitarian crisis in decades.

## Agencies boost effort to help Haitians affected by quake

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Facing a growing humanitarian crisis after the largest earthquake in Haiti in two centuries, Catholic aid agencies and world governments were boosting efforts to respond to the needs of hundreds of thousands of injured and homeless.

Agencies such as Jesuit Refugee Services and Catholic Relief Services as well as smaller organizations from around the world have raised millions of dollars to provide medical services, feed and shelter people, and head off the rapid spread of disease.

The agencies were coordinating efforts with other religious, nongovernmental and government operations as hunger grew, and some Haitians became increasingly impatient because they had received little or no assistance in the week since the Jan. 12 quake.

Haitian government and relief agency authorities raised their estimates of the number of dead to 200,000. Another 300,000 people were injured. Up to 3 million of Haiti's 9.8 million people were

affected by the most recent natural disaster to strike the small, impoverished nation.

Catholic Relief Services increased its pledge of aid for the impoverished nation to \$25 million, and it could go higher, said Pat Johns, director of safety and security for the Baltimore-based agency. CRS, which is coordinating the Catholic Church's response, reported it had collected \$13.1 million for earthquake relief as of early Jan. 19.

Caritas Internationalis, numerous other Catholic aid agencies and Catholic religious orders were working alongside CRS staff in a vast outpouring of assistance.

As the pace of the response accelerated, agencies took extra security measures after reports of looting in some Port-au-Prince neighborhoods. CRS was sending in its security expert from Africa and was working with U.N. peacekeepers to protect convoys as supplies were taken across the border from the neighboring Dominican Republic, Johns told Catholic News Service.

Christian Fuchs, communications

director for Jesuit Relief Services USA in Washington, said the agency had opened several medical centers to assist injured people in some of the poorest neighborhoods of the Haitian capital and the surrounding area. The agency had raised about \$150,000 for its relief effort as of Jan. 19.

Jesuit-run hospitals and clinics in the Port-au-Prince neighborhoods of Turgeau, Haut Turgeau, Delmas and Canape Vert reopened. A health care facility in the quake-ravaged town of Leogane, about 25 miles west of Port-au-Prince, also reopened, he told CNS on Jan. 19.

Teams of medical personnel from across the United States were being shuttled to Haiti. Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and Loyola University Chicago are among institutions sending medical staff.

CRS was sending a plane with medical supplies and equipment as well as medical personnel and additional staff from Miami the afternoon of Jan. 19.

Johns said operating rooms and several medical clinics were operating on emergency power.

"One of the things we had is a big HIV/AIDS program through these clinics," Johns said. "We tapped into that."

CRS also opened a supply pipeline from the Dominican Republic border town of

Jimani, which is about 35 miles from Port-au-Prince.

Johns said shelter kits, bedding, mosquito nets, water and food were being distributed from one of two CRS warehouses in the capital. Although undamaged, the second warehouse was blocked by debris, and distribution of its contents had not yet begun as of Jan. 19.

The agency hired workers to clear the blockage, and Johns said he expected it would be at least another day before the stored supplies could be distributed.

Fuchs reported that Jesuits in Haiti and the Dominican Republic were seeing a growing exodus of people from Port-au-Prince heading to the Dominican border.

"We're concerned that could be an overwhelming situation," he explained. "We're pushing that anyone displaced by the earthquake be given accommodation in Haiti."

The Church efforts supplemented the global response from the world's governments. As of Jan. 19, the United States had more than 11,000 military personnel on the ground or offshore preparing to mobilize. In addition, nearly three dozen helicopters were flying supplies to nine landing zones around Port-au-Prince. †

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