

### Evangelization efforts from Rome to home <sup>By Peg McEvoy</sup>

Evangelization isn't just about "*those* folks out *there*." We may have family members or



friends who are Catholic, but seldom come to the sacraments any more. We probably know someone who is searching for their spiritual home. Many of us want to reach out in faith to someone, but just aren't sure what to do.

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This reality has not gone unnoticed in the

larger Church. There is a connection between what happens in our own parishes and in the priorities set by the Holy Father.

Pope Benedict XVI has formed a new office at the Vatican—the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. At first, this office may sound pretty far removed from everyday parish life, but it has importance for Catholics everywhere.

As the Holy Father explained when he created this new office, "There are regions of the world that are still awaiting a first evangelization; others that have received it, but need a deeper intervention; yet others in which the Gospel put down roots a long time ago, giving rise to a true Christian tradition, but in which, in recent centuries with complex dynamics, the secularization process has produced a serious crisis of the meaning of the Christian faith and of belonging to the Church."

What is our experience in the United States and, more specifically, in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis?

Many bishops from around the world will be meeting in a synod in Rome in 2012 to talk about the new evangelization. They will share the experience of evangelization in their home dioceses. Through this process, they will provide some guidance on how to increase enthusiasm and improve methods of Catholic evangelization.

So what is new about Catholic evangelization? It is not the message of evangelization. We are still called to share the Gospel. Our Church has always evangelized through its words, works of charity and social justice, commitment to life and sacramental celebration. However, given the pressures of our culture, we need to reinvigorate our efforts. As Blessed John Paul II said, evangelization needs to be made new in ardor and methods.

There are certainly new methods being used in the Vatican. You may have heard of Pope Benedict's Facebook page or channel on YouTube. However, despite all the digital communications and social networking in the world, we know the parish is still the center of evangelization. It is the people of the parish who touch the lives of those in need. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we are reorienting the Evangelization Commission to be focused on the work of evangelization in parishes. The commission will help identify the best practices in evangelization for parishes. In this supplement, you will read real stories of conversion, of how Catholics live out their faith in ordinary life. In each case, it takes individuals and communities to reach out with Christ in faith. For parishes, it takes a team of people coming together with the pastor and/or staff to assess their needs and set reasonable goals, always using methods that reach out with the love of Christ. Once these things are in place, the Holy Spirit will most certainly guide the parish in authentically Catholic evangelization. In the words of St. Bede, "Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where he will."

# **Answering God's call**



Heather, who is incarcerated at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis, receives the sacrament of confirmation from Father Robert Robeson on Easter in a chapel at the state correctional facility. Two women were baptized and five women received the sacraments of confirmation and the Eucharist during the April 24 liturgy.

## Scripture verse inspires prison ministry volunteers

#### By Mary Ann Wyand

One of the most compelling Scripture passages in the Gospel of St. Matthew relates one of Christ's core teachings.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food," Jesus said to his disciples. "I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 26:35-36). Deacon Daniel Collier, who ministers at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, as well as several diocesan priests and lay volunteers from Indianapolis West Deanery parishes are doing just that for some of the women who are incarcerated at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis.

"I just feel that God has blessed us to be able to provide for these women," Deacon Collier said on Easter, "because we're doing what Jesus asked us to do. ... This ministry here at the prison has gone beyond anybody's expectations."

He assisted Father Robert Robeson, rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis and chaplain for the women's prison ministry, with a 6 p.m. eucharistic liturgy celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord on April 24 in a small chapel at the Indiana Department of Corrections facility for women offenders. See PRISON, page 3B

### Indianapolis business owners seek to spread the Gospel

#### By Sean Gallagher

The business world may seem like a challenging place in which to proclaim the Gospel.

More often than not, it is ruled by the law of the jungle. Might makes right. Only the fit survive. Look out for No. 1.

Some would say that preaching the Gospel values of selflessly giving of oneself in service to others is wholly out of place in such a harsh environment.

But not to John and Julie Mundell.

The owners of a successful environmental services consulting firm based in Indianapolis, the Mundells are dedicated to using up to 60 percent of their annual profits to help those in need, educate other businessmen and women around the world about a Catholic approach to the marketplace, and, in the process, build up a sense of unity among people—both locally and globally.

Their firm is one of approximately 800 members of a network of business around the world called the Economy of Communion (EoC) that was established in 1991 by Focolare, a Catholic lay movement founded during World War II in Italy.

"We are at the forefront of evangelization in the world," said John Mundell,, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. "We evangelize the world with our lives ... And they're not these great big works, but little works, a lot of little choices that we make where we really try to see what God wants in our lives, and how we live that out in the world."

One of those little choices included choosing to locate their firm on the east side of Indianapolis to join in the effort to revitalize a part of the city that has long been economically depressed.

"We try to do all of our shopping here, even if it would be less expensive to ship it in," Julie Mundell said. "We hire people from here to do landscaping and the mowing."

They also support local

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Paul Melillo, left, and Mark Breting, right, inspect soil samples in 2009 from land in Wildwood, Mo., that had been contaminated with dioxin, PCBs and organic chemicals. The employees of Mundell and Associates, an Indianapolis-based environmental services consulting firm, are assisted by Ed Paschal, center, a private environmental consultant for the City of Wildwood.

community-building projects, such as a youth chess program based at nearby Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Other choices that the Mundells have made include hosting interns from around the world each summer, who come to their Indianapolis office to learn more about the Economy of Communion.

One of those interns was Javier Sanchez Gonzalez, a member of Focolare in Spain. He learned at Mundell and Associates "how it is possible to put in practice the EoC theory."

"I believe that, in the future, many businessmen and women may come closer to Christ because it is important for each company to have a good image," Gonzalez said. "They are interested in assisting with social problems. The EoC could be part of the solution."

The Mundells also travel around the world to share the good news of the Economy of Communion with business students and business owners in South America, Africa and Europe. They are convinced that businesses can work See BUSINESS, page 4B



# Priest's presence helps students at University of Indianapolis

#### By John Shaughnessy

It was a moment in time when 20-year-old Derek Menkedick was struggling with all the concerns and challenges of a college student.

It was also a moment that showed the importance of the archdiocese's increasing efforts to connect with Catholic college students at non-Catholic colleges.

At the time, Menkedick was juggling his classes and exams as a double major in biology and chemistry. The University of Indianapolis junior also had his responsibilities as a resident assistant in a dormitory, trying to help younger students avoid the occasional questionable choices they sometimes make on their own. Then there were the struggles with his own choices, struggles that led him to want to receive the sacrament of reconciliation from a priest.

That's when he turned to Father Sean Danda, associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, who has also spent this school year as the Catholic chaplain at the University of Indianapolis.

"He worked around his schedule and my schedule to come to campus to hear my confession," Menkedick recalls. "It meant a lot to me. He was understanding and gave me good advice as well."

He paused and then added, "College can definitely be a struggle. And sometimes it's easy to forget the religious aspect of your life. Father always makes himself available to us. It's definitely awesome to have a Mass on campus to celebrate my faith and reconnect with God." Those are some of the goals that have marked the evangelization efforts at the University of Indianapolis this year, part of the archdiocese's commitment to offer a vibrant faith connection to Catholic college students at non-Catholic campuses.

Chaplains are also in place at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and other non-Catholic colleges and universities across central and southern Indiana.

The impact of a priest at the University of Indianapolis has dramatically changed the faith life of Rigo Gonzalez, a junior from San Fernando, Calif.

"I went about two years without going to Mass," Gonzalez says. "I had no parish here to go to. I don't have family here. I just felt very lonely. Since I have the Father here every week, it's just brought me a lot closer to my beliefs and God. Father Danda is young so he relates to a lot of college students. It's a fun Mass, and that's why people come here."

That reaction from students is typical, according to Father Danda.

"There's a deep hunger and longing for sacramental life among them, especially when it comes to reconciliation and the Mass," Father Danda says as he sits in the chapel at the student center before Mass. "To have a spiritual guide, to have a Catholic priest who can be present for them, I think they feel reached out to.

"There are a large number of Catholics at the University of Indianapolis. They are away from home, away from their home parishes, and they can feel a little lost. To have the Mass and a priest here, they feel connected, and it helps them tackle their



Father Sean Danda talks with University of Indianapolis senior Anne Marie Shipe after a Palm Sunday Mass on April 17 in the college's chapel. In his first year as the Catholic chaplain at the university, Father Danda has brought the sacraments and a caring, priestly presence to students, according to Shipe, a member of Christ the King Parish in South Bend, Ind., in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

day-to-day college experience without overwhelming them. Our faith experience is part of who we are. And when it's not being nourished, we look to other areas to fill the void—and some of those can be quite destructive."

Besides offering reconciliation and Mass to students, Father Danda has also been a guest lecturer on campus, talking about the practices of the Catholic faith. He has also held retreats at St. Barnabas Parish for members of the university's Catholic Students Association. When asked, he also comes to campus to meet with the students individually to talk about their lives.

"I strive to communicate to them that God is present, and he loves them very much," Father Danda says. "It does seem like a basic message, but sometimes we don't come to know and experience it until someone points it out to us. At its root, it's about hope in Jesus Christ. And in our culture today, we don't seem to find many places for hope.

"The students thirst to know that hope, to be affirmed in it. They're on the verge of high school childhood and young adulthood, and they need a mentor to guide them into the confidence of a Catholic young adult. That's why I'm here."

The students are glad he is. "I've had some struggles this year, and it's been nice to be able to call him up and talk to him," says Anne Marie Shipe, a senior.

"He's here every Sunday, and he's open to people to talk to," says Chelsea Domiano, a freshman. "It helps with your religion. You can go to him for anything. It's easy to grow in your faith when you have a priest you are comfortable with." †

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"Our commitment is that the women will be able to receive the Eucharist every Sunday," Deacon Collier said, during a Mass or Communion service.

"We're spreading the Gospel every way that we can [through the Church's prison ministry]," he said. "I preach to them about how we're a faith community, and we need to look out for each other, share the love and not be quick to judge others. ... During a Communion service, those women who are not Catholic come up for a blessing so they're getting the Word by being here. We're glad they are here to listen to the Word. ... They are welcome to join us."

Deacon Collier, Father Robeson and the lay volunteers who assist with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) ministry at the prison were excited that five women—two catechumens who were baptized and three candidates who were confirmed—received the more was how some of the other ladies were watching [the catechumens and candidates] with tears in their eyes."

Deacon Collier started his ministry of charity at the former Indiana Girls' School correctional facility after he was ordained in 2008.

"When I started out here, there were 170 juveniles and now there are 700 adult women," he said. "We probably minister to about 50 women. Twenty women are Catholic and another 20 or 30 women come to our Sunday [liturgies] regularly."

St. Malachy parishioner Laura Kazlas of Brownsburg has ministered at the women's correctional facility for four years—three years with teenage girls and one year with women.

"This is our first full year of ministry with the ladies at the Indiana Women's Prison," Kazlas said. "Our RCIA classes started in September. ... I feel a sense of unity and community with these ladies, ... who need the support of a faith community. They need a connection with the Church, and with Christian men and women. They need the moral support of other people both inside the prison and when they get out." correctional facility and change their life around," she said. "I wanted to give them hope that they could change their life for the better, and that God can bring a greater good out of something that is negative in their lives."

Deacon Collier and Kazlas invite priests and lay volunteers to contact St. Malachy Parish about assisting with their ministry at the Indiana Women's Prison as catechists, hospitality ministers and guest speakers.

"We welcome guest speakers for our Tuesday evening classes," Kazlas said. "The women need people to talk to who care about them. They give back to us more than we give to them. That's the biggest surprise of going there. It's a joyful experience. They have a genuine need for God. They have had everything else taken away from them, and they know that they need God.

"We're working hard at evangelization in the prison," she said. "We provide a lot of reading materials for the women. Once they get interested, they start coming to Mass. We welcome them no matter what their

sacraments during the Easter liturgy.

"It's truly a joyful day for many reasons," Deacon Collier said. "We brought these women into the Church through the religious education ministry that we provide on Tuesday evenings. It's awesome to see the women receive the sacraments, and what moved me even



St. Anthony parishioner Andrea Wolsifer of Indianapolis, left, and St. Malachy parishioner Laura Kazlas of Brownburg hold hands while they pray with other prison ministry volunteers before the Easter Mass on April 24 in a chapel at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis.

Kazlas said she felt a personal call from God to volunteer in prison ministry.

"I wanted to encourage them that they could make something good come out of their experience in the



Desiree, who is incarcerated at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis, holds a card welcoming her into the Catholic Church after the Easter Mass in a chapel at the state correctional facility.

circumstances are. Some of the ladies have had a genuine conversion experience in prison."

Heather, who was baptized, confirmed and received first holy Communion on Easter, said after the Mass that she is very grateful for the Catholic prison ministry volunteers.

"We need the emotional and spiritual support and friendship from everybody," she said. "When the volunteers come in, it's like a breath of fresh air to us. They bring a lot of emotion and make us feel happy."

Madeline, who also was baptized, confirmed and received first holy Communion, said receiving the sacraments made her "feel real happy and like there is a new spirit in me."

Father Robeson has celebrated Mass at the women's prison on Easter twice as well as on other Sunday evenings.

"It's a great ministry," he said. "The women here realize that their faith is important and that going to church is what they need to be doing."

(For information about how to help with the Church's ministry at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis, contact Deacon Daniel Collier or Laura Kazlas at St. Malachy Parish by leaving a message at the parish office at 317-852-3195.) †



according to the capitalist model and still follow Gospel values.

"We're firm believers [in capitalism]," Julie said. "We've gone to meetings where people say, 'Capitalism is the problem.' Capitalism isn't the problem. It's

gone to meetings where people say, 'Capitalism is the problem.' Capitalism isn't the problem. It's the people who are living in the capitalist society, and what they do with all of the rights that they get."

Still, they have found professors in business schools that are skeptical

of their approach. "There's a little bit of disbelief that you can live the Gospel, and still be successful and compete," John said. "We compete

by living out

Gospel values.

Julie Mundell

John Mundell

"We tell them that we have a lot of secret weapons. Love is very disarming when you're authentic and you really try to love people." But the students they have met—the future leaders of the business world—have been more enthusiastic.

"The students believe," Julie said. "They believe that everything's possible."

Another person who believes in the potential of the Economy of Communion is Pope Benedict XVI who, in his 2009 social encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* ("Love in Truth"), praised the way that companies in the network approach the marketplace, calling it "a broad new composite reality embracing the private and public spheres, one which does not exclude profit, but instead considers it a means for achieving human and social ends" (#46).

After receiving a papal seal of approval, the Mundells said inquiries about the Economy of Communion increased, but so did their own expectations to live out its principles.

"That put a lot more pressure on you," John said. "Gosh, am I really living this out?"

Although businesses in the Economy of Communion are dedicated to turning a profit, sometimes the state of the economy in a certain region can make it difficult for that to occur. But it is still possible to live out the principles of the network in the midst of such trials.

That is the case with Sofia Violins, an Indianapolis-based company that makes violins, violas and cellos, and is owned by John Welch, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis.

Welch said that his company, which is a member of the Economy of Communion, has had a difficult time making a profit in the past few years. That should come as no surprise as the U.S. economy and other economies around the world in which his company competes have suffered because of the severe downturn.

"My priority is to keep my people working because I know it's the will of God," Welch said. "They're good people who have been with me for years."

At the same time, the principles of the Economy of Communion led Welch to take a Gospel-based approach to struggling businesses that he works with.

The owner of a dealer that sold his instruments owed him and other instrument makers a lot of money. Welch called him to see how he was doing.

"I could tell that he was starting to cry," Welch said. "And he said, 'John, everybody else calls me to threaten me. And you call to give me encouragement.' So it's the way we think [about business and relationships]."

Although the Economy of Communion is a growing network of companies around the world, most of them are small or medium-sized firms.

Thus, the effect that the network might have on the business world is smaller than if large, publicly held multinational corporations were members.

This fact, however, doesn't bother the Mundells. They are simply interested in doing the will of God in their lives and through their business.

"You would like this for everyone," Julie said. "But our goal is really to do the will of God. And the will of God is for us to [lead] this company. If others look at it, there's always that human hope that others would



John Welch, the owner of Sofia Violins in Indianapolis, poses in his company's workshop on April 18. A member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, Welch runs his business according to the principles of the Economy of Communion, an international business network established by Focolare, a Catholic lay movement founded in Italy during World War II.

do this. But we don't know what God wants, except that we do know that he wants this company."

(For more information on the Economy of Communion, log on to www.edc-online.org.) †

## Terre Haute priest proclaims the Gospel on Catholic radio

#### By Sean Gallagher

When Msgr. Lawrence Moran was a seminarian in the 1940s, he would often listen to radio broadcasts of then-Father Fulton J. Sheen.

The year before he was ordained, then-Bishop Sheen began his popular "Life is Worth Living" television show, which Msgr. Moran said that he watched when he was a young assistant pastor at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis.

About 20 years later, Msgr. Moran began to follow in Bishop Sheen's footsteps, appearing on locally produced shows about religion on television stations in Indianapolis.

And just recently, at age 84, he produced his 600th show for WHOJ 93.1 FM, a Catholic radio station in Terre Haute.

"What an inspiration," said Msgr. Moran of Bishop Sheen. "I think [he] was an influence. I thought, 'Gee, what an opportunity if a person could get on television.' I think I got the inspiration from Bishop Sheen."

Now at an age where he could easily rest on his laurels, Msgr. Moran keeps working in Catholic radio because he is convinced of its power to evangelize.

"It goes 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said. "It goes into people's cars when they're [going to] and coming from work. It goes into where they're working. It goes into homes morning, noon and night.

"It's just so available, and a person could be doing something else at the same time. I think it's the greatest adult education program that we've ever offered."

WHOJ is part of Covenant Network, a St. Louis-based

North Dakota to Louisiana.

Much of its programming originates from EWTN Radio. But some stations, like WHOJ, also broadcast locally produced shows.

Tony Holman, general manager of Covenant Network, is amazed by Msgr. Moran's dedication.

"I think he's got the record within our network [and] probably in the country," Holman said. "That's a lot of shows. He is a wonderful, wonderful priest. We're just honored to be associated with him. He's got a lot of enthusiasm."

Covenant Network was founded in 1997 when there were only about six Catholic radio stations nationwide. Now there are more than 150 stations, including five that can be heard within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. (See sidebar.)

Msgr. Moran was pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute when WHOJ went on the air in 2004, and allowed the station to set up its studio in a small room at the parish's rectory.

Although he had ministered in the media in the past, Msgr. Moran didn't foresee the staying power and vitality of Catholic radio at the time.

"Protestants had used radio for years," said Msgr. Moran, who retired from active ministry in 2005. "And we as Catholics had not been very much involved. Now it seems to be going the opposite way. But I didn't think that it would go like this, and be so effective and helpful."

Although Catholic radio stations keep popping up across the nation, they are often run by small groups of dedicated volunteers like Msgr. Moran and Mike Moroz, a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute. the toilets, sweep the floors, empty the wastebaskets, do the programming. Technically, it's called station manager. But if you're a manager of one, I don't know what that means."

When Covenant Network purchased WHOJ in 2004, Moroz, who had just retired from a career in the pharmaceutical industry and had no experience in radio, volunteered to help keep the station running.

An important part of that work since 2005 has been arranging interviews with the hundreds of people that Msgr. Moran has talked to on the air.

"Sitting across the table from Msgr. Moran for over 600 shows continually impresses me with his deep curiosity about the human condition," Moroz said, "and exceptional sympathy for people, especially women and men whose lives have been devastated by past abortions."

When asked about his on-air perseverance at WHOJ, Msgr. Moran gives the credit to Moroz.

"It's so worthwhile because the people that Mike gets for me to interview are from all over the country," Msgr. Moran said. "A lot of people [are] working on the front lines of the pro-life movement.

"It's hard to imagine that he set up 600 opportunities for us to be on the radio."

Moroz keeps his focus on WHOJ's listeners.

"Sometimes when we're in the rectory doing recording, we'll get people calling in to [parish staff members] saying that they hadn't been to church in 20 years, but they heard the radio station and wanted to know how to come back," Moroz said. "There's no way of really telling the whole numbers of what's out there,

group of 18 Catholic radio stations that stretch from



Standing in the studio of WHOJ 93.1 FM on March 12, Ron Eldred, left, and Msgr. Lawrence Moran hold a cake honoring Msgr. Moran's 600th show broadcast on the Terre Haute-based Catholic radio station. Its studio is in the rectory of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute. Eldred, who teaches religion and history at John Paul II High School in Terre Haute, has helped produce hundreds of Msgr. Moran's shows. When asked what he does at WHOJ, Moroz said, "I clean by

but there's a lot of that stuff going on." †

### Catholic radio is heard in many places across the archdiocese

#### By Sean Gallagher

Many Catholics across central and southern Indiana can listen to Catholic radio stations.

There are currently five Catholic radio stations broadcasting within the archdiocese with others that may go on the air in the coming months.

The current stations include:

• <u>Catholic Radio Indy 89.1 FM</u>—This station broadcasts its signal across Marion, Hamilton, Johnson, Hendricks and Boone counties. It can also be heard online at <u>www.catholicradioindy.org</u>.

• <u>Sacred Heart Radio 740 AM and 89.5 FM</u>— These stations, broadcasting from towers respectively in Cincinnati and near Versailles, can be heard across southeastern Indiana. They are co-owned, and their programming is identical. To learn more about them or to listen online, log on to

www.sacredheartradio.com.

• WHOJ 93.1 FM—This Catholic radio station can

generally be heard in a 20-mile radius around Terre Haute. It is part of Covenant Network's 18 Catholic radio stations that stretch from North Dakota to Louisiana. To learn more about it or to listen online, log on to <u>www.covenantnet.net</u>.

• <u>WLCR 1040 AM</u>—This Catholic radio station is based just south of Louisville, Ky., and can be heard in many parts of the New Albany Deanery. To listen online or for more information about WLCR, log on to <u>www.wlcr.net</u>.

Additionally, St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford and St. Mary Parish in Mitchell rent an hour of airtime from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Sundays on WQRK 105.5 FM, and an hour of airtime from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sundays on WBIW 1340 AM.

During this time, programs broadcast include those from EWTN, shows locally produced for WHOJ and recordings of Christmas Masses celebrated locally. †