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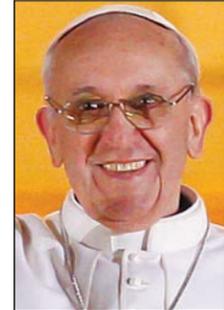
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The Light of FAITH Lumen Fidei AN ENCYCLICAL LETTER

In first encyclical, pope celebrates faith as the light of human life

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei" ("The Light of Faith"), is a celebration of Christian faith as the guiding light of a "successful and fruitful life," inspiring social action as well as devotion to God, and illuminating "every aspect of human existence," including philosophy and the natural sciences.



Pope Francis

The document, released on July 5, completes a papal trilogy on the three "theological virtues," following Pope Benedict XVI's encyclicals "Deus Caritas Est" (2005) on charity

and "Spe Salvi" (2007) on hope. Publication of the encyclical was one of the most awaited events of the Year of Faith, which began in October 2012.

Pope Benedict "had almost completed a first draft of an encyclical on faith" before his retirement in February 2013, Pope Francis writes, adding that "I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own."

Commentators will likely differ in attributing specific passages, but the document clearly recalls the writings of Pope Benedict in its extensive treatment of the dialogue between faith and reason and its many citations of St. Augustine, not to mention references to Friedrich Nietzsche

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Surrounded in the Piazza Navona square by the 80 people who made a pilgrimage with him to Rome, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with Robert Van Note, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, on June 26. The Piazza Navona is built on the site of an ancient Roman stadium from the first century.

Rome pilgrimage leads to lasting bonds and desire to share joy of being Catholic

By John Shaughnessy

ROME—On a morning that would distinguish Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin's connection to Pope Francis and his leadership of the archdiocese, an unexpected sequence of scenes forever defined the archbishop in the hearts of the 80 people who made a pilgrimage to Rome with him.

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The scenes started shortly before 6:30 on the sun-kissed morning of June 29, the day when Archbishop Tobin would later kneel in front of Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica to receive his pallium—a circular band made from lamb's wool that symbolizes his role as the shepherd of the archdiocese and his

communion with the pope.

Yet three hours before that historic moment, Archbishop Tobin stood in front of a bus parked in the middle of a street near one of the hotels where he stayed with his fellow pilgrims, and greeted each of them by name, with a smile and with variations of the words, "I'm happy you're here to celebrate."

As the bus made the short trip to Vatican City, the archbishop used the public address system microphone to tell a joke before turning serious as he led prayers "for the churches of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, especially the Batesville Deanery" where a series of closings and mergers of parishes were announced recently.

Just before the bus parked in a compact

area between St. Peter's Basilica and the residence that Pope Francis calls home, the archbishop told the pilgrims, "I hope everyone has a wonderful celebration this morning." Stepping from the bus, he posed for picture after picture with pilgrims, old friends and family members until he finally had to enter St. Peter's 30 minutes later.

After watching the archbishop that morning, Agnes Magnaye of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield marveled at the way he tries to connect with people, noting a favorite personal moment from the times the archbishop celebrated Mass during the pilgrimage: "When he gives me Communion, he says my name. I was surprised he remembered my name. It just

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Pope clears the way for the canonizations of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis signed a decree clearing the way for the canonization of Blessed John Paul II and has decided also to ask the world's cardinals to vote on the canonization of Blessed John XXIII, even in the absence of a miracle.

After Pope Francis met on July 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican published a list of decrees the pope approved related to Blessed John Paul's canonization and 11 other sainthood causes.

Publishing the decrees, the Vatican also said, "The supreme pontiff approved the favorable votes of the ordinary session of the cardinal- and bishop-fathers regarding the canonization of Blessed John XXIII [Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli], and has decided to convoke a consistory that will also involve the canonization of Blessed John Paul II."

Normally, after a pope signs a decree recognizing the miracle needed for a canonization, the pope consults with cardinals around the world and calls a



Blessed John XXIII

consistory—a gathering attended by any cardinal who wants and is able to attend—where those present voice their support for the pope's decision to proclaim a new saint.

A date for a canonization liturgy is announced formally only during or immediately after the consistory. The cardinals and archbishops who are members of the saints' congregation met at the Vatican on July 2, and voted

in favor of the pope recognizing as a miracle the healing of Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican who was suffering from a brain aneurysm and recovered after



Blessed John Paul II

prayers through the intercession of Blessed John Paul. The congregation members, according to news reports, also looked at the cause of Blessed John and voted to ask Pope Francis to canonize him without requiring a miracle. According to Church rules—established by the pope and subject to changes by him—a miracle is needed after beatification to make a

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and Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

On the other hand, warnings of the dangers of idolatry, Gnosticism and Pharisaism, a closing prayer to Mary as the “perfect icon of faith,” and an entire section on the relevance of faith to earthly justice and peace echo themes that Pope Francis has already made signatures of his young pontificate.

“*Lumen Fidei*” begins with a brief survey of the biblical history of faith, starting with God’s call to Abraham to leave his land—“the beginning of an exodus which points him to an uncertain future”—and God’s promise that Abraham will be “father of a great nation.”

The Bible also illustrates how men and women break faith with God by worshipping substitutes for him.

“Idols exist, we begin to see, as a pretext for setting ourselves at the center of reality and worshipping the work of our own hands,” the pope writes. “Once man has lost the fundamental orientation which unifies his existence, he breaks down into the multiplicity of his desires. ... Idolatry, then, is always polytheism, an aimless passing from one lord to another.”

Pope Francis sees another way of turning from God in the Pharisees’ belief that salvation is possible through good works alone.

“Those who live this way, who want to be the source of their own righteousness, find that the latter is soon depleted and that they are unable even to keep the law,” the pope writes. “Salvation by faith means recognizing the primacy of God’s gift.”

Faith finds its fulfillment in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the pope writes. By virtue of his humanity, Jesus is both the object of faith and the ultimate model and mediator for all believers.

“Christ is not simply the one in whom

we believe, the supreme manifestation of God’s love,” Pope Francis writes. “He is also the one with whom we are united precisely in order to believe. Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes: it is a participation in his way of seeing.”

This participation means that faith inevitably makes a Christian part of Christ’s mystical body, the Church.

“It is impossible to believe on our own,” the pope writes. “By its very nature, faith is open to the ‘we’ of the Church; it always takes place within her communion.”

The Church transmits the faith across time “through an unbroken chain of witnesses,” allowing us to “see the face of Jesus,” Pope Francis writes. “As a service to the unity of faith and its integral transmission, the Lord gave his Church the gift of apostolic succession. Through this means, the continuity of the Church’s memory is ensured and certain access can be had to the wellspring from which faith flows.”

Accordingly, members of the hierarchy stand as the authoritative teachers of the contents of Christian faith.

The “magisterium of the pope and the bishops in communion with him,” the pope writes, “ensures our contact with the primordial source, and thus provides the certainty of attaining to the word of Christ in all its integrity.”

Yet faith in its fullness is more than doctrine, Pope Francis writes. It is “the new light born of an encounter with the true God, a light which touches us at the core of our being and engages our minds, wills and emotions, opening us to relationships lived in communion.”

Thus the primary means of transmitting faith is not a book or a homily, but the sacraments, especially baptism and the Eucharist, which “communicate an incarnate memory, linked to the times and places of our lives, linked to all



“The transmission of faith occurs first and foremost in baptism,” says the encyclical letter “*Lumen Fidei*” (“The Light of Faith”) from Pope Francis. Pictured is a girl receiving the sacrament at St. John of God Church in Central Islip, N.Y.

our senses; in them the whole person is engaged as a member of a living subject and part of a network of communitarian relationships.”

The belief that the “Son of God took on our flesh” and “entered our human history” also leads Christians “to live our lives in this world with ever greater commitment and intensity,” the pope writes, arguing that faith inspires both the use of human reason and pursuit of the common good.

For faith, Pope Francis writes, truth is not attainable through autonomous reason alone but requires love, a “relational way of viewing the world, which then becomes a form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists.”

By affirming the “inherent order” and harmony of the material world, and “by stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation,” Christian faith encourages scientific research, while dispelling the philosophical relativism that

has produced a “crisis of truth in our age.”

Faith also inspires respect for the natural environment, by allowing believers to “discern in it a grammar written by the hand of God and a dwelling place entrusted to our protection and care.”

According to Pope Francis, faith has proven itself essential to the promotion of “justice, law and peace,” by contrast with failed modern ideologies that also claimed those goals.

“Modernity sought to build a universal brotherhood based on equality,” he writes, “yet we gradually came to realize that this brotherhood, lacking a common reference to a common father as its ultimate foundation, cannot endure.

“We need to return to the true basis of brotherhood,” the pope writes. “Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God’s face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters.” †

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candidate eligible for canonization.

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, the longtime head of



Floribeth Mora Diaz, the Costa Rican woman whose inexplicable cure has been attributed to the intercession of Blessed John Paul II, embraces her husband, Edwin Arce, as she gives her testimony to the media in San Jose, Costa Rica, on July 5. Blessed John Paul, the globetrotting Polish pontiff who led the Catholic Church for nearly 27 years, will be declared a saint. The Vatican announced on July 5 that Pope Francis had signed the decree approving his sainthood.

the College of Postulators—or promoters of sainthood causes—has explained that in the sainthood process, miracles are “the confirmation by God of a judgment made by human beings” that the candidate really is in heaven.

But Father Molinari also has said that for decades theologians have explored the possibility that such a confirmation could come by means other than someone experiencing a physical healing. For instance, Blessed John Paul beatified Victoire Rasoamanarivo in Madagascar in 1989 after accepting as a miracle the case of a wind-swept brush fire stopping at the edge of a village whose inhabitants invoked her intercession.

Announcing the decision about Blessed John’s cause, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the discussions about the need for miracles and what can be defined as an acceptable miracle continue. However, he said, the movement in the late pope’s cause does not indicate a general change in Church policy.

The members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes “have expressed their hope, and the Holy Father has accepted it,” Father Lombardi said. If Pope Francis “had any doubts, we wouldn’t be here” announcing the consistory to approve Blessed John’s canonization.

“As we all know very well, John XXIII is a person beloved in the Church. We are in the 50th anniversary year of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which he convoked. And I think none of us has any doubts

about John XXIII’s virtues,” the spokesman said. “So the Holy Father is looking toward his canonization.”

Father Lombardi also noted that no date for a canonization liturgy was announced, but it is likely that the two popes will be canonized together, possibly “by the end of the year.”

The other decrees approved by Pope Francis on July 5 recognized:

- The miracle needed for beatification of Spanish Bishop Alvaro del Portillo, who in 1975 succeeded St. Josemaria Escriva as head of Opus Dei. Bishop del Portillo died in 1994.
- The miracle needed for the beatification of Maria Josefa Alhama Valera, also known as Mother Esperanza, the Spanish founder of the Handmaids of Merciful Love and the Sons of Merciful Love. She died in Italy in 1983.
- The martyrdom of four groups of priests and nuns killed during the Spanish Civil War in 1936-39.
- The heroic virtues of three founders of religious orders; an Italian priest; and an Italian layman. †

Correction

The last name of Jesuit Father Thomas Widner, director of spiritual formation at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, was misspelled in a caption in the June 21 issue of *The Criterion*. †

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Catholics urged to speak truth 'with love' in religious freedom fight

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As people of faith and as Americans, the nation's Catholics should kneel in prayer and also stand in defense of religious freedom, Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl said on July 4 during the closing Mass for the Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

"There is a time to be on one's knees. There is also a time to stand up. ... Today, there are things that should mean enough to all of us, including our religious liberty, that we simply need to stand—to stand up for what is right, to stand up for what is ours, to stand up for freedom of religion," the cardinal said.

The cardinal said that American Catholics, through their faith and love, can change the world and make it a better place. "It begins with all of us having the courage to stand for what we believe ... [to stand up] for our faith and freedom."

The Mass marked the close of the second annual Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period in which the nation's bishops called on Catholics across the country to pray and act in defense of religious freedom.

Dioceses across the U.S. celebrated Masses, held prayer services and organized marches and other events to mark the close of the fortnight, which began on June 21, the vigil of the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, who were martyred for their faith.

In Washington, the liturgy—televised nationally by EWTN—drew an overflow crowd of 5,500 people, and was concelebrated by five bishops and by 72 priests. An honor guard of dozens of Knights of Columbus saluted the clergy as they processed into the Independence Day Mass.

People of all ages and backgrounds, ranging from families with young children to senior citizens, filled the pews and lined the outside aisles of the cavernous shrine.

In welcoming the congregation, Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, the basilica's rector, praised the individual Catholics who had driven from different parts of the country and members of lay movements like the Neocatechumenal Way, some of whom came in buses and played joyful music outside the shrine's entrance before the Mass. Their witness, Msgr. Rossi said, demonstrated that "faith matters."

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty who opened the fortnight with a Mass at his city's historic basilica, was among the concelebrants for the July 4 Mass in Washington, and he spoke after Communion. He noted that the Supreme Court's recent decisions on redefining marriage, and the ongoing controversy over the federal health care mandate, demonstrate real-life threats to religious liberty.

"We must stand firm and be emboldened by the strength of our religiously-held convictions not just two weeks a year, but always, for the threats continue to come," Archbishop Lori said. "We defend marriage and defend religious liberty not for our own sake, but for the good of our Church, for the good of our fellow man, and for the good of the United States of America."

He said the Supreme Court's decision on the Defense of Marriage Act "effectively paves the way for more lawsuits to redefine marriage to include two persons of the same sex, and in doing so, raises the religious liberty stakes for the men and women of conscience and

the religious institutions that continue to teach the truth about marriage."

Archbishop Lori encouraged the nation's Catholics not to be "unfairly shamed into remaining silent when it comes to supporting marriage." He added, "We are not against anyone. ... We are for marriage, we are for children, we are for families, and we are for preserving the religious liberty God has given us and our Constitution guarantees us as Americans who are also people of faith."

Speaking about the HHS mandate that would force Catholic institutions like schools, hospitals, social service agencies and Catholic business owners to violate Church teaching by providing employee health insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilizations, Archbishop Lori said, "Sometimes issues like a government mandate can seem abstract. But they affect real people and real ministries."

He encouraged people to go to the USCCB website at www.usccb.org and watch a video about three women whose conscience rights have been violated in the medical field and in private business.

One day before the fortnight's closing Mass, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that the HHS final rule on its mandate requires action in Congress and in the courts. Numerous Catholic dioceses, institutions and private businesses are challenging the mandate in court.

In his homily, Cardinal Wuerl spoke about the nation's legacy of religious freedom, and he noted how Maryland is regarded as the birthplace of religious liberty in the United States because the colony was founded in 1634 on the principle of religious toleration. But by 1704, the royal governor there ordered a Catholic chapel in St. Mary's City, then Maryland's capital, to be locked, and until the American Revolution, Catholics there could not worship publicly and faced a variety of restrictions.

In 2009, the cardinal participated in a ceremony in which the doors of the rebuilt 1667 Brick Chapel in historic St. Mary's City were unlocked, and he helped push open the doors.

That story, the cardinal said, demonstrates the fragility of religious freedom, and the need for people of faith, like the early Marylanders, to persevere in their defense of "our inherent human right to religious liberty and the blessing of freedom of conscience."

Cardinal Wuerl noted how there are still efforts to lock the doors of people's religious freedom, and he pointed to a case this past spring, when a small group of students tried to oust Father Greg Shaffer, the chaplain at George Washington University in the nation's capital, because at Mass he taught "what Jesus said about marriage."

Intolerance against people of faith "is the new form of locking doors," the cardinal said. He encouraged Catholics not to respond in kind, but as followers of Jesus Christ, to speak the truth in love.

The intercessions at the Mass included a prayer for government officials to respect religious liberty, and a prayer for Catholics in educational, health care and social service ministries to have the freedom to carry out their work while remaining true to their faith.

After the Mass, people leaving the national shrine reflected on why they had come to Mass on July 4 to pray for religious freedom.

Juliana Anamelechi, a member of the Nigerian Catholic Community in Washington who works as a pharmacist at Providence Hospital in the nation's capital, said: "Today is Independence Day. We want to pray for the country we're living in ... so our country will allow us to live a Catholic life, the way God wants us to live, without any hindrance from politics or a government mandate." †



Crowds gather outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington after the Fortnight for Freedom closing Mass on July 4 to sing songs with members of the Catholic lay movement Neocatechumenal Way. The campaign, initiated by the U.S. bishops in 2012, is a two-week period of prayer, education and action on preserving religious freedom in the U.S.



A young girl embraces Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington during the recessional of the Fortnight for Freedom closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4.



Above, worshippers pray during the Fortnight for Freedom closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4.



Right, Debbie Rausch receives Communion during the Fortnight for Freedom closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4.



Archbishop William E. Lori

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“Once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim,” says the encyclical “*Lumen Fidei*” (“The Light of Faith”) from Pope Francis. Pictured are votive candles at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha shrine in Fonda, N.Y.

Pope Francis’ first encyclical

When Pope Francis announced the completion of his first encyclical, he said that it was the work of four hands, meaning his and those of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He might better have said that “*Lumen Fidei*” (“The Light of Faith”) is the work of two brilliant minds.

When Pope Emeritus Benedict retired, it was known that he had been working on the third of his encyclicals on the three theological virtues. The first was on charity and the second on hope. Now Pope Francis said, “I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own” (#7).

Since we have only one pope, this is Pope Francis’s encyclical no matter how much was contributed by Pope Emeritus Benedict.

As Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said at a news conference marking the release of the encyclical on July 5, “Anyone who reads this encyclical will immediately note the substantial continuity of the message of Pope Francis with the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI.”

It is not unusual for popes to complete encyclicals that their predecessors began. Pope Benedict’s first encyclical, “*Deus Caritas Est*,” was started by Blessed John Paul II and released nine months after Benedict’s election.

Pope Francis tell us that “the light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence” (#4, the italics are in the encyclical). Faith “is born of an encounter with the living God” and is “received from God as a supernatural gift” (#4).

At another point, Francis says, “Faith consists in the willingness to let ourselves be constantly transformed and renewed by God’s call” (#13). It is “God’s free gift, which calls for humility and the courage to trust and to entrust” (#14).

There’s a lot in this encyclical about the relationship between faith and love, including our belief that God loves us so much that he sent us his Son, and Christ’s love that is found in his dying for our sake: “If laying down one’s life

for one’s friends is the greatest proof of love (cf. Jn 19:37),” Pope Francis says, “Jesus offered his own life for all, even for his enemies, to transform their hearts” (#16).

Christian faith, he says, “is faith in the incarnation of the Word and his bodily resurrection; it is faith in a God who is so close to us that he entered our human history” (#18).

Pope Francis also says that “faith is not a private matter” that it “is necessarily ecclesial; it is professed from within the body of Christ as a concrete communion of believers” (#22).

The encyclical emphasizes that “today more than ever, we need to be reminded of [a] bond between faith and truth, given the crisis of truth in our age” (#25). He is referring to the relativism that is so common these days in which people consider “truths valid only for that individual, and not capable of being proposed to others in an effort to serve the common good” (#25).

There’s a section on “the dialogue between faith and reason” (#32). Pope Francis notes, “The encounter of the Gospel message with the philosophical culture of the ancient world proved a decisive step in the evangelization of all peoples, and stimulated a fruitful interaction between faith and reason which has continued down the centuries to our own times” (#32).

Those who have faith and who have opened their hearts to God’s love, “cannot keep this gift to themselves,” the pope says (#37). Faith “must be passed on in every age,” and it is passed on “from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another” in the Easter Vigil liturgy (#37).

And how is our faith passed on? “There is a special means for passing down, a means capable of engaging the entire person, body and spirit. . . . It is the sacraments, celebrated in the Church’s liturgy” (#40). It is first and foremost in baptism, the pope says and devotes four paragraphs to baptism.

But, he says, “The sacramental character of faith finds its highest expression in the Eucharist” (#44).

—John F. Fink

Reflection/Daniel Conway

The pallium journey: A Marian perspective

On June 28-July 1, 15 pilgrims from Marian University in Indianapolis joined more than 80 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in Rome at St. Peter’s Basilica, the Pontifical North American College, and the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori—the official church of the Redemptorist order in Rome and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin’s home for 18 years.



On June 30, the Marian pilgrims also attended Mass in Assisi at the Basilica of St. Francis to pray for the university community, for the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, Ind.—who founded Marian University—and for the Church in Indiana.

Representing Marian University were our chairman of the board of trustees, Bill Eckman, and his wife, Teesa; chairman emeritus, Jack Snyder, and his wife, Jennifer; Greg and Sarah Hempstead; Joe and Jan Clayton, and five members of their family; and me (I currently serve as senior vice president at Marian) and my wife, Sharon.

The Marian pilgrims shared many inspiring and joyful experiences, and they often expressed among themselves—and to others—how proud they were to represent Marian University as Archbishop Tobin received the pallium from Pope Francis. It was truly a historic moment for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and for Marian University.

As frequently happens with pilgrims, we got to know each other well. Traveling nearly 5,000 miles from Indiana to Rome in close quarters reveals aspects of personality that are not apparent in briefer, more occasional contacts.

For example, board chairman Bill Eckman’s pride and passion for Marian’s new College of Osteopathic Medicine came through loud and clear on several occasions, including a conversation he had with a pilgrim from the Indianapolis archdiocese, a professor at IU Medical School who is nearing retirement and is interested in getting involved with the new College of Osteopathic Medicine as a volunteer.

Joe Clayton, a business executive who travels the world, shared with the other Marian pilgrims his conviction that Marian University truly is establishing itself as a great Catholic university in Indianapolis under the visionary leadership of President Daniel J. Elsener. Clayton believes that every great city should have at least one outstanding Catholic university. His passion for Catholic education at all levels, and his concern for the religious and moral challenges facing our nation, have persuaded him that strong Catholic universities are needed now more than ever.

Sarah Hempstead, an architect, was eager to tell everyone she met on the pilgrimage about the architectural wonders of Rome, but she also spoke with evident pride about Marian’s new Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, which was designed by her firm. Sarah and her husband, Greg, who is also an architect with Schmidt and Associates in Indianapolis, were back in Rome for the first time since their student days.

Jack Snyder, who serves as legal counsel for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, reestablished a connection he made with Archbishop Tobin at this year’s Indianapolis 500 race—the archbishop’s first visit to the track. Jack said, and everyone agreed wholeheartedly, that the archbishop’s “down to earth” style and his practical sense of humor make him a perfect fit for Indiana—in spite of the more than 20 years he lived in Rome and regularly travelled to more than 70 countries around the world as the head of the Redemptorist Order.

Teesa Eckman modeled patience and

good humor when her—and Bill’s—luggage took a side trip to Amsterdam and wasn’t delivered to our hotel until 2 o’clock the next morning! In spite of two days of little or no sleep, the Eckmans never faltered.

Jennifer Snyder, a physician’s assistant, and Sharon Conway, a registered nurse, talked about changes in health care—now and in the future. Both agreed that Marian’s efforts to tie the health sciences to the university’s strong Catholic and Franciscan values is critically important for tomorrow’s doctors, nurses and health care professionals.

The Clayton family brought youth and enthusiasm to the group from Marian University. Jan Clayton, Joe’s wife and the mother of five children, was always smiling—even after her attempts to photograph Pope Francis were thwarted by the pope himself who tended to raise his crosier in front of his face just when Jan got him in focus! The younger Claytons—clearly Papa Joe’s pride and joy—are friendly, respectful and fun-loving young adults, who were equally at home in the holy places we visited and in the nightlife of Rome’s Trastevere district.

I know that I speak for everyone when I say that it was a real honor to represent Marian University on this historic occasion. Individually, and together, Pope Francis and Archbishop Tobin are powerful signs of hope for the universal Church and the Church in Indiana. Pope Francis, who is gregarious and outgoing when he meets with people—especially the poor and disabled—is very humble and quiet when he prays. At times during the pallium Mass, we strained to hear him as he led all 10,000 of us in prayer.

Archbishop Tobin commented several times that the pallium he received from Pope Francis “binds” him in a symbolic yoke to leave the 99, and seek out the one lost sheep and bring him home to Christ and his Church. The archbishop stressed that he will only wear the pallium when he is “back home in Indiana” because the symbolic burden that it represents also binds him in a very special way to be a sign of unity for all Catholics in Indiana.

Archbishop Tobin’s final reflections during Mass in the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori, his spiritual home for nearly 20 years, were about Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, whose image is prominently displayed in this Redemptorist church.

“Mary points the way to Jesus, her son,” the archbishop said. “She is always ready to help us no matter what sorrows or challenges we are facing. Let’s turn to her, and through her find our way to Jesus.”

Praying with Pope Francis and Archbishop Tobin, in the great basilicas but also in the privacy of our rooms and the quiet of our own hearts, we remembered the students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and friends of Marian University. We sought the intercession of Sts. Francis and Clare, asking them to bless the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, and we asked Our Lady of Perpetual Help to watch over the entire Marian University community and keep us faithful to the grand vision that we are humbly called to carry out “back home in Indiana” in service to our nation and our world.

On behalf of the 15 pilgrims who represented Mary’s university in the city of Indianapolis, we thank God, Pope Francis and Archbishop Tobin for the many blessings we received on this journey of faith. We pray that the intercession of Our Lady, and of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi, will help the entire Marian University community to remain faithful to our mission—to be a great Catholic university in a great American city in service to our nation and our world.

(Daniel Conway, who serves as senior vice president at Marian University in Indianapolis, is a member of The Criterion’s editorial board.) †

Priests reflect on Pope Francis' frequent mentioning of the devil

By Sean Gallagher

GREENWOOD—Pope Francis is making headlines by focusing his first encyclical letter on the light of faith.

But in the first months of his papacy, he's also given a good amount of attention to the Prince of Darkness.

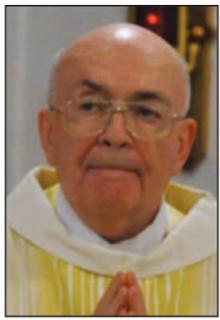
Starting on March 15, two days after he was elected bishop of Rome, Pope Francis has regularly reflected in his homilies and on other occasions on the role of the devil in the life of faith.

This habit caught the attention of Italian media members so much that on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, some of them speculated that the pontiff had performed an exorcism after his Mass at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican when he prayed over a disabled young man.

The speculation was prominent enough that the Vatican press office issued a statement the next day stating that no exorcism took place.

Two priests who minister in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have also taken note of Pope Francis' tendency to talk about the devil.

But Father Vincent Lampert, the archdiocese's exorcist, and Jesuit Father Thomas Widner, director of spiritual formation at Bishop Simon Bruté College



Fr. Thomas Widner, S.J.

Seminary in Indianapolis, are more interested in how the pope is using references to the devil to strengthen the daily lives of faith of ordinary Catholics than in any possible confrontations between Pope Francis and the Evil One.

During a general audience address on June 12, Pope Francis said, "It's enough to open a newspaper to know that evil exists, that the devil acts. But I want to say loudly

that God is stronger."

On May 4, the pope said in a daily Mass homily that the devil's influence in our lives can be defeated through God's word and humility. "Humility and meekness: These are the weapons that the prince of the world, the spirit of the world does not tolerate, because he makes proposals for worldly power, proposals of vanity, proposals for riches."

On March 24, Palm Sunday, Pope Francis in a homily given before a congregation that filled St. Peter's Square, said that Christians should be careful in moments when they are discouraged in their life of faith. "In this moment, the enemy—the devil—comes, often disguised as an angel and slyly speaks his word to us," he said.

And on March 15, Pope Francis, in one of his first statements as supreme pontiff, told the cardinals of the Church to "never yield to pessimism, to that bitterness that the devil offers us every day" and instead trust in the Holy Spirit that provides "the courage to persevere."

These and other examples, Father Lampert said, can be an important reminder to Catholics that the devil usually uses ordinary strategies against us instead of bizarre tactics that are sometimes portrayed in horror movies.

"Ordinary demonic activity is temptation, which is something we all struggle with," said Father Lampert, who is also pastor of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood. "Those are the things that Pope Francis is touching on—the gossiping, the division, bitterness, resentment, disappointment, whatever it might be."

"We shouldn't neglect the way that the devil may try to subtly get into our lives through temptation."

Father Lampert also said that Pope Francis doesn't give attention to the devil just to talk about him, but instead has a more positive goal in mind.

"He points further on," Father Lampert said. "Who's the one who helps



Pope Francis addresses the College of Cardinals in the Vatican's Clementine Hall on March 15, two days after he was elected as bishop of Rome. During his speech, the pope encouraged the cardinals to "never yield to pessimism, to that bitterness that the devil offers us every day." Since then, Pope Francis has regularly mentioned the negative role that the devil can play in a person's life of faith while at the same time offering ways to overcome his threats.

us to overcome [the devil]? Namely, Jesus Christ. Having a relationship with Jesus Christ—a personal one and a communal one. To have a communal relationship with Christ is pointing to the important role of the Church."

Father Lampert has given this advice on many occasions when people have come to him claiming that the devil is negatively affecting their lives. However, they are usually disappointed, he said, because they're looking for "a quick fix."

"I say to them, 'A relationship with Jesus Christ that is both personal and communal is what will safeguard you from evil,'" he said. "They look at me like I'm crazy. They're like, 'Can't you just throw some holy water on me and say some prayers and I'll go about my business? But I don't need Jesus in my life.'"

Father Widner said that the pope's frequent mentioning of the devil might be related to his formation as a Jesuit. Pope Francis was a member of the order from 1958 until he was appointed an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992.

He said that an awareness of the role that the devil can play in a person's life of faith has a prominent role in the spirituality of the Jesuits because it was an important part of the life of faith of its founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

"Ignatius was very aware of a kind of dualism that existed in his own life. God influenced his life," Father Widner said. "And he was aware ... that there was an evil spirit, which equals the devil, that is at work in our lives."

However, Father Widner also noted that the pope's tendency to talk about the devil might be related to a renewed recognition of his presence in the world after a period in which demonic activity was greatly

downplayed or even denied altogether.

"Just by mentioning the devil on a regular basis, the Holy Father is saying, 'He exists. He's there,'" said Father Widner, 71. "[The pope] is making it a part of our everyday language again. He's making him a part of our lives again in a way that we haven't seen maybe since I was growing up in grade school or high school."

Father Lampert said that, just as the devil usually works in people's lives in ordinary ways, it is the ordinary practices of the Catholic faith that can defeat him.

"To me, if we're going to Mass, if we're celebrating the sacraments and we're praying, the devil is already on the run," he said. "We're doing the very ordinary things that we should be doing."

Father Widner agreed, and added that the devil's suggestions may be at work when people start to downplay their capability to live the Catholic faith.

"If that's going on in one's faith life, you have to ask the question, 'Who are you letting influence you?'" Father Widner said. "Maybe you have a personality disorder, a lack of confidence that's partly responsible. But is that also being affected by some outside force, i.e., the devil, who is trying to convince you that you [can't live out the faith]?"

As an exorcist, Father Lampert is invited to give presentations across the country on his unusual ministry. And large crowds usually come to hear him speak, perhaps expecting to hear him describe strange encounters with possessed individuals.

"People are somewhat surprised that I don't in my presentations feed into all of the craziness and misconceptions, but instead focus on the positive aspects of faith," Father Lampert said. "My basic message is that evil is a reality, and our relationship with Christ will help us fight that reality." †



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Events Calendar

July 11-13
Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. **Parish festival**, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 1 p.m.-midnight, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4050 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. **Rummage Sale**, Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-noon (1/2 price day). Entrance in rear. Information: 317-546-1571.

July 12
Ironwood Golf Club, 10955 Fall Road, Fishers (Diocese of Lafayette). **Little Sisters of the Poor, 15th Annual Swing Fore Seniors golf tournament**, registration, 10:30 a.m., \$160 per player includes lunch and dinner. Information: 317-415-5767 or devindianapolis@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

July 12-13
St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. Ninth St., Terre Haute. **Community festival**, 5 p.m.-midnight, games, food, \$2 adults, under 21 free. Information: 812-232-8421.

July 13
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Parish Life Center, 399 South Meridian St., Greenwood. **Second St. Francis de Sales All School Reunion**, noon, \$20 per person. Mail RSVP and check to Saint Francis de Sales, P.O. Box 19005, Indianapolis, IN 46219-9005. Information: "St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and Grade School Indianapolis IN" on Facebook, or call 317-987-6315.

St. Roch Parish, Family Life Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Single Seniors meeting**, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-4207.

Providence High School, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville. **"JulyFest,"** all-alumni Mass in chapel 6:45 p.m., food and music 7:30 p.m.-midnight, must be 21, \$10 per person. Information: 812-945-2538.

July 14
St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg. **Parish festival**, chicken dinners \$10 per person, bid-n-buy booth, hidden treasures booth, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-537-3992.

July 17
Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis.

Mass, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

July 18
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

July 18-20
St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. **"Summer Festival,"** Thurs. 4-10 p.m., Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games. Information: 317-241-6314.

July 19
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, breakfast and program, "From faith-based origins to 21st century approaches to social problems," Jim McClelland, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, presenter, 6:30-8:30 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

July 20
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Helpers of God's Precious Infants, pro-life Mass**, Father Patrick Beidelman celebrant, 8:30 a.m., followed by rosary outside abortion clinic and Benediction at church. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Day of Recollection, **"Franciscan Spirituality: Returning to the Ideals of Jesus,"** Franciscan Father Justin Belitz, presenter, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission, non-perishable food item for food pantry. Information: 317-786-2156 or jeanmarie572000@yahoo.com.

St. Mary Parish, Navilleton, 7500 Navilleton Road, Floyds Knobs. **5K Chicken Fun Run/Walk**, 8 a.m. Information: 812-923-5419 or www.stmarysnavilleton.com.

July 20-21
St. John the Baptist Parish, 25743 State Road 1, Dover. **Summer Festival**, Sat. 6:30 p.m.-midnight; Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. chicken dinner served 11 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, entertainment, country store, raffle, children's area. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 21
Catholic Community

of Richmond, 701 N. "A" St., Richmond. **Charismatic prayer group**, 7 p.m. Information: dicksoncorp@parallax.ws.

St. Mary Parish, Navilleton, 7500 Navilleton Road, Floyds Knobs. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner served in newly air-conditioned dining room, games, quilts. Information: 812-923-5419.

July 21-27
St. Ambrose Parish and Our Lady of Providence Parish, **food booth at Jackson County Fair** on S.R. 250, Brownstown, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304.

July 24
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Assembly Hall, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Office of Family Ministries, "Annulments ... What the Catholic Church Teaches,"** Ann Tully and Mary Ellen Hauck, presenters, 7-9 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-236-1586, 800-382-9836, ext. 1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org.

July 27
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Rosary procession**, following 12:10 p.m. Mass, pray and process through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. Information: faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com.

St. Mary Parish, 777 S. 11th St., Mitchell. **Hog roast and yard sale**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., meal \$6. Information: 812-849-3570.

Deer Creek Golf Course, 7143 S. State Road 39, Clayton. **Ryan Matthews Memorial Golf Outing**, benefiting the Cardinal Ritter High School Music Department. Tee time 8:30 a.m. \$100 entry fee includes hot lunch, tee kit, and green fee. Coffee and donuts donated by Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts. Information: Cathy Gray at 317-831-9991 or e-mail RN357@sbcglobal.net.

July 27-28
St. Martin Parish, 8044 Yorkridge Road, Guilford. **Parish festival**, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., fried chicken dinner, food. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 28
St. Augustine Parish, 18020 Lafayette St., Leopold. **Parish picnic**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CST, chicken dinner, quilts, games, raffles. Information: 812-843-5036. †

Retreats and Programs

July 12-14
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Weekend for Women, "Twelve Steps to Recovery."** Information: 317-459-8176 or Stacey@indyrr.com.

July 15
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Personal day of Retreat, "Listen with the Ear of Your Heart,"** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$25 per person includes lunch and room for the day. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

July 17
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Contemplative prayer**, \$5 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

July 18
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference

Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Community Labyrinth Walk**, Annie Endris, facilitator, 7-8:30 a.m. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

July 19-21
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Paul's Letter to the Galatians: Learning to Live in the Spirit.** Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

July 20
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Managing Stress through Prayer**, Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind, presenter, 9-11:30 a.m., \$20 per person or \$30 per person for program and CEU. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

July 21
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Pre-Cana program**, 1:30-6:30 p.m., \$56 per couple. Information: 317-545-7681 ext., 15 or cmcsweeney@archindy.org. †

Benedict Inn in Beech Grove offers day of reflection for teachers on July 29

The Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave. in Beech Grove on the southeast side of Indianapolis, will offer a day of reflection for teachers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 29.

The day of reflection, titled "Lesson Plan for Your Spirit: Surviving Beyond September," allows teachers to take time to listen and discern what they need to become a person stronger in the cardinal virtues of faith, hope and love.

Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell will lead the day of reflection, looking at elements that contribute to thriving physically, spiritually, professionally, emotionally and intellectually.

Employees of the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis can take advantage of the Faith@Work program, which provides up to \$100 reimbursement for spiritual development during 2013 to celebrate the Year of Faith.

The cost of the day of reflection is \$40, which includes lunch. Please pre-register by July 24. After that date, call 317-788-7581 for availability.

Checks can be made payable to the Benedict Inn and sent to 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107.

For more information, call 317-788-7581, e-mail benedictinn@benedictinn.org, or log on to www.benedictinn.org. †

Foundation sponsors 5-mile run/walk to benefit children with special needs

Anna's Celebration of Life foundation will sponsor a 5-mile run/walk at Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave. in Indianapolis, to benefit children with special needs on Aug. 10.

The foundation was started to benefit children with special needs in memory of Anna Malloy, who died of a rare genetic disorder at the age of 12. Anna was a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, where her parents, Julie and Pete, still worship.

This year's run/walk will also be held in memory of Cody Scott Richardson, a firefighter who lost his life in the line of

duty. In his memory as well as Anna's, a portion of the proceeds of the event will benefit a special needs child of a family in the firefighting community.

Pre-registration is available online at AnnasCelebrationOfLife.org. On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. on Aug. 10, and the 5-mile run/walk begins at 8 a.m. Tags will be used for timing the results.

The event also includes a kids' fun run, bounce house, music, refreshments and more.

For more information, log on to AnnasCelebrationOfLife.org or e-mail AnnaCelebratesLife@gmail.com. †

NFP Awareness Week events sponsored by St. Monica, Couple to Couple League

In recognition of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week on July 22-26, the St. Monica Parish NFP Ministry and the Couple to Couple League of Indianapolis are sponsoring a series of events.

All are invited to pray a special novena for a rebirth of chastity and purity on July 18-26. The novena can be found by logging on to www.NFPIndy.org, then selecting "Events."

People are also invited to St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road in Indianapolis, for Mass, eucharistic

adoration and a reception on July 24. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. in the daily chapel, immediately followed by adoration, then the reception with speakers at 6:30 p.m.

People of faith are encouraged to celebrate families, encourage chastity for our state in life, and share a greater respect for God's beautiful gift of marital sexuality.

For more information about NFP Awareness Week events, call Mike or Ann Green at 317-426-1637, or log on to www.NFPIndy.org and select "Events." †



St. Agnes Academy reunion

Six members of the St. Agnes Academy Class of 1963 met on June 2 to celebrate their 50th class anniversary. The day, coordinated by Pat Douglass (Class of 1968), started with Mass at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, followed by an all-academy brunch at the Riviera Club. The Class of 1963 members in attendance were Jonita (Grawcock) Shields, left; Marie (Drzymala) McCracken; Diane (Weimer) Sharp; Martha (LeFebvre) Horvath; Marilyn Karnatz; and Barbara (Howard) Hasbrook.

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makes it so special.”

That reaction was shared by Cheryl Torok-Fleming, a member of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville: “He’s a people person, a very open person. He doesn’t set himself apart from people because of his role with the Church. He’s just very caring—a true shepherd of the flock.”

‘Connected across time’

Archbishop Tobin focused on that theme of “connection” in his homily during Mass on June 26—the first full day of the pilgrimage that began with a tour of the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, the sacred underground setting where 100,000 early Christians from the second to fifth centuries are buried.

“One of the best things about being Catholic is being connected,” the archbishop said during the Mass at the chapel of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. “We’re connected with our brothers and sisters across the world, but we’re also connected across time.

“Perhaps that’s felt so deeply when we come on pilgrimage to Rome. For we profess every Sunday that the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. And here we touch that Church in a real way. We come like millions who have come before us—to pray at the tombs of the Apostles, to get involved. So we’re thankful to those Apostles who came here to preach the Good News and to witness by their blood.

“We’re connected to all those nameless men, women and children whose tombs we visited in the catacombs. We’re connected with all the other pilgrims we’re going to meet, whose languages we can’t understand, but whose faith we share. And we’re connected to Jesus Christ. Jesus talks about ‘I’m the vine, and you are the branches.’ You named me. Why? ‘So you can bear much fruit.’” (Jn 15:5).

In closing, the archbishop noted, “So we thank God for the connections—the connections to the Apostles, to Jesus, to each other. We ask that by deepening these connections during our pilgrimage, we may bear great fruit for the world.”

Favorite memories of the pilgrimage

Every person who made the pilgrimage from June 25 through July 2 has their favorite personal memory of how that sense of connection came to life during the journey.

For some, it is the blessing of being part of a celebration of the Mass in the chapel above St. Peter’s tomb in the crypt of St. Peter’s Basilica on June 28—a spiritually and emotionally moving moment that placed pilgrims at the personal roots of faith and sacrifice that helped to build the early Church.

For others, it is the pallium Mass—including the gifts of seeing Pope Francis in person, and experiencing the universality of the Church firsthand as St. Peter’s Basilica overflowed with people from around the world for a Mass during which 34 archbishops from 19 countries received their palliums.

Still others focus on the June 27 visit to Orvieto, a town about 75 miles north of Rome that’s home to the Cathedral of Orvieto and the “Miracle of the Eucharist.”

The story of the Miracle of the Eucharist is shared in an Orvieto guidebook: “In 1263, a priest, said to doubt the dogma of the transubstantiation of the body and blood of Christ in the host and the wine, went on a pilgrimage to Rome to pray at the tomb of St. Peter that his faith might be strengthened.”

Returning from Rome, the priest stopped near Orvieto to celebrate Mass, during which he saw blood flowing from the host—enough to soak the Eucharistic altar cloth.

After the miracle, residents of Orvieto devoted their work, their talents and their lives to creating the cathedral which took three centuries to build, according to a cathedral information pamphlet.

And then there was the July 1 visit to Subiaco and the turning, twisting ride up the narrow roads of a mountain to St. Benedict’s

Abbey to see the place where one man’s faith touched the world, including his influence on religious communities in Indiana.

As compelling as each of those visits were, a case for “personal favorite memory” could also be made for the pilgrims’ journey to the scenic city of Siena on June 30.

Bonds across culture and language

On the day after the pallium Mass, the pilgrims started an early morning, nearly three-hour bus trip through the Italian countryside into the rolling hills of Tuscany toward the hometown of St. Catherine of Siena, a woman who always put her faith first.

There, as the pilgrims walked up several steep inclines on the way to the Cathedral of Siena for Sunday Mass, they passed an older woman struggling to make it up a hill on her way to the church. After talking with the woman, Archbishop Tobin picked her up and carried her up the hill.

Later, the archbishop celebrated a midday Mass entirely in Italian for local Catholics and members of the pilgrimage. That celebration led Carolyn Noone, director of special events for the archdiocese, to note, “For that time, we were really one with the people of Siena.”

Still, the most touching moment came as the archbishop processed from the altar. A small Italian boy ran toward him, put his arms around him and hugged him—a hug that Archbishop Tobin returned with a smile. A few steps later, an older Italian woman reached out her arms toward the archbishop and hugged him, too.

Those connections across differences of culture and language resonated with Tony Hollowell, a seminarian from the archdiocese who is receiving priestly formation at the North American College, and was an altar server for the Mass.

“You see that people are hungry for that message of salvation, that forgiveness of sin, in any language,” said Hollowell, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis.

“So many people are looking for the same things that we’re looking for in Indianapolis—to be loved, to know the love of the Father, to be forgiven by him and to receive the body and blood of Christ.”

A foundation of family and faith

At the hotel breakfast to start the day on June 27, Archbishop Tobin sat at a table wearing sandals, blue jeans and a black T-shirt marked by these words in bold, white letters—IMPORTED FROM DETROIT.

The T-shirt is a gift from one of his sisters, part of a family contingent that traveled to Rome to be with him as he received his pallium. While the shirt is a nod to the renewed foundation of the auto industry in that Michigan city, the gift was meant more as a tribute to the foundation of the Tobin family that was formed in Detroit.

The oldest of 13 children born to Joseph and Marie Tobin, the archbishop grew up in a family that lived in one half of a duplex in Detroit for all of his childhood and youth. He once said of his late father, “He never once sent me to church. He took me with him. When I was kneeling next to him, I wanted to be like him.”

The love for his mother always shines through, too: “When people say, ‘Mrs. Tobin, how wonderful!—13 children and they all went to college,’ her response is, ‘How wonderful—13 children and they all practice their faith.’”

He has also noted about growing up in a family of 13 children, “We learned to live with diversity because it’s hard to be selfish if you have one bathroom in the house and eight sisters.”

That foundation—touched by the influence that all sisters have on keeping brothers humble even as they are extremely proud of them—showed in the way that Archbishop Tobin approached his pallium and the pilgrimage with a combination of humility and shared joy.

“There’s something about him and every one of his family members,” said Ralph Nowak, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.



The towering black and white columns inside the Cathedral of Orvieto are made of alternate rows of travertine and basalt. The cathedral, which contains priceless frescoes and mosaics, was built under the order of Pope Urban IV to commemorate the Miracle of the Eucharist that happened near that Italian town in 1263. Pilgrims visited Orvieto on June 27.



Members of the archdiocese’s pilgrimage to Italy, from left, Larry and Mary Dougherty, Harla Lyle, Father Rick Ginther, Annette “Mickey” Lentz and Ann Babcock pose for a picture on July 1 amid the scenic vista of the mountain community of Subiaco, the site of St. Benedict’s Abbey.

“You meet them and you feel you’ve known them for 30 years. That’s a gift to be so welcoming. This has been his week, not ours. But he’s been the perfect host, making sure we’re as comfortable as his family. He’s a very gracious man.”

United in faith

On the last day of the pilgrimage, the pilgrims lined up in the security checkpoint area of the Rome airport when they noticed a familiar presence waiting for them. Dressed in sandals, blue jeans and a different black T-shirt, Archbishop Tobin came to the airport on July 2 to personally say goodbye to the pilgrims, friends and family members who came to Rome with him.

With each person, he took time to thank them for coming, often adding a personal connection about them that he had learned during the pilgrimage. Watching the archbishop in those moments recalled a comment that was shared by retired Father Frank Eckstein shortly after the pallium Mass.

“To me, Archbishop Tobin and Pope Francis are on the same page as far as personality,” said Father Eckstein, who has served the archdiocese as a priest for 55 years. “They both strike me as very humble men who are very approachable, and it is comforting to be in their presence.”

While the pilgrims returned home, the archbishop stayed in Italy for several more days.

He wanted to try to connect with as many of the “priests, religious, lay people, musicians, poets and food workers” whom he had become friends with during his previous 21 years of serving the

Church in Rome.

It’s where he served as the superior general of the worldwide Redemptorist religious order. It’s also where he ministered as secretary—second in charge—in the Vatican’s Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, helping to guide the life and the ministry of 1 million men and women religious around the world.

His extended stay also included being the principal celebrant at a nuptial Mass for the marriage of a young woman whose family he had befriended during his time in Rome.

He also hoped to spend time in Primavalle, a neighborhood on the outskirts of Rome where he often had cared for the poor, the elderly and people with disabilities.

At every turn possible, he seemed to strive to make connections of the heart and the soul while also keeping the focus on the goal of his journey. The essence of that commitment came through as he reflected upon celebrating Mass in the chapel above the tomb of St. Peter.

“I was conscious of being a pilgrim, renewing the eternal covenant with my people, standing a few feet from the tomb of St. Peter and a few hundred feet from his successor,” he said. “I realize in all the churches of central and southern Indiana that we are united in the same way through the body and blood of Christ.”

United in faith—it could be the motto of the pilgrimage and the archbishop who led it.

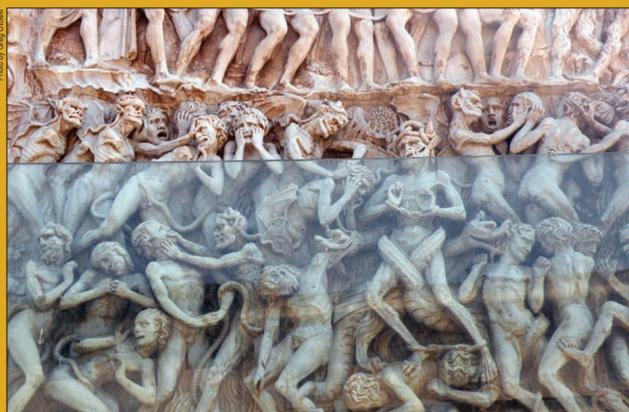
(For more photos and information about the pallium pilgrimage, visit the website, www.CriterionOnline.com.) †



One of the most photographed sites in Rome is the Colosseum, which was begun by the Emperor Vespasian in 72 A.D. On Good Friday night, the pope leads the Stations of the Cross and a prayer vigil at the ancient stadium.



Benedictine Sisters Rebecca Fitterer and Juliann Babcock of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove experienced a homecoming of the heart and the soul when the archdiocesan pilgrims visited St. Benedict's Abbey in Subiaco on July 1.



The Gothic façade of the Cathedral of Orvieto is considered one of the great masterpieces of the Late Middle Ages. Stories from the Bible are intricately sculpted into the face of the 14th-century cathedral.



Archdiocesan seminarian Tony Hollowell of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis walks toward the Cathedral of Siena on June 30, where he was an altar server at the Mass that Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin celebrated entirely in Italian for local residents and archdiocesan pilgrims.



Pilgrims on the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Italy pose for a group photo on the steps of the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori—the founder of the Redemptorist religious order which Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin previously led as its superior general—following the pilgrims' farewell Mass in Rome on July 1.

United in faith: Rome pilgrimage leads to lasting bonds and desire to share joy of being Catholic



After touring the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, archdiocesan pilgrims spent time in the Basilica of St. Sebastian, which is built over the catacombs and is renowned for its carved ceiling depicting St. Sebastian's martyrdom.



Returning to the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori in Rome—the church dedicated to the founder of the Redemptorist order which Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin previously led as its superior general—to celebrate Mass for the archdiocesan pilgrims on July 1 was an emotional homecoming for the archbishop, who had lived in his order's community in Rome for 18 years.



Cathy Flood, left, poses for a photo with her daughters, Ellen and Anna Flood, outside St. Peter's Basilica on the morning of June 28. The Floods are members of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.



Archdiocesan pilgrims react in amazement on June 27 to the Cathedral of Orvieto, a breathtaking place of worship that took three centuries to complete in honor of the Miracle of the Eucharist that happened near that Italian town in 1263.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin prepares to enter the Catacombs of St. Sebastian in Rome on June 26 with Mary Dougherty and Ralph Nowak, both members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin gives Communion to his sister, Ann Tobin, during a Mass he celebrated for family, friends and archdiocesan pilgrims in the chapel above the tomb of St. Peter in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on June 28.



During the archdiocesan pilgrimage in Italy, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin occasionally used the tour bus microphone to share stories and details about the country where he lived for 21 years while serving the Church.



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Connected in the Spirit: Batesville Deanery

On June 6, 2013, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin announced sweeping changes in the Batesville Deanery that affect 26 of the 27 parishes in the deanery, plus three faith communities in two other deaneries.

The decisions were the result of a two-year involvement of the Batesville Deanery's pastoral leaders and representatives of its lay members in the Connected in the Spirit planning process.

Archbishop Tobin said the goal of the process was to help parishes "discern where God is leading the Church in central and southern Indiana, and to discuss how the Archdiocese of Indianapolis should change its structures in order to carry out its mission today and in the future."

While some parishes will close, other parishes will be linked together

in such a way that they will share a priest, other staff members and create joint programs, ministries and committees.

Finally, some parishes will create a partnership. While they will retain their own pastor or sacramental minister, they will collaborate in implementing shared programs and other staff members.

Recommendations regarding the Batesville Deanery parishes that came out of the Connected in the Spirit process had been made before Archbishop Tobin was appointed to lead the Church in central and southern Indiana last fall.

Following are the decrees for Batesville Deanery process that are required to be printed in *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



St. Joseph in Shelbyville and St. Vincent de Paul in Shelby Co.

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parishes have demonstrated substantial stability in numbers of registered households and registered parishioners between 2005 and 2010;
- the parishes have reported active sacramental lives;
- the parishes have room to develop or improve evangelization and vocations awareness;
- the parishes are only about a ten to fifteen minute drive apart;
- linking the parishes would enable a more efficient allocation of the pastoral and staff resources of the parishes as well as fostering greater cooperation between the parishes with regard to evangelization other pastoral activities; and

Whereas the Planning Commission, on the basis of the facts referenced above, advised that the two parishes could be linked by sharing a single pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to link the parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville

and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, while St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County shall not be extinguished or in other manner materially altered, they are to be linked in that they shall share a single pastoral leader, that is, a pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator, and are encouraged to collaborate where possible in coordinating the sacramental, pastoral, and administrative activities of the parishes. This linking of the parishes shall be effective July 3, 2013.

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

Holy Guardian Angels in Cedar Grove

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Cedar Grove, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- apart from mass and religious education, there is little pastoral activity on the parish campus;
- there are no regular evangelization efforts being made in the parish, and the parish has neither had a catechumen baptized nor received a candidate into the parish in the three years for which information was provided by the parish to the planning commission;
- there are no regular vocations efforts being made in the parish;
- there is no adult faith formation program in the parish;
- the demographics of the parish have changed significantly, and many of the former parishioners of the parish have relocated to Brookville, Indiana;
- there have been an average of five baptisms, three funerals, and one marriage per year for the three years for which information was provided by the parish to the planning commission;
- the parish had no youth group leader and few youths attended youth ministry during the period concerning which information was provided by the parish;
- the parish currently has an ongoing relationship with St. Michael Parish in Brookville insofar as the parishes have shared one pastor for many years and have collaborated in some programs; and

Whereas the planning commission proposed the extinctive union of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and St. Michael Parish, with the extinction of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the merger of its members into St. Michael Parish; and

Whereas the unification of the parishes would allow for stronger evangelization, faith formation, and vocations programs, as well as effective administration and stewardship of the resources of the unified parish; and

Whereas I convened the presbyteral council of the Archdiocese and sought

its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of Holy Guardian Angels Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that Holy Guardian Angels Parish be extinguished and its people become members of St. Michael Parish in Brookville, Indiana;

I, Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of Holy Guardian Angels Parish of Cedar Grove in specific and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. Holy Guardian Angels Parish of Cedar Grove, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people are to become members St. Michael Parish of Brookville, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of Holy Guardian Angels Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the unification of its people into St. Michael Parish, the civil corporation of Holy Guardian Angels Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of St. Michael Parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of Holy Guardian Angels Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the administrator of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and to the pastor of St. Michael Parish.
6. The parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the parishioners of St. Michael Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the administrator of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the pastor of St. Michael Parish. Copies of this decree are to be made available for inspection at the offices of both parishes, and the parishioners shall be given notice as soon as is possible after its receipt by the

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- administrator and pastor.
 7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
 8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
 Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
 Chancellor

St. Peter in Franklin Co. and St. Michael in Brookville

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Peter Parish in Franklin County, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised that St. Peter Parish enter into a partnership parish arrangement with St. Michael Parish of Brookville, Indiana; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Peter Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that St. Peter Parish not enter into a partnership arrangement with St. Michael Parish of Brookville, Indiana, but instead should be extinguished and its people become members of St. Michael Parish in Brookville, Indiana; and

Whereas, in my estimation, the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people generated by the consultation process instituted by Archbishop Buechlein and the information generated by the discussion of the Presbyteral Council demonstrated that the parish, despite potential challenges in the future, remains viable as a parish at the present time, but that it would benefit from a partnership with St. Michael Parish;

I, Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Peter Parish of Franklin County and St. Michael Parish in Brookville specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that St. Peter Parish of Franklin County, Indiana is to remain a parish of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and will not be in any way materially altered, but that it shall enter into a partnership with St. Michael Parish of Brookville.

I further decree that, effective December 1, 2013:

1. The parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the two parishes.
2. This decree is to be published to the administrator of St. Peter Parish and to the pastor of St. Michael Parish.
3. The parishioners of St. Peter Parish and St. Michael Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the administrator of St. Peter Parish and the pastor of St. Michael Parish, and copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of both parishes for inspection and copying.
4. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
5. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
 Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
 Chancellor

St. Anne in Hamburg

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Anne Parish in Hamburg, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has experienced a decline in the number registered parishioners between 2002 and 2012;
- the parish has received only 1 minor or adult into the Church through RCIA between 2002 and 2012;
- the average Sunday mass attendance averages forty to fifty people;
- there are currently existing ties between St. Anne Parish and Holy Family Parish of Oldenburg; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. Anne Parish and the unification of its parishioners into Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg, Indiana; and

Whereas the unification of the parishes would allow for stronger evangelization, faith formation, and vocations programs, as well as effective administration and stewardship of the resources of the unified parish; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Anne Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that St. Anne Parish be extinguished and its people become members Holy Family Parish of

Oldenburg, Indiana;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Anne Parish of Hamburg in specific and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Anne Parish in Hamburg, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Anne Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Anne Parish and the unification of its people into the Holy Family Parish, the civil corporation of St. Anne Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of Holy Family Parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Anne Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the parish life coordinator of St. Anne Parish and to the pastor of Holy Family Parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Anne Parish and the parishioners of Holy Family Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the parish life coordinator of St. Anne Parish and the pastor of Holy Family parish, and copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Anne Parish and Holy Family Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
 Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
 Chancellor

St. Mary of the Rock in Batesville

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Mary of the Rock Parish in Batesville, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has experienced a decline in both the number of registered households and number or registered parishioners between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish has reported a decrease in the number of infant baptisms per year between 2005 and 2010;

- the parish has received only 4 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish has no adult catechesis program apart from RCIA; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and the unification of its parishioners into Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg, Indiana; and

Whereas the unification of the parishes would allow for stronger evangelization, faith formation, and vocations programs, as well as effective administration and stewardship of the resources of the unified parish; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Mary of the Rock Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Mary of the Rock Parish be extinguished and its people become members Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg, Indiana;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Mary of the Rock Parish of Batesville in specific and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Mary of the Rock Parish in Batesville, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Mary of the Rock Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and the unification of its people into the Holy Family Parish, the civil corporation of St. Mary of the Rock Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of Holy Family Parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Mary of the Rock Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and to the pastor of Holy Family Parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and the parishioners of Holy Family Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastors of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and Holy Family Parish, and copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Mary of the Rock Parish and Holy Family Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
 Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
 Chancellor

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Decree erecting a new parish northern Dearborn County

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning the pastoral needs of the people of northern Dearborn County was presented to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission by the parishes of northern Dearborn County; and

Whereas the information established that the current disposition of parishes in northern Dearborn County is inadequate to meet the current and future pastoral needs of the people of northern Dearborn County in that:

- currently there are four small parishes, St. John the Baptist in Dover, St. Joseph in St. Leon, St. Martin in Yorkville, and St. Paul in New Alsace, in northern Dearborn County;
- each of the four parishes has a membership of between one hundred and fifty and three hundred households;
- in order to serve the catechetical needs of the youth of northern Dearborn County, the parishes would like to establish a regional Catholic elementary school;
- none of the existing parishes can support such a school individually;
- one of the parishes, St. Paul in New Alsace, currently operates a small Catholic elementary school with an enrollment of approximately fifty children, but this school has caused the parish some financial difficulties;
- a new parish comprised of the members, assets, and territory of the four currently existing parishes would have a reasonable ability to successfully establish and to maintain a school capable of serving the catechetical needs of all of the Catholics of northern Dearborn County;
- the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education supports the effort to establish a regional Catholic school;
- all four parishes have experienced either stagnation or a decline in membership for the last decade; and
- the numbers of infant and adult baptisms, receptions into the Church, youth confirmations, and marriages have all been stagnant or in decline in the four parishes; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Planning Commission based its recommendations on the data obtained from the parishes, the cohort representatives, and the Archdiocese; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, after reviewing the facts, presented to me the recommendation that the four existing parishes be unified into a single parish that would initially conduct worship at the churches of the four currently existing parishes but which would eventually have a single parish church; and

Whereas I convened the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council to advise me concerning the question of whether a new parish should be created pursuant to the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission or whether some other course of action should be taken to address the pastoral needs of northern Dearborn County; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after full discussion and opportunity to suggest alternate courses of action, by unanimous consultative vote recommended to me the creation of a new parish in northern Dearborn County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., in my capacity as Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of northern Dearborn County specifically and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Batesville Deanery generally, hereby decree:

1. A new parish is to be erected that will be comprised of the territory of the currently existing parishes of St. John the Baptist in Dover, St. Joseph in St. Leon, St. Martin in Yorkville, and St. Paul in New Alsace, in northern Dearborn County.
2. The new parish will come into being on the 1st day of December, 2013.
3. The public juridic person of the parish, which is created by operation of law, shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to create a civil not for profit parish corporation pursuant to the current practice of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the law of the State of Indiana.
4. The status of the currently existing parishes and the disposition of the assets and liabilities of those parishes will be determined by the provisions of canon and civil law and by decrees specific to each of the four parishes.
5. The new parish will receive such assets and liabilities of the currently existing parishes as are apportioned to it by the provisions of canon and civil law and by the specific decrees concerning each of those parishes.
6. Prior to the date upon which the new parish will come into existence, representatives of the currently existing parishes are, in cooperation with the person who will be designated to be the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the new parish, to propose to the Archbishop of Indianapolis a name for the new parish.
7. The number and location of the parish Saturday anticipation masses and Sunday masses shall be determined by the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator with the advice and consent of the Ordinary.
8. This decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of the four currently existing parishes, and the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators are both to notify their parishioners of the contents of this decree and to make this decree available for inspection and copying at the parish offices of the four currently existing parishes.
9. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
10. This decree is also to be published to the Archdiocesan website.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. John the Baptist in Dover

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. John the Baptist Parish in Dover, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the

people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the number of registered households declined from 226 to 210 between 2005 and 2010;
- the number of parishioners declined from 655 to 538, a decline of approximately 18%, between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish does not maintain a Catholic grade school and is incapable of supporting such a school on its own;
- the parish has experienced stagnation in both the number of infant baptisms and the number of confirmations of young persons;
- the parish has received only 2 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2005 and 2010, and both of these were in a single year;
- the parish reported no adult, adolescent, or elementary catechesis programs;
- the cohort representing the currently existing parishes have recognized that St. John the Baptist Parish, like the other currently existing parishes in northern Dearborn County, has a need for improved catechesis and evangelization; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. John the Baptist Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Dearborn County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. John the Baptist Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. John the Baptist Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Dearborn County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. John the Baptist Parish of Dover specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. John the Baptist Parish of Dover, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the new parish which will be erected in northern Dearborn County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. John the Baptist Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. John the Baptist Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Dearborn County, the civil corporation of St. John the Baptist Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and

liabilities, the civil corporation of St. John the Baptist Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.

5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish and to the priest whom I shall appoint to be the pastor of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. John the Baptist Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Joseph in St. Leon

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Joseph Parish in St. Leon, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish does not maintain a Catholic grade school and is incapable of supporting such a school on its own;
- the parish has received only 2 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish reported no adult, adolescent, or elementary catechesis programs;
- the parish is incapable of supporting a youth ministry program on its own;
- the cohort representing the currently existing parishes have recognized that St. Joseph Parish, like the other currently existing parishes in northern Dearborn County, has a need for improved catechesis and evangelization; and

Whereas the planning commission advised the extinctive union of St. Joseph Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Dearborn County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Joseph Parish might best be addressed; and

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Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Joseph Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Dearborn County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Joseph Parish of St. Leon specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Joseph Parish in St. Leon, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the new parish which will be erected in northern Dearborn County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Joseph Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Joseph Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Dearborn County, the civil corporation of St. Joseph Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Joseph Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Joseph Parish and to the priest whom I shall appoint to be the pastor of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Joseph Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. Joseph Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Joseph Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Martin in Yorkville

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Martin Parish in Yorkville, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral

needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the number of parishioners has declined from 553 to 452, a decline of over 18%, between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish does not maintain a Catholic grade school and is incapable of supporting such a school on its own;
- the parish has experienced a decline in both the number of infant baptisms and the number of confirmations of young persons;
- the parish has received only 5 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2005 and 2010, and 4 of these were in a single year;
- the parish reported no adult, adolescent, or elementary catechesis programs;
- the cohort representing the currently existing parishes have recognized that St. Martin Parish, like the other currently existing parishes in northern Dearborn County, has a need for improved catechesis and evangelization; and

Whereas the planning commission advised the extinctive union of St. Martin Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Dearborn County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Martin Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Martin Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Dearborn County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Martin Parish of Yorkville specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Martin Parish of Yorkville, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the new parish which will be erected in northern Dearborn County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Martin Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Martin Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Dearborn County, the civil corporation of St. Martin Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Martin Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Martin Parish and to the priest whom I shall appoint to be the pastor of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Martin Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. Martin Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Martin Parish.

7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Paul in New Alsace

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Paul Parish in New Alsace, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the number of households registered in the parish has declined from 379 to 255, a decline of nearly 33%, between 2005 and 2010;
- the parish maintains a Catholic grade school with a small enrollment;
- the costs associated with the school have put a financial burden on the parish;
- while both the overall income and expenses of the parish have declined, the rate of decline of income has outpaced that of expenses, and as a consequence the net income of the parish has experienced a significant decline between 2006 and 2010;
- the cash reserves of the parish were reduced from \$218,941 in 2006 to \$97,588 in 2010, and thus the cash reserves were reduced by 55% in this period;
- the cohort representing the currently existing parishes have recognized that St. Paul Parish, like the others currently existing parishes in northern Dearborn County, has a need for improved catechesis and evangelization; and

Whereas the planning commission advised the extinctive union of St. Paul Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Dearborn County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Paul Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Paul Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Dearborn County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Paul Parish of New Alsace specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Paul Parish of New Alsace, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the new parish which will be erected in northern Dearborn County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Paul Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Paul Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Dearborn County, the civil corporation of St. Paul Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Paul Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Paul Parish and to the priest whom I shall appoint to be the pastor of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Paul Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. Paul Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Paul Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in Bright and St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of these parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that the pastoral needs of the these parishes could best be served by the parishes cooperating with regard to providing Catholic

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education to the children of the parishes, by coordinating mass and sacramental schedules, and by the parishes providing joint faith formation, vocations awareness and development, and evangelization programs; and

Whereas the Planning Commission accordingly advised that the two parishes should be designated as partnership parishes in order to achieve the goals listed in the paragraph above; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership between the two parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, effective December 1, 2013, while St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright shall not be extinguished or in any other manner materially altered, the parishes are to be considered in partnership in that they are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all other ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the two parishes.

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors of St. Lawrence Parish and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. John the Baptist in Osgood and Immaculate Conception in Millhousen

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood, Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen, and St. Denis Parish in Jennings County and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission

and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas, pursuant to the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, I have today issued a separate decree mandating that St. Denis Parish be extinguished and its people be made part of Immaculate Conception Parish; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the three remaining parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that, at the present time, the pastoral needs of the three parishes could best be served by a single priest providing sacramental ministry to all three parishes; and

Whereas the Planning Commission accordingly advised that the three parishes should be designated as partnership parishes; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership among the three parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, effective December 1, 2013, while St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood, Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen, and St. Denis Parish in Jennings County shall not be extinguished or in other manner materially altered except for the extinctive unification of St. Denis Parish into Immaculate Conception Parish described above and decreed by my separate decree issued today, they are to be considered in partnership in that the parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all other ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the partnership parishes.

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors and administrators of St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood, Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen, and St. Denis Parish in Jennings County, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Denis in Jennings Co.

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Denis Parish in Jennings County, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has a small membership that has averaged approximately forty households and eighty members in the eleven years from 2002 and 2012, and the parish showed a decline in membership to thirty-four households and fifty-five members in 2012;
- there have been an average of two infant baptisms, no adult baptisms, no receptions of adults into full communion, no weddings, and fewer than one funeral per year for the eleven years from 2002 to 2012;
- there is little evidence of any significant pastoral activity in the parish other than the celebration of the mass and sacraments; and

Whereas the planning commission advised the extinctive union of St. Denis Parish of Jennings County and Immaculate Conception Parish of Millhousen, Indiana, with the extinction of St. Denis Parish and the merger of its members into Immaculate Conception Parish in order to allow the parishioners of the unified parish the following opportunities to:

- develop evangelization programs;
- implement faith formation programs;
- implement vocations programs;
- promote good stewardship of financial and other resources;
- develop a plan to assist parishioners to attend Catholic schools; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Denis Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that St. Denis Parish be extinguished and its people become members of Immaculate Conception Parish;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Denis Parish of Jennings County specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Denis Parish of Jennings County is to be extinguished and its people are to become members of Immaculate Conception Parish of Millhousen, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Denis Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Denis Parish and the unification of its people into Immaculate Conception Parish, the civil corporation of St. Denis Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the

civil corporation of Immaculate Conception Parish.

4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Denis Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the parish life coordinator of St. Denis Parish and to the parish life coordinator of Immaculate Conception Parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Denis Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the parish life coordinators of St. Denis Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Denis Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Mary Magdalene in New Marion

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in New Marion, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has a small membership that has demonstrated a large degree of instability, with membership ranging from lows of thirty-two households and fifty-nine members to highs of sixty-two households and one hundred and fifty parishioners in the eleven years between 2002 and 2012;
- in some years, the parish reported the loss of as many as nine households and fifty parishioners;
- there have been an average of slightly more than two infant baptisms, slightly more than zero adult baptisms, fewer than one receptions of adults into full communion, fewer than one weddings, and one funeral per year for the eleven years from 2002 to 2012;
- the parish church is a converted bank building;
- the primary attachment of the parishioners is reported to be to the parish cemetery and not the church; and

Whereas the planning commission advised the extinctive union of St. Mary Magdalene Parish of New Marion and Prince of Peace Parish of Madison, Indiana, with the extinction of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and the merger of its members into Prince of Peace Parish in order to allow the parishioners of the unified parish the following opportunities to:

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- develop evangelization programs;
- implement faith formation programs;
- implement vocations programs;
- promote good stewardship of financial and other resources;
- develop a plan to assist parishioners to attend Catholic schools; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Mary Magdalen Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that St. Mary Magdalen Parish be extinguished and its people become members of Prince of Peace Parish;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Mary Magdalen Parish of New Marion in specific and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Mary Magdalen Parish of New Marion is to be extinguished and its people are to become members of Prince of Peace Parish of Madison, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Mary Magdalen Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and the unification of its people into Prince of Peace Parish, the civil corporation of St. Mary Magdalen Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of Prince of Peace Parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Mary Magdalen Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and to the pastor of Prince of Peace Parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and the parishioners of Prince of Peace Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastors of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and Prince of Peace Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and Prince of Peace Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Charles Borromeo in Milan and St. Mary in Aurora

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Mary Parish in Aurora, Indiana, St. Pius Parish in Ripley County, Indiana and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of these parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that the pastoral needs of the these parishes could best be served by the extinctive unification of St. Pius Parish and St. Charles Borromeo Parish, with St. Charles Borromeo remaining as the sole parish, and the formation of a partnership between the St. Charles Borromeo Parish and St. Mary Parish with the parishes collaborating with regard to faith formation, vocations awareness and development, and evangelization programs; and

Whereas I have, by a decree issued this day mandated that the currently existing St. Pius Parish be extinguished on Dec. 1, 2013 and that its parishioners be unified into St. Charles Borromeo Parish; and

Whereas the Planning Commission accordingly advised that St. Mary Parish and St. Charles Borromeo Parish should be designated as partnership parishes with each of the parishes retaining its own pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator in order to achieve the goals listed in the paragraph above; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership between the two parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that effective December 1, 2013, St. Mary Parish of Aurora, and St. Charles Borromeo Parish of Milan shall act as partnership parishes in that the parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the parishes.

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of the currently existing parishes of St. Pius Parish, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, and St. Mary Parish, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Pius in Ripley Co.

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Pius Parish in Ripley County, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- apart from Sunday mass and religious education, there is little community activity on the parish campus;
- there are no regular evangelization efforts being made in the parish, and the parish has neither had a catechumen baptized nor received a candidate into the parish in the five years for which information was provided by the parish to the Planning Commission;
- the parish has approximately sixty-two registered households and approximately one hundred and thirty parishioners;
- the parish has had only three adults enter the Church in the five years for which the parish provided information to the Planning Commission;
- there have been four marriages, an average of fewer than one per year, in the five years for which the parish provided information to the Planning Commission;
- the parish currently has an ongoing relationship with St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan insofar as the parishes have worked in partnership and have collaborated on programs for many years; and

Whereas the Planning Commission proposed the extinctive union of St. Pius Parish and St. Charles Borromeo Parish, with the extinction of St. Pius Parish and the merger of its members into St. Charles Borromeo Parish; and

Whereas the unification of the parishes would allow for stronger evangelization, faith formation, and vocations programs, as well as effective administration and stewardship of the resources of the unified parish; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Pius Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by unanimous vote that St. Pius Parish be extinguished and its people become members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan, Indiana;

I, Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and

the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Pius Parish of Ripley County specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Pius Parish of Ripley County, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people are to become members St. Charles Borromeo Parish of Milan, Indiana on December 1, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Pius Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Pius Parish and the unification of its people into St. Charles Borromeo Parish, the civil corporation of St. Pius Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Pius Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the administrator of St. Pius Parish and to the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Pius Parish and the parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the administrator of St. Pius Parish and the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Copies of this decree are to be made available for inspection at the offices of both parishes, and the parishioners shall be given notice as soon as is possible after its receipt by the administrator and pastor.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Nicholas in Sunman and St. Anthony in Morris

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, Indiana and St. Anthony Parish in Morris, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parishes have demonstrated substantial stability in numbers of registered households and registered parishioners between 2005 and 2010;
- the parishes have reported active sacramental lives;

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- the parishes have room to develop or improve evangelization and vocations awareness;
- linking the parishes would enable a more efficient allocation of the pastoral and staff resources of the parishes as well as fostering greater cooperation between the parishes with regard to evangelization other pastoral activities; and

Whereas the Planning Commission, on the basis of the facts referenced above, advised that the two parishes could be linked by sharing a single pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator; and

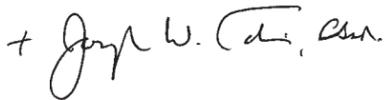
Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to link the parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman and St. Anthony Parish in Morris specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, effective December 1, 2013, while St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman and St. Anthony Parish in Morris shall not be extinguished or in other manner materially altered, they are to be linked in that they shall share a single pastoral leader, that is, a pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator, and the parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the two parishes.

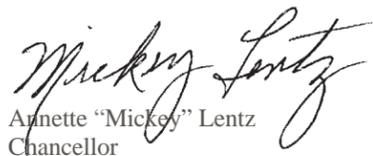
I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors or administrators of St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman and St. Anthony Parish in Morris, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.



Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis


Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

**St. Louis in Batesville,
St. Nicholas in Sunman and
St. Anthony in Morris**

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of

St. Louis Parish in Batesville, Indiana, St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, Indiana, and St. Anthony Parish in Morris, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas, pursuant to the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, I have today issued a separate decree mandating that St. Nicholas Parish and St. Anthony Parish shall be linked parishes sharing a single pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the three parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that the pastoral needs of the three parishes could best be served by the parishes working in partnership in order to develop effective evangelization and faith formation programs, efficiently and rationally coordinate mass and sacramental schedules, and develop an effective stewardship program; and

Whereas the Planning Commission additionally advised that the three parishes should take steps to implement a strategic plan to foster Catholic education for all three parishes by coordinating the efforts of St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Nicholas School in Sunman; and

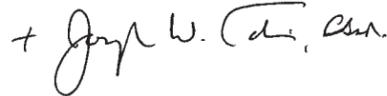
Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership among the three parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, effective December 1, 2013, while St. Louis Parish in Batesville, Indiana, St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, Indiana, and St. Anthony Parish in Morris, Indiana shall not be extinguished or in other manner materially altered, they are to be considered in partnership in that the parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the parishes..

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors and administrators of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, Indiana, St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, Indiana, and St. Anthony Parish in Morris, Indiana, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.



Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis


Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

**Decree erecting a new parish
in northern Decatur Co.**

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning the pastoral needs of the people of northern Decatur County was presented to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission by the parishes of northern Decatur County; and

Whereas the information established that the current disposition of parishes in northern Decatur County is inadequate to meet the current and future pastoral needs of the people of northern Decatur County in that:

- currently there are two small parishes, St. John the Evangelist in Enochsburg, and St. Maurice in St. Maurice, in northern Decatur County;
- each of the parishes has a membership of under two hundred households;
- each of the parishes has a single Sunday mass;
- the parishes cannot individually support effective evangelization, catechesis, or vocations awareness programs;
- a new parish comprised of the members, assets, and territory of the two currently existing parishes would have a reasonable ability to successfully establish and to maintain viable evangelization, catechesis, and vocations programs;
- neither parish has experienced significant growth in the last decade; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Planning Commission based its recommendations on the data obtained from the parishes, the cohort representatives, and the Archdiocese; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, after reviewing the facts, presented to me the recommendation that the two existing parishes be unified into a single parish that would initially conduct worship at the churches of the two currently existing parishes subject to periodic review; and

Whereas I convened the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council to advise me concerning the question of whether a new parish should be created pursuant to the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission or whether some other course of action should be taken to address the pastoral needs of northern Decatur County; and

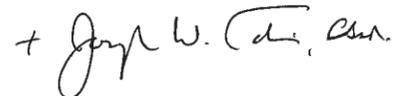
Whereas the presbyteral council, after full discussion and opportunity to suggest alternate courses of action, by a majority consultative vote with one opposed and one abstention recommended to me the creation of a new parish in northern Decatur County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., in my capacity as Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of northern Decatur County specifically and the needs

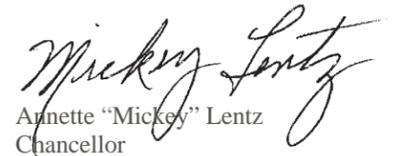
of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Batesville Deanery generally, hereby decree:

1. A new parish is to be erected that will be comprised of the territory of the current parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Enochsburg and St. Maurice in St. Maurice, in northern Decatur County.
2. The new parish will come into being on the 1st day of December, 2013.
3. The public juridic person of the parish, which is created by operation of law, shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to create a civil not for profit parish corporation pursuant to the current practice of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the law of the State of Indiana.
4. The status of the currently existing parishes and the disposition of the assets and liabilities of those parishes will be determined by the provisions of canon and civil law and by decrees specific to each of the two parishes.
5. The new parish will receive such assets and liabilities of the currently existing parishes as are apportioned to it by the provisions of canon and civil law and by the specific decrees concerning each of those parishes.
6. Prior to the date upon which the new parish will come into existence, representatives of the currently existing parishes are, in cooperation with the person who will be designated to be pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the new parish, to propose to the Archbishop of Indianapolis a name for the new parish.
7. The number and location of the parish Saturday anticipation masses and Sunday masses shall be determined by the pastor with the advice and consent of the Ordinary.
8. This decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of the two currently existing parishes, and the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators are both to notify their parishioners of the contents of this decree and to make this decree available for inspection and copying at the parish offices of the four currently existing parishes.
9. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
10. This decree is also to be published to the Archdiocesan website.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.



Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis


Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

**St. John the Evangelist in
Enochsburg**

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the

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condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has fewer than 200 registered households and fewer than 500 registered members;
- the parish has received only 15 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2002 and 2012;
- the parish reported that it shares a youth minister with St. Maurice Parish;
- the parish reported substantial coordination with St. Maurice Parish with regard to mass scheduling, shared ministries, and aspects of marriage preparation; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. John the Evangelist Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the currently existing parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Maurice;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Decatur County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the two currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. John the Evangelist Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Decatur County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the parish erected in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. John the Evangelist Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. John the Evangelist Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Decatur County, the civil corporation of St. John the Evangelist Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. John the Evangelist Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. John the Evangelist

Parish and to the person whom I shall appoint to be the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the newly erected parish.

6. The parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. John the Evangelist Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Maurice in St. Maurice

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Maurice Parish in St. Maurice, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish currently has fewer than 200 registered households and has averaged approximately 500 registered members in the years from 2002 to 2012;
- the parish has received only 6 adults into the Church through RCIA from 2002 to 2012;
- the parish shares a youth minister with St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg;
- the parish currently coordinates and collaborates with St. John the Evangelist Parish with regard to mass scheduling, shared ministries, and aspects of marriage preparation; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. Maurice Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the currently existing parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Maurice;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Decatur County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the two currently existing parishes; and

Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Maurice Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Maurice Parish be extinguished

and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Decatur County;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Maurice Parish of St. Maurice specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Maurice Parish of St. Maurice, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the parish erected in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Maurice Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Maurice Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Decatur County, the civil corporation of St. Maurice Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Maurice Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Maurice Parish and to the person whom I shall appoint to be the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Maurice Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. Maurice Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Maurice Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor

St. Mary in Greensburg, St. Maurice in St. Maurice and St. John the Evangelist in Enochsburg

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, Indiana, St. Maurice Parish in St. Maurice, Indiana and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of these parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that

the pastoral needs of the these parishes could best be served by the creation of a new parish in northern Decatur County and the formation of a partnership between the new parish and St. Mary Parish with the parishes cooperating with regard to providing Catholic education to the children of the parishes, by coordinating mass and sacramental schedules, and by the parishes providing joint faith formation, vocations awareness and development, and evangelization programs; and

Whereas I have, by decrees dated this day mandated that a new parish be created in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 and mandated that the currently existing St. Maurice Parish be extinguished on December 1, 2013 and that the currently existing St. John the Evangelist Parish be extinguished on December 1, 2013 while uniting their former parishioners into the new parish; and

Whereas the Planning Commission accordingly advised that St. Mary Parish and the new parish should be designated as partnership parishes with each of the parishes retaining its own pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator in order to achieve the goals listed in the paragraph above; and

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership between the two parishes;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that effective December 1, 2013 the new parish created in northern Decatur County by my separate decree issued today and St. Mary Parish of Greensburg shall act as partnership parishes in that the parishes are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the two parishes.

I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of the currently existing parishes of St. Maurice, St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary Parish, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

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Chancellor

Pope consecrates Vatican City to St. Joseph, St. Michael the Archangel

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—With retired Pope Benedict XVI sitting next to him, Pope Francis formally recited separate prayers to consecrate Vatican City to St. Joseph and to St. Michael the Archangel.

The early morning ceremony in the Vatican Gardens on July 5 featured the unveiling of a new statue of St. Michael, sculpted by Giuseppe Antonio Lomuscio. The project, along with a fountain by Franco Murer dedicated to St. Joseph, was initiated under Pope Benedict.

Pope Francis said the statue of St. Michael with his sword piercing the devil is “an invitation to reflection and prayer.

“Michael fights to re-establish divine justice,” he said. “He defends the people of God from their enemies, especially the enemy *par excellence*, the devil.”

The statue is a reminder that evil never wins, the pope said. The devil’s head is “crushed because salvation was accomplished once for all with the blood of Christ.

“In consecrating Vatican City to St. Michael the Archangel, we ask him to defend us from the evil one and cast him out,” the pope said. “We also consecrate Vatican City to St. Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, the guardian of the Holy Family. May his presence make us even stronger and more

courageous in giving space to God in our lives in order to always overcome evil with good.”

In his prayers for the formal consecrations, Pope Francis asked St. Joseph to “watch over and give peace to this land bathed by the blood of St. Peter,” increase the faith of Vatican employees and visitors and strengthen the vocations of all the “bishops, priests, consecrated women and lay faithful who work and live in the Vatican.”

In the prayer to St. Michael, Pope Francis asked the archangel to help ensure that the Vatican be a place of fidelity to the Gospel and the “exercise of heroic charity.”

He also prayed that St. Michael would intercede to help “make us victorious over the temptations of power, riches and sensuality,” and keep Vatican employees strong in “the good fight of the faith.”

Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo, retired president of the commission overseeing Vatican City State, told those assembled for the prayers that Pope Francis had decided that both his coat of arms and Pope Benedict’s should be on the plaque marking the dedication of the statue of St. Michael. It also is inscribed with the date, including the notation that it was made during the eighth year of Pope Benedict’s pontificate and the first year of the pontificate of Pope Francis. †



Pope Francis, right, embraces retired Pope Benedict XVI during a ceremony in the Vatican gardens on July 5. During the service, Pope Francis blessed a new statue of St. Michael the Archangel and recited separate prayers to consecrate Vatican City to St. Joseph and to St. Michael.

Vatican announces plenary and partial indulgences for World Youth Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—To help encourage prayers for a spiritually fruitful World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, the Vatican announced on July 9 that Pope Francis authorized a special indulgence for those who attend the event’s liturgies and prayer services or follow along online in the proper spirit of prayer and contrition.

Pope Francis decreed that World Youth Day participants can receive one plenary, or full, indulgence a day if they meet the usual conditions. World Youth Day runs July 23-28. The pope arrives on July 22.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven.

The conditions necessary for receiving a plenary

indulgence include having gone to confession within a week of the indulgence, receiving the Eucharist and offering prayers for the intentions of the pope. The faithful must also carry the proper spirit of being “truly repentant and contrite,” and participate in the gathering’s sacred events and “pious exercises” with prayerful devotion.

Those who are “legitimately prevented” from being physically present in Rio may also obtain the indulgence as long as they meet the same prayerful and “spiritual and sacramental conditions” as well as participate “in spirit” in the sacred liturgies and prayer services via television, radio or “new means of social communication,” the decree said.

The decree, signed by Cardinal Manuel Monteiro de Castro, head of the Vatican office that deals with indulgences, said a partial indulgence is also available to all

Catholics who, no matter where they are, offer prayers with the pope for young Catholics.

“With a contrite spirit, they will elevate fervent prayers to God, concluding with the official World Youth Day prayer” as well as prayers to the patroness of Brazil, Our Lady of Aparecida, and other saints, asking that they intercede on behalf of all young people to be “strengthened in the faith and live a holy life,” it said.

The cardinal also asked priests around the world to make themselves available to hear the confessions of those who want the indulgence and to encourage public prayers for the success of World Youth Day.

The pope is set to hear the confessions of some of the young pilgrims in Rio’s Quinta da Boa Vista Park on July 26. †

What was in the news on July 12, 1963? Priests lead the march against segregation, and the threat of technocracy can be thwarted by Christians

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we continue to examine what was going on in the Church and the

world 50 years ago as seen through the pages of *The Criterion*.

Here are some of the items found in the July 12, 1963, issue of *The Criterion*:

- Polish Church-State relations flare again
- St. Gabriel the Archangel – 42nd Marion County parish
- Beginning of ‘thaw’? Hungary ready to agree on naming of bishops
- With banners waving: Priests lead marchers in Baltimore protest

“BALTIMORE—Seven priests led some 175 parishioners in the picket line as Catholics joined Protestants and Jews in a second massive protest against segregated

facilities at Gwynn Oak Amusement Park in suburban Woodlawn.

In the picket line also were 50 members of the Catholic Interracial Council of Baltimore. They carried signs which read: ‘All Men Are Made in the Image of God,’ ‘Must Christ Be Crucified on “Grim Oak?”’ and ‘Can’t We Catholics Even Play Bingo Together?’ Another sign read: ‘Catholics Have Been All Too Slow . . .’—a quotation from the Lenten pastoral letter of Archbishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore condemning segregation and urging efforts to overcome it.”

- Technocracy is no threat to Christians

“VATICAN CITY—Christians are the persons best qualified to humanize a society threatened by technocracy or the tyranny of the machine, a Vatican letter has stated. Christians’ ‘sense of human values’ gives them this ability, Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, said in a letter to this year’s French Social Week (July 9-14).”

- Women’s club backs down on discrimination policy
- Solemn closing devotions slated for Carmel novenas
- Pope Paul praises Latin hierarchy
- Pope to visit U.S.
- Montreal ecumenical meeting draws Catholic observers, prayers
- Some guidelines to the thinking of Paul VI
- Audience for journalists: Pope Paul VI praises work of world press
- Pope’s criticism of play about Pius XII published
- Be cautious of U.S. Reds’ overtures toward Church, Fr. Cronin warns
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- Married, convert minister to be ordained as priest
- Italy’s Radical Right displeased with new pope
- ‘Open occupancy’ backed by prelate
- Atheist plans center to promote materialism
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- Urges involvement in community life
- Sees sodality movement returning to early spirit
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St. Gabriel celebrates 50 years ministering on Indianapolis' west side

By Natalie Hoefler

Focus back to early June 1963. Lesley Gore's top single "It's My Party" rocked from radios. President John F. Kennedy presided over "Camelot," while Catholic cardinals prepared to elect a new pope in Rome after the death of Pope John XXIII.

And on the west side of Indianapolis, a new parish was preparing to spread the message of God just like its namesake, St. Gabriel the Archangel.

On June 23, St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish on Indianapolis' west side celebrated a Mass in honor of the parish's 50th anniversary.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin celebrated a bilingual Mass at the church, which is now home to a large Hispanic population.

Mary Divita, a member of the parish since 1964, recalls the shift in the parish's population.

"In the beginning [of the parish], the west side was recently developed, filled with inexpensive homes attractive to returning GIs, recently married, beginning their families."

As the shift to the suburbs began, she witnessed the west side—and St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish—boast a higher African-American and Filipino population.

Mary's husband, Dr. Jim Divita, a professor of history at then-Marian College from 1961-2003, explains one factor impacting the change in demographics.

"The heart of our area is the starter-home. ... With the passage of time, the affordable areas attract the newcomers. The increasing Hispanic population of Indianapolis over the last 10-15 years is the latest change on the west side.

"In his homily, the archbishop mentioned that the word 'parish' comes from the Latin word for 'neighborhood,'" Divita explains.

"So that's what a parish does, it reflects the neighborhood it serves."

As members of the parish since 1967, Thomas and Marietta Daehler have witnessed the changes alongside the Divitas. Three generations of Daehlers now worship at St. Gabriel—the Daehler's daughter and her family are also members of the parish.

"You name it, we've done it," says Marietta of their involvement in the parish over the years. Much of the couple's activities revolved around St. Gabriel the Archangel School. The school was merged with St. Michael the Archangel School in the fall of 2010.

"[The anniversary committee] pulled out all the memorabilia from the school and church last year," recalls Marietta. "It was interesting to see it all again. Time goes by and you forget."

With the closing of the school, the parish was able to do something it had never been able to do—consecrate the church.

"They intended to make the church into a gym and build a new church," Marietta says of the original church structure. "So the church was never consecrated. We were able to use it for all different kinds of things."

But along with the school's closure went the need for a gymnasium. The parish began a remodeling project of the church interior. It was completed in 2011.

The interior was changed 180 degrees—literally. The altar location was moved from the north side of the building to the south side. Stained-glass windows were installed, as well as a new baptismal font. After 48 years, St. Gabriel the Archangel Church was finally consecrated during a special Mass celebrated by then-Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on Feb. 6, 2011.

The renovation came in time for the



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and Father Larry Crawford celebrate a Mass marking the 50th anniversary of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish on the west side of Indianapolis on June 23.

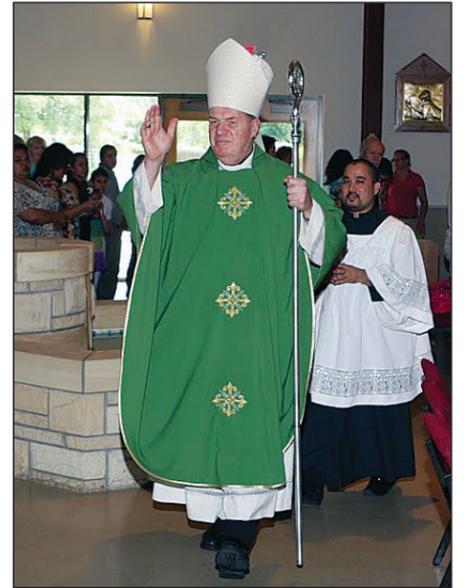
parish's 50th anniversary. Festivities started with a Mass on Nov. 25 of last year, commemorating the 1962 date for the groundbreaking of the church building under the leadership of Archbishop Paul C. Schulte.

Since the start of the 50th anniversary celebration last November, the anniversary committee had Christmas ornaments, T-shirts, mugs and bookmarks made with images of the church and its 50th anniversary logo.

The June 23 Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tobin and the picnic following marked the close of the 50th anniversary festivities.

More change for the parish came with the retirement of their pastor, Father Larry Crawford this month.

But heeding Archbishop Tobin's call to "focus on Christ and Gospel," St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish will continue to be, as the archbishop noted in his homily, "a beacon of light not only for each other, but for the neighborhood and the city." †



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin blesses the congregation while processing out of St. Gabriel the Archangel Church on the west side of Indianapolis on June 23.



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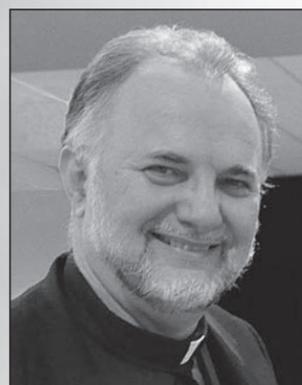
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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Year of Faith: The four marks of the Church

When Christians recite the Nicene Creed, we say that we believe in one,



holy, catholic and apostolic church. These are known as the four marks of the Catholic Church.

It is one Church in its teachings—always the same whether you're in the United States, Europe, South America, Asia,

or anyplace else in the world. Every Catholic church is ultimately under the jurisdiction of the pope.

It is holy because it has the Eucharist and the other sacraments that help us to become holy. To receive the body and blood of Jesus is the ultimate in intimacy with God this side of heaven. The Catholic Church makes available many other helps for those who want to become closer to God—to become holy.

A mark of the Church's holiness is the large list of saints who have shown us how to follow Christ. These people found their holiness in the Catholic Church, and we can do likewise. They are our role models as

well as our intercessors.

The Catholic Church is catholic, with a lowercase "c," which means that it is universal. It really does exist everywhere in the world. I've gone to the same Mass in China, India, Russia, the Holy Land, places in South America and throughout Europe. The Catholic Church has both great diversity and unity in its universality.

The Catholic Church is apostolic. It alone can trace itself back to the Apostles. Many converts to Catholicism have been converted mainly for that reason. One of the most famous is Blessed John Henry Newman, who was a leader in the Church of England's Oxford Movement in the 19th century.

He began to write a book showing that the Anglican Church was the "via media"—the middle way—between Catholicism and Protestantism. But as he studied the Church's history, he had to acknowledge that Catholicism was indeed the same Church founded by Christ and spread by the Apostles.

He went on to become the greatest theologian in the Catholic Church in the 19th century and eventually was named a cardinal. Pope Benedict XVI declared

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

When the word 'vocation' takes on greater meaning

We don't seem to hear as much about priests being essential people in our



lives, not like we do other folks.

Maybe that's because their vocation doesn't involve the expansion of intimates to include children, grandchildren, and so on ad infinitum.

Rather, their human connections, aside

from their own relatives, mainly include friends, colleagues and the people they have served. This is of course a large group, but somehow it's more low-key than the family intimacies of births and marriages, or the professional awards, job changes and promotions of married or single life.

Naturally, the rest of us are involved with priests as friends or leaders. We discuss their abilities, performance and personalities. There's praise, criticism and maybe envy of priests from those in other vocations. We love them, dislike them, are inspired or annoyed by them, as we are other people.

But since the priest doesn't have the family life that married people do, and is not assigned usually to one lifelong situation, he's often not one of the main figures in our lives. In that sense, he is

somewhat apart.

That being said, we should point out that there are many remarkable priests we've known—the ones who, like our parents or other inspirational people, have enriched our lives. Indeed, in some cases they've been the parents or mentors that we never had.

The best priest I've ever known, the one who was a priest forever in every sense of the word, was my husband's Uncle Bill. He'd graduated from Purdue as an electrical engineer before entering the seminary. Then he served in parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, much of the time under Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter. He served mainly in poor or rural churches.

In one really old-fashioned parish, the men and women sat on opposite sides of the church. So his duties included everything from giving financial advice to encouraging social responsibility to improving attitudes about women.

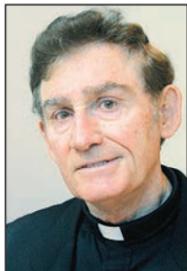
Father Bill was quiet and somewhat intimidating; when he looked at you with his steady gaze, you felt that every sin you ever committed was written across your chest. But his manner disguised a caring, perceptive and selfless friend.

During World War II, Father Bill accompanied the U.S. Army through the battle of the Hurtgen Forest, among others. He celebrated Mass on the hood of his jeep with his driver as altar server. He dispensed

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Biking cross-country to be at one with our wounded warriors

The time the cyclists made riding day and night was astonishing, but so was the determination of the wounded troops with missing limbs and legs who propelled themselves and finished the grueling course.



In five days, a group supporting the Wounded Warrior Project bicycled

from California to Annapolis, Md., in honor of the wounded men and women troops who risked life and limbs for our security. Some of the riders included wounded troops.

The organization says the ride is "a unique four-day cycling opportunity for wounded warriors to use cycling and the bonds of service to overcome physical, mental or emotional wounds."

The Wounded Warrior Project "provides programs and services to severely injured service members during

the time between active duty and transition to civilian life."

This remarkable event honoring these men and women must not be considered a one-time happening but repeated often. That's because life is fickle and always changing. One look at the news confirms how true this is. An unforgettable tragedy one day is easily forgotten the next. We live in an age of short-term memory, even though it's true there are some things we would rather forget.

Cycling across the U.S. to honor wounded warriors is more than an awesome feat aimed at supporting them. It is a cry for faithful and unending camaraderie.

Those of us who have ever been down and out know the power companionship possesses in overcoming the worst of circumstances. I believe it is true to say that the greatest pain in life is not physical or mental, but the feeling of being alone, abandoned or forgotten. Camaraderie means saying, "I care for you, I am here for you, I am one with you and I will never

Newman blessed in 2010 while on a trip to the United Kingdom.

The Church has had a checkered history, to say the least. But it has survived some simply awful popes in the 15th century who thought more of enriching their families than in being spiritual leaders, or who fathered illegitimate children and plotted to murder their opponents.

There have been 37 antipopes in the Church's history, men who claimed or exercised the papal office in an uncanonical manner.

During one period of history, 1378 to 1417, there were two and sometimes three men claiming to be pope, each with followers who thought that their man was the legitimate pope. If the Church could survive all of that, and more, it must be divinely protected in order to last all these centuries.

Besides those four marks of the Catholic Church that we recite in the Creed, there is, in a sense, also a fifth: The Catholic Church fosters and promotes devotion to Mary, the mother of God. Only the Catholic and Orthodox Churches give to Mary the devotion to which she is entitled. †

most of the sacraments to many people, military or not.

Along the way, he met European families devastated by the war, so he wrote home for the rest of us in his family to send packages of food and clothing for them. He arranged for several of their children to gain an education, sometimes paying for them to come to the United States to study. During the wake before his funeral, many visitors told our family stories of Father's generosity and kindness. He was wearing a pair of shoes donated for the occasion, as he lay in his coffin.

We've been fortunate to have known other fine priests, like Father Steve Jarrell, who recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination. The large number of well-wishers at his party, the wonderful stories they told, and the overwhelming joy prevalent at the occasion testified to the high regard in which he is held.

And there've been others—Father Clem Davis, Jesuit Father Tom Widner, Father Harold Knueven, just to name a few.

We thank God for sending them into our lives, and for the many graces they brought to us.

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

Catholic Education Outreach/

Christina Capecchi

The duty of delight: Finding joy in obligation

Father Dave Korth's dad had been declining for five years. That was the slow, haunting grip



of dementia. The stories that Leonard loved to tell had started to unravel. Something was missing from the hardy Nebraska farmer, so his wife and seven children began to wrap him in a patchwork of goodbyes.

His early-morning death one year ago was no surprise.

What did catch Father Dave off guard is how much it stung. "You have all these milestones and you think you're preparing yourself, but when it happens and his physical presence is no longer there," the 47-year-old priest told me, "it's still a shock."

His dad had been his biggest supporter, blaming his high-school basketball errors on extenuating circumstances. The World War II veteran had always loomed large—a big man with a big personality, impossible to miss. Suddenly, he was gone.

Father Dave had just marked 20 years of priesthood. He serves as director of the St. Augustine Indian Mission and lives in Winnebago, Neb., on the Ho-Chunk tribe's reservation. The work requires pastoral sensitivity and fundraising prowess—\$1.5 million a year is needed to support the four parishes linked to the mission and their Catholic school, so Father Dave regularly hits the road to drum up donations. He works hard to get the message right, trying to convey the bluntness of the need and the brightness of the hope in his windswept corner of Nebraska.

Now Father Dave was facing a new challenge on that first Friday of July, back in his hometown and preparing to preside at his father's funeral. Ten minutes before Mass, he was reminded of his next-day commitment to mission preaching, to fill in for a vacationing pastor at a suburban parish near St. Paul, Minn.

After the burial, Father Dave tried to give himself a break and requested a substitute. "Every able body is already taken," he was told.

Early the next morning, Father Dave loaded his fundraising materials and a small duffel bag into his blue Toyota Prius and began to cut across Highway 60, a six-and-a-half hour drive running on empty.

As the miles passed, he sorted through the sea of faces that had flashed before him hours before—hugs and condolences, locals and travelers—and mentally edited the homily he had delivered for his dad.

And then, ready or not, he was vested up again, greeting the 5 p.m. Massgoers at St. Patrick Church in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. He had made it to the consecration when an incredible sensation swept over him: Though the congregation remained in their pews, it felt as though they were huddled around him at the altar, arms on each other's backs, eyes on the host.

"I felt completely supported and lifted up," Father Dave said. "Everyone coming together to hold me up."

After Mass, the parish deacon who had stood at his side sheepishly asked, "Did you sense anything different going on?"

When Father Dave explained the peculiar phenomenon, the deacon's eyes lit up. He had felt the very same thing.

One year later, Father Dave is still struck by the experience. "Someone suggested to me that my dad got the choir of angels to surround me," he said, crying softly.

Today, he is more open to unwanted assignments and the mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit. He doubts that he could have made it through Mass at his own parish that sorrowful week, yet far from home, he saw strangers become supporters, far-flung members of the same body of Christ.

(Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. She can be reached at www.ReadChristina.com.) †

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

Sunday Readings

Sunday July 14, 2013

- Deuteronomy 30:10-14
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Luke 10:25-37

The Book of Deuteronomy is one of the first five books of the Bible, collectively called the Pentateuch, from the Greek word meaning "five." In terms of impact upon the development of the ancient Hebrew concept of religion, these books were most important. They together comprised the "Torah," the basic pattern of how true

followers of the God of Israel should live.

Central among all these books is the figure of Moses. He speaks to the people in God's behalf. He calls the people to obey God's commandments. Authentic obedience, however, is much more than mere lip service, insincere motions or half-hearted gestures. Rather, as Moses insists, again speaking for God, obedience to God's law reveals a person's complete dedication to God.

Moses also makes clear to the people that God, while almighty and invisible, and therefore neither human nor bound to the Earth, is aware of human lives and is communicating with humans.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians provides the second reading for this weekend. It was written to the Christians in Colossae, a relatively important city in the Roman Empire's northern Mediterranean world. Paul's wish for the spiritual vitality of these Christians led to the writing of this epistle.

The reading builds on the revelation given centuries earlier by Moses and by other prophets. God is invisible. He is seen, however, and perfectly so, sublimely so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus rules over all creation and over all creatures. He is the head of the Church. The Church, this community, visible and alive with the very life of the Holy Spirit, was much, much more than a coincidental gathering of persons professing Jesus as Lord. In the Church is the spirit of Jesus. Through Jesus is the way to eternal life.

All this indicates how aware the first

Christians were of the Church as the community of believers and dwelling of God.

St. Luke's Gospel provides a very basic concept of Christian theology. Jesus says that the true disciple must love God above all and love neighbor as self. God is love. Acting with love for others in our hearts is a sign of Christian discipleship, as it is a reflection of God.

Seeking to live by resembling God is not new. An ancient belief among Hebrews, as evidenced in this weekend's first reading, required believers to live as if they had given mind and heart to God, intent upon living in the pattern of divine love and justice.

This lesson comes in the familiar, and beautiful, story of the Good Samaritan. This story has inspired Christians all through the centuries, yet it is forever fresh.

Jews of the first century A.D. disdained Samaritans. They regarded Samaritans almost as incapable of anything good, certainly unable to be holy. To present a Samaritan as praiseworthy was revolutionary. By so doing, Jesus clearly taught that faithfulness to God, seen very tangibly, is impossible for no one. The key is complete submission to God.

Reflection

In a way, Americans at this time are much more alert to, and rejecting of, prejudice. Still, prejudice lives in this country, and perhaps we individually are guilty of prejudice against ourselves.

We all may be Samaritans from time to time, set apart from God by our sin. We may feel outcasts, unworthy of God's forgiveness. We may despise ourselves. We can return to God.

We shortchange the mercy of God. The story of the Good Samaritan is more than a call to charity and compassion. It is that, but it is a proclamation that each person can be redeemed. Everyone sins, but everyone can reform.

Loving God, and to be with God, are our destiny. We sin, of course, and maybe gravely. God's mercy, however, sets us again on the right path. †



Daily Readings

Monday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor of the Church
Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Psalm 124:1-8
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Exodus 2:1-15a
Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest
Exodus 3:13-20
Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 19

Exodus 11:10-12:14
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20

St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
Exodus 12:37-42
Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 10-15
Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-10a,
Psalm 15:2-5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Code of Canon Law governs closure of parishes and use of closed churches

Q What is your opinion on consecrated churches? Can these buildings be closed and torn down? (Brookville, Ind.)



A Recent years have seen a shifting landscape with regard to Catholic churches in America. A number of factors—demographic shifts, fewer priests and financial constraints—

have led to the closing or merging of many parishes, and the conversion of a fair number of former church buildings to secular use.

Perhaps no decision creates more headaches or heartaches for a diocesan bishop than to close a church. The loyalty of parishioners lingers long. Some have strong emotional bonds to the church of their childhood.

To answer your question, consecrated church buildings can be closed—and even torn down—provided the proper canonical procedures are followed. It is critical to note that there are two separate issues here: One has to do with the closing of a parish (technically, its "suppression," or a determination that the parish no longer exists), while the other involves the closing of a building and its conversion to a different use.

Two different canons in the Church's Code of Canon Law govern these decisions. Canon #515 gives a bishop wide discretion on the closing of a parish. The only requirement is that he must consult with the diocesan council of priests. Their consent is not required—they need only be consulted.

The conversion of a church building to "profane" use, however, is regulated more rigorously, says Canon #1222, and requires broader study and discussion. "Grave causes" must be shown, which rule out continued use for worship and the "good of souls" must suffer "no detriment thereby."

Over the past two years, the Vatican ruled upon appeal by parishioners in U.S. dioceses that canonical procedures were not properly followed when some churches were closed and the buildings were reopened—although sometimes for only limited use, such as funerals for deceased parishioners or Mass on the patronal feast day.

It seems that what a diocese can do, in deciding to release a former church building to a secular use, is to demonstrate that continued use for religious purposes would put a financial strain on the successor

parish and preclude needed programs and services.

Q I have been a practicing Catholic for the past six years. My husband is not Catholic. Both of us were married previously, and both marriages ended in divorce. I want to know if I would be denied a Catholic funeral Mass because of our present circumstances. (Virginia Beach, Va.)

A You would indeed be able to have a funeral Mass. A Catholic who is divorced and remarried without an annulment is not excommunicated and is still a member of the Church. In an apostolic exhortation, which he wrote in 1981, ("Familiaris Consortio"), Blessed John Paul II said this: "I earnestly call upon pastors and the whole community of the faithful to help the divorced, and with solicitous care to make sure that they do not consider themselves as separated from the Church. For as baptized persons they can, and indeed must, share in her life" (#84).

Many people are confused about that status of divorced people who are members of the Church. Sometimes even divorced people who have never remarried feel they have alienated themselves from the Catholic community. That is untrue. They are welcome to share fully in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church.

Someone such as yourself—divorced and then remarried without a declaration of nullity (an annulment) from the Church of the previous marriage—is entitled to participate in certain ways.

For example, you can and should attend Mass, but not receive holy Communion; you may receive the anointing of the sick in danger of death; you may have a Catholic funeral and be buried in a Catholic cemetery; you can have your children baptized and enrolled in a Catholic school or religious education program.

My guess, though, is that—especially as a fairly recent convert—you have a strong desire to receive the Eucharist. Why not speak to a priest about the possibility of annulments for your prior marriage and that of your husband, so that you would be able to share fully in the Church's sacraments?

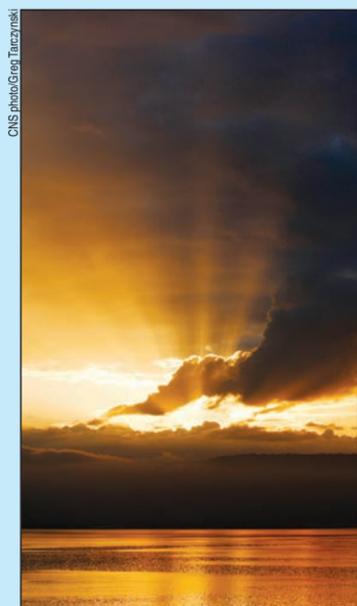
(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.) †

My Journey to God

Opportunity

By Cathy Lamperski Dearing

If you ever get the chance to sit along the shore make certain it is morning while your thoughts are still hushed and the world around you still sleeps. This way you can notice these things—like how the ripples never stop arriving gently at your feet; and the family of geese you see in the distance seem to have nowhere they need to go; and how the rising sun creates a bright lattice-work design that sparkles across the water; and every sound you hear you simply describe as music. You decide then and there that there is no better definition for peace than this and rather than making to-do lists or remembering past regrets, you recall a line from a favorite poem instead: "I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."



Cathy Lamperski Dearing is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. She wrote this poem while on vacation in northern Michigan. The sun rises over the Sea of Galilee as seen from Tiberias, Israel.

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.

BAKER, Jeraldine M., 82, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 9. Wife of Jerold Baker. Mother of Matt Baker, Ellen and Leslie Burdick. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of three.

BUTRUM, Jerry, 74, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, June 24. Husband of Esther Butrum. Father of Terri Falvey, Mary Gula, Thomas Diehl, Darrel Duane, and Kevin Butrum. Brother of Mary Evelyn Harth, Carla Pierce, Jack Butrum and David Smith. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of four.

DARRAH, Dorothy Virginia, 81, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, June 28. Mother of Theresa Taylor, Karen, Michael and Patricia Darrah. Sister of Edna Shackelford and Robert Byers.

Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 12.

DONOHUE, Kevin R., 28, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 10. Son of Jim and Emily Donohue.

GAUER, Bette Jane, 92, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 14. Mother of Margaret DeLong, Susan and Herbert Gauer. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four.

HALEY, Jr., John W., 59, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 23. Husband of Carla Haley. Father of Laura Gilmore, Sarah Lee, Emily Nagel, Ann and Leah Haley. Brother of Joan Borgnini, Molly Callahan, Theresa Houston, Aggie Rhoades, Kate Spencer, Bill, Jim, Joe and Tom Haley. Grandfather of three.

HEINZ, Mary V., 92, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, June 29. Mother of Susan Armstrong, Janet Garrison, Pat Hagedorn, Dolores Johnson, Jenny Karst, Donna Meny and Marilyn Westfall. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 29.

KRASSICK, Walter, 81, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, July 1. Husband of Mary Krassick. Father of Lisa Adams and Michael Krassick. Grandfather of five.

NORD, Mary Ann, 79, St. Mary, New Albany, June 22. Wife of

Robert Nord. Mother of Andrew, Angela, Joseph and Thomas Nord. Sister of Patrick Marguet. Grandmother of three.

OEXMANN, Dale Francis, 73, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 17. Father of Teresa Walker.

OLIGER, Dorothy M., 85, St. Mary, Greensburg, June 27. Mother of Teresa Martinko, Ted and Tom Olinger. Grandmother of six.

O'REAR, Donald, 75, St. Agnes, Nashville, June 26. Husband of Elizabeth O'Rear. Father of Chrissy Asbell, Cory Atwell, Dana Crigler and Craig O'Rear. Brother of Sharon Bardash, Jerry and Steve O'Rear. Grandfather of six.

PATRICK, Theresa Marie, 33, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, June 25. Daughter of Wayne and Morna Patrick. Sister of Elliott Patrick.

QUINN, Eileen A., 92, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, June 20. Mother of Maureen Burris, Nadine Carnes-McMains and Kathleen Quinn. Sister of Rita Luellen and Father James Rogers. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 12.

REYNOLDS, David W., 69, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, June 21. Husband of Janet Boyer. Father of Kendra Hiron, Denise Kuenzer, Chad Jackson and Joe Reynolds. Brother of Rita Burns, Peggy

Grainger, Janet, Lisa and Jerome Hentrup. Grandfather of 10.

SCHNEIDER, James Lee, Sr., 92, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, May 1. Father of Rebecca Jackson, James Jr. and Richard Schneider.

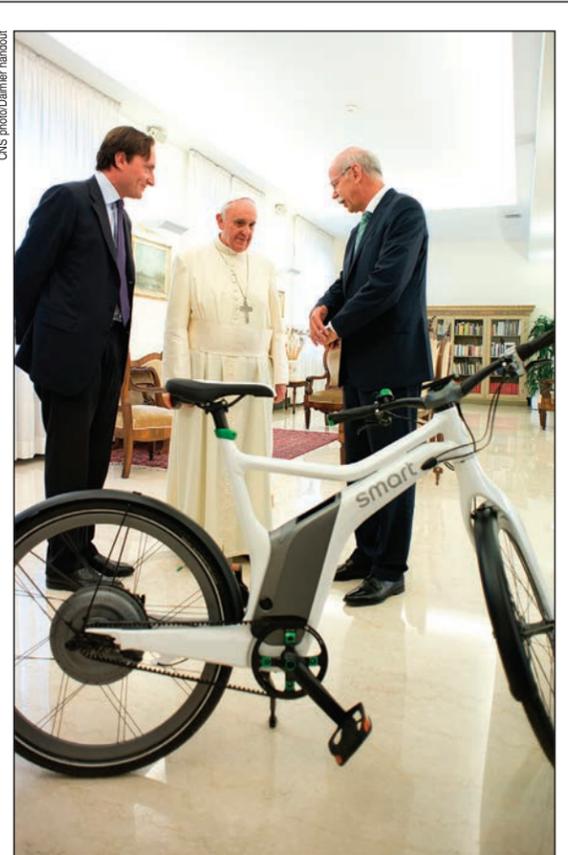
SCHUSTER, Cathy Lynn, 62, Christ the King, Indianapolis, April 24.

SISON, Illuminada, 104, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, June 19. Mother of Elvira Carandang, Nelia and Oscar Sison. Grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of several.

TEATER, Peggy M., 64, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, June 27. Mother of Kim Teater. Sister of Sharon Beck, Cheryl Kost, Barbara Pulliam and Carol Waterhouse. Grandmother of two.

WEATHERS, Mary Frances, 81, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, April 18. Mother of Patricia Weathers-Brownlee and Ed Weathers. Stepmother of several. Sister of Robert Grigsby.

WEBER, Ruth K., 91, St. Mary, North Vernon, June 28. Mother of Karen Painter, Marilyn Wernke, Charlene Wilson, Kathy Winchell, Bill, Charlie, Chris, Dennis, Pat, Rick and Ward Weber. Sister of Jeanette Schaefer, Jimmie, Louie and Walter Hagedorn. Grandmother of 44. Great-grandmother of 77. Great-great-grandmother of four. †



Papal bicycle

Pope Francis accepts a gift of an electric Smart bike from Dieter Zetsche, chairman of the board of management of Daimler AG and head of Mercedes-Benz cars division, at the Vatican on July 3. Zetsche also gave the pope keys to a popemobile to be used from July 22 to July 29 during the pope's visit to Brazil for World Youth Day.

Pope Francis calls for repentance over treatment of migrants

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Before saying a word publicly, Pope Francis made the sign of the cross and tossed a wreath of white and yellow flowers into the Mediterranean Sea in memory of the estimated 20,000 African immigrants who have died in the past 25 years trying to reach a new life in Europe.

Just a few hours before Pope Francis arrived on the Italian island of Lampedusa on July 8, the Italian coast guard accompanied another boat carrying immigrants to the island's port.

The 165 immigrants, one of whom said they were originally from Mali, had spent two days at sea making the crossing from North Africa. The immigrants were accompanied to a government reception center, a locked facility where 112 people—half under the age of 18—already were being housed. Most will be repatriated, although a few may receive refugee status.

In his homily at an outdoor Mass, Pope Francis said he decided to visit Lampedusa, a small island with a population of 6,000 and just 70 miles from Tunisia, after seeing newspaper headlines in June describing the drowning of immigrants at sea.

"Those boats, instead of being a means of hope, were a means of death," he said.

Wearing purple vestments, like those used during Lent, and using the prayers from the Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, Pope Francis said the deaths of the immigrants are "like a thorn in the heart," which spurred him to offer public prayers for them, but also to try to awaken people's consciences.

"Who is responsible for the blood of these brothers and sisters of ours?" the pope asked in his homily. "All of us respond: 'It wasn't me. I have nothing to do with it. It was others, certainly not me.'"

"Today no one feels responsible for this," he said. "We have lost a sense of fraternal responsibility," and are acting like those in the Gospel who saw the man who had been beaten, robbed and left on the road half dead, but they kept walking.

"Maybe we think, 'Oh, poor soul,' but we continue on our way," the pope said.

"The culture of well-being, which leads us to think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of others," Pope Francis said, adding that the globalization of the world's economy in many cases has led to "the globalization of indifference."

Still, the pope praised the many Lampedusa residents, as well as the volunteers and public security officers who do what they can to help the migrants who reach their shores.

Traditionally fishers and tourism operators, the people of Lampedusa have spent decades dealing with the impact of immigrant arrivals and political battles over immigration policies.

When the seas are calm, especially when there are wars and political upheaval in northern Africa, the desperate pay traffickers to give them a place on a boat bound for Europe. Usually the boats are rickety and dangerously overcrowded.

After getting off the coast guard boat that took him to sea, Pope Francis personally greeted more than 50 immigrants. One of them, speaking in Arabic, told the pope that he and his fellow travelers had dealt with several traffickers before reaching Italy.

Pope Francis told the crowd at Mass that the traffickers "exploit the poverty of others," and are "people for whom the poverty of others is a source of income."

The Mass was filled with reminders that Lampedusa is now synonymous with dangerous attempts to reach Europe—the altar was built over a small boat; the pastoral staff the pope used was carved from wood recycled from a shipwrecked boat; the lectern was made from old wood as well and had a ship's wheel mounted on the front; and even the chalice—although lined with silver—was carved from the wood of a wrecked boat. †

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Serra Club vocations essay

Priest spreads the Gospel through loving deeds

(Editor's note: Following is the third in a series featuring the winners of the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2013 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)

By Ellen Flood

Special to The Criterion

Pope Benedict XVI invited us to rekindle our faith in Christ, to spread the Catholic faith. Priests, men and women religious and permanent deacons rekindle the faith of people in the Church and beyond predominantly through their actions.



Ellen Flood

It is not so much how many people they evangelize. The most important work done is by concentrating efforts on a small group. They do this best through loving actions.

Actions speak when words can't. The best evangelization

occurs when these holy men and women aren't even trying to evangelize. It occurs when they are simply being people of Christ in charitable work, kind words and prayer for other people.

People see the faith of these holy men and women, and are inspired by them to worship God and further spread his message by doing small acts of kindness.

Suddenly, when people who had not previously known God or had ignored him are confronted by these random acts of kindness, they are pulled in to God's word. As it says in Matthew, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water" (Mt 14:28); God helps us do extraordinarily difficult things we didn't think we were capable of doing—spreading his word along the way.

I know one priest in particular who exemplifies extraordinary faith in God and evangelization of his message. Father John Hollowell, a young priest who used to minister at my parish, adamantly campaigns for the pro-life mission. Some people hate him for it.

He publishes anti-abortion articles, speaks in front of large crowds, goes on the March for Life and,

most importantly, helps women. These women may be suffering from post-abortion stress or sadness, or they may be considering abortion. Father John is loving, and that's what really gets these women to follow God's word.

His love toward children draws them into the Catholic Church and teaches them values, inspiring them to spread his message to other kids. As Father John shows, the best way for priests, men and women religious and permanent deacons to be a witness to Christ as they spread the faith is by showing Christ's love.

At the end of the day, Christ's message and faith is a loving one, and the only way to spread a message of love is to love.

(Ellen and her parents, Mike and Cathy Flood, are members of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg. She completed the ninth grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the ninth-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2013 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †

Pope: Meditation, penance, studies won't bring you to the living Christ

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The only way to truly touch the living Christ is through the tender care of his wounds in the poor, sick and outcasts of today, Pope Francis said.

Just as St. Thomas' life changed when he touched Jesus' wounds, people who lovingly care for the body and soul of those in need will see their lives transformed, too, the pope said on July 3 during his morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

In his homily on the feast of St. Thomas, the pope said people have tried a number of ways to experience the living Christ and none is as effective and direct as encountering him through "his wounds. There's no other way."

"A refresher course" is useless for learning how to encounter the living God; all it takes is "getting out onto the street," the pope said, according to a report by Vatican Radio.

"In the history of the Church, there have been some mistakes made on the path toward God," Pope Francis said.

"Some have believed God could be found through meditation alone or by trying to "reach higher through meditation. That's dangerous! How many are lost on that path and never get there."

Perhaps they acquire greater knowledge or understanding of God, he said, "but not of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

Others have tried to find him through mortification, austerity and "the path of penitence, just penitence and fasting," believing they could get to God merely through their own efforts, he said.

Through Thomas, the pope said, Jesus tells people he can be found through his wounds.

"Today you find Jesus' wounds by carrying out works of mercy, giving the body—and the soul, too—but the body, I emphasize, of your wounded brother or sister" because their bodies are hurting.

Those who are hungry, thirsty, without clothes, humiliated, enslaved, imprisoned or hospitalized are all examples of "the wounds of Jesus today," Pope Francis said.

Some may say, "Oh, great! Let's set up



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—Pope Francis

a foundation to help all of them, and let's do lots of nice things to help them," he said. While that kind of help is important, that approach alone reduces people to being "just philanthropists."

As Christians, "We have to touch Jesus' wounds, we have to caress them, heal

them with tenderness, we have to kiss Jesus' wounds, literally," the pope said.

The pope asked that people pray to St. Thomas for the grace and courage to "enter into the wounds of Jesus with our tenderness, and surely we will have the grace to worship the living God." †

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Above, an overflow congregation is shown during St. Mark Parish's sesquicentennial Mass at its newly renovated church in rural Perry County on June 23. Approximately 50 more people participated in the Mass under a tent set up beside the church.

Left, following the sesquicentennial Mass at St. Mark Parish in Perry County, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne poses with members of the Bishop Chartrand Council #1172 Knights of Columbus, who provided an honor guard for the celebration.

Overflow congregation celebrates St. Mark Parish's 150th anniversary

By Patricia Happel Cornwell
Special to *The Criterion*

PERRY COUNTY—Greeting a packed St. Mark Church in rural Perry County, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne told the congregation, “Happy anniversary! Just think, when this church was founded, we were in the middle of the War Between the States.”

The parish of 330 members and many visitors celebrated St. Mark Parish's 150th anniversary on June 23 with a Mass and dinner. An overflow crowd participated in the Mass under a tent in the side yard of the church.

The liturgy was celebrated by Bishop Coyne, vicar general, with Father Dennis Duvelius, current pastor, and former pastors Benedictine Father Barnabas Gillespie and Father Mark Gottemoeller concelebrating.

The first immigrants to settle in Perry County arrived in 1847 from Switzerland, Bavaria and parts of western Germany.

The parish began in 1860 when Father Michael Marendt from Cannelton bought a one-room grocery store and one acre of land to establish a Catholic school. In June 1863, Father Ferdinand Hunt of Troy converted a school into a church and celebrated the first Mass there. For

four years, Mass was celebrated twice a month by visiting priests.

From 1864-65, the visiting pastor was Swiss-born Benedictine Father Martin Marty of Saint Meinrad Abbey, who would become the abbey's first abbot and, later, bishop of the Dakota Territory.

In 1867, Father Marendt proposed to the parish's 18 families that they build a new church.

Undaunted, members quarried stone from a nearby property and moved it to the site by oxen and sled. The timbers came from the surrounding forest. In 1868, the cornerstone was laid, and Bishop Maurice de St. Palais of Vincennes named the parish after St. Mark. In 1869, the completed church was blessed by Father Martin Marty, then prior of Saint Meinrad.

The parish built a school in 1914, which operated until 1970. The structure now serves as the St. Bede Religious Education Resource Center for the Tell City Deanery.

In 1980, parishioner Shirley Rogier painted a large portrait of St. Mark, which hung in the sanctuary for more than 30 years. Today, it hangs on the left wall of the church. In addition to the depiction of the saint sitting in a doorway writing his Gospel, the picture's symbols include a lion, a mustard-seed bush, a descending dove and an empty tomb.

In preparation for the sesquicentennial, St. Mark Church was remodeled in 2012, with parishioners removing old flooring and furniture, cleaning the church and reinstalling the pews. Contractors completed the church's painting, flooring and stonework. During that time, parishioners attended Mass at St. Paul Church in Tell City.

The freshly painted church was filled with flowers gleaned from gardens and roadsides by a team of five women, who spent the previous day gathering and arranging them.

“We do this for every Sunday,” said Cathy Hagedorn, a member of St. Mark Parish.

In his homily, Bishop Coyne reflected, “This is the beauty of what we do as Christians: We come together and celebrate extraordinariness, then go out to live ordinary lives and do extraordinary things in the community. As St. Paul says, ‘We are one in Christ’ [Gal 3:28]. I like to think that churches like St. Mark's are places where people can come and be ‘one in Christ.’”

“We think of a cross as a burden,” he continued, “but Jesus is placing upon us a burden of love, to serve each other and those outside the community, to bear witness to Christ's message. This is a burden that lightens us. When you give,

even though it looks like a sacrifice, it's life-giving and you feel joy in serving others.

“Every time you and I come to Mass, we are asked to bring all those large and small sacrifices and lift them up with Christ in the Eucharist.”

Members of Knights of Columbus Bishop Chartrand Council #1172 provided an honor guard for the Mass. Marlene Kunkler and Becky Hubert served as lectors, and J.P. and Pam Hilgenhold presented the offertory gifts.

Altar servers were Levi, Luke and Lane Hilgenhold, Sierra Bruggeman, Jenna Lutgring, Mary and Nick Parker. The musicians were Courtney Berger, Kyle Sweat and Jan Sprinkle.

Before the closing hymn, Father Duvelius surprised the congregation by reading a letter from Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, extending “warm greetings” and the apostolic blessing from Pope Francis, who expressed the hope that the celebration would “inspire all the faithful, especially the young, to bear witness to the faith as members of Christ's body.”

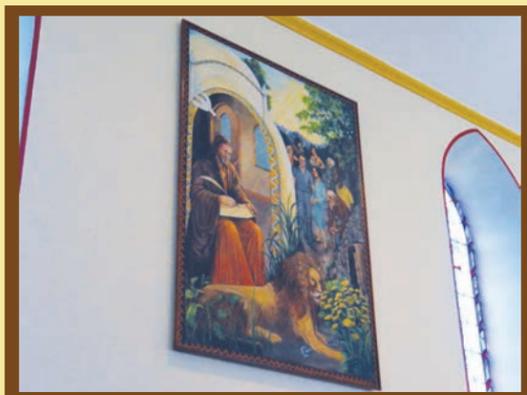
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Former pastor Father Mark Gottemoeller, left, Father Dennis Duvelius, pastor, and Benedictine Father Barnabas Gillespie, former pastor, concelebrate the 150th anniversary Mass with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne.



St. Mark is depicted with numerous Scriptural symbols, including a lion and a dove, in a 1980 painting by Shirley Rogier, a member of St. Mark Parish. The artwork was displayed in the sanctuary for more than 30 years, and is now located on the left rear wall of the church of the Perry County faith community.



Bishop Christopher J. Coyne incenses the altar at the start of the June 23 Mass to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Mark Parish in Perry County in the Tell City Deanery.