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.

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 fellowship 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 tried 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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VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis signed a decree clearing the way for the canonizations of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII, 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 other sainthood causes.

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
The Vatican announced on July 5 that Pope Francis had signed the decree approving his sainthood. "Lumen Fidei" begins with a brief survey of the biblical history of faith, starting with God’s call to Abraham to a 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 worshiping substitutes for him. "Ids 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 Parishes’ belief that salvation is possible through good works alone.

"Those who live this way, who want to be the center of things, make it easier for him to find the last that is neither deeded 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, as Pope Francis writes. "Jesus is both the object of faith and the subject of history, and the faith of believers is expressed in the community as a new light born of an encounter with the person of Jesus,” the pope writes. "It is a new light born of an encounter with the true God, a light which touches us at the core of our humanity, engages our minds, wills and emotions, opening us to relationships lived in communion.”

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"We need to return to the true basis of brotherhood," the pope writes. "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, allowing believers to "discern in it a grammar written by the hand of God and a dwelling place entrusted to our protection and care."

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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 up and 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 redifining 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 for weeks or 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 how 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 1701, 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 1709, the cardinal participated in a ceremony in which the doors of the rebuilt 1675 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 Anamlechi, 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.


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.
"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. Picture are violette 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 this fine work and added a few contributions of my own." Since we have only one pope, this is Pope Francis’ 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" ("God is Love"), was started by Blessed John Paul II and released nine months after Benedict’s election.

Pope Francis tells 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 today in which people consider “truths valid only for their 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.

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For example, board chairmain Bill Eckman’s pride and passion for Marian College and Orthopedic Medicine came through loud and clear on several occasions, including a conversation he had with the pope and pilgrims 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 group his conviction that "God has provided opportunities to me that are not apparent in briefer, more occasional contacts. As a volunteer." At the conclusion of his remarks, Archbishop Tobin said, "I think that we are all here to represent the Marian University on this historic occasion. Individually, and together, Pope Francis and Archbishop Tobin are sending out a message of hope for the universal Church and the Church in Indiana. Pope Francis, who is gregarious and outgoing when he is with people—especially the poor and disenfranchised—is very humble and quiet when he is alone. At times during the papal Mass, we strained to hear him as he led all 10,000 of us in prayer.

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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 repeatedly 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 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 they make 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 times that Pope Francis is touching on—the gossiping, the division, bitterness, resentment, disappointment, whatever it might be.

“We should not 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 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 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 foundational to the spirituality of the 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. 

“The pope is making it a part of our everyday language again. He’s making it a part of our lives 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 a 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 that is 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.

“They 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 we need a reality, and our relationship with Christ will help us fight that reality.”

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**St. Augustine Church Picnic**
Leopold, IN (Perry County)
Sunday, July 28, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CST)
Mass Time 10:30 a.m. (CST)

There will be quilts, quilt raffle, silent auction, bingo, ice cream, games for young and old, baked goods and a grand raffle of 75 prizes totaling $3,500.

Family style chicken dinners will be served by the ticket number system in the air conditioned dining room.

Cost is $8 for adults and $5 for children. Carryouts will be available.

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Events Calendar

July 11-13  
Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 106th St., Indianapolis  
Parish festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 1 p.m.-midnight, Sun. noon-5 p.m.  

July 12  
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4901 W. 116th St., Indianapolis  
Runnance Sale, Thurs. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-noon (2 p.m. weather permitting). Entrance in rear. Information: 317-546-1571.

July 12  
Indiana Golf Club, 10955 Fall Road, Fishers  
Disco on the LightHouse, Little Sisters of the Poor, 15th Annual Swing Fore Seniors golf tournament, registration, 10 a.m., $160 per player blind draw, 18 holes. Information: 317-415-5767 or desivin@email.wcmich.edu.

July 13  
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 824 N. 39th St., Greenwood  
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish School, St. Francis de Sales All School Reunion, noon, 2 p.m. Information: 317-885-7105.

July 13  
South Bend Community Health, 1200 E. Notre Dame Ave., South Bend  
Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit children with special needs. Information: 574-233-3666.

July 15  

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Olde Brownburg Center, Oldenburg  
Contemplative prayer, $5 per person. Information: 812-933-6417 or center@oldenburg.org.

July 18  
St. Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove  
Grassroots Conference, “Eucharistic prayer and community, formation and education.” Information: 812-357-6655 or mtwiner@stbenedictus.org.

July 18  
South Bend Community Health, 1200 E. Notre Dame Ave., South Bend  
Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit children with special needs. Information: 574-233-3666.

Benedict Inn offers day of reflection for teachers on July 29

The Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove is offering 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 Antoette Parcell 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 programming. To register, please visit www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

Retreats and Programs

July 12-14  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 58th St., Indianapolis  

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 benedictus@indyrr.com.

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 at a rare genetic disorder at the age of 12. Anna was a member of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where her parents, Julie and Pete, still worship.

A 5-mile 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 firefighter’s community.

Pre-registration is available online at AnnaCelebratesLife.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, contact AnnaCelebratesLife.org or e-mail BenedictInn@benedictus.org, or log on to www.benedictus.org.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove  
Community Labyrinth Walk, Annie Endisch, facilitator. 7-8:30 a.m. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictus@indyrr.com.

July 19-21  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, Spencer  
Rally for Life, noon-11 p.m., $160 per player for 18 holes of golf. Information: 812-522-5304.

July 20  
St. Mary Parish, Navilleton, 7500 Navilleton Road, Floyd County  
5K Chicken Fun Run/Walk, 8 a.m. Information: 812-923-5419 or www.marymanus.org.

July 20-21  
The St. John the Evangelist Church, 128 W. Washington St., New Albany  
Annual Swing Fore Seniors golf tournament, registration begins July 24, 6:45 a.m., food and music, “July Fest,” Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games, Information: 317-241-6314.

July 24  
St. Mary Parish, Navilleton, 7500 Navilleton Road, Floyd County  
Roast and Yard Sale, info@stmaryparish.in.

July 27-28  
St. Agatha 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, Information: 812-576-4302.

July 28  
St. Augustine Parish, 1802 Lafayette St., Leopold  
Parish picnic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CST, chicken dinner, quilts, games, raffles. Information: 812-849-3570.

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, Office of Family 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 charity and purity on July 18-26. The novena can be found by logging on to www.NFPBishops.org, then selecting “Events.”

People are also invited to St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, for Mass, eucharistic adoration and a reception on July 24. Mass begins at 8:30 p.m. in the daily chapel, immediately followed by adoration, then with reception with speakers at 6:30 p.m.

People of faith are encouraged to process through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on S.R. 250, Brownstown Road, Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 6:30-8:30 a.m., $15 donation, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Information: 317-236-1586, 800-382-9836, ext. 1565 or clinton.benedict@archindy.org.

July 28  
St. Patrick Parish, 5355 S. 56th St., Indianapolis  
Parish Life Center, Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Pre-Cana program, 1-304-30 p.m., $56 per couple. Information: 317-545-7681 ext. 15 or smcsweeney@archindy.org.

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-school brunch at the Riviera Club. The Class of 1963 members in attendance were Jonita (Grawick) Shields, left; Marie (Dreyman) McCracken; Diane (Weimer) Sharp; Martha (LeFevre) Horvath; Marilyn Kamatz; and Barbara (Howard) Hasbrook.
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makes it so special.”

That reaction was shared by Cheryl Tomk-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 the Mass and 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 basilica of Siena for Sunday Mass, they passed an older woman struggling to make it up a hill. 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 Norone, 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 weeks before the pilgrimage, an 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.

“Many people are looking for the same thing 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 beginning of the day on June 27, Archbishop Tobin sat at a table wearing sandals, jeans and a black T-shirt marked by these words in bold, white letters—IMPORTED FROM DETROIT.

“A 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 there, he also took a nod to the renewed foundation of the basilica of St. Mary in 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 25 years with his family. Dressed in sandals, blue jeans and a different black T-shirt, Archbishop Tobin arrived to the airport on June 27 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.

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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 was 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 prayed 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.

“Believing in the possibility 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 have been able to do the same thing across the body and blood of Christ.”

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 arrived to the airport on June 27 to personally say goodbye to the pilgrims, friends and family members who came to Rome with him.

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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.)

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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, Harle Lyne, Father Rick Ginter, 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.
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.

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

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 pilgrimage to Italy passed 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.

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.

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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.
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 their lay members in the Connected in the Spirit planning process.

Archbishop Tobin said the goal of theConnected in the Spirit 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 sacramental lives.

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.

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council received, considered the advice of the Connected in the Spirit planning commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish in the future.

Whereas the planning commission proposed the extinction of Holy Guardian Angels Parish and the merger of its members into St. Michael Parish, with the extinction of Holy Guardian Angels Parish might best be addressed; 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 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:

• 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 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 presented, was convinced 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.

1. 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. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

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

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

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

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the parish; and

Whereas the planning commission recommended the merger of St. Joseph Parish into St. Michael Parish in Brookville, Indiana;

Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council, the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 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 on the same date.

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 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 as 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
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 become members Holy Family Parish of Oldenburg, Indiana; and

Whereas I further decreed that, effective June 1, 2013,

1. The parishes are encouraged to continue to cooperate for the further celebration of masses 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 parishes 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 document 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
Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B., 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 bishops of northern Dearborn County; and

Whereas the information established that the current disposal 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 a Regional Catholic elementary school;

• one of the parishes, St. Paul in New Alsace, currently operates a small Catholic elementary school with an enrollment of approximately fifty five children, but this school has caused parish structures to collapse;

• 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 parishes have expressed either stagnation or a decline in membership for the last decade;

• the numbers of infant and adult baptisms, receptions into the Church, youth confirmations, and marriages have all stagnated or in decline in the four parishes;

• 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 creation of a new parish. Although a new parish should be created pursuant to the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, a second course of action should be taken to address the pastoral needs of northern Dearborn County;

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;

1. 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 Batesville Deanery generally, hereby decree:

1. A new parish is to be erected that will comprise 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. 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.

3. 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 diocesan law and by decrees specific to each of the four parishes.

4. 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.

5. 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 Archdiocese of Indianapolis a name for the new parish.

6. The number and location of the parish Sunday parishes, including the masses and Sunday masses shall be determined by the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator with the advice and consent of the Ordinary.

7. This decree is to be published to the pastors, administrators, or parish life coordinators of the four currently existing parishes, and the parish administrators or parish life coordinators will be notified by the new parish and are to notify their parishioners of the contents of this decree and to make this information available for inspection and copying at the parish offices of the four currently existing parishes.

8. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.

9. This decree is also to be published to the Archdiocesan website.

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

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

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 Chancellor
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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;

1. 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 in St. Leon, Indiana, to be extinguished and its people united 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 to the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.

8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

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

1. St. Martin Parish in Yorkville, Indiana, is to be extinguished and its people united 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. 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.

3. 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.

4. This decree is to be published to the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.

5. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Whereas the parish reported no adult, adolescent, or catechetical needs of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County, has a need for improved catechesis and evangelization; and

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 to 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.

[Signature]
Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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

Chancellor

M. Lentz

St. Martin in Yorkville

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of our 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 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 an entity;
• 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 in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 4 of these were in a single year;
• the parish reported no adult, adolescent, or catechetical programs;
• the cohort representing the currently existing parish has not been recognized by 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 establishment of a new union of St. Martin Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

1. 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 united 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 to 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.

[Signature]
Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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

Chancellor

M. Lentz

St. Paul in New Alsace

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of our 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 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 parish is associated with the school has 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; and
• the school reserves were reduced by 55% in this period;
• the cohort representing the currently existing parishes has 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 establishment of a new union of St. Paul Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and territory of the four currently existing parishes of northern Dearborn County;

1. 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 united 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. 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.

3. 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.

4. This decree is to be published to 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.

[Signature]
Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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

Chancellor

M. Lentz

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 our 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 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Lawrenceburg, 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 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 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 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 Parish in Osgood and Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen

Decree

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.SB., 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, and the pastoral needs of its people 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 40 households and eighty members in the eleven years from 2002 to 2012, and the parish showed a decline in membership to thirty-four households and fifty-five members in 2012; and

• there have been an average of two infant baptisms, no adult baptisms, no confirmations, and fewer than one funeral per year for the eleven years from 2002 to 2012; and

• 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 extensive 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 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 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 Plan of the Deanery, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Denis Parish in Jennings County, 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 no 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 informed of this decision by their respective pastors by their respective parishes; and 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.

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, O.SB., 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 in highs of sixty-two households and one hundred and fifty parishioners in the eleven years between 2002 and 2012; and

• there have been an average of slightly more than two infant baptisms, slightly more than zero adult baptisms, few confirmations, few infants and adults into full communion, fewer than one wedding, and fewer than one funeral per year for the eleven years from 2002 to 2012; and

• the parish church is a converted barn building; and

• 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 extinguishment of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in New Marion, Indiana, with the extinction of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and the merger of its members into Peace of Peace Parish in 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:

• become members of Immaculate Conception Parish; and

• become members of Peace of Peace Parish.

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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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 Chancellor, 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 its existence.

5. This decree is to be published to the website of the Archdiocese and made available for inspection at the offices 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.

6. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.

7. 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

Anne Marie Lenz
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 the parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that the pastoral needs of 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 the 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 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, and 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 administration of 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.

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.

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 new adult members in 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 has 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 with 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

Anne Marie Lenz
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 parishes and the pastoral needs of their 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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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 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 northern Decatur County.

2. The new parish will come into being on the first day of December, 2013.

3. The public juridic person of the parish, which is created by operation of law, shall be governed by 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. Further, each above 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; and

7. The new parish shall be a new parish, subject to the approval of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

8. Further, 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

9. Whereas the parishes working in partnership in order to best meet the pastoral needs of the people of northern Decatur County and having in mind my responsibility to best address the pastoral 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. 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

10. Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council and the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, in their capacity as Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, have considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and to myself, as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

11. Whereas the Decatur County Deanery; and

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

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St. John the Evangelist in Enochsburg

Decree

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Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition 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 northern Decatur County.

2. The new parish will come into being on the first day of December, 2013.

3. The public juridic person of the parish, which is created by operation of law, shall be governed by 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.

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9. Whereas the parishes working in partnership in order to best meet the pastoral needs of the people of northern Decatur County and having in mind my responsibility to best address the pastoral 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. 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

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3. The public juridic person of the parish, which is created by operation of law, shall be governed by 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.

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7. The new parish shall be a new parish, subject to the approval of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

8. Further, 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

9. Whereas the parishes working in partnership in order to best meet the pastoral needs of the people of northern Decatur County and having in mind my responsibility to best address the pastoral 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. 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

10. Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council and the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, in their capacity as Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, have considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and to myself, as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

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1. St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people united into the parish erected in northern Decatur County; and

2. The public juridical person of St. John the Evangelist Parish is to be dissolved.

3. Upon the extinction of St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. Maurice, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of that 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

4. Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parishes 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

5. Whereupon the Planning Commission advised the extinction of the parish and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Decatur County;

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 the Diocese of Indianapolis; and

7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.

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 that 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

8. Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R., Archbishop of Indianapolis, having considered 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 will be comprised of the people and territory of the two currently existing parishes; and

9. The pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, 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; and

10. I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R., Archbishop of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Parish 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 Bateville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:
   1. St. Mary Parish of St. Maurice, Indiana, is to be extinguished and its people united into the parish erected in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
   2. Upon the extinction of St. Mary Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Decatur County, the civil corporation of St. Mary Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
   3. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion.
   4. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.
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 followed the unveiling of a new statue of St. Michael, sculpted by Giuseppe Antonio Lemenisco. 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 evil 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 men 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 is also 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.

Catholic news on July 12, 1963

Priests lead the march against segregation, and the threat of technocracy can be thwarted by Christians

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:

- **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 devotion.**

  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 liturgical and liturgy prayer services via television, radio or “new means of social communication,” the decree said.

  The decree, signed by Cardinal Manuel Monteiro de Albuquerque, 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 captive spirit, they will elevate fervent prayers to God, concluding with the official World Youth Day prayer” as well as prayers to the patronesses 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.

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.

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St. Gabriel celebrates 50 years ministering on Indianapolis’ west side

By Natalie Hoefer

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 Hispanic population of 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 Church. “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 never had 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 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 do, as the archbishop noted in his homily, “a beacon of light not only for each other, but for the neighborhood and the city.”

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The Human Side/Cynthia Dewes

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 and everywhere. It doesn’t matter whether you’re in the United States, Europe, South America, Africa, Asia or anywhere else in the world. Every Catholic church is ultimately under the jurisdiction of the Vatican in Rome.

It is holy because it has the Eucharist and the other sacraments that help us to become holy. They are the divinity of Jesus the ultimate in intimacy with God with this side of heaven. The Catholic Church makes it possible for ordinary people like us to help those for whom we know to become holy—to become holy.

A mark of the Church’s holiness is the large list of people who have shown us how to follow Christ. These people found their holiness in the Church and they can and do likewise. They are our role models as we strive to be holy.

We've been fortunate to have known 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 Ted. He was 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.

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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 anymore. We do care about our families and our work and our hobbies and our friends and our pets. But it seems like the idea of vocation doesn’t involve the expansion of intimacies to include ordinands and their grandparents, and so on ad infinitum.

I understand the Catholic Church in human connections, aside from their own relatives, mainly include friends, colleagues, neighbors and others who they have served. This is of course a large group, but somehow it’s more low-key than the family intimacy 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 or friends or leaders. We discuss their abilities and their past and their personalities. There’s praise, criticism and maybe envy of priests from those in other vocations. We wonder if those lifelong friends are inspired or annoyed by them, as are we 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 married priests we’ve known—the ones who, like our parents or other inspirational people, have enriched our lives with their food and clothing for some in some cases, they’ve been the parents or mentors that we never had.

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The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hendrick

Biking cross-country to atone with wounded warriors

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The Wounded Warrior Project was facing a new challenge on that first Friday of July, back in his hometown and preparing to preside at his father’s father’s funeral. He had been reminded of his next-day commitment to mission preaching, to fill in for a vacating priest from the Diocese of 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 latest donation bag into his blue Toyota Prius and began to cut across Highway 60, a six-and-a-half-hour drive running on empty.

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Sunday Readings

Sunday July 14, 2013

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

The Book of Deuteronomy is one of the five first 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, there are few books that were more 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 devotion to God.

Moses also makes clear to the people that God, while almighty and invisible, and therefore neither bound 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 is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus. Jesus is seen, however, and perfectly so, in the Lord Jesus.

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.

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor of the Church
Exodus 1:14-12
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

Daily Readings

Friday, July 19

Exodus 11:10-12, 34-35
Psalm 116:1-10a, 15-18
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

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

Question Corner

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

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

What is your opinion on consecrated churches? Can these buildings be closed and torn down?

A recent year has seen a shifting landscape type 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 up a number of cases involving churches that canonical procedures were not properly followed when some churches were closed and other buildings were reopened—although sometimes for only limited use, such as funerals for deceased parishioners or Mass on the pastoral 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.

What is your opinion on consecrated churches? Can these buildings be closed and torn down?

Q: Have you 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.

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.”

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 freedom (an annulment) from the Church of the previous marriage—is entitled to participate in certain ways.

For example, you can 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. That is untrue. They can, and indeed must, share in her life.”

My guess, though, is that—especially as parish and even more so in divorce. It is not unknown if I would be denied a Catholic funeral Mass because of our present circumstances. (Virginia Beach, Va.)

If you ever get the chance to stop along the shore and 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 and beautiful haze that sparkles across the water; and every sound you hear you simply identify 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.”

Opportunity

By Cathy Lamperski Dearing

Cathy Lamperski Dearing is associate minister, Ruth sj, 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.
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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.

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Priest spreads the Gospel through loving deeds

By Ellen Flood

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. 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, but 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 your command, I 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.

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Serra Club vocations essay

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.

“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 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,’” he said.

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

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‘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.’”

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

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Theparishbeganin1860whenFatherMichaelMarendtproposed 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 reinstating 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 road sides 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 Kunikler 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 Viganò, 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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By Patricia Happel Cornwell
Special to The Criterion

FERRY 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.”

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