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## 'No borders, no limits'



Pilgrims pack Copacabana beach for the World Youth Day closing Mass in Rio de Janeiro on July 28. In attendance were an estimated 3 million people—one of the largest crowds in the history of World Youth Day.

# Pope commissions young people to be missionaries across the world

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)—Pope Francis commissioned some 3 million young people to join forces and form what could be called Missionaries Without Borders.

“Where does Jesus send us?” he asked World Youth Day pilgrims on July 28. “There are no borders, no limits. He sends us to everyone.”

On the white sand of Copacabana beach—under partly sunny skies, a relief after days of rain in Rio—Pope Francis celebrated the closing Mass for the July 23-28 celebration of World Youth Day Rio.

Although Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI had chosen the theme for the gathering—“Go and make disciples of all nations”—it

was tailor-made for Pope Francis, who continually tells Catholics: “Go out. Go forward. Keep going.”

“Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts

to the whole Church, and that includes you,” he told his beachfront congregation, which included hundreds of thousands who had spent the night on the sand, sleeping or not.

Long journeys, days of rain and sometimes improvised accommodations did not dampen the spirits of the World Youth Day participants. Pope Francis

told them that if they did not share their experience of God's love with others it would be “like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly.”

Jesus did not tell his disciples to share the Gospel “if you would like to, if you have the time,” the pope said. Instead, he commanded them to proclaim the Good News to the world.

Sharing the love and mercy of God and the salvation offered by Christ through the Church “is born not from a desire for domination or power, but from the force of love,” the pope told the young pilgrims, who were joined on the beach by tens of thousands of Rio residents and other Latin Americans, including Brazilian

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## Pope discusses homosexuals, women in the Church and divorce on flight back to Rome

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM BRAZIL (CNS)—From the place of homosexuals in the Vatican and the Church to the role of women in the Church, the pastoral care of the divorced and remarried, and his personal life of prayer, Pope Francis



Pope Francis

responded to several questions about Church teaching and ministry on July 28 when he met reporters on his flight from Rio de Janeiro to Rome.

Regarding the discussion among many in the media that there is a “gay lobby” in the Vatican,

Pope Francis said it was important to “distinguish between a person who is gay and someone who makes a gay lobby,” he said. “A gay lobby isn't good.”

“A gay person who is seeking God, who is of good will—well, who am I to judge him?” the pope said. “The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this very well. It says one must not marginalize these persons, they must be integrated into society. The problem isn't this [homosexual] orientation—we must be like brothers and sisters. The problem is something else, the problem is lobbying either for this orientation or a political lobby or a Masonic lobby.”

The pope's comments on homosexuals were related to his broader responses to questions about calls for reform within the Vatican, which he said the cardinals who elected him clearly expressed a desire.

On the possibility of the Catholic Church ordaining women priests, Pope Francis said, “the Church has spoken and said, ‘no,’” and the form in which Blessed John Paul II declared that was “a definitive formula.”

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## Parish pulls together to lift spirits and build a new church in honor of friends who lived their faith to the fullest

By John Shaughnessy

GREENSBURG—At the time, it seemed almost comical to Kristy Lowe.

The 12 friends had just spent a wonderful weekend in Florida together, capping it off by attending Mass before they headed to the airport to return home to Indiana in two private planes.

As they stood on the tarmac of the runway, one of the six women on the trip hugged another woman, and before long everyone was hugging.

“We were hugging like it was the last time we'd see each other for years and years,” Lowe recalls about that moment on Dec. 2, 2012. “We stepped back and laughed, saying, ‘Oh, my gosh, we're going to see each other in a few hours!’ I thought it was funny.”

Before that day ended, four of those friends—Donald and Barbara Horan and Stephen and Denise Butz—died when Donald Horan's single-engine plane crashed in dense fog near the Greensburg airport.

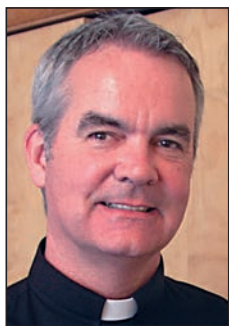
Reflecting on that tragedy, Lowe now believes that hug-filled farewell is the best way for people to say goodbye to each other, no matter how long or soon they expect to see each other again.

“Looking back, I realize how precious it was,” she says. “We got a

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Katina Tekulve, left, and Kristy Lowe discuss plans for the “On Eagle's Wings” 5K Run/Walk that will celebrate the lives of Stephen and Denise Butz and Donald and Barbara Horan during the festival at St. Mary Parish in Greensburg on Aug. 24. Tekulve is logistical coordinator of the event while Lowe is the sponsorship coordinator.



*'They've stepped forward to volunteer, knowing the new church meant so much to the Butz and Horan families. People want to do this in honor of them and their families. I just find it edifying that the community and the parish see the new church as a wonderful goal.'*

—Father John Meyer,  
pastor of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg

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chance to say goodbye to them. I am so glad we had that time with them."

Lowe pauses and adds, "Every aspect of our parish and community life was hit hard by that plane crash."

### A way to honor and remember

Eight months have passed since the tragedy, and the pain and the void created by the loss of the two couples is still there, still deep. So is the desire to remember them and honor them.

That's why St. Mary Parish in Greensburg has added a special event to its annual festival. On Aug. 24, the parish will hold the first "On Eagle's Wings" 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run as a way to celebrate the lives, faith and love that the the Butzes and Horans shared with their family, friends, parish and community.

"Steve and Don ran on a regular basis, and Barb and Denise liked to walk," Lowe says. "We thought this event would honor their physically active lives and their spiritually active lives."

The event is the brainchild of Jeff Dougan and Brian Wenning, co-chairs of the parish festival that both couples were involved in for years.

"I think it's a way to honor them in body, mind and spirit," says Wenning, a self-described "longtime Catholic friend" of Don Horan who delivered the eulogy for the Horans. "I think we'll have a great turnout. It's a testament to how many lives they touched."

The "On Eagle's Wing" event was initially developed as a fundraiser to help the four daughters of the Horans and the two sons of the Butzes, who are all living with relatives of their parents. The families had a different plan.

While a five-year capital campaign raised enough money to build a new St. Mary School that opened at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, there wasn't enough money to build a new church. The families thought the fundraiser should be geared toward completing that goal.

"They explained that if Don, Barb, Steve and Denise were still here, they would be working to raise the funds to build a new church near the new school," Lowe notes. "So they asked that the proceeds generated from the 5K be given to the St. Mary's Building Fund in memory of them. It shows where the families' and the children's hearts are. They were willing to set aside any gain for themselves and put God first."

That attitude has spread to the parishioners, according to Father John Meyer, the parish's pastor.

"They've stepped forward to volunteer, knowing the new church meant so much to the Butz and Horan families," Father Meyer says.

"People want to do this in honor of them and their families. I just find it edifying that the community and the parish see the new church as a wonderful goal."

### Stepping up to the line

As members of the parish prepare for the run and walk, they like to think of how their four friends would react to the event.

"The run-walk just seems fitting because this is something they wanted to do before," says Tricia Burkhart, a St. Mary School mom who was part of a morning walking group with Barb Horan. "One of our routes now is through the cemetery. We stop by the Horans and the Butzes and say hi. I feel proud and honored that I knew them as friends."

That reaction is common among the people of the parish and the larger Greensburg community, Lowe says.

"When help was needed, they were the people who stepped up first," she says.

"Knowing that this is in support of the church, they would be all for it. I can see them on the day of the race running and walking with us. Don would even be rounding up a legion of angels."

Even as she smiles about that thought, Lowe acknowledges the pain that she and so many others feel with the absence of their four friends.

"Have I cried about it? Yeah," she says. "I broke down and cried that they wouldn't be there for this."

Still, she has found strength and comfort in her faith and her fellow parishioners—a reality she sees for many members in the parish.

"When tragedy hits, we do one of two things. We either lean on our faith or we question it," Lowe says. "To any outsiders who are looking at this faith community, we want people to see we are leaning on our faith. We trust God enough that he is aware of this situation, that he is traveling with us, and when things get tough, he will carry us through."

"When you see people reaching out to help others—even when they are hurting—that's when you know that strength comes from something greater than you and I. It comes from God."

Lowe also sees a great purpose in the way her four friends lived, a purpose that she believes people will focus on again on the day of the run and the walk.

"What an incredible world we could live in if we all followed in the footprints that all of them lived—to show the love that all of them showed, to have the relationships that all of them had. They had such a positive influence on so many people."

*(For more information about—and registration for—the "On Eagle's Wings" 5K Run/Walk, check the website, [www.oneagleswings5k.com](http://www.oneagleswings5k.com). Organizers note that the 5K race will be professionally timed.) †*



Youths at St. Mary Parish in Greensburg help to promote the "On Eagle's Wings" 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run at the parish festival on Aug. 24 in honor of parishioners Donald and Barbara Horan and Stephen and Denise Butz, who died in a plane crash on Dec. 2, 2012.



Before her death in a plane crash on Dec. 2, 2012, Barbara Horan was part of a group of mothers at St. Mary Parish in Greensburg who walked four miles together daily. Jenni Hanna, left, Julie Nobbbe, Tricia Burkhart, Jill Moorman and Carol Reed are also members of that group. They will walk in the "On Eagle's Wings" 5K Run/Walk that will honor Barbara and Don Horan and Steve and Denise Butz during the parish festival on Aug. 24.



Denise and Stephen Butz



Donald and Barbara Horan

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**Deacon Oscar Morales**, appointed to ministry at St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis and Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis, and continuing the work of charity at Jail #2.

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# Pope answers questions about Vatican bank, Curia reforms

**ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM BRAZIL (CNS)**—Pope Francis said he was responding to the clear wishes of the College of Cardinals when he set up commissions to study the Vatican bank, Vatican financial and administrative procedures and the reform of the Roman Curia.

Pope Francis held his first news conference on July 28, shortly after the Alitalia flight taking him back to Rome departed from Rio de Janeiro. He answered questions from 21 journalists over a period of 80 minutes. The questions were not submitted in advance and no topics were ruled out of bounds.

Asked about the Vatican bank, Pope Francis said he does not know what will become of the Institute for the Works of Religion, which is the formal name of the scandal-plagued bank. He has appointed an outside commission and is involved in discussions about how to organize it, “how to restore it, reformulate it.”

But he also told journalists traveling with him that “transparency and honesty” were essential at the Vatican bank and that while moral failures by clergy caused scandal and pain, people also needed to recognize that sometimes the media and the public go searching for scandal.

Referring to the institute by its Italian initials, IOR, the pope said, some have suggested it should become a real bank, others say it should be a “charitable fund, others say it should be closed. I don’t know. I have confidence in the work of the people at IOR, who are working a lot, and in the commission,” studying the bank and its role in the universal mission of the Church.

“Whatever it ends up being—whether a bank or a charitable fund—transparency and honesty are essential,” he said.

As for the wider reform of the Roman Curia, Pope Francis said everything he has done so far flows from the concerns and suggestions raised by the College of Cardinals during the meetings they held before the conclave that elected Pope Francis in March.

The cardinals, he said, expressed “what they wanted of the new pope—they wanted a lot of things”—but a key part of it was that the Vatican central offices be more efficient and more clearly at the service of the universal Church.

“There are saints who work in the Curia—cardinals, bishops, priests, sisters,



Pope Francis listens to a question from a journalist on his flight heading back to Rome on July 28. The pope answered questions from 21 journalists over a period of 80 minutes on his return from Brazil.

laity; I’ve met them,” he said, noting that they include those who work full time, then do volunteer work, feed the poor and help out in parishes on weekends.

The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that’s normal, because “a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.”

Pope Francis himself described as “a scandal” the case of Msgr. Nunzio Scarano, a now-suspended official from the Vatican investment office, who was arrested in Italy on June 28 on charges that he allegedly tried to help smuggle millions of euros into Italy from Switzerland.

“He didn’t go to jail because he’s a saint,” the pope said.

Pope Francis was asked about Msgr. Battista Ricca, whom he named interim prelate of the Vatican bank. The monsignor, who had served in the Vatican diplomatic corps, was director of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican residence where the pope lives.

Soon after his nomination was announced, an Italian magazine published

a story claiming Msgr. Ricca had been sent away from a nunciature in Latin American when it was learned that he had a male lover.

Pope Francis told reporters, “I did what canon law said must be done, I ordered an ‘*investigation previa*,’ and this investigation found nothing.”

The pope continued by talking about how “many times in the Church, outside this case, but also in this one, we go searching for the sins—of one’s youth, for example—for publicity. I’m not talking about crimes here—the abuse of a minor is a crime—but of sins.”

“But if a person, whether a layperson, priest or sister, goes to confession and converts, the Lord forgives. And when the Lord forgives, he forgets. This is important,” he said, because those who want the Lord to forget their sins should forget those of others.

“St. Peter committed one of the biggest sins ever—he denied Christ—and he made him pope,” Pope Francis said. The so-called “VatiLeaks”

scandal, which disrupted the end of Pope Benedict XVI’s pontificate, was another issue reporters brought up. The scandal involved the leaking of private correspondence—including to and from the pope. Pope Benedict’s butler was tried, convicted and later pardoned for giving papers to a journalist, but a commission of three cardinals also conducted a wider investigation into how information is used and shared at the Vatican.

All the information collected by the cardinals was given to Pope Francis when he met Pope Benedict at Castel Gandolfo shortly after being elected.

Pope Francis told reporters the large box shown on a table in photos of his meeting with the retired pope contained transcripts of all the interviews conducted during the investigation. The envelope on top of the box contained the summary, a summary Pope Benedict knew almost by heart and explained to Pope Francis, he said.

“It didn’t frighten me, but it’s a big problem,” Pope Francis said. †

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Blessed John Paul said that because Jesus chose only men as his apostles, the Church was not able to ordain women.

However, Pope Francis said, the Catholic Church still has far to go in developing a real theology that explains the importance of women in the Church and how it would be impossible for the Church to live up to its role as mother and bride without the contribution of women.

“It is not enough to have altar girls, women readers or women as the president of Caritas,” he said. “Women in the Church are more important than bishops and priests,” just like “Mary is more important than the apostles.”

Asked about any possibility that the Catholic Church would begin to allow Catholics who have been divorced and remarried only civilly to receive the sacraments, Pope Francis said he wanted to make it clear that divorced Catholics can receive the sacraments. The problems begin when they marry a second time without having their first union annulled.

He said the annulment process needs to be reformed and streamlined, but even more importantly the Catholic Church needs to get serious about developing a comprehensive pastoral program for the family, and that was one topic he planned to discuss on Oct. 1-3 with the commission of eight cardinals he named to advise him on the reform of the Roman Curia and other important matters.

The late Cardinal Antonio Quarracino, his predecessor as archbishop of Buenos Aires, used to say that he thought half the Catholic marriages in the world could be annulled because people marry “without maturity, without understanding it was for one’s entire life or because it seemed socially necessary,” the pope said.

Pope Francis also mentioned the practice of the Orthodox Churches that allow a second marriage—what he called “a second chance”—in some cases, giving the impression that the Catholic practice could undergo modification.

Asked about why he speaks so frequently about God’s mercy, he said, “I think this is a time for mercy,” particularly a time when the Church must go out of its way to be merciful given the “not-so-beautiful witness of some priests” and “the problem of clericalism, for example, which have left so many wounds, so many wounded. The Church, which is mother, must go and heal those wounds.”

“If the Lord never tires of forgiving us, we have no other choice but to do the same,” he said. Pope Francis told the reporters that in the Gospel parable of the Prodigal Son, when the young man returned after squandering his inheritance, “his father didn’t sit him down and say, ‘How did you spend the money?’ but he threw a party.”

And, the pope said, the father “didn’t just wait for his son, he went out to look for him.”

A Brazilian journalist asked Pope Francis why he did not speak out during his trip against proposals to liberalize Brazil’s abortion laws and to legalize gay marriage.

“The Church already has spoken on these issues,” he said. “Young people understand perfectly what the Church’s point of view is.”

A Portuguese reporter told the pope it seemed a bit odd to hear a pope repeatedly asking people to pray for him.

“When I was a priest, I asked people to pray for me, but not as often,” he said. “I started asking with some frequency when I began the work of a bishop because I believe we need the Lord’s assistance in this work to help the people of God move forward.”

In addition, the pope said, “I truly feel I have many limits, even sins” and so is in need of prayer.

Pope Francis said he still considers himself a Jesuit, but first he posed a tricky logic problem: “The Jesuits make a special vow of fidelity to the pope. But if the pope is a Jesuit, does he have to make a vow to the superior of the Jesuits?”

“I am a Jesuit in my spirituality, a spirituality involving the [Spiritual] Exercises [of St. Ignatius],” he said. “And I think like a Jesuit,” he said, but smiled and quickly added, “but not in the sense of hypocrisy.”

As for his decision to continue living at the

Domus Sanctae Marthae, the Vatican guesthouse, he insisted it was a matter of liking to have a lot of people around and not a statement about simplicity or austerity, although he said both are essential for every minister in the Church.

“I couldn’t live alone or with just a few people,” he said. The papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace “isn’t luxurious—it’s large, it’s big, but not luxurious.” He said he was telling the whole truth when he met students from Jesuit schools and told them his housing choice was a “psychological necessity.”

He said people were mistaken if they thought the cardinals who work in the Curia live a life of luxury.

“They don’t live like rich men, they live in little apartments,” he said.

Looking ahead, Pope Francis said he was looking forward to canonizing Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II, but choosing a date has become tricky.

First, he said, he thought the Dec. 8 solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary would be appropriate, but that would make it difficult for poorer Polish pilgrims who would have to travel winter roads by bus. The late-November feast of Christ the King—which also is the end of the Year of Faith—is a possibility, he said, but it is probably not enough time to prepare. The best guess, he said, is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, the Sunday after Easter in 2014.

Pope Francis also responded to a question about his relationship with retired Pope Benedict. Pope Francis smiled warmly and spoke with admiration of the retired pope’s humility, intelligence and prayerfulness.

The unusual situation of having a pope and a retired pope both living at the Vatican is working out very well, although he said he has tried to encourage Pope Benedict to feel freer to invite people over, to go in and out and to join him for events.

Having the retired pope nearby to consult with or ask questions of, he said, “is like having a grandfather at home—a very wise grandfather.” †



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## Editorial



World Youth Day pilgrims from the United States pray after receiving Communion from New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan during a Mass at the Rio Vivo Welcome Center in Rio de Janeiro on July 24. The site also featured prayer and worship experiences, music, media and videos, motivational speakers, cultural presentations and networking activities for World Youth Day pilgrims.

## The Americanization of Catholics

The Catholic Church in the United States has its work cut out for itself. Somehow, it has to do a better job of teaching its members the truths that it has been teaching for nearly 2,000 years, and convincing them that they still apply to life in our modern society.

During most of the history of the United States, Catholic leaders tried to convince their fellow citizens that Catholics were true Americans. It appears that the Church has been too successful.

It was often an uphill battle, with periods of persecution. Society was proudly WASP (white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant), and the WASPs wanted to keep it that way. The Know Nothings in the 1850s and the Ku Klux Klan that was so powerful in Indiana in the 1920s are only two examples of groups that didn't want Catholics in the United States.

Things changed for Catholics in the United States after World War II when, for the first time for most Catholic families, and because of the G.I. Bill, they were able to go to college and enter the professions. They moved from the ghettos to the suburbs, and gradually became members of the mainstream. Today, they definitely are part of mainstream America.

And that's the problem.

Unfortunately, Catholics became Americanized just at the time that American society began to become more secular. The mainstream Protestant churches (Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and a few others) began to lose their influence. For example, public schools used to include prayers and the study of the Bible, but the courts decided that such practices violated the separation of Church and state.

The 1960s saw the beginning of what became known as the sexual revolution, especially after the invention of the birth control pill. Attitudes toward sexual activities outside of marriage changed. Women began to wear more revealing clothes. Television and movies included more and more sex and crude language.

All of that has spread throughout our society as it has become more secularized. Cohabitation has become common, and it's no longer a stigma for women to have children outside of marriage. Fewer people today consider

themselves religious, and polls show an increase in the number of those who say they practice no religion.

Unfortunately, too many Catholics have joined other Americans in all of this. Although the teachings of the Church haven't changed, the practices of Catholics have.

Thus, we know that many fewer Catholics now attend Mass every weekend. Divorce rates among Catholics are about the same as for non-Catholics. Catholic couples live together before marriage at the same rate, and the number of Catholic weddings has dropped. They are getting abortions at about the same rate.

Catholics also now seem to have the same attitudes toward social justice, capital punishment, redefining marriage, and the American consumerist lifestyle as other Americans. Many Catholics are no longer countercultural. Instead of evangelizing the culture, as they started to do back in the 1950s when Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was so popular on TV, they have become evangelized by it.

There was a time when Catholic schools prepared most Catholic children to know and live their religion, but today most Catholic children do not attend Catholic schools. They must get their instruction from weekly religious education classes—if, that is, their parents care enough to send them.

The American culture is also responsible for the dearth of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Parents don't encourage such vocations as they once did.

So that's why we say that the Catholic Church in the United States has its work cut out for it. It's going to be extremely difficult, but we'd better get started.

There are some encouraging signs. World Youth Day showed once again that there are many young people who want to practice their faith, and that has been shown in our archdiocese, too. Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad and Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis are full and building new facilities. Some of our parishes have seen increases in the number of people going to weekday Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, and worshiping in adoration chapels.

We just have to see a lot more of that to counteract the secularism of our American culture.

—John F. Fink

Be Our Guest/Emily Glandon

## Closing of parishes could have adverse consequences, writer says

Amen, I say to Mary Jo Duvall, on her letter in the June 21 issue of *The Criterion*. ("Parish closings, mergers are incredibly sad for affected families, writer says.")

As a member of St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish in Franklin County—one of the 12 parishes to be extinguished—my heart is saddened and filled with disbelief.

For a person directly affected by this decision, it feels like we are no more than part of a large corporation, and this was "just business, nothing personal."

But for me, and I am sure for many others, it is personal. St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish is my home and my family. And my foundation for my faith in Jesus Christ is at the center of it all.

St. Mary-of-the-Rock may not be the largest parish, but our faith here is very much alive, growing, and thriving. I am a mother of five young children, and St. Mary of the Rock Parish is a loving Catholic family where my husband and I hope to raise our children up in the faith.

When one walks through the doors of St. Mary-of-the-Rock Church, not only will they see the beauty of this place, but they will see the people. And these people are the descendants of those who cleared and bought the ground, built the church and kept it alive for decades, rebuilt it after a fire, and kept it alive for even more decades.

These are the people who see the value in a close-knit community, and these are the people who are finding more to life and love in Jesus Christ because of this incredible rural church.

Where should these people go? The elderly man who knows nowhere else, or the young couple eagerly trying to get on their feet and follow the Catholic religion, or the family who have teenagers who are just now learning about the power of prayer and faith, or the many families with young children who have the strongest desire to keep them

in this amazingly close community of learning and loving? Where can they go to get this same feeling?

Some people say closing a parish is like dealing with the loss of a loved one, but for me it feels as though our parish is like children going through an awful divorce where the family splits up and goes in different directions, and I fear many may never find their way back to the Catholic Church. Divorce breaks up families. This decision is breaking up mine and many others' Church family. Is this decision really the best idea for our faith?

As for Duvall's concern and a question in her letter, "There are a number of parishes in our archdiocese that are as small—or smaller—than the parishes being closed. What does the future hold for those parishes?"

I am sorry to say, but I would respond their fate appears to me to be going in the same direction. Since the decree has been written, we at St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish keep hearing, "It is not your fault."

St. Mary-of-the-Rock is a successful parish spiritually and financially. Therefore, that just leaves the issue of the priest shortage.

The priest shortage is nothing new. We continue to pray for vocations and help financially to support the education of priests, yet it is an issue the Catholic Church continues to deal with—or not deal with.

It seems to only be getting worse, as the situation has for many decades. Because of this problem and at this rate, in five years the archdiocese will have to close even more churches causing more heartache to our faith communities.

They need to start focusing more on the real issue instead of closing our churches.

(Emily Glandon is a member of St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish in Franklin County.)

## Letters to the Editor

### Publication does good job highlighting breadth of issues within universal Church

This is to compliment the staff for an outstanding July 12 issue of *The Criterion*.

John Shaughnessy's coverage of the Rome pilgrimage was obviously the keynote piece in the issue, but the complimentary coverage of how Pope Francis' messages melded with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin's personal impact on the pilgrimage participants fit very well.

In addition, Sean Gallagher's coverage of the evil around us was particularly appropriate and relevant for today. I'd like to see you follow this up not with just the pope's messages, but also that of everyday followers of Jesus.

Although "buried" somewhat in the back pages, the Catholic News Service article on the new pope's emphasis consecrating Vatican City to St. Joseph and St. Michael the Archangel is equally significant and important for those of us trying to find our ways through the "media-mash" bombarding our everyday lives.

Lastly, the special supplement on the Batesville Deanery was critical—to those in that deanery dealing with the tightening changes they are facing, but also to the many other parishioners facing those same possibilities in their parishes throughout the archdiocese.

I recently returned from a family trip to Rochester, N.Y. The parish my family attends has been a big one for years with at least three priests ministering there. Now, they just have one priest and two deacons. A big change for them, but certainly a sign of the times.

There is a substory to this particular

situation that I think you could explore—the role of religious sisters from the various orders guiding our parishes more and more. They are often unsung heroes to their friends and supporters—those such as the late Benedictine Sister Mildred Wannemuehler at St. Agnes Parish in Nashville as well as her successor, Holy Cross Sister Eileen Fagan. If it weren't for these leaders, many of our parishes would be in much more difficult shape.

Then, too, there are the likes of priests carrying increased loads—such as Father John Hall, who is pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Martinsville but also ministers to parishioners at Our Lady of Spring Parish in French Lick and Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Parish in Paoli.

But my initial compliment is to *The Criterion* staff as you try to manage the coverage of these parish changes along with a new archbishop and new pope—both of whom keep you editorially hopping with their refreshing actions and messages.

Paul Petrotta  
Bloomington

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# Agencies address realities of human trafficking among teenage victims

WASHINGTON (CNS)—With an estimated 27 million people being trafficked around the world for sex and labor throughout the year, according to the U.S. State Department, it's not easy to crack down on the lucrative trade in people.



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First, it's profitable. Tens of billions of dollars are at stake and traffickers who operate modern-day slave networks are not likely to give up their lucrative ventures. Second, the people being victimized are on the margins of the world's societies, largely ignored and forgotten.

In the U.S., the numbers are smaller, but still significant. The State Department's 2013 Trafficking in Persons report finds 17,500 people from other countries being trafficked into the U.S. annually. Victim advocates and law enforcement officials estimate that an additional 300,000 American teenagers are trafficked yearly, almost exclusively for sex. Statistics on adult victims are more fluid and harder to quantify.

Girls 14 to 16 years old are most in demand, the "gold standard," said Celia Williamson, professor of social work at the University of Toledo in Ohio, who has worked with trafficking victims for 20 years.

A 2012 survey of 33 sex-trafficking survivors—all girls or young women—by anti-trafficking groups Shared Hope International, ECPAT-USA and The Protection Project at Johns Hopkins University, found that 55 percent of respondents were younger than 18 when they were first trafficked. Just 12 percent of respondents were older than 25. Astoundingly, 15 percent of respondents said they were 10 years old or younger when they were first trafficked.

Sex trafficking can occur anywhere and for a variety of reasons, said Mindi Kuebler, a forensic nurse at the Nord Center, which provides mental health services in Lorain, Ohio, 28 miles west of Cleveland.

"We're no different than any other, whether a big city or a little city," Kuebler told Catholic News Service. "Human trafficking exists because it's a form of money for these criminals. If they can easily access the vulnerability of a boy or a girl, then they're going to do it."

Kuebler is among the organizers of the Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County, an effort that has emerged over the last year to complement the educational work of the Collaborative



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Initiative to End Human Trafficking, a six-year-old effort of a dozen congregations of women religious spanning northern Ohio from Youngstown to Toledo.

Both efforts focus on education and raising awareness of the dangers of trafficking. Many presentations occur in schools because children are the most vulnerable to exploitation.

Labor trafficking is another story and gets scant attention compared with the effort to expose sex trafficking. In one recent case, federal prosecutors in June charged four people from Ashland, Ohio, with forced labor. They are accused of keeping a disabled woman and her young daughter in captivity for two years to work for them.

U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach said they also compelled the woman to beat the girl and threatened to show police a video of her carrying out the beating.

The trafficking organizations and the Toledo programs, which Williamson spearheaded, have kept Ohio in the forefront of the fight against human trafficking. The work of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Second Chance, a program of Toledo Area Ministries that assists exploited women, have identified hundreds of victims since 1993.

The work in northwest Ohio has led to notoriety, of sorts, for Toledo. In 2011, the city ranked fourth in the numbers of arrests, investigations and rescues of

children involved in sex trafficking, behind only Miami, Portland, Ore., and Las Vegas.

Williamson told CNS that Toledo's reputation is a result of the community's intense effort to reach out to victims.

"The truth is we made noise. We told people about our family secret and we decided we were not going to keep the secret. We began asking for help, developing reports, doing research and bringing forth services for victims. And people started looking for victims and started finding them," Williamson said.

"If you believe victims are there, you will look. If they're really there, you'll find them."

The challenge for victim advocates, however, is finding adequate shelter once trafficking survivors are discovered. Nationally, few places exist that specifically focus on the needs of sexually exploited people.

One such place is The Daughter Project, a year-old program in suburban Toledo. Jeff Wilbarger, a mathematics teacher who felt God called him to start the program, said two girls were in the home in mid-July. Two other girls who moved in last fall eventually "ran," apparently returning to their exploiters, he said.

"The whole running thing was one of the most shocking things," Wilbarger said. "It's all that brainwashing, the attachment disorder. She gets connected to this guy."



CNS photo/Jim West

Above, Mercy Sister Anne Fleming leads a prayer for victims of human trafficking on Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Detroit in early January. Religious orders and Catholic Charities agencies across the U.S. are increasing efforts to raise awareness about human trafficking and to give aid to its victims.

Left, FBI special agent Stephen Anthony, right, talks alongside U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach at a June 18 news conference held at the Justice Center in Cleveland to discuss the arrest of four individuals accused of human trafficking in Ashland County, Ohio. Human trafficking, whether for labor or sex, has proven to be a difficult challenge for advocates and social workers seeking to reduce its prevalence across the U.S.

Mary Schmidbauer, program director at Second Chance, said running is common. She said that in many cases a young woman has developed an attraction to her exploiter—who has provided for her material needs—to the point of overlooking the verbal and physical abuse, rapes or forced captivity that she may have endured.

Williamson said the best arrangement, especially for teenagers, is a return home, where family relationships can be rebuilt and the prospect for running is greatly reduced.

Nationwide, Catholic Charities agencies have begun to identify more trafficking victims among shelter residents and have started stepping up efforts to meet their needs, said Candy Hill, executive vice president for social policy and external affairs at Catholic Charities USA.

The challenge of maintaining a continuous flow of services specifically designed for each individual trafficking victim remains, and the likelihood that a victim will run is always present, according to Hill.

She said the agency, in cooperation with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, surveyed diocesan agencies to determine what services are offered to trafficking victims. The goal is to identify victims' needs and develop solutions to help end the cycle of exploitation that has characterized so many lives. †

## British bishops: Despite law, Church can't accept gay marriage

LONDON (CNS)—The legalization of gay marriage cannot change Christian teaching on sexual morality, and the Catholic Church cannot accept marriages of same-sex couples, the bishops of England and Wales said in a document that was to be distributed in parishes on July 27-28.

Catholics must "accept their calling" to be "out of step with popular culture" and "to live faithfully by the teaching we have received," said the document, titled "The Narrow Gate."

The bishops suggest how Catholics should behave following passage of the Marriage (Same-Sex) Couples Act, which became law on July 17 and opened the door for same-sex marriages to occur as early as summer 2014.

The document was written and signed on July 6 by Archbishop Vincent G. Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It presents Catholics with a mandate on how they should respond to a law which, the archbishop said, creates a sense that they are "strangers in their own land."

Upholding Church teaching that all sexual activity outside of the legitimate marriage of one man and one woman is sinful, the document stressed that marriage is a lifelong, faithful commitment "ordained by nature and by God for the creation of the family and future generations."

"It is clear that the Catholic Church cannot accept

the validity in Church law of same-sex marriages," the document said.

The law represents "the deconstruction of marriage as it has been understood for millennia" and "completes the privatization of marriage, so that its central content is whatever the couple wish to construct," the document said.

"Marriage is no longer a truly public institution, at the basis of society. In passing this act, with widespread support among sections of our population, our society has taken a significant step away from its Judeo-Christian foundations," the document said.

"Marriage is the place where sexual relations find their proper place and God-given purpose. Both as a natural, human institution and as raised by the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament, marriage provides the best circumstances for the birth and nurture of children and forms the most reliable links and supports between the generations," it said.

The document acknowledged that the "intrinsic link between sexual relations and the procreation of children has in practice long been abandoned" and that there are other areas where Church teaching conflicts with social norms.

"We try to present and live by Catholic teaching as given by God for the ultimate good for each person. This may indeed lead us to feel, in these matters, out of step with popular culture. But that is our calling and not a matter for discouragement. Rather, with the confidence of faith, we stay resolute, encouraging one another and all who recognize the values we wish to uphold," the document explained.

"Our place as followers of the Lord is not fashioned for our comfort. But nor is our discomfort something about which we should complain," the document added. "From the

outset until today, the Lord's call to follow him has meant standing apart, quite clearly in some times and places. However, that apartness is neither separation from nor disdain for our society."

The document suggested three principles to guide Catholics in their dealings with their families, with other Christians and with wider society.

The first is to "robustly and intelligently" present the teaching of the Church on marriage, primarily through the faithful witness of their own lives.

The second is to "make every effort to accompany one another through the difficulties and trials of life," especially with prayer and regular reception of the sacraments.

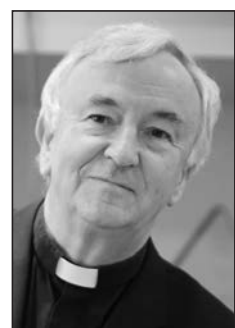
"The third principle is that we are always willing to engage in dialogue and conversation with those who see things differently," the document said.

In the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in northwest England, Bishop Mark Davies has written an accompanying pastoral letter that was to be read during weekend Masses.

"We are facing together a completely new situation which invites us—with growing urgency—to engage in a 'new evangelization' and a courageous lay apostolate," Bishop Davies said in the letter.

He warned parishioners that by remaining faithful to Church teaching they may be accused of bigotry or of embracing an "outmoded understanding of human relationships."

But the bishop said he has "no doubt that it is through such witness—your own witness—that the Christian foundations increasingly discarded by the leaders of our society will be discovered anew." †



Archbishop  
Vincent G. Nichols

## Events Calendar

### August 2-3

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. **Parish yard sale**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville. **Parish festival**, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., games, food, entertainment, silent auction, chicken and noodles dinner, raffle. Information: 317-485-5102.

Great Lakes Gabriel Project, 8931 Indian Creek Road South, Indianapolis. **Garage Sale**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: Ron and Mary Kramer, 317-527-9531 or [ronmarykramer@comcast.net](mailto:ronmarykramer@comcast.net).

### August 2-4

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, Retrouvaille Weekend: A Lifeline for Marriages**. Information: 317-489-6811 or [www.retroIndy.com](http://www.retroIndy.com).

### August 3

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. Highway 52, Cedar Grove. **First Saturday Devotional Prayer Group**, Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, meditation, petitions, confession available, 8 a.m. Information: [pahren@live.com](mailto:pahren@live.com).

### August 4

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Highway 337 NW, Frenchtown. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., chicken and ham dinners, quilts. Information: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, Fulda. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., famous soup, food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

### August 6

St. Monica Parish, Parish Meeting Center, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **Catholic Adult Fellowship**, discussion of Chapter 1 of "Lumen Gentium" ("Light of the Nations"), 7-8:30 p.m. CAF is for all Roman Catholic adults age 21+. The PMC is the small, 1-story building on the SE corner of the campus. Information: 317-410-4870.

### August 7

St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **Adoration service for vocations, "An Evening with Jesus,"** 7 p.m., reception following service. Information: 317-255-7153 or [saraconway16@gmail.com](mailto:saraconway16@gmail.com).

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **"Cookies and Conversation,"** 7 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065 or [beiltra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beiltra@sbcglobal.net).

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-370-1189.

### August 8

St. Nicholas Parish, 6459 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. **Servant of God Ministries, "Night of Healing Praise,"** Bill Richart, presenter, 7 p.m., free-will offering. Information: 812-623-2964 or [servantsofgod@etczone.com](mailto:servantsofgod@etczone.com).

### August 10

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

### August 10-11

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, New Alsace. **Parish festival**, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, pork tenderloin dinner, music, kids games. Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-623-1094.

### August 11

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, Lanesville. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

### August 13

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild**, meeting, 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-865-0910 or [cjtoshoe@comcast.net](mailto:cjtoshoe@comcast.net).

### August 15

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

### August 16

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, breakfast and program, "Faith Grounded by Service," Doug Carter, Superintendent, Indiana State Police, presenter, 6:30-8:30 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members. Reservations and information: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

### August 16-17

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. **"Auguststravaganza,"** 5K walk/run 9 a.m., \$20/person or \$60/family of 4+, rides, food, music, entertainment, Mass Sat. 5:30 p.m., festival 4 p.m.-midnight. Information: 317-357-1200.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis. **"Sausage Fest,"** food, music, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 6:30-midnight. Information: 317-253-1461.

### August 18

St. Pius Parish, 7940 E. County Road 500 E., Sunman. **Parish picnic**, chicken dinner, mock turtle soup, games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-689-4244.

Catholic Community of Richmond, 701 N. "A" St., Richmond. **Charismatic prayer group**, 7 p.m. Information: [dicksoncorp@parallax.ws](mailto:dicksoncorp@parallax.ws).

### August 21

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

### August 22-24

St. Ann Parish, 6350 S. Mooresville Road, Indianapolis. **Parish festival**, rides, games, food, 5-11 p.m. Information: 317-821-2909.

### August 23-24

Prince of Peace Parish **"Community Festival"** at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Madison. Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, food, rides, games. Information: 812-265-4166.

### August 24

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. **5K Run/Walk**, 9 a.m., \$15 pre-registration, \$50 pre-registration family of 4-6. **"Fall Kick-Off Fest,"** food, music, games, movies, \$1 adults, under 21 free, 4-11 p.m. Information: 317-257-2266.

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

### August 24-25

St. Mary Parish Festival held at St. Mary's School, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg. **"On Eagle's Wings,"** 5K walk/run Sat. in memory of Steve and Denise Butz and Don and Barb Horan, 8-11 a.m., Mass 4:30 p.m. **Festival**, Sat. 5:30-11 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, bake sale, music, Sun. fried chicken dinner 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 812-663-8427. †

## St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg offers series on end of life issues

St. Malachy Parish, 9833 E. County Road 750 N. in Brownsburg, will offer a series of six sessions on end of life issues entitled "Getting Your House in Order" from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Aug. 21-Sept. 25.

The session topics are:  
Aug. 21—Protecting Your Family: Strategies and Documents

Aug. 28—Taking Control: Your Financial House, What goes Into Planning  
Sept. 4—Preparing for Alternative Housing: Senior Living Options, At-Home Care, Hospice Care  
Sept. 11—Choosing Final

Arrangements: Catholic Church Resources, Funeral Costs, Cremation, Preplanning, Cemetery Options, Payment Arrangements

Sept. 18—Avoiding Surprises: Who Pays What, Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care

Sept. 25—Round Table Wrap-Up (presenters return to summarize and answer questions)

While there is no cost, registration is requested. To register or for more information, contact Sister Barbara at 317-852-3195, [breeder@stmalachy.org](mailto:breeder@stmalachy.org), or log on to [www.saintmalachyparish.org](http://www.saintmalachyparish.org). †

## Basilica of the Sacred Heart to celebrate 125th anniversary

All are invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., bishop of Peoria, Ill., honoring 125 years of prayer and worship at the University of Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located in Notre Dame, Ind., in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at 4 p.m. on Aug. 16.

The Mass will feature music from alumni of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. A reception in the rotunda will follow.

The Basilica—the oldest church of the Congregation of the Holy Cross—serves as the order's principal church in the United States and as the cornerstone of liturgical life at the University of Notre Dame.

The Basilica was consecrated by the Bishop Joseph G. Dwenger, then-bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., on Aug. 15, 1888.

For those unable to attend the Aug. 16 Mass in the Basilica, log on to

<http://campusministry.nd.edu/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass-online/basilica-125th-anniversary-mass> to live-stream the Mass online.

The Basilica is open to the public year-round from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. when school is in session, and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. during holiday breaks or when school is not in session. Visitors are invited to come inside and pray or take a self-guided tour. Tour guides are also available to answer questions.

Mass in the Basilica is celebrated twice daily while the university is in session, and once daily during breaks. Each weekend there are three Sunday Masses celebrated for students, faculty, staff and community members.

For more information about the Basilica and the Mass schedule, log on to <https://campusministry.nd.edu/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/>. †

## Connersville bicentennial



Children from St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville ride on a float depicting the parish's first and current church buildings in the Connersville bicentennial parade on July 6. The parish was established in 1851, 38 years after the town was founded by John Conner. The current church structure was dedicated in 1884.



Garrie Rader, left, Dave Pflum, Terry Gough and Tom Becht stand in front of the nearly completed replica of the current church. The model included exact replicas of the church's stained glass windows. The float was constructed by Tom Becht, Lynda Curry, Terry Gough, Jim Holmes, Scott Holmes, Judy and Terry Hreno, Dave Pflum and Ashley, Garrie and Pam Rader.

## VIPs



**Dick and Carole (Baron) Shanley**, members of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3.

The couple was married on Aug. 3, 1963, at St. Saviour Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They have three children, Michael, Richard and Scott Shanley. They also have eight grandchildren.

They will be sharing a dinner with family and friends to celebrate, followed by a trip to Europe in late August. †



**Thomas and Madonna (Poole) Smith**, members of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3.

The couple was married on Aug. 3, 1963, at St. Ann Church in Indianapolis.

They are the parents of three children, Jeannine Smith, Lisa Taylor and Thomas Smith. They also have eight grandchildren. †

# From credit to crayons: Parish converts credit union to preschool

By Natalie Hoefler

CLARKSVILLE—St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville was in need of a new preschool building. Their old one was just too small to meet their growing needs.

Who better to turn to for finding a building than their own patron, St. Anthony of Padua, the patron saint known for finding things?

“We had prayed to St. Anthony for help, but I guess we just didn’t believe that it could ever come true,” says Sheila Noon, principal of St. Anthony School.

St. Anthony delivered. “Many years ago, St. Anthony’s had a credit union on the property,” Noon explains. “We had to let it go. It was sold 10-15 years ago to a parishioner who used it as a training facility for tax seminars.

“He approached us in January, saying he wanted to get rid of it. It was like the sky opened, and we got a gift from God.”

Conventual Franciscan Father Joseph West, pastor of St. Anthony parish, admits, “I was a little skeptical at first, moving a preschool into an old credit union [building] because I thought it was going to take a lot of renovation. But I was really shocked to see how we had to do nothing.”

The need for a new preschool building came to light as a result of the parish’s recent strategic planning process.

“The preschool is a feeder for our main school and is very much needed,” says Father West. “Plus,

in our old [preschool] parents would say, ‘We work all day and need extended care.’ We just didn’t have the facility for that.”

What they had was “a one-bedroom house [on the property], and that’s what we’ve been using for the preschool for 15-20 years,” says Noon. “It was so small we had to limit our enrollment and the extended care that parents wanted.”

With the converted credit union building, there is now the space to meet both needs—higher enrollment and extended care.

“Our extended care is not just day care,” says Bedeva Steuer, teacher of the class for 4-year-old children. “With our extended care, there is also an enrichment program. So when [children] stay all day, we’re building upon what they learned in preschool. Our extended care folks have lesson plans every day that I give them so they can build upon what we’ve done.”

As for higher enrollment, Father Joseph says, “We already have more children signed up than our old facility ever could have handled. When this [building] came along, we were pretty confident we could fill it, and so far we’ve been right, praise God!”

Currently there are 14 children registered for the class for 3-year-old children, which meets twice a week. The class for 4-year-olds has 30 registered students and meets five days a week. Both classes offer morning or afternoon sessions, with a full-day option also available for the older children.

Noon looks for the enrollment to rise, and will hire more assistants in the future. She strives for a 1-to-10 teacher/student ratio in both classes.

But first things first—the building had to be prepared for its new little tenants.

The prior owner vacated the building in early June. Shortly after, Noon, Steuer and many others scurried to convert the building from stark and institutional to inviting and fun.

“It’s a work in progress,” says Noon, “but it’s been exciting.”

A blessing ceremony led by Father Joseph and an open house were held at the renovated preschool on July 14. With Clark County changing to a balanced school year, the preschool opened on July 31.

Noon is thrilled that the preschool will now have its own art room. Previously, the students went to the larger St. Anthony School for art class.

“We have so many more things we can do now,” says Kristi Lynch, teacher of the class for 3-year-olds who will also be helping with the 4-year-olds. “We have different areas for kids to do different things at different times. We can split them up and teach them at their level. It’s just really exciting.”

Many at the open house shared her enthusiasm.

Jacque Singleton, third-grade teacher at St. Anthony School and a member of the parish, recalls both the old preschool and the new preschool when it was a bank.

Photos by Natalie Hoefler



Conventual Franciscan Father Joseph West, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville, blesses the people and the new preschool—a former credit union building located on the parish’s property—on July 14.



Sophie Singleton gets a hug from her former preschool teacher, Kristi Lynch, at the open house of the new preschool—a converted credit union building—for St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville on July 14.

“I went to kindergarten in the little building. We banked here [in the new preschool] when it was a bank. It’s beautiful now. It’s so big! The little building was so tiny. This is such a blessing.” Her daughter, Sophie, started in the class for 4-year-olds on July 31.

Natalie and Nathan McGarvey are also impressed by their parish’s new preschool.

“I knew it would be nice, but I didn’t think it would be this nice,” says Natalie.

Nathan recalls the building from his days banking at the credit union.

“What they’ve been able to do with it is fantastic,” he said. “I was interested to see how they’d take it from a bank to a preschool. They did a great job.”

But the real seal of approval comes from their daughter, young scholar Coralee, who attended

the smaller preschool last year and will soon enter the class for 4-year-olds.

Her verdict?  
“I like it. It’s bigger.” †

## St. Mary's Festival August 24-25

### SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:00am (until 11:00am)

“On Eagle’s Wings” 5K in memory of Steve & Denise Butz and Don & Barb Horan ([www.oneagleswings5k.com](http://www.oneagleswings5k.com))

4:30pm

Evening Mass (in school gymnasium)

5:30pm (until 11pm)

“Adult Night”

Pork Chop Meal  
Pork Chop Sandwich  
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# WYD Rio 2013

## 'Go and make disciples...'

### Local Catholics join millions at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro



World Youth Day participants from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis pose in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The group departed Indianapolis on July 21 to join young adults from around the world for a week-long pilgrimage of catechesis, prayer and worship. An estimated three million participants joined Pope Francis for Mass on July 28.



Julie Doran, left, Meghan Bender, Brock Leach and Braden Gasper pray during adoration on Copacabana Beach on July 27.



Kate Eder shares faith stories during catechesis with other pilgrims from around the world.



Archbishop Gabriel Charles Palmer-Buckle of Accra, Ghana and Father Jonathan Meyer, sing "Lean on Me" during a catechesis session.



Pilgrims make their way to Copacabana Beach in Rio for the Vigil Mass on July 27.



Patrick Hofer, left, and Caitlin Ehrmann participate in the flash mob at the Pope's arrival for the closing Mass on July 28.



Pope Francis waves to the young adults on his way to the Vigil Mass in Rio on July 27.



Young adults spell "Rio" on July 21 in the Indianapolis International Airport before departing for Rio de Janeiro.



Matt Faley, director of the archdiocesan Young Adult and College Campus Ministry, leads the group in prayer in Rio de Janeiro.



# Sister's time travel series takes children back to Jesus' time

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (CNS)—Sister Maria Grace Dateno remembers reading voraciously as a child, but she never thought she would become an author of children's fiction about time travel.

Her series, *Gospel Time Trekkers*, is being published by Pauline Books and Media. The official release date of the first three books in the series was Aug. 1.

Sister Maria Grace has high hopes. "I want children to know that what they have learned about Jesus aren't just stories," she said in an interview. "The people who lived when Jesus walked the Earth were real people, and their lives were forever changed. I hope that my books will awaken a desire to know and love Jesus more deeply in the hearts of my readers."

Sister Maria Grace knows a thing or two about books. She is a Daughter of St. Paul. Her congregation's mission is to ignite the faith through various forms of media. They model themselves after St. Paul, who spread the Good News about Jesus to the early Church.

The Paulines publish books, produce radio programs, sing and sell publications at 15 bookstores in 11 states and in Toronto. Sister Maria Grace manages the Pauline Books and Media store in Alexandria, a Washington suburb.

A teenage Maria Grace Dateno found herself at a mother-daughter dinner at her home parish, St. Lawrence Church in Alexandria. The guest speaker, a Pauline nun, spoke about the order's mission and shared a display of books.

"That was a key moment for me because I had occasionally thought about being a sister, but I didn't feel called to teaching, nursing or living a contemplative life," she recalled. "The Daughters of St. Paul were into books, and that was something that caught my attention."

She joined the postulancy immediately after high school, and will celebrate her silver anniversary as a religious in 2014.

Sister Maria Grace's path to writing began when she joined the Paulines.

"Writing is part of the charism of our community. The desire to communicate Christ to others is what spurs me to write, and this desire increased as I realized that God has given me some ability," she said.

In 2007, one of her biological sisters gave her an added push by introducing her to [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org), the site of National Novel Writing Month, dedicated to motivating budding writers to give one month a year to their dream.

"In 2009, the third time I participated in the National Novel Writing Month challenge, I wrote a draft of the novel that has turned into the *Gospel Time Trekkers* series. After I had a draft, I worked on developing the stories to the point that they could be published."

Sister Christina Wengdt, her editor at Pauline Books and Media, said that Sister Maria Grace's "careful research, attention to detail, enthusiasm for children's books, and deep love for the Gospels infuse these books. She immerses readers in some of the most unforgettable moments in the Gospels, helping them imagine what it would have been like to have been there themselves."

The first three books in the series, *Shepherds to the Rescue*, *Braving the Storm*, and *Danger at Sea* will soon be available at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org) or through local Catholic bookstores. The three concluding books in the series will be released in January 2014.

In the stories, three siblings, Hannah, 11, Caleb, 9, and Noah, 6, are mysteriously transported to the time of Jesus. They encounter people who met Jesus and were present for events that are described in at least one of the four Gospels.

In the first book, the children meet a shepherd boy whose grandfather tells them about the angel he saw who heralded the arrival of Jesus.

In the second one, the children meet the boy who provided five loaves and two fish to Jesus and his disciples for feeding 5,000 people.



Rachel, Samuel and Emily Lesnak pose for a photo with Pauline Sister Maria Grace Dateno at the Pauline Books and Media store in Alexandria, Va., on July 18. The Lesnak children of Fort Belvoir, Va., were among the first to hear Sister Dateno read from her new series "Gospel Time Trekkers," books that take children on a journey back to the time of Jesus.

For the third journey back in time, the children meet a girl who overheard the disciples squabbling about which among them was the greatest. Readers see through the eyes of this girl how Jesus spoke to the disciples about who is first and who is last.

The books also provide many insights into what life was like during Jesus' time.

Sister Maria Grace explained, "Not knowing the cultural details of life in the first century detracts from an understanding of what Jesus is saying in the Gospels. Most people today know little about being a shepherd, for example. Or what fishing was like, or how grapes were grown."

"So when Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd, or speaks of putting out into the deep, or pruning the vine, how are we supposed to grasp his message?"

The Pauline sister believes that her

books introduce children to some of the cultural background to help them better understand the Good News.

In each story, the children return from their adventures, and on Sunday attend Mass. Various details of the liturgy and Father Joe's homilies connect to what they have learned on their journey. Each book ends with a section called "Where is it in the Bible?" that offers the biblical foundation for the story.

"I really hope kids love my books!" said Sister Maria Grace. "I've been praying, and will continue to pray for each reader—that these books will give them a little push in their friendship with Jesus, a little help in grasping his mind-boggling love for each of us."

(A related video has been posted at <http://youtu.be/426mim7MKo0>.) †

# Catholics and Pentecostals share belief in 'healing power of Jesus'

RALEIGH, N.C. (CNS)—Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh said the latest session of the international Catholic-Pentecostal dialogue allowed leaders of the two religions "to renew our common faith in the healing power of Jesus," who "continues to demonstrate his love and miracles in our midst."

Seven Catholics and four Pentecostals gathered on July 14-19 in Baltimore for the third session of the sixth phase of the dialogue.

It opened with Mass on July 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. Discussions were held through July 19 at St. Mary's Seminary and University.

The general theme for the current phase of the dialogue is "Charisms in the Church: Their Spiritual Significance,

Discernment and Pastoral Implications." Healing was the topic of this year's discussion. Last year it was discernment and in 2011 charisms.

Bishop Burbidge is the Catholic co-chairman of the dialogue. The Pentecostal co-chairman is the Rev. Cecil M. Robeck Jr., professor of church history and ecumenics and director of the David du Plessis Center for Christian Spirituality School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

"The dialogue has helped us to focus on how the charism of healing is understood, expressed and celebrated in our churches and faith communities," Bishop Burbidge said in a statement released at the conclusion of the dialogue. "We have acknowledged that our theological understanding of the charism of healing requires further exploration.

"Our conversations," he added, "were carried out with great respect and were always rooted in prayer asking the Lord to bring the completion of the work we have carried out in his name."

Rev. Robeck in a statement said Catholics and Pentecostals have much in common with regard to the subject of healing.

"While many people may view the healing ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ with skepticism, or dismiss it altogether, Catholics and Pentecostals believe that God continues to heal and perform miracles," he added.

Together Catholics and Pentecostals affirm that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" [Heb 13:8]. ... With such common ground, we are optimistic that we will be able to produce a document that will prove to be useful within our communities." †

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# Jamboree Mass ties Scouts' Catholic faith, commitment to serve others

MOUNT HOPE, W.Va. (CNS)— Nearly 10,000 Boy Scouts from throughout the United States braved heavy rain and thunderstorms on July 21 for an outdoor Mass celebrated by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The Mass was part of the 10-day National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston concelebrated the Mass and served as homilist.

In his homily, Bishop Bransfield welcomed the Scouts to the Mountain State for the national jamboree marking its significance to the Church. "It is a pleasure," he said, "to welcome you and Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano to our state. You now can see firsthand why it is called wild and wonderful."

Bishop Bransfield acknowledged the hard work of the many people it took to make the national jamboree a reality for West Virginia.

"For many months," he said, "a great deal of planning and labor has gone into preparing for this jamboree. When I visited here earlier this year, in the middle of winter, I was impressed with the beauty of the place and I wondered if it would be ready for you by summer."

"As I look out now, I see a transformed place, made all the more wonderful by your presence and your enjoyment of all that nature has to offer you. It is especially good to be with you as we gather around the altar, led in prayer by our apostolic nuncio, and take part in Lord's eucharistic sacrifice."

Bishop Bransfield told the Scouts that their Catholic faith and participation in the Eucharist bind them together with the entire Church throughout the world. He reminded them that their active participation in Scouting, in parishes



Boy Scouts pray the Our Father during Mass at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va., on July 21.

across the country, flows from and is directed by their Catholic faith.

"The oath you take as Scouts," he said, "explicitly mentions God: The promise you make echoes the promises at baptism and repeated at confirmation, as you pledge to do your best to do my duty to God and to keep yourselves, in his sight, morally straight."

"Likewise, the 12th point of the Scout law invites you to be 'reverent,'" he continued, "and as we gather this Sunday morning to celebrate our faith in this Mass, you fulfill your Scout promise and keep your Scout law in a wonderful way. I thank you for the choice you have made to be involved in Scouting and to actively celebrate your Catholic faith as people

committed to reverence of God and service of others."

The first duty of people of faith, Bishop Bransfield said, is to listen to God and, like the Gospel for the day teaches, put things in their proper order.

"Each of you Scouts knows how essential it is to perform the steps of a task in their proper order," he said. "If you don't, a sturdy tent cannot be erected, a bow cannot be strung and its arrow shot, a boat cannot be properly steered."

He commended the Massgoers "for putting things in their proper order: for coming here this morning to do your duty toward God, for gathering to listen to the words of Christ, and receive the nourishment of his body and blood."

Christ's word and his sacrifice "will sustain you in all things and will provide you with great encouragement as you go forth from here to be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight and to help others at all times."

Bishop Bransfield said he prayed the Scouts "will continue to enjoy this jamboree and that, during the many activities and adventures ahead, you will continue to listen for the Lord God and experience His presence in the wonder of nature around you, in the goodness of the people you are with, and in the joy that you experience throughout these days."

About 40,000 Scouts attended the July 15-24 National Boy Scout Jamboree. During the event, Scouts participated in adventures, including more than five miles of zip-line courses, 36 miles



John Jarboe, 13, of Tulsa, Okla., holds his rosary during Mass at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va., on July 21.



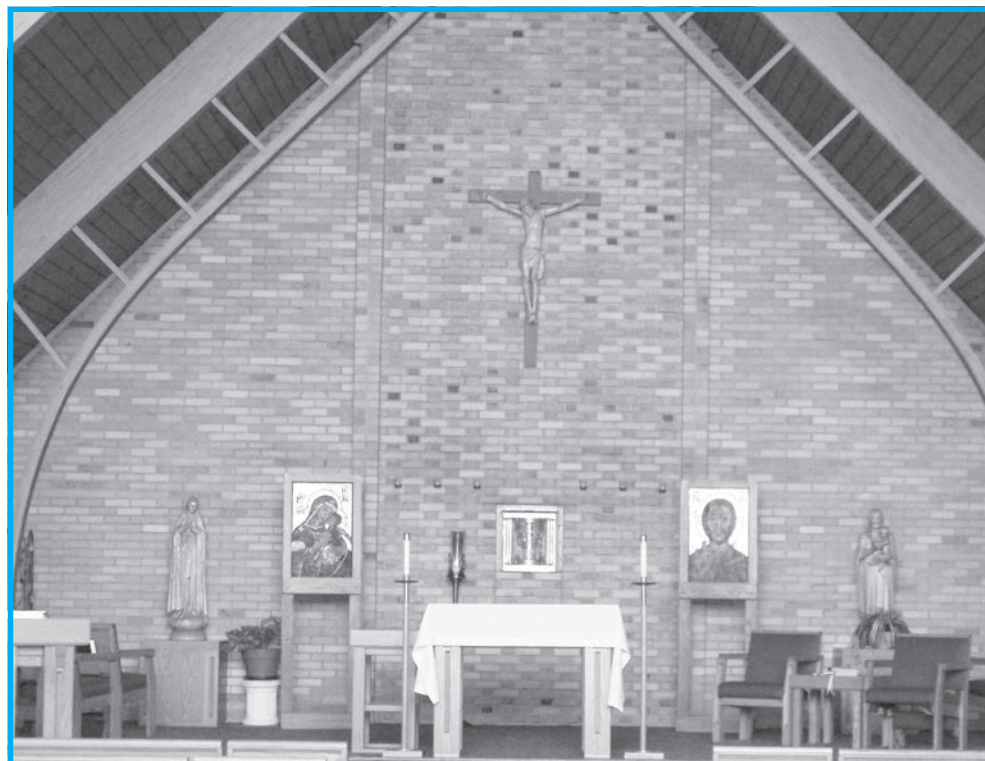
Msgr. John Brady, a Washington archdiocesan priest and a senior chaplain with Catholic Scouting, distributes Communion during Mass at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va., on July 21.

of mountain bike trails and 13 acres of shooting sports, as well as kayaking, rock climbing, bouldering, skateboarding and various other activities. They also spent time learning new skills and meeting fellow Scouts from around the country in a beautiful, outdoor setting.

Since 1937, the Scouts have gathered every couple of years for what has become the Boy Scouts of America's most iconic event.

Chosen by the Boy Scouts in 2009, the 10,600-acre Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is now the permanent home for the Scouts' jamboree and, in 2019, will host the World Scout Jamboree.

Before this year's jamboree, the event had been held at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia since 1981. †



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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Year of Faith: Baptism and confirmation

In this series of columns, I wrote about what Catholics believe about the Eucharist in the May 31 issue. Besides the Eucharist, though, the Church has six other sacraments. Sacraments, by the way, are defined as “efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1131).

By “efficacious signs,” we mean that they are effective. They’re effective because Christ is at work in them. Each of the sacraments brings some particular grace special to that sacrament. We believe that Christ himself instituted every one of the sacraments at some point during his life and gave them to the Church that he founded. Finally, through the sacraments, we receive divine life, or holiness.

The Church groups the seven sacraments into three categories. Baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist are the sacraments of initiation. Penance and reconciliation

and anointing of the sick are considered sacraments of healing. Holy orders and matrimony are sacraments at the service of communion.

I’ll treat baptism and confirmation briefly in this column, penance and anointing of the sick next week and then matrimony the following week.

When adults who have not been baptized are received into the Church, they typically receive all three sacraments of initiation after a period of instruction which we know as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

We believe that baptism is necessary for salvation because, among other reasons, Jesus told Nicodemus, “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” (Jn 3:5). He also ordered his disciples to baptize, and the Apostles did so.

There was a time when babies were baptized shortly after their birth because of high infant mortality. The Church still wants those babies to be baptized early, but not before parents are properly prepared to raise them as Catholics. Children who do die before they are baptized are entrusted to the mercy of God. The Church does not

teach that there’s a limbo for such children.

Baptism can be done either by immersion or by the pouring of water over the candidate’s head while the words of baptism are said. The liturgy also includes an anointing with sacred chrism.

Confirmation is another sacrament of initiation for children who have reached the age of reason, but usually for children in their early teens. Adults, though, are also frequently confirmed, especially those who enter the Church during the Easter Vigil. Without confirmation, Christian initiation remains incomplete.

This sacrament is sometimes called the sacrament of the Holy Spirit because the third person of the Trinity comes upon the person to strengthen him or her for an adult service to the Church.

A bishop ordinarily administers this sacrament, especially to children, but bishops usually entrust priests to do so in the case of adults who are being baptized or admitted to full communion with the Church.

We believe that Christ instituted this sacrament on the night of his resurrection when he breathed on the Apostles and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:22). †

Faith, Hope, and Charity/

David Siler

## Taking a leap of faith to assist our brethren in need

My parish, St. Matthew the Apostle in Indianapolis, has taken the exciting leap of faith to “twin” with a parish in Haiti.



St. Isidor, a newly established parish in the village of Bois de Lance just outside of the city of Cap-Haitien in the northernmost part of the island nation, is being pastored by a charismatic priest named Father Joel Thomas. Father Joel was called back to Haiti by his bishop after serving in France for 11 years.

I met Father Joel in July 2012 while traveling with some members of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus. Father Joel was just beginning his ministry in Bois de Lance, an area of about 21,000 people.

To say that the area is poor is redundant when one speaks about Haiti, but this area is very rural and, as such, offers no opportunities for employment. Nearly all of the residents of this village eke out a meager existence by farming small plots of land and raising cows, goats or chickens—the skinniest animals you have ever seen!

When Father Joel learned that my daughter, who traveled with me, and I were from a different parish than St. Bartholomew, which has a twinning relationship with St. Ann Parish in Limonade, Haiti, he seized the opportunity to express his desires for the members of St. Isidor Parish to develop a similar relationship. His passion for his people was infectious, and Amelia and I knew right away that St. Matthew Parish was going to be blessed with a new opportunity to serve.

Father Joel’s vision consisted of putting a new roof on his cinder block church, so that his people could worship without getting wet when it rains; building a rectory near the church so he didn’t have to drive an hour just to be with his parishioners; ensuring clean drinking water for the town; building pews for the congregation; and helping to provide financial support to families who cannot afford school for their children at the parish school—the only school around, meaning the children would receive no education otherwise.

As Father Joel laid out his vision, I could not help but think of the parishes in our archdiocese who are considering the construction of a second gym, or a new parish life center, or the replacement of their fully functional pews because they look a bit worn. I also was aware that some families back home can’t afford Catholic schools, but they do have tuition assistance, state-funded vouchers and public schools available to them.

In mid-July, our parish was blessed with a visit from Father Joel, who was in the United States to visit two of his sisters.

While further discussing plans for Bois de Lance, Father Joel casually mentioned that he would like to construct a “nutrition center” for very young children on the parish property because as he said “too many children are dying of starvation.” Our French translator, a fellow parishioner, and I had to pause as we wiped tears from our eyes, catch our breath and forge ahead with renewed vigor to ensure that no more children die of starvation.

We were deeply startled that the request to keep children from starving to death came so late in our conversation. It was disturbing to realize that starvation is just part of the landscape of Haiti. This is not acceptable.

With God’s grace, I know our parishioners and others will address this daunting challenge as we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in faith at St. Isidor Parish.

(David Siler is executive director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries. E-mail him at [dsiler@archindy.org](mailto:dsiler@archindy.org).) †

It’s All Good/Patti Lamb

## God’s love is the constant in an ever-changing world

Sporty new backpack chock full of school supplies? Check.



“Big kid” sneakers with shoestrings instead of Velcro? Check.

One mom in disbelief that it’s time for her baby to start full-day kindergarten? Check.

Our 5-year-old daughter,

Margaret, is officially ready to embark on her adventures in education. She is kindergarten-bound in less than a week, and she has excitedly been informing everyone who will hear her big news—including the deli manager at the grocery and random passers-by at the library.

Now that the first day of school is almost here, however, Margaret has begun to express a bit of apprehension. I caught on to her “kinder-jitters” when I suddenly couldn’t peel her off of my leg in the school supply aisle at Target. When I questioned her about the rapid onset of her clinginess, she looked up at me and said, “I’m scared of me without you.”

I relayed this “me without you” story to my friend, who came right over and presented me with a lovely book titled

*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn.

The book is about a young raccoon whose time has come to start school, although he doesn’t want to leave his mother and all that’s familiar. His mom imparts a family secret as she sends him off. She kisses the palm of his hand and tells him, “Whenever you feel lonely and need a little loving from home, just press your hand to your cheek.” Then, she assured him, he would feel the warmth and reassurance of her love.

Margaret liked the story. She enjoyed it so much that she asked me to read it three times in a row. I think the message sank in because when I tucked her in that night, she smiled and placed both hands on her cheeks.

My daughter isn’t the only one dealing with separation anxiety. I, too, fear change and facing new beginnings alone. I think we all do.

My thoughts turn to a young woman I know who recently summoned the courage to leave an unhealthy relationship. It was the best decision, but the loneliness she feels pains her. And I know a father who is nervously preparing to send his only son to college in a town 1,000 miles away. I can also think of a good friend who is treading down a new career path, and the learning curve is unsettling. Life is full of change

and new chapters.

But God’s love is the constant in an ever-changing world, and the reality is that we don’t face any circumstance alone. In scripture, we are repeatedly reminded that God is with us. One of the Bible passages I find most comforting is similar to the reassurance provided in *The Kissing Hand*. The passage is from the Gospel of John when Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him, nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (Jn 14:16-18).

Restated in my daughter’s 5-year-old speak, it’s like God is saying to us, “Don’t be scared of ‘me without you.’ There is no such thing, silly.”

In times of uncertainty, we all have an advocate, a true companion who knows our every vulnerability and intricacy.

And he’s only a prayer away.

(Patti Lamb, a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, is a regular columnist for *The Criterion*.) †

Coming of Age/Karen Osborne

## What we can learn from the tragic consequences of addiction

When I was a teenager, I had a huge crush on a handsome young actor named



River Phoenix. He was the Harry Styles of his day—cute, talented and going places.

By the time Phoenix turned 20, he’d worked with legendary directors and actors. His pictures were in all the teen magazines

we bought every week. If he’d lived, he would have undoubtedly been one of Hollywood’s biggest stars.

Sadly, that was not to be. On Oct. 31, 1993, River Phoenix died of a drug overdose on the sidewalk in front of a Los Angeles nightclub. All the promise he held was gone in an instant.

The event marked my first major realization that drug addiction, left unchecked, will kill even the best of us.

I thought of my crush on River Phoenix when I heard about the recent death of 31-year-old actor Cory Monteith. He was one of the stars of the popular

show “Glee,” and he died in July of a drug overdose in a Vancouver hotel, shortly after leaving rehab. Monteith and River Phoenix shared the same secret life. They struggled with drug addiction and fame in the face of having to keep up a positive facade.

Some ask how people who seem to “have it all” could throw it all away on drugs. But they don’t understand the living hell of addiction. No matter what pop songs say and movies show, there is no safe drug. There is no fun drug. Drugs create a dependency in your body from the first moment you take them. Once you’ve started down that path, it’s hard to turn back, even if you desperately want to stop.

The disease of addiction causes changes in the “reward center” part of the brain that controls our survival instinct. This makes sure we feel good when we eat, drink and connect with others. Drugs hijack that instinct and instead tell us that the drug is the most important thing. That’s the reason an addict will keep trying to score a hit even though his or her life is at stake.

Addiction is not a moral failing—it’s a disease that kills, just like cancer, heart

disease and stroke. But unlike cancer, you can prevent it by not exposing yourself to addictive substances from the start.

If you are offered drugs, I encourage you to think about Cory Monteith, as well as River Phoenix, Janis Joplin, Heath Ledger and the hundreds of thousands of ordinary people who struggle with addiction. The highs aren’t worth the lows that follow.

If you have a friend or family member struggling with addiction, understand that they may have little control over the disease, even if they say they’re OK or that they can stop at any time.

Luckily, there are numerous resources out there for teens trying to deal with addiction and for the friends who support them. A lot of these programs are geared to the specific needs of young people. Talk to a trusted adult, call a hotline, ask your doctor or someone in an organization such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Alateen.

Seek help so that you and others can live to your full potential in life.

(Karen Osborne writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary / Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# Sunday Readings

Sunday August 4, 2013

- *Ecclesiastes* 1:2, 2:21-23
- *Colossians* 3:1-5, 9-11
- *Luke* 12:13-21

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Ecclesiastes. The first verse states that the book is the work of Qoheleth, a son of King David, although no proper name actually is used. The book's origins, despite this tradition, are puzzling.



The book's name comes from the Greek, and then the Latin. This book seems to show

a Greek influence, and Greek culture did not influence the Jews until centuries after Solomon. However, its Hebrew is of a style used long after Solomon's time.

Many scholars today believe Ecclesiastes dates from only two or three centuries before Christ.

A virtual trademark of this book is its condemnation of human vanity. This scorn of vanity is in this weekend's reading.

Vanity of course affronts God, the almighty and the perfect. It also displays the ignorance and illogic of humans, who overestimate themselves by seeing in human thought the greatest wisdom. Vanity also leads them to regard material wealth as ultimate value. It all causes them to spurn or discount God.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians. Continuing the general message of the first reading, this selection from Colossians calls upon Christians to focus on the things that truly matter, namely the things of God, counseling believers to rise upon temptations of this world. It sees sin as in essence idolatry.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Jesus appears in this reading as a mediator, asked by "someone in the crowd" (Lk 12:13) to resolve a dispute about inheritance. Readers of the Gospel are accustomed to such questions being put to the Lord. Did this person in the crowd, unnamed and unidentified in the Gospel, intend to trick Jesus, to put Jesus in an awkward position, to draw Jesus in the

middle of an argument?

The questioner's intentions well may not have been pure. Still, however, to invite anyone to mediate a dispute was a compliment. Such questioning presupposed that the person being questioned in fact possessed knowledge. Furthermore, it presupposed that all sides would respect the integrity and wisdom of the mediator. Not surprisingly, outright strangers, whose credentials were unknown, were never invited to mediate between arguing parties. Jesus was among people who knew him, maybe with great deference, to be a wise and informed teacher.

As would have been the etiquette of the time, Jesus hesitates before proceeding.

Under Jewish custom, surviving children did not have to negotiate a clear division of a deceased parent's belongings. There must have been a problem. Rather than plunging into the argument, the Lord advised avoiding greed, insisting that material wealth has no true worth.

The Lord then tells the parable of the landowner who had great good fortune. His harvest was great. He plans to store the harvest so as to provide for his easy living in years to come. Such reasoning is foolish, Jesus says. No human can truly control his or her future. He then urges distributing any abundance among the needy.

## Reflection

From the earliest times in the history of revelation, the holy have dealt with the human tendency to measure all things, even life itself, in material terms. It was a tendency with which the author of Ecclesiastes dealt. The Colossian Christians dealt with it. The Lord Jesus dealt with it.

These readings do not call us to reckless waste and abandonment of good sense and responsibility. Rather, they remind us that we are in the hands of God. We ultimately control nothing about our future, save by our voluntary decision to be one with God in Christ. In this decision, we assure ourselves a place at heaven's eternal banquet.

This lesson is simple. Put first things first. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome  
*Numbers* 11:4b-15  
*Psalms* 81:12-17  
*Matthew* 14:13-21

### Tuesday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord  
*Daniel* 7:9-10, 13-14  
*Psalms* 97:1-2, 5-6, 9  
*2 Peter* 1:16-19  
*Luke* 9: 28b-36

### Wednesday, August 7

St. Sixtus II, pope, and companions, martyrs  
St. Cajetan, priest  
*Numbers* 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35  
*Psalms* 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23  
*Matthew* 15:21-28

### Thursday, August 8

St. Dominic, priest  
*Numbers* 20:1-13  
*Psalms* 95:1-2, 6-9  
*Matthew* 16:13-23

### Friday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr  
*Deuteronomy* 4:32-40  
*Psalms* 77:12-16, 21  
*Matthew* 16:24-28

### Saturday, August 10

St. Lawrence, deacon, martyr  
*2 Corinthians* 9:6-10  
*Psalms* 112:1-2, 5-9  
*John* 12:24-26

### Sunday, August 11

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Wisdom* 18:6-9  
*Psalms* 33:1, 12, 18-22  
*Hebrews* 11:1-2, 8-19 or  
*Hebrews* 11:1-2, 8-12  
*Luke* 12:32-48 or *Luke* 12:35-40

## Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

### Funeral Masses are commendable but not absolutely required for Catholics

Q My wife and I are in our mid-70s and have bought cemetery plots and made our funeral arrangements. We selected immediate burial, without any rites, ceremony or embalming. But after talking to family members, we are worried that perhaps, in not having a Catholic funeral Mass, we are sinning gravely and making an irrevocable mistake. Please advise us about this decision, which now weighs heavily on our hearts. (McCamey, Texas)



A First, to relieve your burden: You are not sinning. A funeral Mass is not an absolute requirement for the burial of a Catholic, and so if you proceed with your present plan, you may do so without guilt. But you might want to give this some further thought.

The Eucharist is the center of Catholic life. It is there that we celebrate the dying and rising of Jesus, there that we celebrate our own hope of resurrection; and it is there, at the time of death, that family and friends gather to pray for the deceased and to commend that person to the mercy of God.

Maybe this is selfish, but when I die I want as many people as possible to gather to say for me the strongest prayer they know—and that prayer is the Mass.

Q At our parish, so much of the Mass is sung that the Mass lasts more than an hour. Also, when it comes time for the readings, the lector walks all the way up from a pew in the congregation, and that creates further delay. Then there is a minute of silent reflective time after the readings, which I find tedious.

My husband and I, who are both of Social Security age, have no patience for such deliberate delay. Many parishioners have complained, but the pastor has dismissed our voice.

What can we do, short of joining another parish? (Cherry Hill, N.J.)

A Your question is a frequent one, reflecting the feelings of many parishioners, especially older ones. Therefore, I think that it merits a longer-than-usual response.

While I understand your concern and trust that it flows from a deep Catholic faith, I have to tell you honestly that your pastor is being faithful to the thinking of the

Church. The Church's official "guidebook" on celebrating the Eucharist is called the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM). That document makes a strong plea for periods of quiet within the liturgy.

In the Mass, the GIRM tells us, we are invited to silence at five particular times—in the beginning, at the penitential rite; at the start of certain prayers when the priest says, "Let us pray"; after each of the Scripture readings; after the homily; and after all have received Communion.

There is no "rule" as to how long each of these silences needs to be, and certainly discretion is in order.

The GIRM directs that, at the conclusion of each reading and of the homily, "all meditate briefly on what has been heard" (#23). I would say that perhaps 30 seconds is appropriate at each of those points, with an even shorter period after the priest's "Let us pray," so that all present can call to mind their own prayer intentions before the celebrant "collects" them.

The periods of silence, then, need add no more than about three minutes to a Sunday Mass, which seems a small price to pay once a week to ensure that the Eucharist receives the reflection it deserves.

As for music, what the GIRM says is, "Every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on holy days of obligation" (#40).

It is hard to escape the conclusion that at least some congregational singing is expected at every Sunday Mass, but the extent of that singing is discretionary.

Priests would be well-advised to follow an earlier recommendation in that same section of the GIRM that states that there should be "due consideration for the culture of the people and abilities of each liturgical assembly" (#40). The goal should be to encourage as many people as possible to attend Sunday Mass, and to have them worship productively.

Aware that a fair number of Catholics prefer a quieter celebration, many parishes have at least one weekend Mass where the hymns are fewer and shorter.

If you don't find that in your own parish, it is entirely proper to seek another Catholic parish.

Celebrating the liturgy should challenge you to learn and to grow. It should comfort you, too, and bring you peace.

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

## My Journey to God

### God as Artist

By Thomas J. Rillo

God paints the proud pillows of clouds  
They move over jagged peaks in wispy motion  
The colors of the rising sun are reflected  
The rays brighten and the shadows diminish.  
God as artist

God brightly colors the wildflower hues  
His color strokes diversify the perceptive eye  
High clouds pass overhead casting shadows  
From God's palette come hues of dark and light.  
God as Artist

His creative brush strokes accentuate diversity  
Blue sky and green of woodland offer contrast  
His brushstrokes capture the power of storms  
Picking up grey black sky billowing and moving.  
God as artist

Diminishing light heightens the yellow lightning  
Wind heralds the strength of the impending storm  
From God's own palette come hues of grey and black  
Capturing the color of rain falling down in strips.  
God as Artist



Thomas J. Rillo is a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and a Benedictine oblate of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. A lone windmill displays its silhouette an hour before sunset on the Navajo Indian Reservation while dramatic clouds pass overhead 35 miles south of Farmington, N.M.

# Rest in peace

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

**BAUER, Mary J.**, 84, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, July 8. Mother of Donna Becher and Elaine Bauer. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of one.

**BEARD, David Allen**, 51, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 10. Son of Judy (Schuck) Beard. Brother of Cathy McAtee and Thomas Beard.

**BRUMLEVE, Margaret (Riester)**, 87, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, July 13. Mother of Ann Anderson, Jane Lichtenberg, John, Mark and Paul Brumleve. Sister of Sharon Terry and Jim Riester. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of two.

**CORYELL, Iva Jean**, 90, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis, July 20. Aunt of several.

**CROSSLEY, Evelyn**, 84, St. Paul, Tell City, July 14. Mother of Rose Andrada, Lynn Cart, David, Ron and Russell Crossley. Sister of Frieda James and Rovilla Lyons. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of 10.

**DESCH, Russell F.**, 92, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, July 13. Father of Julie and Nancy Desch.

**EDWARDS, James Henry**, 64, St. Rita, Indianapolis, June 28. Father of James

Fletcher and Steven Stewart. Brother of Angelia Brown, Ruth Golden, Dollie Smith and Jack Edwards.

**FOLTZ, Margaret Rose**, 96, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 19. Aunt of several.

**GARZOLINI, E. Joyce**, 92, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 13. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

**GOHMANN, Geneva**, 93, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, July 13. Mother of Mary Frances Sheridan, Bill and Ray Gohmann. Sister of Irene Bork and Alfred and Donald Lutgring. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of eight.

**HAMMER, Mary M.**, 85, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, July 15. Mother of Kathy Abbott, Michelle Danette, Jacqueline Kish, Faye Sargent, Theresa Todd, Lisa, Christian II, Jacob, Robert and Roger Hammer. Sister of Donna, Joanne, Patricia, Teeny, Yvonne, Jerry, Lanny, Sonnie and Thomas. Grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of six.

**HUNCKLER, Ann**, 69, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, July 17. Wife of Michael Hunckler. Mother of Kimberly Marsh, Jill Tietz and Craig Huse. Stepmother of Aaron, David and Michael Hunckler. Sister of John Tanner. Grandmother of seven. Step-grandmother of four.

**JONES, Kaicey**, 28, St. Rita, Indianapolis, July 8. Father of Kaicey Jones. Son of David Jones and Bobbi Mitchell. Brother of Ashley, Courtney, Mary, Kyle and Matthew Jones. Grandson of Ferdye Bryant, Jerry and Ronald Jones.

**KANE, Marsha Mary**, 65, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, July 16. Wife of Frank Kane. Mother of Allison Oeding,

Rebecca Rogers and Shannon Kane. Grandmother of four.

**KRAESZIG, Mary Ellen**, 88, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 21. Mother of Carolyn Leigh, Anne McCallister, Kathy Perryman, Elaine, Gregg, Michael and Thomas Kraeszig. Sister of Annie, Dorothy and Joan. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 12.

**MAGUIRE, Francis Paul**, 90, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 23. Husband of Nuala (O'Connor) Maguire. Father of Elaine Powers, James and Joseph Maguire. Stepfather of Emer O'Connor-Keller, Cathal, Cormac and Donal O'Connor. Grandfather of 20. Great-grandfather of 10.

**PAUL, Carleen J.**, 71, St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, July 20. Wife of Larry Paul. Mother of Michael Paul. Sister of Terri Tuttle, Jim and Peter Schmutte. Grandmother of two.

**PETERS, Clifford A., Jr.**, 93, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 16. Father of Suzanne Hostetter, Janice Wheat, Charles, Robert and Thomas Peters. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of 16.

**SCHLEGEL, Louis**, 84, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 21. Husband of Angela (Hoying) Schlegel. Father of Mary Bastable, Martha Jones, Chris Robinson, Heidi Traylor, Mary, Gerry, Kurt, Paul and Pete Schlegel. Grandfather of 13.

**STAGGE, Kenneth Joseph**, 78, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 20. Husband of Ann Marie Stagge. Father of Barbara Schwering, John and Steven Stagge. Brother of Diana Hoeing, Marilyn Nies, Norma Zobel and Joseph Stagge. Grandfather of seven.

**WILSON, Dorothy M.**, 87, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 12. Mother of Patricia Clark, Carol Heidbreder, JoAnn Reas and Ralph Kallembach. Sister of Irene Chirillo, Eleanor Chuck, Lorraine Salumk, Joseph and Walter Miketa. Stepsister of Virginia Cooper. †



**Immigrant art**  
Paintings by Pamela Hoffmeister and a collection of found items arranged by mixed-media artist Deborah McCullough are displayed on June 19 at St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. This piece features some mundane items that migrants carry with them, which McCullough picks up while volunteering in the desert with a rescue organization.

## Turn to Christ for comfort, archbishop tells theater shooting victims

AURORA, Colo. (CNS)—One year after the Aurora theater shooting, victims' families still ached for those lost. They gathered for a memorial Mass on July 19 to share tears, memories of loved ones and thoughts on life after death.

"We believe she will greet us in heaven," said Rena Medek, mother of 23-year-old victim Micayla Medek. "She is in a better place than we are."

Megan Sullivan, sister of 27-year-old victim Alex Sullivan, said she could feel her brother's presence in the church where he converted and married before the shooting.

"I would much rather he be in a great place, but at the same time I can feel him here," she said later in an interview with the *Denver Catholic Register*, newspaper of the Denver Archdiocese.

The community joined the Medek and Sullivan families and other victims for the memorial Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Aurora, where Denver Archbishop

Samuel J. Aquila led them in prayer for healing and comfort in Christ.

"Certainly the sadness and the loss continue, but we know that the Lord is with us in it, that he is there because he suffered," the archbishop told the congregation. "Turn to him for comfort, turn to him who can take away the darkness, the bitterness, the resentment, the anguish and all of the questions.

"Turn to him who your family members now know in a much fuller and unique way than they ever did here on Earth," he continued. "For as our Lord reminds us and St. Paul teaches, faith and hope pass away, but love always remains."

The anniversary also was marked with a city-sponsored remembrance ceremony on July 20 at Cherry Creek State Park. The tragic day was fresh on survivors' minds. Many showed distress at recalling the lone gunman who opened fire on a packed crowd during a midnight screening of the Batman film *The Dark Knight Rises* at Century Aurora 16 theater. Twelve were killed and 70 injured.

During Mass at the Aurora church, each deceased victims' name was read and the choir sang the sorrowful lyrics to "Song of Farewell": "Give him eternal rest, O Lord; May light unending shine on them; Receive his soul, O holy ones; Present him now to God, most high."

Victims' names were etched on lighted candles placed near the altar. Thirteen candles were displayed to include the sometimes forgotten 13th victim, Ashley Moser's baby. Moser, who survived, was pregnant and miscarried as a result of the shooting. Her 6-year-old daughter, Veronica Moser-Sullivan, also was killed.

Archbishop Aquila urged those gathered to have confidence in Christ's promise that he has prepared a place for everyone to spend eternity with him.

"In the midst of the tragedy that was experienced, in the midst of the suffering that your family members suffered in their deaths, we are confident in the Lord's promise that he came to them and touched them. But it is only in putting

our faith in Jesus Christ that we come to know that truth," he said.

"Only by putting our faith in the God who is love and the God who is truth will we understand that his care is with his elect, that his care is with each one of those who were lost in the tragedy of the Aurora shooting."

The archbishop was assisted by deacons and priests from Aurora parishes. St. Michael the Archangel's pastor, Father Terry Kissell, noted how the wounds from the tragedy were still fresh on the hearts and faces of those at the Mass.

He said it is understandable why many wonder about God's existence after a tragedy. God gave people free will and the ability to choose good or evil, which "can become tragic for others," he said.

Questions still lingered among some families about its meaning.

Megan Sullivan, 26, said her brother's death shook her faith "quite a bit."

"I think there's definitely times where it's hard to see where God was on that day," she said, adding she was raised Catholic. "I think after everything, I feel like my brother is putting me in a direction I would have never gone."

She has since become the director of communications for the nonprofit Aurora Rise, which raises money to assist shooting victims. She has a constant feeling that she has a greater purpose in life, she said.

Micayla Medek's grandmother, Marlene Knobee, said with tears in her eyes that she thinks about her granddaughter every day.

"We were so close," she said.

Rena Medek, who said she is Christian, is working to restore her faith.

"I'm trying hard," she said. "I pray to God more." †



A woman kneels in prayer on July 22, 2012, at a memorial for victims of a gunman who opened fire on moviegoers in Aurora, Colo. The gunman on July 20, 2012, killed a dozen people and injured many more during a midnight showing of the Batman movie *The Dark Knight Rises*.

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## Serra Club vocations essay

# Priests' examples influence student to be an evangelizer

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

By Liam Foran

Special to *The Criterion*

Evangelization is a term that can mean many different things to people of different backgrounds.

Even just within Catholicism, different cultures give evangelization different meanings. To me, an evangelist is someone who lives and loves with the strength of Christ and is an example to others in that way.



Liam Foran

In the eyes of other Catholics, evangelism may signify spreading the word of Christ, whether through proclaiming the Scriptures or through speaking at Mass.

In Pope Paul VI's apostolic exhortation "*Evangelii Nuntiandi*"

("Proclaiming the Gospel"), he gives us an excellent definition of evangelism which, when translated, essentially states that we are obligated as Catholics to convert society and bring Christ and his teachings into every human event.

My experiences with priests and deacons are primarily confined to weekly school and parish Masses, but are immensely pertinent in the molding of the way I live my life.

Every week, I will have at least one religious leader standing before me and teaching me to be an evangelist, or an instrument of God.

These role models instruct me to be an example to others and to be the hands and feet of the Church. They are pure signs of Christ's true message, to be a servant and to live out his word daily. Especially today, when many people of the world are less inclined to accept the beliefs of others, leading by example is the most effective method of spreading the Good News.

Being a good person and treating others with respect and kindness is much more effective than simply spreading the word. Actions speak louder than words.

I see priests exemplifying this on a daily basis. They

have dedicated their lives to living in Christ's image. They spend most of their time in service of others. I have seen them take time out of their day to counsel a parishioner who is in need even when they may have had other plans.

They will go to a hospital at any hour of the night to anoint or pray with a sick person, or bring them the Eucharist when they themselves cannot attend church. They spend time helping the poor by working in a soup kitchen or other service activities.

Priests rekindle faith in the congregation by setting an example for them through service, giving of themselves, and being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Because of the influence of priests in my life, I know how I can continue to spread Christianity to others.

(Liam and his parents, Richard Foran and Kathy Johnson, are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. He completed the 12th grade at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 12th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2013 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †

# Pope is most influential, second most-followed world leader on Twitter

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis is the most influential world leader on Twitter, with the highest number of retweets worldwide.



Pope Francis

He also is the second most-followed leader of the world, running behind—albeit by a long stretch—U.S. President Barack Obama.

The rankings were released on July 24 in a recent study titled "Twiplomacy," which refers to the use of Twitter by world leaders.

The study compiled a wide range of data from the Twitter accounts of 505 heads of state, foreign ministers and governments from

153 countries during the month of July. It was conducted by the communications firm Burson-Marsteller and published on [twiplomacy.com](http://twiplomacy.com).

More than three-quarters of all world leaders have a presence on Twitter, the report said.

@BarackObama is the most followed head of state

account, with more than 33.5 million followers, and has the fourth-most popular account overall, right behind Lady Gaga, it said.

But the second most-followed world leader is Pope Francis, with 7.2 million followers spread across his nine different language-based @Pontifex accounts.

Not far behind in third place is @WhiteHouse and @LaCasaBlanca with 4 million followers combined.

But despite Obama's strong following on Twitter, Pope Francis is the most influential world leader with the highest number of retweets, the report said.

While Obama's Twitpic of him hugging his wife, Michelle, marking his re-election win was the most popular tweet of all time with 806,066 retweets, a typical @BarackObama tweet gets on average about 2,300 retweets.

Pope Francis, on the other hand, gets more than 11,100 retweets for every Spanish tweet and 8,200 retweets for each English tweet.

While @Pontifex follows no one but its other @Pontifex language accounts, the pope is followed by 40 of the world's leaders, including the Israeli government,

### Top three most-followed leaders of the world on Twitter



1. @BarackObama - 33.5 million
2. @Pontifex (Pope Francis) - 7.2 million
3. @WhiteHouse and @LaCasaBlanca - 4 million

The rankings were released on July 24 in a recent study titled "Twiplomacy," which refers to the use of Twitter by world leaders.

prime minister and minister of foreign affairs and the president of Lebanon.

According to the report, many of the pope's followers are leaders or top foreign ministers from former Soviet states, including Kazakhstan, but not the Russian federation. Leaders from Africa and Latin America also follow him.

The most popular @Pontifex tweet was Pope Francis' first tweet four days after his March 13 election. It said: "Dear friends, I thank you from my heart and I ask you to continue to pray for me. Pope Francis." It was retweeted more than 37,100 times and favorited by more than 22,500 accounts.

A word cloud shows the words used most often in the pope's tweets are "God," "Jesus," "lives," "love," and "let." †

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President Dilma Rousseff, Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Bolivian President Evo Morales and Suriname's President Desi Bouterse.

But even more special guests were present. The pope invited a couple and their baby girl, who has anencephaly (missing part of her brain), to come forward during the offertory procession.

Pope Francis met the family on July 27 as he was leaving Rio's St. Sebastian Cathedral and invited them to participate in the Mass. Under Brazil's abortion laws, the couple would have been able to abort the child, but chose not to.

With the father carrying the baby, the parents walked up to the pope wearing shirts with a Portuguese message on the back: "Stop abortion."

In his homily, Pope Francis told the young people that evangelizing requires a personal witness of love for God and love for others, especially the weak, the poor and the defenseless.

When the psalm says "Sing a new song to the Lord," he said, it is not talking about a certain set of lyrics or a specific melody. Rather "it is allowing our life to be identified with that of Jesus; it is sharing his sentiments, his thoughts [and] his actions."

"The life of Jesus is a life for others," the pope said. "It is a life of service."

The pope did not mince words with his young audience, telling them that "evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did."

Pope Francis said he knows how daunting it can be to recognize that each Christian bears personal responsibility for sharing the Gospel with his or her actions and words, but Jesus told the first disciples and tells disciples today, "Be not afraid."

"Jesus does not leave us alone; he never leaves you alone," the pope said.

And the Church does not leave any of its members, or even small groups, to go it alone, he said. "Jesus did not say: 'One of you go,' but 'All of you go.' We are sent together."

"Be creative. Be audacious," he said. "Do not be afraid."

Pope Francis thanked the hundreds of bishops and thousands of priests who accompanied their young pilgrims to Rio, but told them the pilgrimage was just one step on the young people's journey of faith.

"Continue to accompany them with generosity and joy, help them to become actively engaged in the Church; never let them feel alone," he said.

He gave the younger generation a final instruction, "As you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel."

It can change the world, he said. "Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred." †



Polish pilgrims in Rio de Janeiro cheer as Pope Francis announces that World Youth Day 2016 will take place in Krakow, Poland. The pope made the announcement at the conclusion of the closing Mass of World Youth Day on Copacabana beach on July 28.



Left, Pope Francis blesses a family of four during the offertory as he celebrates the closing Mass of World Youth Day on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro on July 28.



Right, Pope Francis speaks to a young man as he hears confessions during World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro on July 26.

## In Brazil, pope's simple, artless actions resonate powerfully

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)—If Blessed John Paul II had an actor's mastery of the dramatic gesture and Pope Benedict XVI engaged the faithful most effectively through his learned and lucid writing, Pope Francis showed the world on his first international trip that his forte as a communicator is the simple, seemingly artless action that resonates powerfully in context.

During his visit to Brazil on July 22-28, Pope Francis said little that he had not already said more than once during his still-young pontificate. He repeated forceful calls for social justice, a more humble and empathetic Church leadership and a more active and engaged laity.

But given the historic nature of the occasion—



Pope Francis holds a baby during a visit with residents at a home in the Varginha slum in Rio de Janeiro on July 25.

the first Latin American pope returning to his native continent—he must have known that everything he said and did here would take on special significance, and he made extensive use of the setting.

The display began even before he left Rome, when the pope was photographed carrying his own briefcase onto the plane, sending a characteristic message of humility—the menial work of carrying the bag was a task he reserved for himself.

Pope Francis' entrance into the city of Rio in a modest compact car instead of the usual large sedan—an image that instantly turned the Fiat Idea into a world-famous model—was an exhortation to simplicity for clergy and laypeople alike, consistent with his previous complaints about spending on luxuries in a world where children starve.

It was during that ride that Pope Francis used his already famous gift for spontaneity to salvage what could have been a dispiriting mishap. The swarming of his car by pedestrians and the driver's decision to enter rush-hour traffic, where the papal motorcade promptly got stuck, briefly seemed to augur only more chaos.

Instead, the incident became a chance for the pope to display his almost magical rapport with crowds, when he was seen opening his window and greeting the very people that members of his security detail were frantically pushing away.

Images of Pope Francis' visit to a Rio "favela"—his walk down the streets of shanties, and the tears in his eyes behind the altar of the slum's little chapel—will surely

leave more lasting impressions than anything he said there.

Similarly, his speech to what the Vatican called the "ruling class of Brazil"—a gentle call to dialogue and "social humility" in a country shaken by massive anti-government protests—was clear and thoughtful, yet less eloquent than his embrace of a recovered drug abuser and former *favela* resident on the stage before the dignitaries.

Pope Francis said nothing during the trip about moves to liberalize Brazil's abortion laws because, as he told reporters on his plane back to Rome, "young people understand perfectly what the Church's point of view is." But he symbolically espoused the defense of unborn human life during the culminating Mass of World Youth Day, when he welcomed a married couple and their baby born with only part of her brain; they had chosen not to abort even though current Brazilian law would have permitted them to do so.

The surprise in-flight press conference was the pope's final symbolic act of the trip, remarkable above all for the sheer fact that he did it and for the way that he carried it out. Known during his days as a cardinal for refusing interviews, he proved with a no-holds-barred exchange that, though he may usually be too busy for journalists, he certainly is not afraid of them.

Having already charmed them on the flight from Rome by greeting each one personally, he then spent 80 minutes gamely answering their questions, following seven days of activity that had left all the reporters exhausted. In that way, the 76-year old pope also showed that, in the game of dealing with the press, he is well prepared to stay ahead. †