A ‘mom’ to many

House parent retires after 24 years and 400 babies, see page 10.

CAIRO (CNS)—Attacks on Christian churches and institutions in Egypt appeared to be the result of Islamist extremists’ anger over what they perceived as Christian support for the ouster of former President Mohammed Morsi.

In mid-August, three days after the military crackdown on Morsi supporters, Egypt’s Catholic Church published a list of 58 destroyed or damaged Christian churches, as well as a commentary by the country’s leading Jesuit criticizing the West’s characterization of “poor persecuted Muslims.”

On Aug. 18, after five days of “terrorist attacks, killings and the burning of churches, schools and state institutions,” Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak, president of the Council of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Egypt, thanked “our honorable Muslim compatriots who have stood by our side, as far as they could, in defending our churches and our institutions.”

The Associated Press reported on Aug. 19 that nearly 1,000 people had been killed in violence between security forces and Morsi supporters. The violence began on Aug. 14, when security forces raided camps of Morsi supporters conducting protests in various cities around the country.

In the ensuing days, stories began emerging of attacks against Christian institutions. As far back as December, Islamists had been accusing Christians of being the predominant force behind the protests against Morsi, Egypt’s first democratically elected president, who took office in mid-2012. Some observers said Christians were uncomfortable with the politicized Islam that was emerging under Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood.

Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II and Egypt’s grand imam, Sheik Ahmed el-Tayeb, appeared alongside Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi during his televised announcement on July 3.
A challenge of faith to relationships."

Scott and his wife, Katherine "KC" Seibert, also had great hopes for becoming active members of a Catholic parish after they were married in the Church four years ago.

"When we went to various parishes to find a community, there wasn’t a lot of outreach or programming about our age," recalls Scott. "At [one parish], we filled out a sheet about all the ways we wanted to get involved, and no one contacted us."

It was the kind of situation that might have led the young married Catholic couple to wonder if they would be welcome in the Church. Yet instead of quietly slipping away, the Seiberts pursued an approach that is becoming a trend in some Catholic parishes across the archdiocese.

Being welcomed, stayed connected

Knowing that "parishes have a million things to do and people are so busy," the Seiberts took the initiative to start their own outreach by developing their own programs for young adult Catholics at St. Michael Parish in Greenfield.

"I mailed Deacon Wayne Davis at the parish about wanting to get more involved," Scott says. "I started teaching RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] then he introduced us to Chris and Mary Meek. They felt like we did, so we formed a small group. We felt we had to do something to make young adults feel welcome."

Youth adults are a nomadic group. We want to create a presence for them in the parish, and to let the parish know that young adults are committed to the Church."

The Seiberts started game nights at the parish, played games such as Pictionary and Apples to Apples. They added movie nights, serving pizza, too. This summer, the group met twice a month to pray the Rosary and discuss those ups and downs with other members of the Church who we do not necessarily know each other, build relationships with new and old friends, discuss our faith in a very open manner, and grow as a small community," Aikin says. "It’s really important to us as young adults to build that connection."

"We’ve seen new family friendships form, strained marriages begin to heal, and deeper understandings of the faith develop in those who attend.""We had no outlet for sharing and service opportunities for young adult Catholics as Catholics. All families need that kind of support. Catholics can do it, and we can do it well."

(Visit the website www.indycatholic.org for information about events, programs and service opportunities for young adult Catholics in the archdiocese.)

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EGYPT

that Morsi had been removed from office, increasing the impression of Christian suffering in what some termed a military coup and others described as the military enacting the will of the people.

The Christian Science Monitor reported in mid-August that in one Egyptian village, red marks were still visible from where Christian houses were marked in red graffiti in late June as residents vowed to protest Morsi’s legacy. After the Aug. 14 military crackdown, angry extremists from where Christian houses were marked in red graffiti in late June as residents vowed to protect Morsi’s legacy.

The visit marked the first time a pope had paid a pastoral visit to Egypt, the world’s most populous Muslim country. Morsi, who was elected in June 2012, was the first democratically elected head of state in Egypt’s history.

The pope, who is scheduled to visit Iran next week, has not traveled outside his native Italy since he became pope in 2005. He is expected to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem during his trip to Egypt.

In a statement released Sunday, the Vatican said the pontiff had visited the country to pay his respects to the Egyptian people and to offer his condolences to the victims of the violence.

The pope also thanked the Egyptian government for its efforts to ensure the security of the pontiff and the visiting dignitaries.

The visit comes at a time of increasing religious tensions in Egypt, where Islamic fundamentalists and supporters of Morsi have been clashing with secular forces.

The pope’s visit is seen as an attempt to bridge the gap between the two sides and to promote peace and understanding.

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS)—Members of the Catholic Church’s Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) announced on Aug. 19 the resolution of this situation that maintains conversations of this depth will lead to a assessment, and hoped for “continued at the close of their assembly and national Religious (LCWR) announced on Aug. 19, appointed by the Vatican doctrinal board meeting afterward, women religious at the Caribe Royal Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando and a three-day national board meeting afterward, women religious met with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle, appointed by the Vatican doctrinal congregation last year to oversee a reform of LCWR.

Last April, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) said a reform of LCWR was needed to ensure its conformity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women’s ordination and homosexuality.

The board, which has 1,400 members representing 90 women religious institutes in the U.S., had some significant conversations—one that God’s grace and mercy are far greater, and more information. The extraordinarily rich and deeply reverent conversation during the board meeting gave us a greater understanding of Archbishop Sartain, and we believe he now also better understands us,” he said in its statement that the “session with Archbishop Sartain allowed a profound and honest sharing of views.”

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Bishop says Egyptians are running out of food because they fear going out

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A Catholic bishop in Luxor, about 400 miles south of Cairo, said Muslims and Christians have stopped eating in their homes. Because the shops are closed and no one is venturing outside, many are running out of food.

Catholic Bishop Youhannes Zakaria of Luxor told Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, “I’m crying for all the Christians who, in both towns and cities, as well as an Anglican church in Luxor.

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After the attack, the extremists paraded Sister Manal and two other nuns through the streets before releasing them on Aug. 19, former teacher at the school— offered them shelter.

The list of attacks published by the Coptic Catholic Church included a Franciscan-run church and school in Suez, and three Catholic churches, a monastery and school damaged and burned in Assiut. Four Catholic churches, a convent and school in Minya, as well as a convent of Sisters of St. Mary in Cairo, were also attacked according to the website, which blamed “the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of Mohamed Morsi, the former Egyptian president.”

Meanwhile, 35 Coptic Orthodox and Protestant churches were burned in Mallawi, in Minya, a province south of Cairo where Christians make up around 10 percent of the population.

Internet photos of two Christian churches attacked in Mallawi, in Minya, a province south of Cairo where Christians make up around 10 percent of the population, showed desecrated statues, burned courtyard doors and frames, sacked and burned church offices, and piles of rubble.

Auxiliary Bishop Botros Fahim Awad Hanna of the Coptic Patriarchate of Alexandria posted photos of people praying in burned-out churches.

In a widely published interview with the Associated Press, Franciscan Sister Manal, principal of a school in Ibi, told of a six-hour ordeal in which a mob broke into the school, stole all the computers and furniture and set multiple fires. At times, she told AP, she was overcome by fumes from the fire and tear gas from police. She said the mob knocked the cross off the street gate and replaced it with a black banner resembling the al-Qaeda flag.

Sister Manal said the school’s students were about equal numbers of Christians and Muslims, and when a parent who was a police officer had warned her the school was under attack, she paid attention.

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projected on a screen above a choir, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, celebrates Mass on Aug. 14 during the Leadership Conference of Women Religious assembly in Orlando, Fla. The annual gathering brings together members of a majority of the women’s religious congregations in the U.S.

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Jesus is what we long for, the joy of our desiring

"Be careful what you wish for," is a saying we've all heard before. It reminds us that our desires can get us into trouble—sometimes serious trouble.

That's why parents—with the help of teachers, coaches and other adults—have an obligation to discipline their children. If we don't learn at an early age to temper our desires, they can overwhelm us and lead us into real trouble.

Pope Francis recently spoke about the need to channel our desires appropriately.

“All of us have a desire,” the pope said during a recent Angelus address. “Pity the person who doesn’t have a desire. Desire moves us forward, toward the horizon, and for us Christians that horizon is encounter with Jesus, who is our life, our joy, our love.”

Addressing thousands of pilgrims, the pope asked them to think about what Jesus said to his disciples: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be” (Lk 12:34).

“If you have a heart that desires a closed heart, a sleeping heart, an anesthetized heart?” the pope asked. “Do you have a heart that desires an anesthetized heart?”

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Workers still struggle 75 years after minimum wage was established

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Seventy-five years after President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law a national minimum wage, many workers still struggle to support themselves and their families at or slightly above that pay.

“Jobs that are paid minimum wage take a lot of physical effort. You’re on your feet; you’re moving and working quickly. Imagine working that hard and not feeling like you can provide for yourself and your family—it is incredibly demoralizing,” said Judy Conti, an activist with National Employment Law Project.

The current federal minimum wage is $7.25 an hour. Had the minimum wage kept pace with inflation, it would be $10.74 per hour. According to the minimum wage for tipped workers hasn’t been raised in more than 20 years and remains at $2.13 an hour.

“Chanting ‘We can’t survive on 7.25,’ many fast-food workers have organized walkouts in cities like Chicago, Milwaukee and New York City. The movement in Chicago called ‘Fight for 15’ held protests on Aug. 1, and has encouraged others in the city and around America to fight for living wages.

“God bless these people,” said Conti. “They’ve got nothing to lose.” While she believes the federal minimum wage should be increased, she also champions the workers for dealing with the problem on their own.

To her, raising low wages makes sense economically.

“The more people you squeeze out of the middle class, the more no one has the money to buy your products. Good wages is a virtuous cycle; it fuels an economy that works.”

According to a poll by Rasmussen Reports, 61 percent of Americans favor raising the minimum wage to $10.10, the amount the Fair Wage Bill of 2013 proposes. Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., has introduced negotiations. We’ve got to tip the scales toward human dignity and toward people to be able to achieve their needs with the wages that they make.”

Brian Engielland, an economics professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, fears that increasing the federal minimum wage may not be beneficial to the overall economy: “It’s rough and ineffectual when it’s done on a national basis because there is such a great difference between costs of living between say, Mississippi and D.C. Fair wages should be done more on a regional basis.”

However, he believes that local government as well as employers, consumers and investors should actively promote and bargain for just wages that are realistic for their individual companies.

“Because of the way we were created, we like to work and we’ll work whether we’re paid or not,” he said. “Consequently, humans do not do a good job in negotiations. We’ve got to tip the scales toward human dignity. If you’re an individual worker doesn’t get the short end of the stick.”

“It wouldn’t be a bad idea to have minimum wage laws legislated at a local level, but the federal minimum should keep pace,” said Charlie Clark from St. John’s University in the New York borough of Queens.

The majority of minimum wage employers, he realizes that not everyone has opportunities for a career change. Some people can’t go to school, or if you’re willing to put in 40 hours a week, you should be able to afford an apartment, and it’s just not possible.”

Almost half of minimum wage workers, 47 percent, are full-time employees over the age of 20; 24 percent are parents, and more than a third are minorities, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank based in Washington.

With an increase in the minimum wage “things would still be tight, but at least I’d be able to put a roof over our heads,” said Radke.

Church teaching has long supported just wages and fair treatment of employees. For example, Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical “Rerum Novarum” (1891) to address the difficulties faced by the working class in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. “Wages ought not to be insufficient to support a frugal and well-behaved wage-earner,” he wrote.

Catholics also have been involved in furthering a just wage in America. “Msgr. John A. Ryan wrote one of the first pieces on [state minimum wage law],” said Michael Naughton from the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought, part of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. “There was a grave concern for people to be able to achieve their needs with the wages that they make.”

Naughton believes that a just wage is part of right relationship between employers and employees. “The role of virtue should inform these wage relationships from a scriptural, Catholic perspective,” he said. “Are there ways you can dignify the work? How can you promote the growth of your co-worker versus seeing an employee as an eight-hour unit?”

Conti believes she called was help people to support themselves. “I was raised in all of the traditions of Catholic social justice, not just charity, not just handouts but real opportunities for people to better themselves.”

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**September 14**  
Gabriel Parish, 600 W. 34th St., Indianapolis  
Youth Ministry craft fair and garage sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Information: 317-291-7014.

St. Vincent de Paul ‘Friends of the Poor’ Walk in Indianapolis is set for Sept. 28  
The Indianapolis Council of the St. Vincent de Paul will be joining in the national organization’s “Friends of the Poor” Walk to raise awareness of poverty and funds for the organization. This non-competitive walk (or run) of routes ranging from 1.3 to 12 miles will be held at Washington Park, 3031 E. 30th St. in Indianapolis, across from the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and Bread, clothing, furniture and appliances given to eligible clients at the Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul distribution center, and food and items to serve the homeless of Indianapolis through the St. Vincent de Paul Beagers for the Poor ministry.

**September 15**  
St. Maurice Parish, 1963 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis  
Wed. 1-6 p.m.  
Information: 812-934-2880.

**September 2**  
St. Philip Parish  
1207 East Brookville, Labor Day  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Information: 812-723-7851.

**September 4**  
Sacred Heart Parish, 5402 E. 56th St., Indianapolis  
Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Information: 317-953-1877.

**September 5**  
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4773 E. Morris Church St., Indianapolis  
Sat. 3-8 p.m.  
Information: 317-291-7014.

**September 6**  
St. Anthony Parish  
2717 W. 10th St., Indianapolis  
Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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**September 7**  
St. John of the Evangelist Parish, 5692 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis  
Sun. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Information: 317-877-8277.

**September 8**  
St. Monica Parish, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Columbus  
Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m; Sat. 9 a.m.-midnight, food, music, games, rides. Information: 812-663-8427.

**September 9**  
St. Peter Parish, 5692 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis  
Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m; Sat. 9 a.m.-midnight, food, music, rides. Information: 317-291-7014.

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St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis  
Sun. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Information: 317-291-7014.

**September 11**  
St. Maurice Parish, 1963 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis  
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Information: 317-953-1877.

**September 12**  
St. Cyril of Jerusalem School, 4330 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis  
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Information: 317-877-8277.

**September 15**  
St. John's Cathedral, 523 W. Washington St., Indianapolis  
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**September 16**  
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4773 E. Morris Church St., Indianapolis  
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Information: 317-953-1877.

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Benedictine sisters to bestow Angel of Grace awards at fundraiser

By Natalie Hofer

Throughout the Bible, three archangels are listed by name: Gabriel, messenger of good news to Mary and Zechariah; Michael, defender of heaven who cast the devil into hell; and Raphael, the traveling companion of Tobias.

Archangel Gabriel, Angel's Wings, Inc. founder Wendi Middleton, Archangel Michael, defender of heaven who cast the devil into hell; and Raphael, the traveling companion of Tobias.

The year's recipients are former Indianapolis WRTV 6 news anchor and current volunteer Barbara Boyd for the “messenger” Archangel Gabriel Award; Angel's Wings, Inc. founder Wendi Middleton for the “defender” Archangel Michael Award; and 20-year director of religious education at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis—and prodigulous volunteer—Mary Anne Schaefer for the “companion” Archangel Raphael Award.

These women will receive their award at a fashion show and luncheon fundraiser honoring all women and benefiting women’s programs at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove. The event will take place at Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 28 (see below for more details).

Here are the stories of this year’s messenger, defender and companion.

Archangel Gabriel Award winner

Barbara Boyd

Barbara Boyd is known to many as Indianapolis’ first black female television journalist and news anchor. But she is most famous as the woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer and shared about how she detected a lump in her breast after doing a self-examination, the same way as she had done before. Boyd retired from WRTV 6 in 1994. Her experience with breast cancer led her to work for Prison Fellowship Ministries, ministering and assisting female ex-offenders as part of her membership in these organizations.

Mary Anne Schaefer

Mary Anne Schaefer says of her love for Christ, “I am a drug-addicted mother, and I was soon able to build a new life for myself.” Schaefer also created Daughters of Mary, a group of women from her school who meet monthly to pray and provide support to the food pantry and Women of Faith Ministries.

Her volunteer efforts always stem from a love for Christ, she says, and a belief in looking at the “face of Jesus in all the people you meet.”

More information about the Holy Family Ministrations can be found by logging on to www.sjpa.org/church/sja-groups/.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Faith isn’t something decorative one adds to life, but is a commitment that involves making choices that may require sacrifice, Pope Francis said.

“Faith is not decorating your life with a bit of religious life, it’s being a concrete thing you do every day. With a love for Christ, she says, and a belief in looking at the “face of Jesus in all the people you meet.”

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remains of Indiana’s first saint, sometimes kneeling before her casket, other times touching it with their hand.

“It was overwhelming,” said first-year seminarian Nickolas McKinley. “It felt wonderful to be in the presence of a saint. The sense of her life and prayerfulness came through.”

McKinley, a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, is one of the freshmen Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, both in Indianapolis.

The pilgrimage capped off the annual three-day archdiocesan seminarian convocation in which men in formation for the priesthood for the Church in central and southern Indiana spend time together, before going off to their seminaries for the upcoming academic year.

Six years ago, transitional Deacon Daniel Bedel visited Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on a pilgrimage when he wasn’t too far ahead of where McKinley is in his priestly formation.

Now he is just months away from being ordained a priest. As he drove a van of seminarians to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, he reflected on how this was his final seminarian pilgrimage.

“Knowing that it’s the last one just makes the ordination coming up that much more real,” said Deacon Bedel. “It’s coming. You’ve got to be ready for it.”

Part of that preparation for the priesthood is spending summers in archdiocesan parishes. Deacon Bedel, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg, ministered for 10 weeks at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

“It was an incredible summer, one of the best summers I can ever remembering,” he said. “At the end of the summer, it didn’t feel that I had already been there for 10 weeks. It flew by. And so the thought that I had to leave the parish and go back to the seminary was hard. I really just wanted to stick around at the parish a lot longer.”

But spending time with his fellow seminarians at the convocation was also important for Deacon Bedel.

“It’s just a good chance to get to know the new guys and gives us a chance to kind of bond,” he said. “That fraternity is what we’re all about in seminary. And we know that, for those who make it to the priesthood, that fraternity is going to just get better as we’re priests.”

Spending time with his brother seminarians was important for first-year seminarian Jeff Dufresne, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

“You, of course, have mentors and people that pray with you and talk with you and discern with you and walk with you outside of the seminary,” said Dufresne. “But having brothers that you get to pray in community with and live life with—that fraternity has been built up, not just in one or two places, but in families, in schools and in parishes throughout the archdiocese. It gives us hope for the future—part of that preparation for the priesthood.”

No matter where the seminarians come from, Father Augenstein hopes that they all grow in holiness during their years of priestly formation.

During a Mass celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Father Augustin standing just a few feet away from the mortal remains of St. Therese reflected on striving for that sanctity.

“Being able to drive an hour and a half from Indianapolis to a shrine of a canonized saint here at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is a reminder that sanctity and holiness is possible for us here in Indiana,” Father Augenstein said during his homily. “We don’t have to go far away to find it.”

For more photos from the seminarian pilgrimage, read this story online at www.CriterionOnline.com.

For more information about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, log on to www.HearGodsCall.com.

Canonization date for John Paul II, John XXIII to be known in September

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis will host a meeting of cardinals on Sept. 30 to formally approve the canonization of Blessed John Paul II and John XXIII. The date for the canonization will be announced at that time, said Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes.

The cardinal told Vatican Radio on July 28 that Pope Francis knows for sure the date he will proclaim the two saints as saints, although he already implied that it is likely to be in 2014.

Speaking to reporters traveling with him from Brazil to Rome on July 28, Pope Francis said he had been considering Dec. 8, but the possibility of icy roads could make it difficult for Polish pilgrims who would travel by bus to Rome for the liturgy.

Another option, he said, would be April 27, which is the day after Easter and the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, a celebration instituted worldwide by Pope John Paul.

Asked to describe the two late popes, Pope Francis said Blessed John was “a bit of the ‘country priest,’ a priest who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them; he did this as a bishop and as a nunco.”

He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council, was a man of courage, Pope Francis said. “He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord.”

As for Blessed John Paul, he told the reporters on the plane, “I think of him as ‘the great missionary of the Church’ because he was ‘a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere.’”

Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing the miracle needed for Blessed John Paul’s canonization on July 5; the same day, the Vatican announced that the pope had agreed with the cardinal members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes that the canonization of Blessed John should go forward even without a second miracle attributed to his intercession.

Before declaring new saints, the pope consults with cardinals around the world and calls a consistory—a gathering attended by any cardinal who wants and is able to attend—where those present voice their support for the pope’s decision. A date for a canonization liturgy is announced formally only during or immediately after the consistory.

Except in the case of martyrs, Vatican rules require one miracle for a candidate’s beatification and a second for his or her canonization as confirmations that the candidate really is in heaven with God.
Pope says Mary is always near, helping the Church face its trials

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church, already is in glory in heaven, but she continues “the battle against the evil one and his accomplices. Mary and Jesus can give them the strength they need to meditate on the events of suffering and joy in the life of the Lord, which are condensed in the “gospel of life” with the firm hope of the victory of the resurrection, an event of which she asked Jesus, “I shall see him.”

Pope Francis told the crowd that praying the rosary and meditating on the events of suffering and joy in the life of Jesus Christ would bring comfort and strength. He said the Magnificat—Mary’s response to her visitation by the angel of the Lord—can give people confidence and hope, a song sung by “many saints,” including “moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, priests, sisters, young people, even children, who have faced the struggle of life” with the firm hope of the victory of the resurrection, the victory of love.

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House parent retires after 24 years and 400 babies

By Natalie Hoefer

It was a spring day in 1989 when Melinda Spalding walked to Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany. She was restless. "I was blessed with a wonderful husband and children," Spalding recalls, "but I wanted to be more well-rounded. I didn't want an office job—I have too much energy to sit all day. As I walked to church, I thought, 'I have just got to find something for me.'"

That very day in the parish bulletin, Spalding saw an announcement seeking a house parent at the new St. Elizabeth Home for crisis pregnancies in New Albany, later renamed St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. Now, 24 years and more than 400 babies later, Spalding has retired from her job as a house parent for the home for pregnant teenagers.

But for Spalding, being a house parent "was never a job. It was a calling." Katie Owens, her supervisor for the last five years, describes Spalding's role. "She helped manage the home and made sure the girls had what they needed and got what they needed to ensure a healthy pregnancy and baby. She helped them learn independent living skills and how to care for a child. She encouraged them to live a healthier life for themselves and their children."

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—Katie Owens, a supervisor at St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities' crisis pregnancy center in New Albany

Those life skills were often quite basic. "We had one little girl from Wisconsin who came from a successful family," Spalding recalls. "She didn't know how to cook, and she said she wanted to learn. She didn't even know how to make Jell-O! So we started there, and then worked up to boxed things like cakes and meals." Of all her duties, Spalding says, listening was the most important—and the most powerful. "[The girls] would always talk to me. I never was judgmental. I would listen to them and guide them.

Owens attests to Spalding's skill as a listener. "Melinda was known to sit up all night talking to a scared or upset resident. She connected to the residents on a level that made them comfortable, and they respected her. And Melinda was always very happy and could make anyone smile," Owens adds.

Mark Casper, agency director for St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, refers to Spalding as "the happy mother most of these girls never had.

Spalding, a mother of three grown children and grandmother of eight with another on the way, says she knows that "when you push a young person, they'll go the opposite way." So when it came to her Catholic faith, she took a delicate but honest approach. "I told the girls, 'I'm religious. I won't push it, but if you ask me I'll tell you.'" "We all ate dinner together like a family, and I never hid my prayer [before the meal]," says Spalding. "Some would say 'I don't believe in God' or 'I never went to church.' I'd suggest, 'Why don't you say thank you for just one thing?' And soon they were praying!"

Given the nature of the girls' situations and backgrounds, Spalding had to rely on her faith. "The little girl that couldn't cook, "Spalding says with a bit of house parent pride. "She calls every Mother's Day, looking back on Spalding's time at St. Elizabeth Home, which merged with Catholic Charities in New Albany to become St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities in 2003, Casper says Spalding was a foundation of the establishment. "She saw it from a staff of two or three people with not so many policies and procedures and regulations. Now there is a staff of 30 and seven buildings—they built the buildings around her!"

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While Spalding intends to volunteer at St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities when the weather is colder, she plans to spend her retirement being outdoors and active at the farm she and her husband, Donald, dubbed "Little Rock Ranch" in Ramsey. "I like doing stuff—growing vegetables, planting herbs, raising organic chickens, landscaping and especially horseback riding."

She also hopes to hit the highway with her husband and their horses to ride in different states. Illinois, Tennessee and Wyoming top the list. Of her 24 years as a house parent, Spalding says she feels blessed. "Every day, I prayed on the way [to work] for God to give me the energy to help these girls and touch just one person's life. Between day one and the day I retired, there were over 400 babies born. So I did touch a lot of people's lives. "I did my calling"." ‡

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Christian faith proclaims the truth of God’s total love

(The following is the third in a series of five articles looking at Pope Francis’ recently released encyclical, “Lumen Fidei” (“The Light of Faith”))

By John F. Fink

Chapter 2 of Pope Francis’ encyclical “Lumen Fidei” (“The Light of Faith”) acknowledges the crisis of truth in our age. We must, he says, remember the bond between faith and truth. “Faith without truth,” he says, “does not save, it does not provide a sure footing” (#25).

Yet, he says, our culture tends to consider technology, what makes life easier, to be more important. The pope says, “If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time” (#27). Faith is tied to love because love brings enlightenment. Love and truth are inseparable. Every man and woman discovers love as a source of knowledge, the pope says.

In a section about the dialogue between faith and reason, the pope says that Christian faith proclaims the truth of God’s total love and opens us to the power of that love. When the first Christians began to proclaim the message, they encountered the philosophical culture of the Greek world. The ensuing interaction between faith and reason has continued down the centuries to our own times. He uses the life of St. Augustine as an example of reason being integrated into the horizon of faith. “The light of love proper to faith can illumine the questions of our own time about truth,” the encyclical says (#34). If truth is a truth of love, it says, it cannot be reduced to validity only for an individual (relativism). “It can be set free from its enclosure in individuals and become part of the common good” (#34).

The same paragraph says, “One who believes may not be presumptuous; on the contrary, truth leads to humility since believers know that, rather than ourselves possessing truth, it is truth which embraces and possesses us” (#34). Science can benefit from faith, the pope says, because faith encourages the scientist to remain open to reality. “By stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation, faith broadens the horizons of reason to shed greater light on the world which discloses itself to scientific investigation” (#34).

The light of faith in Jesus can also illumine the path of all those who seek God, no matter what their religion. Pope Francis says. Religious men and women can see signs of God in their daily lives, in the cycle of seasons, in the fruitfulness of the Earth, in the movement of the cosmos. He can be found by anyone who seeks him with a sincere heart, the pope says.

Even those people who are not believers, but who continue to seek, can find the path to faith even without knowing it, the pope says, as long as they are sincerely open to love. Anyone who is doing good to others is already drawing near to God, he says.

The pope ends Chapter 2 with a note about the relationship between faith and theology. Theology is impossible without faith, he says, because it seeks an ever deeper understanding of God’s self-disclosure that ends in Christ. As the great medieval theologians taught, theology as a science of faith is a participation in God’s own knowledge of himself, he says. Theology, he says, must serve the faith of Christians by protecting and deepening everyone’s faith, especially ordinary believers. The magisterium of the pope and the bishops in communion with him, he says, “provides the certainty of attaining to the word of Christ in all its integrity” (#36). (John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.)

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- **Thursday, September 5:** 8:00 breakfast at Primo South, Banquet Hall, 2615 National Ave., Indianapolis

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Cynthia Dewes

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Sunday August 25, 2013

**Sunday Readings**

- Isaiah 66:18-23
- Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Book of Isaiah provides the first reading for this weekend. Isaiah is a fascinating book of Scripture: it covers a long period of Hebrew history. Its early chapters deal with events and conditions in the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah. God’s people areabout to be conquered by the mighty Babylonian army. Then, as the book progresses, it tells of the plight of the Hebrews taken to Babylon, the imperial capital, where they and their descendants languished for four generations. At last, the Hebrews were allowed to return, but the homeland that they found was hardly a “land flowing with milk and honey.” It was sterile, lifeless and bleak. It must have been difficult not to succumb to cynicism or outright rejection of God. Did God lead them to this awful place?

**Reflection**

For several weeks, the Church, either directly or indirectly, has taught us in the weekend readings at Mass that earthly life is not the only experience of living for humans. Earthly life is not eternal. Eternity is forever, and it is real, either in the kingdom of heaven, or in the everlasting rest and pain of hell. If nothing else, hell is a place of grief where opportunities for eternal joy were spurned or rejected by voluntary sin. God offers us every opportunity, and every aid, in our way to reach heaven. He gave us Jesus as our Redeemer and companion as we move toward heaven. One with God the Father, Jesus forgives us, strengthens us, guides us, restores us, and finally places us at the banquet table of heaven.

Still, all this being the case, humans can ignore or outright turn away from God’s love, so lavishly given in Jesus. This is critical. Humans create their own own destiny. They may choose, individually, to accept God and his assisting grace. The choice belongs to them.

Basically, the decision to be, or not to be, a disciple is the choice of submitting to God and accepting his grace or of putting self above everything. The prophets and the Gospel warn us. The Church warns us, but the message is filled with promise and security. God will assist us through Jesus and will give us eternal life if we simply and realistically acknowledge our need for divine help and guidance, and if we truly love God.

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**Daily Readings**

**Monday, August 26**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Psalm 149:1-6, 9
Matthew 13:23-22

**Tuesday, August 27**

St. Monica
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6
Matthew 23:23-26

**Wednesday, August 28**

St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Psalm 139:7-12
Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday, August 29**

The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Psalm 90:3-4, 12-14, 17
Mark 6:17-29

**Friday, August 30**

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday, August 31**

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Psalm 98:1, 7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, September 1**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:1-20, 28-29
Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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**Question Corner**

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

**While Church rules can change, its teachings are not subject to polls**

Appreciate your kind and well-considered answers to the many questions you receive about the Catholic faith. Yet still there are many times I simply cannot agree with the teachings of the Church—such as when, recently, you advised divorced and remarried couples to see whether the Church might be able to annul their previous marriage.

I was in a loving and committed marriage for more than 30 years, but we finally divorced because of irreconcilable differences. I would never think of invalidating that true marriage by having it annulled. My question, though, is broader than that. If individual Catholics, or groups of the faithful, disagree with Catholic teachings or rules, how do we make that known—and how can we actually have any influence at all? All decisions in the Church seem to come from the top down. (Hudson, Wis.)

A first, on the matter of annulments, the Catholic Church grants an annulment when it is able to show that, from the very beginning of a marriage, it lacked at least one of the elements necessary to make the relationship a true, genuine and binding sacramental marriage.

Some common grounds include an intention from the start to exclude children, lack of the beginning of a permanent commitment to the marriage or lack of an exclusive one; marriages marked by serious emotional, physical or substance abuse; fraud or deceit in eliciting consent to marriage; serious mental illness.

Since you indicated that yours was a loving and committed marriage for more than 30 years, it is unlikely that any of these impediments was present from the start—but there have been cases where the marriage endured for many years even though there was a fundamental flaw from the beginning. It is important to note that an annulment does not deny that a real relationship did exist, nor does it assert that the marriage was entered into with ill will or moral fault.

Church law specifically states that children born of a marriage declared sacramentally null are still considered legitimate. An annulment leaves the parties free to enter a new marriage in the Church—or to have their present marriage “blessed” by the Church—as well as to participate fully in sacramental life. Sometimes an added benefit is that the annulment process, while it may revive some painful memories, can also ultimately heal wounds and bring closure.

As to your larger question—how to exert greater lay influence on the “teaching and rules” of the Church—I would not discount the effect of personal pleas to bishops, letters to Catholic newspapers and the influence of diocesan lay councils. While the Church cannot practice “magisterium by Gallup,” since much of its fundamental “teaching” is dictated by revealed natural law, the “rules” can sometimes change. And even though the Church’s policies and practices are indeed decided finally by bishops and other ordained Church leaders, it is hard for them to ignore what they are hearing “at home.”

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

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**My Journey to God**

**Little Mystery**

By Linda Abner

I light a little candle.
And lift a little prayer
For your growing Little Mystery
Now hidden in your care.

I ask for your protection:
Make him healthy; make her whole,
Let your guardian angels gather
To guard her heart in your care.

She is our heart’s delight
Now sheltered from our sight.

Let your guardian angels gather
To protect her heart in your care.

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**John Eudes**

1601-1680
August 19

For 20 years, this Oratorian priest preached the basics of the faith to unchurched Catholics across northern France, distinguishing himself especially by serving the sick during epidemics of the plague. In 1643 he left the French Oratory and with companions founded a new congregation of priests whose charism was the training of priests. The Congregation of Jesus and Mary, also called Eudists, was reconstituted after the French Revolution

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Linda Abner is a member of Our Lady of Lorenz Parish in Indianapolis and wrote this poem about her unborn grandchild. Volunteer Giulia Martin holds Mackenzie, 4 months old, at the Paul Stefan Home for Unced Mothers in Orange County, Va.
Catholic lawmaker in Missouri legislature files suit over HHS mandate

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—A Missouri state representative has filed a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) mandate that most employers cover contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs for workers, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services.

Attorneys with the Thomas More Society filed the suit on Aug. 14 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on behalf of Republican state Rep. Paul Wieland and his wife, Teresa. The suit also names the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Rep. Paul Wieland

The Wielands said they are suing because the mandate violates their religious liberty, free speech and other rights, as it requires them to be enrolled in group insurance coverage for their family that includes contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations. They are currently complying with the mandate, and are seeking an injunction to stop its enforcement.

Wieland said he was notified by letter in July that the Missouri Consolidated Health Plan, the insurance plan for state employees, would begin offering coverage under the provisions of the mandate beginning on Aug. 1. Previously, Wieland had the option to purchase a plan that did not include coverage of contraceptives and other items his family considers objectionable, but in July was told he could no longer purchase a contraceptive-free policy.

The Wielands are members of St. Joseph Parish in Imperial. Paul Wieland first served in the Missouri House of Representatives in 1994. He was re-elected in 2010 and again in 2012 and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and Teresa have three daughters, ages 12, 18 and 19, and he said the mandate will force them to access free contraceptives.

“As a parent, it is disturbing,” said Wieland. “We value our faith and make a sacrifice to teach our children the faith, to send them to Catholic schools. We have a lot invested in this, and now the government says you have to do something morally wrong and you don’t have any choice. This is not fair. I would never deprive a person of health care, and we don’t have access to any parental rights here.”

The lawsuit also argues that a portion of the premiums the Wielands pay for their health care coverage partially funds medical services provided to other employees covered under the same plan. The state then contributes the remaining part of the insurance premiums as a benefit of Wieland’s employment.

KELLY, Timothy R., 51.

LUECKE, Brian Jeffrey, 26.

MONTONEY, William, 80.

PAGLIA, Philip M., 55.
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, July 27.

PALIGRA, Carl, 71.
St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Son of Robert and Mary Ann Huntington. Brother of Lynn Domini and Jim Huntington.

HUNTINGDON, David, 50.
St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Son of Robert and Mary Ann Huntington. Brother of Lynn Domini and Jim Huntington.

HUNTHERSON, Douglas, 77.
St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Son of Robert and Mary Ann Huntington. Brother of Lynn Domini and Jim Huntington.

LUECKE, Dallas, 20.

RUSSELL, Robert, 86.
St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Son of Robert and Mary Ann Huntington. Brother of Lynn Domini and Jim Huntington.

SCHAUB, John, 75.

SCHMITT, Francis, 89.

SHERIDAN, Kathleen.
Husband of Michael Paul. Sister of Terri Tuttle, Jim and Pete Spears. Sister of Mary Kelley, Doris Patrick, Kathy Herath, Annette Hurst, Nancy Herath, Andrew and Dennis Staples.

STEELY, Lynn, 79.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

STEINBERGER, Alexander, 90.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

STONER, Rural, 87.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

TRIBUS, Louis, 91.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

TRIVIGNO, Eugene, 89.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

WACKER, Michael, 90.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

THE RENAISSANCE, 70.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

WIEHL, Brianne, 90.
St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 7. Son of Fred and Delores Steely. Brother of Susan and David Steely.

WIELAND, Paul, 50.
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“…the particular of Obamacare are now forcing our clients to participate in something they consider an intrinsic evil,” Timothy Belz, special counsel for the Thomas More Society, said in a statement. “The Wielands fervently believe abanticipates and abortion on demand do not constitute medicine or health care. Their religion faith defines abortion as the intentional destruction of innocent human life, and the Wielands believe that it is gravely immoral.”

Last fall, the Missouri General Assembly passed a law protecting the conscience rights of those objecting to paying for contraceptive coverage and abortion-inducing drugs in their health plans. The law was known as S.B. 749 during the legislative process. The bill faced numerous challenges, including a veto by Gov. Jay Nixon, which was later overridden during a special session.

“…the intention of the founding fathers was to protect people from government imposition into their religious convictions,” Belz said. “Instead, the federal government is now coercing our clients into abandoning their religious views and interfering with these parents’ right to raise their children within their Catholic principles.

“The federal government has ignored the rights of individuals, such as the Wielands, who hold sincere religious beliefs that condemn abortion and any medication or procedure that causes abortion,” he added. ☉
Faith, family, football permeates Steelers team, says Benedictine

LATROBE, Pa. (CNS)—Ask Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney why his football team has been training at St. Vincent College since 1966, and he says that the campus has the right facilities, it’s close to Pittsburgh, and “for many reasons, it works well.”

Then he adds with a laugh, “And it helps that it’s the Benedictines.”

For the past 48 pre-seasons, the college and archabbye have welcomed the six-time Super Bowl winners with the spirit of hospitality written in the Rule of St. Benedict.

“Chapter 53 talks about welcoming guests and reminds us that every guest should be welcomed as Christ himself,” said Benedictine Archabbot Douglas Nowicki said.

At this time of year—it’s a three-week camp that ended on Aug. 17—that’s tens of thousands of guests from the solid fan-base and from all over the United States. On the busiest days, some 5,000 from the parking lots into the grassy fields.

To the east, the Laurel Highlands campus is a big sky with rolling hills, one of the reasons that a Sports Illustrated writer once called St. Vincent “the most picturesque campus” in the league. But that’s not all that sets this apart from the other training camps. There’s definitely a Catholic presence.

“One of the most outstanding things you see is the basilica’s steeples,” Archabbot Nowicki said. “It’s all in the Steelers’ pictures.”

That side of the campus was built by the original monks, who in 1846 arrived with Abbot Boniface Wimmer to establish the first Benedictine monastery in the United States, and a school for immigrants. From there, monks set out to found more schools and monasteries.

“The Benedictine communities for the last 1,500 years thrived on being participants in communities,” said Benedictine Father Paul Taylor, executive vice president of the college. “We have a place where people come, we are good neighbors, and our reach goes around the world in the Benedictine network. So for the Steelers to be partners with us and to be here helps us to do what we do to try our best—that is, to welcome people.”

The friendship between St. Vincent and the Steelers began in the early 1900s when Art Rooney Sr. a student and athlete at Duquesne University Prep School in Pittsburgh, came to campus to play against St. Vincent Prep School’s football team. He also came for retreats.

Art Sr. founded the Steelers franchise in 1933 and became its legendary “Chief.” His brother, Dan, was Father Silas Rooney, a Franciscan who once served at a St. Vincent mission in China.

Art Jr.’s son, Art Jr., graduated from St. Vincent College in 1957, and Art Jr.’s brother Dan, now 81, is the team chairman and also served as U.S. ambassador to Ireland from 2009 to 2012.

Dan’s son, Art Rooney II, is currently team president.

The team has been in the family from the beginning, and the Steelers hold the league distinction of having only three head coaches since 1969. So it’s more than a cheer when fans chant “We are F-T!”

“The Rooneys are known for three things—faith, family and football,” Archabbot Douglas said. “Art Sr. went to Mass every day, and so does his son Dan. That has certainly been part of their upbringing in strong Irish Catholic families, and it’s very much who they are and their identities. The importance of faith, family and football permeates the entire organization.”

The team has chaplains, and Father Paul, who works with the team development office, is invited as a friend and for the Catholic perspective. Some players attend Mass at the chapel and basils, others have their own faith services, and quiet places on campus invite them all.

“The value of faith is very important, just like the value of physical development,” Father Paul said. “It’s one of the pieces of being a whole person. Today’s athlete can live out the writings of St. Paul when he says you are an athlete for Christ, run the race to win, and the winner gets the crown. When you see athletes today working so hard to achieve victory, you can take the same model and apply it to our faith life. Walking the journey of life faithfully to God is hard work. It’s hard work to be a Christian, but the work pays off.”

Arthur J. Rooney II, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Daniel M. Rooney, chairman of the Steelers and former U.S. ambassador to Ireland, and Benedictine Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, chancellor of St. Vincent College, pose for a photo on Aug. 7 at the NFL team’s football training camp on the college campus in Latrobe, Pa.

Jerry Olsavsky, a Catholic, who is the Steelers’ defensive assistant coach and former player, said that coming to Latrobe for camp “for the past 24 years has really made me who I am.” That’s the unexpected result of being here at St. Vincent, you feel whole,” he said. “I’m not just a football coach, and I’m not just a Catholic. It lets me be one person and wraps me all together, all of those different sides of me.”

He frequently goes to morning Mass with the Benedictine monks, and when his family is at the camp, they attend Mass with him. He says it grounds him and permits him to function as a coach with more humanity and focus.

Offensive lineman Ramon Foster is not Catholic, but he said being at St. Vincent has deepened his spirituality. He also has formed friendships with the monks. Those influences have helped him become a better husband and father, he said.

“Just being here gives you a humbleness. There is nothing but growth from this whole situation.”

In the spirit of St. Benedict, there is no admission charge to watch the Steelers practice at scheduled times. That’s hospitality. “This gives many people, particularly families and youngsters, the opportunity to see the Steelers close up when they might not otherwise be able to see them,” Archabbot Douglas said. “That’s the welcome they receive here on campus, and that’s a commitment from the Steelers organization and St. Vincent to make this a positive experience.

In February, he will take a black and gold Steelers Terrible Towel and autographed football to Rome and will present them to Pope Francis, whose love of faith and family has become known to all. “We don’t know how he feels about football,” Archabbot Nowicki said, “but we’ll find out.”
What was in the news on August 23, 1963? The U.S. bishops urge personal involvement in the fight against racial bias, and the pope calls for unity

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we continue to examine what was going on in the world 50 years ago as seen through the pages of The Criterion.

Here are some of the items found in the Aug. 23, 1963, issue of The Criterion:

• Become personally involved in bias fight, U.S. bishops urge

“WASHINGTON—The nation’s Catholic bishops have urged members of the Church to ensure they get personally involved in the quest for harmony during the present racial crisis. Individual Catholics and Church groups should continue to sponsor anti-racism discussions of problems and concerns, the bishops said. They urged similar action by civic associations. “It is only by open and free exchange of ideas that we can understand the rights and obligations that prevail on both sides. Such knowledge is a prelude to action that will remove artificial barriers of race,” the bishops said.

• Twenty clergy changes announced by Chancery

• Appeals for unity: ‘Let barriers fall,’ popes urges

National shrine employees recall roles in March on Washington

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Fifty years ago on the morning of Aug. 28, 1963, Betty Stallworth said the major news outlets were predicting the march would be a bust. “My mother [William] and I decided to go. I said I was going if I was the only person on the Mall,” she recalled in an interview with the Catholic Standard, newsweekly of the Washington Archdiocese.

Bettystallworth, then in her late 20s, had taken leave that day from her job as a correspondence clerk with the Department of the Army at the Pentagon.

She asked a neighbor to watch the couple’s five young children, and she and her husband headed to their church, St. Augustine—which has long billed itself as the “mother Church” for African-American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington—to join parishioners marching together down 15th Street.

That day, Aug. 28, was coincidentally the feast of St. Augustine, and the parish had hosted out-of-town marchers and then held a special Mass before parishioners joined the march, walking behind banners representing the parish.

“It was a good-sized group,” remembered Stallworth, who has been a St. Augustine parishioner for more than 50 years and sings in the parish’s chorale. “It was a happy crowd. People were walking with joy.”

The media’s predictions were wrong. “When we got downtown to the Mall, there were people coming from every direction,” she said. Stallworth even bumped into her aunt and uncle and people from her hometown of Savannah, Ga.

She compared the crowd to a tradition that black churches have—an annual homecoming. “It was like a homecoming, everyone coming together.”

During the rally, her husband periodically lifted her up so she could see the crowd. And when she heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech, what touched her heart the most as a mother of five, was near the end of the speech, when Rev. King talked about the future, “when little black boys and girls, and little white boys and girls, would join hands together. The truth is, it brought tears to your eyes,” said Stallworth, who grew up in the segregated South.

A lot of students were based on keeping minorities from having a better education. That’s why I pushed, in my family, education,” she said.

She and her late husband sent all five of their children to St. Augustine School, and two of their grandchildren also graduated from the school.

St. Augustine Parish traces its beginnings to 1858, when the Sisters of Charity opened school on the corner of 15th Street and U Street in what was then called Black Broadway.

Now 65, he and his wife, Beverly, have three grown children and five grandchildren. He retired in 2009 after working as a mechanical engineer for the Arlington County government.

The National Shrine usher said Rev. King was a man of God. “Faith is what kept him in the direction he was going,” he said, and it was that faith that moved Rev. King to believe “we shall overcome.”

Washington woman recalls historic march felt like ‘a homecoming’