Vatican official reaffirms teaching on divorced and remarried Catholics

VATICAN CITY CNS—Amid rising expectations that the Catholic Church might make it easier for divorced and remarried members to receive Communion, the Vatican's highest doctrinal official reaffirmed Church teaching barring such persons from the sacrament without an annulment of their first, sacramental marriage.

But Archbishop Gerhard L. Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, acknowledged that many Catholics' first marriages might be invalid, and thus eligible for annulment, if spouses had been influenced by prevailing contemporary conceptions of marriage as a temporary arrangement.

The archbishop's words appeared in a 4,600-word article published in the Vatican newspaper on Oct. 22.

Speculation about a change in practice has grown since Pope Francis told reporters accompanying him on his plane back from Rio de Janeiro in July that the next Synod of Bishops would explore a "somewhat deeper pastoral care of marriage," including the question of the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

Pope Francis added at the time that Church law governing marriage annulments also "has to be reviewed because ecclesiastical tribunals are not sufficient for this."

Such problems, he said, exemplified a general need for forgiveness in the Church today.

"The Church is a mother, and she must travel this path of mercy, and find a form of mercy for all," the pope said.

The Vatican announced on Oct. 8 that an extraordinary session of the Synod of Bishops will meet on Oct. 5-19, 2014, to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization."

Hurt, help and hope

Couples seek support, healing after suffering miscarriage, stillbirth and early infant loss

By Natalie Hoeter

When Lauren Rush went to her doctor for a regular third trimester pregnancy checkup early this year, neither she nor her husband, Rick, could imagine they had already lost their baby boy.

"I remember feeling him kick just two days before," said Rick.

But no heartbeat was found during the checkup. Lauren was sent to the hospital. Labor was induced.

At 32 weeks, Lauren gave birth to their stillborn son, John James. The umbilical cord had become knotted in her womb.

Unlike the Rush's tragedy, most miscarriages happen much earlier in pregnancy. Statistics show that 15-25 percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriage at 20 weeks or less.

But those numbers are no consolation to the parents who lose their children before ever having the opportunity to hold and know them, or even to see them.

In these stories of hurt, help and hope, three couples share their experience with the loss of children to miscarriage, stillbirth and early infant death; the search for medical and emotional support; and the faith they relied upon to carry on.

'It changes the fabric of your family' After trying to conceive for several years, Melanie and Pete Kuester were thrilled when they found out they were expecting their first child in the fall of 2011.

"You start thinking about what they'll be like, whether it will be a boy or girl, what will you name them," said Melanie.

"And then, none of it happens." The Kuesters, members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, lost their child 10 weeks into the pregnancy.

Two years later, the sorrow is still fresh.

"I have a strong feeling it was a girl," Melanie said as tears filled her eyes. "Her name is Elizabeth Ann. I can't wait to get to heaven, and see what she looks like."

Shaina and Peter Miller can empathize. Two years later, the sorrow is still fresh.

Archbishop Emeritus Buechlein is honored as seminary's new dining hall and dorm are dedicated

The continued growth of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis was celebrated on Oct. 21 as Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin blessed and dedicated its new dining hall and dormitory.

Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, who founded the seminary in 2004, attended the event. The seminary’s dining hall was named in his honor. The dormitory, which features 10 double occupancy rooms, is named St. Bonaventure Hall.

"I’d like to thank Archbishop Daniel for the wisdom of planting this seed and to assure him that we’re going to care for it, not simply for this building, but also for the young men who will be here," Archbishop Tobin said during the dedication ceremony. "And we give glory to God for the wonderful fruit that is yet to be realized because of Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary."

The $2.6 million project, which also included the renovation and expansion of the seminary's chapel, was completed in 2014.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin raises his hands in prayer on Oct. 21 while blessing the new dining hall and dormitory of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein attended the ceremony. The new dining hall is named after him.

Melanie and Pete Kuester enjoy spending time with Margaret “Maggie” Katherine, the newborn baby girl they adopted in August, pictured here at 10 weeks. After a miscarriage and ongoing infertility issues, the couple adopted Maggie through St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis.

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Youths, various faith traditions represented at ‘40 Days for Life’ rally

By Sean Gallagher

Several dozen youths, young adults and parents gathered on Oct. 12 to witness to the goodness of life outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Indianapolis. The occasion was a mid-point rally for this year’s fall campaign of “40 Days for Life.” Rally participants have prayed daily outside the abortion facility at 8590 Georgetown Road since the campaign started on Sept. 25.

Rory Kramer, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, is a “40 Days for Life” organizer. He appreciates the ecumenical nature of the campaign. “There are a lot of churches that come out and participate in the ‘40 Days for Life’ prayer vigil,” Kramer said. “It’s very exciting to me that the churches are figuring out that [the pro-life cause] is a big deal, and something we need to be concerned with.”

The ecumenical nature of “40 Days for Life” was highlighted during the rally by one of its keynote speakers, Rev. Brandon Sutton, pastor of Blue Rose Christian Union Church in Shelby County. Sutton said that when he was invited to speak, he felt an obligation to do so.

“This is an event and opportunity I would not have passed up,” he said. “The pro-life movement is a cause I avidly support. Human lives have been created in the image of God. Therefore, we all have value, value and dignity in the eyes of our Creator.”

Like Kramer, Sutton looks seeing Christians of various faith traditions coming together to stand up for life through “40 Days for Life.” “So often Christians are labeled for what they disagree about or for what they are against,” Sutton said. “This event propagated, not what we oppose, but that which we support—human life.”

Also speaking at the rally was Rynelle Castellino, a junior at Cathedral High School and a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, both in Indianapolis. Earlier this year, Rynelle won the 2013 Indianapolis Right to Life Speech Contest. She spoke about her pro-life convictions on Sept. 17 before more than 1,000 people at the pro-life organization’s annual fundraising dinner.

The crowd and setting for her speech at the Oct. 12 rally was a big contrast. Speaking in front of people outside an abortion facility and on a busy city street was important for Rynelle. “When I was speaking outside the abortion center, there were many pass-by’s in the cars or who were coming into the center who weren’t pro-life,” Rynelle said. “Hopefully, I impacted them somehow with my speech.”

At the end of the rally, a group of young children placed in the ground some 4,000 flags held in two large planters that represent the number of surgical abortions that take place each working day every year in the United States. Kramer was emotional when he recalled the moment.

He said the simple action by the children spoke a powerful message for him, and hopefully for the motorists driving up and down the busy Georgetown Road.

“We can’t just drive by and ignore what’s going on,” Children get that,” Kramer said. “They were creating a much greater presence of the truth concerning the 4,000 children that are surgically aborted every working day in this country.”

(A closing rally for the fall “40 Days for Life” campaign in Indianapolis will take place at 3 p.m. on Nov. 3 in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 8590 Georgetown Road, Indianapolis. For more information about the “40 Days for Life” campaign in Indianapolis, log on to http://40daysforlife.com/indianapolis.html)

Daughters of Charity to withdraw from Indianapolis, Lafayette, other dioceses

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — The Daughters of Charity, who first established St. Thomas Hospital in 1898 and who have served in health care ministries and other works in 18 states, the District of Columbia and Montreal, Canada, as well as in foreign missions on every continent except Antarctica, will leave by the fall of 2014 from: Birmingham, Ala.; Brandon, Miss.; Jacksonville, Fla., which is in the St. Augustine Diocese; East Brunswick, N.J.; Metuchen Diocese; Buffalo, N.Y., but the sisters will continue their work in Niagara Falls and Lewiston, N.Y., in the Buffalo Diocese; Austin, Texas, but they will continue to minister in Waco, Texas, in the Austin Diocese, and Martinsburg, W.Va., in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The order’s Province of St. Louise released the full list of communities on Oct. 18.

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul were founded in Paris in 1633 by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. In the United States, the sisters trace their roots to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who founded a community, then known as the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, in Emmitsburg, Md., in 1809.

The Daughters of Charity are dedicated to serving the poorest and most abandoned in society. Among the ministries in which they serve are: social services, health care, education, prison ministry, services for immigrants, anti-human trafficking efforts, parishes and social justice.

The Daughters of Charity of the Province of St. Louise will continue to serve in many health care ministries and other works in 18 states, the District of Columbia and Montreal, Canada, as well as in foreign missions on every continent except Antarctica.

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The United Catholic Appeal and charity: ‘A chance to see what the Church is really about’

By Natalie Hoefer

(This is the fourth in a series of four articles looking at how “United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope” funds are distributed, and how the funds benefit all in the archdiocese.)

Imagine the expense, burden and work involved if each parish offered its own homeless shelter and maternity home for unwed mothers.

Such efforts would be impractical and a vast duplication of resources, time and money. Add the challenge of providing a quality Catholic education at little cost to children from poverty level homes.

To resolve these dilemmas while still offering the charity Christ called his disciples to provide, the archdiocese coordinates these ministries throughout central and southern Indiana.

Through such entities as Catholic Charities, Mother Theodore Catholic Academies, St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities home for women in crisis pregnancies and other such agencies, the archdiocese fulfills Christ’s call to charity.

This week, we highlight how, by donating to “United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope,” each Catholic in the archdiocese is able to fulfill Christ’s call to exercise charity.

‘A crisis away from ruin’

“Ann,” a 43-year-old single mom, struggled but managed to support herself and her three children. Then the youngest child, “Shelby,” was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

This crisis proved too much for Ann’s already shaky circumstances. She often had to miss work in order to take Shelby to medical appointments and hospitalizations.

She soon lost her job, and then their apartment. Family members were unable to provide a solution, so Ann turned in desperation to Catholic Charities’ Holy Family Shelter.

“So many people are just a health crisis away or one job loss away from financial ruin,” said David Siler, executive director for Catholic Charities in the archdiocese, after providing this real-life story.

That’s when the lifeline of Catholic Charities becomes so crucial to people in need. And funds from the United Catholic Appeal provide nearly 10 percent of Catholic Charities’ annual budget.

Those funds are a very important piece that allows us to operate 35 distinct programs serving people in a lot of different life circumstances throughout the archdiocese,” Siler noted.

He encourages people to see faces when they consider giving to the United Catholic Appeal.

“We may provide the only meal that a young child eats on a given day. We may be the only source of shelter a mother can provide for her children. There are babies brought to term that wouldn’t have been if we hadn’t provided crisis pregnancy centers in the archdiocese.”

He stated that the need for help has increased with the downturn in the economy. In the 2011-12 fiscal year, nearly 184,000 individuals received help from Catholic Charities throughout the archdiocese.

“A lot of people are new poor, who never had to seek help before,” Siler said. “They’re easy to spot. They have a glazed look of shame and guilt.

We provide crisis services, but what we really focus on is providing a hand up for people, like job training, counseling or helping put a family back together after a crisis. We provide a way out so they don’t have to continue coming back to us and can move forward in their lives.”

Siler sees the United Catholic Appeal as a way to connect with the larger Church.

“There are things we need to come together to do because the needs are bigger than one parish, like crisis pregnancy centers and adoption services.

“It’s a chance to see what the Church is really about. We’re part of a larger body, and in the end, that’s the body of Christ.”

‘Diamonds in the rough’

“Joe” was content and doing well at the former St. Andrew and St. Rita Catholic Academy in Indianapolis. But his mother fell upon hard times and could no longer afford the tuition. Joe had to switch to another school.

The archdiocese’s Mother Theodore Catholic Academies consortium stepped in.

“They were able to offer financial assistance at a greater level,” said Ruth Tinsley, principal of Holy Cross Central, a school of Mother Theodore Catholic Academies in Indianapolis. “He was able to return to [St. Andrew and St. Rita] school. From there, he went on to [Bishop] Chatard High School [in Indianapolis], and he is now studying music and theater at Indiana State University.

“There is no way he would have received the education he received from a Catholic school if not for the money from the United Catholic Appeal,” Tinsley added.

Mother Theodore Catholic Academies (MTCA) is made up of four Indianapolis center-city Catholic elementary schools and one pre-school, all managed by one central business office.

Considering that 95 percent of MTCA’s 864 children live at or below the poverty level, affordability is crucial, said Tinsley.

“[United Catholic Appeal] funds allow us to provide scholarships and financial aid that make Catholic education reachable to families.”

And that, she said, is a gift that keeps on giving—on
31 days, 40 days … let’s pray for life each and every day.

It’s been 30 days for one observation, and the focus continues for another 10 days. Why such an emphasis? The local chapter of the national event “40 Days for Life” is a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, beginning Sept. 22 and ending on Nov. 3, has again resulted in a powerful witness and, as of Oct. 22, we thank God for that affirming news.

As a society that struggles with long-term commitments, this witness of faithfulness is important for all of us to see and is something we ought to celebrate. Since the fall of 2012, the movement has added a Facebook page with more than 16,000 “likes” and, most recently, a 66-minute film, Light of Love, which tells the stories of five perpetually professed sisters, each from a different religious community.

By featuring perpetually professed sisters rather than postulants or novices, there is a greater depth to the stories and a maturity that comes with having promised God and their community that they intend to live this vocation for life.

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Lentz ‘humbled, honored’ to receive Notre Dame’s Sorin Award

By John Shaughnessy

The honor from the University of Notre Dame was a double blessing for Annette “Mickey” Lentz.

As one of the first recipients of Notre Dame’s first-ever Sorin Award for Service to Catholic Schools, Lentz said she was “humbled and honored” to receive the recognition.

“Knowing I was one of the first recipients was most gratifying,” said Lentz, who is in her 52nd year of serving the archdiocese, mostly as a Catholic educator and now as the chancellor.

“There are many good leaders to be considered. I have been blessed in so many ways. I think God is trying to tell me something. ‘Stay with it, Mickey. Be faithful and faith-filled. Continue to spread the Gospel message.’”

Another special quality of the honor for Lentz was that she received it immediately following a Mass celebrating Catholic education at Holy Cross Church in Indianapolis on Oct. 10.

“That meant a great deal to me,” Lentz said. “Celebrating Mass with my students was always a highlight for me when I was teaching and serving as a principal of a school. It unified us in so many ways. Praying and singing together gave special emphasis as to why we were in a Catholic school.”

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The Sorin Award was presented to Lentz by Joyce Johnstone, senior director for program development for Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives.

Johnstone noted that the award is named for the founder of Notre Dame, Father Edward Sorin of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

“The award honors those whose tireless commitment to support, sustain and transform Catholic schools has shaped the lives of countless children and their families and communities,” Johnstone told the school children and adults in the packed church. “These awards inspire others through their dedicated service to the Gospel through the apostolate of Catholic education.”

Focusing on Lentz’s 12 years as executive director of the archdiocese’s Office of Catholic Education, Johnstone noted that during that time “25 of the 69 schools in the archdiocese earned recognition as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education—a distinction unmatched by any other diocese in the United States.”

After presenting the Sorin Award to Lentz, Johnstone also gave Notre Dame’s newly-established Champion for Education Award to Fred and Judy Klipsch. They are members of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, who often attend St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

Fred Klipsch has served as chairman of School Choice Indiana and the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust, two programs that offer children from low-income families the opportunity to attend the school of their choice, including Catholic schools.

Both the Sorin Award and the Champion for Education Award have been established this year—a year in which Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) is celebrating its 20 years of service.

The ACE Program prepares teachers, principals and administrators to serve in Catholic schools, including many in low-income, inner-city neighborhoods. The program also strives to provide a high-quality Catholic education to as many children as possible.

To celebrate those missions and its 20th anniversary, the program has launched the Fighting for Our Children’s Future national bus tour—visiting about 50 cities across the country during this school year while promoting the message that “Catholic schools are good for America.”

Lentz lives that message. The Sorin Award touched her.

“When I heard Joyce Johnstone list the criteria for an awardee, I gave great pause to think, ‘Have I really exemplified those attributes? Tireless commitment, transforming Catholics schools,’ ” Lentz said. “It takes a team, but we have managed it in the archdiocese. When I was reminded of the Blue Ribbon honors, I felt so proud—because making that happen for our schools was very important to me.”

So was connecting with students during a career that began by leading a classroom of 54 students in the 1960s.

“I hope I have shaped people’s lives,” said Lentz, who once earned a license to drive school buses so she could make a special connection with her students. “I love running into my former students, who are quite established in life, and feeling so proud of them and what they have been able to accomplish.

“And whenever I can be mentioned in the same sentence with spreading and living the Gospel, I say, ‘Thank you, God, for this great privilege. My life has been committed to Catholic education, no matter what role I may now serve. To teach is to teach, no matter the audience.’”

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Day of reflection offered for African-American Catholic women on Nov. 23

The Black Catholic Ministry of the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry is offering a day of reflection for African-American Catholic women at Patina Retreat House, 5353 E 66th St. in Indianapolis, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 23.

“Last Advent, 70 African-American Catholic women attended our day of reflection,” said Franciscan Sister Jannette Pruitt, director of Black Catholic Ministry for the archdiocese. “We were filled with the Holy Spirit and energized enough to take us to the next year—and here we are again!”

For the theme this year’s conference is “Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name,” taken from the Gospel of Matthew 18:20. The keynote speaker is Adrienne Curry of Christ the King Parish in Lexington, Ky. Curry, who holds a master’s degree in divinity, currently serves as pastoral associate for parish social ministry at Christ the King.

Prior to coming to Lexington in 2012, Curry worked for 15 years in various positions for Catholic Relief Services and the Office for Peace and Justice in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The check-in time for the event is 10 a.m., with a start time of 10:30 a.m. The day will close with Mass at 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Deb VanVelse at 317-236-1586 or 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1856, or e-mail dvanvelse@archindy.org.

Registration forms may be obtained online by logging on to www.archindy.org/family/divorce.html.

Divorce and Beyond sessions offered in Indianapolis on Nov. 12-Dec. 17

The annual holiday session of Divorce and Beyond is scheduled for six consecutive Tuesdays at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave. in Indianapolis, from 7-9 p.m. between Nov 12 and Dec. 17. The sessions will focus on getting through the holidays with discussions on process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness and forgiveness.

The cost is $30, which includes a book. Register before the sessions begin so materials are available.

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Celebration of St. Martin de Porres

The archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry is hosting a presentation, Mass and reception for the feast of St. Martin de Porres at St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road in Indianapolis, starting at 5 p.m. on Nov. 3. St. Martin de Porres was a Dominican brother who lived from 1579-1659 in Lima. Peru. His father was a Spanish nobleman, and his mother was a freed Panamanian slave of African descent.

St. Martin de Porres was a saint honored for his ability to work with people from diverse cultures and ethnicities.

A presentation about the saint titled “St. Martin de Porres: A Saint for Everyone” will be given at 5 p.m., with Mass following at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., all are invited to bring an ethnic dish to share at a reception following the Mass.

Rosary processions

St. Joseph Parish in Clark County hosted a rosary procession honoring Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 12. Father Thomas Clegg opened with Benediction and a litany for life. Oct. 13 was the 96th anniversary of the Blessed Mother’s final appearance to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

A conference for those caring for people who are chronically ill will be offered at St. Vincent Hospital, 8450 N. Payne Road in Indianapolis, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 7.

The event, which is sponsored by St. Vincent Hospital and the archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, will feature several speakers.

Dr. Kevin Helms will speak on chronic care and changes in the health care system.

Provost Sister Cynthia Campbell will make a presentation on spirituality and holistic approaches to caring for the chronically ill.

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VIPS

Across central and southern Indiana, parishes pass on the faith to the next generation through religious education programs for children and youths.

In nearly all of the programs, the students are almost entirely Catholic.

But that’s not the case at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. Its Project SAFE (St. Andrew Faith Enrichment) program has only one Catholic student among the more than 40 kindergarten through eighth-grade students who are also enrolled at Andrew Academy, a public charter school operated by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the campus of St. Andrew Parish.

Project SAFE is held on Monday through Wednesday afternoons after the completion of the school day at Andrew Academy.

On Oct. 3, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin visited Project SAFE to see the students give a presentation about saints they had been learning about.

“I like that you can learn about God,” said Project SAFE second-grader Jason Gibson about the program. “You can get better about reading the Bible, so when you go to church you won’t be so confused about what they’re talking about.”

The more than 40 students in the program represent nearly 20 percent of Andrew Academy students. The enrollment has nearly doubled over the past two years, according to Benedictine Sister Pam Doyle, St. Andrew’s director of religious education.

“I hope it makes them have a different viewpoint,” said Sister Pam. “Ultimately, we’ve planted seeds to [help the students] develop a relationship with Christ,” said Sister Pam, a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. “We talk about different ways you can pray. Exposing them to different ways we can pray and encouraging them to pray if they want to and know that they can pray if things aren’t going well at home, they can seek out the positive in life and to look at what they have been blessed with,” Groves said. “They didn’t know who saints were. So I had to go through and explain to them who they are. That really helped me learn more and go deeper.”

Many of the students she teaches and other students in the program come from difficult family and neighborhood situations. Groves hopes that Project SAFE will also help the students in the future.

“I hope it makes them have a different perspective on their life and what they go through every day and, if nothing else, to seek out the positive in life and to look at what they have been blessed with,” Groves said. “If they come from a rough family, if things aren’t going well at home, they can pray if they want to and know that they can always talk to [God].”

Parents of Project SAFE students make a conscious choice to enroll their children in the program. Andrew Academy has an afterschool program operating at the same time as the religious education program.

Even though Katrina Walker is a member of Barnes United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, she wanted her daughter, Symphony Sales, to take part in Project SAFE.

“When I first heard about the program, I thought that it was a wonderful opportunity for her to be able to have religion incorporated along with her education,” Walker said. “I was very excited. When children learn about the Catholic faith through Project SAFE, they can pass on that knowledge to their parents.

That happened with Niya Guynn, the mother of Ashantii Guynn, the only Catholic student in the program. “She learns a lot,” said Niya, a member of New Beginnings Fellowship Church in Indianapolis. “She teaches me things that she learns. She knows the value of prayer. We pray every day in the morning and at night.”

Project SAFE also provides Catholic students at Marian University in Indianapolis, who serve as catechists in the program, an opportunity to pass on the faith.

Sarah Groves teaches first-graders in the program. While in high school, she served as a volunteer catechist at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, where she is a member.

At St. Mark, she taught the faith to children who were raised in Catholic families. Handling on Catholic beliefs and practices to non-Catholic children in Project SAFE is an enriching challenge for Groves. “... I have to teach them everything,” Groves said. “They didn’t know who saints were. So I had to go through and explain to them who they are. That really helped me learn more and go deeper.”

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Photos by Sean Gallagher

Above, Project SAFE students sing during their Oct. 3 presentation on saints at St. Andrew Church in Indianapolis. The students are, from left, front row, Dominic Fletcher, Namaya Seaston, Kaiden Yarbrough and Thomas Davis. Second row, Ceylon Futrelle, Mireya Benjamin, Jayonna Zinerman and Dinahlyn Bailey, and center in the third row, Ashantii Guynn.

Left, Project SAFE student Da’Shaan Hatcher dresses up as a saint and holds a poster portraying St. Patrick during a presentation about saints that he and fellow students gave on Oct. 3.

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term miscarriages, as well as their daughter, Grace, who died from a brain hemorrhage eight days after her birth at 24 weeks.

“The medical society and society in general usually say [miscarriage] is not a big deal,” said Pete. “But it is. They were affected by our miscarriages just as the loss of our child.” Shaina nodded in agreement.

“It changes the fabric of your family,” she said.

An ethical and moral approach

The Kuesters struggled to find doctors to address their infertility problem.

“[Melanie’s doctor] just said, ‘Try the six months, and if it doesn’t work I’ll try something else,’” said Pete. “The doctor didn’t even mention what might be the actual cause [of the infertility].”

So the couple turned to the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Neb., where NaProTechnology (NaPro), short for Natural Procreative Technology, was developed. NaPro is an ethical and moral approach to reproduction issues that adheres to Catholic teaching (see sidebar).

The Kuesters were asked to do a formal natural family planning (NFP) called the Creighton Model System, which involves tracking certain physical indices during the course of a woman’s monthly cycle.

“NFP is still the ‘rhythm method’ to some people’s minds,” said Pete. “But it’s so much more. It’s actual science on how to achieve or avoid pregnancy without using contraceptives.”

Melanie was found to have several issues, including endometriosis, a problem with the uterine lining that is a common cause for infertility.

“It was so great to have them focus on and address real medical issues, not just blindly ‘try stuff’ for a while,” she said.

The Millers, too, turned to the Pope Paul VI Institute.

After losing Grace at 24 weeks, Shaina had a surgery that reinforces the cervix.

But she went on to have an early-term miscarriage. Then she delivered another preterm baby at 33 weeks—who did survive despite a hole in his lungs. The Millers contacted the Pope Paul VI Institute to find the cause for Shaina’s pregnancy issues.

“Once during the course of pregnancy, she had low progesterone, a hormone essential for a healthy pregnancy. Low progesterone is a common cause of miscarriages. The Millers did deliver a healthy baby girl after treating the low progesterone issue, but not before experiencing a second miscarriage.

“We can help

 Couples with infertility issues—and even women with other reproductive health issues—now have closer options than Omaha.

The St. Gianna Fertility Care Center, a branch of the överitas Center in Indianapolis, now teaches the Creighton Model System of NFP, and has medical consultants who use NaProTechnology to identify and address problems.

“Omaha is the ‘meca of NaPro,’” said Kathryn Niswonger, a Creighton-certified instructor and registered nurse with St. Gianna Center in Columbus, Ohio. “You don’t want to start out there, we can help.”

While there are some services that they cannot offer, such as ultrasounds and diagnostic testing, the St. Gianna Center is the largest facility of its kind in the archdiocese, with four instructors and access to three doctors who serve as NaPro medical consultants.

Creighton instructors are also available in the archdiocese at

Covenant Resources FertilityCare Center in Greensburg, as well as other locations throughout the state and in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio (see sidebar).

‘Take this and do something good!’

When Shaina had trouble finding a support group to cope with her miscarriages, she felt called to action.

“I decided I would take this [tragedy], and do something good,” she said.

Shaina created The Jeremiah Project. The name honors the second child she miscarried. The Millers named him for the Old Testament prophet who was told by the Lord, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (Jer. 1:5).

The ministry offers short retreats for women and couples of miscarried, stillborn or early-loss infants. The retreats allow time for sharing, prayer, journaling, naming and honoring children lost, and Mass of possible souls.

“It’s an answer for those who don’t want a regularly meeting support group,” Shaina said.

Others prefer ongoing support. Lauren, who along with her husband is a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, found help through a group called Heartpricks Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese. Members of the monthly meeting group read and discuss books and Bible studies applicable to their situation (see sidebar).

“That’s been healing for me,” said Lauren. “I can’t always talk about John the way I talk about [my 2-year-old daughter] Virginia. It’s been nice for me to have a group to talk to about things like how do you respond when people ask how many kids you have, or when they see you’re pregnant and ask is this your second—and how do you respond in a way that’s not too awkward.”

Men suffer from miscarriage as well. Rick, Lauren’s husband, acknowledges that “it’s different than for mothers, but there’s still a need for support.”

Pete found it difficult to watch Melanie endure the miscarriage.

“The worst thing was there was nothing I could do to help her. That was really hard. I was helpless.”

Shaina hopes eventually to offer retreats for men through The Jeremiah Project.

‘I knew there would be a good outcome’

When Shaina suspected at 23 weeks that her first pregnancy would not go full term, she turned to the one refuge she knew she could depend on.

“I prayed, ‘God, whatever you’re going to do, do it for your glory.’ If I was going to suffer, I knew there would be a good outcome.”

She and Peter now have “three children in heaven,” as well as 3-year-old Ethan and 10-month-old Elise. Lauren and Rick are expecting a second daughter in February. They have named her Anne Josephine—Anne for the mother of Mary, and Josephine for Mary’s husband.

Despite having lost their son, Lauren and Rick still find joy in his existence.

“We are sure of John’s destiny, and that he’s in heaven,” said Lauren. “We’re grateful to be his parents, joyful for that opportunity, even though we expected it to be different.”

Rick agreed.

“He’s no less part of our family. He’s a miracle like all babies are, just a miracle they didn’t get to teach or raise. God wanted him sooner than we expected, and it wasn’t our decision to make.”

As for Melanie and Pete Kuester, they turned to the loving option of adoption.

“Through archdiocesan St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis, they were blessed with a newborn girl in just a month. Her name is Margaret ‘Maggie’ Katherine.”

“Given the choice, I’d still have us go through [the miscarriage],” Pete said. “It made us closer. It made us more faithful in ways.”

“It worked out for us,” he said, looking down at the coming baby in his arms.

Resources for miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant loss and infertility

Medical resources

For more information on NaProTechnology (Natural Procreative Technology), log on to www.naprotechnology.com.

To find Creighton Model System instructors in Indiana and the surrounding states, log on to www.fertilitycare.org/indiana.

To find NaProTechnology medical consultants in Indiana and the surrounding states, log on to www.fertilitycare.org/indiana-medical-consultants.

For more information on the St. Gianna Fertility Care Center in Indianapolis, call The Kolbe Center at 317-726-0777 or call Kathryn Niswonger at 317-373-7341.

For more information on the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Neb., log on to www.popepaulvi.com.

Emotional support

For information on miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss support groups or events in the archdiocese, log on to www.archindy.org/family/bereavement.html.

For more information on Heartpricks Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, log on to www.hpprceiz.com/christian_service/heartpricks-ministry.htm.

The Jeremiah Project, which offers retreats for women and couples who have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss, will offer a healing retreat of peer ministry, discussion, self-reflection and prayer from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 at St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road in Indianapolis. To register, contact Elizabeth Escoffery at 317-446-2482 or e-mail her at elizabethnamejimison@gmail.com.

Registration is due by Nov. 5. When registering, indicate if baby-sitting services will be required.
What was in the news on Oct. 25, 1963? A radical reform of the breviary, and discussion of a reform in Church architecture

By Brandon A. Evans

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

Here are some of the items found in the Oct. 25, 1963 issue of The Criterion.

• Radical reform of breviary is voted by council

Fathers of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Arts Group voted at a meeting on Oct. 22 to replace the traditional Office of the Roman Catholic Church with a new form of the breviary. The new form, known as the “configurated breviary,” is designed to make the prayer of the Church more accessible and more meaningful to modern man.

• Asks change in marriage regulations

The archbishop of Cincinnati, Bishop John J. Burns, has asked the Holy See for permission to allow the marriage of divorced persons. He said that the present law, which requires a three-year period before a new marriage can be celebrated, is too long and too difficult for many people.

• Appendices outlined on breviary changes

Archbishop Joseph M. Loras of Dubuque, Iowa, has outlined a number of changes for the new breviary. Among the changes are the elimination of certain prayers and the addition of others.

• Translation system set for council

The council of cardinals has approved a translation system for the liturgical texts of the Second Vatican Council. The system will be used for the translation of the council’s decrees and for the preparation of the official translation of the council’s decrees.

• Archdiocese to note Catholic Youth Week

The archdiocese will observe Catholic Youth Week from Oct. 22 to 28. The week is dedicated to the welfare and education of young people.

• Liturgical renewal is linked to reform in church building

Archbishop Joseph F. Loya of St. Louis, Missouri, has expressed hope that the liturgical renewal of the Church will be reflected in the design of new church buildings.

• Marian Marian Development post goes to Hoosier

Daniel E. Hoosier, a member of the Marian Development committee, has been appointed to the post of national director of the committee.

• Terre Haute to air “Ask-a-Friar” show

The Terre Haute Catholic TV station will air a show called “Ask-a-Friar” on Oct. 28. The show will feature questions from viewers answered by a friar from the Diocese of Evansville.

• 137 U.S. priests in foreign missions

The archbishop of Cincinnati, Bishop John J. Burns, has reported that there are 137 U.S. priests serving in foreign missions.

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Palestinian president hopes to use pen from pope to sign peace treaty

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis gave Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas a fancy pen as a gift, and Abbas told the pope, “I hope to sign the peace agreement with Israel with this pen.”

Pope Francis responded with his hope that the agreement would be reached “soon, soon.”

The exchange took place on Oct. 17 in the papal library after the pope and Palestinian president had spent almost half an hour meeting privately.

Abbas had given the pope a Bible and a framed scene of Bethlehem, West Bank. The pope gave Abbas a framed scene of the Vatican along with the pen “because you obviously have many things to sign,” which is when Abbas spoke about his hopes to sign a peace treaty.

A Vatican statement about Abbas’ meeting with the pope and a later meeting with the Vatican foreign minister, Archibishop Dominique Mamberti, said, “The reinstatement of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians” was a topic in both conversations.

“The parties expressed their hope that this process may bear fruit, and enable a just and lasting solution to the conflict,” it said. “Hope was expressed that the parties to the conflict will make courageous and determined decisions in order to promote peace,” and that the international community would support their efforts.

The U.S.-mediated talks began in July.

The Vatican statement did not mention Pope Francis’ possible trip to the Holy Land, although when Abbas greeted Archbishop Mamberti he told him that he had invited the pope to visit. Abbas’ delegation also included the mayor of Bethlehem, which likely would be on the itinerary of a papal trip.

In April, Israeli President Shimon Peres also invited the pope, and Israeli media have been reporting that a papal visit is expected in the spring. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office announced on Oct. 16 that the prime minister would meet U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Rome on Oct. 23 and meet the pope during the same trip.

The Vatican statement on Abbas’ meetings said the pope and Palestinian leader also discussed the ongoing war in Syria and expressed their hopes that “dialogue and reconciliation may supplant the logic of violence as soon as possible.”

The two also discussed the work underway on a Vatican-Palestinian agreement regulating “several essential aspects of the life and activity of the Catholic Church in Palestine,” as well as the situation of Christian communities in the Palestinian territories and the contributions Christians make to society throughout the Middle East.

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multiple levels.

First, she said, 73 percent of the children who graduate from a MTCA school go on to attend a Catholic high school.

“For some of these families, these children are the first to go to high school,” said Tinsley.

Next, by being introduced to the Catholic faith and traditions, some children convert to Catholicism.

“Parents know up front that their children will be educated in the Catholic faith and traditions, some children are the first to go to high school,” said Tinsley.

Catholic high school.

“Without us, what would she have done?”

Parents know up front that their children will be educated in the Catholic faith. [The children] are immersed in the Catholic religion every day in religion class, Mass and taking part in the Mass,” said Tinsley. “It’s that immersion into the Catholic faith that makes a difference.

“This year alone, I have over 20 children

[at Holy Cross Central] who are going to be baptized, who prior to coming to a Catholic school wouldn’t have considered it. And children in turn evangelize their parents without even knowing it.”

Tinsley calls these children “diamonds in the rough.

“All they need is to have someone love and care for them, and they will respond.”

Without us, what would she have done?

When a manager arrived at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities home for pregnant women in New Albany early one day in the spring of 2013, she found a young woman curled up on the wicker couch on the porch.

“Without those funds, we wouldn’t be able to provide a maternity home for unwed mothers, a homeless shelter for women and children, mental health counseling to the community and distribute baby items such as diapers and baby food,” Casper said. According to Casper, the agency is run through the archdiocese for practical reasons.

“Both since we’re not tied to any particular parish, we don’t have the ability to raise money through tithing. So it’s basically the whole archdiocese helping to contribute to the greater Church.”

“We couldn’t do what we do without the money raised by the United Catholic Appeal,” Casper added. “It keeps our doors open and allows us to focus on serving those in need.”

(For more information on the United Catholic Appeal, log on to www.archindy.org/uca or call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 317-226-1425 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1425.)
In the Gospel accounts of Matthew and Mark, Jesus gives his disciples a final command before he ascends into heaven. They were to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, making disciples as they go, and teaching a way of life. Scripture scholars call this the “great commission.”

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20).

According to tradition, the Apostles took this command seriously. The Church in India traces its founding to Thomas, Philip and Bartholomew proclaimed the faith in Turkey. Paul and Andrew were the Apostles to Greece. In each of these countries, people came to believe in the Lord Jesus and were baptized. The faith was inculturated into each of these local Churches, and each developed its unique way of following and worshiping Jesus Christ.

The process by which the faith takes root in a culture and brings forth fruit unique to that culture is called “inculturation,” a word created by the Catholic Church to describe this process of sharing faith across cultures. Inculturation describes the work of missionaries and evangelists who strive to bring the message of Christ to the wider world.

Inculturation was once a word used mostly by theologians and sociologists of religion, but has become increasingly important in parishes within the United States as they become more ethnically and culturally diverse. The religious practices of the many different communities are influencing the way that the faith is practiced locally.

This mingling of cultural and ethnic groups within one parish is a relatively recent phenomenon in the U.S. During previous great waves of immigration that shaped the nation, ethnic parishes were often established. It was not uncommon then for even small towns to have two or three Catholic churches to serve the various ethnic groups that lived in the area.

This happened because people are generally more comfortable in a setting in which they know the language and customs than they are when things seem foreign to them.

A similar discomfort is often felt by members of an established community. They have grown comfortable with their communities. They’re often happy to have them as they are, and do not want to see them changed. When they feel that they are being pressured to change by newcomers—even if the pressure is nonverbal and light—tenisons may mount, resulting in erected barriers and harsh words.

In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) hosted “Encuentro 2000: Many Faces in God’s House.” This event was designed to celebrate the many gifts shared within the Church by the various ethnic communities who now are members of our parish communities.

As part of Encuentro 2000, the bishops’ Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs—the originator of the event—created a process that brought all of the different communities in a parish to the table for conversation and fellowship. As people came to learn more about each other, tensions and misunderstandings were resolved, cooperation and collaboration between people were encouraged.

The USCCB’s Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church has recently created a training program to help parishioners become better aware of the great gifts that people from various cultures bring to the life of a faith community.

The training program, which can be found at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/intercultural-competencies/index.cfm, focuses on helping people develop intercultural competencies.

The page features a quote from the recent world Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization that explains the importance of being open to other cultures if we are to spread the Gospel effectively today.

It says: “A new evangelization is synonymous with mission, requiring the capacity to set out anew, go beyond boundaries and broaden horizons. The new evangelization is the opposite of self-sufficiency, a withdrawal into oneself, a status quo mentality and an idea that pastoral programs are simply to proceed as they did in the past. Today a ‘business as usual’ attitude can no longer be the case. Some local Churches, already engaged in renewal, reconfirm the fact that now is the time for the Church to call upon every Christian community to evaluate their pastoral practice on the basis of the missionary character of their program and activities.”

The training program is available online or can be purchased in printed form. The program can be studied by individuals, by small groups, by parishes or by dioceses. All that is needed is the willingness to be open to people from other cultures, to invite them into our communities and encourage them to make a home among us.

As Christians, we were commissioned by Christ to proclaim the Gospel to the world, and to inculturate it everywhere. We have an opportunity, now that the world has come to our country, to proclaim the Gospel to these new members, to open the door to them, to make them feel welcome and included in God’s love.

We all like to be among our own kind. It is easier to live among those who share our background, our ways of thinking and acting. Those who are different are sometimes perceived as a challenge or threat.

In the beginning, Israel thought that every nation had its own god. Their God, revealed through Moses, was seen as greater than the other gods, especially when they defeated other groups in battle.

In time, they began to understand that there was only one God, and that raised the question of how God viewed other nations. The prophets worked hard to teach Israel that God cared for all, not just for them. The Gentiles (“the nations”) were included in God’s love.

The Gospels show us Jesus often making the same point. This should have been obvious from the beginning of the Church if St. Luke’s account of Pentecost is to be believed.

On that day, Acts tells us, people were gathered from many nations: “We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs” (Acts 2:9-11). And Luke says about 3,000 people were baptized and joined the Church that day. We were a diverse lot right from the start.

Of course, these were apparently all Jewish Christians, so the big crisis that faced the early Church was what to do about gentiles who came to believe in Christ. Paul insisted that they did not have to become Jews in order to be Christians, which caused great disension in the Church that was only resolved at the first council in Jerusalem.

The Gospels recount several times when Jesus pushes us to broaden our thinking. In one case, he appears to have been pushed himself when the Canaanite woman begs him to heal her daughter. He says, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” but her faith leads him to grant her request (Mt 15:24).

With the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus challenged listeners to recognize that their neighbor must include more than our own kind. Jews and Samaritans were bitter enemies, but it is the Samaritan who is the true neighbor to the injured Jew.

When Jesus cured the Roman centurion’s servant, he acknowledged the faith of this non-Jew, saying, “Amen, I say to you, no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 8:10-11).

And, of course, he gave the Church the task of making disciples “of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:20).

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Sex is good. God created it, and he created it good. He created men and women physically different so that they could unite in sex and become two in one flesh. Furthermore, he created men and women with strong desires for sex to make sure that we would want sex with our mates and not one another. That’s the method he planned for us to co-create the human race.

However, he made different rules for the animals, who also engage in sexual intercourse in order to reproduce. If the animals, humans, intercourse is meant to be an act of love, an act of self-giving and recreation. If a couple can be engaged in even when the woman or man is infanticile, an act that is licit only in a marriage between a man and a woman.

Modern society has rejected that idea. It probably began with the so-called “sexual revolution” in the 1960s, powered by the invention of the birth-control pill that made it possible for women to have sex with less fear of unwanted pregnancy. That happened to morality when all this was going on? When did it suddenly become acceptable for unmarried men and women to have sex? Today our society tells us that any sexual activity is part of dating. Our television situation comedies revolve around men and women having sex in an active relationship.

The Catholic Church, therefore, is countercultural when it comes to sexual activity. Women and men still teach that virtue and goodness of chastity. We achieve chastity through the help of God’s grace and self-discipline, which is a lifetime struggle. The Church teaches that chastity is a virtue that must be practiced by everyone, single and married. For the single person, it means engaging in sexual activity only out of love and for the sake of procreating a life.

For the married person, it means sexual activity only with your wife or husband. The Sixth Commandment says, “You shall not commit adultery.” We believe, though, that this commandment forbids all moral sinfulness. It is worded as it is to emphasize that sexual activity belongs in marriage. It is about sinfulness, not infidelity. Infidelity sins forbidden by this commandment are masturbation, fornication, pornography, and homosexual acts.

Contrary to what very TV situation comedies teach, sexual intercourse with unmarried persons is evil. It’s called fornication, which might seem an old-fashioned word, but it is an action in which one is engaging with those in the committed bond of marriage. Homosexuality is not wrong in itself, and people engaging in homosexual intimacy are not immoral. They must not be discriminated against. However, homosexual acts are immoral. The Church calls them “intrinsically disordered” because the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “they close the sexual act against the procreation of offspring” (#2357).

The Catholic Church teaches that we must not only be faithful to one another, they must also allow every act of sexual intercourse to be open to the possibility of conceiving a child. Both the unitive and procreative aspects of sex are important.

Blessed John Paul II reflected at length in many beautiful and inspiring ways on the reasons behind this Church teaching in a series of very important pronouncements. It might have come to be called the “Theology of the Body.”

In the Catholic Church, therefore, is directed ultimately toward God. It’s been interesting watching him slowly take over the world that surrounds him through his eyes. He seems so intent on whatever he’s looking at that he could surely win a starring role in a movie. The best of all when the object of his observations is me, his mother or his brothers. He seems to like it, too, because he’s started to eat more and look at after us—ah, a beautiful moment that could melt even the hardest of hearts.

In fact, not only does he sense the only way he can learn about the world. He can’t move around on his own to take in the world. He can’t even ask questions or read. But he can see, feel, listen and smell. He can’t even taste that much yet, but he’ll be in training for nourishing Cindy’s breast milk.

Be that as it may, his exploration of the world seems to be starting in earnest. He’s full of hope that it’s a journey that won’t end until his dying breath. That’s because this desire to learn is at the heart of what it means to be a human being.

And in itself, this desire to learn is a gift. It’s a gift from God to us. It is the desire to grow and develop, to live according to what is good, true, beautiful and helpful other people do the same, thus improving the broader world in which we live.

The human drive to learn shows something about us that is unique to human beings. It seems only a good desire to go beyond ourselves, to learn about our world and other people. And as we take in the world around us, we can discover the power of this desire and that it cannot be satisfied by anything in this world or anything other than God.

This finally suggests the ultimate goal of our desires—God himself. Augustine famously said about his own desire to get to the bottom of things 1,000 years ago in a prayer to God at the start of his spiritual autobiography, The Confessions: “You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

This seems like a lot to discern from the simple observations of a newborn baby. But Colín’s life is simple right now. Unlike us adults, he hasn’t cluttered his life with lots of distractions. It’s an observation of what really is important. And what is at the heart of our human nature can be more clearly seen in a baby.

Maybe that’s a reason why we Catholics choose to baptize our babies into the life of faith that God in his mercy offers to all of us.

When little Colin was baptized on Oct. 13, 2013, at Church of the Nativity in Altamonte Springs, my husband Peter Gallagher, my hope was that he receive in this sacrament will help him along the path of life. I think Colin’s baptism takes one step after another on this journey, I hope that the grace of his baptism will especially draw him into a loving relationship with God in which he knows God and himself more and more.

I have this desire, though, because I believe it is for his good here and now and for his ultimate good. And this can only lead him to do good for others. If this is true for Colín, then it’s also true for all of us.

And God’s grace keep alive in us our desire to learn about ourselves, our world and especially him and his will for us. †
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

Sunday, October 27, 2013

• Sirach 35:12-16, 18-19
• Ephesians 4:6-8, 16-18
• Luke 18:9-14

The Book of Sirach provides this weekend’s first Scriptural reading. The text is part of a group of biblical writings classified by scholars collectively as the Wisdom Literature. The Wisdom Literature developed through an interesting and very believable process. As conditions worsened in the Holy Land several centuries before Christ, many Jews emigrated. Many probably prospered economically in new places. Prosperity, however, came at a price. Paganism abounded. The riches and pleasures of the pagan culture were powerful attractions for Jewish youths, children of these Jewish transplants. Devout Jews and conscientious Jewish parents realized that they had to convince their children, and also their less than fervent Jewish neighbors, of the worth of the ancient Hebrew religion.

The authors of this literature wrote to persuade audiences that the Hebrew revelation was the common concern. The particular work, the Book of Sirach, was written, despite the fact that a book was written, despite the fact that a similar purpose was the driving force and paganism was the common concern. It is easy, and not out of place, to imagine the conditions in which this particular work, the Book of Sirach, was composed. However, the message is clear: Sirach offers a picture of the God of Hebrew revelation as far above the tawdry showings and schemes of human logic, a startling claim in the Greek culture, and a condition very long ago but in reality quite similar to circumstances met in life today or in any day. Humans always exaggerate their ability. It is the result of pride. It is a byproduct of original sin.

Despite these exaggerations, however, the text is that God alone is almighty and truly wise. Seeing God’s majesty, and human imperfections, it is obvious that God alone is the model of perfection. Earthly rewards are empty and fleeting. God alone provides the only reward.

Reflection

The Book of Sirach suggests a time and a condition very long ago but in reality quite similar to circumstances met in life today or in any day. Humans always exaggerate their ability. It is the result of pride. It is a byproduct of original sin. Anyone who seeks an end other than God, as the Pharisee sought other ends in the story told by Luke, chases after phantoms. The humble man in the Gospel story is truly wise. His wisdom causes him to be humble. He receives the reward. He succeeds. He achieves.

Humility is an essential Christian virtue. It is not a denial of who we are and what we are. Rather, it expresses the deepest insight of who and what we are. We are limited, but blessedly, marvelously, we may achieve true life in God through Christ.

My Journey to God

Fear of the Lord

By Thomas J. Rillo

What is fear of the Lord? Is it a dark and fearsome thing? Can fear be of hell and damnation? Is it judgment day for our earthly sins? What is fear of the Lord? Recollection of the sins we committed. Love of God is a very real thing. Fostering obedience to his commandments. What is fear of the Lord? Love and fear are often the same. Love of neighbor as a strong vow. This is why his only begotten Son came. What is fear of the Lord? Love for the Lord. The uniquely needed imitation of his Son on Earth. To see his Son in all we meet. What is the fear of the Lord? Fear of failure in our journey to God. Failure that impedes our spiritual steps. Not measuring up to his standards. What is the fear of the Lord? Is it a dark and fearsome concept? No, it is love and praise born of light. Living by God’s commandments always. Provides the second reading. Paul taught Timothy the deep meaning of the Gospel and guided him in the process of spiritual development. Paul also ordained him a bishop.

In this reading, Paul encourages Timothy to be true to the Lord. The great Apostle offers himself as an example. He has been imprisoned and mistreated for Christ. His way has been rocky and uphill. However, he has remained loyal. St. Luke’s Gospel furnishes the final reading. Here again, Jesus presents the smug and insincere as being without God. A last word unsparing man is God’s favorite.

The reading makes two points. It teaches that those who have heartfelt love for God will endure. Gaudy, outward appearances mean nothing. Here the lesson is not to demean good works, but rather to insist that good works must rise from faith and love. Second, the reading echoes what already has been said in the first reading. God is perfectly just.

Question Corner

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Infallibility in Church teaching rooted in Christ’s promise to send the Holy Spirit

What is the Church’s foundation for declaring itself to be infallible when the pope speaks “ex cathedra” and with the entire magisterium supporting him? I understand that the Church made this declaration around 1870, and it seems a little curious to arrive at that declaration nearly 2,000 years after the life of Christ.

How many teachings on faith and morals have been declared infallible, and what are some of them? And if something has not been defined as infallible, are we free to question and discuss? (Hudson, Wis.)

A

The doctrine of infallibility, while sometimes misunderstood by Catholics and others, is clearly defined by the Church’s Code of Canon Law. Canon 749, Section 1, explains that the Church may teach infallibly when the pope proclaims by definitive act that a certain doctrine of faith or morals is to be believed by the faithful. He must clearly state that he intends to teach that doctrine as infallible and irreformable.

The consensus among theologians is that only twice in the Church’s history has the Holy Father by himself exercised this prerogative—in 1854 with the declaration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in 1950 with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

But there is a second manner of infallible pronouncements (Canon 749, 2), and it happens when the college of bishops, joined in an ecumenical council, proclaim that a certain truth is to be held by all the faithful. An example would be at Nicaea in 325 A.D., when it was declared that Jesus is “of the same substance (nous) as God the Father.”

The doctrine of infallibility did not suddenly appear in 1870. Rather, it is founded on Christ’s promise to the Apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit, who “will guide you to all truth” (Jn 16:13). That secure sense of protection from error on fundamental teachings was part of the early history of the Church and is reflected in St. Augustine’s fifth-century statement, “Rome has spoken; the case is concluded.”

Infallible declarations have been issued only sparingly during the Church’s two-thousand-year history, and have usually been formulated in response to particular issues that had been disputed.

But, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear in its teaching on the ordination of the bishops, as successors of the Apostles and joined with the pope, are to be followed “with religious assent” (#992). So where does that leave Catholics as to their freedom to question and discuss Church teachings?

The answer seems to depend on the particular teaching—how fundamental it is and how solidly embedded in the history and tradition of the Church.

For example, in 1994, Pope John Paul II said in the apostolic letter “Ordinatio Sacerdotum” that the Church lacks the authority to ordain women, the word infallible did not appear. But the pontiff did say that this teaching should be “definitely held,” and suggested that further debate was pointless.

But on the issue of mandatory celibacy for clergy, Archbishop Bernard Fellay, the new papal secretary of state, noted recently that this is a matter of Church discipline and not dogma, that the early Church had married priests and that the matter is therefore open to discussion.

Q

Is there anything wrong with a woman writing a reflection on the readings for the Mass each day on her own personal blog? I am the volunteer coordinator for Catholic ministry at a local women’s prison and teach a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults class for those inquiring into the faith. Do I need to obtain papal approval to do that work? I believe I know the basics of our faith very well, and I am loyal to the magisterium of the Church. I know that only ordained clergy can give a homily in the context of a Mass, but does what I am doing violate any rules? (Indianapolis)

A

I applaud what you are doing and encourage you to continue it. True, Canon 767 of the Church’s Code of Canon Law says that “among the forms of preaching, the homily, which is part of the liturgy itself and is reserved to a priest or deacon, is pre-eminent.”

But what you are doing is apart from the context of the Mass, and is clearly not a homily. You are simply reflecting on the daily readings—and you have every right to do that. I would think that many might benefit from a feminine perspective.

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

Daily Readings

Monday, October 28

St. Simon, Apostle
St. Jude, Apostle
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday, October 29

Romans 8:18-25
Psalm 126:1-6
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 30

Romans 8:20-29
Psalm 13:4-6
Luke 12:22-30

Thursday, October 31

Romans 8:33-39
Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31

Friday, November 1

All Saints
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1-11, 6-7
John 1:13
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday, November 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 5:3-11
John 6:37-40

Sunday, November 3

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 1:12-22
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
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Luke 19:1-10
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of Jackie Taylor and John Finn

of Marcella Erhart. Father of Dana

Sept. 8. Husband of Joan (Kirkhoff)

of Emma Harpenau. Father of

sister of Bob, Floyd, John, and Curt

HARPENAU, Clem

of 11.

of Carl

TETNE, Marian

Manubay, Audra


of 12. Great-grandmother of one.

Langhorne, Lt. Col. (Ret.)

of 16.

of Virgina Abney, Arnold and Curt

Snider, Arthur Floyd

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling

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Message in a skullcap: U.S. student expands on pilgrim tradition

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The “zucchetto switcheroo” is a long-held tradition for popes and pilgrims.

A guest presents the pope with a brand new white skullcap, known as a zucchetto, and the pope is expected to take it and swap it with the one he’s wearing on his head. While many pilgrims are familiar with the practice, a newly elected pope usually needs a quick explanation from an aide or security guard when someone suddenly presents him with a fresh new cap purchased from the papal tailors at the Rome-based Gammarelli shop. But once they know the drill, everyone from Blessed John Paul II to Popes Benedict and Francis happily engaged in the tradition, letting the lucky pilgrim get a souvenir of a lifetime.

One lucky pilgrim at the general audience in St. Peter’s Square on Oct. 16 was a junior from Providence College, R.I., who is spending a semester studying in Rome.

When Pope Francis went through the crowds in his open popemobile, Joseph Day, a native of Rehoboth, Mass., stretched his arm out over the heads of his classmates to give the pope a zucchetto with a hot pink sticky note stuck inside.

According to news reports, Day had written on the note: “Providence College loves Pope Francis.”

The pope took off his own cap and put on Day’s gift, but then he gave it right back after glancing at the note.

While sometimes Pope Francis does trade in his old skullcap, more often than not he has been choosing to keep his own zucchetto after he places the gifted one briefly on his head and returns it to the giver.

Past and present parishioners flocked to Holy Guardian Angels Church in Cedar Grove on Oct. 6 to celebrate the 139th anniversary of the founding of the parish. A Mass celebrated by Father Sean Danda, pastor, above left, was the highlight of the homecoming. After Mass, a fried chicken lunch was provided by the Knights of Columbus. Tours of the parish church, former school and rectory were also led by Father Danda and members of the parish, which is scheduled to close on Dec. 1. “Holy Guardian Angels has been a blessed parish for many generations, made a positive impact on the lives of many, and has saved many souls,” said Judy Lanning, a member of the parish and its celebration committee. Also pictured, above right, is Father Danda after Mass greeting former parishioner Larry Kunkel and his wife, Jerilyn, who attended the liturgy.

Parish anniversary

Pope Francis gives back a zucchetto to Providence College student Joseph Day at the general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Oct. 16. The pope tried on the zucchetto given by Day, who had put a hot pink sticky note inside.
Donors are ‘putting Christ first’ through their generosity

By Patricia Happel Cornwell
Special to The Criterion

NASHVILLE—Most people who head for the hills of Brown County during the month of October are looking for fall color and early Christmas bargains. About 50 people instead went to St. Agnes Church on Oct. 7 for a Miter Society Mass.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was the principal celebrant, and Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, was among the concelebrants, for the liturgy.

Those in attendance were from the Bloomington and Seymour deaneries. Some, but not all, are already members of the archdiocese’s Miter Society for donors who contribute $1,500 or more to the annual “United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope.” Contributions to the campaign are used to educate seminarians, support retired priests, fund Catholic Charities, educate youth and adults in the faith and assist the poor throughout the archdiocese.

Archbishop Tobin’s homily during the Mass focused on the parable of “the Good Samaritan.”

“It is definite that a state of war had existed between the Jews and the Samaritans,” he said. “Yet [in the parable] the one who recognizes the humanity of the injured man is the one who has every reason not to have compassion.

“What excites compassion in us today? Where in our world, even in our Church, are there people reduced to less than human status?” he asked. “We like to say, ‘You are there people reduced to less than human status.’”

Helen and Robert Burns, members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and adults in the faith and assist the poor throughout the archdiocese. They are members of “the responsibility we feel, that’s been passed down in the family. We especially like to support Catholic Charities, but we never designate our gift for a particular service. We trust the archdiocese to use it wisely.

Her husband, John, added, “It’s the right thing to do.”

Grace Coyner, a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, said, “My main motivation for contributing to the United Catholic Appeal is the home missions. That’s important for our archdiocese to support. The other reason is that the annual appeal helps priests .... We don’t provide for them any other way.”

Another St. Bartholomew parishioner, Melinda Engelking, said that supporting the appeal is “God’s way. It’s what we’re asked to do, and it’s a gift to be able to do it.”

Therese Chamblee, coordinator of religious education at St. Agnes Parish in Nashville, said the United Catholic Appeal is “a community effort. It’s important to support our archdiocese, and the missions they serve for all the people.”

At the reception following the Mass, Barbara and Don Pierse talked with Archbishop Tobin. They are members of Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburgh.

Barbara said, “The Church is such a gift to us.” Don added, “I can’t imagine not giving.”

Judy Cecil said “this is the year” she and her husband, Stephen, members of St. Bartholomew Parish, are deciding how to contribute to the Church in the future. She said they support the archdiocesan appeal because “putting Christ first is what it’s all about.”

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