Erin and Lauren Gahimer are like many sisters: They have their own unique qualities, but they also have a bond that connects them at their core. One connection that binds the sisters from SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood is the way they live their faith through service around the world.

Both experiences involved interactions with little girls who cared enough to reach out to a stranger during an unsettling time. “One particular Tuesday, I was walking to the market when a little 9-year-old Ethiopian girl in my class saw me and approached me,” Lauren recalls. “We both entered the market and began shuffling through the large crowd of people. At one point, I became extremely overwhelmed. There were animals on all sides of me, children yelling at me for money, and pressure to keep moving. However, I was at a standstill and did not know what to do. “Suddenly, a little hand grabbed my own. Zabed was her name. She was my student, and she led me through the market safely. She also helped me make purchases and ensure that I was being treated with kindness and respect from her country people. It was truly a moment I will never forget. It really renewed my faith in the human spirit.”

Above, Lauren Gahimer of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood gives a hug to one of the children she recently taught in Ethiopia.

Right, Erin Gahimer of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood shares a smile with one of her students in Argentina where she has served a three-month missionary stint.

‘Pathway to Citizenship Pilgrimage’ takes immigration proponents on 48-mile walk of faith

ANDERSON, Ind.—They walked 48 miles to draw attention to their cause, but they couldn’t get U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks to agree to co-sponsor a measure that would open a “pathway to citizenship” for 11 million undocumented immigrants.

The “Pathway to Citizenship Pilgrimage” began early on Nov. 1 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis, the home parish for the freshman Republican congresswoman.

During the next four days, the 11 marchers—each representing 1 million immigrants—walked to Carmel, Noblesville, Lapel and, finally, Anderson.

Their walk ended on Nov. 4, when they were joined by more than 150 other people. Together, they all marched from St. Mary Church in Anderson in the Lafayette Diocese to Brooks’ office, a few blocks away. Most were Latinos. They carried banners and signs that said, “Catholic moments of faith.”

‘Sisters grow in lives of faith through missionary service around the world’ by John Shaughnessy

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Cardinal to Congress: Disclose abortion coverage in health care law

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley urged members of Congress to support the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, a measure that would require health plans to disclose if they subsidize abortion coverage.

Cardinal O’Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the legislation would address one part of the abortion-related problem in the Affordable Care Act.

In his Nov. 1 letter, the cardinal pointed out that under the federal health care law—unless state law requires otherwise—each insurer may choose whether to include coverage of elective abortions in health plans it offers on a state health exchange.

He noted that if the insurer does cover such abortions, the overall health plan may still receive federal tax subsidies, which he said violates the policies governing all other federal health programs.

“In no other program may federal funds subsidize any part of a health plan that covers such abortions, and nowhere else does the federal government forbid insurers to allow an ‘opt-out’ from such coverage on conscience grounds,” he wrote.

The cardinal added that the health care law also has “unique secrecy provisions” protecting the insurer from having to answer if the plan covers abortions—except when it lists all services at the time the consumer is already enrolling in the plan. The insurer also does not have to reveal how much of the person’s premium goes into a separate abortion fund.

“In other words, not only may pro-life people have a very limited choice of health plans that do not violate their consciences—but the law makes it all but impossible for them to find out which plans they are,” Cardinal O’Malley wrote.

He also cited a 2009 poll that showed 50 percent of Americans support health plans that cover elective abortions.

Twenty Something

Columnist Christina Capecchi shares the story of a seminarian’s daunting assignment, page 12.
Erin had a similar experience while teaching in Argentina. A little girl—a stranger—helped her navigate the streets of Buenos Aires, and Lauren soon realized that she also received an education from her students. "The young girls, barely 9 years of age, had such a great influence on me," she says. "One day, while I was sitting with them, each one reached into their pocket and removed a hand-stitched bracelet. They each said they had spent their savings making the bracelet specifically for me. In addition to the bracelets, I began to realize that these children would give me anything and everything they owned. It really showed me that those who have the least give the most."

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New endowments help CCF continue its mission of stewardship

By Natalie Hoefer

Brooke Lahr, a member of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, was 25 and in her third year of serving as a volunteer missionary when she was struck by a car and killed in Mexico on April 21. As they worked through their grief, her parents, Mark and Colleen Lahr, paid tribute to Brooke’s love for mission work by establishing a fund in her memory through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ Catholic Community Foundation (CCF).

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Bullying in the NFL, and a rosary that meant everything

They are so often put on a pedestal by some people, though many of them would argue they are really no different than the rest of us. It should come as no surprise that many share stories of long days and countless hours honing their God-given gifts, which has allowed them to achieve the success they have taking their lives.

The world-class athletes we see excel on their respective stages are role models to some, but we think there’s an important question that is sometimes left out of the conversation when discussing these men and women: How do they live their lives away from the field, off the court or out of the limelight?

Some deeply personal stories have brought very different athletes to the front of sports pages—and websites, Twitter, Facebook and other forms of social media—in recent days, and they offer poignant lessons that are worth sharing with our children, young people and all of society.

Could anyone have ever imagined incidents of bullying and abuse inside the National Football League (NFL)? If you did, it probably didn’t involve hulking linemen weighing more than 300 pounds, and standing well over 6-feet tall.

But that’s exactly what is being reported in Miami, where offensive lineman Jonathan Martin left the team on Oct. 28 for unspecified reasons. It was learned this week that teammate Richie Incognito, also an offensive lineman, had been allegedly bullying Martin for quite some time.

Media reports paint a picture of a profanity-laced voicemail, and racial slurs in text messages, among other things. Incognito was suspended by the team on Nov. 3.

Other recent cases of bullying, including some through social media, have sadly led to some young people taking their own lives.

The message here should be simple: Bullying has become a big problem, and the NFL case and other recent examples that have made headlines should help all of us in society work together to address this issue—which affects young people and adults alike in all walks of life.

While he has not been bullied that we know of, professional tennis player Juan Martin del Potro after his weekly audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on May 15, and one of the world’s best at his craft, was robbed recently while signing an autograph in Paris outside a train station.

The robbers took his suitcase, which included his passport, money and other belongings.

But del Potro also lost one of his most prized possessions, a rosary blessed by Pope Francis when he met him in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on May 15 after the Holy Father’s weekly general audience.

“I carried my rosary everywhere,” said the 25-year-old del Potro. “That’s what matters most to me.”

In a feature recently published in The Telegraph, a British newspaper, columnist Simon Briggs takes an insight into del Potro’s priorities in life. Faith is at the top of the list.

The tennis player said speaking to Pope Francis, who like him is from Argentina, during his trip to Rome was special.

“It was a big moment for me, maybe the biggest moment of my life,” del Potro said. “I was able to speak to him about tennis and about his career. Everybody knows I am Catholic, and this was a fantastic opportunity to speak to him and hear what he is doing for the world.

“This from an athlete who has won several world class tennis tournaments, including the U.S. Open in 2009. Del Potro admits there are challenges to life as a professional athlete, but his faith, he says, is at the root of everything.

“I go to church in Argentina and I try to keep it up during the tournaments. Sometimes it is difficult to find a church, and then there is the problem that people follow you everywhere. But I try to be close to one whenever I can,” he said.

“I am very Catholic. I am trying to be a good person every day, and do what my parents teach me when I was a kid. Some athletes can change because it’s not easy when you became famous too fast. The money, the pictures, the fans following you everywhere. You can have everything you want. There are different temptations every time, but you have to be calm with your focus and your work.”

When it comes to faith and athletics, del Potro is one of the athletes who is a role model.

—Mike Krokos

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Seminarian's journey deepens his life of faith

By John Shaughnessy

The first interaction between seminarian Tony Hollowell and the stranger in Vietnam seemed headed for a heated confrontation. The scene unfolded in a park in Hanoi, Vietnam—part of the amazing, recent three-month journey that took the 31-year-old Hollowell to three continents and six countries.

Hollowell was sitting on a bench after lunch when a stranger named Hung approached him.

"I was listening to music on a park bench, getting ready to lie down because the sun was hot and my stomach was digesting a few spring rolls from lunch, when a Vietnamese asks to sit down exactly where I was already leaning to lie down," Hollowell recalled. "I very angrily say, 'Sure,' and though I knew I was acting like a 5-year-old who was pouting, I couldn’t help it.

Yet instead of turning into an ugly moment, what happened next led Hollowell into a surprising personal connection and an even deeper appreciation of his Catholic faith during the Year of Faith.

An unexpected conversation

"Luckily, God prevents me from screwing up the entire thing," Hollowell continued. "We begin to talk about school. He is studying engineering. 'Cool,' I say. "What do you do?" he says. 'I am studying to be a Catholic priest,' I say."

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Outside the church, Hung and Hollowell continued their conversation, drinking watermelon juice and eating white chocolate cake before exchanging e-mail addresses and saying goodbye.

Hollowell later reflected on that connection, writing in his journal: "He was a very humble, kind, young man, and I wonder what that encounter was all about, and how God wants to use it in both of our lives to fulfill his plan. I am convinced that it was for not only the good of my soul, but also for the people I will one day serve."

Hollowell also added in his journal: "The most amazing thing that exists on this planet is the human person. It took me five continents, 16 countries and 31 years, but I leave the summer with one Father, and all people are his children."

Even though language differences were often part of those interactions, the encounters have deepened the faith of Hollowell, who has returned to his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

"I find the Catholic proposition to be quite convincing: I believe in one God, the Father almighty," he said. "There is one Father, and all people are his children."

"We share a common nature that comes from our common inheritance of being made in the image and likeness of God. What I was able to communicate with these people from all around the world was not some base, unimportant dimension of the human person. Rather, we were talking to one another about love and compassion, guilt and shame, peace and joy." —Seminarian Tony Hollowell

Above, Seminarian Tony Hollowell poses with some of the college students to whom he taught English during three weeks in China.

Left, Seminarian Tony Hollowell, second from left, and Father John Kamwendo, at right, visited Father Kamwendo’s hometown of Masasi in Tanzania in June. Father Kamwendo and Hollowell returned to the priest’s hometown in Africa shortly after Father Kamwendo’s May 18 ordination in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Also in the photo are Father Lucas Achinamalindi, left, rector of the Junior Seminary in Tanzania; Frederick Alex, a nephew of Father Kamwendo; Faith Titus Livigha, a niece of Father Kamwendo; and Josephine Kamwendo, a sister of Father Kamwendo.
November 9-10
St. Louis de Montfort Parish, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). Healing Hidden Hurts: post-abortion healing seminar and training. Fri. and Sat.: 7:30-8 a.m., no charge. Sat.: facilitator training, $108 per person. 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Information: 317-295-2787 or debbie@healinghiddenhurts.org.

November 9-14
St. Michael School, gym, 330 N. Green St., Brownsburg. Eight grade graduation bake sale. 3-7 p.m. Information: 317-858-0795 or spm@fishersschools.org.

St. Roch Parish, Family Life Center, 3605 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Single Seniors meeting. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and over. Information: 317-780-4207.

Our Lady of the Merciful Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., St. Louis, Ind. Knights of Columbus Council 12444. Kneeling in New Orleans, Cajun/Creole dinner to benefit Pro-Life Causes, 5-30 p.m. $25 per person advance or $30 per person at door. Information: 317-219-5903 or neilb@bucknet.com.

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, 1005 W. Main St., Danville. Christmas bazaar, vendors, gifts, punch, lunch. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Slovenian National Home, 2171 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. The Grape Arbor Sale, 9 a.m.-noon. $7 per person or $17 with dinner, children under 16 charge no. Information: 317-632-0619 or slovenianindy@gmail.com.


Salm’s Tavern, 435 N. Mulberry St., Bloomington. St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Marriage on Tap, John Thompson, organist, 5:30-7:30 p.m., $35 per person includes food and program. Registration: www.sokhe.com.

Father Louis Goeurts Council #582, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. Annual SISP for Scholarships, 5-8 p.m., $500 to 1000 will be given. Information: 317-460-8488 or connie13150@aol.com.

November 17

Community of Christ, 6592 W. 56th St., Indianapolis. “A St. Richmond. Charismatic prayer group meeting. 2 p.m. Information: dinkerc@coraplex.w3.

November 20

Columbus Bar, 322 Fourth St., Columbus. Women’s talk, “How to Build a Better Relationship.” 7 p.m. for $10 per person, $20 for couple includes lunch. Information: 317-786-2261.

November 21

Hendricks County 4-H Conference Center, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Heberds Creek, Right to Life banquet, 6-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-633-2242 or get4life@protectionweb.org.

November 22-23
St. Augustine Church, 2345 W. 56th St., Indianapolis. Little Sisters of the Poor, rummage sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information:instkirk@saintbridget.org.

November 23
St. Michael’s School, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Rosary procession, following 11 a.m. Mass, prayer and process through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. Information: citizens2016@gmail.com.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave. Beech Grove. Shop INNspired Gift Shop, pre-Black Friday sale spectacular, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

All girls’ school honorees

Free piano and violin concert to be held on Nov. 17 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey

A free concert featuring piano and violin will be performed at 3 p.m. central time on Nov. 17 at the St. Gregory Hall across from the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library in St. Meinrad.

Diane Earle, artist in residence and professor of music at Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Alfred Abel, visiting artist in violin at Kentucky Wesleyan, will present the program.

Earle’s 2013-14 schedule includes two international tours, in addition to numerous local, state and regional performances. She is also director of the Owensboro Symphony Chorus and music director at St. Meinrad United Methodist Church.

Abel has been concertmaster of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra since 1986. He is associate principal second violinist with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. Abel teaches violin and viola at the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is in his 11th year as conductor of the Washington College Chamber Orchestra. The program, which is free and open to the public, will include compositions by Richard Strauss, Anton Ruhmer, and Fritz Kreisler. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. For more information, call Janine Schumacher during business hours at 1-812-357-6501.

Sisters of Providence to host Taizé service on Nov. 12 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

All people of faith in the Wabash Valley are invited to gather with the Sisters of Providence for a Taizé prayer service at 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The Taizé service is a part of the Year of the River programming, which invites area residents to celebrate the local Wabash River. The theme for the November prayer gathering is “Wabashiki of the Year of the River while we are praying for all aspects of the river, we certainly need to pray for the Native Americans, for whom the river was a ‘life source,’” said Sister Providence Sister Paula Damiano, one of the event’s organizers.

The theme will be a prayer that thanks God for the Wabash, that the Native American people gave to the river and to preserving it for many generations to come.

Incorporating song, silence and reflective readings, the candlelit service brings together people of varying faith backgrounds in united personal prayer.

For more information, contact Sister Janet Janice, 317-223-1474. Registration ends on Nov. 13.
What was in the news on Nov. 8, 1963? Priests respond to the tragedy at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, and the Roman Curia vies for control of the council.

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 Nov. 8, 1963, issue of The Criterion:

- **VATICAN CITY**—The opening discussion on the schema ‘On Bishops and the Government of Dioceses’ in the ecumenical council indicated a short, hard-hitting battle in the week to come with the interests of the Curia. And therein the council’s preparation or in its progress, they obviously have not forgotten, either in the administration and government of the worldwide Church—was not technically a party to the debate, since technically it has nothing to do with the council. The Fathers of the council are such because they are bishops of varying degrees of eminence, title and powers, whether pope, cardinal, archbishop, bishop or otherwise, as set down in canon law. The members of the Curia are in the council as bishops, but they obviously have not forgotten, either in the council’s preparation or in its progress, the interests of the Curia. And herein the current battle lies:”

- **Many priests assisted at Coliseum disaster** “Dozens of priests administered last rites and gave spiritual comfort to survivors in the wake of the tragic explosion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on the Vigil of All Saints. The catastrophe, attributed to the explosion of bottled gas tanks, occurred only a few minutes before the closing act of a ‘Holiday on Ice’ opening night presentation. By Criterion press time Thursday morning, 68 persons were dead and 13 more were still on hospital critical lists. An additional 375 were injured less seriously. An unofficial count revealed that 12 to 15 priests, mainly from neighboring northside parishes, were at the Coliseum during the night giving spiritual ministrations. Others worked at the various Marion County hospitals where the injured were taken. Many of the clergy stayed overnight until the early morning hours despite heavy Mass schedules on the following day—the Feast of All Saints. … In an interview, Father [James P.] Higgins, [superintendent of Cathedral High School,] commented on the unfeelingship of many of the injured, who were more concerned about the fate of missing relatives than about their own well-being. … Father Higgins, who in his eight years as police chaplain has seen human tragedy in every conceivable form, stated that the scene he encountered at the Coliseum is etched deeply in his memory. ‘To think that many of these souls,’ he added, ‘were blotted into eternity in the flick of an eyelash—when death was farthest from their minds—is a sobering realization.’”

- **Archbishop Paul C. Schulte:** Holy Father deeply distressed by disaster which has stricken Your Excellency’s Archdiocese. Expresses heartfelt sympathy. Promises prayers, Imparts to injured and surviving families, in pledge of consoling divine graces, paternal apostolic blessing.

- **West Baden hosting nuclear war parade** Five laymen honored at CYO dinner

- **CFM Federation plans racial visitation day**

- **Vietnam Buddhist crisis is labeled as political**

- **Parish sponsors program for non-Catholic spouse**

- **Editor comments from Rome:** October 30, 1963, was the day of St. Louis rights mar for American laymen John Cogley said to the African bishops

- **Significant developments**: American bishops beginning to make council impression

- **Sees complete freedom of action by the laity**

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**Final Mass**

St. Mary Magdalene Church in New Marion was filled for its final Mass on Oct. 27. It was one of 12 parishes in the Batesville Deanery that was selected earlier this year to be merged with nearby parishes as the result of the archdiocese’s “Connected in the Spirit” planning process. St. Mary Magdalene is merging with Prince of Peace Parish in Madison. Pictured above, left, are longtime parishioners Joanne Pietrykowski and Nina Ruble preparing to present the offertory gifts during the Oct. 27 liturgy. Shown above, right, raising the host is Father Joseph Newton, principal celebrant of the Mass and the parish’s sacramental minister. Raising the chalice is Deacon Michael Gardner, parish life coordinator. Also pictured are two of the parish’s former pastors, Father Darwin Winters, at left, and Father Frank Eckstein, at right.
I have heard your stories. I appreciate the struggles you are going through. I want to find solutions and find the best way.


Appeals court OKs admitting privileges for abortion doctors in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS)—A panel of judges on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Oct. 31 that a provision in a Texas law requiring abortion doctors to have admitting privileges at local hospitals could take effect.

The panel made the ruling three days after Judge Lee Yeakel of the U.S. District Court in Austin said the provision was unconstitutional.

The judges on the 5th Circuit said the provision was carried out while challenging the abortion law's restrictions moves forward.

In a 29-page opinion, the 5th Circuit Court, they said, has held that having "the incidental effect of making it more difficult or more expensive to obtain an abortion cannot be ever justified by an invalidate" a law that serves a valid purpose, "one not designed to strike at the right itself."

A law that does not directly limit a woman's access to abortion, the panel said, his ruling, was "without a rational basis and places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion of a nonviable fetus."

His decision was appealed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who argued the state Legislature was well within its constitutional rights to require admitting privileges.

But this week, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled that to do so would likely be a violation of the Ninth Amendment, which guarantees a right to privacy. The court ruled that states cannot violate a woman's right to choose how to terminate her pregnancy.

The case, Planned Parenthood v. Miller, was brought before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In October, a federal judge in Austin ruled against the Texas law, saying it violated a woman's constitutional right to choose, and that local hospitals are not required to admit women who seek abortion. The case was brought by Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Texas Civil Rights Project.

The court ruled that the law would impose an undue burden on women seeking abortions, and that it would be unconstitutional.

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All Saints and All Souls feasts are time to renew hope, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—At the end of the feast of All Saints, just before the sun set, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass at Rome’s Verano cemetery and urged Christians to hang on to hope as they reflect on the promise that earthly life ends with eternal life in heaven.

In his homily at the evening Mass on Nov. 1, Pope Francis set aside his prepared text, looked out to the thousands of people gathered between long lines of tombstones and told them, “We reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord.”

“The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love—all that awaits us,” the pope said. “All those who preceded us and died in the Lord are there,” in heaven with God. Even the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, the pope said, but by the blood of Christ.

“God is one who saves, he is the one who carries us like a father—at the end of our lives—to that heaven where our forebears are,” he said.

The pope was reading from the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation described a multitude of people from every race and nation standing before God. They were dressed in white, the pope said, because they were “washed in the blood of the Lamb. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of Christ.”

“If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ,” he said. “That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, he will never disappoint us.

“We are children of God,” he said, and live in hope of one day seeing God as he is.

“The Lord is good, he is love, he is beautiful. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of Christ.”

The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, he said, and “to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is—that is hope. That is the hope that doesn’t disappoint.”

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are “days of hope,” he said. The word of “hope is like a bit of leaven that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us. Today is a day of hope; our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God, and we, too, will be there in the Lord’s arms if we follow him every day.”

“Before sunset today, each one of us can think of the sunset of our lives,” the pope said. “Do we look forward to this or not? Do we think we will be the ones of being welcomed by the Lord?”

“Throughout Italy, like in many predominantly Catholic countries, people take advantage of the All Saints public holiday to tidy up and take flowers to the graves of their loved ones on the eve of the feast day. After the Mass, Pope Francis visited some of those graves, praying for the deceased and blessing their tombs.”

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government’s requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to include coverage for abortifacients, sterilization and contraceptives.

Three petitions filed in the last six weeks involve private, for-profit companies owned by Christians who object to their employee insurance funds being used for treatments they consider immoral.

A fourth case related to the Affordable Care Act is Liberty University’s appeal of the “employer mandate” to purchase government-defined health insurance for employees as applied to the Christian university.

The soonest the court might decide to take or deny certiorari in any of the cases would be at its conferences of late November or early December. The court typically holds conferences to review petitions three or four days each month.

The Justice Department on Oct. 21 filed three documents weighing in on whether the court should take the cases. The department’s legal opponents now have time to respond to those filings before the cases are put on the justices’ conference list.

Meanwhile, organizations and individuals with an interest in the outcome of the cases also may file petitions arguing for or against the Supreme Court becoming involved. As of Oct. 31, a handful of such friend-of-the-court briefs had been filed for some of the petitions.

They were filed on behalf of coalitions of employers, physicians, states and faith-based organizations.

The petitions related to the Affordable Care Act that are up on the court and the core issues they raise include:

• Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores: an appeal by the government of the case in which the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York ruled that the court should take the cases. The department’s filings urged the court to take the case, arguing that the core issues the court could resolve include:

   a. Whether the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) applies to for-profit corporations.

   b. Whether RFRA protects a for-profit corporation from having to provide a benefit to which employees are entitled under federal law but to which the owners have religious objections.

• Conestoga Wool Specialty v. Sebelius: an appeal by the government of a cabinet-making company, Conestoga Wood, of a 3rd Circuit Appeals ruling that they had to comply with the contraceptive coverage requirement.

   a. Whether the insurance mandate part of the Affordable Care Act imposes a substantial burden on their Free Exercise rights.

   b. “Liberty University v. Lew: an appeal of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Christian university must adhere to the employer mandate part of the Affordable Care Act. When the Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of parts of the health care law in 2012, it didn’t address the employer mandate to provide coverage.

• Liberty University v. EEOC: an appeal by the university of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s 2013 ruling that the university had to post its-notice and to provide coverage.

The front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington is pictured in a file photo from 2013. The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government’s requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to include contraceptive coverage.

The court’s decision could have far-reaching implications on decisions by other circuit courts that have differed on whether the Religious Freedom Restoration Act applies to for-profit corporations, whether federal law requires for-profit companies to provide contraceptive coverage, and whether the Religious Freedom Restoration Act protects employers who object to providing that coverage.

Officials say 2014 family synod to be based on doctrine, not public opinion

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Although preparations for the 2014 extraordinary Synod of Bishops have been under way for months, there is no formal assessment of Catholics’ attitudes toward relevant Church teachings, the synod’s work will be based on Catholic doctrine and not on current public opinion.

“Certainly the doctrine of the magisterium must be the basis of the common reasoning of the synod,” said Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary, at a Vatican news conference on Oct. 20. “It is not a question of public opinion.”

As the synod’s relator, Cardinal Erdo will synthesize the remarks and suggestions of his fellow bishops in two speeches during the gathering, which Pope Francis has called for October 2014.

In October 2013, the synod’s general secretary, Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, sent bishops’ conferences around the world a preparatory document that included a 39-item questionnaire asking about the promotion and acceptance of Catholic teachings on marriage and the family, and cultural and social challenges to those teachings.

Among the topics of the questionnaire were divorce and remarriage, cohabitation, same-sex unions and contraception.

The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales put the questionnaire online in late October, on the SurveyMonkey site, leading to news stories about “polling” Catholics for their opinions and suggestions.

Asked at the Nov. 5 news conference whether that action was something other bishops’ conferences should emulate, Archbishop Baldisseri said the “question answers itself” and was “not worth considering.”

The archbishop said that pastors were expected to provide summaries of the views and experiences of parishioners, and that their findings would be “channled” in turn through national bishops’ conferences for ultimate consideration by the synod.

However, Archbishop Baldisseri said, individual Catholics are also welcome to communicate their views directly to the synod’s offices for consideration by his staff during preparation of the synod’s working document, which would be published in May 2014.

Italian Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, special secretary of the 2014 gathering, was asked if the consultation process might encourage hope that synod participants would reach beyond “comfortable” or “insensitive” Church teachings.

“Listening so openly means running these risks,” Archbishop Forte said. “What we know in the Church is that there is an ultimate reference point, which is the consecration of Peter.”

The synod will document any such disagreements as honestly as possible, he said, and “propose to the Holy Father the questions and possibilities that open up.”
Order of Malta serves those in need in archdiocese, around the world

By Sean Gallagher

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was established by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1844, as the Diocese of Vincennes. So at 179 years old, it is a bit unusual for a Catholic organization in central and southern Indiana to be celebrating the 900th anniversary of its founding.

But that is what happened on Oct. 14 when members of the Order of Malta in the archdiocese worshipped together during a Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was the celebrant of the Mass.

In his homily, Archbishop Tobin noted that the Order of Malta and the Redemptorist order that he oversaw as superior general for 12 years both trace their origins to the Amalfi Coast in southern Italy.

To be called the Order of Malta because it was later located on that Mediterranean island nation.

Today, the order has 12,500 members worldwide and 3,000 in the United States.

Men and women alike can join the order. In the order, men are known as knights, and women have the title of ladies.

Today, its members lead pilgrimages of the sick and disabled to focus entirely on the spiritual aspects of the pilgrimages.

Members of the order in the archdiocese also carry out ministry close to home by preparing and serving monthly meals for people in need at the John H. Boner Community Center on Indianapolis’ near eastside.

“Today, the order has seen things differently than what you’re doing,” she said. “We think we probably get more out of it than the people who eat the dinner.”

Geisler’s wife, Margie, also a member of the order, agreed.

“It just draws you more to God because of what you’re doing,” she said. “We care for them, seeing them with the eyes of Jesus. Or, rather, seeing the face of Jesus in the poor for whom they cared.”

Archbishop Tobin noted that throughout its history the members of the Order of Malta have viewed the people they serve not as the world sees them, but through the eyes of faith.

“The order has seen things differently for 900 years, especially in the sick, in the lost, in those far from home,” Archbishop Tobin said. “The order has protected and cared for them, seeing them with the eyes of Jesus. Or, rather, seeing the face of Jesus in the poor for whom they cared.”

Brigette Schutzman, who attended the Oct. 14 Mass, is among the people that local members of the order have helped.

A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, Schutzman was 20 when she was involved in a car accident in 2007 that severely injured her and left her disabled.

In 2010, she participated in a pilgrimage to Lourdes sponsored by the order.

“The whole experience was beyond words, really,” said Schutzman. “The knights made it so much more special. If I had just gone to Lourdes [by myself], it would have been nowhere near the experience that I had with the knights.

“It was perfectly organized. We were just there to enjoy the time in a very spiritual way.

“The order pays all the expenses of the pilgrimages, and cares for all of the physical needs of the sick and disabled who travel with them. This allows the sick and disabled to focus entirely on the spiritual aspects of the pilgrimages.”

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As much as she appreciates the care that the Order of Malta gives to those in need both internationally and locally, Margie would like to see that expanded, especially in the archdiocese through an influx of new members of the order.

“It’s marvelous. It needs to be done,” Margie said. “That’s why we need more members.”

(For more information on the Order of Malta in the United States, log on to https://orderofmaltaamerican.org)
Faith, hope and love. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13:13, declares that these three things are the bottom line in the Christian life. They are called the theological virtues, the qualities that make us most like God.

We hear plenty about faith and love. But when is the last time you heard a rousing homily on hope? If hope is included in this short list, it must be important. But why? And what is it precisely?

To accomplish great things in life, you need a future goal that is big enough to keep you motivated. The promise of a diploma keeps college students up late writing papers when they’d rather be partying. The dream of Olympic glory gets the runner out of bed to put in miles while others are comfortably snoozing.

In the spiritual life, you’ll never do great things for God unless you have your eye on the long-term goal: to experience indescribable joy in his presence forever. The ecstasy of gazing upon him, whose beauty eternally awes the hosts of heaven, the exhilarating company of friends, family and fascinating people from all ages—purified, glorified, finished masterpieces of divine love—this is what “the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6) will usher in for those who are ready.

The virtue of hope is the eager, energizing expectation of this glorious inheritance, and it’s also the confidence that he who began the work of salvation in us will bring it to completion.

Some think Catholics live in fearful insecurity, perpetually worrying that they may not make the grade. There are other Christians, on the other hand, who believe that once people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are always saved.

This is partially true. God’s promise is sure. He gives us grace to accept Christ and salvation. But his grace never comes in a way that short circuits our freedom. In other words, God is a lover; he does not force his will on us. He never overpowers us and carries us away against our will.

The possibility always remains that we will use our freedom to walk away, as did the prodigal son. Fortunately, the prodigal son came to his senses and returned. But note that the father did not send out a posse. The wayward son returned of his own accord. The story could have ended otherwise.

So is there a Catholic version of “blessed assurance”? Yes. We call it hope. We have confidence that God will forever pursue and, even better, to grow stronger in his love right up to the “day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6).

But hope is, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, a virtue not primarily of the mind that believes in God’s faithfulness, but of the will that longs for heaven with a desire that propels it forward to ever greater spiritual growth.

One opposite of hope is despair, which is the failure to believe that God’s mercies are never exhausted. But hope has other opposites as well, such as sloth, or spiritual laziness. When faced with the prospect of life forever with God, sloth yawns and says, “Boring.” Sound familiar? Or how about presumption? Hope is humble confidence that God won’t give up on me. Presumption is the arrogant and lary expectation that God owes me mercy, regardless of how neglectful I am of the means of seeking grace via sacraments or obligations of our faith, such as Mass, prayer and confession.

Hope is a spiritual muscle. But like all muscles, it must be exercised. Unused muscles atrophy. The “use it or lose it” sentiment applies.

How can we exercise our desire for the glory of heaven? By stimulating our souls with the scriptural images that suggest what words can’t fully describe.

The Bible does not depict heaven as an endless church service with yawning angels strumming harps. Instead you find a joyous wedding feast, zealous singing as on a day of festival, rich, savory food and pure, choice wines, a city glittering with gold, pearls and every sort of gem, a river bright as crystal with trees on each bank laden with fruit.

Of course, it is love that fuels the merriement of a wedding feast. And all human love, friendship and intimacy is only a pale reflection of the fulfillment that we will experience when we see the luminous beauty of the face of God, and in its light, the fascinating and unique beauty of each one of the redeemed.

St. Paul says in Philippians that “whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things” (Phil 4:8).

To consciously turn our gaze from our daily worries to the glory of heaven is the spiritual exercise that builds the virtue of hope. And it is this hope that will be the anchor preventing us from being swept away by the inevitable storms of earthly life.

A man kneels before a statue of Mary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The Christian virtue of hope strengthens people’s desire for heaven, so that they will more and more consistently choose to do God’s will in this life in the sure expectation that God will bring them to the glories of heaven.


Hope helps Catholics persevere in doing God’s will in life

Augsburg Confession

Hope is portrayed as a key theological virtue throughout the Bible

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Movies can be much more than mere entertainment. I've said this many times, and I'm saying it again. Movies struck me as being essentially a reflection of the human mind. They show us the world as we see it, but sometimes they show us things differently. Movies can be a form of escapism, a way to forget about the stresses of daily life. They can also be a means of self-expression, allowing us to explore our innermost thoughts and feelings. Movies are a powerful tool for communication, especially in a world where words can be so difficult to express.

Back in the 1950s, movies were often lighthearted and funny, but they were also about serious topics. During World War II, the mood turned darker, with movies depicting the violence and brutality of war. Even then, movies continued to be a form of escapism. Movies were a way for people to connect with each other, to share experiences and feelings. They were a way for people to be part of something bigger, to feel a sense of belonging.

But in recent years, movies have become more and more about entertainment. They are often about action and adventure, or about the lives of famous people. They are a way for people to be entertained, to be transported to another world. And yet, movies continue to be a powerful tool for communication. They can be a way for people to express their feelings, to connect with each other, to share experiences and feelings. They are a way for people to be part of something bigger, to feel a sense of belonging.
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

Sunday Readings

Sunday, November 10, 2013

- 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
- 1 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

This weekend, observed by the Church as the Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time, has as its first reading a section from the Second Book of Maccabees. Maccabees, First or Second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books are late in the formation of the Scriptures as we now have them. They date from a period only two centuries before Christ, describing a very dark period in the history of God’s people. When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East, died, his generals scrambled to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt. Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria. A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly. This weekend’s reading reports quite vividly the penalty. Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god. Maccabees I and II are written about martyrs who defied Antiochus. These two books of Maccabees lioneize these pious Jewish martyrs, who refused to forsake the one God of Israel. Heroism, therefore, is one lesson. Another is about the afterlife, and it mentions the afterlife as a reward for holy living on Earth. The afterlife as a doctrine was not very refined in the more ancient Hebrew writings. Maccabees expands the notion. St. Paul’s Second Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading. This work, too, was written when times were very hard for true believers. The epistle is challenging but encouraging. Regardless of whatever may lie ahead, Paul insists that disciples must hold firm to their bond with the Lord. Times may be bad, even terrifying, but God will be victorious! St. Luke’s Gospel, the source of the last reading, continues the theme of the afterlife. Its message is clear: Those faithful to God in this life will live with him, triumphantly and eternally, in the next life. This reading also says that the ways of God are beyond our experience and our understanding. We are humans, nothing less but nothing more. We are nothing less in that we can decide to live so as to receive as God’s gift eternal life itself. We are nothing more in that we need God. Reflection

On Nov. 11, our country will celebrate Veterans’ Day, a commemoration of the day in 1918 when Germany and its allies surrendered, and the First World War ended. No war has been fought without great suffering and death. The First World War, however, was new to human experience in the untold number of human lives that it took. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives on battlefields or in bombing raids. Millions of others starvation, were maimed or died of disease because of the war. Today, historians look back upon this tragic time and wonder why it all happened. It happened because of bad human judgment, human greed and human disregard for human life. Humans can make life very bad for themselves and for others, especially when they ignore or disobey God.

Evidence of this same reality is seen in the story of the Maccabees. The mighty Antiochus brought death and anguish. In the end, however, the just triumphed, not the king. We celebrate the Maccabees. For the Thessalonians, imperial Rome brought terror and agony. The just triumphed. They honor them today. Imperial Rome is gone.

These readings remind us again that peace, justice, and security come only when humans respect God. They also warn us of the allurements that so often drive humans to hurt themselves and others inevitably will pass away.

Without God, we are doomed, condemned by our own human inadequacies. Again and again in history, we find proof of this fact.

Daily Readings

Monday, November 11
St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Wisdom 1:1-7
Psalm 139:1-10
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12
St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Wisdom 2:23-3:9
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13
St. Francis Xavier Calabrin, virgin
Wisdom 6:1-11
Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14
Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
Psalm 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175
Luke 17:20-25

Catholics may receive Communion twice a day during celebrations of the Eucharist

What are the Church’s guidelines for someone receiving Communion more than once a day? Can a person attend Mass on a Saturday morning, a Saturday evening vigil Mass and Mass again on Sunday morning and receive Communion at all three liturgies? Or what if a person attends a weekday Mass in the morning and then a healing Mass that same evening?

A distinctly put, a Catholic can receive Communion twice a day, within the context of a Mass. Canon #917 of the Church’s Code of Canon Law states: “a person who has received the most holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which a person participates.” The canon goes on to explain that a person who is in danger of death may receive the Eucharist at viaticum no matter how many times he or she has already received it on that same day.

The rationale behind the rule is that the holy Communion is an integral part of the Mass, unifying the recipient to Jesus’ sacrifice of himself on the cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way, referencing the words of the Second Vatican Council: “That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest’s Communion, receive the Lord’s body from the same sacrifice is warmly recommended” (#1388).

In each of the examples you question offers, you may certainly receive Communion at the second Mass. Some other frequent situations that allow the same are: a weekday Mass in the morning, with a funeral Mass or wedding Mass later in that day; or a Saturday morning wedding or funeral with a vigil Mass for Sunday celebrated on Saturday afternoon.

I know of a man who takes a bus to several Masses on the same day and adjusts his schedule to arrive in time to “pop in” and take holy Communion at each of these Masses. I believe that this man is doing what he thinks is helpful and admirable, but objectively he is violating the Church’s guideline on two counts: first, by receiving Communion more than twice a day; and secondly, by simply “grabbing” the Eucharist on his “fly-by” and not participating in the Mass at which he receives.

Actually, the Vatican has envisioned this fellow some years ago. A number of bishops had written to the Holy See and asked whether the word “again” in canon #917 meant that the Eucharist could be received only twice a day (except in danger of death) or whether someone could take Communion even more often, so long as he or she participated in the Mass.

The Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts wrote in 1984, with the approval of Blessed John Paul II, and said essentially that twice is the limit. The council recognized what a special gift the Eucharist is, and wanted people to maintain the proper respect for its uniqueness.

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Question Corner

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My Journey to God

The Other Side of Sunset

By Cindy Leppard

Brilliant, the late evening sun, as I commute westward on my way home. There is wildfire in the sky and the clouds are all versions of wild pink and salmon, ivory and lavender, gilded with absolutely no sense of restraint.

The scene is ever more dramatic because of its frame. Fly near a statue of an angel holding a cross, the symbol of the city, at sunset in Venice. She also supported Clare’s struggle for the order to continue in complete poverty. The sisters are buried together in Assisi.

Moved by the example of St. Francis of Assisi and her older sister, St. Clare of Assisi, Caterina Offreduccio left home at 15 to become a nun committed to living in radical poverty. She joined Clare at a Benedictine convent while their convent at San Damiano was under construction, and took the name Agnes. One account says her family’s violent effort to retrieve her was thwarted by a miracle, but this was omitted from her canonization documents. Around 1220, Clare became the abbess of a new foundation of Poor Clares near San Damiano. This was omitted from her canonization documents. Around 1220, Clare became the abbess of a new foundation near Florence of Poor Clares, which she directed from her convent at San Damiano. She also supported Clare’s struggle for the order to continue in complete poverty. The sisters are buried together in Assisi.

Agnes of Assisi

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St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, 89, CRONIN, Robert E.
Bellamy and Kelly Gratien. Sister Deborah Andres, Barbara Harlow
Floyd County, Oct. 19. Brother of
70, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs,
BELCHER, Richard D.,
Grandmother of seven. Great-
Allen. Sister of Sandy Cottey.
of Diana Castner, Linda King,
ALLEN, Ruby Joan, 84,
grandfather of 11.
Husband of Mary Ann Albers.
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23x977] natives of the archdiocese or
23x1008] Order priests and religious
23x645] and William Gullett. Brother of
23x655] Oct. 19. Father of Brian and
23x666] St. Bernadette, Indianapolis,
HALL, Thomas E.
Oct. 17. Aunt of several.
23x710] FRENZER, Antoinette Agnes
23x734] 82, Holy Family, Oldenburg,
DUNHAM, Barbara A.
23x744] St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg,
HEMME, Agnes Mary
Oct. 17. Wife of David Murphy
23x756] St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg,
HEMME, Mary Helen
 Oct. 10. Father of Sally Huber,
HIGGINS, June C.
Oct. 31. At the Church of the Immaculate
23x787] Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of
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594x53] Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of
594x76] Holy Spirit School from 1981-86.
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594x179] ministered at Woods Day Care/Preschool in
594x202] St. Mary-of-the-Woods and at her community’s
594x250] Providence Road. †
594x282] †
594x354] Sister of Rosemarie zinc. Sister of Paula Halley. Sister of
594x399] Waterson, Josephine
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23x465] St. Gabriel, IN 47876. †
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**Church and loved ones.**

Q Do only the wealthy participate in the Catholic Community Foundation?

A Definitely not. We work with all ages, a mixed bag in terms of demographics and resources they’re available to.

“Planned giving and charitable giving is a mindset. To be philanthropic is not about how much, but God will see we have enough.”

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