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# Catholics divided in reactions to war

They range from support of war to outspoken opposition to support for Saddam

by Bill Pritchard

WASHINGTON—Reactions of Catholic leaders worldwide to the war in the Persian Gulf have ranged from support of the war to opposition to the use of force to outright support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Pope John Paul II has devoted continual Fope John Faul II has devoted continual public statements to urging the U.S.-led coalition and Iraq to stop the fighting and negotiate a settlement of Iraq's annexation of neighboring Kuwait Iast August. Just prior to the United Nations' Ian I deadline, he wrote to President Bush and to seal and urgin a filling and the coalition. deadline, he wrote to President Duan and the Saddam, urging a diplomatic solution. (See article on page 19.) Later, the pope worried publicly about an expansion of the war and the danger posed to civilians.

Iraq's Chaldean Catholic Patrian Raphael I Bidawid of Baghdad has been Raphael I Bidawid of Baginada his Sectionary is staunch public supporter of his president and friend Saddam Hussein. Patriarch Raphael has endorsed the Iraqi position, including missile attacks on Israeli cities, and traveled to Rome to explain the Iraqi to Pope John Paul.

U.S. Catholic clergy were somewhat divided on the use of force to dislodge Iraqi occupation forces from Kuwait, with the majority against warfare.

Archbishop Joseph T. Ryan of the Archbiscese for the Military Services said in a Jan. 15 letter to chaplains that using armed force against "unjust aggression was a "legitimate, though grave option." "unjust aggression



NEWSPAPER HEADLINE—Kuwaiti exiles in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, read the latest news on the fall of their occupied homeland Jan. 17 in Gulf News, an English-language daily newspaper. (CNS photo from UPI-Reuters)

Prior to Jan. 16, when the U.S.-led coalition launched its military campaign against Iraq, several prominent U.S. Catholic leaders either urged the coalition to use caution in deciding on war or called for a political solution

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chica-go said before the war began that military action would not meet the church standards for a "just war." Those standards require that the human,

economic and other costs must be in proportion to the good sought, and that all avenues to peace must be exhausted before resorting to violence. In remarks published in the Jan. 17 edition of the Italian Catholic weekly,

edition of the Italian Catholic weekly, it Sabato, Cardinal Bernardin was quoted as saying, "I am personally convinced that in the current circumstances, military action would in fact violate the teaching of the church about just war."

Washington said Jan. 17 that, although war must be a last resort, it is "sometimes for nations a sad necessity.

Sanctions against Iraq have been in "Sanctions against Iraq have been in force for some months. In the view of our president, of a majority of the Congress, and of many well-informed persons, they were not successful and so armed intervention has become a necessity to resist aggression against Kuwait," Cardinal Hickey said.

Hickey said.

And lay ethicist George Weigel said, "In my considered judgment, this met the criteria" for just war. Weigel, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, said that not to go to war after the Iraqio cocapation of Kuwait" would have been to have left a grave evil in place."

Following the outbreak of war, the head Following the outbreak of war, the head of the U.S. bishops' conference, Archishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, expressed deep sadness. He said in a Jan T statement that the military campaign must take all reasonable steps to "safe guard human life, minimize casualties and to ensure that the means of war are proportionate to the values to be defended, that the human and other costs are truly worth the objectives to be achieved." worth the objectives to be achieved.

worth the objectives to be achieved."

Catholic Iraqi-Americans of the Chaldean rite prayed for peace as a ferocious air bombardment hit their ancestral land. Hours before the war began, Father Manuel Boji, an Iraqi priest at the Mother of God Chaldean Church in Southfield.

(see CATHOLICS SPLIT, page 15)

# Local churches continue prayers for peace

by John F. Fink

As the United Nations went to war with Iraq on Wednesday, Jan. 16, churches throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis continued the prayers for peace that were begun well before the war started.

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On the morning after war began, Father David E. Coats, vicar general of the archdiocese, acting on behalf of Archbishop Edward T. O'Mear who was leurope for a meeting of Catholic Relief Services, sent this memorandum to the pastoral leadership of the archdiocese.

Despite the most determined efforts of all of the who sought to bring about peace in the Middle East, that cradle of the world's religion is now engaged in war. I know that the Catholics of central and souther Indiana join in the prayer that God will somehow help us find the way to peace and justice in this omnous time. justice in this ominous time

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'We urge all people to join us in a fervent prayer for containment and a speedy end to this war. We pray for minimum casualties and for all those who will suffer because of the death and devastation that this sure to bring about.

We ask all people of faith to do all in their power to stand by, support, and pray with all of those whose loved ones are or may be involved in the war in the Middle East, now and in the hours and days ahead.

"In the words of the National Confer ence of Catholic Bishops' president, Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, 'If there is a believer in America who has not gone to his or her knees during these days, then

his or her knees during these days, then there is more that can be done.'

"As vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, I ask that special efforts be made to keep the doors of our churches

open throughout the daylight hours for those who wish to use them for prayer."

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As the Jan. 15 deadline approached for Iraq to leave Kuwait or face a war, prayer services were held in most of the parishes in the archdiocese. On Jan. 15 itself, Father Cheeber, and the services were held in most of the parishes in the archdiocese. On Jan. 15 itself, Father Cheeber, and Jan. 18 itself, And Jan. 18 itself, And Jan. 18 itself, And Stephen Jarrell celebrated a special Mass for peace in SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral. The Mass was organized by the local chapter of Pax Christi, the international Cathelic pages organization.

chapter of Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace organization. On Jan. 16 Father Thomas Murphy, ecumenical officer for the archdocese, participated in a service at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral on Monument Carde in Indianapolis. About 250 people prayed for peace during the service. Father James Byrne, speaking at the Rally for Life at the Indiana War Memorial Sunday, Jan. 20, included a praver for

Sunday, Jan. 20, included a prayer for peace in his invocation. He prayed for

women who are overseas, we ask you to help us end this conflict as soon as possible to give us a world of peace and security that we can raise our children in harmony and love.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, Father Patrick Kelly participated in an inter-faith service for peace at the Jewish Community Center for peace at the in Indianapolis

in Indianapolis.

Many parishes with men and women in the Persian Gulf have been remembering them in the Prayers of the Faithful during Masses and these prayers have been intensified since the war started. Parishes have added special Masses and prayer vigils. Despite unanimity on the need for prayers for peace, there are often sharp differences of opinion on how this peace should be achieved. Some prayed that the war would be over quickly because of an early military victory while others prayed for a negotiated settlement to the war.



PRAYER TARGET—Jean and Merle Wilgus locate Saudi Arabia where their grandson, Jeff Wilgus, is stationed with the military. The map, decorated with a yellow ribbon, will remain near the altar 41St. Andrew, Indianapolis, until the war ends. Beneath it are names of parishioners' relatives and friends. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

#### FROM THE EDITOR

# Archbishop Weakland and married priests

by John F. Fink

You have to admire Archbishop Rembert Weakland's You have to admire Archisshop Rembert Weakland's courage. Shortly after the Vatican prevented the theology faculty of the University of Fribourg from honoring him with an honorary degree because of his statements on abortion, he has now said publicly that, under certain circumstances, he would be willing to consider ordaining.

would be willing to consider ordaining married men. And this in the face of the Synod of Bishops' strong support for priestly celibacy last October.

For me, courage is only one of many virtues for which I admire Archbishop virtues for which I admire Archbishop
Weakland, who has been Archbishop
of Milwaukee for 13 years. I admire his
dedication, his intelligence, his openness, his compassion, his leadership
abilities, and a whole string of other attributes. I consider
him one of the most nutrituding hishops in the dender

him one of the most outstanding bishops in the church today, an opinion shared by most U.S. bishops as evidenced by the ovation he received during the bishops' meeting in Washington in November.

is also the best musician among the bishops. He studied at the Julliard School before deciding to become a priest. And having been with him on informal occasions (like cocktails and dinner), I can tell you that he's an

HE HAS HELD IMPORTANT leadership positions for a long time. When he was ordained Archibishop of Milwaukee in November of 1977, he had already served as abbot-primate of the entire Benedictine Confederation for

Archbishop Weakland is not liked by some ultraconservative Catholics in the United States primarily because of his leadership of the committee that produced the bishops'

proop pastoral letter on the economy. It was primarily because of this that he was going to receive the honorary degree from the University of Fribourg. The citation called him "one of the outstanding passors of Cath."

degree from the University of Fribourg. The citation called him "one of the outstanding persons of Catholicism in North America, who stands for a just, humane and free society, as well as for a church that is believable." Some people in the pro-life movement also oppose him and were apparently most responsible for the refusal of the honorary degree. But that was a bum rap, Archbishop Weakland has often spoken out against abortion. Calling abortion "the taking of human life and therefore morally wrong." He has stressed that he "strongly upholds Catholic teaching and that certainly includes the church's teaching on abortion."

What some people were upset about was that he dared actually to listen to the views of Catholic women on abortion in a series of meetings and, afterwards, wrote that church's position on abortion of the son that church is position on abortion of does not have those the church's position on abortion of does not have those locause it seems to be too simplistic an prower to a complicated and emotional question. He didn't say he agreed, he just reported that many women feel that way. How can it be denied that many women feel that way. Of course, he also made enemies by saying, again truthfully, that some abortion opponents are driving away sive and their rhetoric "ugly and demeaning."

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IN THE CASE OF his proposed pastoral letter in which he suggests the possibility of ordaining a married man, Archibishop Weakland made it clear that he was not planning to goof half-cocked. If all his conditions were met, he said, he would "present such a candidate" to the pope for his permission to ordain the man.

The archibishop isn't doing this because he doesn't believe in priestly celibacy. He has praised celibacy-However, he obviously believes that a eucharistic church is more important than a celibact dergy. He wrote that "it is not traditional in the Catholic Church'

for communities to assemble without a priest only for a Liturgy of the Word presided over by a deacon or lapperson, and if that situation "were to last many years—even a generation—I do not see how the Catholic identity could be mantained." Archbishop Weakland's comments are in a draft of a pastoral he is preparine titled "Facine the Europe with

Archbishop Weakiand's comments are in a draft of a storal he is preparing titled "Facing the Future with ope." It deals with planning for the changing needs of e archdiocese. The possibility of requesting the Vatican for permission to ordain a married man comes near the end of the document

JUST AS IN MILWAUKEE, we in this archdiocese are going through a study of future parish staffing, Parishes are meeting to determine their future and, according to reports of those meetings (as well as in letters to The Criterion), a married clergy is suggested frequently. And not just from liberal Catholics.

Many conservative Catholics also believe that the Many conservative Catholics also believe that the Eucharist is more important than a celibate clergy. When they realize that the coming priest shortage will mean that no daily Masses and infrequent Sunday Masses will be the rule rather than the exception in their parish, and that it will get down to a choice between a celibate clergy and the Eucharist, most of them choose the Eucharist.

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A mandatory celibate elergy has been the tradition in the latin Rite of the Catholic Church since 1139, but that meaning the control of the

married priests.

In effect, Archbishop Weakland is proposing that he request the Vatican to make exceptions to its rule in those cases where the shortage of priests makes it impossible to celebrate the Eucharist. It's a possible solution from a courageous, open and compassionate archbishop.

# Some readers irate over last week's Criterion

by John F. Fink

The timing of last week's issue of The criterion proved to be a problem for many of its readers. It went to press Wednesday before the war started but reached subscribers when the already two or three days old.

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By Friday morning The Criterion began
receiving phone calls from readers who
were irate about the page 1 headline,
'Religious Leaders Oppose Guil War,'
thinking that this meant that the religious leaders were not backing the servicemen in the Middle East. The article described peace efforts made by Pope John Paul II, U.S. bishops and other religious leaders to prevent the war before it started.

One phone call was from the father of a serviceman in the Gulf berating *The* 

Criterion for its editorial stance against the war. He stressed the necessity of liberating Kuwait and putting an end to the aggression of Suddam Hussein.

Two women callers expressed their shock in seeing what each called *The Criterion*'s one-sided reporting against the war and said that such reporting showed an insensitivity toward the men and women who have to fight it. (Note: An attempt was made to report both sides, but the only religious leader Catholic News Service found before war started who favored a military response to Iraq's aggression was Pat Robertson, a fact reported in last week's

Another caller, though, thanked The Another caller, though, thanked the Criterion for the article against what she called "the insanity that is going on." She said that, with war fever as strong as it is, she and her husband were beginning to think there was something wrong with their thinking because they opposed the war and they were glad to see that they weren't the only ones.

Another caller was disappointed that The Criterion did not publish the letters Pope John Paul sent to both President Bush and Saddam Hussein in a last-ditch effort to prevent the war. This also happened after The Criterion's deadline last week

Although The Criterion began pub-lishing page 1 articles on the pope's and other religious leaders' efforts to prevent the war as early as its August 31 issue, it received little reaction from readers until last week's issue.

The Criterion has also been publishing appeals for prayers for peace and for the safety of American military forces since

Some readers who said they were in favor of the war expressed appreciation for the box on page 1 of last week's issue. Titled "War: When Is It Justified" it listed the eight just war criteria of Catholic moral tradition. Those who expressed apprecia-tion said that it was clear to them that the war met all eight criteria and therefore was just. Others, however, said that they did not believe the war met the criteria of last resort and proportionality and, therefore, unjust. It was an indication that different people can look at the same criteria and reach opposite conclusions.

# Marchers told Martin L. King stood for peace

by Margaret Nelson

At a Jan. 15 Mass commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Father Clarens, etc., and that using violence could be successed to the sum of the sum of

As they gathered for Mass, Father Waldon said that Dr. King's birthday celebration reminded him "of things he taught us, things he did. One of the things he was very, very very big on was that we must live in peace. We must not fight."

In his dialogue homily, the pastor asked what other momentous event was taking place that day. A student replied, "It is the deadline for Saddam Hussein to get out of Kuwait." Father Waldon said, "Or what?" and the child's answer was, "Go to war."

'It is very important and very ironic that this day that we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King is the day we could go to war. If there is one thing he stood for, it was peace," Father Waldon said. "Many historians say that Martin Luther King was assassinated, not for what he was saying about race relations, but for what he said about the Vietnam War."

"His philosphy, his approach, was no "His philosphy, his approach, was no matter what happens, you never fight back," the priest explained. "You can achieve peace without fighting. You can achieve peace without fighting." He asked who Martin Luther King learned that from and a student answered, "Jesus."



KING MARCH—Students at Holy Angels School are joined by some of their peers from St. Philip Neri during their march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 15, the anniversary of his birth. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

fought back when people spit on him or called him names or even crucified him. But he reminded them that Jesus overcame it by rising from the dead.

People say, 'T'll let a gun take care of me" or "I'll let my mouth take care of me," he told them. "Sometimes we can be more violent with our mouth than anything else. You know what I mean.

You know what I mean."
"You can take a more intelligent approach, a more loving approach," said Eather Waldon. "Jesus taught, if you need help turn to God."
Eather Waldon told the students, "If you really and truly want to have an impact on the world and on other people's lives," they should turn violence into love and sacrifice as Martin Luther King did and as Jesus did.

You will be part of the dream Martin her King had," he said. "He didn't say Luther King had," he said. "He didn't say that everybody had to be the same, but you can live in peace together.

Susie Davie, minority affairs assistant to the (Indianapolis) mayor, spoke to the children before Mass, telling them that they were "keeping the dream alive."

She brought greetings from the city administration and said those gathered there were people "we do not have to worry about." She predicted that "great leaders" would expended the property of the product of the produ leaders" would someday come among the group.

among me group.

The students were joined by young-sters from St. Philip Neri School, as well as teachers, parents, friends and other special guests. All of the guests were invited to join the Holy Angels students for lunch after Mass.



# Richmond Catholics accustomed to innovation

by Mary Ann Wyand First of two parts

Long before members of archdiocesan churches were studying future parish staffing, Roman Catholics at Richmond were looking at ways to share ministries among their three faith communities

Two decades later, Richmond Catholics are accustomed to the innovative arrangement of cooperative staffing and collaborative ministries among the three city parishes

Their organizational chart lists three pastors, three parish councils, one Board of Total Catholic Education, one Youth Ministry Commission, one principal, one youth minister

three churches have separate Mass schedules, but the pastors offer combined services at each location. Last year on Pentecost, there was a tri-parish confirmation celebrated by Archbishop

confirmation celebrated by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara.

The former St. Andrew School now serves as the Richmond Catholic Education Center. The former St. Mary School functions as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School East for kindergarten through third grade and the former Holy Family School operates as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School West for fourth through eight grades.

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"We are a community that can worship together and yet maintain our individual

parisn defittiles, Father Redail of Miles, pastor of St. Mary Church, emphasized. "It came about as a necessity," Father Robert Mazzola, pastor of St. Andrew

Church, said.

"The whole coordination has been very helpful," Father John Hartzer, pastor of

helpti, Family Church, noted. Holy Family Church, noted. As with any collaborative effort, Father Ginther said, there are a variety of ongoing challenges. "It's tough," he said, "but it works because everybody is dedicated to it. They know that's the reality. That's who we are right now. It will not do us any good to bemoan the passing of the parish as it used to be. We cannot recover that. We live in a different age.

With between 1,400 and 1,600 members

Jan. 29 to gather reports from future parish staffing task forces there. This week the Terre Haute and Batesville parishes re-

taking another approach to the staffing question, and Madison is already moving

toward a pastoral team approach to serving Sister Louise said that these meetings are "not the end of the road." Rather they are setting the stage for deanery long-range projections for parish staffing in the next

five to 15 years.

Deaneries were given the number of priests that would probably be available. The deanery task forces were asked to plan so that no priest would have to preside amore than four Masses each weekend or travel more than 50 miles (round trip) to

At each deanery meeting, quality li-turgy, sacraments and pastoral presence

were stressed as priorities for parish life.

The guidelines suggested that attention be given to: the potential for quality ministry, faith formation, affordability, civil and canonical adherence, and availability of clergy in selecting parish staffing options.

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Each deanery pastoral council will receive summaries of the parishes reporting from that deanery, so that these studies can be used in its planning process.

As a committee of the Priests' Personnel Roard, the archel consequence of the priests' personnel to the parish personnel to the

the archd ocesan steering com-

ported to their deanery meetings New Albany, Bloomington, Seymour and the four Indianapolis deaneries met earlier in January. The Tell City Deanery is

five to 15 years.

per parish, Father Ginther added, it was challenging to find ways to consolidate ministerial efforts without sacrificing individual parish identities.

vidual parish identities.

"The ministry reasons were the original component." he said. "If we were going to provide necessary services, how could we do it? If you talk money first, you won't go anywhere. You have to talk the ministry side and the programmatic side first. We couldn't continue to provide quality education with the costs that we were going to the programmatic strain with the costs that we were going to the programmatic strains with the costs that we were going to the programmatic strains. If we were going to the programmatic strains we were going to the programmatic strains when the programmatic strains we were going to the programmatic strains when the programmatic strains we were going to the programmatic strains when the programmatic strains we will be provided the programmatic strains when the programmatic strains we will be programmatic strains with the programmatic strains we will be programmatic strains with the programmatic strains with the programmatic strains we will be programmatic strains with the programmatic strains with the programmatic strains we will be programmatic strains with the programmatic s incur in three different parishes. It just wasn't going to work."

Further, St. Mary's pastor said, "We

Further, St. Mary's pastor said, "We wanted a youth ministry program here in Richmond but no one parish could do it alone. If you put us together, we have the resources to do it."

Richmond Catholics are pleased with

these cooperative arrangements, he said, because there are significant financial benefits and because each parish hasn't lost

benefits and because each parish hash t lost its unique heritage and identity. During the mid-1800s St. Mary parishioners were Irish and Italian, while the Catholics who founded St. Andrew Church nearly 150 years ago were German. When Holy Family Church was constructed on the west side in 1953, members represented a broad mix of ethnic backgrounds.

Today Richmond's Roman Catholics are encouraged to worship at their regular church as well as at the other two parishes.

church as well as at the other two parishes. After Masses collection envelopes are sent to the appropriate location. "Generally speaking," Father Ginther said, "people are comfortable worshiping in any one of the churches here. We celebrate confirmation together, we do penance services together, we do genance services together, we do penance services together, we do Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults together. Yet each of those ministries has its own separate components. We don't lose parish identity

When Father Mazzola was assigned to St. Andrew Church for one year as an associate pastor in 1973, the three parishes were operating separate religious educa-tion and youth programs. By the time he returned to Richmond as St. Andrew's

pastor in 1983, the churches were working to be the first a variety of cooperative ways. "The Mass schedule was staggered on Sunday so you had all kinds of hours," Father Mazzola recalled. "The three pastors were meeting every week to plan penance services way ahead, plan who was going to be at the school Masses, and plan different things for the councils. We had a retreat for the three parishes way back in 1983 that got us all awake in a sense. But we (Next week: Principal, religious educator and youth minister serve all three Richmond parishes.)

#### Eucharist key concern in parish staffing study The Connersville Deanery will meet on

by Margaret Nelson

Nine of the deaneries of the archdiocese have held January meetings to gather the results of future parish staffing studies held in their parishes

in their parishes.

Participants were asked to recommend the kinds of leadership they thought would be appropriate for their parishes in light of the decline in the availability of priests.

Holy Names Sister Louise Bond, director of the Ministry Development Program said, "Some of the things that have come out of this are a growing willingness for collaboration and the way the (parish staffing study) process raised consciousstaffing study) process raised conscious-ness of the need to plan for future pastoral leadership. Many parishes reported large participation.

After attending seven of the deanery meetings, Sister Louise said that the most frequently-mentioned things that parishes wanted to preserve were: the Sunday Eucharist, parish identity, and the Catholic faith community

Some parishes have considered all seven of the options presented by the archdiocesan Future Parish Staffing Steer-ing Committee.

Sister Louise saw a great willingness to Sister Louise saw a great willingness to collaborate with one or more other par-ishes. She said, "Parochialism is breaking down, but it is still a concern in some deameries." The possibility of deanery staffing was suggested, so that lay persons could be employed to serve more than one parish in the same capacity. Parish leaders brought suggestions that lay leadership be more fully developed and that training and support be provided for these leaders. Many suggested that lay persons relieve the priests and other pastoral leaders in some of the administrative functions, such as fundraising, data management, personnel development and building maintenance.

building maintenance.

The meetings revealed an openness to change so that the church can keep the Eucharist. One of the issues discussed at almost every meeting was that of encouraging vocations. And the possibility of using married priests was raised in many parishes. At some meetings, ordination of women was suggested.

"The availability of financial resources come in the same possible of the property of the

was often cited as an obstacle in meeting future parish staffing needs," Sister Louise said. Some larger parishes expressed an interest in "twinning" with a smaller parish to share resources.

parish to share resources.

The "create your own" plans presented for Option 7, were "fascinating," according to Sister Louise. And she said. "The Indianapolis South Deanery expressed the need for a new parish to respond to the population growth in that are.

It was proposed at some enemetings, especially in the city, that parish and deanery boundaries be redrawn so that parishes more accurately reflect the situal-

parishes more accurately reflect the situation today

The least-mentioned options at the deanery meetings were #1, the pastoral teams, and #6, the closing of a parish, teams, and #6, th Sister Louise said.

# St. Barnabas to dedicate rooms

During Catholic Schools Week, Feb 17-23, St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis will dedicate its new science and art rooms.

The teachers and parents thought the dition of the rooms was necessary to audition of the rooms was necessary to update the curriculum. And they knew that nearby public schools offered these subjects.

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The rooms are the result of many hours of planning and lots of fundraising events.
The faculty had dinners and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsored many special events.

The project evolved from suggestions made at a teachers' committee meeting about two years ago. The teachers decided

to finance the rooms by private donations and events

The original committee consisted of Mary Jaffe, science teacher; Mark Stratton, art teacher; Connie Schmidt, eighth-grade to carrier, Contue schmot, eighth-grade teacher and assistant principal; Judy Miller, fourth grade teacher; and Helen Kanter, fourth-grade science teacher. Several other teachers helped with the planning and added their expertise as the science and added their expertise as the science and art project grew

The principal, Paulette Conner, has also been meeting with the committee and involved in the detailed preparations.



NEW SCENE-Mary Jaffe points to a chart in the new St. Barnabas School science room For two years, teachers and PTO members planned and worked to finance the new at an accident of the science rooms at the Indianapolis school to offer a broader curriculum for junior high students. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

# mittee will analyze the parish reports and make recommendations to that board and the archbishop, Sister Louise said. IN THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY Bill seeks to move hard-to-place children into stable families

by Ann Wadelton

At any one time, some 200 to 400 hard-to-place children awaii adoption in Indiana, at least partially because they are not eligible for a subsidy to help pay for future medical care. Adoption subsidies are optional with each county.

This is one of swareal adoption real-based on the county.

This is one of several adoption problems This is one of several adoption problems to be discussed by Indiana legislators this session. A bill is being introduced by Rep. Richard Dellinger (R-Noblesville) which would shift responsibility for maintenance and medical subsidies for hard-to-place shidden from the sensitive to the other.

children from the county to the state 'The intent of the bill," said Dr. M Desmond Ryan, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, "is to help move children with special problems from the transience of foster homes into stable families.

This year's bill, Ryan said, would appropriate funding for improvements in the law passed last session, then would make the state department of public welfare sponsible for administering the subsidies.

By definition, hard-to-place children include those with a medical condition or physical, mental or emotional handicaps and also older children and siblings where two or more are placed in one hon are often children who have been remo

from their biological parents due to abuse

Currently, unless they are adopted, the children are cared for in foster homes and often moved from one to another. This, considering the child's initial problems, can be devastating, Ryan said.

Last year's successful bill, which was initiated by the Indiana Catholic Conference, raised the maximum subsidy from 75 percent of the cost of keeping a child in a foster home to 100 percent of the cost. It extended the age of eligibility from 18 to 21 years if the young person was in school.

And it deleted a provision making a subsidy dependent on the financial need of the adoptive parents. Despite these improvements, the subsidy remains optional with each county

ICC supported removing financial need of the adoptive parents as a condition for receiving a subsidy. Testimony from both parents and professionals during last year's hearings demonstrated that even middle hearings demonstrated that the department of the income parents may hesitate to adopt a hard-to-place child because of the unknown future financial burdens. This is particularly true if the medical or emotional problems of the adoptee are severe and if the parents have other children and face college costs

# Commentary

# Worry about worry not productive, senseless

by Antoinette Bosco

Each year as the clock strokes midnight heralding the start of a new year, I find myself thinking back momentarily to Jan. 1, 1940. I was pretty young back then and

very impressionable. That is probably why I remember it so well.

My mother was in a strange mood that day, and since she was no and since she was not one to keep anything to herself, she took me and my sister aside to confide her worries to us. She told us she had a terrible feeling about 1940; that it was



going to be a year of tragedy. She thought maybe her father would die that year, or that something would happen to someone in the family

I spent much of that year waiting for th gloom to descend. But it did not. My grandfather had nine more years of life and my grandmother another 25 after he went And I learned a great lesson. Simply stated it was that superstitions, worry and pessimism are a colossal waste of time

You would think that knowing this I would have gotten through life taking it all a day at a time—not concerned about problems, upsets and disasters that might happen, or could happen but had not happened, at least not yet. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

I was terrific at counseling others to be

calm and peaceful and trusting. I even had a motto I would quote that said, "Worry is the interest you pay on money you never had." True, worry is senseless, a waste of time, and if you talk about it—as my mother did-a burden to others

But it is one thing to know something and be able to discuss it intellectually and quite another to actually live by what you

I think that half the people I talk to in the course of a week express worry to some degree. They worry about catching the cold that a fellow worker has, they worry about the economy, about their car breaking the economy, about their car breaking their kid is going to get accepted into college, about whether their job is safe.

They worry about getting old, gaining weight, being lonely, having arguments with relatives, not having enough time to do everything that has to get done, not having enough money, not having enough skills to get ahead, et

I have concluded that worry built into the human condition. We cannot ever free ourselves from it entirely. All we can do is try to control it so that it does not an obsession or a destructive become

personality pattern.

But I think I have also come to understand why it is that, despite our efforts not to, we constantly slip into worry. It is all tied up with the fact that we care

Most of the worries I hear expressed come with a second layer that really reveals how important it is to that person to be able to carry out his or her responsibilities. Their



orry is all about caring-for themselves

their families, their co-workers, their world.

I still think worry is senseless and non-productive, but I believe it is here to All we can do is try to control it so that

it never overtakes us.

Jesus wisely warned us: "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil"
(Mt. 6:34). We would do well to heed that

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#### THE HUMAN SIDE

# Why lifelong study of faith's teachings is necessary

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

For most people, the final day of school is a day to rejoice. The last thing they want to hear at that point is that their education

should be lifelong.

If I am right about that, many people sure wouldn't want to hear what Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville said in the

pastoral letter he just issued titled "Teaching and Sharing Our Faith: Lifelong Formation and Education

Archbishop Kelly stressed the need for Catholic education and formation from cradle to grave. Before giving the idea a thumbs-down vote, let's examine it.

My guess is that after studying the ven sacraments, some Bible stories the church's basic teachings, many of us

go to Mass and confession, and fairly decent life

In other words, once the early stage of learning fundamental principles is completed, Stage 2 is to practice faith. Faith then leaves the classroom behind, becom-ing a personal matter between God and the

But our times mandate a change in this Given the weight of the concerns that bear in upon us today, lifelong education in the faith is necessary if we are to keep our balance

►Almost daily we hear that rain forests are being devastated and that life as we have known it in this world is in serious jeopardy because people lack the sense of stewardship that faith creates.

►Then there is the fear that high technology is forging ahead without a true ic to guide and control it.

►Again, not a month passes the news of yet another unethical banking

onomy and public trust.

Norst of all are the deadening effects of broken marriages on many adults and children

In the face of such challenges, many nonetheless look upon religion as other worldly—a non-player in meeting the needs of this world. Little realized is the history of religion and its role in society— that the greatest lawmakers were steeped in religion, that the best in culture was

sed on religious principles. Today we need knowledgeable Catholics who know how to respond to modern-day challenges. Whether in the business world, government, or the realms of ecology and the home, there is a need for people who are grounded in a deep understanding of religious virtues—virtues like prudence, for example

Why prudence? Because this greatly misunderstood virtue encourages us not to run in the midst of chaos, but to stand and sort out exactly what is happening—to get at the truth of the matter. Once we learn the truth, prudence invites us to take immediate action based on it.

If this virtue alone were practiced, just think how many families might still be together, and how many more wholesome laws and policies we might have! Prudence leads to good action—and ultimately creates hope.

But how does one learn prudence? Not overnight, that's certain. It takes a lifetime of reflection, reading, prayer and discus-sion to appreciate it, to learn how to act in accord with it.

What would happen if Catholics made What would happen if Catholics made a lifetime study of just the cardinal virtues of prudence, fortifude, justice and temperance? Wouldn't we see changes for the good in homes and in the world around us?

Clearly, there is wisdom in advocating the lifetime study of faith.

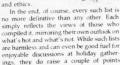
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#### **EVERYDAY FAITH**

# Living the Gospel message involves balancing act in real world

There's something about the close of the old year and the beginning of the new that seems to bring out an American mania for compiling lists

Haven't you no-ticed it? Newsweek ran its "Issues, People and Predictions for the Age of Anxiety." Time countered with "The Best of '90" list that covered everything from movies books to food, music



worthy of consideration.

The first is simply that religion and matters of faith play almost no part in most best of "or "worst of" lists unless there is scandal or negative news involved. The econd is that the vast majority of people places, and events included in these lists have little more than a few moments "shelf life" before fading away.

Perhaps that is why the issues and events that religious periodicals like the one you are reading at this moment have little to do with the kinds of trendy items that appear in these annual lists. As Christians, we are called to live in the world, change the world, enjoy the world. Our ultimate focus, however, remains on the next world. Living our faith on a daily



asis in the midst of all that makes up basis in the midst of all that makes up popular culture means we need to focus our attention on the eternal truths that don't change, the spiritual riches of Catholicism that will not erode with the Catholicism that passing of time.

passing of time.

As we begin a new year in these most uncertain of times, we need to remember that our faith—articulated anew so vibrantly by the Second Vatican Council which closed 25 years ago last month—calls us not to ignore the world but to drange the world by living Gospel values in the workplace, the home, and in society at laree. society at large.

That's no small order. Even in the best of times, it's a delicate balancing act. For of times, it's a delicate balancing act. For many of us, myself included, the danger lies in avoiding the real world entirely while seeking to deepen our spiritual life. While we surely need contemplatives to back us with prayer as we survive day to day in the outside world, Vatican II called day in the outside world, varican it called the vast majority of us to change the world with our Gospel witness rather than to get away from it. There are plenty of days when walking away from the pressures of the workplace, relation-ships, and daily life would be the easy snips, and daily life would be the easy way out. Unfortunately, we cannot call ourselves Christians and avoid the world. The Lord calls us to a much more difficult task: changing lives by the powerful, prayerful witness of our own.

was a time when I studiously

avoided anything that smacked of secular society in the belief that to become immersed in popular culture unavoidably diluted my faith. Now I think the reverse is true: Christians need to involve themselves in the world and make a public statement by their presence there that the Christian way of living is not outmoded, not foolish, not pointless. It is, rather, the one radical way to achieve inner peace and contentment in a world that offers a thousand panaceas but no real happiness.



Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara

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# To the Editor

### Anti-war position gross simplification

I am dismaved at the Catholic re-sponse to the Persian Gulf crisis (now war) as reported in the Jan. 18 Criterion. The pope, U.S. bishops and the two local opinions in "Point of View" judge this conflict immoral without addressing the yeast array of issues involved. Assertions were reported without any supporting data or goolganation.

From the Criterion article, the ba stance seems to be that more time for sanctions to work and negotiations were sanctions to work and negotiations were deemed appropriate. How is this justified after five months without any reasonable negotiation with Saddam Hussein, his verified reputation for ruthlessness against his own population, and the on-going systematic destruction of Kuwaii s shrines,

systematic destruction of Kuwait's shrines, hospitals, historical sites and people? In addition, there is the known capability for chemical, biological and nuclear attacks for Saddam. Most diplomats, even Arab diplomats, agree that Saddam would let Iraq's civilians starve as long as he gets enough supplies to support his army and that he would continue developing and stockpiling arms. Our Catholic leaders must be able to define and explain a time limit for this conflict and the acceptable limit for this conflict and the acceptable extent of Kuwaiti sacrifice.

The articles and letters also suggest that the U.S. acted unilaterally. In fact this is a multinational force acting on this is a multinatorial force acting of the U.N. resolutions. The multinational force includes Arab countries and the U.N. resolutions were supported by a majority of Arab nations. Our Catholic leaders cannot ignore world participation in these as or be ready to explain why they

discount it.

Lastly, the world oil supply is only one aspect of this conflict. We have faced oil shortages before without going to war. To reduce this conflict to a simplistic "greed for oil" motivation is inaccurate and ignores the threat Saddam's dictation is the same of the sam torial aspirations pose to countries in the

region.

My letter does not begin to cover all aspects of the conflict, nor an I qualified to do so. However, I am intelligent enough to see the glaring incompleteness of the Catholic arti-war position and gross simplification of the issues. Our leaders must address the issue of the morality of this conflict in all its complexity or lose

credibility as a competent source of opinion for the world and of moral teaching for Rebecca Laguzza

Indianapolis

### Objects to honor for Sam Jones

I was disturbed to learn from your Jan It issue that Sam Jones, president of the Indianapolis Urban League, was among those to be honored by Catholic Social Services with one of the first "Spirit of 'awards.

Mr. Jones, a longstanding "pillar of the community," deserves to be commended for his dedication to the underprivileged and minorities. However, can CSS close its and mnorties. However, can consider seves to Mr. Jones' strong opposition to anti-abortion legislation and his testimony that abortion ought to be publicly facilitated for the poor, underprivileged and minorities in Indianapolis?

While the Office of Pro-Life comes nder the Secretariat for Pastoral Services, under the Secretariat for Pastoral Services and Catholic Social Services surface the Secretariat for Catholic Services with Services and Catholic Services with Services and Catholic Services and Servi

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### Network called a pro-abortion group

In your Jan. 11 article "Church Lea In your Jan. 11 article "Church Leaders Select Issues in New Congress." I was impressed with how involved the Network organization is But that same day I read the following in a book called "Abortion. Questions and Answers." In the chapter entitled "Pro-Abortion Groups," it said, "Network, a group of Roman Catholic unus who have defied their church's have defied their church's

the Philippines" (according to the Philippines" (according to your article) but will ignore the 1,600,000 unborn children in the U.S. who will have their heads cut off by abortion. Is it any wonder heads cut off by abortion. Is it any wonder that many Catholic lay people remain apathetic (or supportive) about the killing of the unborn when our own socially conscious nuns don't see the light?

conscious nuns don't see the light?

I have worked in the pro-life movement for more than 15 years. I've
spradually reached the point where I've
shocked by almost nothing from the
pro-abortion movement. I've worked may
have though every ridiculous argument and countless disappointments as I dis-covered new organizations who support abortion, but I am invariably moved to sadness and often to tears when I hear of a practicing Catholic or a priest or nun

a practicing Cattolic or a priest or half who supports choosing abortion. If we Catholics abandon these helpless innocent children (and thereby abandon their mothers as well), truly they have no

Stephen I. Martin

### CYO teaches spertsmanship

Catholic Youth Organization programs for archdiocesan youth have helped teach young people important values like respect and sportsmanship for over 50 years.

On the occasion of CYO's 50th anniversary celebration last year, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara praised the volunteer organization for its strong outreach and nistry to youth

"To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person, and to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community has been the two-pronged goal which has guided and still guides our CYO in its ministry to the youth of the archdiocese," the archdishop said.

Unfortunately, in the midst of those dreams are the occasional nightmares of unpleasant scenes generated by parents who overreact along the sidelines.

who overreact along the sederines.
After witnessing inappropriate behavior
by two fathers at a recent fifth-grade
basketball game, I can only conclude that
these men need to be reminded of the
longtime CVO philosophy of "serving the
needs of youth of the Archdiocese of
Indianapolis to the best of its ability."

Another often-quoted statement about sportsmanship applies as well, with one slight amendment:

For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he writes, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game"—and, equally important, how you watched the game! Mary Ann Wyand

### God's law must always come first

Far too often we read or hear about people who would have us believe that any behavioractivity is justifiable based on the grounds of First Amendment rights, and consequently I thought a little background and logic from a Judaeo-Christian perspective was appropriate and long overdue.

Although the U.S. Constitution has provided Americans with law and govern-ment guidelines for more than 200 years, we must realize that the ultimate written resource for us and our forefathers has always been the law of God as expressed in the Ten Commandments.

Clarification of a citizen's rights and privileges, such as was done by the first Congress in the eventual formation of the Bill of Rights, was structured on this same set of principles.

Thus any private or governmental interpretation of First Amendment rights, which provide for the freedom of religions, speech and press, must also remain in concert with God's law in order to be valid. Concepts like constitutionality and spirit of the law tend to flounder when left to themselves (i.e., "the right of privacy") themselves (i.e., "the right of privacy") because at their very best they are only man's expressions of lawfulness. Compli-ance with the authority of our Creator must always be the first and most important legitimacy test of human law.

Whenever an individual or group references the First Amendment or other rights to justify their behavior, a leud siren rights to justify their behavior, a saud save should sound within us and cause us to ask, first, what is God's law and then second, what is man's law on this subject. Too often God is not of primary importance to our conscious lives and consequently his is not considered in our decision making process.

Promiscuity, pornography, homo-sexuality, abortion, etc., will continue to besiege our nation and the world until God's people realize that they are his instruments and as such are individually responsible for the multiplicity and penetration of these ways.

responsible for the indulphicity and pene-tration of these perversions.

Citizens who truly love God could never accept our environment as it currently exists or remain idle in it while the naive and uninformed are given license to commit sin and council in the ways of perdition

If we step out in faith with humility and love, to identify and end the rationaliza love, to identify and end me fautomation, promotion and glorification of sin in our own lives and the lives of those we contact daily, we will find that God comes to life in us, acts through us, and supplies our every need. For this he has told us and he does not lie.

Thomas W. Weisbrod

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## "Loner" is an unkind label

by Fr. John Catoir Director. The Christophers

Henry Thoreau, the famous writer and recluse, once said, "You may think I am impoverishing myself in solitude but I shall burst forth a more perfect creature, fitted for a higher society." He wasn't alone in his

privatism Ralph Waldo Emerson counseled: apart in silence, in steadiness."

How far can you go in this withdrawal process before you be-come a real loner?

A certain amount of A certain amount of privacy is necessary in life. No one can keep giving and giving without taking time for rest and rehabilitation. A good refteat, a day of recollection, or even an hour of prayer can do wonders for the soul and body. However, loving one's privacy is not the same as being a loner.

Loners are people who thrive on their separateness: they make aloofness their primary commitment. Loners withdraw from the community, and sometimes from life itself. This becomes evident in their

from the community, and sometimes from life itself. This becomes evident in their attitude toward religion. William James, who wrote "Varieties of Religious Ex-perience," once said, "The truth is what decide to be true," He believed that perience," once said, "The truth is what I decide to be true." He believed that religion is an entirely private matter. The

ntization of religion is the first major error of the loner.

A loner's withdrawal into egocentric-

A loner's withdrawal into egocentrathy then begins to destrop his or her sense
of loyalty. Loyalty, according to Josiah
Royce, a life-long friend and intellectual
opponent of William lames, is "the
willing and practical devotion of a person
to a cause." He continued, "Loyalty to
the community gives to life unity,
purpose and stability... We are saved
in and through community."
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in and through community."
Sometimes bishops and other community leaders are called loners because they have to stand apart from the group. But they are quite the opposite. In their devotion to the common good, they are among the most loyal members of the community. When a good, hardworking person is drowning in the sea of duty, he or because find it prepersary to go apart from she may find it necessary to go apart from time to time to seek peace and stillness. This is a creative act of self-preservation, a time for recharging the batteries. It is not the sign of a loner.

A loner is an egoist who spurns others and renounces any debt of loyalty to the larger community. Be careful who you call a loner. It is an unkind label.

a loner. It is an unkind label.
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# Starring in a film of our life

by Cynthia Dewes

I spent a lot of time in my youth trying to dimple like Shirley Temple, even though there were no natural dents in my cheeks. She was adorable and she was my ideal and I wanted

to be like her. However, maintain-ing curls like hers was simply out of the question, what with my lank locks and all. So I did the best I could by imitating her cute pout, and by being relent-lessly cheerful.



Shirley was a good role model for someone who had no sisters role model for someone who had no sisters. In fact, we all learned a lot, growing up with the movies. We learned about sophistication from "The Thin Man" and about survival from "Gone With the Wind" and about terminal ambition from "Willdrad Pierre."

Times were different then, so it was Times were different then, so it was possible to learn something constructive from movies, rather than strange things like how to blow up airports, or degrade others sexually. In fact, during our weekly Friday night or Sunday afternoon jaunts to the local movie palace, we picked up a lot of cultural and relational pointers.

Going along with this cinematic

analogy, we like to think we learned valuable lessons about starring in our own moviellife. We've seen every turn of plot, and expression of emotion, and resolution of dramatic tension imaginable. So maybe, and the property of the propert we like to think we learned after years of watching, we've refined our movie life-making techniques, as well. If life is a movie and we are its star, what

If life is a movie and we are its star, what about the other characters? We've been given a certain pair of parents, perhaps brothers and sisters, and extended family members to relate to. As the plot thickens, we take on friends and spouses and coworkers and children.

We live and love and sometimes die We live and love and sometimes die with these people. We interact and change and grow, as the plot continues to unfold. What actions we take, how we deliver our lines, affects the other characters, as their

lines, affects the other characters, as their performances affect us. At the start of the production we wonder, are we cast as "Hamlet" or the "Absent-Minded Professor" or "Rocky"? Do we even know who we're supposed to be?

We are placed in specific settings and situations. According to the script, we are white, black or some other color, clever or dim, sweet or cantankerous. We live in Australia or Des Moines or Siberia. We are

Australia or Des Momes or sibera. We are healthy or not, ambitious or lazy. We just have to play our scenes as they are written. But, if some events in our life movies are there because of the script, others occur because we interpret our characters in a certain way. What if Cary Grant played

"Dirty Harry"? Can we imagine Ingrid Bergman as "Blaze"? How do we live/por-

tray being a mother, a handicapped veteran, a teen-ager, a politician?

It's not easy, being the star. The responsibility of a successful film rests responsibility of a successful film rests entirely on one puny pair of shoulders. Everything from how we look on the outside, to what radiates from inside,

outside, to what radiates from instead, depends on us. Every twist of the plot is filtered through our interpretation.

And the ultimate question always is: Maybe I am the star of my life story, but who's directing the picture?

## vips...



Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Weiler will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Celebration at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3 in St. Gabriel Church, 232 W. Ninth Street, Connersville. Their children and grandchildren will host a buffet luncheon and open house for a buffet function and open induce to friends and relatives of the couple from 1 to 4 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 921 Central Avenue, Connersville. Clifford Weiler and Avenue, Connervulle, Clifford weiter and the former Rosetta Hilbert were married Feb. 1, 1941 in the same church. They have three sons, Gerald David of Lebanon, Ill., and Wayne and Dan of Connersville. They also have 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Friends of Father Tom Stumph will commemorate the 10th anniversary of his death with a prayer service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Mausoleum Chapel of Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis. All are welcome to attend the service.

Father Thomas Murphy, pastor of Si Joan of Arc Parish, was recently elected president of the board of the Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality. He also serves as ecumenical officer of the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

The Peacemaking Committee of Whitewater Valley Presbytery will sponsor an appearance by the **Reverend Dr.** William Sloane Coffin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. as Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. as part of its observance of the 10th anniver-sary of the National Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Dr. Coffin is the former pastor of Riverside Church in New York and a nationally-known activist for peace and civil rights. He will also speak at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Christan Theological Seminary. Both meetings are open to the public.

### check-it-out...

The University of Notre Dame will badcast its third annual interactive satellite teleconference on the family, "From the 15th to the 50th Anniversary: Making a Marriage Work," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EST on Sunday, March 3. Topics will include coping with mid-life crises, raising include coping with find-like closes, reasons teen-agers, and retirement. The program will be seen on closed circuit TV in Indianapolis at the University Place Confer-ence Center, 850 W. Michigan Ave. on the campus of IUPUI. Wine, cheese and soft drinks will be served afterward. The cost is \$3 per person.

Lenten Programs will begin soon at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Domini-can Sister Dr. Patricia Benson will present a series of "Mornings With Jesus: Lenten Reflections" on Wednesdays, Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13 and 20. A "Focus on Jesus" Lenten Scripture series will be held

from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on six Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 19. The cost for both programs is \$5/session or \$25/series. Call 317-788-7581 by Feb. 1 to register for

The Guardian Angel Guild will spon-The Guardian Angel Guid will spon-sor a Valentine Dessert Card Party from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Benedictine Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Tickets are \$3; table prizes will be delivered to home play-ers. For reservations contact, Mary ers. For reservations contact Mary Bittle: 9209 Clemson, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268, 317-872-6577.

46.268, 317-87-2937.

Kevin Barry Division #3, Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold its 121st Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday. March 17, beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St. Breakfast will follow at 1130 a.m. in the Egyptian Ballroom of the Murat Temple. Benedictine Tather Timothy Sweeney, archabbot of St. Meinrad Seminary, will be guest speaker, and Irish enterainment will archabol of St. Mehrad Schmary, will be guest speaker, and Irish entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$12.50 each. For reservations call Charles McGinley before March 10 at 317-359-7147.

Marian prayers to Our Lady Queen of Peace are held each Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Sacred Heart church, 1530 Union St. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in prayers for peace and for members of the armed forces and their families.

An introductory meeting to explain the Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 in St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road. Seminar sessions sponsored by the Spirit of Joy sessions sponsored by the Spirit of Joy Prayer Group will begin the following Friday and continue weekly at St. Mon-ica, except for the first Friday of each month. For more information call Mike Gaal at 317-872-4062.

St. John Bosco Guild will sponsor a Buffet Dinner and Reverse Raffle for \$1,000 at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the CYO Center, 580 E. Stevens Street. The dinner, including drinks will be catered by Sahm's. Tickets are \$17.50 per person; reservation deadline is Jan. 30. Call 317-632-9311 or Mary Heisig at 317-881-2782

The WRTV 6 Volunteer Connection will celebrate its one-year anniversary by holding "The Great Recruitment Event" from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Washington Square, Lafayette and Castleton Malls. More than 50 agencies will be on hand to answer questions and recruit volunteers. For more information call Jo Ann Creech at 317-635-9788.

Big Sisters of Central Indiana seeks volunteers to aid its Big Sisters, Partners for Youth, Mentor Mothers and Life Choices Clubs programs. Orientation sessions will be held weekly to acquaint prospective volunteers with the Big Sisters experience. Call 317-634-6102 for details

St. Mary of the Woods College Office of Continuing Education will hold four-week classes for children 7-13 years of March 16. Among the 10 programs to be offered are: Children Around the World. Otherleading Clinic, Storytelling, Making Music, Let's Get Cooking and Your Art's Delight. Registration deadline is Feb. 15. Call 812-535-5148 for information about fees and other details



NOVENA FOR PEACE—Guest homilist Eather Albert Jamine reflects on hopes for peace at an ecumenical Votive Mass for World Peace held on Jan. 9 in St. Mary Church, Rushville. The Mass, celebrated in a church filled with Catholics and non-Catholics, concluded a World Peace Novena which began at the parish on Jan. 1. St. Mary Parish "stormed heaven" during the devotional event, focusing on world peace and the safe return of American personnel stationed around the world, particularly in the Middle East. NOVENA FOR PEACE—Guest homilist



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# Church statements on rights of workers confirm dignity

hu Sr. Rachel West, OSI

teaching is that the human person and preservation of human dignity precede all other factors in determining the relative

other lactors in determining the relative justice of social or economic systems.

Statements on labor and workers' rights, from Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "Rerium Novarium" (1891) to the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter "Economic Justice for Ali" (1986), confirm this fundamental truth. Application of the message to various economic actors, however, has varied in accord with dramatic changes in the historical scene and profound differences in backgrounds and philosophies of church leaders and their advisors.

Leo XIII assumed the papacy in 1878 when industrialization of the entire west ern world, with its attendant social onomic, and political problems, was well y. The majority of Catholics in and the United States were dependent for their livelihoods on in-dustrial labor. Workers, including large numbers of women and children, were at their employers' mercy

associations (unions) were Workers' struggling for existence, and strikes ordinarily met state-condoned suppression Both middle and upper classes tended to accept this as the way it should be, going along with a prevailing economic philosophy of laissez faire (states should not interfere with the economic laws of capitalism), and a social philosophy of "Social Darwinism" (efforts to better poor people's lives are contrary to a natural law

Church leaders often forbade Catholic participation in workers' associations and viewing them as secret societies by socialism, secularism, and on. In major industrialized counrevolution. In major industrialized coun-tries on both sides of the Atlantic, the church faced a growing membership crisis. Concerned bishops from several nations, including the United States, requested that Leo address the questions raised by these

The resulting encyclical sought to stem more radical trends in responses to questions of labor relations and an industrialized economy. It denounced socialism as promoting class warfare, and noted that strikes, while an under-standable "last resort" response to un-just labor conditions, too often led to violence and destruction of private property. While affirming workers' right to organize and encouraging formation of Catholic unions, it upheld a state's right to suppress a workers' association if it saw it as a threat to order.
"Rerum Novarum," hov

from conservative in its implications. It asserted a responsibility of the state to ensure that workers were not forcibly deprived of human dignity, thus contra-dicting the ideologies of laisset faire capitalism and "Social Darwinism." It affirmed the worker's right to a "just wage" which would provide for human needs. Employers who paid workers rought workers was the provide for human needs. Employers who paid workers unjust wages were held morally accountable for their deeds no less than workers who joined a suspect or condemned assocation or took part in an illegal strike. the encyclical was its affirmation of the right to form and participate in workers' associations. While Leo's intention was that these would be Catholic unions which would preserve the faith of workers within a secular society, the outcome was en-couragement of Catholics' active participation in the wider labor movement

Pope Pius XI issued the second great rope rus A issued the second green encyclical on labor, "Quadragesimo Anno" (1931), during a time of worldwide economic depression. The encyclical went further than did "Rerum Novarium" in asserting the primacy of the individual worker over the demands of the economic system. It condemned socialism in the strongest terms, but it also stated that it was the capitalistic system— not just the excesses of capitalism or individual sinfulness of some capitalists—that created the gap between rich and poor.

John XXIII's great encyclicals, "Mater et Magistra" (1961) and "Pacem in Terris" (1963), recognized for the first time needs of workers in those countries that had not yet undergone industrialization, or where such development was incomplete. Ex-tension of the church's social doctrine to all areas and peoples was perhaps the most prominent feature of post-World War II stateme ts.

Increasingly, popes and bishops fo-cused analysis of labor problems on the international economic system, demon strating, in the words of the U.S. bishops what the economy does to people" within

Both Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI 1971); Vatican II ("Gaudium et Spes," 1965); and the 1971 Synod of Bishops ("Justice in the World") endorsed workers' rights first mentioned by Leo XIII and Pius XI. Strikingly new, however, was insistence that governments must not only guarantee workers' rights and humane working conditions, but also use their roles over all out also use their roles ways beneficial to all.

New also were the statements that workers have a right to share in profits of an enterprise and should participate in running it. New groups within the inter-

### Christmas Store gets \$20,000

When the Raskob Foundation for Cath When the Raskob Foundation for Catti-olic Activities, Inc., of Wilmington, Del., challenged the Indianapolis Christmas Store of the Catholic Social Services to raise \$10,000, it agreed to match that amount. Director Richard Kramer said that these conditions were met on Dec. 21, so that the Christmas Store recently received a check for \$20,000 from Raskob, including a \$10,000 bonus

The store offers gifts and clothing at little or no cost to the poor, so that they can shop for their families. Clients are recommended by social service agencies.

In 1990, the Christmas Store was located in St. Bridget Parish and open Dec. 3-7. Forty volunteers collected and sorted goods and staffed the store

## Batesville's outreach program provides funds for needy groups

Parishioners at St. Louis Parish in Batesville think they have come up with way to treat others as though every day were Christmas. For two years they have funneled their generosity and good will into an Outreach Program which provides

funds for needy groups.

Most of the money goes to poor parishes served by Franciscan Friars who are known served by Franciscan Friats who are known to St. Louis's pastor, Father Ric Schneider. Entire holy day collections, amounting to approximately \$2,800 are sent to parishes near and far.

Collections have benefited a parish in Kansas City, Covenant House in New York City, and St. Francis Church in the Over-the-Rhine area of Cincinnati, Ohio Others were sent to parishes in Mexico, the

Others were sent to parishes in Mexico, the Philippines, Kentucky and Louisiana.

"The main idea of the Outreach Program is to have the money go to a group outside of St. Louis Parish," Father Schneider said, However, there have been exceptions. One collection was sent to Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg to aid students from St. Louis Parish, and another benefited the Father Herculan Scholarship Fund.

The Parish Council of St. Louis Parish.

The Parish Council of St. Louis Parish approves each particular need as it is presented by Father Schneider. In Bates-ville, Christmas comes on every holy day.

social teaching-migrants, agricultural la-borers, women, minorities, and the growborers, women, minorities, ing numbers of unemployed.

In writing his major encyclical on human work ("Laborem Exercens," 1981), Pope John Paul II did much more than summarize his predecessors' teachings on labor and workers' rights. Perhaps his major contribution was development of the "indirect employer," the association, economic reality, persons who may in fact determine the wages and conditions of employment (or unemployment) of an individual.

A worker in a Third World country may indeed be working for an unjust wage and under appalling conditions, not through the fault of the worker's immediate employer, but because the demands of systems or persons (often workers) in wealthier nations determine that such

In the same way, maintenance of a high standard of living for U.S. workers, one which most of these workers have come to take for granted, may mean that other people, even in the U.S., remain unemployed or face conditions little better than those of late 19th-century workers.

This reality is one focus of the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on the U.S. economy, "Economic Justice for All." Like John Paul, the bishops are concerned by increasing systemic problems of unemployment, and assert, as did he, that all persons have a right to be employed. Governments, they maintain, should guarantee this right no less than workers' rights earlier enumerated.

workers rights earlier enumerated.

The social teachings of the church in any area can never be regarded as complete, as they deal with a constantly changing economic and social reality. They will never fully satisfy everyone. Many women, for example, object that teachings still assume that the control of the constant of the control o that women's proper workplace is in the home and imply that women who work outside the home are, unfortunately, "out of place

Regardless of the merits of this and other criticisms, church teachings on labor, informed as they are by strong emphasis on the centrality of the worker, are among the church's greatest contributions to the modern world.



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# Barbara Willke describes war against abortion

by Mary Ann Wyand

Urging pro-life workers to continue their battle to stop the war on the unborn, National Right to Life speaker Barbara Willke of Cincinnati reminded volunteers gathered for the Right to Life of Indiana-polis "Rally for Life" Jan. 20 that, "This type of war has no headlines, no (network) coverage every night, no blow-by-blow descriptions

descriptions."

Speaking in the auditorium of the Indiana War Memorial, the geille of National Right to Life Committee peach of To John Wilke used the occasion. The 18th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in America to remind pro-life workers that this new civil war will pro-life workers that this new civil war will procontinue with a variety of effective edu-cational efforts.

Her husband also serves as president of the International Right to Life Federation. Since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of abortion in their 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, the couple has taken the pro-life message to audiences throughout the United States.

United States.

As part of their educational programming, the Willkes play a recording of a fetal heartbeat taped six weeks after conception. They also tell audiences that during the past 18 years 27 million babies have died in abortions.

That alarming statistic accounts for one of every three children in the elementary grades, she said, and one of every five children in the upper grades.

children in the upper grades.
"Pro-life groups all over the country have come forth in a time of need, in a time of war," Barbara Willke said, "when they're needed to fight the war on the unborn. And what have they done? They have educated, educated, educated. Pay that we'll wim this (pro-life) war so every baby is protected."

baby is protected."

Post-abortion assistance groups are one of the fastest growing parts of the pro-life nent, she said

'Groups like Women Exploited by

Rachel, and Open Arms are among the groups that reach out to help women in the aftermath of abortion When the history of this movement is written, it's going to be written that pro-life

written, it's going to be written that pro-life people had a heart. They reached out in an unprecedented way to help women."

Today, she emphasized, "There's no reason for any woman to destroy her baby because there is help available. Abortion is not just what's going on in the operating room. Abortion is what's going on in the head and in the heart.

Asked if she thought the Persian Gulf war will bring America's focus back to the sanctity of life, Barbara Willke said, "People don't seem to generalize, but the good thing about it is that it's bringing people to their knees."

Before her keynote address, Father ames Byrne, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Indianapolis, began the memorial ceremony with a prayer

"We ask your blessing upon us this afternoon as we recall the dreadful Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country," Father Byrne said.

"We think of all the millions of little ones who have not been allowed to see the light of day, and we ask you to bless the efforts of those who appreciate the great value of each individual person," he said. "Give us the strength, the courage, and the humility to be able to convince others of the preciousness of life in the womb. We ask that you help us achieve the goal of bringing all life to birth."

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Folk Group from Indianapolis added their voices to the pro-life cause with a song.

St. Monica parishioner Steve Martin, a longtime pro-life worker in the archdiocese, was also a featured speaker.

Martin told people seated in the nearly-full auditorium that, "We're win-

DOCTOR Abortionist

MARCHERS—Following a memorial service, Pro-life volunteers march from the Indiana War Memorial to Monument Circle in Indianapolis Jan. 20 to protest Circle in Indianapolis Jain. 20 proceed the 18th anniversary of the Suprem Court decision legalizing abortion i America. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

ning the (legislative) battles we should be winning, but we should be winning more. Remember how important the president of the United States is. George Bush will not sign a pro-choice bill.'

sign a pro-choice bill."

After the ceremony, a large group of pro-life supporters marched from the Indiana War Memorial to Monument Circle, where they displayed signs calling for an end to "Abortion—America's for an end to holocaust."

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## New child care unit at shelter

by Margaret Nelson

At Holy Family Shelter, homeless parents now have the freedom to look for jobs or housing, thanks to the new child

jobs or housing, thanks to the new child care area in the south side building. The rooms, one for infants and one for pre-school children, provide care for the youngsters from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daughters of Charity Sister Nancy Crowder, director of the shelter, said that

the parents come back at noon to feed their children in the community dining room. A nutritional snack, generally fresh fruit, is provided both during the morning and the afternoon sessions.

Morning is mainly an activity time, Sister Nancy said. The children learn their numbers and colors, and socialization skills. In the afternoon, the children take aps from 1 to 3.

Patty Owens, children's program coordinator, sees that they receive nurtur-ing care. Owens has a degree in early childhood education.

"The main focus is 'one-to-one' atten tion," said Sister Nancy. "The infants and toddlers have a different area. Pre-school is age two-and-a-half and up. We actually age two-and-a-half and up. We actually have a program for the infants, mainly involving stimulation and muscle develop-Sister said the shelter is in the process of getting a carpet for the room, so the babies can crawl on the floor more.

As with the shelter itself, the child care area depends heavily on volunteers. Sister Nancy said, "Roncalli High School stu-Area dependent of the control of the

Sister Nancy said, "We have to think in the future to get an assistant to help with infant care.

infant care."

The children's development is tested when they come into the child care and when they leave. "They show improvement in learning and social skills," Sister Nancy said.

"They develop more security," she said. "Patty is a stable person in their lives. It saves them taking the stress of their parents, who can be taking care of themselves. The routine is important to children."

During the summer, Owen coordinates



LOVING CARE—Evelyn Derringer, who retired from St. Vincent Hospital last year, volunteers in the infant toddler room for the new child care program at Holy Family Shelter. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

activities for the school-age children. But while school is in session, they go out to school. The bus picks them up near the

Sister Nancy said that St. Francis Hospital installed special bathroom fixtures for the children in the child care area. And she said that St. Vincent donated materials and labor for setting up the two pre-school areas.

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"We've served 88 children so far," she
said. The day care program opened in
October, 1990. She said that more could
have been served if there were more
volunteers. She explained that parents
sometimes have to make other arrangements if there are not enough adults to care
for the children. They like to keep the ratio at least one-to-three

at least one-to-three.

"This has been a priority for me since I started working at the shelter and saw the large number of children," said Sister Nancy. It just helps take some fear out of being in a strange place."
"It has become more of a loving place," she said. "It is sad, though. Some children don't want to leave because they've received so much."
"Patty is isst doine a wonderful lob."

"Patty is just doing a wonderful job," Sister Nancy said.

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# How does individuality differ from individualism?

by Fr. Robert Kinast

Whenever Elaine invited me to a party or function at her home, I always tried to get there. I knew the arrangements would be pleasant, the guests would be stimulat-ing, and the time would pass quickly.

But whenever Nora invited me to anything, I always tried to find an excuse not to go. I knew she would try to impress me with where her arrangements had come the guests would outdo each other bing which important people they and the time would seem interdescribing

The difference between Elaine and Nora is the difference between individuality and individualism—with an emphasis on the

Elaine and Nora both act in a distinctive Elaine and Nora both act in a distinctive, unusual way. But there is a difference. Through individuality one can act for the benefit of other people, while in the second case individualism serves its own needs and draws attention to itself. The difference between individuals and

individualists touches every area of human life, including religion. This was brought home to me recently when I read a woman's description of her divorce, which left her with several children and no job.

"My parents were very supportive," she said, "but they were good Catholics who had the idea that God helps those who

p themselves."
Her parents were undoubtedly good Catholics, but they were at risk of invoking God to sanction an attitude of indivi-dualism instead of individuality.

The outlines of individuality echoed in the words of Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation titled "On the Christian Lav

Faithful," when he said:
"Above all, each member of the faithful should always be fully aware of being a 'member of the church' yet entrusted with a unique task which cannot be done by another and which is to be fulfilled for the good of all" (No. 28).

Christian individuals always remember Christian individuals always remember that they are part of the communion of the faithful. Each one's unique, personal style and task is for the good of all. Let's take a look at individuality from several perspectives.

► Identity

Individuality is the personal expression of a common identity. It is a unique way of being part of a group



ENERGIZING—Individuality and individualism have very different effects. Individuals energize people by acting on their behalf, while individualists stifle people by imposing way of doing things. (CNS photo by Mimi Forsyth)

e list of saints recognized by the Catholic Church is filled with good examples of individuality. There are hermits and missionaries, peasants and royalty, scholars and activists, founders and followers—all reflecting in their own way followers—all reflecting in their own way the shared Christian life.

The same individuality is found in different members of families, schools, athletic teams, civic and business organiza-, professions and the arts

But individualism tries to create its but individualism trees to create its considerable individualism themselves and pretend to rely on nothing but themselves. Taken literally, the "self-made" person, who "goes it alone" would appear to be an individualist. Ultimately, this attitude isolates a person and dictates how that person relates to themselves. relates to others

▶Relationships

Individualists see relationships in terms of how they may enhance their own image or goals rather than how they may help

Several years ago, I prevailed upon a lawyer I knew to offer some free advice to a poor parishioner who was suing for unpaid alimony from her ex-husband's estate. "Your case isn't as strong as I would

like, but I haven't lost a pro-bono case vet

and I'm not going to let you spoil my record," the lawyer said.

That lawyer's relationship was not to a woman with a just grievance, but to a challenge to his record of success.

Individuals, on the other hand, see relationships as opportunities to enrich people. So they add creative touches to benefit others, even if they bend proce-

The best teacher I ever had in graduate

school never turned in his syllabus summarizing what the class would be when the dean wanted it at the beginning semester. Why?

As this teacher explained it: "The first week of classes doesn't count because students are still deciding if they'll stay in the course or drop it. The second week I find out what the students want to learn, and the third week I adapt last year's course to this year's students.

The dean eventually got his syllabus, but the students got an individualized seminar

▶Effects

Individuality and individualism have very different effects. Individuals energize people. They enlarge experience by showing new ways of getting things done. They stimulate creativity.

Individualists, on the other hand, stifle people by imposing their own way of doing things and keeping alternatives at a

Individuals build a spirit of community because they remind people how many ways we all can relate to each other and belong to one another. But individualists encourage isolation because trey belong to themselves and are threatened by the true presence of others

A Christian individual is aware of something which an individualist is not, something Pope John Paul II expressed as

'God calls me and sends me forth as a laborer in his vineyard . . . In fact, from eternity God has thought of us and has loved us as unique individuals" ("On the Christian Lay Faithful," No. 58).

## Personhood challenges individuals

by David Gibson Catholic News Service

A swirl of conflicting, colliding ideas

complicate the enterprise of individuality.

Recognizing and developing personal gifts fosters the growth of self. But severe egotism—in which self-interests always dominate—is regarded virtually as an dominate—is regarded virtually as an illness and blamed for marital failures, workplace back-stabbing, and dozens of other human-relations breakdowns.

A degree of self-esteem is essential to the intricate processes of maturation, yet

self-esteem is reached through self-sacrifice that leads away from self-absorption.

The human self is God's wonderful

creation. Mysteriously, however, selfless-ness is rewarding. One's light should not be hidden under a bushel, an exhortation launching us inward to discover the lights of our selfhood and how to use them. Yet an unbounded love for introspection can blind a person to the world's riches.

A legitimate challenge exists to

A legitimate challenge exists to under-take the enterprise of individuality out of respect for the goodness of God, who created your self

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)



#### DISCUSSION POINT

# Peer pressure affects individuality

How do teen-agers describe the challenge of growing as an individual with a unique personality? complicate this kind of growth? What factors

"I think it's important to listen to what other people have to say about you, but you really can't let it worry you too much. You have to trust yourself. I'll tell you the biggest problem would have to be the peer pressure. At this point in life, we're all kind of worried about what others think of us. You don't want to make the wrong choices. There's also a fear of failure." (Andrew Bockelman, 17, Saginaw, Michigan)

"Peer pressure makes it more difficult to be yourself because you're worried about what other people think of you. Parents complicate things too. They're always traig to shape your ideas of who you want to be, but at the same time they're usually there for you when you need them." (Charlotte Richey, 14, Mentor, Ohio)

"Some people might make fun of you, sometimes even your race. Minorities have that problem. There's always prejudice in people, and you have to keep that confidence in yourself. Forget what other people think. What matters is what is important to you. You always hear that you should love your neighbor as much as yourself. That makes a lot of sense. If you don't like yourself, you're not going to like anybody else." (Jim Belamino, 17, Saginaw, Michigan)

"I think the challenge ... has to do with choices you make ... the way you choose to express yourself. For myself it's writing, but an outgoing personality or a willingness to help others ... might be your way .... Factors that complicate that kind of growth are ... pressure from society to be successful ... even a certain amount of internal pressure ... You might develop you personality to please your parents, society or peers instead of developing its uniqueness." (Christine Vawn, 17, Mentor, Ohio)

"One of the things that makes it hard to discover One of the timings that intakes it intuit to descover yourself is that even teachers discourage you from trying something because they think it's not for you, but how do you know until you try? Two other problems are television and music; both send the wrong messages about how to make decisions: "(Dan Radgouski, 14, Mentor, Ohio)

"Today you have to be a really strong individual to stand up against peer pressure. There aren't a lot of role models and leaders out there that we can look up to." (Maureen McGinty, 17, Merrill, Michigan)

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An upcoming edition asks: "What insight or principle, perhaps discovered through reading or during a seminar or small-group meeting, enables you to read the Bible more profusible?"

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# Who are you, anyway?



UNIQUE—Behavior patterns distinguish one individual from another. (CNS photo)

by Carole Norris Greene

Habitual behavior patterns serve to distinguish one individual from another, along with a person's interests, beliefs and sires. All are basic to our personalities.

desires. All are behavior patterns learned?

From role models, first of all—from those the developing personality is in contact with from infancy to adulthood. In an ideal world, a child growing up might bypass negative role models. But that ideal world

negative role models. But intal deal words is not commonly experienced. Who our role models are is worth pondering if we want to know ourselves better. Desires and goals deserve attention. Counselor and author Edward E. Ford

believes that in their actions individuals are conscious of two things: what they want and the outcome of what is done to achieve

"It's what the mind wants that deter-mines where its attention is directed," Ford writes in his book "Freedom From Stress."

He thinks that just as people can be almost unconscious of combing their hair or of the actual typing of a letter—since it is the action's outcome they are most interested in—they can become virtually unconscious of important facts about how they relate to others. Their attention is focused on achieving what they desire or think will make them happy. People may desire acceptance, control,

wealth or fame. They may want to be understood or to meet expectations—their

understood or to meet expectations—their own and others' expectations.

"Unless we make a conscious effort to look at specific actions, we rarely think about what we are doing. Even then we have trouble," Ford contends in the book. Furthermore, "programming and reprogramming our actions (to improve the quality of our lives) involve a lot of work."

If we want to know what kind of individuals we are, the patterns and



CHALLENGING—Coming to terms with our own habits, needs, dreams and gifts, and understanding how these realities shape our unique personalities are among the many challenges every person faces in life. (CNS photo by Mimi Forsyth)

priorities expressed in our relationships represent factors worth assessing.

Consider the teen-ager who sees a group of peers apparently enjoying themselves and decides to act like the others in order to achieve the same level of enjoyment, with little regard to individual-

Another teen-ager may conclude that members of a particular group are all too much alike, and make it a personal goal to act as unlike them as possible.

The difference in approaches has to do with the difference in priorities.

with the difference in priorities.

Dr. Annelle Primm, assistant professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Md., cites two factors that help account for why some indivisuals see relationships with others largely in terms of how those relationships.

may further their own interests.

"Some have been brought up in an atmosphere of entitlement and were showered with everything. Sometimes that

continues on into adulthood and that continues on into adutinood and that person has high expectations of everyone else and may even be boastful or have a need to always be one up on others. Also, they may have been encouraged by their families to be the best, but mainly to have the best." she explained.

"Others can end up the same way after having been deprived economically. They never had things they really wanted, so they try to make up for lost time . . . Their deprivation may have even made them feel

they weren't as good as others."

Recognizing our behavior patterns is a first step toward improving them. Books can be helpful, Primm believes. And

can be helpful, Primm believes. And counseling is an alternative for many.

Each of us is unique. Coming to terms with our own habits, needs, dreams and gifts, and with how these shape our unique personalities is one of the noteworthy challenges every person faces.

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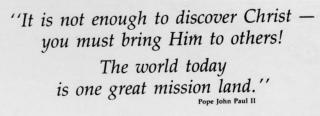


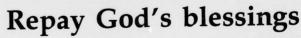
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# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, January 27, 1991

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 - Mark 1:14-20

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

This weekend is one of those rare occasions during the year when the church proclaims a reading from the Book of Jonah in its worship. Jonah

in its worship. Jonah, however, is one of the better known figures in the Old Testament, membered throughout the Christian tradition for his various es-capades. This weekend's reading recalls one of those adventures, Jonah's passage through Nineveh.



The author of the Book of Jonah actually is unknown. The book was The author of the book of Johan actually is unknown. The book was composed in perhaps the fifth or the fourth century before Christ, and its theme was an echo of all the prophetic demands: God rewards those who loyally and unswervingly turn to him.

In the book, and in this reading from the book, Jonah is doing God's will. He is searching Nineveh. He is imploring God's mercy. Such efforts were surely repulsive to the ancient Jews. Nineveh was a bastion of paganism, the seat of one of the Jew's

most threatening adversaries. To seek most threatening adversaries. To seek mercy for the people of decadent Nineveh was to seek good for the worst of enemies, to be concerned above the well-being of those who would torment and who would insult the one true God. Yet Jonah went to Nineveh in this fictional account, and he concerned himself with its people, all in response to God's command

The First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of this weekend's second liturgical reading. To understand this, as well as other writings in the New Testament, it is necessary to understand the environment in which they were composed. Times were difficult for Christians. The culture stood difficult for Christians. The culture stood absolutely opposite them. They were more than a curiosity. They were a danger to the established order. In Christian eyes, evil and idolatry were everywhere. How could

and idolatry were everywhere. How could such wickedness endure in the providence of a perfect, good, just God? St. Paul admitted the evil all around, in fact he dwelled upon it in many of his writings. His called upon Christians to fortify their resolve to live holy lives despite the evil they met everyday. But he also reassured them with the idea that evil one day will succumb to good. One day the Lord will overcome all vicious-

ness and sin. When will that be? It was a question Christians anxiously and impatiently must have asked. Paul replied was sooner than would be

% Mark's Gospel furnishes this week-end's Liturgy of the Word with its Gospel reading. It begins with the statement that Jesus, after John's arrest, and in fulfillment of John's prediction, preached a gospel of Then he encountered Simon and Andrew, James and John. They dropped everything to follow him.

The reference to lesus in the wake of the The reference to Jesus in the wake of the mention of John the Baptis reaffirms the Lord's position. He is the redeemer for whom the prophets and the saints awatted. His message repeated the ancient appeals of the prophets. It called upon people to forsake selfishness and to turn to God. His chief followers were the apostles. Their faith, validating their place in the early church, was so complete that they abandoned everything to follow Jesus.

For weeks, the church has introduced us FOR WEEKS, the CHUTCH has introduced us to the inviting figure of Jesus of Nazareth, God's anointed, whose sandals John the Baptist was unworthy to untie. He was

God born of human at Christmas. He was God on earth at Epiphany. He was God, the merciful, the redeeming, at the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The Church presents to us forcefully and compellingly the holy, gentle person of the Son of God.

Now the church proceeds to summon us to respond. What does Jesus mean to us? Who is Jesus in our estimation? Quickly most would reply in theological terms. "Jesus is the second person of the Trinity." 'Jesus is the messiah." ''Jesus is the messiah." ''Jesus is the word of the Trinity. ''Jesus is the messiah. '''Jesus is the word of the Trinity.'' Jesus is the messiah. '''Jesus is the son despite who Jesus was and is.

But in the images it brings to us today,

But in the images it brings to us today, in that of Jonah and in those of the apostles the church calls us to a vigorous, personal response. It calls us to love Jesus and to trust in him. It asks our commitment of everything, our trust, our will, our preferences, ourselves, to Jesus.

ences, ourseives, to Jesus.
Then, in warning, frank but not exaggerated, the church through the second reading calls us to choose for ourselves now to follow Jesus. Time may be running out. We know not the day nor the hour. We do not have as much time as we may think. may think.

That warning is not unfriendly or angry. It is distinctly honest, spoken to us in very best interest given us in love.

### THE POPE TEACHES

## Holy Spirit directs and ensures transmission of divine revelation

by Pope John Paul II Remarks at audience January 16

The Holy Spirit ensures that the church will always persevere in the truth which she has received from Christ through the preaching of the apostles and their successors.

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised that the Spirit of Truth would guide the apostles into all the truth (cf. John 16:13) as they carried out their mission to make disciples of all nations

The Holy Spirit guarantees the transmission of Christ's truth as it comes to us from sacred tradition and from the inspired from sacred tradition and from the inspired writings of the New Testament, and he assists the magisterium as it carries out its divinely appointed task of reverently preserving and faithfully transmitting the revealed word of God within the church (cf. "Del Verbum." 10).

The intimate relationship between the Holy Spirit, God's revealed truth, and its authoritative transmission constitutes the

asis of the church's apostolic authority and is the decisive argument confirms our faith in the word, which the church hands down to us

church hands down to us.

But the activity of the Holy Spirit also extends to the process by which faith is born within the heart of each individual. The Spirit moves the mind and will to embrace freely the truth which God has revealed and constantly before.

embrace freely the truth which God has revealed and constantly brings faith to greater perfection through his many gifts. The "tradition which comes from the apostles progresses in the church under the aposties progresses in the distribution assistance of the Holy Spirit" as believers, guided by the preaching of the bishops, grow in their understanding of God's revealed word and in their experience of spiritual realities, "until the day when the words of God reach their fulfillment" (ibid., 8). In this way, the Holy Spirit, by directing and ensuring the transmission of divine revelation, prepares the whole church and each of her members for the definitive coming of the Lord.

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## MY IOURNEY TO GOD Grandpa's Conversion

dim view of church-goers. "I've seen how they act," he declared, "so holy in church but outside they keep runnin' people down. Hypocrites!"

He made it clear though, "Your mother ain't one of them gossips. Goes to church, ves, but she don't back-stab anyone."

His wife didn't try to influence him. She just included him in daily Mass prayers. "And don't you nag him either, cautioned the children. "In God's time he'll see the light.

Rather self-consciously, Will started giv-ing each of the children a rosary and prayer book at First Communion. they need those things, don't they?" rationalized.

Time passed and his by-now adult children started hinting, then outright asking him to convert. He'd say, "Not yet." He kept up the gift tradition with each grandkept up the girt tradition will can game child. Word got around, and on the thir-teenth grandchild's special day Will met the little nun who prepared the class.

She grasped his hands. "Is this the grandpa who gives all those rosaries and prayer books but won't join the church? Can't



you see that Jesus is calling you? He wants you. Why are you resisting him?

A pink-faced Will was speechless. The A pink-faced will was specifies. "An overy next day, he quietly approached the parish priest and asked for instruction. "You see," he told his delighted family, "it was that little nun that got me goin". She explained things to me that nobody else had ever done

(Alice Daily is a member of Little Flower Parish

# Entertainment

# 'Ten Best Movies' give viewers unique artistry

by James W. Arnold

The annual ritual of picking the 'Ten Best Movies of the Year' just past is fun and historically significant. After all, we do

need to keep a record for posterity of how deplorable our taste has

The real motive, as all newspaper writers know, is to give us one more chance to say something nice about the movies that deserve (and usually need) all the help they can get. Critical favorites seldom do well at the box

office, although that is not as solid a rule as it used to be

it used to be
The most popular movies at the ticket
window in 1990 included several dogs that
are forgetable by most aristic (not to
mention moral or human) standards, but
also at least a tew that made many Ten Best
lists, including my own. The big draws
were (in rough order): "Ghost," "Pertty
Woman," "Home Alone," "Die Hard 2,"
"Total Recall," "Tenage Mutant Ninja
Turtles," "Dick Tracy," "The Hunt for Red
October," "Driving Miss Daisy" and
"Back to the Future, Part III."

#### Recent USCC Film Classifications

Book of Love
The End of Innocence
Flight of the Intruder
White Fang

numbers were "Presumed Innocent,"
"Another 48 Hours," "Days of Thunder,"
"Bird on a Wire," "Born on the Fourth of
July," "Arachnophobia" and "Hard to "Presumed Kill" (the action film with Steven Seagal). Some of these made tons of money while others barely broke even because they cost so much to make. Thus, despite its apparent high income, "Dick Tracy" is a od film that could still use some help

The game, of course, has changed in the The game, of course, has changed in the last five years, with the onset of the VCR revolution. The best practical reason for end-of-the-year surveys now is to encourage viewers to rent films they may have missed. (A few will still be catchable in theaters.) Some will be obvious choices,

This is especially true for Catholics, who

many will not.

This is especially true for Catholics, who can't be expected to find more than a few attractive or relevant films in the hit lists usually hyped in video stores. Among several identifiable trends in 1990, one is certainly that more films were made with "significant religious element."

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Sometimes the religious of which is the do with a specific ("Godfather Ill" of "Jesus of Montreal"). Or it may the a film was a biography of someone raised in a very relevant religious culture ("My Left Foot." "Cinema Paradiso"). Religious elements were significant even in such movies as "Glory" and "Henry V."

With many of these factors, as well as artistic merit, in mind, these are my choices for the best films I saw during 1990 (disted in the order reviewed here).

"Born on the Fourth of July," Oliver Stone's powerful Vietnam film, is the first with a special poignance and relevance for ordinary Catholics.

"Clory" is visually magnificent and in the preservant of its.

" is visually magnificent and gives back to a race an heroic part of heritage. It's the best film so far about the Civil War.



MEMORABLE MOVIES—The most popular films at the ticket window in 1990 included some memorable movies that earned critical acclaim due to their artistic unqueness and excellence. Among identifiable trends in 1990, more films were made that featured significant religious elements. Illustration by Debbie Cathcart)

- ▶"Driving Miss Daisy," already much honored, superbly acted and adapted from a prize-winning play, extols a friendship that blossoms and endures despite vast
- ►"Roger and Me," Michael Moore's deliciously irreverent personal documentary, speaks up for the victimized workers of the 1980s.
- ►"Cinema Paradiso," another Oscar-winner, is a sentimental treasure for all who love movies, but especially Catholics
- ►"Dick Tracy," Warren Beatty's artful tribute to the old comic strip favorite, is both accessible to kids and a delight for
- ►"GoodFellas" is Martin Scorse: gritty, funny, often terrifying, relentlessly vivid story of one man's life and reluctant heroism as a member of the New York
- ►"Avalon," Barry Levinson's Levinson's more forebears, is warm, poignant and a wonderful escape from the sex-and-violence syndrome.

  ►"Dances With Wolves" is
- awesome, and Kevin Costner's idealistic, back-to-nature, revisionist epic about the U.S. cavalry vs. the Indians kicks the western genre back to life.
- ►"Godfather III," the story of Michael Corleone's redemption, is told with typical Coppola bravura and romanticism comes close to redeeming the w Godfather saga.
- ►Honorable mention: "My Left Foot," "Henry V," "Longtime Companion,"
  "Presumed Innocent," "Mo Better
  Blues," "Metropolitan," "Memphis
  Belle." ("Jesus of Montreal," which played U.S. theaters in 1990, was listed among my Ten Best Movies of 1989.)

# Documentaries explore science and social justice

Television shows of note this week include a variety of documentaries and musical programs

Sunday, Jan. 27, 7:30-8 p.m. (PBS) "Mystery of the Lines." On this edition of "The New Explorers," astronomer Phyllis Pitluga explains the purpose of the giant lines that were etched in the Peruvian desert over 2,000 years ago in shapes that can only be seen from the air—a phenomenon that led to the myth of "ancient astronauts."

Monday, Jan. 28, 8-11 p.m. (ABC) "The American Music Awards." Keenen Ivory Wayans, creator and star of the Fox comedy series "In Living Color" hosts the 18th annual presentation of awards in 27 categories of music from country to classical and everything in between, with many

country to classical and everytring in between, with famy of the nominees serving as presenters or performers. Monday, Jan. 28, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Los Mineros." How the labor struggles, beginning in the 1920s, of Mexican-American miners over the principle of equal pay shaped the course of Arizona history is recounted in this installment of "The American Experience" series.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "The Chip vs. the Chess Master." How closely can computer programming resemble

human intelligence is the question examined in this "Nova"

human intelligence is the question examined units. Notice science program which pits a computer chess champion against a human chess master. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 9-10 pm. (PBS) "Cuba and Cocaine." Despite repeated Cuban government denials, this "Front-line" investigative report uncovers evidence that drug trafficking has been an official state policy under Castro for the past decade.

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Tuesday, Jan. 29, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The Alfred I. DuPont Columbia Awards in Broadcast Journalism." NBC newsman Tom Brokaw hosts the annual awards ceremony honoring the best in national and local TV reporting with excerpts from the award-winning programs. Wednesday, Jan. 30, 8-11 p.m. (PBS) "Pavarotti Plus!" Operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti hosts an evening with leading. American singers performing arias, duets and ensembles from the world's opera repertoire in this "Live from Lincole Center" presentation.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Poirot II: The Lost Mine." In this installment of the "Mystery!" series, Agatha Christie's dapper Belgian detective (David Suchet) investigates the disaspearance of a Chinese-American who had come to London to sell a map showing the location of a long-lost silver mine. long-lost silver mine

long-lost silver mine.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The First Vietnam War, 1946-1954." In this rebroadcast of the 1983 series "Vietnam: A Television History," the second episode recounts how the French, after eight years of fighting and \$2.5 billion in U.S. aid, lost the crucial battle of Dien Bien Phus. and yith it their Asian mmire.

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Friday, Feb. 1, 9-10:30 p.m. (PBS) "The Colored Museum". As part of the programming marking Black History Month, "Great Performances" presents George C. Wolfe's 1986 comedy-drama which uses a series of sketches—called "exhibits"—to explore the history of black or through parody.

reotypes, often through parody. Friday, Feb. 1, 10:30-11 p.m. (PBS) "Marge and Walter Friday, Feb. 1, 10.30-11 p.int, (1.52) Marge and watter. Documentary about a couple who have been married for over 50 years, showing how Marge, at 71, tries to sustain her ill and despondent husband during the last months of his life with her energy, caring and hope.

# Throughout February, WFYI Channel 20 in Indianapolis

Throughout February, WF11 Channel 20 in Indianapolis will air specials focusing as black theater, history, and song. Their PB5 "Black History Wooth" programs include: "The Colored Museum," a "Great Performances" program airing Friday, Feb. 1, at 10 p.m., explores contemporary African-American values and attitudes in a series of 11 provocative sketches and parodies by George C.

"Madame C. J. Walker: Two Dollars and a Dream," scheduled Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 p.m., tells the story of Madame C. J. Walker's rise to fame and influence on Indiana Madame C. J. Water's rise to tame and influence on indiana-avenue in Indianapolis. A child of slaves freed by the Civil War, Walker became America's first self-made millionairess with hair and skin care products for blacks.

"For Bird—With Love," a "Great Performances: Dance in

"For Bird—With Love," a "Great Performances: Dance in America" presentation, will be televised Friday, Feb. 8, at 10 pm. The program honors Charlie "Bird" Parker and "The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: Steps Ahead."
"Eyes Cn the Prize I & II," beginning Monday, Feb. 11, at 11:30 pm. and continuing weeknights for three weeks. documents the early years of the civil rights movement in a repeat of the widely acclaimed series. "Songs Are Free," with Bernice Reagon and Bill Moyers, is scheduled Monday, Feb. 11, at 10 pm. Moyers narrates this indepth look at the African-American experience from a

PBS shows feature Black History Month song with Reagon, an accomplished vocalist.

'The Road to Brown," airing Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 p.m., traces the brilliant 20-year legal campaign against segregation that led to the Supreme Court's landmark decision Brown vs. Board of Education. The documentary is also the story of the chief architect of the campaign, Charles Hamilton Houston, chief counsel for the NAACP

"Black Warriors of the Seminole," on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. recreates the story of an unusual and lasting ice between Seminole Indians and runaway slaves. The program documents the escape of slaves from Georgia and South Carolina plantations to Florida, where they integrated into the Seminole Indian tribes. Prior to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the Seminoles and blacks

Ematerpation Fodemation. The Jennious's did Gueze fought side-by-side against slave owners and the U.S. government, defending their land and their freedom. "Adam Clayton Powell," an Oscar-nominated film airing Monday, Feb. 18, at 9 p.m., tells the story of the rise and fall of the charismatic black preacher from Harlem who

a U.S. representative from 1945 to 1970. 'Black Men: Uncertain Futures,' airing airing Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 9 p.m., examines the current condition of the your urban black male, whose odds of landing in jail are great.

#### **OUESTION CORNER**

# Why require churching?

After the birth of each child, I was required to be

When I tell this to my children, they are amazed and want to know why this was necessary. No one knows what "churched" means.

churched means.
Will you please explain this in your
column so I can show it to my children
and their spouses? Your answer will be
appreciated and may stop a lot of

appreciated and may stop a not of controversy in our family.

Did "churching" mean that there was something wrong with bearing a child and that mothers had to be forgiven or blessed after the child was born? (New Jersey)

A Much of the answer to your question lies in the history of the ceremony you remember.

The churching of women, a blessing after childbirth, entered christian practice as a carryover from the Jewish ny of purification.

Under Jewish law, many actions which were not immoral at all incurred a kind of spiritual contamination or uncleanness. Among these were any actions involving sexual functions and other activities whose primary fault was often simply that they were aesthetically unpleasant.

A woman was unclean after childbirth, for example, seven days if the child was a boy and 14 days if the child was a girl. (See Leviticus 12.)

This ceremonial uncleanness was officially removed by

## **FAMILY TALK** Daughter tells parents to help by paying rent

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: By the time I was 13, I was the oldest of seven children. I cared for the younger ones, did the laundry, and helped cook and clean. I started to work outside the home as soon as age allowed to help with household expenses.

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At 19, I met Tommy. Mother made up her mind she didn't like him at the first meeting. We did marry and had three lovely children. We aren't rich, but we help each other

and are happy.

We turned part of our small home into an apartment. Mother and dad are retired and on pension. My parents have taken over the apartment. Shouldn't we expect them to pay rent? Dad is willing, but mother says we owe this to her. My husband is good to my folks, but my mother is cool toward him. I take them shopping and to doctor appointments. I cook goodies for them. Am I wrong wanting a little rental payment and wanting a little rested for my husband? flowa!

Answer: I infer that you have answered your own question. You feel the things you want are reasonable, and you want some support in getting them. I support you. In relationships between parents and young adult children, we often refer to a friendship model. Ask yourself how you would reat a very good friend in this situation, and treat your young adult accordingly. Friendship also works the other way, offering a good model for adult children to relate to their parents. Would you invite a good friend who had sufficient money to live rent-free in your home indefinitely? Probably no. Most people must spend 20 percent to 25 percent of their

Most people must spend 20 percent to 25 percent of their come on housing. On this basis you can expect more than a token payment from your parents.

Human relationships are more important than money. Too often family members develop differences over money which become so serious that relatives do not speak to each other for years. What a regrettable situation!

Your situation has not led to such differences. You do, Your situation has not led to such differences. You do, by bryinging the money issue out in the open. Set a payment you feel is just. The payment should be enough that you do not reel used by your mother. If your parents are not willing to do this, ask them to leave and help them find another nice payment. Set this too cruel? Not at all. You are changing the situation to one where you can help and respect your parents without resentment. This is a healthy improvement. You would also like carattude from your parents for what

you would also like grattude from your parents for what you do for them, and you would like your mother to respect your line husband. These requests are more difficult. You cannot order your mother to change her attitude.

You can, however, change your attitude. Be good to your parents because you are that kind of person. If you feel resentful, remind yourself that you honey your parents and do what you can for them, with or without gratitude.

(Address questions on family living and child care to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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an appropriate rite of purification. The purification of Mary after the birth of Jesus is still celebrated as part of the feast of the Presentation on Feb. 2.

In its Christian form, the ceremony became rather a way of thanking God for the safe birth of the child and of asking God's blessings on the mother and child.

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All major features of the former churching ritual are now implied or included in the revised Rite of Baptism. Our present baptismal ritual contains numerous references to the parents and to what is in their hearts, and prayers

concerning their new child.

The church's official Book of Blessings (No. 257ff) The church's othicial Book of Blessings (No. 257ff) contains a blessing for a mother after childbirth, but it is intended for a new mother who has been unable to be present at her child's baptism, providing "the opportunity for her to benefit from the blessing that in the Rite of Baptism prompts the mother and all present to thank God for the gift of the newborn child." of the newborn child.

I strongly differ with your answer to a question about the Mass for shut-ins on television.

Thousands of shut-ins derive great comfort in, at least in

spirit, receiving the benefits of Mass which they are physically unable to attend.

I am one of these. I look forward to that televised Mass.

I am one of these. I look forward to that the evised Mass, God knows I would be in my own parish church if able. Cardinal Bernardin says the television Mass on several occasions during the year and has also extended the papal blessing during his Mass. (Mississippi)

A Judging from the number of letters I received similar to yours, my answer was apparently not as clear as I

Many years ago, I was responsible for inaugurating the television broadcast of Masses in our diocese. I realize they are for many people a valuable and spiritually helpful opportunity for communion with the whole church at prayer and worship.

prayer and worship.

As I indicated, if one is excused from Sunday Mass because of age or illness or other reason, a television or radio broadcast may greatly assist that person to join the Mass in spirit and sharpen his or her desire for union with Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

the sacrament of the Eucharist.

My point was simply that watching a TV Mass, however reverently and with whatever spiritual profit, is never a genuine substitute for personal presence and participation in that worship with others of our community of tath. (Questions for this column should be sent to Father John Dietzer, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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#### January 25-27

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call Dave

#### January 26

The Office of Worship will spon-sor a Music in Catholic Worship Seminar from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at

the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian St. Call 317-236-1483. Catholic Adults Reaching Out (CARO) will hold its 3rd Annual Bash for professional singles from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St. \$3 a dmission, DJ, dancing, snacks.

A Discipleship in the '90s program will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1489.

A Fiesta Filipina for the benefit of St. Monica Church building fund will be held at St. Luke Parish gym, 7575 Holliday Dr. E. Call 317-293-1800 for details.

The Catholic Widowed Organiza tion (CWO) will sponsor a Jug's

Madonna Circle of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany will hold its Annual Spaghetti Sup-per from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Large orders \$4; small orders \$3; carry-outs available.

A Bingo/Chili Night will be held from 6-11 p.m. at Little Flower Parish Hall, 13th and Bosart. Tickets \$2.50; snacks and bingo

#### January 27

Marian Devotions are held each Sun. at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St. Everyone welcome.

Sign Masses for the Deaf are celebrated each Sun. in the following churches: St. Thomas, Fortville, 8 a.m.; St. Barmabas, 8300 Rahke Rd., 9 a.m.; St. Joan of Arc, 42nd and Central, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Spirit, 7243 E. 10th St., 10:30 a.m.; and St. Matthew, 4100 E. 56th St., 11:30 a.m.

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#### January 28

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Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes sponsored by Catholic Social Services continue from 7-9-30 p.m. in Room 217 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1500.

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#### January 29

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Negative World concludes at 7:30 | p.m. at St. Lawrence School p.m. at St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 | library, 6950 E. 46th St.

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#### January 30

The Divorce and Beyond recovery program continues at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1596.

New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry begins its Catholic Church History series at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg. Call 812-945-0354 for details.

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#### Lenten Series

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March 1-3 — Women's Weekend Retreat. "Calm Amidst the Storm" Directed by: Fr. John Maung, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville, Indiana. Waiting list only

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cis Hospital, Beech Grove, Indiana March 15-17 — Women's Weekend Retreat "Praying the Seasons of My Life" This will be a creative experience of reflecting on the rhythm of autumn, winter, spring and summer, and discovering God's movement within this mystery. Directed by: Sr. Diane Jamison, OSF, Fatima Spiritual Development Coordinator and Fr. John Doctor, OFM, Director of Noviges Franciscan House Frianz, Franklin. Ind. Novices, Franciscan House Friary, Franklin, Ind.

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Chatard High School will hold its final placement test of the year for eighth graders from 8:30-11:30 a.m. \$10 fee. Call 317-251-1451.

St. John Bosco Guild will sponsor a Buffet Dinner/Reverse Raffle at 6 p.m. at the CYO, 580 E. Stevens St. Tickets \$17.50. Call 317-632-9311 or 317-881-2782 by Jan. 30.

February 3

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Sign Masses for the Deaf are celebrated each Sun. in the following churches: St. Thomas, Fortville, 8 a.m.; St. Barmabas, 8300 Rahke Rd., 9 a.m.; St. Joan dr. 427. 420 a.m.; Holy Spint, 7233 E. 10th St., 1030 a.m.; and St. Matthew. 4100 E. 56th St., 1130 a.m.

from 7-8:30 p.m. with "Rediscovery of Church."

A meeting for central city families with members who have a severe mental illness will be held from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Angels School, 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

A Natural Family Planning class will be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon in Room B-17 of St. Louis School, Batesville. Call 812-934-338 or 812-934-4054 for reservations.

The Choir of Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 14th and Meridian Sts. will present a concert of religious choral music by Wolf-gang Amadeus Mozart at 3 p.m., including a seldom-performed Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to mark the 200th anniver-sary of his death. Free admission.

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# Catholics split on war

Mich., said parishioners told him the war "hurts. It's very hard."
Father Boji also said Iraqi-Americans

feared they were being branded as terrorists because of their ethnic back-

European bishops responded to the commencement of hostilities with con-demnation. The French, German and Swiss demnation. The French, German and Swiss bishops, in a joint statement, called it "a defeat for the community of nations in its desire to re-establish justice and peace through political means." They also warned that the war could could be a supported to the control of the country of the cou

se racism. It could "reawaken uncontrolled animosities among peoples, among

races and among followers of different religions," they said.

Pope John Paul expressed his frustration publicly after the fighting commenced. In a speech to church officials Jan. 17, he said, "I have done everything humanly possible to avert a tragedy."

A Middle Eastern Catholic prelate ex-pressed concern that the war would widen. Latin-rite Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem said the attacks on Israel "show

Jerusalem said the attacks on Israel "show that the entire region is one region, that all its problems are one."

"I hope the international community will learn a lesson from this war," said the partiarch, who is the first Arab to head the ancient see, "that it should find new and peaceful solutions to problems."



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# Youth News/Views

# What is the right way to disagree about war?

by Linda Rome Catholic News Service

The year 1991 began with war and hopes for peace as the constant undercurstop people's conversations at work, at school, even in aerobics class.

Both acuts and teen-agers were fearful of war, wondering what it would mean for them and for their loved ones and friends. Somit of you must have been wondering you might be called into service. Others may be considered the control of the control of

custom."
I'm struck by what appear to be two spheres of peace: the personal and the public. In many ways, the opportunity for personal peace is built on the security of our public peace.

The fact that the two spheres are interrelated became more apparent than ever on Jan. 16 as warfare unfolded in the

Middle East.

Like many of you, I have a family member serving in the armed forces. He is not a faceless part of 400,000 American troops in Saudi Arabia. My son was ring bearer at his wedding. I've been swimming with his children. I've stayed up late at night reminiscing with him.

Because of him. Gut his pern faceles. Middle East.

Because of him, no one of the 400,000 troops in the Persain Guiff has been faceless to me. Everyone is a brother, sister, uncle, father, aunt, friend.

I'm both proud of and deeply concerned for each one of them.

As a Christian, I know I'm called to be a peacemaker. Peace is a two-edged sword: It is not just the absence of conflict. It is also the starting point for justice.

So, whatever one's judgment on the developments that led to fighting in the Persian Gulf—whether the United States was justified in resorting to force to achieve its goals, or whether it should be at war over a dictator's aggression threatening to our economy—these developments are topics for serious and, in many cases, heated debate.

heated debate.

That is why I am concerned that a lack of respect for differing opinions will overtake us. Some of us have felt called to participate congressman or senators know our position by telephone or letter. Some to serve in what is the right way for people to disperse within their own society?

disagree within their own society?
Please remember: Each of us must



MIXED EMOTIONS—St. Patrick parishioner Brian Cahill of Terre Haute (left) displays a patriotic sweater Jan. 18 during the Catholic Youth Organization's "I Want to Live" workshop. Holy Spirit parishioner Scott Young of Indianapolis offers a contrasting expression during the peace and justice program. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

follow his or her conscience in pursuing

peace.

And so I pray for peace—public peace over which I have so little control, and personal peace in which my choices and their consequences are apparent.

As a reminder, I have been lighting a candle. It is one small light, a small symbol

of peace.
Light a candle with me and pray for lasting peace in our personal lives and in the world.

## Shawe students support soldiers and pray for peace fund the war," the student noted, "but we

by Eric Armbrecht

A recent survey at Shawe Memorial High School in Madison posed the question "Do you support the Allied Forces' military action in the Persian Gulf area?"

The results were in close accord with those of recent national polls, as 85 percent of the Shawe students questioned said they support military action, while nine percent popose the war, and six percent are undecided.

When interviewed, one student who

When interviewed, one student who opposed the use of force believed that "the sanctions would have worked had they been approached in the right way."

student also wondered "How can you prepare for war and peace at the same

A Shawe junior felt the priorities of the nation have become distorted. We can spend billions of dollars to

can't justify it on the homeless or on the environment.

one boy, who claimed to be undecided, explained that, "I am unprepared for war, but because I cherish my freedom and I wish everyone else in the world could also, I would prepare myself for a war of which I am unsure about."

The majority of the students said they support the action because they strongly disagree with Saddam Hussein's aggres-sion toward Kuwait and feel that it needs to be stopped.

Shawe student lennifer Smith said she supports the war because "I feel it's the only way to bring Hussein's dictatorship under control.

Other students have a concurring opinion in which their support is for the soldiers, but not necessarily for the actions. Senior Kim Oeffinger said her brother is stationed on a Navy ship in the Persian

I will support the soldiers over there and pray for them," she emphasized, "no matter what they're fighting for—oil or Kuwait's freedom."

Kuwait's freedom."

Another Shawe student recalled former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's advice that, "We have learned that we well-being is dependent on the well-being of other nations, far away. "We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community."

Whether people oppose the war or support, it, several Shawe students are students are some proper to the several shawe students are hope for peace and pray for inted in our hope for peace and pray for inted in our

hope for peace and pray for it.

It is our responsibility as world citizens, they said, to ensure a tomorrow in which Christ can continue his loving mission.

(Eric Armbrecht is a senior at Shawe Memorial High School in Madison.)

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# Providence students wear yellow ribbons

by Lori Green

Supporting American troops by wearing yellow ribbons, attending Mass before school, and tuning into the television for the latest updates occupied many students at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville prior to the United of Providence High School in Clarksville prior to the United ns deadline on Jan. 15

But when the first attack occurred the next night, even ore students concentrated their thoughts and prayers toward the Middle East.

Junior Jessica Rhodes said she supports President George

Bush's decision.

"The Iraqis have no right to have taken over Kuwait," she said. "We can't let a dictatorship go on like that because it will turn into an even bigger mess. Her father is currently in the Army, she said, but his assignments have not taken him to the Persian Gulf. "He flies the C-130 cargo planes with soldiers to different stations around the world."

Senior Chris Rowe said he believes "the debate over whether we should be there or not is irrelevant. The fat in the fire, and it's time to focus our energies on supporting the

whether we should be there or not is irrelevant. I not at is in the fire, and it's time to focus our energies on supporting the troops in any way we can. Nobody likes to face the fact that something needs to be done to stop these kind of aggressors. We can only hope that in the future we can learn

(Lori Green is a senior at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville.)

## Ritter students speak out on war

'Middle East Conflict: A Catholic Student's Opin-ion'and 'War Support Grows Among Young Adults,' written by Cardinal Ritter High School students Julie LaEace, Jeb Bardon and Amy Ternet, will offer additional youth perspectives on the war in the Persian Gulf next week on The Criterion's 'Youth News and

# Brebeuf, Roncalli students reach Prelude finals

Two Catholic high school students were among 33 Two Catholic high school students with an aspiring young artists named as finalists in the preliminary competition of the seventh annual Prelude Awards Jan. 12 at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Roncalli High School senior Linda Cise of Indianapolis was recognized in the theater division and Brebeuf Preparatory School junior Riaz Abdulla Jr. of Carmel was

Preparatory School jumor Raz Abdula Jr. is demarked behorder in the literature calego Prelude Scholarships in the finals competition scheduled Jan. 25 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Lilly Theater at The Children's Museum. The finals are open to the public without charge. One winner will be honored from each of the six categories for excellence in theater, visual arts, vocal music, literature, dance, or instrumental music.

dance, or instrumental music.

More than 370 students from 30 Marion County high schools competed in the preliminary round of the cultural and performing arts competition.

The Preduce Awards are sponsored by The Children's

Museum, The Children's Museum Guild, and The Penrod Society to identify, encourage, and reward high school students for excellence in the arts. The high schools attended by the six award recipients also benefit from the competition with a \$500 cultural enrichment grant.

The top 96 students in the preliminary round are eligible to participate in the 1990 Prelude Awards Academy in June.

United States Senator Richard Lugar recently con-gratulated Cathedral High School sophomore William Benjamin Garten for receiving the Eagle Scout award, the bidney brong in securities. highest honor in scouting.

Cathedral High School student Melanie Richardson of Indianapolis recently earned a second-place award of \$100 in the 1990 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest conducted by the Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality, the Indiana Christian Leadership Contenes, and Indiana Black Expo.

"The Voice Still Speaks for Nonviolence As the Road to Freedom," the 1990 essay contest theme, was examined from every aspect by participating students. The annual statewide essay contest permits students to examine the life and teaching of an important American civil rights leader.

High school students and parish youth group members are invited to participate in the Catholic Youth Organization's 1991 CYO Co-ed Volleyball Tournament Feb. 16 at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis.

Team registrations accompanied by the \$32.50 group entry fee are due at the CYO office by Feb. 11. For more information, call the CYO office at 317-632-9311.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis will offer Placement tests for eighth-grade students on Feb. 2 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee. Direct questions to Chatard at 317-251-1451.

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#### **BOOK REVIEW**

# On religious, political separation

UNDER GOD, by Garry Wills. Simon & Schuster (New York, 1990). 445 pp., \$24.95

Reviewed by Richard Philbrick

For at least 10 years, political scientists, historians, candidates for political office and a few theologians have been concerned about what they see as a shortage of religion in American life. There has been talk of a "naked public square" and a lack of religious values at the core of the nation's society.

Now comes Garry Wills to say they are Now comes Garry Wills to say they are wrong, "Nothing has been more stable" in American history "than religious belief and practice," he asserts in "Under God." As to the absence of religion in politics, religion has been "at the center of our major political crises," he contends.

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attitudes as evidenced in his career and in his stands on political issues. His analysis is always plausible though s unconvincing.

sometimes unconvincing.

He does, however, support very well his stand that religion is an integral part of American politics. The fact that Pat Robertson and Jesse Jackson are clerics gives him a strong start

a strong start.

If only because the 1988 presidential race is past and memories of it are fading, the profiles seem a bit dated and more reminders than informative. The more interesting chapters begin with one devoted to evangelicals and one of their number, the Rev. Francis Schaeffer, the late American social critic.

in American history "than religious belief and practice," he asserts in "Under God". As to the absence of religion in politics, religion has been "at the center of our major political crises," he contends. That dismays him.

To illustrate and support his convictions he offers profiles of the candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign. In each other candidates in the 1988 presidential campaign.

In the last part of the book, "Church and State," Wills' talent as a scholar comes to the fore. His examination of the beliefs of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island and opponent of Puritan churchmanship, is highly interesting. It is followed by an equally brilliant summation of Themselfereson's beliefs about religion and religious liberty.

Using the reasoning of the two men and the writings of James Madison, Wills argues that religious bodies have benefited greatly from our separation of church and state.

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# Pope wrote letters to Bush, Saddam before war's outbreak

by Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II, in personal letters to the presidents of the United States and Iraq, pleaded for peace shortly before war broke out in the Middle East.

In the letters to U.S. President George Bush and Iraqi In the letters to U.S. President George Bush and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the pope said the consequences of a war would be tragic and prayed that the leaders would be inspired by God's wisdom. The pope repeated his call to Saddam to make some sort of gesture for peace and encouraged Bush to support an international conference to discuss the situation in the Gulf and the entire Middle East.

Bush, in a response to the pope released at the Vatican Jan. 17, said he shared the pontiff's 'ardent wish for peace' but said daily 'acts of aggression' have been part of 'this response to the late." but said daily "acts war waged by Iraq.

"Our aim is not only peace in the Gulf region but a peaceful world, built on the foundations of morality and justice," Bush said.

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Pope John Paul wrote in his letter to Saddam, "A demonstration of readiness (for peace) on your part cannot tail to bring you honor before your beloved country, the region and the whole world."

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The pope said he was writing to Bush as "the leader of the nation which is most involved, from the standpoint of personnel and equipment, in the military operation now taking place in the Gulf region."

He told the American president that "war is not likely to bring an adequate solution to international problems."

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The consequences of a war in the Gulf could be "deviatating and tragic," the pope told Bush.
It told Saddam. "we can all imagine the tragic onsequences which an armed conflict in the Gulf region would have for thousands of your fellow citizens, for your and for the entire area, if not for the whole world."

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Releasing the letters Jan. 16, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls characterized them as "very direct, very personal appeals to the consciences" of the two leaders.

He said that even after the Jan. 15 U.N. deadline for Iraq

to withdraw from Kuwait had passed, the pope was hopeful that armed conflict could be avoided, although he was "very

Navarro-Valls said the pope would be willing to mediate the dispute, but had not been asked to do so.

the dispute, but had not been asked to do so. Pope John Paul told Bush, "We cannot pretend that the use of the property of the

powerful temptation to further recourse to violence."

The pope said he hoped, and implored God, that "all the parties involved will yet succeed in discovering, in frank and fruitful dialogue, the path for avoiding such a catastrophe."
He told Saddam that this hope would be realized only if everyone involved "is moved by a true desire for peace and

justice." He asked Saddam to be "courageous" and make a generous gesture which will avoid war

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The pope told Bush that he hoped a "last-minute effort at dialogue" would lead to the restoration of Kuwait's

at dialogue" would lead to the restoration of Kuwair's sovereignty and the re-establishment of international order "in the Gulf area and in the entire Middle East." He said he was certain that Bush had already "clearly veighed" the consequences, but added that he prayed the president would be "granted the wisdom to make decisions which will truly serve the good of your fellow citizens and of the entire international community."

During his Jan. 16 weekly general audience, the pope prayed to God who "designs for peace and not affiction," saying "you condemn wars and devastate the pride of the violent."

He asked God to "hear the unanimous cry of your

children."
"Never again war, adventure without return, never again war, spiral of struggle and violence; never this war in the Persian Gulf, threat to your creatures in sky, on earth and in the sea," the pope prayed.

He also prayed to Mary to "speak to the hearts of those responsible for the destiny of peoples, stop the logic of retallation and revenge; suggest with your spirat new solutions, generous and honorable gestures, spaces for dialogue and patient waiting, which are more fertile than rushed deadlines of war."

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# Catholic organizations offer to help refugees of Gulf war

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON-Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. DASHINGTON—CATROIC RELET SERVICES, the U.S. Catholic Near East Welfare Association have offered to help refugees fleeing the Persian Gulf war.

CRS, which is based in Baltimore, said Jan. 17 it would send \$61,170 to CRS in Jordan to provide 75,000 food packages for refugees fleeing Iraq because of the Persian Gulf war. Some 100,000 refugees are expected to move to lordan in the coming weeks

The New York-based Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which helped provide more than \$1 million in

August, is prepared to provide similar aid to help refugees fleeing the war, said Joe Donnelly, the organization's director of external affairs

Donnelly said that the organization does not have an established office in Iraq, but is planning to help meet any requests for aid made by the papal nuncio in Iraq.

Jordan, which also has been promised help from the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization, will reopen its border with Iraq to all refugees from the Persian Gulf war, said Hans Einhaus, the organization's emergency coordinator

Jordan had shut its border with Iraq to all but

Jordanians and foreigners with funds or proof that their governments and international organizations would pay for their trip home.

The relief food from CRS will be purchased in Jordan and distributed at the Iraqi-Jordanian border, in transit camps and at the airport, the organization said. CRS also has stockpiled some \$100,000 worth of food donated by the European community for the relief effort.

On Jan. 15, the CRS also established a fund to provide for the estimated 1.5 million refugees expected to flee Iraq and Kuwait in the wake of the war in the Persian Gulf.

Donations can be sent to Catholic Relief Services, Persian Gulf Fund, P.O. Box 17220, Baltimore, Md. 21297-0304. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association is at 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.



IRAQI REFUGEES—An Arab woman fleeing from Iran Jan. 17 waits with her children at a checkpoint near the border with Jordan before being allowed to cross, following the outbreak of fighting in the Persian Gulf. Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association are helping the refugees. (CND photo from UPI-Reuters)

# Gorbachev is compared to Pontius Pilate

by Catholic News Service

MILAN, Italy—A Lithuanian archbishop said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev acted like Pontius Pilate when he disclaimed responsibility for a bloody Soviet army crackdown in the Baltic republic.

"The answers given by Soviet authorities about the bloodshed in Vilnius are very evasive. The defense minister says he never gave the order to fire on the crowd, and Gorbachev even claims he knew nothing about it," said Archbishop Julijonas Steponavicius of Vilnius.

Gorbachev and the others are like Pontius Pilate, he said, because "we are mourning our dead and they are washing their hands of it.

The archbishop spoke in an interview published Jan. 19 by the Italian Catholic daily, *Avvenire*. His comments came a

week after a Soviet Army assault on a broadcasting station in Vilnius left 14 people dead.

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Meanwhile, five people were reportedly killed Jan. 20 in the neighboring republic of Latvia, when Soviet troops exchanged gunfire with loyalist police at the Latvian Interior Ministry. The Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia declared their independence from the Soviet Union last year.

Archbishop Steponavicius said he thought the recent Baltic events showed the Soviet Union was "headed toward dictatorship

He said Lithuania had shown flexibility in suspe He said Lithuania had shown flexibility in suspending its declaration of independence so that talks with Moscow could begin last year. But the Kremlin only wanted to deal with "a committee composed of communists and Russians," and not with the legitimately elected Lithuanian leaders, the archbishop said.

"The church stands with the nation and with the democratically elected Parliament that is now threatened with aggression," the archbishop said.

He was not optimistic for Lithuania's short-term

with aggression," the archbishop said.

He was not optimistic for Lithuania's short-term prospects, however. The Soviet republic's push for independence will probably end like that of Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968, he said. In both countries, Soviet troops put down the people's revolt violently and installed friendly regimes.

In Lithuania, Moscow now "needs only to decide how to take power. The blood of innocents has already been spilled. We are praying that there be no more victims," Archbishop Steponavicius said.
"Unfortunately, the West notices us only after a massacre, when it's too late," he added.

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