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Positive pro-life activities stressed

The positive side of pro-life activities was stressed during the archdiocese's celebration of Respect Life Sunday last Sunday. Festivities included a Life Chain, a Vespers service, and the annual Respect Life Award Dinner.

'When I think of those who are serving "When I think of those who are serving people with AIDS, the face I put with them is that of Sister Marilyn Lipps," Father David Coast sold those who were at the dinner. They were there to honor the Providence Sister who has ministered to those with AIDS and HIV at the Damien

Center in Indianapolis.

"We should be proud of Sister Marilyn for raising the stature of each one of us by the way she has served" the clients of the Damien Center, Father Coats said.

Sister Marilyn received the newly-re-named Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award. She was the 10th recipient of the award, which was begun by the late archbishop of Indianapolis.

In his brief remarks at the dinner, Father Coats said that, in some respects, honoring Sister Marilyn was a testimony to failure-the failure of some humar beings who don't always respect life in all its phases. Even some members of the church, he said, do not seem able to respect life in all its aspects.

He praised the Damien Center for the

way it provides compassion and care for those who suffer from AIDS, and he encouraged support for "that very fine institution

The principal speaker at the dinner was State Representative John Day, who spoke about Catholic involvement in the political about Carrolle involvement in the pointed process. He told those present that democracy, like Christianity, "is not a spectator sport," and he quoted the U.S. bishops as saying that Christians are called to be informed, active and responsible participants in politics.

"We cannot sit idly by and ignore

injustice and needless suffering, or be part



State Rep. John J. Day

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AWARD RECIPIENT-Providence Sister Marilyn Therese Lipps accepts congratu-lations from Father David Coats, vicar general, on Oct. 4 after receiving the 1992 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award for her AIDS ministry.

of a system that often discourages people and leaves them with a feeling of being left out, even useless," Day said. "Our responsibilities as Christians and our obligations as citizens are somewhat related." In Democratic legislator said. "In both roles we are called upon to strive

for a better society."

Day spoke particularly about child poverty in the United States. He noted that 25 years ago about 12 percent of children were in poverty-level families, a figure that has grown to 22 percent today. "Today" young people may be the first generation in American history to grow up in worse shape than their parents, "he said.

Father Larry Crawford, archdiocesan director of the Pro-Life Activities Office, served as meater of cremonies for the

served as master of ceremonies for the dinner. He particularly thanked archdio-cesan, deanery and parish pro-life chair-

Father Crawford introduced the members the Office of Pro-Life Activities Advisory Council: Robert Alerding, chairperson, Carrier, Donald Day, Paje Etling, Father David Lawler, Catherine Mazalin, Dr. Paul Muller, Toni Peabody-King, James Schmitz and Mary Jane Wynne

In explaining the reason for changing the name of the Respect Life Award, Father Crawford said that the late Archbishop O'Meara was extremely dedicated to the positive aspects of pro-life. In presenting the award to Sister Marilyn, Father Crawford said, the archdiocese was identifying the award with the consistent ethic of life and was enhancing positive efforts for life.

Prior to the dinner, there were two other events held in connection with Respect Life Sunday. The ecumenical Life Chain demonstration of pro-life sentiment included a human chain that stretched about 60

blocks, from Union Station north on Meridian St. to 56th St. Participants stood or held signs from 2:30 to 3:30.

This was followed by a Vespers service in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul at 4 p.m. During the Vespers service the advisory council and pro-life activities chairpersons were commissioned.

In his homily at Vespers, Father Coats said it was an occasion for fanning the embers of faith to make it ever brighter inside us until it becomes a flame that will ultimately enflame the world. He encouraged those present to fan the flame by spending some moments every day fo-cused on God and by reminding them-selves that God meant for them to use the talents and skills he has given them.

"The way we choose to define life tells the world what kind of people we are," Father Coats said, quoting Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey, who spoke recently in Indianapolis.



LIFE CHAIN PARTICIPANTS—Daughters of Charity Sisters Mary John Tintea (from left), Mary Elizabeth Cullen, and Louise Busby join thousands of pro-life volunteers in the Indianapolis Life Chain on North Meridian Street on Oct. 4 as part of Respect Life Sunday observances in the archdiocese. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

OCE presents board 'road show' at nine sites

by Margaret Nelson

When you hear Catholic educators talk 'road show, informative than it sounds

But it does mean that the staff of the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) travels all over the archdiocese to train board of education members and officers

Beginning on Sept. 16 at Seymour, Dan Elsener and Maria McClain have been in the process of presenting the program on "The Ministry of Shared Responsibility" at seven different sites outside of Indianaand two at the Catholic Center

Flaner is the new executive director of OCE and McClain is coordinator of the boards of Catholic education. They travel with volunteers who have experience working with boards

The purpose of the workshops is "to assist people in acquiring understanding, attitudes and skills which will lead to satisfaction and effectiveness in their role in educational ministry." At each session, time is allowed for questions and discussion.

After the presentation in Seymour, one was held in Batesville on Sept. 23 and one at the Catholic Center on Sept. 24. Next, the event was held at the Aquinas Center in Clarksville on Sept. 28; the Catholic

Center on Sept. 30; and the Terre Haute Deanery Resource Center on Oct. 8.

The final workshops will be at Connersville on Oct. 13; at St. John in Bloomington on Oct. 15; and at St. Paul,

Bloomington on Oct. 15, and at 5t. Paul, Tell City, on Oct. 19. All meetings are scheduled at 7 to 10 p.m. The fee for the workshop is \$5 per person; \$20 maximum per parish. Those wishing further information should call 317-236-1435.



LEARNING—Indianapolis deanery board of education delegates listen to a program by Daniel Elsener, executive director of the Office of Catholic Education. The staff is presenting nine such meetings throughout the archdiocese. (Photo by Christie Fry)

SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Society has lost respect for human person

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

I usually write this column on Saturday morning and it I usually write this column on Saturday morning and it so happened that several headlines and features in last Saturday morning 's Star caught my attention. On the front page I noticed that eight of the 10 indiana members of the U.S. House of

Representatives voted to override President Bush's veto on the new rule which sharply restricts abortion coun-seling in federally financed "family planning" clinics. At the bottom of the front page a headline read, "Public reaches out to youth service agencies, but many kids still have nowhere to go." Page A-5 carried the headline "1

go. Page A-3 carried the fleating in million women attacked by husbands, lovers in '91, Senate Committee reports." Page A-10 featured a spoof by Andy Rooney, "Divorcing best friends," which was a commentary on the recent precedent of a child divorcing his parent. (We'll pass over ne sports section B.)

Page C-3 carries the headline "Here's to you, Mrs Robinson, still seducing audiences 25 years later." The feature read: "Twenty-five years later, the vision that was planted in our brains still remains. The movie was 'The Graduate,' and the vision had to do with alienation. From the very first frames of the film-in which the new graduate wings his way home to Southern California from a classy Eastern school—the emptiness of Benjamin's eyes mirrored vacancies in our own (the writer speaks of

mirrored vacancies in our own (the writer speaks of 60s-70s generations). And now, a quarter-century after the movie's release, Benjamin's blank stare has become an eternal emblem of an anti-establishment age."

There was more. Page D-1 carried a headline "Mistrial declared in stabbing of husband" and on page D-5 we read the headline "Paroled child molester arrested again; may have been stalking more victims." Finally page E-2 printed a feature on how family and social influences affect how much children learn under the headline "Researchers look at why some fail in school." at why some fail in school

There seems to me to be a connection between all of these stories. The fundamental issue is caught by the writer of the story on the 25th anniversary of the movie "The Graduate," namely alienation. While we agree that alienation is a prevalent experience of our contemporary society, I suspect the movie commentator and I would par company when it comes to assigning reasons why

A society which wants to give individuals the right to choose abortion as a way to "plan family" is a society that has lost its respect for the dignity of the individual human person. Ironically, this happens because of a fixation on (exclusive) individual right.

The movie "The Graduate" portrays the manipulation of a college graduate by a friend's mother as symbolic of

the declining moral state of "the establishment." What are we to think 25 years later when a large part of society wants mothers to have the right to abort their own babies? If we are to consider a college grad an "innocent" victim of Mrs. Robinson, isn't the manipulation of abortion "rights" all the more heinous because of the absolute helplessness of an infant in the womb? While the embryo or fetus or infant in the womb is unable or himself, that live being is not a disposable "nothing"!
That being has a right to the life it already possesses.

Mother Teresa has it right. It people are willing to spose of a helpless child in the womb, they will neglect dispose of a neipiess child in the word, they will neighbor or abuse or dispose of just about anyone—as the other Saturday headlines attest. Yet I cannot believe the majority of our society is so callous. I believe we are dealing with a matter of ignorance on the part of a lot of people. And that is where we come in. Each of us, in our own simple ways and in our own spheres of influence (especially in our homes), can help tell the truth about our

(especially in our homes), can help tell the truth about our respect for every individual from womb to tomb.

Last Wednesday I had Mass for about 1,000 kindergarten and elementary school children at the cathedral. What a treat! As a current IV commercial testifics, those children are the best argument against "Observed with our best and the commercial testifics, those children are the best argument against "Observed without the properties of the commercial testifics, those children are the best argument against "Observed without the properties" of the commercial testifics are the commercial testifics. 'abortion rights." Let's restore authentic human rights and dignity so that we give them a world free of alienation and abuse and violence of every kind.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

The gift of Christianity to the New World

by John F. Fink Editor, The Criterion

This coming Monday, Oct. 12, is the 500th anniversary of the encounter between the Old World and the New World, the quincentenary of the Christian evangelization of the native people of the Americas. Put simply, it's the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

You wouldn't think that such an impor-You wouldn't think that such an impor-tant date for us Americans would be controversial, but it certainly is. Many people are trying to make us feel guilty for the way the Spanish and Portuguese colonists treated the indigenous natives they found in the New World. According to these people, nothing good happened after Columbus' discovery. On the contrary, they are con-vinced that the natives would have been better off if America had never been discovered. And they blame the Catholic Church for sending missionaries over to Church for sending missionaries over to Church for sending missionaries over to convert these natives to Christianity.

onvert these natives to Christianity.

I have just returned from a two-week visit to Brazil and will be writing about that in my regular column on page 4 in a couple weeks. (I wrote this week's and next week's columns before left.) But I'll jump the gun with this editorial commentary because it pertains to Monday's anniversary.

Correction

In the story about archdiocesan grants to schools in the Sept. 25 Criterion, the number of students in the 1992 summer program at St. Charles Borromeo School, Bloomington, should have been 531

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The night I arrived in Brazil for the World Congress of the Catholic Press, the film "Amerindia" was shown. It was produced by the very controversial Bishop Pedro Gasaldaliga of Sao Felix do Araguaia in Brazil, with funding from the Catholic

in Brazil, with runding from the Catholic Communication Campaign of the U.S. bishops. The bishop was present to explain what he meant to do with his film. The film is supposed to tell the story of the discovery of America from the view-point of the indigenous natives. It is an attempt to get people, especially white Christians, to understand the feelings of this hemisphere's indigenous people to what has happened to them since the

The film began with quite a long segment showing how some of today's indigenous people around the Amazon still live today—very primitively but with their own beliefs and values. Then it went on to show what the influence of the white man has meant-polluted rivers, disend of the native cultures, et

Then it attempted to show that the atholic Church has not done enough to help the indigenous people, saying, in effect, that they were better off before the church evangelized them. I get a little tired of hearing the church

criticized for evangelizing the native people. It's true that the white man brought many bad things to the people there, but I certainly can't criticize efforts to teach them about Jesus Christ. Quite the contrary, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was the greatest gift ever brought to this hemisphere.

nemisphere.

The film had long segments showing the natives doing their dances naked to try to give the impression that they were innocent people. But they weren't really living in paradise. They warred among themselves, took and kept slaves, practiced human sacrifice, etc.

Sure, they celebrated creation and had their own religions, tried to protect nature and enjoyed the fruits of nature. But if we believe that Christ came to redeem all humanity, that includes these native people and they have the rig! * to

Greenwood cable TV offers EWTN

Post-Newsweek Cable of Greenwood has begun broadcasting the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), according to announcement from the network's headquarters in Birmingham, Ala

Subscribers are able to see EWTN from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. on channel 22

EWTN is the network begun by Mother Angelica, a Franciscan nun, in 1981. It features family-oriented, spir-itual-growth programming from a Catholic point of vie

learn about it. Their primitive religions, as good as they might be for these people, certainly aren't Catholicism.

To say that we should leave these

people alone with their religions is equivalent to saying that one religion is as good as another as long as you believe in something. Or that these natives aren't worthy to learn about Christianity. But if we truly believe that our religion is God's greatest gift to us, we should want to share that gift. That was the incentive of the early onaries just as it should be ours

Archbishop meets 1,000 school children at cathedral Mass

by Margaret Nelson

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein met 1,000 new friends on Wednesday, Sept. 30 when he presided at a Children's Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Representatives from schools all over the archdiocese filled the cathedral. Child-ren carried colorful banners and sang rful songs to begin the liturgy.

In his dialogue homily, the archbishop referred to the Gospel reading from John, asking when Jesus made these remarks.

After a shy beginning, the children brightly answered questions, like another name for being a disciple, how many apostles Jesus had (they all shouted "12"), and what happened when they had their last meal together.

After students said that Jesus the said the sa

After students said that Jesus turned bread and wine into his body and blood, the archbishop was told that is called "Eucharist." "What did he ask the apostles to do?" he asked. When a child answered, to do?" he asked. When a child an Spread the Good News!" the archbishop "You have a good teacher.

He followed the story of how the faith was passed through the years, by ordinations of priests so that other people take the apostles' place. The archishop said that, 500 years ago, some descendents of the

apostles came to America. "The church grew quickly," he said. When the archbishop asked, "Who are the successors of the 12 apostles today?" a child said it was the pope, and the next student knew that he succeeded the apostle Peter. When the children said that cardinals, bishops and priests followed the apostles, he said, "Don't forget me." He explained that, after Archbishop O'Meara died, the pope had to find a successor.

"Are you going to pray for me?"
Archbishop Buechlein said. "You know Archishop buechen said. You know that I pray for you every day. Every Sunday, I pray for every one of you in a special way. You're good. You have good teachers. I can tell."

After the Mass, in which the Children's Eucharistic Prayer was used, Courtney Burks, sixtheyrarder from St. Jude Parish welcomed the archbishop and promised that all of the school children will "support and help you." She presented a picture of jesus with children. "Whenever I see this picture, I will pray for you even more," the picture, I will pray for you even more, archbishop said.

Then Archbishop Buechlein offered nem a gift—a free day from school before

Many of the children also received a handshake from the archbishop as they left the cathedral.



DIALOGUE—Students turn to hear another child's answer to a question of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB. He quizzed the assembly about the Gospel during the Sept. 30 Children's Mass at the cathedral. Representatives of schools from across the archdiocese celebrated with their new archbishop. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

PRO-LIFE SUPPORT MISSION

She had an abortion; now she deters others

by Margaret Nelson (Eleventh in a series)

It happened 10 years ago. But "Megan" will never forget the day she had ar abortion—or the events that led to it.

"It was the worst mistake I ever

"In 1982, I found out that I was pregnant. I was divorced," Megan said. "My parents were on vacation, but my sister said I should tell them. My mother said, 'You'll ruin your life.' I had already had a test at the clinic and they automa-

tically gave me information about abortion.
"When I was married, I had tried to "When I was married, I had tried to get pregnant. So abortion was the last thing I wanted to do. It was a hard decision," she said. Then a Methodist living in southern Indiana, Megan believed that abortion was killing. But everyone she talked to in the family, her

friends, even the family minister said she would ruin her life by having the baby.

"The day I went in to have the abortion, it was wild!" she remembers. "There were so many girls in there-something like 30! I remarked about how many there were, and they told me that was the second group that day. They all had different reasons for being there.

"One was divorced and in her 40s— older than most of us. She had teen-age children and didn't think she could handle raising another child by herself," said Megan. "The greatest number were teen-agers. Some girls had had several abortions see thouseholders and the seed thouseholders." and thought nothing of it.

"And there I was, crying the whole time," she said. "They put me to sleep while I had the abortion. I could never have survived otherwise. When I woke up I was still crying. They kept me there for quite a while, until I calmed down.

"I have been going to a psychiatrist off and on ever since," said Megan.

She thinks that abortion should be illegal. "You are so scared. You think it's an easy solution," she said.

Megan has since wed a Catholic man. "I've been married eight years. My



DECISIONS—Heeding advice of other can bring confusion—or later, remorse.

husband and I have tried to have a baby, but we're having trouble," she said. "I feel like I'm being punished. I know I'm not, but that's always in the back of my mind. You know, 'You killed it.' I always wished there was more I could do to keep this from happening to other girls.

"Then, close to a year ago, I saw a notice in the parish bulletin. I was so happy to see it written down. It was all about reconciliation for abortion through about reconcination for abortion through the church. The psychiatrist had told me the logical reasons why I did it, but it seemed like that wasn't helping me where I hurt—in my heart," she said.

The number Megan called was the Pro-Life Office (317-236-1569) where she talked with Myrna Vallier. Megan was referred to Joan Smith at St. Elizabeth's

"I talked to her," Megan said. "She made me feel good about myself. I have

never known anyone to give so much of her life to help others

"I went to a priest in the area for reconciliation. Many people who knew me did not know about my abortion. Now, I'm not afraid to tell anybody, even though I'll always be ashamed of doing it.

It doesn't do any good to make a mistake unless other people can learn from it," Megan said. "Now that I feel better, I help at St. Elizabeth's. If anyone calls them about having an abortion, they ask me to talk with them."

She said, "I ask the girls why they want to do it. If they think it's any easy way to get it over with, I explain that an abortion is

I am working with one girl. I take her

"I am working with one girl. I take her for her doctor appointments. I will go through the delivery with her.
"Because of the abortion, I had panic or anxiety attacks for three years. I would drive down the road and my heart would be pounding. I was sure I was going to have a heart attack," she said.
"If you've had an abortion, the best thing to do is face it," Megan said. "Use the experience to prevent other people from making that mistake."
"I have been Catholic for four years and

from making that mistake."
"I have been Catholic for four years and have been going to a Catholic Church for more than 10 years," Megan said. "After I got married again, I would avoid going to church on Right to Life Sunday. It would tear me up. They would talk about what a bad thing abortion was, but show no comparation for women to the property of the comparation of the about what a country and a position was, but show no compassion for women who had them. I couldn't listen to it. I couldn't sign right-to-life papers. How could I say it was wrong when I did it?"

Megan dosent.

Megan doesn': believe that pro-life people or candidates need to use the pictures of aborted fetuses. "The abortion issue stands on its own. Think of all the babies that are aborted. There are several

babies that are aborted. Inere are several abortion: clinics in the Louisville area. But there are people waiting for babies.
"My husband and I are on a waiting list for adoption. We belong to a Resolve support group that has hundreds of wonderful couples waiting. Some of them are willing to spend \$10,000 to \$12,000 to

adopt these kids. Those kids won't want for anything, the couples want them so badly. But we don't make a lot of money. We can't afford to spend \$10,000." "I know a family that is trying to get

"I know a family that is trying to get their teen-age girl to have an abortion. She is 24 weeks pregnant. I was four weeks pregnant and it was horrible for me. I teel for her. I can't believe her parents are putting her through that," she said, "My mother thinks abortion is okay. My

"My mother thinks abortion is okay. My father knows what it's done to me was terrible. He won't give me any more advice. I was not ready to be a parent emotionally or financially. But I could have lived with giving the child for adoption, rather than killing it." Megan said.
"That's what I hope to do, to stop and let girls know that a person who does this has to live with it."
She sees the people praying at the

She sees the people praying at the clinics. "I would like to start getting involved in that. The word 'choice' is such a contradiction. Where I work, the girls go out to pro-choice rallies. It makes me angry, but they don't understand what they're doing.

'No one should have the choice to kill. It's against the law to destroy an eagle's egg, but you can kill a fetus," Megan said.

egg, but you can kull a fettus," Megan saud.
"I think it would be wonderful to save
one girl from going through it. Just this
past year, I thought, "Why did I have to
go through this? What did I do to deserve
this pain?" I think I was meant to go
through this so I would try to stop
others," she said.

"I think the way we're growing up is what's getting us in all this trouble," said Megan. "I feel like my parents should have

self-esteem," she said.

In early September, the priests from the New Albany Deanery met at St. Elizabeth's. "I told them what happened to me. St. Elizabeth was not there when I was pregnant. We need to let everyone know about that alternative."

Megan still talks once a month with a priest who received the Project Rachel training through the Pro-Life Office. "We talk about a lot of things. It was wonderful that the priest was there to help." She hopes the information about reconciliation will be used in more bulletins.

The Pro-Life Office has held Project Rachel training sessions for priests and counselors who offer post-abortion reconciliation and pastoral care. The office also mails special information to callers, tailored to their personal situations.

She said, "I know God forgives me. Now I work on myself forgiving me. People are not as forgiving as God is."

Collaboration theme of education board meet

Leaders of boards of education in the archdiocese will attend the 20th annual board leadership conference at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center on Oct. 31.

"Challenges and Rewards of Collabora-tion" will be the theme when the new executive director of the Office of Catholic Education, Daniel Elsener, presents the keynote address.

The event is intended as training for

board members, principals, directors or administrators of religious education, pastors, teachers and catechists.

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Each participant can select three workshops. The first session will offer talks on
parish collaboration, adult religious formation, spirituality, ministry of religious
education leaders, evaluation of principals

During the second session two pastors,

Hispanic representatives meet for evaluation of their ministry

''It was very helpful,'' said Father Mauro Rodas.

He was speaking of the recent meeting of representatives of the Hispanic community with several archdiocesan leaders for a "think tank" discussion of the goals and objectives for the year.

objectives for the year.

Father Rodas, director of the Hispanic Apostolate, and Delia Diaz, assistant director, me with the representatives.

"We asked them to help us to see the things we are not seeing." Father Rodas said. "They saw what we have accomplished. They were happy with the things we had done." But the said they questioned we had done." But the said they questioned. we had done." But he said they questioned the lack of solid future objectives. Providence Sister Loretta Schafer

former chancellor; Franciscan Sister Carol Schroeder, Marian College; Julie Szoleck-Van Valkenburgh, director of youth and young adult ministries; Bob Meaney, coordinator of catechetical ministry formation; Maria Tapia, archdiocesan planner;

tion; Maria Tapia, archdiocesan pianner, and Shirley Boorman, were present. Father Rodas explained that participants received a copy of the thesis that Diaz and Tapia had written on the history of the archdiocesan Hispanic community. It was completed as they studied for master's degrees in religious studies, which they received last May at Mundelein College.

could see a picture of all our ough the years," he said. "And focus on the future. They were we this information."

idea was for the apostolate to work with Marian College to see if it would award credits for in-depth study.

"The group saw the need for developing youth leadership. They will be replacing us as future leaders of the church," said Diaz.

'It was a very alive gathering," she i. "We have tried to look at our ministry critically many times. But this was a good experience. They could tell us, 'You have all these things. You still need to develop these other areas.'

'First, we want to be the presence of the Catholic Church in the archdiocese," said Father Rodas. "We want to be open in rather Rodas. "We want to be open in every way to the special needs, to guide people while they are in the archdiocese—some move away. And we want to encourage them to become active in the ministry of the church. There is a difference between believing and living their faith."

The consultant group's thinking was that the Hispanic ministry is very important for the archdiocese, he said

"They were giving us support and they gave us vision," said Father Rodas.

Father Clement Davis and Father Steven Schaftlein, will speak on collaboration. Other topics are collaboration with parents, fostering adult faith formation, teacher salaries, youth ministry, and training for parish leaders.

The third session will cover the relationship between pastoral councils and boards of education, development, finan-cial statements, formation of catechetical leaders, collaboration during meetings, and the deanery boards' role in fostering collaboration among parishes

Those interested should contact the Office of Catholic Education before Oct. 23. The fee for the day is \$12 per person or \$10 each for a group of five or more persons. The price for lunch is an additional \$5.50.



REGISTERED—Jean Dixon of the City-County Building Office of Voter Registration assists Archbishop Daniel Buechlein on Sept. 29 as he registers to vote in Indianapolis. Until July 14 of this year, he was Bishop of Memphis (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

FROM THE EDITOR

Queen Isabella of Spain: Is she a saint?

In this year of the celebration of the quincentenary of the discovery of America, a lot of attention has been paid to Christopher Columbus. But some attention is also being paid to someone else who played an important, in fact vital, role in that discovery—Queen Isahella of Stain

Isabella of Spain.

It's not prominently known, but
Queen Isabella is being considered for
sainthood by the Catholic Church. Her
positio (a printed volume trontains
all the pertinent information for evalaution by officials at the Congregation
for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican)
has been completed and is ready for
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judgment.
This year, too, there have been at This year, too, there have been at least two books published about Isabella—"Ysabella de Trastamara: First Lady of the Remissance," by Elizabeth Long (Alhamar Publishing, Inc., 1523) Ventura Bivd., Suite 704, Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Cover, Side 704, Shard Cover, Side 705, Shard Cover), Side 705, Shard Cover).

ISABELIA WAS UNDOUBTEDLY .ne of the most influential women in secular history, but a saint? As I pointed out in an earlier column ("Quincentenary of Spanish Jews' Expulsion," March 2"). it was Isabella (along with her husband Ferdinand) who asked Pope Settus IV to establish the Spanish Inquisition responsible for executing thousands of Jews and Moors, and it was isabella and Ferdinand who signed the decree in 1492 giving Jews three months to get out of the country. Ten isaucial and reculiant who signed the decree in 1972 giving Jews three months to get out of the country. Ten years later she did the same to the Muslim Moors—decret that they either had to convert to Catholicism or get out of

Spain. If she is ever canonized, the church will have to explain what is saintly about someone who did this.

Nevertheless, it is true that Isabella was a very holy oman. At tin nes she would move into a convent v worman. As times site wound move into a convent where she lived the life of a nun, wore simple clothes, prayed her rosary and prayerbook, and sewed. She talked about religious commitment, was generous to widows and orphans, and tried to live Gospel values.

ISABELIA WAS RESPONSIBLE for some very ISABELLA WAS RESPONSIBLE for some very important church reforms in an age when the church badly needed reforming. And the corruption and immorality began at the top. As I stated in my book. "Moments in Catholic Horry." "Many of the popes of the 15th century were a sorry lot and their actions were responsible for the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. The Catholic Church could only have survived the 15th and early 16th century popes through the providence of God."

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century popes through the providence of God."

Along with so many other things, this year happens to be the quincentenary of the ascension to the papacy of Pope Alexander VI, who reigned from 1492 to 1503. Halos from Spain, who reigned from 1492 to 1503. Halos from Spain, who reigned from 1492 to 1503. Halos from Spain, who reigned from 1492 to 1503. Halos from Spain, which was from Spain, who was some spain and fathered a number of children, but his favorities were those born to Vannozza Catanei—Juan, Cesare, Lucrezia and Goffredo. As pope, he proceeded to enrich his family.

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In Spain, many of the religious orders had grown lax in their observance of their rules. Priests and monks lived openly with their mistresses, were accustomed to fine wines and food, and high church offices were sold to the biochast bidder (the six of emproy). highest bidder (the sin of

highest bidder (the such of simony).

Isabella we cuestful in changing a great deal of this, so working mains, through her confessors and, in particular, the Franciscan mark Ximenes Cisneros. He was lated become a cardinal, the Archishop of Toledo and Reg role of Spain. As a such of her efforts, the Franciscans, the Dominicans, the Augustinains and the Carmellies in Spain all put through important reforms. In her book, Nancy

Rubin said that Isabella purified the church in Spai to such an extent that, when the Protestant Reform on occurred in the 16th century, Spain was not affe ted because its church was no longer corrupt.

But what about the Inouisition and the expulsion: the Jews? Isabella's apole is explain that Isabella's inst confessor, the Domin monk Tomas of Orquen ida, convinced her of the importance for the unity of Spa not having only one religion and that the Jews were a f react to the country. She did, therefore, request Pope Sig is IV to establish the Inquisition has laso, her proponent say, made a vow not to interfere with Torquemada's conduct of the Inquisition.

Her treatment of the Jews and the Moon argument says, stemmed from her compassion allowed them to convert to Catholicism or be instead of putting them to death!

WHETHER OR NOT SHE should be cancelled WHETHER OR NOT SHE should be can ized, sabella was a remarkable woman. She rose from p verty to become Queen through political maneuvering, intended the kingdoms of Spain, defeated the Moors who had occupied Spain for six centuries, brought a bis krupt nation into a thriving economy, created the organiz tonal structure of the Spanish state, and brought culture to an uncultured people. uncultured people

And, of course, she was the only monarch in Euro se who And, or course, she was the only monarch in Euro who was willing to sponsor Columbus' voyage in search is a new route to the East Indies, a journey that resulted in the discovery of the New World. History books sometim scredit both Ferdinand and Isabella with supporting Colum us, but apparently Ferdinand thought the whole idea was exy and only Isabella backed the voyage.

Those who have criticized the discovery of a present of a p

Those who have criticized the discovery of America because of the subsequent treatment of the Indian should know that Isabella issued an edict strictly for bidding slavery in the New World. She tried to make sun that the natives were treated with dignity and respect.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Gennesaret Free Clinic volunteers show how to help poor

I have written many stories about the poor and the homeless, decrying the tragedy of poverty which denies people basic necessities of life,

cluding health care.
Understandably, I
as touched when I received a letter from Mary Ann Wyand, assistant editor of The Criterion, newspaper of the Indianapolis Arch-

Wyand asked me if I'd be interested in I'd be interested in knowing about a medical care project for the poor which has been operating in the poor which has been operating in Indian-noils since 1988. I was, indeed.

She told me about Dr. James Trippi, an

Indianapolis cardiologist who apparently had seen too many homeless and sick people standing in food lines. "We could

truck rum.

Rallying some fellow physicians and
urses, Trippi organized a free clinic that
rovided medical care one night each we
or the homeless and the indigent in

He called it Gennesaret Free Clinic, naming it after a fertile plain along the Sea of Galilee where Christ healed the sick.

of Gallier where Christ healed the sick.
"Perhaps the use of this ancient
name," Trippi said, "will remind us that
as we touch some of the members of our
society who are on the fringe, that we too
are hoping to become healed by them.
Sometimes it hard to tell the healer
from the healed."

There now are six free clinics operated by volunteers at Indianapolis shelters. And a mobile medical van serves people who cannot get to the shelters.

Trippi's work is becoming recognized as a model for medical staff and volunteers in

other parts of the country where such health care is needed.

Recently the Gennesaret Free Clinic, the

Recently the Gennesaret Free Clinic, the Indiana Department of Health and the Methodist Hospital of Indiana jointly conducted a conference on health problems afflicting the poor, which included hyper-tension, sexually transmitted diseases, mental illness, nutrition deficiencies and alcoholism.

alcoholism.

They hoped to stir in health care professionals and volunters in other parts of the country the kind of commitment and caring that was begun at Gennesaret.

"The people," Wyand said, "are so selfless in their concern" while working with the clinic, adding that Trippi, a local parishioner, keeps up a busy practice "but lives his mistry." Trippi said: "Volunteering as medical care givers to the poor has forced up to see their plight."

Wyand said that the homeless in Indianapolis increased 9 percent last year, and families made up about 60 percent of the homeless in that city.

Trippi said that government, the insurance industry and the medica community now must "address the touth issues of indigent health care and no leave it to bands of good hearted coulture rs."

The people of Gennesaret, with Christian the motivation, have reached out to the poor and sowed a seed that is along good coot. What volunteers now numbering about 400—did in Indiana sits, other motivated volunteers can do es where.

"We're ready to share the good news."

motivated volunteers can do els awhere.
"We're ready to share the go do newy."
Wyand said, explaining that de Indianapolis volunteers want to tell ther concerned people "how they too can a help the
very deserving Americans who are homeless or indigent and need medica care."
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The Gennesaret Free Clinic of ers a free manual with detailed instruction on how to set up a health care minist y to the

to set up a nearm care minually to the homeless and adoin, write: M ry Ann For information, write: M ry Ann Wyand, The Criterion, Box 1717, Ind. mapolis, IN 46206. Or phone: 317-236-1570.

THE HUMAN SIDE

Once respect for life is lost, death is immediately there to replace it on our streets. We grow indifferent to

Feeling a bit lifeless these days? Maybe you should get involved in the pro-life movement. It challenges us with some

movement. It challenge lively questions like:
Why do we spend billions to prolong life, knowing it will eventually end? Why do people dedicate their lives to saving endan. ves to saving endangered species, forests and oceans? Why is the church against capital punishment and ra-cism? Why do we re-

cism? Why do we re-joice when a good friend's well-being returns after having suffered a depressi The answer to all these revolves around that vital force known as

life. There is a spirit within all creation that we feel impelled to preserve and foster. Ever since civilizations began, there have been people who believed that God caused the world's existence. The vital force that sets life in motion originated As civilizations comprehended this more fully, the reaction was one of fear, awe, respect and submission. People came to realize that every time a seed was planted or a child born, they were participating in a Godlike act, setting life in problem.

Altars for sacrifice were introduced into people's social customs to symbolize submission to God and the people's joy at their awesome privilege as sharers in ongoing creation. They also realized an ongoing creation. They also realized that they had the freedom and power to extinguish the vital force of life, and that laws were needed lest freedom be

Whenever respect and submission have declined, humans have committed atrocities against each other more vicious that those seen in the animal world where the law of the survival of the fittest prevails.

Then the preservation of life loses its eaning. Th en we see millions, like those in Somalia, allowed to die through starvation because of selfish civil strife Then we experience senseless murders

Weary, disillusioned or indifferent, any come to see life belonging only to ose most fit to survive. Others, overwhelmed, just turn away and give up on the ideal of preserving life. A hardness of heart or a numbness sets in, extinguish-ing zest for life. The idea of participating in a Godlike action no longer inspires a

sense of awe.

The pro-life movement aims at preserving the ideal that in giving life or
maintaining it we cooperate with God in
his act of creation. The movement's aim
is to heighten the sense of awe in the
presence of life and to combat the
hardheartedness or indifference that
tempt us when we feel overwhelmed.

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This movement provides guidelines to keep our reasoning—our power to think—clear, so that it never loses sight of what

This movement involves a community This movement involves a community of caring persons who believe laws against abortion not only are needed but, moreost, that once reset for life is lost, death is immediately there to replace it in every nook and cranny of society. become very tough, but it is a tou it love that only hopes to elevate our approciation for everything that is alive and good, within and around. within and around us.

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To the Editor

Pray for souls: don't judge status

I was appalled by both the letter, "Divorced Catholics," and your response to it which appeared in the September 25 issue of The Criterion. The letter questioned the church standing of a divorced and remarried Catholic who had died tragically remarried Catholic who had died tragically during the previous week. Although The Criterion protected the identity of the letter writer, it printed the name of the recently deceased, Mr. Frank McKinney Jr.

deceased, Mr. Frank McKinney Jr.

If the letter writer truly wanted to
explore church teachings regarding
divorced persons, all heishe needed to do
was to consult a priest. Instead, a particular
individual's spiritual status was questioned
in a public forum. A Catholic newspaper
should never have printed such meanspirited gosspir.

The editor's response was narrow.
Holv Communion is vital to the spiritual

Holy Communion is vital to the spiritual life of a Catholic Christian. Why should it life of a Catholic Christian. Why should it be denied based on marital status? Do some Catholics actually believe that remarriage is an unpardonable sin? Do they really believe that our God is so hardhearted and unrelenting? The family and friends of Mr. Frank McKinney Jr. should know that while

"Name withheld" was probing canon law, most Catholics, I feel certain, were praying for their comfort and strength and for the heavenly repose of Mr. McKinney's soul. Kathryn E. Chapman

Indianapolis

Let one without sin cast stone

I became angry when I read the letter to the editor in the Sept. 25 Criterion criticizing Frank McKinney Jr.'s right to a Catholic burial. Our Lord said to those who brought him the woman accused of adultery. 'Let him the woman accused of adultery, "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone

I didn't know Frank McKinney person-ally, but I do know the family of one of the other civic leaders who died in this tragic accident, and I know the pain they are

suffering.

I congratulate the pastor of St. Luke's Church for having the courage to follow Christ's teachings.

The person who wrote this letter didn't have the guts to allow the name to be revealed. You may print my name.

Helen L. Wilson

Point of View

An open letter to Fr. Paul Sweeney

by Richard P. Monroe, Jr

I attended the reception at St. Mary of the Knobs to honor you on your retirement from the active priesthood. I know you deserved every one of the expressions of love and gratitude you received that day. As a student at Holy Irinity School in New Albany in the 1950s, I can truly say that your first assignment was a gift to us. For many of us "hooligans," you were the right man, at the right place, at the right place, at the right time.

at the right place, at the right time.

Before it burned to the ground in
December of 1975, Holy Trinity was New
Albany's "Irish parish." I remember that
the adults welcomed this smiling Irishman
and the children all loved you. A couple of
years ago you jokingly said that, of all the
things you tried to teach the kids, the only
thing we seemed to remember were the
stories about "Topper." (Gopper was an
invisible horse that lived in the rectory.)

Having the gift of Irish blarney, you would delight the kids with a new episode of Topper when you visited the classrooms. I do indeed remember looking forward to those tales but I would like to share with you, a few of the lessons that I learned from Father Paul Sweeney

I remember the young man who gave of himself and his time to coach a fifth-and sixth-grade basketball team. Needless to say, there were no "360s" or slam dunks. You taught us the fundamentals. We



SOLID SIX-Father Paul Sweeney and his 1955 Holy Trinity 5-6 team: Dick Tabor, Dave Hines, Ron Lindquist; Tom Lilly, Dick Monroe and Don Lindquist. learned to dribble, pass, shoot, screen, cut, pick and roll, blockout, rebound and to hit open man

the open man. We learned that floor burns were a reward for hustle and should be worn with pride. We learned that baskethall was a team game. It was a game to be played-not a war to be fought. In 1955, you coached us to a CYO championship. You taught us well. Kentucky may have had its "fabulous five" but we had our "foldie or." 'solid six.

our "solid six."

I remember the man who instilled in a young boy from the housing project a much-needed sense of self esteem. I remember that you taught me that my contributions to the team effort were needed and appreciated. I remember this man of the cloth who told us that there would be no "bore-assin" at practice. You not not you stoke our up to the programmer than the programmer three than the programmer than the pro not only read Latin, you spoke our language too!

I remember learning that no matter how good you are or how hard you play, on any given day, you can run into someone who is better than you—that day, and that the only true sport is a good sport. I never got to play for Tony Hinkle, but I am very thankful that I got to play for Father Paul Sweeney.

I remember when you, probably the only man alive who could have accomplished it, explained to Sister Helen Gertrude why a boy would skip school to watch the World Series. I remember that it s you who convinced her that it would not be fair to ban me from athletics for the rest of my days at Holy Trinity.

I remember my mandatory apologies to the nuns and the stern lecture that followed. I remember crying through that lecture. Not out of fear, but because I had done something that you did not approve of and that was the last thing I wanted to do.

I remember that you told me that I had a bad example for my younger brothers and my classmates. I also remember the pat on the back when it was over and you told me that sister was from Chicago and was probably a Cubs fan. I needed that and you

I remember how hard you worked to get the gym built, the St. Patrick's Day shows, the long lines at your confessional, and the 5 a.m. Mass with no socks on.

I remember hearing that it's okay to earch to the beat of a different drummer as long as you stay in tune with your conscience and know where you are going. Yes, Father Paul, I remember the stories about Topper. However, I must confess that I no longer believe in him—it's the leprechauns I'm not sure of!



Why does Church take benign view?

"Sex is good-so why try to restrict it?"
People like to hear this sort of thing. For one thing, its trillating talk, and for another, people like to be told some of the off-the-wall things they are doing, would like to do, or would like to dream about doing, are not only popular but are okay.

You know: "If it feels good, do it."

Now the Roman Catholic Church has a Now the Roman Catholic Church has a much tougher time at this game. The Donahue types have a seller's market for their brand of sex education. The Roman Catholic Church does not. Nobody seems to be buying traditional Christian teaching on sexual morality, and what makes that morality an even tougher sell is that morality an even tougher sell is that morbody is even talking about what that teaching is, or what is the basis for it.

It all started way back in the beginning. You know, when God sort of topped himself by making man in his own mage and likeness, then gave man and wow mage and likeness, then gave man and wow may be made to the started with the man who will be made and women the ability to join him in bringing mew human life into being. God himself, the Creator, breathes an immortal soul into each of these news of these revenues. of these new persons.

It is only if one remembers this teaching, this truth, that Catholic teaching on sexual

morality makes sense. Deny that truth and it's not difficult to rationalize divorce, artificial birth control, abortion, euthanasia, pre-marital sex, homosexual activity or any kind of sexual practice we look upon as deviant.

Sextian practice we rook upon as deviant.
What it boils down to is that large segments of our society, particularly those with the most influence—popular writers, composers and artists—have rejected, worse, decided to ridicule Christian sexual morality standards. One does not need to

morality standards. One does not need to be extremely bright to see the results.

It seems curious — me that people of influence within the Catholic community, prominent teachers of moral theology for example, view this rejection of the Church's steaching as somewhat benign, if not positively good in some instances, yet claim to accept all the "important" Catholic teachings. Such thinking defies logic.

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As the King of Siam said in the musical,
"Is a puzzlement."

Don Critchlow

Indianapolis

Enjoyed Fr. Ken Roberts retreat

Special thanks to Father Mark Svarcz-kopf for having a four-day parish retreat conducted by Father Ken Roberts.

What an uplifting experience! In the language of a teen-ager—Wow!! What a priest. Barbara Tutts

Indianapolis

Welch did good deeds in silence

Most people know the many public contributions that Bob Welch made to the Indianapolis community. But Bob, in response to the Biblical admonition, did

response to the Biblical admonition, did many good works in private. My father told me of the time Bob and he visited the convent of an inner city parish. All the nuns shared one bashroom and the facilities were broken and outmoded. Bob said, "These good nuns bob sent control than this." The next day. Bob sent control the control than the city control than the control than the city of the expand the facilities.

expand the facilities.

I'll remember Bob for the good deeds that he did in silence. Charles E. Stimming

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Birth control revisited

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

The encyclical "Humanae Vitae," issued by Pope Paul VI on July 29, 1968, reaffirmed the church's official position on birth control. It also caused

many Catholics to regard the magisterium as being out of touch with them in their struggle to be responsible parents. For millione of Catholics and Catholic millions of Catholics this is a painful conflict. They admit that they practice birth control, but they still want to

live in peace and unity with the church. That's why it was fascinating to read a Vatican news release reporting on a public debate between two cardinals who dis-

agree openly on this controversial topic Cardinal Franz Konig, the 86-year-old tired Archbishop of Vienna, Austria, retired Archbishop of Vienna, Austria, challenged Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 65, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to a debate on the birth control issue saying he wanted to show "Catholics of good will that it is possible to live very concretely in unity with the church even when differences persist." In the present ecclesial climate, a quote like that coming from a cardinal is indeed newsworthy.

Though both cardinals agreed that the use of sex should be guided by morals, they quickly began moving in different directions in their interpretation of how this was to be accomplished.

Catholic couples know they have the right and duty to decide the number of

children they feel capable of raising, but the church teaches that the use of artificial contraception as a means of limiting the size of the family is immoral. Surprisingly, Cardinal Konig said that the distinction between artificial and natural birth control seems to be saying, from the moral point of view, "that what is important is the trick (one uses) in cheating nature." He continued, "Too little is said of the fact that conscience is too intelessand or the fact that conscience is the final standard. Everyone is called to decide according to his or her own conscience. The rule of prudence should be used even on the subject of birth control."

Cardinal Ratzinger replied: "Conscience could become nothing else than a superficial user of particular to the conscience could become nothing else than a superficial user of particular than the conscience could be come nothing else than a superficial user of particular than the conscience could be come nothing else than a superficial user of particular than the conscience of the conscience could be come nothing else than a superficial user of particular than the conscience of the conscience of the conscience is considered to the conscience according to the conscience

superficial way of making excuses. In a world in which sexism and promiscuity are spreading, sexuality has become easily available merchandise to be used at any moment without danger. It should not be separated from reproduction or it will have about the same relationship to morality as drinking a cup of coffee."

Cardinal Konig pressed his argument:
"There are many practical reasons for rethinking birth control. The question of world population, for instance, cannot simply be ignored. The church's teaching authorities whould be used to humanize authorities." authority should be used to humanize se within matrimony and family."

within matrimony and family."

Concerning the question of theological pluralism in the church, Cardinal Ratzinger admitted that theology cannot simply be a science which only repeats the affirmations of the papal magisterium. "Such a view," he said, "would be completely mistaken. The teachings of the pope are not a substitute for theology."

(for a free copy of the Christopher News Note "Speaking of Sex," send a stamped, self-addressed envolper to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New York, N.Y. 10017.)

CORNUCOPIA

Their story is not (his)story

by Cynthia Dewes

Is there anyone alive anywhere who still does not know that Columbus discovered America/The New World exactly 500 years

ago? And that people are either delighted or disgusted by that fact,

depending on their political authenticity? We can only hope not. Not to add fuel to the argument, but isn't this dispute irrelevant? I mean, that was 500

years ago and this is now. Can't we just admit to the fact that we're here already, and look to the future?

Consider the options available to us.We could:

 Make all the people of European extraction go back to the old country. Of course, this would create trouble for the old countries, which are in big trouble already, but that's their problem.

Come to think of it, it might just create a favorable balance of trade for a change because, once back there, everyone would be importing his or her favorite American beer or designer jeans or Ben and lerry's ice cream.

lext, send all the Asian, Near Eastern and other non-native American peoples for their old countries also, but since these governments have not always cottoned to our political desires anyway, they deserve what they get.

3) While we're at it, send all the African-Americans back to Africa, but give them each \$10,000, a new car, and a certificate of apology signed by the president of the National Geographic Society Affor all the survey of the National Geographic Society Affor all the survey of the National Geographic Society. After all, they were forced to come over as slaves in the first place.

4) Tear down the infrastructures of all the cities and towns, level buildings, rip up highways and railroad tracks, turn all the animals loose from zoos, farms and pet stores, and put air freshener out.

5) Re-stock the country with buffalo and (pardon the expression) Indian ponies and black bears and wolves and peyote and cannabis. Blow up the dams, epting beavers'.

6) Furnish every Native American with 6) Furnish every Native American with whatever equipment he or she may require to restore his or her national integrity. Also, pass out an apology for white colonialism. This will be pictographed on birch bark, and accompanied by a useful map of the (for lack of a better word) Western Hemisphere, etched on leather with a porcupine quill.

7) Demand back from the rest of the

7) Demand back from the test of the world every tomato, corn kernel, chocolate and shred of tobacco which they may a constrict every ounce of

silver, gold, or precious stones taken from the New World, even if they must be ripped outright from sacred artifacts.

8) If we can think of a way to do it, offer to take back all the "civilized" diseases that originated in Europe. In return, "native"

originated in Europe. In return, "native" powes will be promptly dropped off on the dock at San Salvador.

9) Finally, inform all the federal workers and school kids who look forward to a holiday that the fun is over. And the Knights of Columbus better get a life, too.

Now, if all this seems like a lot of processers the better voice in the History is eight History is

unnecessary bother, you're right. History is history (or herstory), and we can't go backward in time. I say: Full speed ahead,

check-it-out...

Eternal Word Television Network EWTN) will air highlights of Pope John Paul II's visit to Santo Domingo on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17-18, beginning at 10 p.m. EST each day. For more information call Tricia Hungerpiller at 205-956-9537.

A seminar on Homophobia in Relig-ion and Society will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at The Hermitage, 3650 East 46th Street Homophobia is an unwarranted fear of homosexuality in oneself or others. Topics will include theological issues, local concerns and resources. Bring a lunch. The fee is \$35 at the door, or \$30 by pre-registration. Contact: Center for Ho-mophobia Education, P.O. Box 1985, w York, NY 10159, 301-864-8954.

Continuing Education courses at Marian College for Fall "92, dedicated to the Quincentennial of Columbus' discovery of America, include "From Sea to Sea," a cultural awareness series held in Stokely Mansion. Programs include: American Indian Oct. 13; New Guinea, Nov. 10, Hispanics. Dec. 14; African Americans, Jan. 12; India, Feb. 15; Ireland, Mar. 16; Amish, Apr. 12; and Fülipinos, May 11. The \$20 cost includes dinner. Call 317-929-0126.

The world's smallest circus, the Royal Lichtenstein Circus, will appear at 3 p.m.

on Sunday, Oct. 18 at St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Avenue. Admission is \$1 for the circus which features clown comedy, magic, juggling, balancing, trained animals and narrated mime-fables.

Kevin Barry Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians will attend 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 18 in St. Matthew Church, 4100 East 56th Street, followed by a degrees ceremony for local, Louisville and South Bend division candidates in the parish Lawle Room at 1 p.m. Current dues card members will be admitted, and are encouraged to wear their sashes. Family members are invited to join members for a light luncheon at 3:30 p.m. Call president Robert Cottingim at 317-251-1075 for reservations. The AOH Ohio State Degree team will conduct the organization's ajor degrees, led by national past president Michael Coogan.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), led by Henry Leck will host four children's choirs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 14th and Meridian Streets. The choirs will perform with the New World Chamber Orchestra as part of the Midwest Kodaly Music Educators of America convention. Leck will also direct a performance by the ICC at 1:30 p.m at University Place Conference Center on Oct. 10.

The Indianapolis Deanery Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a One-Day Trip to St. Meinrad on Tuesday, Oct. 20. A chartered bus will leave the Catholic Center, 1400 North Meridian Street at 7:30 a.m. sharp, returning about 7:30 p.m. The cost of the bus, lunch and tour is \$20, or \$8 for those who provide their own transportation. Reservations WITH PAYMENT are due by Oct. 10. Contact: Kathy Bunn, 3130 Shady Grove Court, Indianapolis, IN 46222, 317-924-0769.

Father Thomas Zimmer, state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus will be chief Mass at 4 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 11 in Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens Street. The event will begin with recitation of an evangelization prayer at 3:30 p.m. Music will be provided by soloists Gary Asher and Marie Mascari, parish organist Tom Looney, and the choir and brass musicians of Holy Name Parish. Father Joseph Schaedel will give the homily. A recep-tion will be held following Mass.



"HEAVENLY" ANGELS—Guard-ian Angel Guild members prepare for their "Heavenly Happening" luncheon and style show to be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Oak Hill Mansion, 5801 East 116th Oak Hill Mansion, 5801 East 116th Street, Carmel. They are (from left): Anne Anderson, Patrice Sex-ton, Kathleen Hahn, Myra Stem-nock and Loretta Sweeney. Those wishing more information may call 317-849-5170.



GLORY TO GOD—Gloriae Dei Cantores, a 44-voice professional American choral ensemble, will appear in concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 14th and Meridian Sts. Specializing in Gregorian chant, the choir has a repertoire of British, American, European and Russian compositions from the 11th to the 20th century, including Byzantine chant. Their American tour follows a concert tour of Albania, Moscow, Siberia and Bulgaria completed last Spring. Tickets are \$12.50 each or \$10 for students and senior citizens, available from TicketMaster. (Photo by Steve J. Sherman)

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Health care for homeless is topic



Dr. Philip Brickner

by Mary Ann Wyand

Author and physician Philip Brickner of New York City, the keynote speaker for the second annual "Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference" in Indianapolis last month, said homelessness is a poverty issue without a solution.

"The real issue is poverty," he said. "The homeless are the poorest of the poor The consequences of an unsafe and impoverished lifestyle upon health are self-evident. If you lack access to health care, if you become ill it's going to get worse. But on top of that, the very nature of that way of life is dangerous to health. Generally homeless people are victimized. The levels of trauma and injury among the eless are remarkably high

About 25 percent of homeless persons in the United States are women, Dr. Brickner

aged 18 and younger

"A homeless woman is always at risk," he said. "The consequences of that are seen every day in shelter health care clinics and every day in sneiter health care clinics and hospital emergency rooms. And children who don't get proper pediatric care and immunizations have chronic infections. We know from studies that homeless children have extremely high levels of asthma" as well as respiratory infections, ear infections, and skin infections

"All this leads to chronic problems and early deaths," he said. "Jim Wright, a demographer who did most of the studies nationally, found that chronic homelessness takes about 20 years off the person's life expectancy. Twelve to 13 percent of the U.S. population is age 65 and older, but only about 3 percent of the homeless are age 65 and over.

Dr. Brickner is the editor of "Under the Safety Net: Health and Social Welfare of the Homeless in the United States" and the author of five books. He serves as chairman of the Department of Community Medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in New York City, a Sisters of Charity health care facility. He also directs 30 outreach clinics for the poor in New York City and he previously helped start 19 national health care centers for the homeless under the auspices of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. James Trippi, founder of the Gennesaret Free Clinic for the homeless poor in Indianapolis, invited Dr. kner to address conference participants on Sept. 12. During his visit, Dr. Brickner met with Daughters of Charity Sister Nancy Crowder, director of the Holy Family Shelter, on Sept. 11 while on a tour of that Catholic Social Services facility.

Sister Nancy explained that there are currently about 2,200 homeless people on the streets in Indianapolis on any given day and about 65 percent of the home

Dr. Brickner said Sister Nancy "clearly has a very appropriate fix on the (homeless) situation here" and noted that those local statistics "are almost exactly

those local statistics are authors con-on target with the national figures."

The New York physician also met with
Dr. Matthew Vega, director of the People's Health Center Homeless Initia-tive Program, who told him, "Indiana tive Program, who told him, "Indiana now has the highest number of folks ever

on food stamps."

When ministering to the homeless and the poor, Dr. Brickner said, care givers should focus on helping one person at a time and not let themselves become frustrated by national statistics and the fact that "our success stories are failures to other people.

Terre Haute firefighter goes to the churches to save lives

by Dave Delaney

After the priest finishes telling people how to save their souls, Phil Hellmann tells them how to save lives.

For five years Hellmann, a 38-year-old Terre Haute firefighter, has been speaking from the lecterns of local Catholic churches to persuade parishioners to take his cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation (CPR)

"I take pride in taking regular people and turning them into potential life-savers," said the St. Benedict parishioner, who is a lieutenant with the Terre Haute Fire Department.

"It gives me a good feeling to help my fellow man," he said

fellow man," he said.
Hellmann said that people who use the information he provides in his six-hour course will be in a much betier position to save the lives of their loved ones—or strangers—in a medical emergency.
"God has given us our hands," he said, "and doctors have given us the knowledge."
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Hellmann said that some of his former students have been called upon to use their

CPR skills in emergency situations.

He believes that everyone should learn CPR skills, because no one knows when the situation will arise that he or she will be

needed to save a life. Hellmann teaches students about cardiac arrest, how to dislodge articles from the throat of a child or an adult, and other

life-saving techniques 'If everyone knew CPR, we'd save

about one of every three people who go into cardiac arrest," Hellmann said.

About five years ago, the Terre Haute firefighter decided to take his CPR talents into the Catholic churches of the western Indiana community. He's been doing it

Hellmann provides the manikins for demonstration purposes, and other CPR materials. He charges what some of his clients describe as "a very modest fee" for what they learn about life saving.

"It's a service," he said. Hellmann also teaches school teachers and restaurant personnel during his time away from the fire department. He has taught at other churches and day care centers as well

"We can have up to 15 children here at any one time," said Nora Shelly Frederick, operater of Pony Playland day care center in Terre Haute. "It might take some time to get an ambulance here." That's why she asked Hellmann to work with her staff. "Now I think I can use the proper procedures until the paramedics come," she said. Frederick believes school children

everywhere should be taught these life-saving skills. "Now all of us here know what to do in case of an emergency."



CPR—Phil Hellmann, firefighter and mem-ber of St. Benedict, speaks at Terre Haute churches to urge parishioners to learn life-saving skills. (Photo by Dave Delaney)

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North Deanery schedules year-long adult faith program

Marian College and the Indianapolis North Deanery Network for Faith Develop-North Deanery Network for Faith Develop-ment are sponsoring a "We Believe" Catholic faith lecture series, beginning on Oct. 14 and continuing through April.

The network is also coordinating three ssions of the National Issues Forum.

The first session will be held next Wednesday at Immaculate Heart Parish, when Mary Fran Crowley, director of Furrawn Center will talk on "Revelation, God Revealing Who God Is to Us.

On Nov. 18 at St. Joan of Arc Church, Kevin Duggan, director of religious educa-tion at Holy Name, will discuss "Morality."

"Creation" will be the topic at the Dec 16 session at St. Thomas Aquinas when Bob Meaney of the Office of Catholic Education talks. "The Creed, Our Basic Beliefs," will be presented by Franciscan Father Bob Baxter on Feb. 17 at St. Luke,

"Church" will be the topic on March 24 at St. Lawrence Church, with Ann Corcoran leading the discussion. And "Sacraments" will be the topic of Karen Oddi at the April 21 presentation at Christ the King Church.

All "We Believe" sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5.

The National Issues Forum will discuss 'Remedies for Racial Inequality'' at the

Oct. 18 meeting at St. Andrew Church.
"Health Care Crisis-Containing Costs and Expanding Coverage" will be the to at the Feb. 21 meeting at St. Pius registration by Feb. 8.

On March 21 at St. Matthew, "Prescrip tion for Economic Prosperity" will be the National Issues Forum topic. Registration is due by March 8.

All sessions have a \$5 fee for materials Those wishing to attend the Oct. 18 session should call 317-545-2814 immediately.

Fr. Aristide condemns Vatican for recognition of Haitian government

Catholic News Service

UNTED NATIONS—Father lean-Ber-trand Aristide, the Catholic priest ousted as press lent of Haiti by a military coup last year, condemned the Vatican in a speech Sept. 29 at the United Nations for what he its recognition of the current Haitian government.

also called for full support of the

He disc alled for full support of the trade embargo against the current regime. "Rejected by all the states of the world, these criminals are nonetheless recognized by the Vatican," he said, speaking in French with some interjections in Haittan Creole. "It is the only state that has chosen to bless the crimes that it was obligated to condemn in the name of the God of justice and of peace."

Last January the Vatican promoted its

Last January the Vatican promoted its charge d'affaires in Haiti to the post of papal nuncio. While Haiti claimed the move amounted to recognition of the

the Vatican said it was merely replacing a nuncio who had been transferred to Africa. In his speech Father Aristide asked what

the Vatican's attitude would have been if Haitians had been white and what Pope John Paul II's attitude would have been the country had been Poland.

He noted that in October the pope would visit the Dominican Republic, on the same island with Haiti, for the meeting of the Latin American episcopate. Referring to the Gospel parable, he asked whether the pope would come as the "Good Samaritan or as the high priest."

Father Aristide said that in any case he wished love and peace to the pope because the Gospel teaches that people gain no merit by loving only those who love them.

The pope earlier this year called on the international community to help Haitians build their own future. He said Haitians were victims of "an implacable logic of violence and hate" which prevented them



U.N. ADDRESS—Ousted Haitian President Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide address general assembly in New York Sept. 29. Father Aristide called "a scandal" what h the Vatican's recognition of the current Haitian government. (CNS photo from Reu

from expressing their aspirations toward

from expressing their aspirations toward peace and democracy. Father Aristide, expelled from the Salesian order when he refused to curtail his political involvement, sprinkled his address with references to the New Testament, classical authors and modern philosophers

philosophers.

He spoke in the large hall of the U.N.
General Assembly as part of the opening
general debate that takes place each year
during the first weeks of the annual
meeting. Despite Father Aristide's removal from power Sept. 30, 1991, after he
served just seven months, he is still
recognized at the United Nations as
Hait's legitimate head of state.
In Hait he oovernment is currently in

In Haiti, the government is currently under Prime Minister Marc Bazin. But in a under Frime Minister Marc Bazin. But my press conference immediately following the General Assembly address, Father Aristide said Bazin was "only a puppet in the hands of the military."

The exiled president in both his address

The exided president in both his address and the press conference called for the United Nations to add its weight to efforts of the Organization of American States for his return to power. He said that U.N. Secretary General Butros Butros-Ghalli expressed to him in a private meeting a willingness to help if requested by the OAS exceptive search.

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For Father Aristide's address, the galleries, which are often virtually empty, were packed with his supporters who applauded his remarks enthusiastically. Several times they chanted phrases with him or entered into a sort of liturgical

response.

Many thousands more supporters participated in a street demonstration outside U.N. headquarters the day of his address. And an hourlong documentary strongly supportive of his position, "Haiti: Killing the Dream," was broadcast by New York's

main public television station the same evening.

The priest fashioned his address in the form of eight "democratic beatitudes."

form of eight "democratic beatitudes."

He began with: "Blessed are those who defend democracy, for peace reigns among them." Another read: "Blessed are those who reduce expenditures on human development." He ended with: "Blessed are those who not the threshold of the third millennium discover the true face of the Haistan people."

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Despite controversies, Father Aristide said, the Haitian people support the OAS embargo on trade with their country as long as the present government is in power And he called for a "real, complete and total" embargo. If imposing a total blockade is found necessary, the Haitian people would welcome it, he said.

Days after his ouster the OAS imposed trade embargo to force vinstallment of

Days after his ouster the OAS imposed a trade embargo to force senstallment of Father Aristide and it urged member nations to freeze Haiting government assets. The restrictions allowed humanitarian aid channeled through private agencies. Last May the OAS imposed new sanctions, such as punishing ships that deliver oil and other goods, and monitoring commercial air traffic. The OAS also asked European nations to support the embares. European nations to support the embargo; many had continued to trade with Haiti despite the restrictions

despite the restrictions.

Father Aristide spoke of the poverty and discrepancy in wealth that exists in Haiti particularly and in the Third World in general—77 percent of the world's people live on 15 percent of the world's income. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

"The structures of exploitation that we have inherited must be transformed."

have inherited must be transformed democratically into structures of participation and of justice," he said.

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Age: 82 This Fall

Former Occupation: Medical Technologist

Hobbies: Reading, music, excercise, cooking, baking, arts & crafts, Pres ident of the resident's council (which is almost a full-time job).

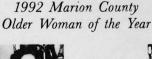
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Priest wins Islamic award for architecture for redesigning slum

JAKARTA, Indonesia (CNS)—A priest s won an Islamic award for architecture for his work in redesigning the riverside slum area of Kali Code in Yogyakarta, 250 miles southeast of Jakarta.

Father Yusuf Bilyarta Mangunwijaya. 63, was one of the nine winners of the 1992 Aga Khan Awards for Architecture, offered by the Aga Khan Foundation for Architecture, an international Islamic

UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, reported that the selection jury said Father Mangunwijaya deserved the award for his achievement in endowing a marginalized population "with dignity and self-respect by redesigning a derelict space into a healthy urban environment." healthy urban environment.

Father Mangunwijaya and eight people from Turkey, Syria, India, Burkina Faso, Egypt and Jordan received the cash awards totaling \$500,000.

The priest, a graduate of the School of Architecture in Aachen, Germany, had received the 1991 architecture award from the Indonesian Architect Association for

his design of Our Lady's Shrine of Sendang-Sono in Central Java

Sendang-Sono in Central Java.

Kali Code village was notorious among
Yogyakartans as a den of thieves and
robbers amidst piles of garbage. Since its
redesign, Kali Code is mentioned often in
various seminars and workshops on human settlements in urban area

Minister of Population and Environ-ment Emil Salim has referred to Kal Code as an ideal model of an urban village along a riverside.

Assisted by village chief Willibrordus Prasetya, 47, a Catholic, and student Assisted by vinage chief williprorus Prasetya, 47, a Catholic, and student volunteers, Father Mangunwijaya started redesigning the villager in 1983. He persuaded the villagers the improvements would save them from the danger of foods. The writist was completed in 1085. floods. The project was completed in 1985.

floods. The project was completed in 1985. Using local materials, especially bam-boo, the priest and volunteers helped the dwellers build houses on high noles, creating an open space under the home that was used as a community center. To be fully involved with the community, Father Mangunwigay moved to the area to live in a small bamboo house.

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Second marriages get complicated at times

by Fr. David K. O'Rourke, OP

Second marriages in the church are becoming more common—from couples marrying after the annulment of a prior marriage to widows and widowers marry-

marrying after the annulment of a prior marriage to widows and widowers marrying again late in life.

What do we know about second marriages? We know a lot. And what we know should make us sit up and take note because the levels of stress and the problematic issues facing couples who marry for the second time are significant.

Let me explain: I begin with what are called blended families—single parents, with children from a former marriage, who marry and form a new, larger family.

To judge by movies and sistoms, blended families are a happy though chaotic mix of upbeat people trying to preserve sanity in a world that seems nore like summer camp than family life.

The reality is very different. What these families report as their principal experience is not excitement but loss.

Let me explain by using a family whose names I will change. After annulments of their first marriages, Blo Miller, a father with three children ages 9, 11 and 14 married Ann Summers, the mother of four children in the same age groups.

Ann Summers, I are rambling house

Ann Summers' large, rambling house became the new home for this couple and their seven children. The Miller children

their seven character. In a Miner character left the only home they ever knew. They also left their friends and school. But most important, the Miller children lost the exclusive relationship they had experienced with their father, who now had a new wife and four new children. The exclusives him with their father had become exclusiveship with their father had become relationship with their father had become an anchor in the troubled years before their parents' separation, and now the Miller children felt as though they were losing their dad, too.

Up to now, the Summers' children always had the run of their rambling house. But now there was a new name on the mailbox. Their mother also had a new

mailbox. Their mother also had a new name, not their name.

There were three new kids sharing their space, even bedroom and closet space. And their mom's bedroom, which had been the chosen place for the informal late-night family conferences in the three years since the divorce, now had a new man in it and was off limits.

The extra bathroom and shower in the bedroom was now the new couple's private turf. All seven children had to use the other bathroom.

It seemed to the Summers children that all the unwritten ground rules were gone

about what goes where and what does not. And the Miller children felt like foreigners in someone else's house with more rules than they ever expected.

What each set of children experienced was not the gain their parents had told them to anticipate but a clear sense of what they had lost.

Younger couples who marry in the church after the dissolution of a first marriage have to be sure that the issues that were undermining their first marriage are resolved.

marriage are resolved.

Almost invariably, this requires some talking through with the intended new spouse. Often a person feels that the first marriage taught enough lessons. But it is only when a person reflects upon experience that it can teach.

Older men and women who marry after the death of their spouses have to face the fact that they often have accumulated the kind of possessions that young newlyweds only hope for—household goods, the value of a house or insurance or pensions.

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Who do these possessions go to in case of death, the grown children of the first marriage or the new spouse?

What about the china and silver or other household effects that belonged to the deceased first spouse? Do they go to his or her children, who often think of them with great attachment for sentimental reasons, or to the new spouse? tal reasons, or to the new spou

These questions need real answers before marriage, preferably in writing, or there is the risk of real trouble. What do these situations say to us?

What do these situations say to us? No matter what the age or situation of the spouses, marriages will have ground rules. And it is best that they be the couple's rules, not rules worked out in the previous marriage. I have seen more than one second marriage troubled by the phantom presence of a former spous

Even in a troubled marriage that ended in dissolution, a spouse may have become accustomed to the way the other pecome accustomed to the way the other spouse kept house, handled the check-book, brought money home, or raised children. Naturally, these ways can be remembered with special fondness when they marked the life of deceased and beloved spouses.

The situations I have described indicate The situations I have described inducate that couples planning a second marriage in the church need personal preparation related to the expectations, the ground rules and even the sense of loss that they are bringing to a second marriage.

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(Dominican Father David K. O'Rourke is pastor of St. Dominic Church in Benicia, Calif.)



PREPARATION—Couples planning a second marriage in the church need personal preparation related to the expectations, the ground rules, and even the sense of loss they are bringing to a second marriage. (CNS photo by Gene Plaisted/The Crosiers)

Healthy marriage requires maturity

by David Gibson

A successful marriage requires maturity on the couple's part:

▶ keeping things in perspective and not overreacting to problems or conflicts.
 ▶ being trusting and trusting others.

▶listening and wanting to appreciate how unique another person is.

▶learning from experience and accepting forgiveness for mistakes while not eling condemned to continue past negative patterns.

►accepting emotional support from others and giving it.

exercising compassion, realizing that inadequacies never erase another person's strengths.

►making commitments and keeping promises. seeing a crisis as an opportunity and

waiting as events of the moment unfold toward a happier conclusion. ►grasping why extreme self-suffi-ciency is a fault.

Mature people pray. They welcome God's companionship along with the opportunity to share life with others.

(Danid Gibson edits Faith Aline!)



DISCUSSION POINT

Stress 'time, talk, touch and trust'

This Week's Question

You are in a second marriage in the church. What advice would you give a couple preparing for such a marriage?

"Do your best, not your least, to avoid past mistakes. In regard to your future, we suggest that you engrave in your minds the four 'ts' of a good marriage: time, talk, touch and trust." (Frank and Madeline Skvarca, Orange, California)

Counseling is wise so you can discover anything you need to handle ahead of time. If either partner has children, make sure that you really love their kids." (Denis Melbourne, Anaheim, California)

"Interview a number of priests and religious to find someone you're comfortable with because you're going to need to work with somebody. Had it not been for the priest we worked with, his understanding and compas-sion, I don't know what we would have done There are people out there who understand." (Kevin Kohrman, Green Bay, Wisconsin)

"Get yourselves educated. Attend workshops. Get your hands on literature, especially about step-families. There are so many myths and misconceptions." (Sheila Hood, North Canton, Ohio)

"You need to be telling each other how you feel about everyday things—children, work. You also need to realize that the two of you can't go it alone. You need faith the ting everything together." (Shirley Jordan, Canton, Ohio)

"They ought to communicate what their beliefs are so they can understand where each of them is coming from. This is particularly important for older couples with children who are active in their own faiths." (Dwight Fortner, Charleston, West Virginia)

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With second marriage, nine shall become one in blended family home

by Richard Cain

When Marilyn Hess prepared for her second marriage, she set about the daunting task of making an instant family of nine. Her husband, Richard, brought four children to the marriage. She brought three children, whose father now had died. And the couple has since had two more.

"It was very difficult," said Hess, who

for three years has been associate director of the Office of Family Life in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Archdiocese of Indianapoils.

Hess said one big problem was her expectation that they would be a normal family.

"I used to feel I was a thermometer."

neasuring whether we were there yet,

she said. "We never were."
Looking back over 12 years, she has no doubt the struggle to make one family of 11 individuals was worth it.
"We were fortunate," she said. "Our children treated each other with much respect, although things went on that we didn't hear about until later."

In second marriages, there are often double sets of everything—children, parents, in-laws and traditions, said Teresa McAlister Adams, a trustee for the National Step-Family Association and author of "Living From the Inside Out."

And each spouse brings baggage from the first marriage, she said, that can take the form of guilt over the breakup of the first marriage or grief at the loss of a loved one.

"In second marriages, you've got love and grief intertwined at the genesis of the relationship," Adams said.

Husbands and wives also bring patterns of dealing with a spouse learned in the earlier marriage. Many unconsciously assume the new spouse will act the same way, said Donna Conn, marriage ministry coordinator for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.

Many second marriages start with an additional handicap. Any children involved usually are in their own state of grieving. Frequently this grief is channeled into resentment of the new spouse.

Most church marriage preparation is not designed to handle all the added complexities of second marriages. So, increasingly, parishes and dioceses offer special programs for these couples.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, for example, offers Pre-Cana II. The archdiocese also sponsors Discovery Weekends to help couples anticipate the problems of second marriages, according to Eunice Dora, director of programs for the Chicago archdiocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life.

But only so much can be accomplished before the marriage. To deal with step-families' special problems in an ongoing way, the archdiocese developed the Positive Steps program, which utilizes peer-support groups led by people in step-families.

In Omaha, a similar support group meets each month, listening to speakers and building supportive relationships through socials. According to Conn, com-mon topics for discussion selected by the group include parenting skills, communi-cations, and finances.

The Omaha Archdiocese also targets the



BLENDED FAMILY—"In a second marriage, there are often double sets everything—children, parents, in-laws, traditions," Teresa McAlister Adams of National Step-Family Association explained. "You've got love and grief intertwined at genesis of the relationship." (CNS photo by Mimi Forsyth)

need to deal with grief and loss in preparing for a second marriage. For children, there is Rainbows for All God's Children, with a similar program adapted for teen-agers.

For teen-agers.

Before couples begin marriage preparaBefore couples begin marriage preparation, the archdiocese suggests that they
participate in Beginning Experience, a
program that can help spouses cope with
their sense of grief from the problems or
losses during their first marriage comes slowly.

"I don't think any preparation could
ever be adequate," Hess said. Her
husband suffered a heart attack
recently. When she saw the family gather
around the hospital bed, Hess said she
realized that her 12-year goal of family
unity had been achieved. "I realized we were one family," she said.
"Everyone was feeling the same pain."
(Richard Cain is editor of "The Catholic
Spirit," messpaper of the Diocese of Wheelings.

Spirit," newspaper of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va.)



NEW SIBLINGS—Children have to learn how to adjust to life in a blended family. (Photo by Barbara Hadley)



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by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The second Book of Kings supplies this liturgy with its first scriptural reading. The two Books of Kings originally were one. A translator divided the

book into two, and so modern translations present the work as two volumes. As the name implies, these books focus upon the kings of Israel. More than mere governmental figures, they em-bodied the soul of the nation, and the people believed that they po



dose relationship with God and a duty to rule with wisdom and compassion.

Not all the stories in the Books of Kings,

Not all the stories in the Books of Kings, however, deal with the kings. Others are mentioned, which as Elisha the prophet, and mentioned, which as Elisha the prophet, and the property of the stories o were abandoned and driven away.

Naaman was cured. Elisha, the prophet

Naaman was cured. Elisha, the prophet, had ordered him to bathe in the waters of the Jordan River. Naaman attributed his cure to Elisha, but Elisha insisted that the power of God effected the healing. So Naaman praised God and pledged to worship God forever.

worsing God torever.

The Second Epistle to Timothy is the source of this weekend's second reading. The epistle is addressed to St. Timothy, a companion of St. Paul on some of the great missionary apostle's journeys, and by tradition the first bishop of Ephesus. However, in this reading, the central figure is Paul himself.

In this reading, Paul is in prison. Over the years, Paul was jailed on several occasions, usually for the less serious infraction of breaking the peace. His privileged rank as a citizen of Rome, in a

time when few in the Roman Empire ergoyed that distinction, helped him secure his release on some occasions. Possibly on others it helped him in avoiding arrest

As time passed, and as the official Roman mind turned more and more against Christianity, he became a suspect in the much more serious crime of treason

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Because treason was punishable by death, to be imprisoned as a Christian was very serious indeed.

This weekend's reading is a testimony of Paul's unyfelding faith. Living as he may have been at that time in the shadow of the executioner's sword, he still professed his total dedication to his apostolic mission and his belief that in death he would unite himself forever with Jesus and in that, he would living the control of the would live forever.

would live forever.

Luke's Cospel is the origin of this weekend's reading from the Gospels. In this reading, Jesus is presented as passing to Jerusalem through territory mentioned in news reports today as the "West Bank." Along the way he met 10 lepers. Once again, the exact diagnosis of their illness cannot be procured today by what was written of them in these Scriptures. It seems certain that they were not afflicted with Hansen's disease, but knowing that would have been of little comfort to them. They were surely miserable in their illness, and they were social outcasts in the worst sense of the term.

The Lord curred the 10 with the power of

sense of the term.

The Lord curse the 10 with the power of God. Their joy knew no limits, but only one returned to Jesus in thanksgiving, Interestingly for the followers of Jesus, that one man to thank Jesus for his cure was a Samaritan. The followers of Jesus all knew, and probably shared, the prejudice that Samaritans were basically degenerate and unreliable people from whom little good could be expected.

Reflection

Last week, the church, liturgical readings, reminded us that each is called by God to union with him in faith. No one is accidentally or spontaneously a

No one is accidentally or spontaneously a Christian, if he or she truly is a Christian. Christian faith is a free gift from God, presented to some according to the providence of God. None seeking God, however, is denied this gift.

The gift, if honestly and genuinely received, transforms a person. This transformation by definition means that the

Daily Readings

Monday, October 12 Seasonal weekday Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27. Psalms 113:1-7

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13 Seasonal weekday Galatians 5:1-6 Psalms 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14 Callistus I, pope and martyr Seasonal weekday Galatians 5:18-25 Psalms 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15 Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor

Ephesians 1:3-10 Psalms 98-1-6 Luke 11:47-54 Friday, October 16

Hedwig, religious Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Luke 12:1-7 Saturday, October 17

Ignatius of Antioch bishop and martyr Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 12-8-12

the truly committed Christian

person, the truly committed Christian, stands in the likeness of Jesus and acts accordingly. Not to act accordingly is to be a fraud, to reject God's gift.

The readings this week develop the same theme. Sin is a malady as deadly as the worst human illness. By sin, we estrange ourselves from God and from culture manual trules. estrange ourselves from God and from other people as well. God's grace heals us of the evil that is sin and makes us fresh and wholesome in our lives, directed toward God, at peace with others, loving the needy around us and even beyond us. Each person who knows the tranquility of heart and firmness of purpose that are the marks of committed Christianity under-

stands what God's gift actually is. Each possessing that gift is as Naaman or the lepers on the way to Jerusalem. Each has the obligation to give thanks to God, as Naaman and the Samaritia gave thanks. Giving thanks in these readings is not presented as a burden nor does it demean us in any way. It reveals our true Christian relationship with God. In his love, God has healed us. In our love, we give thanks.

The Second Enistle.

The Second Epistle to Timothy this weekend reminds us that we give thanks not just in words, but in bold, convincing testimony, in acts and words day after day, to proclaim the goodness of God to all whom we meet

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THE POPE TEACHES

Bishops act in union with pope

by Pope John Paul II Remarks at Vatican audience Sept. 30

Continuing our catechesis on the church, we recall that the bishops share in the same mission and authority which apostles.

Accordingly, the Second Vatican Council speaks of the sacramental nature of the episcopacy: through the agency of the bishops, it is Christ himself who preaches the Word of God, who administrated the Word of God, who administr preaches the Word of God, who adminis-ters the sacraments, and who directs and guides the people of the New Testament (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 21). By virtue of this sacramentality, the bishop not only represents Christ, but also has the right and duty to act in the person of Christ, always for the good of

In fulfilling this ministry of direction and unity, the bishop is called together with the priests, his co-workers, to cooperate with the unfailing grace of the Holy Spirit.

He must act in union with the pope and the College of Bishops, so that the unity of the church may be made manifest in love.

I encourage you to pray for your bishops that, despite human weakness and limitations, they will ever be sustained in their service to all Christ's brothers and sisters.



MY JOURNEY TO GOD Bouquet

Death is the blossom, life the stem-One breath will touch the two of them. Forevermore the bloom will live Reflecting what the stem could give No matter length or breadth of shaft But depth of truth from which it quaffed.

O ageless flower, withered stem, How sweet the scent of requiem

-by Dorothy Colgan

(Dorothy Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad.)



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Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Sneakers' dazzles as an intellectual thriller

by James W. Arnold

A thriller that ends with jokes rather than deaths? A high tech adventure tale with no fireball explosions, and where

with no fireball explosion meither guys nor girls take off their clothes or take of their clothes of their clothes

caper him from rhin Alden Robinson, the writer-director of "Field of Dreams." It's noth-ing like "g of D," but it'; refreshing and ing like "# of D," but it') refreshing and cinematically dazzling, a jolly if imperfect

It also has a message: in this scary information Age that we're all sailing into, where you live and die by what you know or don't know, the new source of power is not guns or bombs but intelligence—aided by the boundless potential of the allectrois melecular. the electronic microchip

of the electronic microchip.

Camaraderie among a mix of big-name males is the distinctive ingredient. "Sneakers" has been called a high-tech "Dirty Dozen," but that gives a wrong impression. In "Dozen," the men were, at least superficially, not "nice." Here, they're definitely "nice." The others in violence levels is like pro football and chess.

The group of two master of the group of the computer hackers, electron made up of computer hackers, electron the group of the computer hackers, electron the group of the computer hackers, electron the group of the

beings. They're hired by banks and places like that to break their security systems, then tell how they did it. (That makes it legal and moral.)
Robert Redford and Sidney Potiter provide the old-line charisma as group leader Martin Bishop, a fugitive 1960s student radical, and Crease, an ex-covert player for the CIA. Dan Aykroyd (Mother), as a brilliant tech break-in artist and conspiracy theory buff ("JFK is still alive"), and River Pheenix (Carl), an electronics nerd, appeal to younger generations.

conspiracy theory but CJPN is sun any e and River Phoenix (Cari), an electronics nerd, appeal to younger generations.

Oddest of all is David Straithaim as Whistler, a whimskel blind computer genius with extraordinary hearing and sense of touch. Straithaim, who can play most anything, is a busy low-profile actor, most recently the sympathetic league director in "League of Their Own." His appeal is to folks who appreciate some gourmet special sauce on their movies.

A high class woman (Mary McDonnell) also joins the boys' caper, and gets into much of the humor and excitement. Although she's Martin's old flame, there isn't more than a flicker of romance. It's mostly to keep her from being grabbed as a hostage.

The plot, which has been cooking.

from being grabbed as a hostage.

The plot, which has been cooking through eight years of rewrites by Robinston and the writers of the computer-based thriller "WarGames" (1982) subjectiously still has a few remnant Soviets. It's a variant on the classic date of a new "weapon" that will give its owner likely control of the world. Only now the "weapon" is a univident of the world. Only now the warpen is a univident of the world. Warpen was the world of the w



'SINGLES'—Actor Campbell Scott portrays Steve, a young man whose determination to concentrate on work vanishes when he meets Linda, played by Krva Sedgwick, in 'Singles,' a story of the daing game as practiced by a twentysomething crowd in Seattle. The U.S. Catholic Conference notes the film's "uppeat tone and clever dialogue" and classifies it A-III for adults. (CNS photo from Warner Bros.)

is (as always) mad but more idealistic than greedy. He hopes to eliminate the money system, "the root of all evil . . . what allows bad people to do bad things."

bad people to do bad things."

The group is hired by the government to steal the precious black box with the chip from its invention, but the feds prove to be phonies. He heroes have to steal it back from an "impregnable," dosely guarded glass-and-steel reasearch complex. The chip passes and steel reasearch complex. The chip passes are steady more hands than the bill at an expensive restaurant, and the journey ends, expensive restaurant, and the journey ends, like "The Maltese Falcon," on a note of irony. But this is its in recessary into faction. The

like "The Maltese Falcon," on a note of irony.

But this is just necessary plot action. The
movie is really about the wizardry and fun
movie is really about the wizardry and fun
of high tech burglary, and the puzzle-solving wits of men and computers, all
splendidly composed and edited like a
visual symphony. It starts, in fact, by
providing the opening credits in delightful
anagrams. Thus, "A turnip cures Elvis"
transmutes into Universal Pictures.

It also has a fresh idea in having the
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Probably the best sequence intercuts the

group brainstorming anagrams with Scrabble pieces while the blind Whistler moves his fingers over his computer and the mysterious black box trying to read its secrets. "Sneakers" also cleverly replays the ancient thriller trick in which a kidnap victim trapped in a cur trunk recreates his journey totally opinterpretting exterior sound.

In a car trust recreates its journey totaly us interpreting exterior sound.

(Thinking person's thriller, with wit, a little character, and electronic dazzle replacing sex and violence; satisfactory entertainment for youth and adults.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

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octore the title.

Series on Columbus looks at the Indians' plight too



PBS SPECIAL-A Zuni tribal elder stands in his ancestral PBS SPECIAL—A Zuni tribal elder stands in his ancestral homeland in the mountains of New Mexico. His people will be featured in "Surviving Columbus," a PBS special program that explores how the various Pureblo tribes have struggled to preserve their identity during 450 years of interaction with Europeans. The program is scheduled to air at 9 p.m. on Oct. 12 on PBS. Check local listings to verify program date and time (CNS shorts from PBS). am date and time. (CNS photo from PBS)

by Henry Herx and Gerri Pare Catholic News Service

Anticipating the 500th anniversary of 1492 and what it wrought is "Columbus and the Age of Discovery," a series of seven one-hour programs, to be rebroadcast Thursdays from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. on PBS beginning on Oct. 15. (Check local listings to verify program dates and times.) Produced by an international constraint of broadcasters including WGBH Boston, the series is the work of many hands and multiple viewpoints.

Columbus is seen as a man of his times where yourself.

Columbus is seen as a man of his times whose voyages of exploration joined two worlds, the legacy of which has come to affect the entire globe.

That's a big carvas to explore and these programs do so in exhaustive detail, distinguishing between fact and legend while making the connection between events and differing while making the connection between events and unlering interpretations of their consequences.

The result is a rich history of ideas as much as it is a

The result is a rich history of ideas as much as it is a crowded history of the social, political and economic forces at work during Columbus: life and through the 500 years since his ships of the New World.

The first program, "Columbus' World," follows the first program, "Columbus' World," follows the future explores formative years in Genoa, Italy, while considering medieval Europe's dependence on trading with Muslim middlemen for the silks and spices of the Orient.

The fall of Constantinophe to the Turks in 1483 is a major

The fall of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453 is a major turning point in the political history of Europe and its trade with the East.

If were fast.

If words fail to convince the viewer of this event's pnificance, the picture of the Turkish army's annual significance, the picture of the celebration of the city's fall will.

The second program follows Columbus to Lisbon, Portugal, to learn from the Portuguese, Europe's most successful navigators, and, from there, to the Spanish royal court to seek backing for his plan to reach the East by easiling Worth

The third and fourth programs detail Columbus' first The third and rourin programs detail Columbus' first crossing of the Atlantic and his confusion over what he thought he had discovered.

The fifth program, "The Sword and the Cross," looks

The program, "The Sword and the Cross," looks at the Spanish Conquest of the Americas and the decimation of the native population.

The so-called Black Legend of the conquistadors is put

into context by examining the vigorous consentinuous of the Indians made by the Dominican friar Bartolome de Las Casas and other

As one of the program's historians puts it, the Spanish ere "the first to denounce the excesses of their compatriots."

But it was not Spanish greed that was most responsible But it was not Spanish greed that was most responsible for what became known locally as the Great Dying. It was smallpox, measles and other common European diseases to which the Indians had no immunity that reduced the population of New Spain from an estimated 15 million to some 1.5 million within a century.

In passing, the program links the early missionaries' condemnation of the exploitation of the Indians to the church's social action programs on behalf of the poor and oppressed of today.

The sixth program examines the fruitful interchange following Columbus' voyage between the Old World's horses and cattle with the Americas' corn, potatoes and

The final episode, "In Search of Columbus," follows the admiral's fourth and final voyage of 1502, which was an The market disaster. The market propriet of the processor of the admiral's fourth and that voyage of 1502, which was an unmitigated disaster. The major portion of the program, however, is devoted to the controversy surrounding the Columbian quincentenary and the checkered legacy that it represents to various groups.

represents to various groups.

Getting the last word is Mauricio Obregon, a Colombian diplomat and historian, who observes that Europe's "discovery" discovery "discovery" discovery "discovery" when we would be wrong to remember only "the worst" about the man who accomplished it.

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man who accomplished it.

The executive producer of the series is Zvi Dor-Ner, who obviously agrees with Obregon that Columbus is worthy of celebration and his legacy deserves close serutiny. The series should please most everybody no natter what their views on the European colonization that followed Columbus voyages.

Unlike "The Civil War" series of 1990, "Columbus and the Age of Discovery" is diffuse and sprawling and rattles around its five centuries of history. For all that, it offers viewers a wealth of information and much to chew on as the controversy over Columbus and his legacy continues.

(Check local listings to verify program date and time. Henry

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(Check local listings to verify program date and time. Henry Herx is the director and Gerri Pare is on the staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office of Film and Broadcasting.)

OUESTION CORNER

Ask tribunal about annulment issues

by Fr. John Dietzen

I have three questions concerning annulments. They are important to me personally, but I imagine they others as well.

Can an annulment be processed by one party with opposition from the other? For example,

one partner simply refuses to respond, toes that end the procedure?

Since an annulment is a judgment,

it be appealed? Has an annulment ever been granted d the decision reversed? (Tennessee)

An annulment procedure may always continue even if the respon-tent refuses to participate in any way. John partners in the previous marriage are invited to have their say about what happened in the

times the respondent cannot be located. Other

mes, for a variety of reasons such as revenge or simply ranting nothing to do with the case, the respondent will not er correspondence

When this happens, the case normally proceeds with whatever inform tion is available

By church law, all affirmative annulment decisions are automatically appealed to the appellate court or tribunal for

If the first decision is negative, either the petitioner or the respondent may appeal that decision to a higher court. By far most of the time the appeals court upholds or ratifies the

If the appellate court reverses the decision of the original tribunal, the case may be appealed (by the petitioner or the court's defender of the bond) to a third court, usually the Roman Rota.

Occasionally affirmative decisions have been overturned. As far as I can determine, however, it is far more common that originally negative decisions are reversed

I hesitate to become so technical, but I know that for individuals who are involved in such a case, and for their friends and relatives, such details become mighty important and personal.

Your own diocesan tribunal can offer more specific information if you need it.

Some time ago you wrote about the entrance procession and opening song at Mass. You showed that in the church's explanations this part of the Mass was not to greet our celebrant" but to draw the people together and begin our worship of God.

I've used words like that through the years I've been cantor, but never realized before how strange and incorrect they sound

What are the correct opening remarks for a cantor?

A There is no one correct way. But how about: Our opening song (or our song of gathering) is 'Here I Am, on Page 50. Please stand to begin our celebration.

(A free brochure explaining Catholic teaching and practice on annulments is available by sending a stamped and sel-jaddressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Hoby Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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MILY TALK Helping others also helps the care-givers

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: My husband and I both work and have late time or energy left over. We have tried to be foster parents, but that was too stressful.

We've talked about volunteering through our local surch to help with the homeless once a week, but we are o tired and already feel under too much pressure.

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We don't even fuifill our social obligations anymore. We

an't do anything except work and eat and sleep and

casionally grouch at each other.

Life must offer more than this. Help! (New Jersey)

Answer: You describe the "deadly retreat," one that kes you into a boxed-in canyon from which there is no

scape.

You become too busy and stressed so you cut back on cuvities, especially those that involve others. Focus is more and more on self. This leads to depression and, without atside activities, there is no way out.

Remarkably, research indicates that helping others can

relieve stress.

Allan Luks, director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, tells how you can help yourself by helping others ("The Healing Power of Doing Good," Fawcett Columbine, 1992).

People who help others weekly are 10 times more likely to meport being in good health than those who help less often. This health gain was traced to the strong euphoric feelings the helpers received from their efforts, which seemed to replace the tension-filled thoughts that focused on the self.

Nine out of 10 helpers reported feeling greater warmth d energy, both signs of reduced stress. Others reported

increased optimism and self-worth.

Ninety-five percent of the helpers identified an initial physical "helper's high," similar to the "runner's high" following workouts. This seeling of exhilaration returned later when they remembered their helping act.

For the "healthy-helping syndrome" to provide these brooking the content of the c

nefits, five qualities are important.

Personal contact with the person being helped is quired. Check writing, donating baked goods, collecting cyclables, or other indirect help doesn't generate the same

►The helping needs to be frequent. Studies found that a verage of about two hours per week produced the best

It requires helping strangers as well as family and riends. This gets the focus more off self and provides a reater sense of self-control.

The Having something in common with the recipient helps mance the intensity of the stress-reducing sensations. Examples would be having the same type of illness or grief

▶The health-enhancing emotions received come from be bonding connection, not from "success" in changing the recipient. Focus on being there rather than on trying for

Focusing on an outcome over which you have no control ually may be creating a "helper's low" and even more

Try taking the pressure off yourself by finding two hours week to help others.

For ideas on volunteer opportunities, contact your hurch, community service organizations, hospitals, inealth-nuch, community service organizations, hospitals, inealth-are providers, schools, museums, libraries, etc. Look in the elephone directory for ideas on volunteer opportunities. (Reader questions on family liting and child care to be answered n print are inside Address questions to the Kennys, 219 W. Iarrison St., Renselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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The Active List

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October 10 The fundraising committee of St. Augustine Parish, Jeffersonville will hold a Yard Sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parish hall.

Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St.

An Outdoor Mass sponsored by St. Agnes Parish, Nashville will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. behind the Nature Center in Brown Co.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will play volleyball at 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence gym, 46th and Shade-land. Call Jan 317-786-4509.

Northside In-Betweeners 30^s Catholic singles will hold a Pitch-In/Square Dance at 7:30 p.m. (dance 8:30-11:30 p.m.) at

The Criterion welcomes amountements for The Active List of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No nanouncements will be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. Monday the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Merdiam St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

October 9

A Life in the Spirit Seminar continuing for seven consecutive Fridays begins from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-571-1200 to reserve a place.

October 9-11

A Tobit Weekend for engaged couples will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681.

A Marriage Encounter will be held at the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg. Call Andy or Dolly Anderson 317-545-0496 for details.

A Benedictine Life Weekend on "A Monastic Attitude and Understanding of Poverty" will be held for single Catholic women ages 20-45 at the Monas-tery of the Immaculate Concep-tion, Ferdinand. Call Benedictine Sister Rose Mary Rexing 812-367-1411 for details.

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St. Andrew Parish, 4050 E. 38th St. will conclude its Fall Rum-mage Sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. in the church basement (rear

St. Patrick School will hold an All Altumni Dinner/Dance from 6:30 p.m.-12 midnight at the school hall, 950 Prospect St. Cold buffet, cash bar, DJ, drawing, door prizes. Call Coz 317-885-8066 for tickets.

October 10-11

A Weekend Retreat on "Breath of God" will be conducted at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581 for details.

The annual Blanket Sunday col-lection for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in many parishes. Bring clean, usable bed linens, towels, etc.

October 11

St. Mary of the Rock Parish, Batesville will hold its annual Turkey Festival from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. EST. Adults \$5; kids under 12 \$2. Raffles, games,

October Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Monte Cassino near St. Meinrad Archabbey continue at 2 p.m. CDT with Benedictine Father Jerome Palmer speaking on "Columbus and Devotion to Our Lady."

The Social Committee of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Danville will hold an All-U-Can-Eat Break-fast Buffet from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Adults \$4.50; kids 6-12 \$2.50; under 5 free.

A Revised Latin Liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St.

A Parish Mission on "Celebrating As Family in Christ," continuing through Oct. 15 will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. each

evening by Redemptorist Fathers James Gleason and Edgar Gastaldi at St. Malachy Parish, at St. Malachy Follows Brownsburg. Babysitting, trans-portation available; call 317-852-3195 or 317-852-6554, respectively.

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gaged couples will be held from 12:45-5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Pre-registration required. Call 317-236-1596.

A Providence Pilgrimage for alumnae of Indianapolis Sisters of Providence academies will begin with 10 a.m. Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary of the Woods. Lunch and tours of campus fol-low. Cost \$10; transportation

A Rosary March sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima will be held at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St. Father John Maung, speaker.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend the Covered Bridge Festi-val. Meet at Crafty Cockney, I-465 at Rockville Rd. at 11 a.m. Call Mary 317-255-3841 for

The Adult Catechetical Team of Christ the King Parish, 5858 Crittenden Ave. will sponsor a Pro-Life Issues Program after 9 a.m. Mass. Call 317-255-7415.

Sign Masses for the Deaf are celebrated each Sun. in the following churches: St. Thomas, Fortule, 8 a.m.; St. Barnabas, 8300 Rahke Rd., 845 a.m.; St. Joan of Arq., 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.

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

A Spanish Language Mass is celebrated at 1:15 p.m. each Sun. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New

A classical guitarist will perform at 2:30 p.m. in Newman Confer-ence Center, St. Meinrad Seminary as part of the Columbus

Ouincentennial Series. Free The Adult Catechetical Team of St. Gabriel Parish in conjunction with the Indiana Organ Procure-

ment Organization will present a free public education program on organ/tissue donations from 12:30-3 p.m. in the school cafe-teria, 6000 W. 34th St. Call teria, 6000 W. 34th St. Call 317-293-9239 for details.

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A Children of Divorce Program for parents and children ages 6-16 begins from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ir Room 217 of the Catholic Center

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Parenting Teens (ages 11-18) classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at Walker Career Center, 9500 E. 16th St. Call 317-899-2000.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes con-tinue from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital Education Center, 7216 S. Madison Ave. Call Judy Fuhr 317-783-8554 for datable.

The Fall Divorce Recovery discussion series continues from 7:30-9 p.m. with "Dealing with Blame and Guilt" at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

An hour of prayer for peace and justice is held each Mon. at 8 p.m. in St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. Benedic-The Quincentennial Series concludes from 7-9 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center, 46th and Illinois Sts.

*** New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry continues its "Digging the Bible" series from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Aquinas Center, Clarksville.

October 13

Parenting School Age Children (ages 6-12) classes conclude from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Christopher Church, 5301 W. 16th St.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of all ages (STEP) classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St.

The Guardian Angel Guild will sponsor a "Heavenly Hap-pening" luncheon/fashion show at 12 noon at Oak Hill Mansion, 5801 E. 116th St., Carmel. Call 317-898-7596 for information.

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The World Apostolate of Fatima will sponsor an All Night Vigil to commemorate the 75th amount of the Amount of the

A Marian Prayer Group meets each Tues. at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood.

The Strengthening Stepfamilies series continues from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

Mature Living Seminars on History in the Making continue with "Two Hundred Years of U.S. Economics" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Room 251 of Marian Hall, Marian College. \$2 donation.

An hour of prayer and devotion to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother is held each Tues. at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St. Call 317-786-7517,

A Catholic Update Series begins with "God's Revelation" at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave. \$5 fee. Call 317-283-5508 for details.

The Ladies Club of Little Flower Parish will hold a Harvest Lunch-eon at 11:30 a.m. and Card Parties at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the social hall, 13th and Bosart, Luncheon \$4; card party \$2.50.

October 14

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of all ages (STEP) classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Call Judy Koch 317-888-2861.

Parenting of all ages using STEP classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. in Room 217 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call

Parenting of all ages using STEP classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 10 W. 61st St. Call 317-253-1277.

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Faith continue from 7-9 p.m. at Scecina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave.

A Natural Family Planning Class will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1596 for more

The Altar Society of St. Mary Parish, Lanesville will hold its annual Halloween Dessert Card Party at 7:30 p.m. Drawings, door prizes. Admission \$2.50.

The We Believe lecture series sponsored by Marian College begins with "Revelation" from 7-9 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Call 317-545-2814 for details.

October 15

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-ment will be held from 7 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Mass for vocations in St. Lawrence Church, 46th and

Medjugorje Prayer group of families-in-the-home will meet at 5 p.m. Call 812-824-8893 or 812-336-7240 for details.

A program on "Conscience and Consciousness: Moral Decision Making in the '90s' will be presented by Father John Schoettelkotte from 7-9:30 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581 for more information.

Parenting Teens (ages 11-18) classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St. Call 317-283-1518.

A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held each Thurs. at 7 p.m. in St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St. Benediction 8 p.m.

Cathedral High School will hold its first annual Shamrauction Fall Golf Outing and Dinner at 12 noon at Ft. Benjamin Harrison Golf Course. Call 317-543-4940.

A Fall Marian Day will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817 for details.

National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) will hold its annual Day of Recollection at 8:30 a.m. at Owens Hall, St. Mary of the Woods College. Call 812-283-2161.

October 16

An Over 50 Eucharist and Pitch-In Dinner for Richmond area Catholics age 50 and older will be

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St. Simon School, 8400 Roy Rd. will sponsor a Halloween Dance for adults only from 8 p.m.-12 midnight. \$5 at the door.

The Ave Maria Guild will hold a Rummage Sale from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer and reflec-tion is held each Fri. from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass in St. La-wrence Church, 4650 N. Shade-land Ave.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will continue its Central Indiana will continue its Life in the Spirit Seminar and sponsor a City-Wide Prayer Meeting and Healing Service at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

A Men's Retreat on "The Rain-bow Bridge: Covenant and Com-mitment" will be held at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817 for details.

October 17

A Bereavement Workshop on 'Transformation of Grief' will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Chatard High School. Call 317-236-1596.

Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St. ***

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit Church, 7241 E. 10th St. followed by dinner at Chi Chi's, 1-465 at Washington St. Call Mary 317-255-3841 for details.

An Outdoor Mass sponsored by Parish, Nashville will St. Agnes Parish, Nashville will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. behind the Nature Center in Brown Co.

The Sisters of St. Francis denburg will sponsor a Day of Prayer from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. EST. \$10 cost includes lunch. Call 812-933-6462 for more in-

Santa Maria Circle, Daughters of Isabella will hold its annual Salad Luncheon/Card Party from 12 noon-3 p.m. in Wagner Hall, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany. Admission 83.50.

October 18

The Adult Catechetical Team of Christ the King Parish, 5858 Crittenden Ave. will present Father Bob Klein speaking on "Discipleship" after 9 a.m. Mass.

October Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Monte Cassino near St. Meinrad Archabbey continue at 2

p.m. CDT with Benedictine Father Warren Heitz speaking on

A National Issues Forum on "Remedies for Racial Inequality: Why Progress Has Stalled, What Can Be Done" will be held from 2-5 p.m. at St. Andrew Parish, 3922 E. 38th St. Call 317-545-2814

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will hold a General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-255-3841.

The Royal Lichtenstein Circus will perform at 3 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. Admission \$1.

Haitian pastor Pere Rebecca of St. Jean Marie Parish will concele-brate 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 46th and Illinois Sts. Pitch-in lunch and square dance follow.

International and individual actions needed for refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-New international agreements VAILAN CII; (NS)—New International agreements and individual action are needed to ensure that people forced to flee their homes find safety, assistance and acceptance in a new land, a Valtacin document said.

The document, "Refugees: A Challenge to Solidarity," opens with a quote by Pope John Paul II, who described the plight of tie world's 17 million refugees as "a shameful

wound of our time.

Released at the Vatican Oct. 2, the document makes specific requests for improved r. Z., the document makes specific requests for improved international agreements on refugee policy, but also calls for parish-level church action to educate people to overcome their fear of strangers and provide a welfer them.

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Youth News/Views

Priest tells youth about importance of prayer

by Mary Ann Wyand

"Most kids don't know how to pray internationally-known speaker, author and television evangelist Father Ken Roberts said following a Youth Forum on Sept. 27 at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

at St. Lawrence rans in indianapois.

"I was at an airport—I'm always at airports—and I met a bunch of Hare Krishnas," Father Roberts said. "Five of the six were ex-Catholics. And I said, Where did we lose you?" Some of them had been to Catholic high schools, and one had been to Catholic high schools, and one even had been to a Catholic College—Loy-cola—and they said, 'Well, you never taught us how to pray. You just taught us to say prayers.' That really hit me. So I figured, that's true. It's possible to say prayers and not to pray. I'm a priest and I could be saying the Mass and not praying.''
So during the Sunday afternoon Youth Forum as part of a four-day parish mission called 'Catholic, and Proud of Itt' Father Roberts said he decided to teach young people how to pray and to remind them of their purpose in life. 'I' taught them about prayer and

"I taught them about prayer and showed them how to pray in silence and how to look at creation and see God in everything," he said. "I reminded them everything." he said. I reminded them that God made creation. It's his handl-work. How do I know there's a God'I look at creation. Then I told them how to pray, how to get in contact with him. The most important thing, I think, is what we're doing here. What's the purpose of life' So many kids are turning to alcohol and drugs and sex in a search for meaning in the emptiness of their lives. They hope that if they get drunk or get high or if they have a relationship that will be the answer to their purpose. They find it isn't. It's like a never-ending search in the wrong places."

Before speaking in Indianapolis, Father Roberts presented a Youth Forum to 1,100 teen-agers during the Marian International Conference on Sept. 11-15 in Baltimore.

And on Oct. 17-18, Father Roberts will speak at the first international rally for that God made creation. It's his handi

speak at the first international rally for Catholic youth in Russia.

Catholic youth in Russia.

"The Baltimore rally was exciting," he said. "We were expecting about 350 kids for the youth day there and we had 1,100. We had to bring in extra chairs. The kids keep me going. They're so rewarding. Kids are open and can be molded. When people get older, they have already made up their minds and it's much harder. They say, 'We've formed our own group, and that's where it is.' If you don't fit! you don't fit! and that's where it is. If you don't fit into that group, then you're out. Every-body thinks that everybody who is not in

group is wrong."
sked about controversy surrounding remarks he made during his November 13, 1991, talk to youth at the Hoosier Dome, Father Roberts acknowledged that some Catholics have differing opinions on the

topics of sin and forgiveness.

During the Hoosier Dome rally, Father Roberts spoke to teen-agers about "Faith and Morality in the '90s." Quoting a Gospel passage from Matthew 7, "The gate to heaven is narrow, the gate to damna is wide," he told the young people " las wide. The tool the young people they have a choice, and they are asked to choose Jesus. God is merciful and loving, but you have to ask for that mercy. You have to choose the Lord. They thought I was saying because you have sinned you're going to go to hell. What do they think salvation means? It's accepting Jesus and repenting

After the talk, Father Roberts said his speech included a lot of tough talk about sin and some of the teen-agers and adults present didn't like hearing those remarks

"Theard it went on for weeks and weeks afterwards," he said. "People would send me cuttings and ask, "Why don't you answer it?" I didn't want to add fuel to the answer it? I didn't want to add fuel to the fire. There was good that came out of it. Let me tell you about the good that came out of the Hoosier Dome (talk). A parent came up to me the other night and said, 'Father, my

daughter was at the Hoosier Dome and because of your talk became a nun.' But what was even greater than that, there was a born-again Christian from Bloomington, a college student, who was very anti-Catho-lic. He was invited by a friend to come to the Hoosier Dome, and because of the Hoosier Dome he became a Catholic and was received into the church at Easter. So it wasn't all bad."

The Hoosier Dome "wasn't an ideal setting" for a youth rally, he said. "To have 7,500 kids in a dome that holds 80,000 was 7,500 kds in a dome that holds 60,000 was not exactly the best place. They were looking at 60,000 to 70,000 empty seats. The acoustics were not good because you had echo, there was no eye contact, and we had too many speakers. The first speaker, the ex-convict, set the tone and I had to back him up. I saw the reaction of the crowd and I reacted to their reaction, which was bad.
All I could see from where I was sitting was people walking out. I found out since then you shouldn't judge people. They were going overtime and had to get back to their buses. I was assuming them. buses. I was assuming they were walking out because they were disagreeing."

As a result of the criticism after his rally

remarks to youth about the wages of sin, Father Roberts said a videotape made for the Eternal Word Television Network was

Father Roberts said a videotape made for the Eternal Word Television Network was not shown on the cable channel.

"It wasn't that bad," he said. "I watched it myself. But Satan won on that one. Because of the controversy, we didn't show it. What amazes me and I thought was strange, when I told people since then that I'd been cast as an ultraconservative right-wing (in Indianapolis), everybody laughed because everybody who knows me knows that I've been a bridge-builder between the liberals and the conservatives. I always use the Sci, jurges and I always try to balance my talks, so it's funny that is speaked to the surface was needed to bring a to the surface. I've heard lots of positive things about it from around the world, unfortunately. I just came from England, from a youth rally in London, and the priests were mentioning it there. They said, "Oh, Father, you had a terrible time in Indianapolis. We're so sorry." And I said, "What did you hear? They said, 'I've was all over here in England.' It also reached Ireland and Scotland, and I heard about it in Bermuda. What happened was other magazines picked it up. heard about it in Bermuda. What hap pened was other magazines picked it up, so it was recopied and each one exaggerated it a bit more

However, Father Roberts added, "there's been so many positive things come about because of it. A priest from Yugoslavia came up and hugged me in Baltimore. He said, 'I want to thank you for Indianapolis because when I read about it I felt filled with the Spirit.' But it was a suffering week for both sides. I'd like to take the opportunity in The Criterion to apologize to anyone who was You get caught in the middle when you have extremes, but if I'm supposed to be a bridge I have to expect people to walk across me. But it was good for me. Everywhere I go, I get adulation, and it was good for me to get knocked for once because not many priests get the glory and the VIP treatment. So it was good for me to have a bad week. Some priests have a week like that every week."

Father Roberts said he also told the young people attending the St. Lawrence youth rally that, "The most important way to live is to live in love. That's what I've been preaching during this mission. It's been great here. The reaction has been great. I was really scared to come back (to the archdiocese), but I've got to practice what I preach. I came back, and it's been rewarding. The love that the people have shown has been amazing, and it's been across-the-board people from both sides. Just tell the people I love them and to love



FAITH DISCUSSION—Speaker and author Father Ken Roberts talks with St. Lawrence parishioners Thereas Harris, (from left) Kathleen Harris and Brian Pfeiffer of Ir dianapolis after a Youth Forum there on Sept. 27. His talk to youth was part of a four-day we reat called "Catholic, and Proud of It!" (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Terre Haute work camp empowers teen-agers

by Suzanne Milligan

It's unfortunate but true that teer-agers are often negatively stereotyped as being self-oriented and rather selfish because the opposite impression is generally more accurate.

accurate.

Seven Catholic teen-agers from the Terre
Haute Deanery—Denies Berg, Laura Clayton, David Engle, Rebecca Manwaring,
Elizabeth Osella, Katie Reagan, and 1—participated in a work camp Aug. 10-13 to help
improve the Terre Haute community.

Work camp was four days filled with
proveable agreements, from times, and

Work camp was four days fined wint memorable experiences, fun times, and hard work. We began and ended each day in prayer to keep the overall experience in perspective. Getting up at 7 a.m. was one of the hardest parts for most of us. Then it was all work with a casell lunch break until 2 nr. Erom then small lunch break until 2 p.m. From then until 4 p.m. we spent time at Deming Park, usually swimming in the pool. From 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we spent time at Ryves Youth Center, and after that we had free time to play miniature golf or bowl.

On our first day we all arrived at the erre Haute Deanery Youth Center for different reasons—everything from wanting to give something back to the community to wanting to try a new experience. I wanted to help people in our community who were less fortunate than

community who were less fortunate than myself and to make myself more aware of what I could do on a personal level to help out. The other teens also felt this way. Monday we worked for the Council on Domestic Abuse doing yard work, cleaning a shed, emptying trash cans, cleaning the playroom, and doing other odd jobs. On Tuesday we worked at Lighthouse Mission sorting toys for children's Christmas and birthday presents. Wednesday was spent eping at major intersections in town and picking up litter mainly along

Wabash Avenue. On Thursday, our last day, we helped build a she i for a new Habitat for Humanity home.

We ate supper at the Ryves Youth We ate supper at the syves Yourn Center every evening and spent time talking and playing with the kids and other teen-agers we met inere. I think each one of us made new i riends during those four evenings, and a few of us mentioned going back on our own to see them again. Our nights we'e spent at the Deanery Youth Center.

Deanery Youth Center.

Joe Connelly, Terre H ute Deanery coordinator of youth ministry, vas our leader throughout the work camp. I a mentioned that next year he hopes to organize an ecumenical work camp to g t more teenagers involved in community service.

agers involved in community service.

"We came together in G.d's name in service to the city of Terre Hau e as a way to show people the positive powr of youth,"

Connelly said, "and also to offe the youth an avenue in which to utilize their skills in Christian leadership as well as to reach out to come of our more needy sisters and brothers. some of our more needy sisters and brothers in the local community."

Work camp participants enjoyed the experience and were thrilled about the response people gave to our efforts. I don't think any of us had expected so many people to take so much interest in what we were doing.

We hadn't expected any eward for our street cleaning day, but several kind people gave us hats, sodas at d cookies. We were total strangers to them all bepeople gave us hats, sodas an a cookes. We were total strangers to them all, but they liked what we were trying to do. We all really appreciated their support of our effort. I think we all hope other teens will attend similar activities, or not year's work camp, and have as wonderful an experience as we did. It was hard work, but there executed the support of the but it was worth it!

(Suzanne Milligan is a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Clinton and is a freshman at Indiana State University.)

Russian youth are embracing fuith

by Catholic News Service

TURIN, Italy-The failure of atheistic communism has launched Russian youths on a search for meaning, often in religion, said Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, apostolic administrator of European Russia.

"God has returned to Russia," the archbishop told the Italian Catholic newspaper Avvenire. The archbishop, who is based in Moscow, was in Turin on Sept. 25 at the invitation of the archdiocesan youth

"With the changed situation in our country, young Russians have the possibility of encountering new philosophies and ways of thinking," he said, "Today the youths—who were born under communism and who were told from the time

they were little that Lenin is the father of the homeland and that Russia, tranks to communism, had a glorious future—sud-denly understood that ideology w is some-

thing empty, an illusion."

With the fall of communism, they were left with a spiritual void, he said. They started searching for another system of values and meaning, and many of them found what they were looking for in the Catholic Church, "although one must always speak or Russ Orthodox country

Orthodox country."

Archbishop Kondrusiewicz saic when he asks youths and young adults why they want to be bartized Catholic, many respond that the church has helped them to know God and that in Catholic social teaching they see "a greater open ess to the problems of the world."

Register now for World Youth Day at Denver

More than 18,000 registration packets for World Youth Day 1993—set for August 11-15 in Denver—were mailed to parishes, schools and dioceses around the country in late September, according to Catholic News Service.

The registration deadline is March 15 for the international gathering of Catholic young people with Pope John Paul II. Paul Henderson, director of programming for World Youth Day 1993, said the event is aimed at the 13-to-39-year-old age group.

"Words in English often carry a different meaning in other languages, and vice versa," he said. "For example, 'youth' in Europe means' young adults' and in the United States people tend to think of 'youth' as teen-agers. We've found that a lot of people are interpreting World Youth Day to be an event for teen-agers, when it really includes young adults ages 19 to 39 as well as those 13 to 13. adults, ages 19 to 39, as well as those 13 to 18.

Each U.S. diocese has designated a World Youth Day contact person responsible for coordinating all registrations in that diocese. Catholic universities, colleges, high schools and parishes will work through the diocesan coordinator.

Julie Szoliek-Van Valkenburgh, archdiocesan director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, is the World Youth Day contact person for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Telephone her at 317-236-1439 or write to her in care of the Office of Catholic Education, Catholic Center, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206, for registration information.

World Youth Day 1993, expected to bring more than 100,000 young people to Denver next August, is the fifth international gathering of Catholic young people with the pope. Previous gatherings took place in Rome in 1985, at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1987, at Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in 1989, and at Czestochowa, Poland, in 1991.

Archbishop J. Francis Stafford of Denver, who was in Rome with other U.S. organizers of World Youth Day '93, had lunch with the pope at Castel Gandolfo on Sept. 27. "So, you have 11 months," Pope John Paul II told Americans involved in planning the observance. "You are

Americans involved in planning the observance. "
preparing Denver for youth from the whole world."

The pope quipped that he was so excited about World Youth Day that he went to the hospital. "Now I am better," he said after a two-month rest following abdominal surgery

A World Youth Day logo was approved by the pontifical council and U.S. organizers screened a promotional video on the event for an international group of planners. ***

Students Assisting Youth (S.A.Y.) will spons Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night at Scecina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., in Indianapolis from 6 p.m.

until 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

All grade school students and neighborhood youths are invited to attend the party, which features trick-or-treating from door-to-door in the classrooms.

Children are invited to wear costumes and bring trick-or-treat bags for food, fun and a safe time with friends. Small monetary or "treat" donations are appreciated. Call Scecina's S.A.Y. a "treat" donations are appreciated.

High school youth group members from St. Benedict, St. Ann and Sacred Heart parishes in Terre Haute are sponsoring a pancake breakfast and bake sale from 8 a.m.

Lafayette Ave., in Terre Haute.

Tickets for this World Youth Day fund raiser are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 10, or \$10 per family

Benedictine sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, located at 1402 Southern Avenue in Beech Grove, invite high school-age girls to visit their community for an overnight visit on Oct. 17-18.

Beginning at 2 p.m. on that Saturday and concluding at 1 p.m. the next day, teen-age girls will have an opportunity to learn about the life of a Benedictine sister by participating in community activities

For information, telephone Benedictine Sisters Joan Marie Massura or Juliann Babcock at 317-787-3287.

"Building Bridges for Young Adolescents: An Interfaith and Youth-Serving Agency Perspective on Program Planning," a workshop for adults interested in developing effective programs for teen-agers, begins Oct. 13 and continues on Nov. 5 and Nov. 17 at the Indiana Youth Institute, 333 N. Alabama St., in Indianapolis.

"Our intent is to combine the best of agency and interfaith programming for an overall look at the adolescents, including a need for spiritual expression," June Cargill, director of community services at the institute, explained. "A few scholarships are available."

explained. A level sectoral study are available and \$100 for each additional participant from the same organization. For registration information, telephone the Indiana Youth Institute at 317-634-4222 or 800-343-7060.



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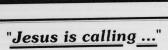
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BOOK REVIEW

Focus on 'Castro's Final Hour'

CASTRO'S FINAL HOUR, by Andres Oppenheimer. Simon & Schuster (New York, 1992). 461 pp., \$25.00.

Reviewed by Laurie Hansen

Miami Herald reporter Andres Oppenheimer paints Cuba as a nation of people stretched to their limits, tired of unending food lines, brutal repression and an out-of-touch Fidel Castro bent on outdated Marxist fantasies despite the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Yet, Oppenheimer believes, Cubans are also fearful of what they view as the most likely alternative to Castro—a nation run by Cuban exile capitalists now living in Miami.

Which is greater? Disgust with the status quo or fear of what may come? Will Castro finally fall? Oppenheimer, in "Castro's Final Hour." explores the possibilities, then concludes that the Cuban leader's "adios" is at hand.

concludes that the Cuban leader's "adios" is at rand. Openheimer describes Castro as a "caudillo" desperately struggling to stay afloat amid a sea of discontent, a man completely out of touch with his people partially because his inner circle tells him only what he wants to hear and partially due to his increasing ideological

rigidity.

The author, a gifted story-teller who provides readers a rare glimpse into everyday life in the Caribbean island-nation, answers the questions many have asked in the past year: When jubilant Russians were dismantling the statute of KGB founder Felix Dzerzbinsky outside the Soviet secret police headquarters in Moscow and Eastern-bloc nations were falling like dominoes, why were there no protests in Cuba? What keeps brave Cuban dissidents from taking to

Oppenheimer's answer includes numerous elements First among them is the certainty of swift repression as well as a widespread belief that no secret can be kept from state

Next he points to the Cubans' mistrust of Cuban exile leaders living in Miami. Gustavo Arcos Bergnes, the best-known rights activist in Cuba, told the author that the Cuban American National Foundation, the most powerful U.S.-based Cuban exile lobbying group, doesn't represent

Cubans when it rejects all talk of political dialogue with Castro

"What do the exiles know?" asked Arcos. "They don't live here. They live there. They can have some information about what's going on in Cuba, but not nearly as much information as we have. The fact of the matter is that the Cuban people want a peaceful change, a political settlement. Nobody wants violence.

He believes change can come from within Cuba's Communist Party. In Arcos' view, "most Cubans want a negotiated solution, a national dialogue that would lead to a transitional government."

According to Oppenheimer, many Cubans view the Miami exiles as too power-hungry, already dividing among themselves the spoils of post-Castro Cuba.

He says islanders, most of whom are non the massive flight of Cuba's white elite and middle class in the 1960s, fear the return of the exiles for pragmatic

In "Castro's Final Hour," the author holds that the end is finally near for the aging Cuban leader. Dissatisfaction has become so widespread, and the return of economic inequality and prostitution—two problems that Fidel's revolutionaries had viewed as great social ills upheld by the dictator they toppled, Fulgencio Batista—has produced

national disillusionment.
Only a serious threat of U.S. intervention or a new wave

Only a serious threat of U.S. intervention or a new wave of Cuban-eole terrorist attacks could give Castro's government a second wind, maintains Oppenheimer. "Castro's Final Hour" is well-researched and full of colorful anecdotes—including the story of the 68-year-old New York-born hostess of "Cooking in a Minute," a tevekly program aired on Cuban television. Conscious of the serious food shortages on the island and a staunch defender of Fidel, the TV chef each week churns out a different potatur recipe

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Oppenheimer, who spent five months in Cuba over a period of two years, provides readers with in-depth, perceptive reporting on a part of the world with which most have had little contact in recent years.

(Laurie Hansen is a CNS staff uriter who reports on U.S. Hispanic issues and is former editor of a Spanish-language diocesan

newspaper.)
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shipping and handling.)

Joshua in the Holy Land' not applauded

JOSHUA IN THE HOLY LAND, by Father Joseph F. Girzone. Macmillan (New York, 1992). 205 pp., \$16.00.

Reviewed by Father James Gilhooley

"This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should

be thrown with great force."
Those words were first spoken by the late Dorothy
Parker. Unhappily for Father Joseph F. Girzone, they fit his
latest opus, "Joshua in the Holy Land," exactly.
Father Girzone threatens to bec

Carol Oates. However, he does not possess Oates' talent with the pen.

The author sets Joshua (aka Jesus the Nazarene) in contemporary Israel. There predictably he goes about bringing peace among Jews, Arabs, and Christians. Not surprisingly he does the job with dispatch and a

minimum of energy. One only wonders why the enterprising Israeli government did not have him on the scene earlier

In his acknowledgments, Father Girzone thanks 14 people by name. Others are thanked anonymously. It would appear a mountain horse been in labor and that famous mouse is once again born.

With a little encouragement—and I offer him none— Father Girzone will be writing future volumes titled "Joshua in Homestead, Florida," "Joshua in Bosnia," "Joshua in Somalia," etc.

If you have \$16.00 plus tax and/or handling charges, do not buy this book. Rather, send your check to the Catholic Relief Service office nearest you. Ask CRS to point the money

toward the Middle East. (Father Gilhooley is on the staff of Mt. St. Mary College, wburgh, NY.)

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Singer rips up picture of pope on TV program

left a TV studio audience stunned and sparked a flood of phone calls after she ripped up a picture of Pope John Paul II

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The incident late into the Oct. 3 broadcast of "Saturday Night Live" left the audience in silence and NBC's switchboard jammed with nearly 500 calls of protest.

NBC spokesman Curt Block said Oct. 4 of O'Connor, "I think there will be discussions in the office about her future with the show. She certainly won't be back anytime soon." She had appeared twice previously on "Saturday Night She had appeared twice previously on Live" without incident.

The gesture sparked one of the largest reactions in the 17-year history of the show. Block said 98 percent of the callers

disapproved of O'Connor's action. Since hundreds of other protests have been received. The gesture came at the end of O'Connor's performance

of the Bob Marley reggae song "War." A chantlike protest of racism and other forms of injustice, it says in part: "Until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, everywhere is war. . . . Until the color of a man's skin is of no more significance than the color of his eyes, I've got to say war!'

After O'Connor sang the concluding lyrics, "We have confidence in the victory of good over evil." she raised a picture of the pope and tore it in two while turning to the TV camera and saying, "Fight the real enemy.

The gesture was met with silence from the studio audience. She then left the stage, and the audience applauded upon her return.

Block said the insult to the pope was not scripted and took everyone at the show by surprise. He said O'Connor was able to do it without the show's staff knowing ahead of time because the show is broadcast live.

Educated by nuns, O'Connor is opposed to church teaching on abortion, marriage and other social issues, and is reported to have had two abortions in the last two years.

Classifications of current films in theaters

Here is a list of movies playing in theaters which the U.S. Catho-lic Conference Office for Jon the

Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability. The symbol after each title is the USCC rating. Here are the USCC symbols and their meanings:

A-I—general patronage; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV—adults, with reservations O-morally offensive

Some films receive high rec-ommendation by the USCC. These are indicated by the * before the title. **Batman Returns** Best Intentions, The . A-III A-III

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Protests continue in Caribbean nation as pope plans his visit

by Laurie Hansen Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—As Pope John Paul II prepared to visit the Dominican Republic, small protests continued in that Latin American country where some view Columbus anniversary celebrations as symbolic of the abuses of Spanish colonialism.

Several people have been injured and two killed in the protests opposing the festivities in late September and early October.

The quincentennial celebrations were to begin Oct. 6, with the inauguration of a controversial lighthouse honoring Christopher Columbus.

Christopher Columbus.

The Vatican has tried to distance the pope from the Columbus controversy. He is not scheduled to participate in state ceremonies at the lighthouse and his Mass was not scheduled for Oct. 12, the anniversary date.

The Dominican government has downplayed the protests and violence to foreign journalists, while at the same time warring its own people that if protests occur during the pope's visit there could be dire consequences.

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have to pay even with his life," Hector Garcia Tejada, the armed forces minister, told reporters a few days after a Dominican human rights leader was killed during one of the

But Pedro Morales, a member of the government-ap-pointed quincentennial commission, told Catholic News Service, "Everything is calm. This is the most tranquil nation in the Caribbean."

The pope has planned to celebrate an Oct. 11 Mass near the lighthouse despite the protests, said Joaquin Navarro-

Valls, Vatican spokesman.

The site for the Oct. 11 outdoor Mass was chosen of the open field in the area, not its proximity to the lighthouse, Navarro-Valls said at a Vatican news conference.

The seven-story, cross-shaped lighthouse was built by the government as a museum and as a mausoleum for the remains of Christopher Columbus, who landed in what is now the Dominican Republic in 1492. The government says it cost \$13 million, and critics say the price was \$100 million.

it cost \$13 million, and critics say the price was \$100 million. The homes of some \$0,000 people were bulldozed to build the lighthouse. Shacks of about 3,000 Dominicans living nearby have been enclosed behind a 10-foot, 1.5-mile-long wall that has been dubbed the "wall of shame."

Franciscan Father Mariano Errasti, a Spanish-born social historian who works at a poor parish in Santo Domingo, told CNS that Columbus is less of an "abstraction" in the Dominican Republic—where he took over as the first governor-than elsewhere.

Columbus, who ruled the island of Hispaniola from the present site of Santo Domingo until 1499, established the repartimiento system of land settlement and native

the repartimiento system of land settlement and native labor under which a European settler could be granted a large tract of land together with the services of the Indians living on it.

Later, in 1503, the Spanish crown replaced repartimento with the encominenda system, under which all land became in theory the property of the crown, and the Indians were considered tenants on royal land.

Within 30 years of the Europeane' arrival, the nation's Taive Indian propulation was wined out. Historians blame

Taino Indian population was wiped out. Historians blame labor abuse and disease.

labor abuse and disease.

"The pope is not going to render homage to Columbus," said Navarro-Valls. "He is going to celebrate with his brothers in the episcopate the beginning of evangelization in America: North, Central and South."

A grass-roots Dominican group, the Latin American Collective for Special Communication Services, has said the pope should choose another Mass site.

Vatican officials acknowledge that during the visit it will be almost impossible for the pope not to mention Columbus or the anniversary.

or the anniversary.

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The main aims of the papal trip to the Dominican Republic are to celebrate the 500th anniversary of

Catholicism's arrival and to help Latin American bishops set

strategies for a new evangelization of the region.

This new evangelization includes tackling the region's social problems and the widespread convert-making by sects and Protestant churches.

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It involves refining the church's position on liberation theology and basic church communities. Both are innovative Latin American ways of meeting the social and evangelizing challenges of the modern world, but have sparked debate as to whether they are too politically oriented.

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Most of the pre-trip arguing, however, has focused on the controversies of the initial evangelization and its ties to Spanish and Portuguese colonialism.

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The main event of the pope 5 56th trip outside Italy is the Oct. 12 opening of the Fourth General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate in Santo Domingo. The meeting, scheduled to end Oct. 28, was called to draft plans for the new evangelization of a region where most people are nominally Catholic.

The opening date was purposefully chosen because it marks the 500th anniversary of the landing of Columbus in the New World, after which evangelization of the Americas took place.

For the pope, the date and place are positive symbols that should stimulate pastoral planning. The pope often has separated evangelization and colonization, saying that the purpose of the church is to commemorate the anniversary of Catholicism's arrival.

Early evangelization had its good and bad points, but there were "more lights than shadows," the pope has said.

On the pope's schedule are separate meetings Oct. 13 with Indians and blacks, the two groups suffering most under colonialism. Each group will be given a special papal message about the 500th anniversary.

The decision to write separate messages was made by the pope because the history of each group has important differences, said Navarro-Valls.

"Africans were brought against their will" as slaves, while Indians were the natives, he said.

"If the pope asks forgiveness, it will be more in the name of whites than the church," said Navarro-Valls.

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