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Weekly 'family night' is encouraged

Committee proposes one night during which no other plans are scheduled

by John F. Fink

Families in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are being encouraged to develop a weekly "family night" in their homes.

The archdiocesan Year of the Family Committee has proposed that families designate one night a week as "family night," when no other plans or outside activities are scheduled. It is proposed that the entire family spend time together on that evening.

In a mailing to all archdiocesan parishes and agencies, the committee included a reproducible handout for distribution to parish or agency families. In the handout, it says that "a family night will be as unique as each individual and as each family unit."

It says that meal time could be part of the evening and that it could include an activity, games, general conversation, a focused topic, or even TV "as long as conversation concerning the shared viewing is included

The Year of Family emblem

A heart sheltered by a roof, linked by another heart, to symbolize life and love in a home where one finds warmth, caring, security, togetherness, tolerance and acceptance—that is the symbolism conveyed by the emblem of the International Year of the Family, 1994, used with this article.

The open design is meant to indicate continuity with a hint of uncertainty. The brushstroke, with its open line roof, completes an abstract symbol representing the complexity of the family.

and a concentrated effort to interact with each other is experienced.

The proposal says: "Family night should be considered sacred and should take priority over any other activities that may arise. Strive to evolve and grow with the concept. Gradually improve on the amount and/or frequency of time. Your family will be able to decide what is truly best for you eventually."

Numerous options for activities and communications are suggested in the handout.

The committee issued guideline suggestions for an agreement families might use. The suggestions include:

1. No meetings, work, sports, etc. will be scheduled or participated in on the designated family night.

2. Family time will include a meal together beginning with prayer (at least once if not more).

3. Family time will not always be the same. We will play cards, or other games (indoor or outdoor). We will invent new ways to spend time together. If watching a TV program, there will be a conversation, questions, or game surrounding that program after, before, and during.

4. Sometimes we will have "family meetings" with the opportunity for all family members to discuss plans, voice affirmation, accomplishments, concerns, suggest and plan activities and anything else any of us thinks is important.

5. A different member of the family will be "head" of each family time. That person decides how the time will be spent. This person should be willing to take suggestions, and will ask for help in planning when needed.

6. We will have a special savings "bank" to plan for activities that have a cost involved. When enough money has been donated by all the family plans can be made.

Six million postcards ordered as Project Life Sunday nears

Theme of campaign is 'Keep Abortion Out of Health Care Reform'

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—In preparation for Project Life Sunday Jan. 23, U.S. dioceses have ordered more than 6 million sets of postcards urging Congress to keep abortion coverage out of health care reforms.

Michael Taylor, director of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, said 84 percent of U.S. dioceses have ordered postcards. Taylor's committee is a Catholic pro-life group that is co-sponsoring the campaign in cooperation with the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

(In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Office of Pro-Life Activities has sent 172,000 postcards to parishes for signing this weekend.)

The theme of the 1994 postcard campaign will be "Keep Abortion Out of Health Care Reform."

"Americans are becoming more acutely aware of how strongly they object to the administration's plan to force them to pay for all abortions through its health care plan,

and the orders for postcards keep rolling in," Taylor said.

Last year, the committee and the bishops' agency co-sponsored the first Project Life Sunday with a postcard campaign against the Freedom of Choice Act. That campaign generated from 3 million to 6 million cards to Congress and was credited by some members of Congress with helping to prevent passage of the legislation.

"Representatives from many dioceses and parishes have told me they ran out of pro-life postcards" last year, Taylor said. "This year, some dioceses have already run out of cards and are placing last-minute orders for more."

The campaign involves distribution of sets of four postcards at Catholic parishes during the Jan. 22-23 weekend. Parishioners send postcards to each of their U.S. senators, their U.S. representative and to the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, to help keep track of participation in the campaign.

The health care plan proposed by President Clinton would include abortion coverage for all women. The U.S. bishops have backed many aspects of the Clinton plan but strongly oppose the inclusion of abortion coverage.



KING OBSERVANCE—Archbishop Daniel M. Buehlein presides at a Jan. 17 ecumenical vespers service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speakers were (from left) Rev. Oliver Walker and Father Clarence Waldon. Fathers Rick Ginther and Thomas Murphy are seated near the archbishop. See story on page 3. (Photo by Charles Schisla)

The 1994 postcards carry this message: "Our nation needs to reform its health care system to protect the lives and enhance the dignity of all, especially the poor and

vulnerable, the unserved and the unborn. Abortion is not health care; it destroys human life, and most Americans don't want to pay for it. Please don't force me to pay for abortions against my conscience. As your constituent, I urge you to keep abortion out of needed health care reform."

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TREACHEROUS ESCAPE—Muslim civilians flee their homes during a snowstorm to escape fighting in the town of Fojnica, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Pope John Paul II has called for days of fasting and prayer for the Balkans Jan. 21 and 23. (CNS photo from Reuters)

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Choose in favor of life from birth to death

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

I can't help but reflect about the unusual turns life can take. On Jan. 20, 1987 I was named the third Bishop of Memphis. This year on the seventh anniversary of that event I am participating in the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The next day, as a member of the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities and representing our Archdiocese of Indianapolis, I am participating in the annual March for Life. My participation in these events signals my concern for life issues, abortion in particular.



We have a lot to be concerned about! Last week I read in *Time* magazine that President Clinton and his White House staff are furious about a leak from the federal Health and Human Services Department which announced that states would be required to pay for the abortions of women who were pregnant by reason of rape and incest. The White House was furious, not because of ethical complications in the matter, but because they want to lay low politically until abortion funding becomes a full blown issue in proposed legislation for health care reform.

Locally, the matter of living wills is a continuing concern to state legislators. More precisely, the matter of accurate legal language concerning terminal illness and medically provided nutrition and hydration is under consideration.

Last Monday I was given the opportunity to express my personal concern about the seriousness of what is at stake in these deliberations.

At what point is there a moral justification for suspending medically assisted nutrition and hydration? I argue the church's position from the starting point that says it is immoral to starve someone to death or cause someone to die of thirst. In case of doubt the decision should come down on the side of life.

One may withdraw medically assisted nutrition and hydration when doing so will not be the cause of death. In other words, one is not required to provide nutrition and hydration at that point when death is near because of grave illness or some other physical malfunction.

The difficult challenge is to find legal language that can adequately define the imminence of death. To fail in this effort is to legalize the possibility of starvation or dehydration for poor reasons, for example because of discomfort to the family or concern about diminished inheritance.

There is a lot of misunderstanding about "end of life" issues. The euthanasia and assisted suicide movements manipulate our natural tendency to fear death and the experience of death and especially the possibility of pain. Dying with dignity is something all of us desire. It is my observation that the medical profession serves our society well in this regard.

I still think the worst fear about dying is not so much fear of the physical, rather it is fear of loneliness. Or it is fear of not being ready to meet God. As church and as families we need to be with the terminally ill and our older sisters and

brothers to reassure them that we are and will be with them as they pass over to the Kingdom.

I continue to receive reaction to my stand against the Clinton administration's campaign to advocate the use of condoms by our youth. Most of the mail has been favorable, some not. The negative reaction wants to maintain that I am not being realistic.

I continue to ask, as a parent would you encourage your child to do anything when there is a one in three chance of death or serious illness? And do you want to participate in a program that, realistically, will encourage more of our youth to participate in recreational sex, and thus expose even larger numbers to disease? That is not to mention the entire matter of moral disease. How far-sighted is realism?

There are a lot of pro-life issues about which we should be concerned. We choose in favor of life from birth until death. Some folks want to say that we fix too much attention on abortion and euthanasia. There are other ethical issues pertinent to life and the quality of life, but it is clear that those who are just helpless need priority attention. More than 1,600,000 abortions are performed each year in the United States. That's an atrocity which we cannot tolerate. It isn't idle speculation that our senior citizens are the next to be victimized.

I urge all of us to do what we can to make it clear that we choose life and do not tolerate a culture of death. This weekend let's especially give ourselves to prayer and sacrifice for a conversion in our society.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

You can help keep abortion out of health care

by John F. Fink
Editor, The Criterion

Last January Catholic parishes throughout the United States distributed postcards for signature by their parishioners urging their U.S. senators and U.S. representatives to oppose the so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) which would have legalized abortion-on-demand.

It was the first time the bishops had conducted such a campaign and it turned out to be very successful. It has been estimated that from 3 million to 6 million cards swamped Congress and were credited by some congressmen with helping prevent passage of the legislation.

With this success under their belts, the bishops are trying again. Along with the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, they are encouraging another postcard campaign this weekend. This time the cards will urge Congress to keep abortion out of health care reforms. (See story on page 1.)

Ever since President and Hillary Clinton first made their proposals for health care reform, the Catholic bishops have been campaigning to keep abortion out of it. The country's archbishops had a special meeting in Chicago to discuss their strategy. In a nutshell, it is to support badly needed health care reform but to oppose the inclusion of abortion as a medical right.

Under the Clinton proposal, every individual, company and institution would be forced to pay for abortions. This would be done by mandating a set of core health care benefits, that include abortion, in every health alliance, health main-

tenance organization or fee-for-service plan offered to the public. Usually the company would pay 80 percent and the individual 20 percent of costs.

That means that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, for example, or the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington, or all other pro-life institutions and individuals in the country would have to pay for what they consider to be the killing of unborn human beings.

Part of the message on the postcards to be sent to senators and representatives says,

"Abortion is not health care; it destroys human life, and most Americans don't want to pay for it."

That statement can be backed up by the results of a poll last March by *The New York Times/CBS* (hardly pro-life media). They showed that 72 percent of those polled think that an abortion should be paid for by the woman who wants it. The same poll showed that only 23 percent of those polled favor covering abortion as part of health care reform. Even those who favor the "right" of a

woman to an abortion object to paying for it.

Most people do seem to want to see improvement in the way health care services are provided. There is a need for reform. But most people also believe that abortion is morally wrong, even those who support the right of women to commit this morally wrong act. They object, therefore, to paying for abortions.

We encourage you to take the time this weekend to fill in your name and address on the postcards, sign them, fill out the names of your senators and representatives, and mail the cards. (Perhaps your parish will handle the mailing and postage.) This is the least we can all do to combat abortion.

Evangelization leader speaks at St. Barnabas

by Margaret Nelson

"Evangelization" is a word that it's taken me years to get used to," said Charles Osburn. "Let me assure you that evangelization has been going on for 2,000 years. The greatest evangelizer was our Lord Jesus Christ."

Osburn was speaking at a day-long evangelization workshop at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis last Saturday.

"To me, evangelization is not a program," Osburn said. "It is a way of life. Evangelization is life, for truly Jesus came to show us life, to show us truth."

He shared his conversion experience from the time he was born. "It's a journey I'm still on," Osburn said. He told of his life somebody. You may spend your whole life trying to be somebody and discover you've been somebody all your life."

He told of meeting his wife Jeanne, who refused to marry him if he would not promise to raise their children Catholic. "I would not be here today if my wife had not been strong in her faith."

While a priest was answering "all the things I'd heard" about the Catholic Church, "he created in me a hunger for the faith."

Osburn said that when he was baptized, "I really felt like I was somebody. I felt important for the first time in my life."

He became an active, dedicated Catholic who went to church every day, thinking, "I've got a lot of years to make up for." He became a wealthy businessman, still going to daily Mass. He did not drink or smoke. But he was not happy.

When he was 35, tragedy struck his family and he blamed God, thinking he had done everything right. "For eight years, I lived the most horrible life a man can live and come out alive," he said.

Then a priest said, "Charlie Osburn, Jesus loves you." The workshop leader said, "All I could do was think of my past eight years. I said to myself, 'There ain't no way God could love you.'"

But he thought of the person who had caused the tragedy in his family. "If he loves me, he loves George. . . . The most difficult thing I did was to go to my neighbor and ask him to forgive me for hating him. . . . That was the beginning of my conversion."

He added that his neighbor started going after 45 years away from church. "Three weeks later, he dropped dead," Osburn said.

He asked those who attended the evangelization workshop to remember, "God cares for everyone."



EVANGELIZATION SPEAKER—Charles Osburn, in white sweater, waits in the audience as he is introduced to speak at an evangelization workshop at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis Jan. 15. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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Hundreds defy bad weather to honor Dr. King

by Margaret Nelson

As Archbishop Daniel M. Buehlein presided, 240 people braved near-zero temperatures to attend a Jan. 17 ecumenical vespers service at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. The lively liturgy marked the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with the theme "In Honor of the Man and his Dream."

The congregation responded with an "Amen" when archbishop, dressed in a *knite* cloth cope and miter, greeted them with, "There is nothing more powerful we can do than to offer prayer together."

Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy

Angels Church and director of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, gave a stirring talk on "A Legacy of Love."

The prophets have a message of God that applies to the time they live. Martin brought the word of Jesus to the people of the 1960s," Father Waldon said. "It is still applicable today. Today we have problems the '60s never even thought of."

"Prophets come for the good people also. God usually picks a prophet to bring his Word that is unpopular. God chooses a prophet to deliver his Word—that no one wants to hear. That's the reason we tend to kill the prophets," he said.

"Now Martin was a prophet because he

proclaimed to us the Word of Jesus. He applied those words to our life, especially the words of the Sermon on the Mount," Father Waldon said. "The Sermon on the Mount talks about love and how to face evil with non-violence."

He said, "We live in a time of violence. Our society is riddled with violence." Father Waldon said that the tension in our society is so great that "it's causing good people to begin to respond to violence with violence."

"Today, we need to hear the prophet Martin. We need to hear the Word of Jesus. No one is talking about non-violence today," said Father Waldon.

"Violence only escalates violence," he said. "When Jesus was nailed to the cross, he said, 'Forgive them, they know not what they do.'"

"Love is the most durable power in the world," Father Waldon said. He quoted Pope Paul VI: "If you want peace, work for justice," adding, "The only real justice comes through love."

"Why can't we treat each individual as a child of God," he said. "Poverty happens when people stop caring for one another. We are living in a time of greed and today, love costs money."

"Jesus wasn't kidding when he said, 'Sell what you have and give it to the poor and then come, follow me,'" said Father Waldon.

"Our society may depend on our listening to the word of God as it came to us through our prophet Martin," he said.

Rev. Oliver DeWayne Walker, pastor of Phillips AME Temple, talked about Dr. King's life and its "impact on us today."

Rev. Walker said, "God is a good God; God is a great God; God is the boss of the bank—the Lord of the jungle; God is also the Lord of our lives."

"We must have the vision of God. We must see the greatness that is within us," said Rev. Walker. "We must have the vision of who we are and whose we are."

Rev. Walker said, "Not only must we have vision. We must have super-vision. We must be under the auspices and authority of God almighty."

"Dreams deferred are not necessarily dreams denied. If we have the courage to pull together under super-vision," he said.

Next he talked about "God's provision. God will take care of us. God is in control of this universe." He quoted his grandmother: "God is God all by himself and he knows how to take care of his followers."

The speakers were introduced by Father Thomas Murphy, director of the Office of Ecumenism. Chorus from the speakers' churches provided gospel music.

Lillian Hughes, pastoral associate of St. Bridget Church, led the congregation in prayer and readings. Patricia Hodges interpreted the readings and songs for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Participants gathered for refreshments at the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center before the snowy ride home.

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ICC backs two bills that support children, strengthen the family

by Colleen Williams

A program enabling working welfare recipients to keep their wages and a new tax credit for working families would be established through legislation backed by the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) this session.

"These two bills introduced in the Indiana General Assembly are strong statements of support for children because they would strengthen the best child welfare system ever created: the family," said M. Desmond Ryan, ICC executive director and lobbyist.

In a 20-0 vote, the House Ways and Means Committee passed a bill attempting to reduce barriers that Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) beneficiaries face in working their way out of poverty. HB 1142 would allow persons currently on AFDC in three pilot counties to keep their wages and continue to receive benefits until they reach minimum federal poverty level.

"The basic AFDC grant is not sufficient to meet most families' basic needs," said Ryan in a statement to the committee. "Yet many recipient parents who try to get off welfare through work have to get back on the program because of child care expenses and the loss of medical benefits for themselves and their children."

Indiana recipients are only allowed to keep \$288 per month of their earnings, whereas the federal poverty level is \$732 a

month, said Judith M. Haller, attorney and lobbyist for the Legal Services Organization. "Indiana is 50th in the nation for the amount of wages an AFDC recipient can keep," she said. The bill is likely to pass the House this week and "cross over" to the Senate.

More than 180,000 Indiana low-income working families would benefit from an earned income state tax credit through HB 1092, initiated by the ICC and authored by Rep. John J. Day, D-Indianapolis.

Families with incomes below \$11,000 would receive a five percent refundable tax credit, and those between \$11,000 and \$15,000 would earn a three percent credit.

"This proposal brings much-needed fairness to our tax system and helps hard-pressed low-income working families," said Rep. Day. "It rewards and encourages those in the low-income group to continue to work and avoid welfare."

The idea of a state earned income tax credit is not unique to Indiana. Minnesota, one of six other states with an income tax credit, has found the credit gives an extra boost to people who may earn too much to receive other forms of government assistance but who still struggle to support themselves and their families, according to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

There are other advantages to the program. It utilizes the existing tax system for filing, and those who earn too little to file may still claim a credit.

HB 1092 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Marie Moran marks 100 years

by Margaret Nelson

Sure, an' it was a great day for the Irish on Sunday at St. Andrew's Social Hall on Sunday. Marie Moran marked her 100th birthday.

When she was 80, then-pastor Father James Farrell, said that he wished he knew her secret for getting nearly 20 people to

come to church on a Sunday afternoon. The same thing happens this year.

Of course, her fellow-parishioners of 40 years at St. Andrew were there. And so were her buddies who helped her "run" St. Patrick's Parish before that.

In fact, her niece Pat Tretton, who came from Toledo, Ohio, with another niece Mary Wicks, talked about her days at St. Ann there. Tretton found records that Marie was secretary for the Ancient Order of the Hibernians.

Marie Moran was co-founder of the Guardian Angel Guild here, which still helps children with learning problems at St. Mary Child Center and several Catholic schools. And if you look at a '50s yearbook from Cathedral High School, you'll see pictures of the ever-present volunteer.

The family includes the three children, Joe Moran, and Bobby Moran and Florence Bauman and their 10 offspring.

Nephew Father Lawrence Moran, pastor at (of all things) St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute, reminisced about Marie's "joyful spirit and wonderful sense of humor for as long as I've known her."

In recent years, Marie has enjoyed talking about her "secret love," a tag she has given to quite a few kind men. One who earned that distinction was in line behind his wife at the party. (Marie has had trouble seeing in the last few years.) When the "better half" greeted the centenarian, Marie asked, "Are you alone?" The wife quickly responded with a laugh. "No Marie, he's right behind me."

Marie quipped to one religious sister in line, "I hope you're not behaving." It's a wonder she didn't give her usual answer to: "How are you doing?"—"Mildewing, she says."

by Margaret Nelson

Holy Angels School students might not have walked as far as they planned to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, but they made up for it in enthusiasm at the Mass in his honor.

Below zero wind chill temperatures kept the children from their traditional march down Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., but the drill team, the children carrying posters, the choir, and the students who lit and carried the Kwanzaa candles down the aisle, helped lead the assembly in a joyful celebration.

Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels said, "Dr. King was a man of love, and when you love somebody you're not violent with them."

"The birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King is important, first because it's his birthday."

But it's doubly important because Martin Luther King was a man who, in his very life, embodied what God was trying to teach us through his prophets and through Jesus.

"Martin was a great man because he followed Jesus. He listened to what Jesus had to say and then he did it. Martin took the words of Jesus into his life. He became the person of what Jesus was all about. Jesus was about love and that's what Martin was about. His whole life was about love, not just for himself, not just for his community, not just for African-Americans, but for everyone."

"He knew we can't have peace without justice," said Father Waldon. "Just as Jesus loved us even unto death, so Martin loved us to his death."

Father Waldon warned, "If there was anything Jesus was against, it was fighting," quoting the Bible's reference to those who live by the sword, die by the sword. "Let me bring that to 1994. Those who live by the gun die by the gun." But he said, "If you live by love, you will live forever."

The priest told of the ways the civil rights leader ignored efforts to draw him into conflict. "If someone hits you, you think, 'Well, I've got to hit them back.'" But he warned against "getting down to their level."

"When somebody hits you, you do what Martin did. Martin just let them. He told how Martin let them spit at him and call him names. 'He just kept on walking. You couldn't walk with Martin if you stopped everybody somebody called you a name.'

"Martin embodied in his very life everything we stand for," Father Waldon said. "When you want to find out the principals for African Americans, look at Martin Luther King. He walked the talk. You can do it too."

Students lit the Kwanzaa candles to symbolize the seven principles of African unity, self-determination, community, cooperation, purpose, creativity, and faith.



CELEBRATION—Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels Church and director of the Office of Evangelization, presides at a school Mass marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



CENTENARIAN—Marie Moran enjoys the Irish songs at her birthday party at St. Andrew Parish Hall on Sunday. (Photo by Charles Schisla)

FROM THE EDITOR

What bishops of Eastern Europe told us

by John F. Fink

When our group of 10 editors of U.S. Catholic newspapers arrived in Vilnius, Lithuania on Dec. 5, one of the people there to greet us was Rebecca Martin, the 23-year-old daughter of Steve and Virginia Martin of St. Monica's Parish in Indianapolis. Since I was not the one who made the arrangements for the trip (Father Owen Campion did that), I wasn't expecting to see her, and she wasn't expecting to see me.

Rebecca had been working as a volunteer for two Catholic organizations in Lithuania for 15 months and it was she who made the arrangements for our trip. She is also a slave driver: She had a meeting arranged for us on the Sunday night we arrived and on Monday we had meetings at 8 a.m. with editors of a periodical, with Archbishop Audrys Bakis at 10, and then with other editors at 12:30, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:30 p.m. Lunch was between 1:50 and 2.

Between the 5 and 6:30 meetings we had Mass in one of our hotel rooms. Rebecca was thrilled, and even a bit emotional, because it had been a long time since she had been able to attend Mass in English.

Rebecca is doing wonderful work in Lithuania, a country that needs lots of help.

ARCHBISHOP BAKIS has no money to do the many things he would like to do. He doesn't even have a secretary. Yet he saw the importance of a Catholic press for his country. Although there are now four newspapers and four magazines, he said, none of them is self-supporting and there is a serious lack of trained Catholic journalists.

He said that the Lithuanian people don't know their religion, there is a great need for preparation for the

sacraments, and there is a problem of a lack of solidarity among the Lithuanian bishops.

I have to say that I personally found Archbishop Bakis to be extremely negative. He rejected all the suggestions we made for training journalists and for writing a column for one of the periodicals (or allowing himself to be interviewed) and he concluded by saying that he didn't know what to ask us to do because he doesn't know the best ways to solve his problems.

OUR MEETINGS WITH other archbishops were far more upbeat. Cardinal Jan Korec in Slovakia had gotten editors from 25 Catholic periodicals, all started since 1989, together to meet with us. It was the first time they had met together. They were proud of the periodicals they showed to us and the cardinal was equally proud of them.

Cardinal Korec is an impressive man. He was ordained a priest in secret and then was consecrated bishop in secret when he was only 28. He was imprisoned for a time (I'm not sure how long) and later had to work as an elevator repairman. He is the author of 60 books.

In Poland we met with Cardinal Jozef Glemp, who was also proud of the Catholic periodicals in his country. He said that Poland's biggest problem is the lack of well-trained journalists (we heard that everywhere), but that the church is now sending journalists to various places to be trained.

One of us asked Cardinal Glemp what Polish Catholics should expect of their periodicals. I thought his response was interesting: first, an explanation of the Sunday Mass readings; second, news about activities of the church; third, biographies of the saints; and fourth, articles about moral issues.

We met with more members of the hierarchy in Poland than in the other countries. Archbishop Jozef Kowalczyk, the apostolic nuncio to Poland, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, secretary general of the Polish Bishops' Conference, and Bishop Jan Chrapek, vice chairman of the Polish bishops'

Communications Committee. The meeting with Bishop Chrapek was probably the most informative.

IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, we met with Archbishop Miroslav Vlk in the Archbishop's Palace, which is next to the Prague Castle at the top of a hill overlooking the city. We were in his office at 12 noon when a squad of soldiers came marching down the street for the changing of the guard at the gate to the castle. The archbishop opened the doors to his balcony and invited us to view the parade from that vantage point. The troops marched past the Archbishop's Palace to the gate of the castle, and then inside.

We also had a tour of the palace, which is as elaborate as most royal palaces. We saw the archbishop's chapel on the second floor and then reception rooms on the third floor. The chapel dates back to the 17th century and is quite elaborate. The reception rooms resemble an art museum, with huge paintings, wall-covering tapestries, and numerous statues. One reception room had large oil paintings of all the archbishops of Prague from the 16th century to the present.

I asked Archbishop Vlk to tell us something about his experiences under communism. He said that he waited 12 years to be allowed to go to a seminary and was finally accepted in 1974. He was ordained in 1978 and was able to work as a priest for 11 months. After that, though, he was forced to work as a window washer for 10 years. It was hard work, he said, but it enabled him to learn a lot that has been helpful to him as a bishop. He had a small underground community for which he celebrated Mass in secret, he said, sometimes up in the mountains. In 1989 he was able to go back to working in a parish, then was ordained a bishop and 16 months ago was named Archbishop of Prague, succeeding Cardinal Tomasek. He is also now the president of the European Episcopal Conference, succeeding Cardinal Martini of Milan.

THE HUMAN SIDE

Seminarian figures lead to reflection about priesthood's future

by Fr. Eugene Henrick

Speculation about the priesthood's future is being heightened by the newly released seminary enrollment figures by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Diocesan seminary enrollment dropped 6 percent, and those studying for religious orders dropped 15 percent last year. Many reasons are offered.

Some point to clergy scandals. They argue that respect for the priesthood, which once made the vocation so attractive, is now at an all time low.

Others feel that celibacy no longer has a sign value, and that the priesthood is lagging behind the times when it makes this a requirement. They argue that if we allowed married priests we would have more than are needed.

Another theory is that the church is not fully addressing the issues of women or gay rights, and this is deterring some men who believe the priesthood must be all-inclusive.

It is argued that the addition of women priests would give better balance to church ministry and reflect our times, in which women are now in positions unthought of before.

On the other side of the coin are those who say we had a golden era of priesthood in the past and that it is unreasonable to expect this to continue forever.

Some see fewer priests as a blessing which is giving better balance to church governance. They maintain that the church was top heavy with clergy, leading to excessive clericalism in some places.

A good number of priests see a dwindling priesthood as forcing them and the church to redefine the priesthood in a way that will make it more dynamic for the times. They feel that not being able to do all they did before will make

them choose what is essential in the priesthood.

Cultural observers point out that it is not only the clergy culture that is undergoing dramatic shifts, but that we should look at the dramatic shifts around us in other highly acclaimed professions.

Professions are experiencing a growing African-American, Hispanic and Asian presence. The priesthood, which is still not up to par in this regard, is caught in this shift.

My own speculation is that despite all the above conjecture and the declining statistics, the main thrust of the church will be to attempt to recruit greater numbers of candidates for the priesthood and to maintain the status quo. Ominous trends will not sway it from maintaining the established system connected with the priesthood.

We will see a greater effort to promote vocational recruiting programs like "Called By Name," and "Andrew."

Academic requirements, psychological

and religious backgrounds, and the age limit of seminarians will receive even greater attention when a person applies to the seminary.

We will see seminaries continuing to adjust their curricula to the growing number of new cultures.

More seminaries will close due to financial constraints and the difficulty of maintaining a highly qualified faculty. This could lead to consolidations and a pooling of talent that many repeatedly have called for.

No doubt some will ask, Why not speculate that we will have married or women priests? Why not speculate that the system will undergo a radical change and imagine creative possibilities?

My response is that I know all too well that the church runs on an imagination strongly tied to tradition and a system which it regards as not only imaginative but divinely inspired.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

It takes a serious determination to make changes in our lives

by Antoinette Bosco

Here it was, barely two weeks after the start of the new year, and already a friend was telling me that she was ignoring all of her Jan. 1 resolutions.

She had resolved to start an exercise program, read a book a week, cut out her addiction to television and be nice to her mother.

First she began to feel that she had made too many resolutions. Then she had been unrealistic, she insisted.

She was funny as she talked to me about her own peccadilloes and was finally convincing as she maintained that making New Year's resolutions was just an exercise in futility.

I didn't argue with her, but I did reflect on my own position. It's simple: New Year's has become the time to make resolutions because it's logical timing. We all like to feel that we can make a new start, and when the old year ends it

makes us believe that a lot of old things we don't like can end too.

My attitude is that we don't need to make New Year's resolutions. We have to make resolutions at any point in the year, depending on what's changing in our lives and what we need to do to fix it.

And clearly, what stops us from making the changes that would make us thinner, happier, wiser, wealthier, kinder and so on is a huge obstacle. In a word: commitment.

It takes a serious determination to make changes in our ways, our habits, our desires, our goals. That's sometimes too painful even to consider, so we beg off.

I happened to turn on the television early on the first Sunday of January and there preaching was the Rev. Robert Schuller. He was telling of a man he met who told him that a sermon he had given 12 years ago had changed his life. Schuller related how he had gone back into his file of sermons to find out what he had said that had such a powerful effect on the man. It was a talk during which he had communicated his strong belief that everybody can change for the better, and he gave a kind of formula.

"A commitment must be made; a plan must be laid; and a price will be paid," he said.

As I listened, I reflected upon my own life and began to accept the truth of that sentence. I also realized then and there why it is that people break resolutions.

It's not so much that they don't make a commitment. That's the easy part. But with every commitment there's a price to pay. And that's the Waterloo for most of us. We don't want to pay the price required if we set out to change something in our lives.

Last year, I made a New Year's resolution to write a book about what I had learned in the two preceding years when I had to deal with the death of a beloved son.

I wanted to share how God had helped me in my suffering with others who perhaps were undergoing their own pain from an excruciating loss.

I made the commitment, and even had a plan. But the price was high—so much reliving of grief, so much work, so much giving up of other more pleasant ways of spending my time.

I was tempted to give up, but I didn't.

Now I know the price was worth paying. It led to my new book, "The Pummeled Heart, Finding Peace Through Pain" (Twenty-Third Publications). If all goes well, it will be published in March.

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VIEWPOINTS

Is it time to legalize drugs?

Jesus would be fighting drugs if he walked the streets of today's cities, says Father George Clements. He joins psychiatric social worker Babbette A. Wise of Washington's Georgetown University to ask what message society should deliver on drugs. Both writers respond to U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' recent recommendation that the government study what "ramifications" the legalization of drugs would have on lowering the rate of violent crime. Wise, coordinator of Georgetown's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Clinic, says it is right to examine anti-drug laws—in order to strengthen them. Removing the negative consequences of drug abuse removes the major impetus to treatment, she observes. Father Clements, a priest of Chicago and an anti-drug fighter, says the message on drugs is that they are synonyms for death. He coordinates anti-drug programs for the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities.

Jesus would be a drug fighter

by Fr. George Clements

Dr. Joycelyn Elders' suggestion to study drug legalization is preposterous.

The synonym for drugs is death.

For 22 years I was pastor of Holy Angels Church in the heart of Chicago's lowest socioeconomic area. The many funerals of drug overdose victims I conducted at Holy Angels convinced me that drugs equal death.

Were Jesus Christ walking the streets of New York or Miami or Chicago today, he would be involved in fighting drugs. Jesus never hesitated to take a stand on hard issues—like leprosy. Despised and shunned, drug addicts are today's lepers.

Jesus hated leprosy and loved lepers. We must hate addiction and love addicts.

Many of us who battle the satanic evil of drugs are ministers, lawyers, treatment counselors, orange-hat patrols, police. We dare not lose heart, dare not surrender to the screams that "after all, everyone does drugs."

Had I listened to them, I would never have attacked the drug paraphernalia empire. I had just come back from the funeral of Tommy, a 16-year old drug overdose

victim. I sat with my head down on my desk sobbing uncontrollably.

Suddenly the Holy Spirit yanked me up by my Roman collar. "Listen to your leader's message. Get off your dead posterior!"

I jumped into my car and drove to a grocery store that sells chewing gum, candy, potato chips and cookies. Many of Holy Angels' 1,500 students are customers.

On the store's shelves right next to those goodies was a dazzling array of drug paraphernalia—crack pipes, coke pipes, coke spoons, freebase kits, pony packs (small cellophane containers), hypodermic needles and syringes.

Each morning the white store owner drove from his affluent suburb into our black neighborhood. That day I yelled at him through his bulletproof partition, "Take that drug excrement off your shelves, right now!"

"Get out of my store!"

"Would you allow your children to use this mess?"

"Of course not."

"Why are you selling it here in our neighborhood?"

"Because you niggers don't care!"

I left the store, stood in the doorway and said to every prospective customer:

"You don't want to go in there. He's selling drug paraphernalia to our kids."

"Father, you're right. I'm not going in."

The owner had no customers, so 45 minutes later he came outside.

"I've taken it off the shelves."

"Where is it?"

"Back in the storage room."

"Bring that stuff out here on the sidewalk."

We are going to take these baseball bats out the trunk of my car and smash it up."

Soon, joined by other priests, we went to other stores, doing the same thing, and finally to the state legislatures. Now we are pushing for federal legislation to ban drug paraphernalia.

On a related note, I am disgusted at the pious declarations of so-called "role model" athletes and entertainers. They tell us they were once into drugs but are now drug free. The hidden message youngsters hear is that if they happen to take drugs they can simply follow their role models' example and overcome the addiction.

The athletes and entertainers I want to hear from are those who openly state that they've never taken drugs, are not presently taking drugs and have no intention of taking drugs in the future.

I am adamant: Love the addict, hate the addiction.

The law must not be an enabler

by Babbette A. Wise

Dr. Joycelyn Elders is correct that we should look at drug abuse laws.

But any change should be in the direction of strengthening the laws rather than weakening or eliminating them.

Something is wrong when the leading U.S. health professional hints at lessening the consequences for dangerous, life-threatening behavior. Yet the surgeon general said that drug legalization should be re-evaluated.

That message should be labeled hazardous to the nation's health.

People most often seek help for drug or alcohol abuse when there have been negative consequences in their lives. Removing one of those negative consequences by legalizing drugs is the wrong way to go.

From my own experiences as a therapist in the field, I estimate that only about 2 percent of patients I have seen decide to seek help without experiencing a negative consequence, such as an arrest.

I spend most of my working hours with alcoholics, drug addicts and their families. The good news is that drug addicts can get better. What keeps them from getting better are enablers.

Enablers are those who, with the best of intentions, facilitate substance abuse by covering up, denying or eliminating any negative consequences. Parents, schools, religious institutions, health professionals and friends all want to be "kind" and to "help" those in need. But true help means focusing on the negative consequences of substance abuse and searching for leverage to get the abuser into treatment. Enablers do the opposite by removing negative consequences.

Intervention is a structured consequence led by a trained professional. It's not easy, but it can help. Participants in an intervention lovingly confront the addict with the facts. If treatment is refused, family and friends must be prepared to end the relationship. Threats will not work. The hope is that the pressure and isolation will force the addict into treatment.

Parents can be the worst enablers. Continuing to provide money, clothing, food and car keys to an addicted child is a grave mistake.

Educational institutions can be enablers. Lectures and credits are meaningless without credible deterrents and negative consequences for substance abuse.

At Georgetown there is an alcohol and drug education program structured like a DWI program. A student addicted for a substance abuse-related problem must attend this program, go to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, pay a fine and perform community service. If it is determined that the student has a serious addiction, treatment will be mandatory.

Only through the campus adjudication system could these students have been reached.

Health professionals can be enablers. Too many treat the results of substance abuse, be it gastro-intestinal problems, broken bones or even depression without diagnosing and treating the primary problem: substance abuse.

Addictive prescriptions should not be given to addicts under the guise of "helping" to relieve physical or emotional pain. The study of addictions should be standard in medical school curricula.

Addicts may function at a high level for quite some time while their disease is eating them up inside. Many patients I treat would not be drug free were it not for the legal consequences that made treatment a necessity.

Dr. Elders should turn her power and talent in the direction of educating enablers and away from any thought of legalizing drugs. The law itself must not become an enabler.

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To the Editor

Episcopalians thank archbishop

We would like to thank Archbishop Buechlein for taking a public and unpopular stand regarding the condom ads on television being sponsored by the federal government.

We fully agree with him that casual or recreational sex degrades human dignity and destroys healthy relationships, as well as being medically dangerous. Promiscuity is a rejection of the fullness of life that God offers us. We believe the ads condone promiscuity.

How much more constructive it would be if the ads were to promote abstinence.

The ICLU's Gay and Lesbian Task Force has accused the archbishop of attempting to keep "medically accurate" information from the public. However, as the high failure rate of condoms, even for pregnancy prevention, is not mentioned in the ads, the information is inaccurate and misleading.

The HIV virus is hundreds of times smaller than sperm, therefore causing an even higher risk of failure, and it is deadly. It is extremely irresponsible of the government and television networks to promote this false sense of security to the public when lives are at stake.

We stand with Archbishop Buechlein in calling for local stations to refuse to

run the ads. We thank him again for his leadership in this matter.

Gwendolyn O'Connor and 11 others
Central Indiana Chapter of National Organization of Episcopalians for Life
Indianapolis

Responses from feminist catechism

The bitter diatribe of James F. Hayden, Ph.D., regarding the so-called sexist history of the Catholic Church (Jan. 7 issue), requires response.

Hayden's demonization of the church in terms of its "patriarchal" structure, his blanket condemnation of the writings of Tertullian, St. Augustine, St. Jerome, and St. Thomas Aquinas, and his utterly simplistic interpretation of Galatians 3:27-28, represent little more than the politically correct cant heard so often on university campuses today.

Hayden's complaint is framed in the formulaic incantations of radical feminism, an ideology that has no currency with the vast majority of women who are able to see through its opportunistic stratagems of winning victimhood. The presentation of this ideology again and again, in the same tired rhetoric of grievance, suggests these ideologues have memorized rote responses from the far left feminist catechism. Their

recital of grievances is always rendered with an appropriate degree of histrionic rage to induce guilt in those who disagree.

Radical feminism views all of life in relation to the acquisition of power. Its critiques are based on the Marxist assumption that everything—including religion—must be studied only through the prism of political power. Gender warfare has replaced class warfare as the challenge from the revolutionary left. In this view, religion is valuable only insofar as it serves the ends of the feminist ideological agenda.

Fortunately, most Catholics today evaluate feminist harangues through the lens of their religious faith. Nor are they ready to dump 2,000 years of religious heritage for a program of doctrinaire activism that has yet to stand the test of one generation's criticism.

Leon McKenzie, Ed.D.

Indianapolis

Wide distribution of new rosaries

Blessings continue following Our Lady of Fatima's incredible victory over the Godless communist empire and her intercession in mercifully shortening the Persian Gulf War following the rosary.

So far in the 1990s volunteer rosary makers have sent nearly 30 million new rosaries to those in need in more than 100 countries. The late Father Patrick Peyton's Family Rosary Crusade has sent a million rosaries to Russia and Eastern Europe and is gathering a million more.

It is also inspiring to note that more



Catholic chaplains at our U.S. military training bases are aware that they are edified by the daily requests for rosaries by our young men and women recruits. In addition, the rosary movement is trying to put a rosary in the hands of every little innocent instead of "the thing" being distributed in schools through Godless sex education.

As a Lenten project or a spiritual work of mercy, if any of your readers would like information on making mission rosaries with volunteer rosary makers from ages 9-90, as groups or as individuals, they may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below.

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CORNUCOPIA

Branching into the in-laws

by Cynthia Deves

Crawling out still further along the branches of the family tree, we come to the extensions of in-laws, a delicate subject to be sure. It's delicate because when you are an in-law, you work both sides of the generational fence.

If you're a father-in-law, you must also have been at some point son-in-law. If you're a daughter-in-law, no doubt you have (had) a mother-in-law and/or father-in-law. And so on and on, we haven't computed all the possible combinations.

According to popular wisdom, the mother-in-law is usually the major villain of the piece. She browbeats her daughters, accuses her sons, and determinedly spoils the grandchildren. Fathers-in-laws carry out her orders, and she answers only to God. Sometimes.

What really gets interesting is the fabled relationship between mothers-in-law. Here we have the dueling harriads jockeying for



position as the fathers-in-law stand by acting as seconds and holding the ladies' capes, or gauntlets, or whatever they don't need at the moment.

It's easy to tell from all of the above that fathers-in-law are relegated to a passive role in the in-law business. Generally they are on hand to provide financial support, keep the car running in case the need to interfere in person arises, and agree with all strategies and tactics of mothers-in-law.

Daughters-in-law are known from sleaze journals and soap operas as the second-most heinous villains, since they pilfer sons away from their own families. They do this by insisting on visiting their families on every holiday or vacation, presenting their parents with the best gifts, and naming the kids after their side of the family.

Sons-in-law are not forgotten in cultural myth, either. They are the dolts, churls, dim bulbs, who snatch our beautiful and talented daughters away from us and their ray futures, only to fry hamburgers and change diapers in some unworthy dump in another town, state or even country.

It is possible that in-law stereotypes were created out of a combination of historical minutiae and national folklore. This would also explain the archetypal Jewish mother

(in-law) or the Greek matriarch, the kidnapping of Sicilian maidens by the families of prospective bridegrooms or the paying of dowries to complete strangers, and all that ethnic in-law stuff.

It is certainly true that some of us find ourselves married into a family so gothic that there must have been incestuous mating somewhere in its past. But most in-laws would not be likely to appear on the cover of "National Enquirer."

The real world of in-laws goes like this: a) our kid selects someone to love, b) if our kid loves this person she or he must be lovable, c) ergo, we also come to love this person, and d) as a corollary, we respect his or her parents for their part in the matter.

On the other end, if our mother- and father-in-law produced our beloved they must have done something right. We will offer them our love and respect.

Just remember to check out your sweetie's family before you marry. You'll be marrying all of them.

check-it-out...

Right to Life of Indianapolis will host a gathering at the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building on Jan. 22 from 2-3 p.m. The purpose of this gathering will be to grieve and mourn the loss of the millions of babies who have lost their lives due to the Roe vs. Wade decision. Saturday is the 21st anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion on demand across the nation.

Bishop Chatard High School, 5885 North Crittenden Ave., will host the family entertainment show, "Main Street Opry" from the Lake of the Ozarks. The group sings and dances renditions of country, gospel, nostalgic 50s, contemporary and patriotic music. The event will be held at the school on Feb. 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the school, Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling 317-251-1451.

Secina Memorial High School Booster Club will present a program, "Child and Adolescent Depression . . . What Every Parent Should Know," on Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ellen Tracoff will lead the group. Pamphlets and brochures will be available from the Marion County Mental Health Association. For more information, call Stephanie Thibod, president of the Secina Booster Club at 317-545-9078.

Catholic Social Services is planning to bring together a support group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse beginning in February. The program will run approximately 12 weeks and will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fees are on a sliding scale. Please contact Linda Lohide

Clarke at Catholic Social Services at 317-256-1500 for more information.

The **Young Actors Theatre** begins its spring semester on Feb. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Metropolitan Center, 1505 N. Delaware. Classes include students, first grade through high school, who meet on Saturday mornings until May when the session ends with the student's play production. Now in its 16th year, the Young Actors Theatre offers training in pantomime, speech, improvisations, acting technique and live performance by the students. There is a strong stress on developing imagination, concentration and confidence. Charlotte Kaufman is director of the theatre. For registration or information, call Turners Free University (sponsors of the Young Actors Theatre) at 317-635-7477.

"**Catholic Church and Marriage**," will be presented by Father Fred Easton on Feb. 3 from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Parish School Music Room, on the bottom floor of the older school building. The school is located at 224 W. 9th St., Connersville, Ind. This event is part of the Adult Faith Formation Series sponsored by the Connersville Diocesan Board of Total Catholic Education. Father Easton is currently the vicar judicial for the Archdiocese Tribunal office located at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Father Easton will address the scriptural foundation for the Church's beliefs in pastoral practice regarding marriage. He will outline the development in the Church's understanding of marriage throughout the centuries until the present. In this presentation, he will speak about marriage consent, impediments to marriage, marriage preparation and the indissolubility of marriage. He will also speak to the question of divorce and remarriage including myths held about those issues. Registration deadline is Feb. 1. There is no charge. To register, contact the Diocesan Resource Center at 317-925-2161.

The Crossroads of America Council will present its second annual **Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction and Tradore** on Feb. 5, to raise funds for Scout camping programs in central Indiana. The program will begin at 9 a.m. at the Tyndall Armory, 711 N. Pennsylvania St. in Indianapolis. The auction and tradore will last all day, in conjunction with Scout Anniversary Week, Feb. 6-12. Among the items up for sale this year will include memorabilia such as a neckerchief from the first National Jamboree in Washington, D.C. in 1937, stamp collections, old handbooks and manuals and more. For more information, call 317-925-1900.

The **Civic Theatre of Indianapolis**, 1200 W. 38th St., will present *Amadeus* opening on January 21 running three weekends through Feb. 6. Tickets range from \$10-17. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Civic Theatre box office at 317-925-4597.

St. Meinrad Archdiocese Library will display an exhibit of woodburnings by Benedictine Brother Flavien Schwenk from Jan. 30 to Feb. 25. The art exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the hours are 1-4:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m.



THE GOODNESS OF GIVING—Parishioners of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis collected, wrapped, sorted and delivered over 992 gifts over the holidays to help out 35 families from St. Philip Neri and Sacred Heart parishes. The preparation was part of St. Jude's annual "Giving Tree" program. (Photo by Donna Ahlbrand)

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It's never too early to learn good manners

Barbara Anderson and Julie Tuttle are helping to reinforce family values through their etiquette classes

by Mary Sue Best

The children came dressed in their Sunday best: frilly dresses, bow ties, suspenders and jackets. They were bright and quick to learn how to answer the telephone, set the table and enter a room in response to a call. Following one another, they practiced their lessons before the small group of 3- and 4-year-olds.

And when their mothers arrived to take them home, they had lots of stories to tell about their first "luncheon" and class in manners. Held in the Indianapolis home of St. Matthew parishioner Barbara Anderson, the class was the first of many to come.

Anderson, formerly director of children's services for the Indiana Department of Mental Health, has worked for and with on behalf of children in several capacities for 20 years.

Now she continues this thrust, with partner Julie Tuttle, in an enterprise called "B and J Etiquette."

Tuttle is a psychiatric nurse who has held a number of positions in private hospitals, where she held classes for children.

"She is more of a hands-on person," Anderson said of her partner. "I am more of an organizer of our efforts. But we both care about the family and what is happening in today's world."

Because children and their families are continually on the move, she observed, they spend a great deal of time in the car, traveling to classes and activities. Time together for modern families is less than it once was for the families of yesteryear.

"What concerns us is not so much a lack of time to practice good manners," Anderson said, "but that we are becoming too busy to be together. Our classes help reinforce family values and their importance. Etiquette is learning how to be comfortable with others and making

them feel comfortable by following prescribed rules. It is based on values and ethics."

Even in the case of rudeness, she said, "the proper thing is to turn the other cheek." Using humor, changing the subject to a more upbeat topic, and responding with lots of kindness are positive ways to deal with another person's rudeness.

Anderson and Tuttle have researched the subject of manners and examined the needs of adults and youth. They also looked at what others are doing elsewhere in the country, including a class in graciousness taught by a public school teacher in Chicago.

In Tuttle's classes at private hospitals, she sought to keep the behavior of children at mealtime very spontaneous yet appropriate. She bought the girls white gloves to wear, and when the boys asked for them too she bought more gloves.

These children had experienced many difficulties in their lives, and some had suffered abuse. The classes were a way to bring them fun and joy and point the way toward consideration of others.

Thus B and J Etiquette was born.

The two women also have worked with a sorority at Butler University.

"We found the college girls eager to learn," Anderson said. "They are interested in what is proper social behavior. They asked many questions."

The Butler students wanted guidance in entertaining, table manners and hospitality for use in their sorority house, she said. "We helped them develop conversational skills, which is becoming a lost art. Things like how to shake hands, keep eye contact, behave in a crowd, respond positively, give honest compliments, keep abreast of current affairs, build bonds, establish trust, and have fun."

Anderson and Tuttle will continue the classes at Butler this year, adapting presentations to fit the needs and requests for information on this vast subject.

At Butler, she said, "Our main focus will be conversation and hospitality."

Classes geared for adolescents will bring mothers into the discussions. And classes with corporate leaders will come to meet their unique needs, from telephone manners to better conversational and sales skills to corporate table manners.

"Many (business) decisions are completed over lunch or dinner," Anderson said, "and the person who answers the phone is one of the most important members of the organization."

Anderson credits her schooling at Ladywood Academy (now Cathedral High School) and Bishop Chatard High School with helping her realize the importance of etiquette skills.

"The sisters emphasized values, manners and discipline," she said. "God was in the curriculum, with strong parameters of right and wrong. Society needs these parameters today."

She said one Biblical proverb, which is truly practiced in Catholic schools, is, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

American society today is fast-paced, she said. "Computers have taken away the human touch. We hear the cry, 'Be focused,' but we may be so focused that we do not pay attention to the other person. That's all etiquette is, and we have the rules to make it easy."

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HAT DAY—Kindergarten students at Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute (from left) Ashley Kester, Megan Buchanan, Cassandra Gray, Jennifer Wulf, Justin Mascari, Joseph Hand, Patricia Quinn, Matthew Thomas, Andrew Favali and Katie Lorenski mark Favorite Hat Day.



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SPOTLIGHT ON SEYMOUR DEANERY

St. Mary parish, school working toward future

by Peter Agostinelli

Father Robert Drewes, pastor of St. Mary Church in North Vernon, knows what he's talking about when he discusses the parish and its challenges.

Father Drewes has served as pastor of St. Mary since 1977. He also was dean of the Seymour Deanery from 1981 through 1993, a post recently assumed by Father Dan Mahan of St. Rose of Lima in Franklin.

It means that Father Drewes knows his parishioners—and their relationship to the surrounding community of Jennings County—very well.

"To me, it's a typical small community," he said of North Vernon, population 5,000.

That relationship between church and community is significant because they tend to influence each other. In recent years St. Mary's parish membership and school have both fluctuated slightly, which isn't unusual at all in smaller towns.

For example, St. Mary School, which houses kindergarten through eighth grades, can boast about its high enrollment in kindergarten and first grades. In the 172-student school, over 60 students are enrolled in those first two grades. The problem is that enrollment numbers tail off in the higher grades.

"We've got the small classes and a low teacher to student ratio, but the numbers go down anyway," Father Drewes said.

The struggle to maintain enrollment certainly isn't because of a lack of good teachers and facilities. In fact, St. Mary School just finished remodeling a room in its school building and installing new computers and furnishings for a new computer facility. Also, visits from archdiocesan



Father Robert Drewes

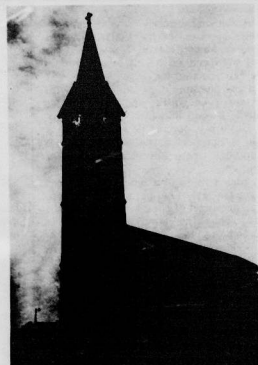
officials have been planned to help parishioners learn more about Catholic education.

The challenge St. Mary faces in its community's fluctuating population isn't at all unlike its efforts to maintain a stable enrollment at its school. That's because each year fewer and fewer young adults stay and work in the town after they graduate from high school.

North Vernon has often found itself overshadowed by bigger neighbors such as Columbus and Seymour. They have higher populations, and they've been the towns in the last few years that have landed important jobs by luring manufacturers and other businesses.



RECTORY AND CHURCH-St. Mary Church, at right, sits just off State Road 7 in North Vernon. The rectory, pictured above, sits next to the church. The church and part of the rectory—which houses the parish office—were built in the 19th Century by Father John Missi, who some consider to be the church's founding father. St. Mary School is across the street from the two buildings. (Photos by Peter Agostinelli)



Some good news did come last year when Lowe's, a prominent lumber and building materials outfit, announced that it had chosen North Vernon as the location for a new facility. The company purchased land to build a distribution center that will create new jobs and build new avenues of

economic activity for the town. The operation will regularly dispatch about 100 large trucks carrying products to Lowe's retail stores, so some local roads may need to be widened.

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North Vernon parish has strong faith and educational traditions

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the positive effects the venture will provide for the city. The people of St. Mary surely will enjoy some of that.

Such opportunities don't come along every day. That's why parishioners at St. Mary and other churches belonging to the Seymour Deanery have grown accustomed to change and occasional consolidation of parishes. Add to that the provincialism common in many southern Indiana towns. Father Drewes says, and parishes like St. Mary have double the work.

"People have allegiances that tug at them and pull them away from each other," Father Drewes said. "It's hard for the church to overcome that."

One project that has strengthened St. Mary's foundation is the construction of a new parish center. The facility, built over three years ago, houses activities such as music shows and parish dances. One recent performance featured madrigal singers from Butler University in Indianapolis. Also, sporting events are held in the center's shiny new gymnasium.

Before the construction of the center, groups such as the parish council had to meet in an upper-level room in the school building. The new facility brings improved accessibility and newfound space.

Just as important are the fundraising possibilities the facility has opened. Father Drewes said bingo is among the most popular parish activities.

"It (the new center) has added a social, recreational and educational dimension to the parish that just wasn't there before," he said. It was a response to the needs people here have had for over a hundred years.

The parish of St. Mary was founded in 1861 by a priest named Father John Missi, a native of Waldmohr, Germany, who settled in an area near New Albany in 1836. Besides being somewhat of a spiritual father of the church, his other distinction is that he spent his entire career in Jennings County.

After completing studies at a college in Vincennes and being ordained in 1859 by Bishop St. Palais, Father Missi became pastor of St. Anne Church in Jennings County. He soon started construction of St. Mary, which was delayed because some laborers working on the church building organized to join Union forces fighting in the Civil War.

St. Mary was completed in 1868, without the distinctive tower that marks it today. It was dedicated under the title of "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin."

Father Missi helped build part of the current rectory that stands next to the church

and is used today. He died in 1893 in his bed at the rectory.

The beloved German priest had also helped build a mortuary chapel at the parish cemetery, which opened in 1854. The chapel was razed in 1976 and replaced by a stone arch memorial. Father Missi and two future pastors—Fathers Edward Eisenman and George Widerin—are now buried there.

Besides being a major force in building parish facilities and stimulating its growth, Father Missi is remembered as an unselfish and caring mission priest. He was known to travel often to nearby towns such as Scipio and Osgood to hold Catholic services. He even collected extra funds at some services to help finance additions to the young St. Mary Church.

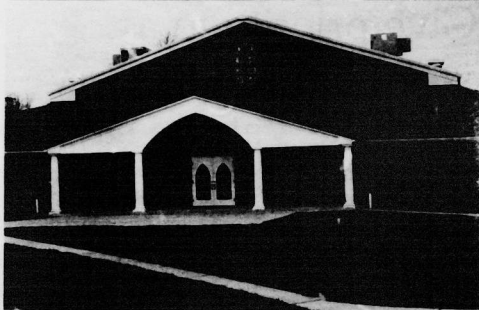
Religious education first arrived at St. Mary in 1864 in the form of holy Communion classes. The first school was a two-room brick building built in 1865 and located behind the church. Father Missi, traveling at the time from his residence at St. Anne, taught the classes with assistance from several lay teachers. One lay teacher came from as far away as Madison to teach classes.

Only a few specifics about the school are recorded in the church's 1986 history. "St. Mary's Parish: The First 125 Years." But one detail recalls that children of Irish immigrants were taught in the school's downstairs room, while those of German descent were instructed in a separate room upstairs.

One teacher, a man named George Nodler, instructed his classes in German, even though English was used in most lessons. The history recalls that some non-Catholic families in the area enrolled their children in his classes.

Another instance of ethnic division within the tiny parish—60 families were registered at one point in the late 19th Century—occurred when Father Missi organized an altar society. Parishioners made up the society for a short time before it was divided into two separate groups. St. Bridget's Society was created for the Irish and St. Mary's Society for Germans.

The huge church tower that's still visible from roads leading into North Vernon was finished in 1897. The project proved to be such a big community project that even non-Catholics helped with its construction. Non-Catholics also helped with the campaign to install a clock just below the tower's steeple.



North Vernon parish has strong faith and educational traditions

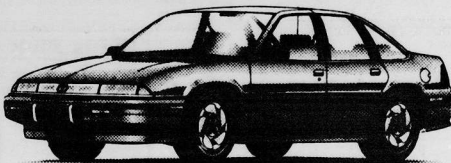
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Give priority to a well-trained seminary staff, the Vatican says

Directives on preparing seminary educators say training of priests can't be left to makeshift solutions

by Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Although many dioceses and religious orders have a shortage of priests, they must still give priority to having a complete and well-trained seminary staff, said a new document issued by the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

The training of the church's future priests cannot be left to "improvisations and makeshift solutions," said the document. It was released Jan. 11 at the Vatican.

The document, "Directives Concerning the Preparation of Seminary Educators," was presented by Cardinal Pio Laghi, head of the congregation that oversees Catholic schools and seminaries.

"The whole Christian community should sense the problem of the selection and formation of seminary educators as its own," the document said. "It is an aspect that cannot be isolated from the life and responsibilities of the diocese-community."

Because of a lack of resources, in most countries it has not been possible to establish institutions for the specialized training of

those who are selected to be seminary rectors or educators, the document said.

The document included praise for the use of special summer courses or study days for seminary personnel, but said that the approach to preparing seminary educators must be more comprehensive.

Even in cases where a diocese has a plan for training seminary educators, the tendency is to give more weight to personal "charism" than to specialized studies and technical preparation, the new document said.

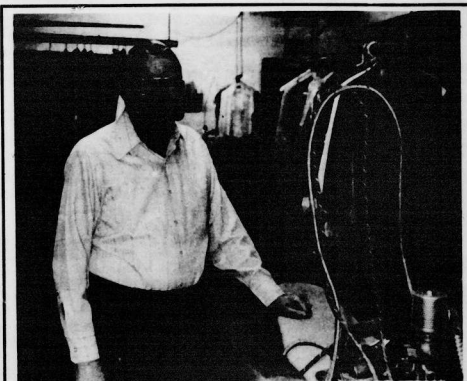
"Charism and technical preparation must be harmonized," Cardinal Laghi said at a Vatican press conference.

The change in the average age of seminarians over the past three decades—from 16- and 17-year-olds to those in their mid-20s—means the seminary staff is trying "to form them when they are already marked" by their cultures and by a larger variety of life experiences, the cardinal said.

While the document emphasized the need for personal holiness, integrity and a commitment to church life and teaching among seminary personnel, it also called for a knowledge of the social and cultural reality in which prospective seminarians live.

"The relationships between educator and student and their efficacy are greatly helped by a knowledge of all that contributes to forming the mentality and way of life of society today," the document said.

The directives stress the importance of every priest on a seminary staff being a



HISTORIAN—Salem resident Willie Harlen, pausing recently at his dry cleaning business, is finishing work on a history about St. Patrick (Salem) cemetery. Harlen, a Tell City native and St. Patrick parishioner, has written extensively about the parish and its people. (Photo by Peter Agostinelli)

role-model for the students' future priestly life.

Every member of the seminary staff, and particularly the priests who live at the seminary, must work together to create a peaceful and prayerful environment, it said.

Qualified lay men and women and permanent deacons, whose contribution to seminary education is recognized in the document, should receive the religious formation necessary to insert them into the seminary community and make them part of the seminary team.

The seminary staff members must show themselves capable of establishing friendships, expressing understanding, kindness and self-control, the directives said.

"It is important that educators have a good, mature affectivity," it said. "This is

understood as the free and stable possession of one's own affective world: the capacity to love and to allow one's self to do so in a right and purified way."

Cardinal Laghi said there are 3,268 major seminaries in the world with more than 90,000 students in their final years of philosophy and theology studies prior to ordination.

The document said there is a need "to regulate the proliferation of major seminaries" and to avoid breaking existing seminaries up into smaller units because, in most cases, dioceses do not have the qualified personnel to fully staff them.

It also asked dioceses and religious orders "richer in educators of the clergy" to consider loaning personnel to other dioceses or regions where there is a severe shortage.

Correction

The correct names in a photo by Peg Hall in the Dec. 24 *Criterion* are Chelsea Hauser and her mother Laura Hauser. They were participating in an Advent wreath-making party at St. Paul Parish in Tell City.

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Pope tells Catholics: pray, work for unity

Urges them to participate in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18 to 25

by Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Christians are called to pray and work for "the unity of the church as the family of God," Pope John Paul II said.

Speaking Jan. 16 during his Angelus address, the pope called upon Catholics to participate in the Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme for the 1994 celebration, organized by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches, is "Called to be One in Heart and Mind."

During the celebration of the International Year of the Family, the pope said, "all Christians spread out over five continents are called to rediscover the necessity of the unity of the church as the family of God."

When individuals open themselves to Christ, the pope said, they acquire a new heart which makes them able to share with other Christians the "one heart and one mind" which described the early Christian community in the Acts of the Apostles.

"Only a humble and sincere acceptance of Christ can help believers to overcome the still existing divisions, in that way making a more effective contribution to the solution of conflicts which are tearing apart various regions of the world," the pope said.

During the week of prayer, he said, "an invocation will rise in unison from every corner of the earth for the unity of the disciples of Christ."

The pope also said the week would be an opportunity to examine the progress made in Christian unity, the obstacles that remain, the problems still under study and the need for "an unceasing and sincere dialogue."

A special event during the week of prayer, he said, would be the Jan. 23 day of prayer "to beg God for a just and lasting peace in the martyred region of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

"Christians must be ministers of reconciliation always and everywhere, but especially where peace is so violated that it seems humanly unobtainable," the pope said.

In such situations, he said, "the most effective force is prayer. Nothing is impossible for God."

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People can never have 'too much' of a virtue

by Fr. Paul J. Schmidt

Beverly Sills, the great soprano, was asked by an interviewer whether she had stage fright, especially when she was to sing in two operas, matinee and evening, on the same day.

Sills replied that it used to be difficult for her to go on stage at any time, but especially when she had to face a double-header. Then she got a bright idea.

She told herself: I don't "have to" sing. I "get to" sing. Once she adopted this attitude, she was no longer concerned about "getting through" a performance. She was delighted to go out and give her all. It was evident to anyone who heard her that she was having fun.

We can, of course, approach our Christian life as something to "get through," perhaps drawing a clear distinction between precepts, which everyone should obey, and counsels, which only special people like priests and nuns have to observe.

There was a time when we read the story of the rich young man in the Gospel and heaved a sigh of relief. The man obeyed all the precepts. Jesus invited him to observe the counsel of poverty. The man refused the special vocation.

But Jesus wasn't asking most of us to do what he was asking the young man to do. All we had to do was grit our teeth and keep the commandments.

We overlooked a line in Mark's account of the story: "Jesus looked at him and loved him."

The invitation to go beyond the minimum daily requirements of the law was a gift of love, a privilege. This invitation applies to every Christian, not only those who take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The young man did not "have to" go beyond the minimum; he "got to" go beyond it. He went away sad, because he did not want to do more than he had to.

Many of us miss the joy of our calling because we are afraid to do more than we must.

St. Paul teaches in Galatians and Romans that we are called to a life in the Spirit. We are invited to obey the law, not because we have to but because we want to. Then we are invited to go freely beyond the requirements of the law into limitless possibilities.

St. Thomas Aquinas centered his Christian moral teaching on the virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, which he learned from Greek and Roman philosophy, and on faith, hope and charity, which he learned from the theology of St. Paul.

Aquinas tucked the commandments, most of which tell us what not to do, into his teaching on the virtues, which tell us what to do. I might call this a morality of "thou shalt's."

"The commandments must not be understood as a minimum limit not to be gone beyond, but rather as a path involving a moral and spiritual journey toward perfection, at the heart of which is love," Pope John Paul II says in his recent encyclical, *"Veritatis Splendor"* (No. 15).

One can never have too much of a virtue (even of the virtue of temperance). One need never say, "Now I've finished that virtue."

How much faith, how much hope, how much love should we practice? The question is absurd.

The story of the rich young man is for everyone. "This vocation to perfect love," the pope's encyclical continues (No. 18), "is not restricted to a small group of individuals." It means that Christ invites us to take one more step toward him, no matter where we are.

There is something else about Jesus' invitation. We all have our favorite virtue. That is often the one we condemn others for not practicing.

But there is usually a virtue we find difficult—patience, purity, generosity or forgiveness, for example. There is one thing we consider impossible to give up or to give.

Jesus zeroes in on that precise thing. The rich young man was comfortable obeying the commandments. He was uncomfortable contemplating the loss of his wealth. He may have been willing to give Jesus anything—love, but not the one impossible thing.

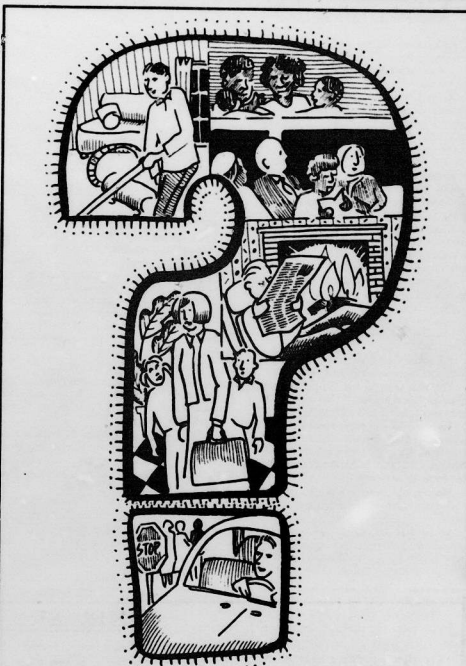
The pope says that the challenge and the grace of Jesus' invitation is a call to share in his death and resurrection (No. 19). "This is not a matter only of disposing oneself to hear a teaching and obediently accepting a commandment. More radically, it involves holding fast to the very person of Jesus, partaking of his life and his destiny, sharing in his free and loving obedience to the will of the Father."

It is an invitation to take up our cross and follow him to life and joy and glory.

Jesus is looking at each person with love, inviting us to step beyond our comfortable, manageable commitment. We have only to get up the courage to look back.

What we see in his eyes should be enough to tell us now that we don't "have to" take the next step on the way to eternal life. We "get to" take that step.

(Father Paul Schmidt is the director of priests personnel for the Diocese of Oakland in California.)



BIG QUESTION—How much faith, hope, and love should we practice in our daily lives? Christians should not be concerned about measuring these virtues, but should focus on practicing them. Jesus looks at each person with love, inviting us to step beyond our comfortable, manageable commitment. (CNS illustration by Caele Lowry)

It isn't easy to follow the Gospel

by David Gibson

Following the Gospel seems like a demanding enterprise to me. It isn't always easy to act justly, and the stress of life has a way of obscuring God's presence.

But to speak of how much the Gospel asks is only one side of the coin. Pope John Paul II makes a point about this in his encyclical on principles of morality called *"The Splendor of Truth."*

The Gospel opens a window of opportunity for us, he seems to suggest. When the

Gospel's rich young man approaches Jesus with a question, Jesus shows him the possibility that lies before him. "We are speaking of a possibility opened up to man exclusively by grace, by the gift of God, by his love," the pope writes. If much is asked, much is given.

The pope indicates that the love the Gospel envisions is beyond human abilities. This love is "possible only as the result of a gift of God who heals, restores and transforms the human heart."

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

DISCUSSION POINT

Jesus calls us to serve others

This Week's Question

Do you think the message of Jesus is demanding? Why?

"Yes. It's something we have to answer day by day. It is hard always to be thinking of others first and putting social justice before one's own money and wealth." (Kathleen Brown, Alpharetta, Ga.)

"I sure do! Jesus shed his blood on the cross for our sins. He wants us to put ourselves in his position on a daily basis ... putting our total trust in God. That's hard to do. Our human tendency is to try to do it ourselves." (Joe Meyer, Cincinnati, Ohio)

"No, not really. It's just asking you to do what's right. Sometimes it's hard. But he sends me little messages saying, 'I'm here.'" (Esther Duran, Sweetwater, Texas)

"It is ... if you take it seriously. The principle message is

love. It's hard because we're selfish. To love the way Jesus loved means ... you really have to go counter to our culture." (Tom Sinar, Casselton, N.D.)

"Of course, Jesus told us to turn the other cheek. Today if you do this, it's easy to be taken advantage of. But that is what happened to him." (Mary Holap, Libertyville, Ill.)

"Sure. He calls us to serve others and their needs, to share our possessions, and to love those whom we otherwise might not find easy to love." (Danna Mazancowski, Fishers, Ind.)

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"Smiling Christ" by John Steel

How would you phrase a question for Jesus?

by Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, the rich young man of Matthew's Gospel came up and asked what he needed to do to inherit eternal life.

It is rather unlikely that anyone—man or woman—would ask the same question today. If someone did, it would likely take some other form.

Question from a teen-ager: "Look around. Drugs, sex, booze, money, that's a lot of temptation out there. I don't think I'm up to it. What should I do?"

Question from a middle-aged person: "I know you are the Savior. You are, aren't you? At least that's what I learned. I'd still like to believe it, but I'm not so sure about salvation and all that. But just in case, what do I have to do?"

Question from an aged person: "I'm getting old now. The end is nearer, and that really makes me think. I want to make sure I've set everything straight. Charity—loving my family and my neighbor—is the main thing, right?"

All three questions have something in common. None actually addressed Jesus.

The rich man in the Gospel addressed Jesus as "good teacher." That may not have been much, but it was something.

Today, a lot of people have a hard time addressing God or Jesus directly, as though they were not sure there was someone there listening. That may be the reason so many do not know what to ask.

How could people who do not know whom they are addressing know what to ask?

With this in mind, let's start our preceding questions over again—whether from a teen-ager, a middle-aged person, or an aged person—and see how much the

questions change when they directly address God as Father or Son.

First, a question to God as Father: "Father, you are our source of life. We are grateful for that life. How can we show our gratitude better?"

Now a question for Jesus as Lord: "Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us. How can we best serve and give life to others, even at the risk of our own? How can we be with you and enjoy life's fullness?"

In the Gospels, Jesus answered the rich man, "You know the commandments."

I suppose God, the Father, would have a similar answer: "You know what it means to be a child of God. You have the example of Jesus."

I suppose Jesus, the Lord, would also have a similar answer: "You know how to be with me, now in your family, job, profession and neighborhood, and in the fullness of life. I reacted out to others, not discriminating against anybody. I loved everybody, not only those who loved me. It is the same now. I still love everybody, reaching out to all through the church, welcoming people of every race and background."

Some things never change.

And so, the Lord Jesus answers the teen-ager: "Temptation is tough. But don't make it such a big deal. I'm with you. Do you want to be with me?"

The Lord Jesus answers the middle-aged person: "I know you want to be sure about things. But there is no insurance for salvation. Take up the life of salvation, and work for the salvation of others."

And the Lord Jesus answers the aged person: "You're right. Charity is the main thing, and it lasts for all eternity!"

(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of *Emmanuel* magazine.)



PRAYERFUL—If people today had the opportunity to question Jesus the way the rich young man did in St. Matthew's Gospel, it is likely that some people would talk about what is on their minds without actually addressing God as Father or Son. But when they do address God as Father or Son, they will see their questions change dramatically. (CNS photos by Denise Walker, top left; David L. Perry, top right; and Nancy Wiechec, bottom right)

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994

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

by Owen F. Campion

The Liturgy of the Word for this weekend begins with a reading from the Book of Jonah, a source used only rarely by the church for liturgical lessons.

Compared with other books of the Old Testament, such as the works of the major prophets or the Book of Psalms, Jonah is very short. It includes only four chapters, 48 verses altogether. Jonah is the central figure in the book, but he was not the author. It is not autobiographical. The author is unknown, but it is presumed that he lived in the fifth or fourth century before Christ.

At that time, the Jewish society was in a state of considerable frustration. On the one hand, there was a high level of nationalism. The people were well-aware of their unique place among the nations of the world. This unique status derived from the fact that among all the nations of the earth the Jews alone worshipped the one, true God. They had come to the privilege not by accident. God had chosen them. They lived according to laws and ideals revealed by God. They were God's elect, God's very special people.

On the other hand, they were neither powerful nor prosperous. Much of their history included defeats and humiliation. Puzzling for others, was the fact that the neighboring nations were pagan. Sin and idolatry reigned supreme in the societies beyond the borders of the Holy Land. Yet the pagan nations, not the Jews, were secure and comfortable.

Why? The Book of Jonah answers this question by concentrating upon the mercy of God, a favorite attribute in Jewish holy literature and religious thought at the time the Book of Jonah was composed and at other times as well. It is an attribute often mentioned by Jesus, and still is a great refrain in Christian worship and thought.

To illustrate the reality of God's mercy under the circumstances that then pertained, the author of the Book of Jonah constructed this story. Jonah was sent to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

Of all the enemies of God's people, none had overwhelmed the Jews with more fury than the Assyrians. Yet, God took pity upon the people of Nineveh. God sent Jonah to them to summon them to conversion, and

they responded. Mercifully, God forgave them their sins.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. In this reading, St. Paul called the Christians of Corinth to reality. Time was short, he insisted, and they should prepare for the inevitable.

It was easy, and indeed wise, to speak to the Corinthian Christians in this manner. They, as all human beings, await death. However, death was the likely result of any unfriendly encounter with Roman authorities, and when this epistle was written hostility between Christianity and the rulers of Rome already was in the air.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes this liturgy with its Gospel reading, a story familiar to Christians. Jesus embarks upon the mission of preaching God's mercy and human conversion. Along the way, Jesus met Simon and Andrew, then James and John. Jesus invited all to follow him. In response, they left everything to follow the Lord. They were, of course, the first of the apostles.

Reflection

In these weeks after Christmas, the church uses the opportunity of the Sunday liturgy to "introduce" worshippers to the newborn Lord. The church began its lesson with the First Sunday of Advent, calling us then to prepare for the Lord's coming. The church celebrated the coming of the Lord at Christmas. It has revealed the Lord's identity more and more, especially in the readings of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Lord's Baptism.

This weekend, the church teaches us that Jesus is the profound and perfect bearer of God's mercy. First Corinthians reminds us that everlasting death is the greatest peril before us, and so to avoid that we have the greatest need of God's mercy. Eternal life is God's response, given in Jesus. We have nothing to fear.

The church also reminds us that we must work for our salvation. We are visited by God, in the person of Jesus, just as God sent a representative to the wicked city of Nineveh. We are called to conversion. Accepting God's call requires our fortitude and absolute faith. The Lord is our helper and guide through the church, founded upon the apostles who were called to this work of salvation by Jesus the Lord. They represent the Lord still.

MY JOURNEY TO GOD

A Farewell to Dr. Peale

The boldness of a writer should not be underestimated! About two years ago, I sent a letter to Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the world-famous author, lecturer and minister of the Collegiate Marble Church in New York City.

In my letter, I asked if there was a need today for good Christian writers. I wasn't expecting an answer. This man was too busy. He certainly would not answer my query letter.

Upon coming home from work one day, I sorted through my mail and noticed a small envelope from New York addressed to me. It was from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale! My heart dropped from its usual position and ended up in my feet. I could not believe it, and was overcome with excitement.

Dr. Peale's letters were always short and to the point. He did not use flowery language. "There is a tremendous need for good Christian writers," he wrote.

This letter was followed by five more letters. One could not be overlooked. At 94, Dr. Peale wrote an apology for his delay in responding to my last letter.

"Please excuse my slowness in writing as I have been on two church conferences and a week's vacation," he wrote.

Best-known for his book "The Power of Positive Thinking," Dr. Peale was a most unique individual. The main theme of his writings was that everyone should develop positive thinking based on faith in Jesus Christ. One was positive because of one's faith.

The world was made sad by the passing of Dr. Peale on Christmas Eve. How appropriate that he should leave us the day before Christmas. The man of inspiration guided us to the stable in Bethlehem.

His message was that our loving Savior could handle all our problems and answer all our questions. Through faith in Jesus, we have it all.

The passing of Dr. Peale leaves me with the feeling that a very special messenger will no longer be with us.

Farewell, Dr. Peale! Catholics, Jews, Protestants and all good people rejoice that you are in your heavenly home.

Thank you for reminding us of the simple truth that faith in Christ will guide us through any problem and that by a mere act of will we can always be positive and secure that God is with us.

by John R. Williams

(John Williams is a member of Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis.)

Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 24
Francis de Sales, bishop
and doctor
2 Samuel 5:1-7; 10
Psalms 89:20-22, 25-26
Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, Jan. 25
Conversion of Paul, apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Psalms 117:1-2
Mark 16:15-18
Wednesday, Jan. 26
Timothy and Titus, bishops
2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan. 27
Angela Merici, virgin
and doctor
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Psalms 132:1-5, 11-14
Mark 4:21-25
Friday, Jan. 28
Thomas Aquinas, priest
and doctor
2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17
Psalms 51:3-7, 10-11
Mark 4:26-34
Saturday, Jan. 29
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17
Psalms 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

THE POPE TEACHES

Pray for peace in the Balkans

by Pope John Paul II
Remarks at audience Jan. 12

Throughout the church, Sunday, Jan. 23, will be a special Day of Prayer for Peace in the Balkans, to be preceded by a day of fasting on Friday, Jan. 21.

Pascal's famous statement that "the agony of Christ continues until the end of the world" ("Pensées," 553) is applicable in a tragic way to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. These words found frequent echo during the recent meeting here in the Vatican about the situation in the Balkans, which sought to make a thorough and impartial analysis of the situation.

Who is to blame for this immense tragedy? The vast majority of those involved are innocent victims. Many people are also victims of a misguided obedience to ideologies which theorize and condone all kinds of injustice.

In their regard Christians cannot forget

Christ's words from the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). But others do know, and there is need for an objective judgment on those who willfully commit crimes against humanity.

The Holy See has frequently spoken of the need for a "humanitarian intervention" in the Balkans; not primarily a military intervention, but forms of action aimed at "dismantling" the aggressor. The most powerful intervention, however, remains the prayers and sacrifices of believers.

This is the reason for the forthcoming Day of Prayer. As at Assisi last year, the entire church turns to God to implore his mercy and to express her trust that peace in the Balkans is possible.

Everything is possible with God, including the conversion of hearts, the transformation of hatred into love and of war into peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

'Gentleman Saint' was great writer

by John F. Fink

St. Francis of Sales, whose feast is next Monday, Jan. 24, is the patron of the Catholic press and of journalists because of the remarkable success he had writing pamphlets that explained Catholic doctrine. He must have been a great author.

We know his writing today because of his best-known books "The Introduction to the Devout Life" and "A Treatise on the Love of God." He explains to the average person that he or she, too, can be a saint. As he wrote in "The Introduction to the Devout Life," "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman. . . . It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

Francis de Sales was one of many of the church's saints who were born in the 16th century—in his case, in 1567. When he was 14 he was sent to one of the great centers of learning at the time, the University of Paris, because his father wanted to prepare him for a secular career. He went to the Collège de Clermont, one of the universities.

It was while under Jesuit direction. He received a doctor of laws degree at the age of 24.

But Francis wanted to be a priest. He took Francis a long time to persuade his father, but he finally managed when the opportunity arose for Francis to become provost of the Diocese of Geneva. Six months after his father's consent, Francis was ordained at age 26. Geneva at the time was the center of the Calvinists, begun by John Calvin in 1536.

Francis' first mission was to the people of Chablais, on the south shore of the Lake of Geneva. It was hard and dangerous work. Twice in 1595 he was waylaid by assassins but escaped miraculously. It was then that he began to write his pamphlets, laboriously copying

them and distributing them in any way he could. Thus began his activities as a writer. The pamphlets had their effect because soon a steady stream of lapsed Catholics were returning to the church.

The bishop of Geneva wanted to appoint Francis as his coadjutor and successor. Francis' fame had reached Rome and the pope himself, Clement VIII, along with Robert Bellarmine, Cardinal Frederick Borromeo (a cousin of St. Charles), and others wanted to examine him. So Francis traveled to Rome and answered 35 difficult questions of the theology simply but thoroughly. He was appointed coadjutor and then became bishop of Geneva in 1602.

He was a beloved bishop of that diocese for 20 years. He preached, heard confessions and organized the teaching of the catechism that he prepared. He taught, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." His constant good nature won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

In 1610 he collaborated with Jane Frances de Chantal, who was also to be declared a saint, in the founding of the Order of the Visitation. These sisters practice the virtues of Mary when she visited Elizabeth: humility, piety and mutual charity.

In 1622, the Duke of Savoy invited Francis to join him in a trip to Avignon to meet King Louis XIII. Francis did so because he wanted to obtain from Louis certain privileges for the French part of his diocese. But he became ill during the return trip and stopped at the convent of the Visitation in Lyons. He recovered enough to minister to the people of Lyons through a bitterly cold winter. But he died there on the feast of the Holy Innocents at the age of 55.

Francis de Sales was beatified in 1662, canonized in 1665, and was declared one of the 32 doctors of the church in 1877.

by James W. Arnold

Recent USCC
Film classifications

The Air Up There A-II
Cabin Boy A-II
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Dead Will A-II

Legend: A-I—general patronage; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV—adults, with restrictions; O—family audience.



► "Stolen Children" (A-2, R): Gianni Amelio's understated, poignant study of two of the world's millions of suffering children, a sister and brother treated kindly for a while by an idealistic young



►“The Joy Luck Club” (A-3, R): This vivid adaptation of the Amy Tan novel



"Sleepless in Seattle" (for help in keeping romance alive).
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(Check local listings to verify program dates and times. Henry Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)

QUESTION CORNER

Rachel mourned the loss of children

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q Some of our post-abortion counseling centers have the name of Rachel. The Scripture readings on the feast of the Holy Innocents this past December had us wonder about her.

The Gospel said something about Rachel weeping for her children. I asked some friends, but none of us know. Is there a connection between these Rachel's? If so, can you tell us what it is? (Pennsylvania)

A Rachel, the favorite wife of Jacob (Israel), was among the most attractive and endearing women in the Old Testament.

She was mother of two of his children, Benjamin and Joseph, ancestors of two of the "12 tribes" who, according to Hebrew tradition, constituted the people of Israel.

Biblical chronologies of that period are extremely uncertain, but she probably lived somewhere around 1,500 years before Christ.

The town of Ramah was on the edge of the territory assigned to the tribe of Benjamin, about five miles north of Jerusalem. The site even today has the Arabic name er-Ram.

In 597 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar (called Nebuchadrezzar in the Bible), king of Babylon, conquered the entire area. He eventually destroyed the city of Jerusalem, including the great temple of Solomon.

Over the next 10 years nearly the entire population was resettled in Babylon and various other locations in the Babylonian empire, beginning a 60-year exile that would drastically affect the history of the Jewish people. The book of Jeremiah (Chapter 40) describes how Ramah was the staging area where the Jewish captives were gathered before their dispersion for resettlement.

Thus, in the passage you quote, Jeremiah pictures Rachel mourning the tragedy befalling "her children," descendants of her sons Benjamin and Joseph. "In Ramah is heard the sound of... bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more" (Jeremiah 31:15).

The Gospel of Matthew quotes this passage in the story of the massacre of infants in Bethlehem after the birth of our Lord (Matthew 2:18).

If you're a music lover, by the way, you may recognize that event is the theme of Giuseppe Verdi's moving opera "Nabucco."

The words quoted about her in Jeremiah and the Gospel make Rachel an appropriate symbol for mothers attempting to cope with the death of their unborn children.

Some weeks ago I recommended "The New American Bible," produced under the auspices of the bishops of the

FAMILY TALK

Reassure child before enrollment in day care

by Dr. Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: Our 4-year-old daughter refused to stay at day care school today. It was her first time. She cried, so I took her back home with me. Did I do right? How do I get her to stay? I need to work, and she has to learn to stay there. (Indiana)

Answer: Follow your heart. You know your daughter better than anyone else. If you felt you should not leave her, then you did right to bring her home.

You do, however, want her to stay comfortably at her new day care and learn to relate to other children her own age. Here are a few suggestions which may help.

► Listen to what she says. She may tell you what she fears. Don't try to reassure her that everything is all right without knowing what is wrong. Don't minimize her fears. Ask what you can do to help her feel safe.

► Stay with her the first day and for half the session after that. Continue to lessen your time the rest of the week as she adjusts to her new experience.

► When you do leave, leave promptly. Don't wait around for her to make a scene and play for your sympathy. Many children stop crying after parents leave.

► Leave a picture of yourself, a tape-recorded message of reassurance, and a personal item as security tokens.

► Leave a small food treat to be eaten only after you leave. This way she receives a reward or benefit from your departure instead of the pain of loss.

► Call her or tell her she may call you on the telephone once or twice if she is upset.

Your daughter needs to experience some pleasant days in her new school and learn that when she comes back home everything is still the same. Good luck!

(Address questions on family life and child care to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison, Rensselaer, Ind. 47375.)

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United States, as the most scholarly and helpful Bible easily available to most Catholics.

Your question prompts me to repeat that suggestion. Nearly all the information I offer above is available in the introductions, cross references, footnotes and of course the text of that Bible.

Q One of our relatives had a new baby. The couple wished to have the baptism where their family live, rather than in the parish where they now reside, which is a few hundred miles away.

The present pastor of the parish where they wanted the baptism says no. We don't know why. Are there any rules about this? (North Carolina)

A With many families now spread out all over the country, the situation you describe occurs often. Usually there is no problem.

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Such parents may feel they can get around all this by going somewhere else where no questions will be asked. This, of course, is no favor either to the parents or the child to be baptized.

How any of this might fit into your situation I don't know. Why don't you, or someone in the family, talk with the priest involved and ask him?

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about baptism requirements and sponsors is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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January 21

St. Lawrence, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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St. Mary School, Greensburg, will hold a Chili Supper and Festival from 5-8 p.m. in the school gym and cafeteria. Sponsored by the St. Mary Alumni and Friends Association. Proceeds will be used to buy playground equipment.

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Church Women United of Harrison County will observe "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," by sponsoring a special service at St. Joseph, Corydon. Registration is at 1 p.m.; the ecumenical service begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 812-738-3139.

January 21-30

The Beech Grove Benedictine Center will hold an Intensive and Advanced Centering Prayer Retreat. Call the center at 317-788-7581 for more information.

January 21-23

A hands-on workshop focusing on the cycles of life will be held at Korde's Enrichment Center in Ferdinand, Ind., beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening. The workshop, "Our Lives as Color Harmony," will use the beauty of color, art, movement and rituals to explain the cycles of life. For more information, call Korde at 812-367-2777.

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St. Jude Guest House, St. Meinrad, will hold a weekend retreat on "St. Meinrad—Martyr of Hospitality." For more information, call 812-357-6585.

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January 22

Mt. St. Francis Retreat House will present "Music and Healing," with Dr. Alice Hudnall Cash. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

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A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Women, Ritter Plaza, 21st and Ritter Ave.

January 22-23

St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., will hold a W.O.W. (Words of Wisdom) Weekend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30-5 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$6 an individual; \$12 per couple; and \$18 for a family. For more information, call Mary Lynn Cavanaugh at 317-543-4925.

January 23

St. Lawrence, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 1-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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St. Bridget, 801 Northwestern Ave., will pray a rosary at 10 a.m. For more information, call 317-547-3735.

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St. Paul, Sellersburg, will meet for prayer, praise and sharing from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the parish office.

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The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will hold a planning meeting in room 228 of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., at 6:30 p.m.

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The Secular Franciscans will meet in Sacred Heart Parish Chapel, 1530 Union St., beginning at 1 p.m. with ongoing formation classes. At 2 p.m., formation classes for new members will be held, followed by a Benediction and service at 3 p.m. A business and course meeting will follow. For more information, call 317-637-7539.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Albany, will hold "Theology Night Out," from 5:30-8:30 p.m. including social time, dinner and presentation. The topic will be "Burning Bushes and Porters' Wheels: Noticing God in the Ordinary." Cost is \$9 per person. Call Tom Yost at 812-948-0185 for reservations by Jan. 18.

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The Catholic Golden Age Club will meet at 2 p.m. in the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. For more information, call 317-672-6047.

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The New Albany Deansery will host a youth Mass and dance at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of the Knobs Parish in Floyd Knobs.

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The Catholic Widowed Organization will have their annual Mass at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 317-887-9388.

January 24

Parenting using S.T.E.P. for all ages from 7:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School, 801 E. 42nd St. Contact John Tryon at 317-283-1518.

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Parenting using S.T.E.P. for teens from 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., in the social room in the church. Contact Mary Lynn Cavanaugh at 317-543-4925.

January 25

The Beech Grove Benedictine Center Centering Support Group will meet at the center from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

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"Creating a Parish/Family Partnership in Faith," a leadership institute for pastoral leaders, will be held at the Ramada Inn in Columbus from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the archdiocesan Family Life Office at 317-236-1596 or in Indiana at 1-800-362-9636, ext. 1596.

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St. Mary Chapel, 317 N. New Jersey St., will pray a devotion to Jesus and the Blessed Mother from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 317-788-7517.

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The prayer group of St. Lawrence, 6944 E. 46th St. at Shadeland Ave., will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Prayers are offered for the parish, personal concerns, the entire Christian community and the world. All are welcome. For

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Positively Singles will gather at the Fairgrounds (Farm Bureau Building) at 6:30 p.m. to try some Texas Style Line Dancing. RSVP to Cheryl at 317-578-4254.

January 27

Parenting using S.T.E.P. for all ages from 8:30-10 a.m. at Holy

Cross, 125 N. Oriental St. Contact Mrs. McGrath at 317-638-9068.

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St. Roch, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., will hold a Family Eucharist Holy Hour with rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. Call 317-784-1763 for more information.

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The Duchess of Kent converts to Catholicism

First member of the British royal family to do so since King Charles II on his deathbed in 1685

by Robert Nowell
Catholic News Service

LONDON—The decision of the Duchess of Kent, a member of the English royal family, to become a Catholic has turned public attention to the relation of the

established Church of England, the monarchy and 18th-century legislation designed to keep a Catholic off the throne.

Official comment on her reception into Catholicism has been low key and emphasizes the personal nature of her step.

A statement from her office in St. James' Palace said the decision followed years of careful thought and that the duchess had been receiving instructions for some time. A spokesman said it was in no way related to current problems afflicting Britain's royal family.

The duchess's husband, the Duke of Kent, is 18th in line of succession to the throne.

A private ceremony at Archbishop's House, the official residence of Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster, was the venue for the reception of the 60-year-old duchess into the Catholic Church on Jan. 14.

She is the first British royal to become a Catholic since King Charles II, who became a Catholic on his deathbed in 1685.

The spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop George Carey, of Canterbury, England, called the duchess's shift to Catholicism a "personal decision of a devout Christian on a spiritual journey."

A spokesman for Queen Elizabeth II, the head of the Church of England, said the monarch had accepted the duchess's decision as a purely private matter.

The duchess is best known to the general public for her annual presenta-

tion of trophies at the Wimbledon tennis competition.

The duchess's choice has no constitutional implication. She is not herself in line to the English throne, and when she married the duke in 1961, he was an Anglican. As a result her husband's remote chances of becoming king are unaffected.

A law remains on the English statute books, the 1701 Act of Settlement, which bars from ascension to the monarchy "all and every person and persons, who... is, are or shall be reconciled to or shall hold communion with the see or church of Rome or shall profess the popish religion or shall marry a papist."

Papist was the term of the time for a Catholic.

There are previous Catholic connections in the family of the Duchess of Kent.

Her brother-in-law, Prince Michael of Kent, had to renounce his own right of succession upon marrying the Catholic Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz in 1978. Her oldest son, the Earl of St. Andrews, also gave up his monarchical claim when he married Sylvana Tomaselli, a divorced Canadian Catholic, in 1988.

The Duchess of Kent has been a friend of Cardinal Hume for years—from the time when he was Abbot of Ampleforth in her native Yorkshire.

The Active List (cont.)

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January 28
A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Disturbances Drive. Everyone is welcome.

January 28-30
Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center will present a women's retreat, "The Pearl of Great Price, Dreams and the Spiritual Journey." Franciscan Sister Gabriele Uhlen will facilitate the retreat. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

January 28-29
The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., will hold a rummage sale with white elephant items, clothes and more. For more information, call 317-972-6420.

January 29
A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Women, Ritter Plaza, 21st and Ritter Ave.

January 30
The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will gather at Anna Marie's house, 3409 S. Meridian St., for a Superbowl Party. Bring snacks for munching. For more information, call 317-784-3313.


January 31
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Bingos:
MONDAY: Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; St. James, 5:30 p.m. TUESDAY: St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K. of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 7 p.m.; St. Pius X

Knights of Columbus Council 3433, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Catherine, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Speedway, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Ritter High School, 6 p.m.



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Youth News/Views

Attorney general urges youth to work for justice

by Mary Ann Wyand

Indiana Attorney General Pamela Carter challenged Brebeuf Preparatory School students to work for freedom and justice during the Jesuit high school's first annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service on Jan. 10 in Indianapolis.

Carter, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and the first black woman in the nation to hold the office of state attorney general, recalled the time she marched with Dr. King in Chicago.

"When I was in high school, 15 years old, your age," Carter told the students, "I marched with Dr. King. I'll never forget the experience because at that time there was an awful lot of hatred but there was an awful lot of hope."

Thousands of people had gathered to march with the civil rights activist in Chicago, Carter explained. During the march, she said, blacks encountered hatred from bystanders in spite of the efforts of law enforcement officials.

"We were marching," she recalled, "and they had lots of law enforcement officials on either side, but there was an awful lot of hatred. I can remember seeing people in Ku Klux Klan garb, and I remember the hatred and the words that

they were spewing out at us. I can remember at one point looking in the eyes of a man whose eyes were so filled with hatred that the hairs on the back of my neck stood up."

It was a powerful experience for a high school student, Carter said, and she felt excited that she could march for her own civil rights and also for the civil rights of others.

"I felt empowered," she said. "I felt that at some point, when I was an adult, I could do something as well. It gave me hope."

That new-found hope experienced by black Americans was dashed during the '60s, she said, by the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X.

"We went into this horrible time of grieving, this horrible time of trauma," she said. "I think part of that trauma and grief we still feel, and you can see the anger and the rage today."

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first began to campaign for civil rights, she said, he was considered a trouble-maker and faced a great deal of adversity. Nevertheless, he continued to work for justice for the oppressed and in so doing became an American hero.

"He's a hero," Carter said. "A hero is an ordinary person who does extraordinary



'PATHWAYS TO THE DREAM'—Indiana Attorney General Pamela Carter of Indianapolis discusses "Pathways to the Dream" during Brebeuf Preparatory School's first annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service on Jan. 10 at the Jesuit high school. Carter had marched with Dr. King in Chicago. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

nary things. It takes courage, it takes conviction, and it takes commitment. And you never, ever know who it's going to be. You don't plan to be a hero. You don't plan to be a heroine. It happens when you take courageous steps. My question to you is whether or not you're going to give birth to a broad definition of freedom for all."

Reminding the students that the first three words of the Constitution are "We the people," Carter asked, "Are you going to define it 'You' in a narrow way, the way it used to be a long time ago? Or are you going to define it very broadly to encompass all who may be oppressed? That is a challenge I leave to you today. I

hope that you fight for justice and not tyranny, for hope and not despair."

Offering her own pledge to the students, the attorney general said, "I promise you that as adults we will continue to try to provide the kind of world that I think you deserve—a better protection of our environment, a better protection of our children, higher quality education. And we're going to continue to fight to make sure that the economic development picture looks better for you. But in a very short time you, too, will be adults and you will be responsible for defining the kind of freedom and the kind of justice that our country will know in the future. Good luck."

Cardinal Ritter students work to fight AIDS crisis

by Laura Ciresi

Members of the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis worked to fight the AIDS crisis this year.

On a Saturday in October, ISLI moderator Sue Jones and several Ritter students visited the Parkway Manor Nursing Home, one of only three facilities in the United States which was established specifically to help those infected with the HIV virus.

The patients at Parkway Manor stressed to the students the importance of educating people about AIDS.

Jones also invited speakers from the Damien Center in Indianapolis to Ritter to address the student body. The students were able to hear Robert Bullock, a Ritter graduate who is a staff member at the Damien Center, speak about the tragedy of AIDS.

"Many (students) were surprised at how much they didn't know," Father Joseph Schaedel, Ritter president, told a Ritter Rooter reporter.

Later students met with a man who is living with the disease.

"It was good that they came," junior Tina Bell said. "They showed us that real people get AIDS. It was the first time I had ever seen an AIDS victim, and it made (the AIDS virus) more real to me."

On Dec. 1, Jones and 12 students participated in World AIDS Day activities at Butler University in Indianapolis. They attended Unity Breakfast at the Madame Walker Urban Life Center, took part in the unveiling ceremony of the AIDS awareness stamp, and viewed a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

"It upset me to see how many people have been touched by the AIDS virus," junior Teresa Hurley said.

The students also had a chance to meet a woman whose son had recently died of AIDS. She pointed out his panel of the quilt and said that some panels only list a first name because the victims' families were too ashamed to make a public acknowledgment about the death of their loved ones.

Linda Slinkard, the mother of Ritter

freshman Tony Slinkard, wrote a poem about the fight against AIDS.

In the poem, Slinkard noted that in unity we will persevere, "For it will take all us, working as one, to win this deadly fight."

(Laura Ciresi is a junior at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.)

Knights of Columbus distribute new video promoting chastity

The New Jersey state council of the Knights of Columbus is distributing a video called "Teens and Chastity: A Talk with Molly Kelly" by nationally-known "Chastity Lady" Molly Kelly of Philadelphia.

In the video, Kelly addresses the root causes of abortion among teenagers, discusses the dangers of sexual promiscuity, abortion, AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, and encourages youth to practice chastity.

The Resource Center of the archdiocese Office of Catholic Education has a copy of the religious school version of the video available for use. For information about using the video, contact the Resource Center at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis at 317-236-1446 or 1-800-382-9836, extension 1446.

To order the religious school or public school version of the video, send \$29.95 to the New Jersey state council of the Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 3222, Trenton, N.J. 08619-0222.

Recognizing that teenagers are not receiving a moral perspective on their sexuality in the secular message of "safe sex" promoted by the media and government, Kelly has dedicated herself to spreading the chastity message among teens throughout the United States as well as in other countries. She recently returned from speaking engagements in Australia and England, where her chastity message was well received by youth.

League and tournament winners in the Catholic Youth Organization's annual girls' basketball season are:

League playoffs—Cadet A: St. Monica,

first: St. Pius X, second: Cadet B: St. Luke G, first: St. Barnabas, second: 56-A: St. Barnabas, first: St. Luke, second: 56-B: St. Barnabas, first: St. Matthew R, second: 56-C: St. Luke G, first: St. Luke B, second.

Post-season tournament—Cadet A: Our Lady of Mount Carmel G, first: St. Mark, second: Cadet B: St. Barnabas M, first: Immaculate Heart B, second: 56-A: St. Barnabas, first: St. Malachy, second: 56-B: St. Barnabas G, first: St. Matthew R, second: 56-C: St. Luke G, first: Our Lady of Mount Carmel C, second.

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The Young Actors Theatre sponsored by Turner's Free University will present the classic fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty" at 2 p.m. on Jan. 22, 23 and 30 at the Metropolitan Center, 1505 N. Delaware, in downtown Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$3.50 each, with a group rate discount for more than 10 tickets. For ticket information, telephone the Free University office at 317-635-7477.

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Bishop Chataud High School students who are members of the Indianapolis North Deane's Free school's Success Without Drugs Program recently visited elementary school students at St. Joan of Arc School and St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis to share an anti-drug message.

Olympic gymnast Kelly Garrison accompanied the Chataud students for their "Just Say No" presentations.

During 1994, members of the Indiana Pacers and the Indianapolis Ice will accompany Chataud's Success Without Drugs members to other archdiocesan schools.

St. Monica students learn about AIDS from man who contracted it

by Jeff Ferland

AIDS patient Gregg Toll visited St. Monica School in Indianapolis last fall to speak with students as part of the Indianapolis West Deane elementary school's AIDS awareness curriculum.

Before his speech, students listened to the song "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" which mentions people who are different and are not accepted or acknowledged by others.

The words to the song also remind listeners to ask God to give them the time in their busy lives to acknowledge, accept and love others.

Toll, who is 29, talked with the students about the reality of living with AIDS. He spoke for 90 minutes, discussing his life before and after he was diagnosed with the HIV virus. He also answered questions from students.

The success of Toll's visit was twofold. As he became a friend, he attached his face to the word AIDS. And by informing students of the daily routine of an AIDS patient, he was able to help students see what is expected as the "Christian response" toward people with AIDS.

Toll also discussed the Damien Center, a support center for those suffering from the AIDS virus, and the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at Butler University held as part of the World AIDS Day observances Nov. 30 through Dec. 2.

Several St. Monica students participated in the AIDS Memorial Quilt at Butler on Nov. 30. These students, along with a group of Girls Scouts, also helped portray the importance of the education of young people in order to stop the spread of the HIV virus.

As a service project, St. Monica seventh-grade students collected toilet paper and soap for the Damien Center Pantry by sponsoring a "Jeans for Damien Center Day" in which students were allowed to wear jeans to school if they donated these toiletry items.

The project resulted in 88 packs of toilet paper and 300 bars of soap as well as other toiletry items. Donations were included in the school's AIDS awareness Mass on Dec. 2, then given to the center.

(Jeff Ferland teaches religion at St. Monica School in Indianapolis.)

Campus Corner

Student, facilitator from Butler assist Appalachia

by Elizabeth Bruns

Kathy Kurek and Valerie Sperka don't really know just what to expect when they arrived in Tompkinsville, Ky., on Jan. 5. It was mostly the introduction to a different culture," said Sperka, programs coordinator for the Indianapolis Newman Centers.

Kurek, a Butler University sophomore studying psychology and Spanish, and Sperka spent part of their semester break on an out reach trip to Tompkinsville, Ky. The trip was sponsored by the Butler Newman Center.

The Appalachia trip was a program run by former chairman of the Butler Newman Center, Father Jeff Godecker. Father Jeff is currently director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Kurek and Sperka spent Jan. 5-8 preparing, new and used clothes for clothing, boxing and bagging government surplus food in individual or family-sized portions, and preparing the Village Shop for the rest of the winter. They would have liked to do more, said Kurek, but they were snowed out one day.

The Community Out-Reach, Inc. (COR), is a program administered from Springfield, Mass. It began in the fall of 1983 with the help of Sister of St. Joseph Mary Frances Honnen and a group of parishioners from Christ the King in Tompkinsville. Sister Mary Frances had come to Tompkinsville to serve as a pastoral associate for Christ the King.

As plans were laid for an out reach program, the parishioners identified three specific needs: a thrift store where new and used clothing could be sold at affordable prices, an emergency food pantry, and a shelter for the homeless. A building was purchased and by Dec. 1983, the Village Shop was opened. At the same time, the emergency food pantry was started. Local donation and merchandise from Sister Mary Frances' friends in Massachusetts were obtained to provide additional stock for the store so the process to secure funds to build the shelter began.

In 1986, the outreach work had grown so much that it was decided to have Sister Mary Frances coordinate that work and hire another person to be pastoral associate at the church. Sister of St. Joseph Mary K. Dutko filled the position.

In spring of 1987, Sister Mary Frances was elected president of her religious community and so terminated her work at COR. The search committee hired Sister Cunegunda Mueller—known as Sister Cooney. Thus, the COR receives a lot of support from Sister Mary Frances in Massachusetts.

Kurek, a St. Rose of Lima in Franklin parishioner, describes Sister Cooney as,

"... about 60 years old, travels around in a (Chevrolet) Blazer S-10 and definitely a lot of fun."

Sperka said, "She (Sister Cooney) knows there is work to be done but she also likes to have fun. She wants to make sure that you are working but you take your breaks—so that you don't kill yourself helping others."

"I would say the biggest experience of this trip for us was not so much that we were actually there doing things and making a remarkable improvement to their community but it was more about meeting people who lived a different way of life from ours," said Kurek. "It's not a better or worse life, just different. A lot of the people in Tompkinsville come from commune-type living backgrounds. It was a very mixed group of people. I learned so much."

Most of the townspeople are middle to lower-class; the county residents are poor/low-income. Kurek and Sperka said that some could be living in nice fixed up trailers, and others in junky trailers or houses that wind up abandoned so someone else just moves in.

"There is a big sense of family in the town," said Kurek. The Anderson family has owned the local drugstore for 55 years. When Jesse Anderson's father died three years ago, the store was left to him and his sister.

"It's not so much that people go in there and shop," said Sperka. "The Anderson's don't really seem to make much money but are content for people to gather there. Jesse gives out cans of pop and sandwiches. He'll always offer a seat (on coke cartons or oil cans)."

Tompkinsville has had some notoriety of sorts lately. The big attraction there is called the Monroe County Marble Club Superdome—The Marble dome for short. Charles Kuralt brought his show—*Sunday Morning*—to Tompkinsville to check out the marble rink. A young boy and girl have recently gone to national and international championships. "It is a small town thing that makes it across states," said Sperka.

A volunteer group gathered by Sister Mary Frances Honnen gets together each year before Thanksgiving and sends the Village Shop and residents of Tompkinsville a semi-truckload of supplies and food. That truckload keeps the residents going throughout the year—along with the help of volunteers and donations from various groups.

(If you are interested in donating supplies or volunteering time through COR, call Sister Cooney at 502-487-6883.)



HELPING THE NEEDY—Kathy Kurek, a sophomore studying psychology and Spanish at Butler University, boxes and stocks items for the Village Shop, a shop for low-income families in Tompkinsville, Kent. Kurek and Valerie Sperka, programs coordinator for the Indianapolis Newman Centers, spent Jan. 5-8 there in an Appalachia program. (Photo by Valerie Sperka)



HELLO APPALACHIA!—This sign is seen upon first entering Tompkinsville, Kent. Members of the Butler Newman Center traveled here to help the needy during Butler University's semester break. (Photo by Valerie Sperka)

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Indiana University SE student awarded rank of Eagle Scout

Paul Gilkey, a freshman at Indiana University Southeast, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony held at St. Mary of the Knobs in December.

Gilkey is a member of St. Mary of the Knobs Parish, Floyd's Knobs. He was active in Boy Scouts of America Troop 167 which is chartered to St. Mary of the Knobs.

Martin University awarded an honorary doctor of law degree to Kenneth Chapman at its 15th graduation ceremony on Jan. 16.

Martin University's board of trustees and Father Boniface Hardin, founder and president of the university, conferred the degree upon Chapman, who recently retired as executive director of The

William E. English Foundation—The Indianapolis Foundation. Chapman served as executive director for 16 years.

Chapman is a member of the American Public Health Association; American Public Welfare Association; Consortium for Urban Education; Indiana Rehabilitation Association; Mayor's Housing Strategy Task Force; Marion County Council on Child Abuse; and Urban Affairs Council, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Father Donald Quinn, chaplain of the Indianapolis Newman Centers, has recently been elected to the governing board of the Indiana Office of Campus Ministry and the board of the Indiana Newman Foundation.

Exiled bishop reports a grim situation in south Sudan

People are dying from starvation and diseases such as Hansen's disease and tuberculosis

by Felix Corley
Catholic News Service

LONDON—An exiled Sudanese bishop said fears for the lives of millions in southern Sudan are growing as the government launches what may be its final assault on rebels in that part of the country.

Bishop Macram Max Gassiss of El Obeid, Sudan, said that he was told during his first visit to his homeland in three years that government forces are taking advantage of the dry season to make a final drive against the Sudanese People's Liberation Army/Movement rebels. In the dry season the dirt roads that make up the ground transport network in the South become passable for heavy military vehicles.

Bishop Gassiss spoke at a press conference Jan. 13 following a trip to southern Sudan with a team from Christian Solidarity International. He was unable to visit his diocese, however, because it is inside government lines.

The bishop has been unable to return to El Obeid since 1990 because of the risk to his life after he made critical statements about the Sudanese government during testimony on Sudan before a U.S. congressional committee.

The recent visit to the rebel-held zone "made a strong emotional impact on me," he said. "I was a pastor going back to my flock."

But he said that the situation in the South is critical. People are dying from starvation and diseases such as tuberculosis and Hansen's disease, and there is little health care available in many areas of the region.

Additionally, he said that he was told many stories of children from the South being sold into slavery to northerners, of people dying from torture at the hands of government troops and government air raids on civilian targets.

An estimated 1.5 million people have died and 5 million have been displaced since the long-running Sudanese conflict flared up again in 1982.

Bishop Gassiss said that he appreciated the work of international relief agencies—including church agencies—in the South. But he said that preparing the people to help themselves is as important as feeding them.

"Relief must go hand-in-hand with rehabilitation," he said. "Just to feed people is going to create a culture of dependency."

Bishop Gassiss quoted Bishop Paride Taban of the southern Sudanese Diocese of Torit as saying he feared for the safety of the beleaguered southern population.

"This year (the government) will make their last attack," Bishop Gassiss said, quoting his colleague. "Our greatest concern is our fear of the offensive and the need to try to save the lives of millions of people."

"The government feels this is its final struggle," he quoted Bishop Taban as saying.

Bishop Gassiss said that Bishop Taban noted there is a continuing violent rift between rebel factions. He said the bishop told him that Christian churches in the region are trying to heal the split and end the factional warfare.

"We know we are supported by prayer," Bishop Taban said, according to Bishop Gassiss. "Without prayer we cannot survive."

Bishops urge prayer, fasting for Balkans

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U.S. and Canadian bishops are urging Catholics to pray and fast for peace in the Balkans, as Pope John Paul II requested.

The pope asked for Jan. 21 to be set aside as a day of fast and Jan. 23 a day of prayer for the war-torn former Yugoslavian republics.

"There are no simple, clear or quick solutions to the conflict in Bosnia," said Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Policy. "But the seemingly intractable nature of this conflict is not an excuse for indifference or inaction."

"Rather, it calls for renewed prayer and hope for reconciliation in Bosnia and a continuing commitment on our part to help end this human tragedy."

In Ottawa, Bishop Jean-Guy Hamelin, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the pope's request had "been transmitted to all Canadian bishops, and they will encourage prayer and penance in their respective dioceses."

Your Mission Gifts of 1993

Parish Number	Parish Population	Propagation of the Faith Dues	Mission Sunday Collection	Visiting Missionary Collection	Mission Stipends	Holy Childhood	Other Gifts
INDIANAPOLIS							
1 SS. Peter and Paul	219	\$476.00	\$505.00	\$1,831.00	\$	\$	\$
2 Assumption Church	145	380.50	152.74	195.00			
3 Holy Angels Church	516		539.00	491.38			
4 Holy Cross Church	735	160.00	157.00	545.33		284.49	
5 Holy Name Church	3,776	1,044.00	1,064.00	4,685.35			
6 Holy Rosary Church	411	210.00	121.00	757.00	270.00		
7 Holy Spirit Church	5,119	2,159.00	3,462.66	4,774.49	1,810.00	1,525.56	
8 Holy Trinity Church	647	564.00	546.99	795.49	495.00		
9 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	2,198	1,165.00	1,930.00	3,114.50		2,307.56	
10 Nativity Church	2,035	1,187.70	1,356.42	2,390.89	940.00	462.75	
11 Our Lady of Lourdes Church	1,889	1,404.00	1,659.27	3,050.87	55.00	634.46	
12 Christ the King	3,443	3,695.00	3,930.00	7,472.00		1,003.61	
13 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church	780	25.00	780.50	767.58			
14 St. Andrew the Apostle Church	909	462.77	366.25	1,088.49			
15 St. Ann Church	769	323.00	369.00	625.81			
16 St. Anthony Church	1,128	1,377.57	1,141.30	1,876.43		21.67	
17 St. Barnabas Church	5,297	1,680.00	1,725.50	6,168.48	750.00		
18 St. Bernadette Church	652	97.00	237.00	358.49		9.74	
19 St. Bridget Church	353	307.69		198.00			
20 Good Shepherd	1,110	222.00	188.00	1,620.25			
21 St. Christopher Church	5,410	2,071.00	2,814.26	8,223.48	110.00	566.70	
22 SS. Francis and Clare							
23 St. Gabriel Church	2,331	767.00	1,004.00	5,285.42	489.00		2.00
25 St. John of Arc Church	975	1,183.14	1,006.57	2,114.17		245.00	
26 St. John Church	325	372.00	1,174.30	1,556.35		2,291.90	
27 St. Joseph Church	834	571.68	588.97	1,369.17			
28 St. Jude Church	4,500	800.00	1,467.00	3,355.00	1,750.00	100.00	
29 St. Lawrence Church	5,477		2,156.00	6,571.00			
30 St. Luke Church	4,926	1,697.00	2,752.00	11,461.00	900.00		4,394.00
31 St. Mark Church	2,161	1,239.00	1,642.00	4,275.50	375.00		
32 St. Mary Church	500	283.00	286.00	1,131.00		53.58	
33 St. Matthew Church	3,200	647.00	2,308.50	5,254.50			
34 St. Michael the Archangel	3,000	1,486.20	1,321.50	3,657.42		375.71	
35 St. Monica Church	3,575		5,759.00	5,394.50	105.00		
36 St. Patrick Church	547	135.00	104.00	331.55	730.00		
37 St. Philip Neri Church	1,317	778.00	773.00	1,325.34			63.01
38 St. Pius X Church	5,904	1,979.00	1,832.00	7,018.35			147.00
39 St. Rita Church	640	69.00	146.00	500.00			
40 St. Roch Church	2,000	2,173.00	1,901.00	2,853.25			
41 St. Simon Church	2,730	1,123.00	731.00	3,243.75			
42 St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus	3,628	2,338.65	2,137.48	2,744.42			
43 St. Thomas Aquinas Church	2,000	93.00	619.00	2,168.00			25.00
44 Aurora	1,290	835.44	557.63	19,980.41	270.00		
45 Batesville	3,612	2,564.00	3,866.32	4,281.03			
46 Bedford	1,600	774.00	848.00	1,361.00		123.14	
BLOOMINGTON							
47 St. Charles	2,765	79.00	1,002.46	2,964.70			
48 St. John	1,238	1,167.60	1,198.15	1,132.90			
49 St. Paul's Center	4,209	271.00		4,583.75		50.00	
50 Bradford	1,254	399.13	354.00	1,412.75			
51 Brazil	418		750.00	1,028.00		211.00	
52 Brookville	1,830	1,986.57	2,249.00	2,619.18	4,845.00	200.00	
53 Brownsburg	4,950	1,386.00	1,656.00	5,595.37	250.00		
54 Brownstown	39	144.50	150.25	486.85			
55 Cambridge City	540	767.00	890.00	705.00			
56 Cannelton	295	64.00	77.00	585.34			
57 Cedar Grove	430	292.00	432.00	402.20			
58 Charlestown	750	342.00		1,136.00	375.00		
59 Clarksville	2,700	1,170.00	1,412.00	4,001.50		50.00	
61 Clinton	950	487.94	446.00	669.61			
COLUMBUS							
62 St. Bartholomew	1,095	1,196.59	1,532.29	2,907.97	1,340.00		
63 St. Columba	1,233	1,493.49	1,846.12	3,365.37	3,020.00		
64 Connerville	2,679	1,553.00	1,405.00	2,532.00	975.00	87.84	528.86
65 Corydon	883	783.00	629.00	1,741.00		506.98	
66 Danville	1,520	553.00	386.75	887.87			
69 Dover	430	680.00	234.00	905.00			
70 Edinburg	300	300.00	242.99	399.00			
71 Enochsburg	480	494.00	461.57	534.54	200.00		
72 Fortville	670	569.00	798.50	1,018.78		50.00	
73 Franklin	1,485	315.51	401.00	900.74		1,040.91	
74 French Lick	350	214.30	267.78	449.00			
75 Frentown	950		151.00	264.00			
76 Fulda	320	217.00	253.10	283.00			
77 Greencastle	715	182.00	459.00	1,454.61			
78 Greenfield	2,203	1,588.10	1,552.00	3,869.40			
80 Greensburg	3,419	2,441.09	2,757.74	4,874.98		211.70	
81 Greenwood	5,000	4,205.00	2,156.00	7,049.91	640.00	253.85	
82 Hamburg	220	279.00	280.20	198.00	1,175.00		
83 Henryville	192	20.00	404.64	218.24			

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JEFFERSONVILLE							
84 Sacred Heart	2,043	260.00	1,600.00	2,540.00			
85 St. Augustine	2,141	1,605.00	1,470.00	3,384.28		222.90	
86 Knightstown	214	79.50	125.00	654.55			
87 Lanesville	1,205	924.00	1,302.00	2,940.61			
88 Lawrenceburg	2,000	1,627.36	1,479.46	1,506.00	2,790.00		
89 Leopold	600	215.00	328.61	328.00	1,500.00		
90 Liberty	450	915.00	710.00	750.00	340.00	200.00	10.00
91 Madison Prince of Peace	2,269	1,297.00	1,741.50	1,499.31		409.98	
95 Martinsville	1,400	1,640.00	700.00	2,396.75			
96 Milan	370	301.00	560.00	364.00			
97 Millhouse	450	843.00	1,386.00	473.00	525.00	66.95	
99 Mitchell	360	230.00	192.10	775.00			
100 Montezuma	30	80.00	120.00	207.53			
101 Mooresville	1,250	686.00	609.00	1,154.87		686.74	
102 Morris	600	681.33	719.50	536.13	385.00		50.00
103 Napoleon	540	229.10	296.00	262.67	210.00		
104 Nashville	800	500.53	891.14	2,647.03			
105 Navileton	1,025	560.00	694.50	1,755.00			
NEW ALBANY							
106 Holy Family	2,367	1,889.00	2,867.09	3,050.17			
107 Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2,918	1,049.04	1,299.62	1,883.70			
108 St. Mary	1,730	1,799.00	2,592.50	2,514.75			
109 New Alsace	660	460.00	265.00	546.07			
110 New Castle	802	226.00	305.80	1,623.85		69.10	
111 New Marion	82	203.00	136.00	396.56			
112 New Middleton	132	24.00	24.00	122.00	165.00		
113 North Vernon, St. Mary	1,433	1,312.00	1,246.00	3,686.00	280.00		
114 Oak Forest	69						
115 Oldenburg	1,648	1,485.00	942.07	3,123.00			
116 Osage	971	601.00	803.31	1,656.19	995.00		
117 Paoli	100	103.20	118.62	131.51			
118 Plainfield	1,490	490.00	2,942.00	5,466.09	2,155.00		
RICHMOND							
119 Holy Family	875	1,200.00	584.60	1,578.19	1,030.00		
120 St. Andrew	1,200	1,525.82	975.23	3,519.18	1,878.00	208.95	
121 St. Mary	1,500	1,085.00	444.00	2,808.86	955.00	209.00	
122 Rockville	352	225.00	181.00	414.20			
123 Rushville	1,370	1,195.00	1,832.00	2,617.00	220.00		
124 St. Anne, Jennings Co.	200	367.00	375.50	189.50			
125 St. Croix, Holy Cross Co.	76	139.25	121.45	191.00	60.00		
126 St. Dennis, Jennings Co.	300	129.00	127.50	176.60			
127 St. Isidore, Perry Co.	141		95.00	185.00			
128 St. Joseph, Crawford Co.	1,101	420.68	588.27	505.40			
129 St. Joseph Hill	326	476.00	1,882.00	625.00	310.00		
130 St. Joseph, Jennings Co.	719	958.00	819.00	412.00			
131 St. Leon, St. Joseph	261	166.93	498.00	320.00	80.00		
132 St. Mark, Perry Co.	2,706	1,255.00	1,989.60	3,264.00	170.00		
133 St. Mary of the Knobs	286	160.00	161.00				
134 St. Mary-of-the-Rock	410	343.00		397.38		59.00	
135 St. Mary-of-the-Woods	450		223.29	242.82			
136 St. Maurice	1,035	518.00	352.00	320.00			
137 St. Meinrad	768	712.00	598.32	439.55		83.00	
138 St. Nicholas, Ripley Co.	13						
139 St. Paul, Decatur Co.	541	385.43	317.50	316.50			
140 St. Peter, Franklin Co.	212	121.50	52.00	259.00			
141 St. Peter, Harrison Co.	174	55.00	32.00	69.00			
142 St. Pius, Ripley Co.	756	675.00	871.16	1,503.46	500.00		
143 St. Vincent, Shelby Co.	360	140.00	162.51	577.63			
144 Salem	417	369.85	471.50	587.00			
145 Scottsburg	138	100.00	75.00	304.15			
146 Seelyville	994	643.63	887.23	1,771.17	665.00		
147 Sellersburg	1,069	2,053.00	2,326.00	2,663.34	2,120.00	261.80	
148 Seymour	2,340	1,150.00	1,830.32	2,953.17		409.77	
149 Shelbyville	219	344.00	230.00	284.85			
150 Siberia	375	333.47	299.84	404.87			
151 Spencer	705	691.00	432.50	715.00			
152 Starlight	3,017	1,046.50	881.00	3,101.53	1,160.00	53.75	
153 Tell City							
TERRE HAUTE							
154 Sacred Heart	937	525.75	318.70	1,545.44	2,500.00		
155 St. Ann	327	10.00	76.00	619.62			24.00
156 St. Benedict	1,258	260.00	476.62	1,428.21			
157 St. Joseph	1,367	303.00	283.00	2,504.86			
158 St. Margaret Mary	808	480.72	783.50	795.77		875.00	
159 St. Patrick	1,641	3,094.00	3,565.60	3,443.87		595.00	
160 Troy	314	153.00	123.00	544.80			
161 Universal	193	260.00	123.00	190.00			
162 Vevay	161	138.00	55.00	154.66			
163 West Terre Haute	99	219.00	276.00	271.00			
164 Yorkville	413	400.00	574.00	456.70	815.00		
Sisters of Providence							
St. Mary-of-the-Woods						45.00	200.00
Sisters of St. Francis							
Oldenburg		500.00	500.00				75.00
Sisters of St. Francis							
Beech Grove		28.00	84.00				
Marquette Manor		200.00	148.00				
St. Paul's Hermitage			282.00				
Ritter High School						96.00	
Oldenburg Academy						25.00	

Patriarch says Arabs have an equal right to the Holy Land

Israelis' status as elect people
of Bible doesn't mean they can
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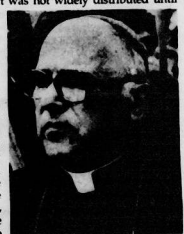
by John Thavis
Catholic News Service

ROME—In a pastoral letter that touches upon the sensitive issue of territorial control in the Holy Land, Jerusalem Latin-rite Patriarch Michel Sabbah said Israelis' religious status as the elect people of the Bible does not mean they can dispossess modern-day Palestinians.

The Jewish people's religious identification should be respected, but does not in itself imply a political right to the Jewish state, the patriarch said.

"This holy city (of Jerusalem) and this holy land are also ours. This place is our home. We live upon it and bury our dead beneath it. And today we are suffering for the simple fact of being here," the letter said.

Patriarch Sabbah, a 60-year-old Palestinian, issued the letter in November, but it was not widely distributed until later in the year. Titled, "Reading the Bible Today in the Land of the Bible," the 66-page document seeks to answer the claims of some Jews that the "whole of the Promised Land" was given exclusively to them by God.



Patriarch Michel Sabbah

"The essential question asked by every Palestinian Christian and by every believer in the Bible is this: Does the Bible, as the Word of God, give the right to the Jewish people today to appropriate land for themselves and, in doing so, dispossess the Palestinian people?" the letter said.

At the beginning of the decade, citing a severe housing shortage in Israel driven by waves of Soviet immigration, the government led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Party began construction of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Some fundamentalist Jewish groups asserted biblical claims to the land across the Jordan River.

Clashes between the settlers and the Palestinian residents of the territory have grown increasingly violent.

The Jewish people face the dilemma of recognizing that while "this land is the holy land for them," promised by God to Abraham and his descendants, it has belonged to the Palestinian people for several centuries, and is also holy to the Christian and Muslim religions, it said.

"Today, if one of the three religions were to claim, in the name of religion, a political right to the land, then the two other religions would have the right to lay the same claim, for the same reason," it said.

At a religious level, the document said, each of the three religions has an equal right to be present in the land and to have access to it. But political rules among peoples, particularly those regarding territory, are questions for international law, it said.

The Bible's account of how Israel was established in the promised land through a covenant with God is not a sign of divine favoritism but a call to responsibility, the letter said. "His love for one people cannot become oppression for another people," it said.

In its lengthy treatment of the biblical relationship between the people of Israel and the land, the document said the promise of the land evolved through different stages of revelation, toward a spiritual and symbolic meaning.

Essentially, the land belongs to God and to those whom God allows to enter it as his guests, it said.

"Israel, therefore, could not become the absolute owner of the land. It was only God's guest. The worst possible thing that could befall Israel would be to forget this truth, to settle this land, and to substitute it for God in its worship and values system," it said.

The letter also warned that some Christians, responding to "abuse" of the Bible in such political arguments, were starting to treat the Old Testament as merely a history of the Jewish people. This is an error that could compromise the faith, it said.

"Already deprived of your land, you would allow yourselves to be deprived of your Sacred Scriptures," it said. It encouraged Christians to look at the question from the point of view of both Old and New Testaments.

The document was prepared after lengthy preparatory work by a group of priests and theologians in Jerusalem.

BOOK REVIEWS

The 'Good Book' remains alive

BRUSH UP YOUR BIBLE, by Michael Macrone, Ph.D., Harper-Collins Publishers (New York, 1993), 366 pp., \$20.00.

Reviewed by Shirley Vogler Meister

Where in the Bible did the word "maudlin" originate? What really is "manna"? Can you find the Biblical references to "a fly in the ointment," "a labor of love," "the blind leading the blind," "holier than thou," "all things to all men," "a man after his own heart," or "a thorn in your side"?

If these questions pique your interest, then you'll appreciate getting—or receiving as a gift—"Brush Up Your

Bible!" by Michael Macrone, Ph.D. Tom Lulevitch provided the illustrations.

This book gives the origins and unravels the mystery of Biblical words and phrases, including "a drop in the bucket," "one of these days," "to take root," "to put your house in order," "set your teeth on edge," and "out of the mouths of babes."

Macrone has written three other "brush-up" books: "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," "It's Greek to Me!," and "By Jove!" However, he says in his introduction to the newest book that "The Bible—which includes the holy writings of Judaism and Christianity—is a sovereign source of spiritual and ethical teaching and a treasure of dramatic stories and intriguing questions. It is also the most

important single influence on our language, literary and spoken."

Macrone's book is a guide to the most memorable words and phrases, setting them in their original context and simplifying the original archaic phrasing. He begins with Genesis and follows the books of the Bible in correct order and with insightful research.

Easily read and entertaining, the book, among other things, gives a history of the Bible itself, explains the authorship of the Torah, and makes quick-checks easy with a thorough index.

Macrone reveals where we learned "to harden your heart," "to heap mischief," "to suffer fools gladly," and "to fall by the wayside" or "to fall from grace."

The Good Book remains alive in everyday conversations, in our writings, in poetry and literature and in speeches. Macrone helps us understand how and why.

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+Rest in Peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests, their parents and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

† BENNETT, Edithyann, 67, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Dec. 26. Mother of Gregory, Mark, Clifford, Cynthia Jeffers, Sandra Walters, Susan Cox and Christina, sister of Kathleen Telford, grandmother of 16; great-grandmother of eight.

† BRADLEY, Judith Ann, 50,

Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 8.

† BRIDGES, Morris Lloyd, 82, St. Mary, Indianapolis, Jan. 10. Husband of Virginia S., father of Janice S. VanCleave; grandfather of four; great-grandfather of six.

† BURKHART, Gary R., 23, St. Mary, Greensburg, Jan. 10. Son of Ralph L., brother of David Menkiedick, Steven J. and Karen Menkiedick; uncle of Brandon Burkhardt and Brittany Burkhardt, grandson of Hilda Burkhardt.

† BURNS, Dorothy F., 87, St. Mary, Indianapolis, Jan. 7. Mother of Michael, John Jr., Mary Jo Finn, Barbara Grimbelle and Theresa Ware; sister of Catherine Finnerty, Rose Ann Lord and Helen Homburg, grand-

mother of 21; great-grandmother of four.

† EISERT, Clarence, 79, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Jan. 8. Father of Patricia Hermesch; brother of Anthony, Agnes Smith and Ann Comisky; grandfather of two.

† FOUTS, Corwin E., 81, St. Mary, New Albany, Jan. 4. Husband of Helen; father of Louis, Joseph, Thomas, Lucy Eagleson and Betty Gronotte; brother of Bill; grandfather of eight.

† GILLUM, Sarah J., 96, St. Bridget, Indianapolis, Jan. 10. Sister of Mildred Culpeper and Richard Bertram.

† GUIRE, Mary C., 73, St. Christopher, Speedway, Jan. 1. Mother of Charles E. Jr. and Barbara J. Meyer; grandmother of Carl A., 85, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 5.

Father of Bill, Tom, Mark and Susan Swhear; grandfather of nine; great-grandfather of nine.

† HARNISHEFER, Julia A., 85, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 4. Mother of Bill, Tom, Mark and Susan Swhear; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of nine.

† JENSEN, Kathryn E., 70, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Dec. 29. Mother of Mary B. Curry, Ruth A. Vincent, David L. Chapman, Robert J. Bartley, Donald P. Bartley and John E. Bartley; sister of Earl Chapman, Dorothy E. Massey and Mary Helen French; grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 12.

† KIESLER, Edna, 96, St. Michael, Bradford, Jan. 7. Mother of Henry, Melvin, Vernon, Carl, Bernice Paul, Mildred Bierman and Phyllis Huber; grandmother of 24; great-grandmother of 39.

† KING, Evelyn Elizabeth

Mueller, 63, Assumption, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Wife of Joseph Jr.; mother of Patricia, David, Daniel, Kathleen Totten, Mary Todd, Karen, Anne, Maureen, Dolores and Monica; grandmother of six.

† LANSING, Clara, 95, St. Mary, Aurora, Jan. 2. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

† LANTRIP, Christopher, 35, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Husband of Donna; father of Christopher and Jeremiah; son of Jack and Mary Ann; brother of Michael W., Randall L. William, Linda Snyder and Jacquelyn McNulty; grandson of Lillian Blueher.

† MANION, Anna L., 80, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Dec. 17. Aunt of Patricia Hawkins.

† MEYER, Lorraine C., 89, St. Mary, Aurora, Jan. 6. Sister of Harland Meyer; aunt of Dan Meyer.

† MILLER, Bernice S., 81, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Sister of Norbert; aunt of Raymond Street, Shirley Hinkle and Frances Street.

† OLIVER, Dorothy R., 80, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Jan. 27. Wife of John C.; mother of Barbara Marquis, Patty Enders, Susan Olson, John T. Thomas, Robert and Joseph; sister of Helen Johnson, Kathryn Jackson, Edward Donlan and Thomas Donlan; grandmother of 13; great-grandmother of two.

† PFLUM, Lena, 85, St. Michael, Brookville, Jan. 8. Wife of George; mother of Marcella Hildebrand, Ruth Moore and Clarence; sister of Florence Singer; grandmother of 11.

† RATHZ, Mary M., 86, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Sister of Albert, Walter Thuer, Anne Pitzer and Helen Worland.

† RUSSELL, Hedy M. Jr., 69, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Husband of Dorthie; father of Dennis, Deborah, Emminger, Dennis Sparks, Diane and Donna Laing.

Benedictine Father Bernardine Shine
dies at age 84

Benedictine Father Bernardine Shine, native of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 24 at the age of 84.

The former Francis William Shine was baptized at St. John, Indianapolis. He attended grade school at St. Philip Neri and high school at Cathedral, both in Indianapolis. He entered St. Meinrad in 1927. He entered the novitiate in 1928 and was ordained in 1934.

At St. Meinrad, he served as secretary to Abbot Ignatius, professor of Dogmatic Theology and Liturgy, master of ceremonies, spiritual director and retreat master. He attended Catholic University, where he obtained a Sacred Theology Licentiate degree.

In 1958, he was assigned as a founding member of St. Charles Priory in California, where he served as subprior, brother instructor, master of novices, retreat master, director of oblates and master of ceremonies. He was recalled to St. Meinrad to serve as novice master of clerics.

Father Bernardine is survived by one sister, Patricia Foltz of Indianapolis.

† SCIARRA, Alice E., 77, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Jan. 6. Wife of Edward; mother of Ramona; sister of Ruby Strouse; grandmother of five; great-grandmother of two.

† SHERIFF, John, 89, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Husband of Gladys.

† SIMPSON, Freida M., 65, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 9. Mother of John and Mella Harmon; sister of Fred Rothwell; grandmother of four.

† TAMER, Mark, 35, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Dec. 28. Son of Edward and Martha R.; brother of Michael III, Matthew and Marie.

† VOGES, Maggie J., 93, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 1. Mother of Cletus, Pearl Schaefer and Ivan; grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of 14; great-great-grandmother of one.

† WILSON, Iris M., 80, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Jan. 7. Sister of Robert, Bernice VanNoy, Helen Johnson and Franciscan Sister Michael.

Franciscan Sister T. Beckmeyer
dies on Jan. 9

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Jan. 11 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Francis in Oldenburg for Franciscan Sister Thelma Beckmeyer. She died on Jan. 9 at the age of 91.

Sister Thelma was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1923 and professed final vows in 1929.

Sister Thelma taught at St. Gabriel, Connersville, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, St. Mary, Greensburg, Little Flower, Indianapolis, St. Michael, Brookville, and St. Michael, Charlestown. Sister also taught in Ohio and Missouri. She retired to the Motherhouse in 1977.

Sister Thelma is survived by one brother, Jack Beckmeyer, and two sisters, Agnes Beckmeyer and Margaret Schlosser. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, 47036.

Providence Sister Jeanne Clare Nolan
dies at 84 years old

Providence Sister Jeanne Clare Nolan died at St. Mary of the Woods on Jan. 9 at the age of 84. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Jan. 11 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former Kathleen Nolan was born in Chicago, Ill. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1925 and professed her final vows in 1933.

Sister Jeanne Clare taught in schools staffed by the Sisters of Providence in Indiana, Massachusetts, California and Illinois schools. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Sister taught at St. Philip Neri and Holy Trinity, New Albany.

Sister Jeanne Clare has no immediate survivors.

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Pope delivers annual 'state of the world' talk

Wide-ranging address to 140 ambassadors warns of spread of 'new paganism' that places ethnic interests above common good

by John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II, in his annual "state of the world" message to diplomats at the Vatican, warned of the spread of a "new paganism" that places ethnic and national interests above the common good.

Citing African tribal conflicts and bloodletting in the Balkans and southwestern Asia, the pope said whole continents risk being "poisoned" by a new wave of racist or nationalistic claims.

In the wide-ranging address to some 140 ambassadors Jan. 15, the pontiff also:

► Praised a recent Vatican-Israeli agreement on church-state relations but said the Holy See would continue to press for an end to Palestinian suffering and a solution to the question of Jerusalem.

► Urged dialogue in Mexico, scene of battles between the army and indigenous peoples, and said a closer look must be taken at legitimate desires of those involved.

► Described Africa as well on the road to democracy and pluralism but still "tormented" by ethnic and political rivalries.

A focus of the pope's speech was the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which he said continues to be fueled by "the most iniquitous forms of extremism."

"The populations are still in the hands of torturers without

morals. Innocent civilians are systematically being made the target of hidden snipers. Mosques and churches are being destroyed. The villages, emptied of their inhabitants, cannot be counted anymore," he said.

The pope said he wanted the diplomats to hear him "condemn in the most categorical manner the crimes against humanity which are being perpetrated before our very eyes." He noted that a United Nations war crimes tribunal was being established for the Balkans—a sign that atrocities are indeed recognized.

He said it should trouble Europe in particular that even as the continent reaches toward unity, "the most primitive forms of racism and nationalism" have been loosed.

"The conflicts which are steeping the Caucasus and Bosnia Herzegovina in blood are proof of this," he said. A similar dangerous trend can be seen in Africa, he said, where violent struggles are often motivated by exaggerated forms of nationalism.

"It is not a question of legitimate love of country or esteem for its identity, but a rejection of others because they are different, in order to dominate them," he said.

The pope described the mechanisms used in such situations: the exaltation of race, the glorification of the state, the leveling out of cultural differences.

"We are faced with a new paganism: the deification of the nation," he said. "If the international community cannot agree on how to deal with this problem of nationalistic claims at the source, it is foreseeable that whole continents will be poisoned," he said.

The pontiff said the church cannot accept such a vision, and that Christianity is "wounded" every time it becomes an instrument of nationalism.

The pope began his address on a more positive note, citing progress over the past year in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. But he said both sides must now follow through.

"This is especially true, he said, because "to perpetuate a situation of uncertainty and heavy suffering for the Palestinian population" could create new difficulties and place the fruits of dialogue again out of reach.

The Vatican-Israeli agreement, signed Dec. 30, should benefit all believers and aid the peace process, he said. He emphasized that the Vatican will continue to press for the settlement of other questions involving "legitimate aspirations of individuals and peoples."

"It is impossible to overemphasize that among these questions there figures the status of the holy city of Jerusalem," he said. No Israeli representative was present at the papal audience because the two states have not yet exchanged diplomatic envoys.

Surviving events in Latin America, the pope said he hoped dialogue would help end the recent armed clashes between the army and Indians living in Mexico.

There is no doubt that many Latin Americans are struggling with poverty, he said. He encouraged "cooperative structures" to improve economic opportunities, and noted specifically the free trade agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"Let us hope that real benefits for all these deprived peoples will result," he said.

The pope said he was concerned that a "real culture of peace" has not yet been established in Latin America. He cited the slowness of disarming and other reforms in El Salvador and Guatemala, and the continued social conflict in Nicaragua.

He noted the aggravated living conditions in Cuba, and—reflecting a recent controversial statement by the country's bishops—said they were caused by both "internal and external factors."

"It is important that this country should not be left isolated," he said. Cuba should be encouraged to make its society more unified and more respectful of "the innate values of each individual," he said.

The pope reminded the diplomats of Haiti's "endless ordeals" and said only an honest national dialogue will end them. Ready-made political models cannot be imposed on the Haitian people without risking new divisions, he said.

The pontiff applauded Africa's march toward democracy and said "there can be no going back" on pluralistic reforms. He cited progress in several nations, noting in particular that South Africa was "courageously" building a multiracial society.

Yet he pointed to many danger spots across the continent: the resumption of civil war in Angola, a fresh outbreak of ethnic "barbarism" in Burundi, institutional and moral decay in Zaire, and violence and terrorism in Algeria.

The continuing major wars in Somalia and Sudan continue to sow "death and desolation," he said.

Regarding Asia, the pope praised the "great people of China" for their work and sacrifices in order to further development. Vietnam's efforts to open up and rejoin the international community should be welcomed, he said.

But the pope said "with profound sorrow" that many in the Far East are still deprived of basic freedoms and are victims of intolerable discrimination. For Catholics, this sometimes means no access to missionaries, no freedom to worship and "living in secrecy." He did not name countries, but the largest clandestine church exists in China.

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