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Strategic plan for schools is unveiled

Plan promulgated this week includes five goals and list of 10 priorities

by John F. Fink

A new strategic plan for Catholic schools central and southern Indiana was unveiled by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein this week. The actual promulgation of the plan was scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, at the Ramada Inn in Columbus, after this

at the Kamada inn in Columbus, after this paper went to press on Tuesday.

The new plan was developed by a team of parents, educators and parish and business leaders under the direction of Daniel J. Elsener, archdiocesan secretary for Catholic education, and Therese M. Hannah, co-chairs.

The mission statement for tie new plan describes Cabolic schools in the archdioceses "as an extension of the family to unite faith and educational excellence through Gospel values, high educational standards, payer, and sacraments." It says that the schools "accomplish this educational mission through the responsible use of resources generously shared by the parents, faculty, parishioners, and the larger community."

In a letter published with the plane The mission statement for the new plan

In a letter published with the plan, Essener says that it emphasizes four 'pillars on which Catholic schools stand—high standards, community service, prayer and message." It says that it also also us to explore new frontiers of sinovation and creativity and to remew our commitment to the mission of Catholic schools."

The plan identifies five long-range goals, with specific objectives and actions steps for each goal. It also lists 10 priorities for the near future. The five goals are:

 Strengthen the Catholic identity of each school so that each student will grow in

Achieve continuous improvement of educational excellence for every student.

 Develop human resources needed to eet the growing needs of Catholic schools. Develop the material resources needed to meet the growing needs of Catholic

• Improve understanding of Catholic schools and their contributions to the community.

The 10 priorities are

More intently integrate the efforts of the family and school in the formation and academic preparation of every child.
 More clearly delineate Catholic school standards of educational excellence.

standards of educational excellence.

3. Continue to research new and better ways to assess the results and achievements attained in Catholic schools.

4. Continue to find resources and innovative methods to better serve students with special needs.

5. More effectively recruit and recognize excellent Catholic school teachers and excellent Catholic school teachers.

6. Increase the presentent in the develop-



MOTHER'S DAY—Ma treen Geis Karaba admires her month-old daughter Clare Margaret. Karaba is the ruission educator for the archdiocese. Mission director Eather James Barton baptized the mother as a child and will baptize Clare this month. He also presided at the 1992 summer wedding of Maureen Geis and Ken Karaba. Their wedding photos were used for The 'Criterion's 1993 wedding supplement. Mother's Day is celebrated this Sunday, May 14. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Plans for new cemetery explained to priests

It will serve parishes on the north side of the city of Indianapolis

by John F. Fink

Plans for the new Catholic cemetery on the north side of Indianapolis were outlined to pastors and pastoral associates of the Indianapolis North Deanery parishes May 2 at the Meridian Hills Country Club. Also invited were retired cleave, of the archive invited were retired clergy of the archdiocese residing in Marion County and representatives of the archdiocese.

The cemetery, named Our Lady of Peace,

pray for religious vocations. Pg. 2.

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is expected to be in operation by Sept. 1, according to Eugene Harris, director of the Catholic Cemeteries Association.
It is located at 91st St. and Haverstick Rd, across Keystone Ave. from Keystone at the Crossing. The approximately 40-acre site will accommodate 30,000 inground and 3,600 mausoleum interments.

Eleven speakers briefed those present on the project history, market studies, site and building designs, construction pro-gress and marketing plans.

William A. Brennan Jr. reviewed the history of the project, beginning in 1989 with a search for a cemetery site on the north side of Indianapolis. All of the present Catholic cemeteries are located on the city's south side

Mary Anne Tobin, of W. A. Brennan Inc.,

told of the studies that were made of the former Alverna property. It was hoped that the mansion there could be used for a priests' retirement home and the rest of the property as a cemetery. She said, though, that the property was too expensive to be economically feasible for a cemetery and the priests indicated that they would not consider the site a desirable place for retirement

developed came on the market in December 1993 at a lower price than when it was considered in 1989. The property was purchased on a deferred payment plan over five years after a rezoning petition was approved by the Nora Community Council and the Metropolitan Planning Commission. (See PLANS, page 7)

Looking Inside Seeking the Face of the Lord: Let us Archdiocese submits stewardship report to national conference Editorial: We haven't learned much in

Report details giving statistics for the archdiocese in 1994

by Dan Conway

The Office of Stewardship and Development of the Archdiocese of Indianapo-lis has filed its annual report to the National Catholic Stewardship Conference detailing giving statistics for the archdiocese in 1994.

The report included an increase in giving to the annual United Catholic Appeal

totaling nearly \$342,000, and more than \$1.5 totating nearly \$342,000, and more than \$1.5 million in planned gifts (bequests, amutities, trusts, etc.) recorded by the Catholic Community Foundation. In addition, the total number of gifts to the archdiocese increased by nearly 4,000 in 1994.

According to the report, nearly 72,000 households, representing 48 person of the total first period of the control of t

72.000 households, representing 48 per-cent of the archdiocese, participated in the 1994 United Catholic Appeal. The average gift was \$105, and 65 percent of the funds committed were pledged on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual ba-sis. In the "major gifts" category (more than \$1,000), 561 gifts were received for a total of nearly \$780,000. The largest gift to the 1994 United Catholic Appeal (See STEWARDSHIP, page 7) (See STEWARDSHIP, page 7

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stems from apocalyptic preparation. Pg. 26.

SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Let us pray for religious vocations

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

Last Saturday I had the privilege of ordaining 15 priesthood candidates to the diaconate. Greg Bramlage, a priesthood candidates to the diaconate. Greg Bramlage, a seminarian from St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, was one of them. The evening before 29 candidates were installed as acoly us. The joy of these seminarians and deacors and that of their parents and families and friends was a wonderful sight and the seminarians and deacors and that of their parents and families and friends was a wonderful sight. The inspiring ordination was also a fine prefude to Good Shepherd Sunday.

fine prelude to Good Shepherd Sunday.
For many years now, the Fourth
Sunday of Easter, (often called Good
Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel), has been designated by the pope as
a world day of prayer for vocations to
priesthood and religious life. Taking the
Holy Tather's lead, for the second year running, our
archdifficease has attended the day of prayer to a month of

archdiocese has extended the day of prayer to a month of prayer. We have asked that the entire month of May be given to special prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our archdiocese. Nothing is more important in establishing a climate that encourages response to God's call to a special vocation than prayer. There are two prayers which I say daily and suggest for your consideration. One is specifically for vocations to the missishood; the other is for exercitions to the

riesthood, the other is for vocations to priesthood and eligious life. The one for priesthood vocations is from the

Roman Sacramentary: "Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your allars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Missal acknowledges the fact that God does call shepherds for the church. It also acknowledges that responding to the call to priesthood requires courage and love of God. And the prayer names the kind of priests needed by the community of faith: "ardent but gentle ministers of the gospel." The parish prayer is even more specific in acknowledging that it takes courage and generosity to overcome the obstacles that

stand in the way of answering God's call in these days.

Perhaps more important is the specific recognition that
parents exercise a key role in the vocation apostolate. Their
faith and love and spirit of sacrifice are crucial in creating a
family atmosphere that supports vocational discernment. If wealth-producing careers are the criteria for success in family discussion and preoccupation, inspiration from God

family discussion and preoccupation, inspiration from God is difficult to discern and generosity is limited. The prayer written for youth addresses the reality that God does indeed have a special plan for every human person. And every human person has the potential to make a difference. This basic faith in God's providential love is necessary if one is to discern a call to priesthood or religious life. Wisdom and courage are the needs of our youth seeking God's will.

The enabling condition for any response to live for others. Our culture suggests two counter-temptations to our youth: live life on "your own terms" and be as free of responsibility and sacrifice for others as possible. Still, the path to generosity and the discovery of God's will is prayer, at home and in church. Let us pray.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

We haven't learned much in the past 50 years

by John F. Fink Editor, The Criterion

This past weekend the world observed the 50th anniversary of V.E. Day (Victory in Europe), when he Allied Forces deteated those of Adolf Hitler during World War II. This week is also the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the Nazi concentration camps and the horrors of the Holocaust.

The full impact of the Holocaust wasn't immediately felt because it wasn't known until later how many people were killed in the camps. But as the emaciated figures began to appear in news photos, it began to dawn on epople just how ruthless Hitler and his followers had been.

1 have visited the concentration camps at

I have visited the concentration camps at Dachau in Germany and Auschwitz in Poland. I have seen the extensive photos at the Dachau museum that show how horrible it was like to be imprisoned there. I have seen it was like to be imprisoned there. I have seen the mounds of human hair, eyeglasses and suitcases of the victims at Auschwitz. I've walked through the gas chambers at Auschwitz and seen the cell where St. Maximillian Kolbe died.

When all this began to be known 50 years ago, the whole world was shocked, including most German: "We didn't know," they said! They didn't know about the atrocties.

ago, the whole world was shocked, incruding most Germans. "We didn't know," they said. They didn't know about the atrocties. They didn't know about the effort to exterminate the Jews, Cypsies, homosexuals, and people with physical disabilities. Today, 50 years later, we don't have that excuse. The news media are showing us of the companies of the properties of the could have been taken 50 opense ago, of emaciated prisoners in a

us pictures that could have been taken or years ago, of emaciated prisoners in a prison camp in former Yugoslavia or a blood-soaked refugee camp in Rwanda. The world today knows about the "ethnic cleansing" in the Balkans, the

systematic genocide in Rwanda and Burundi; the murder of Mayan Indians in Guatemala, the rape and mutilation of women in the former Yugoslavia. We see pictures of murdered homeless children in Brazil and children living in fear of their lives in central Africa. This time we can't say that "we didn't know."

The only conclusion is that we haven't progressed much in 50 years. We still see the same kind of prejudice and hatred that caused World War II.

We have scarcely become less violent. With the invention of new weapons, including chemical weapons used by terrorists in Japan and the type of bomb that killed so many people in Oklahoma City, we are a more dangerous people to the property of the

many armed conflicts which stain our world with blood? What of the spreading of death caused by reckless tampering with the world's ecological balance, by the criminal spread of drugs, or by the promotion of certain, kinds of sexual activity which, besides being morally unacceptable, also involve grave risks to life?"

Eifth worse are these of the whom were

Fifty years ago those of us who were alive then were celebrating the end of part of history's worst war, while still dreading the severe loss of life that we believed

would be required to end the war with Japan. The first half of the decade of the 1940s was a horrendous time for the world. But we don't seem to have learned much during the past 50 years.

Plan for schools is promulgated

(Continued from page 1) ment of teachers and administrators who serve in Catholic schools.

Better communicate the great contribu-tion that Catholic schools are to the families

served and to the larger community.

8. Study new and innovative ways to fund Catholic schools.

Continue to improve the financial anagement of Catholic schools.

10 Continue to implement research based improvements in the methods, systems, and instructional techniques used to teach children in Catholic schools

Those serving on the task force that developed the plan, in addition to Elsener and Hannah, were: Sister for Christian Community Michelle Faltus, Franciscan Father William Farris, Elizabeth Gibson, Walter F. Grote Jr., Mary Hall, Emily Lemming, Annette Lentz, Father Daniel J. Mahan, Philip McCauley, Robert W. Meaney, Franciscan Brother J. Thomas O'Brien, G. Joseph Peters, Father Joseph F. Schaedel, Roger Trahin, Father Anthony R. Volz, Denise Ware and Mary ng. Dan Conway was the task force's facilitator



DIACONATE—On May 6, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordains Gregory Bramlage to the diaconate at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmissurg, Md.
Bramlage is scheduled to be ordained to
the priesthood for the Indianapolis
Archdiocese in June 1996. Father John
Ryan, pastor of Bramlage's parish of St.
Anthony in Indianapolis, invested the
new deacon with stole and dalmatic.

(Photo by Dr. Bramser (Photo by Don Bramlage)

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Ron Renner receives annual award from Notre Dame Club

Ronald E. Renner, a leader in strength ening inner-city Catholic parishes and schools, received the Award of the Year from the Notre Dame Club of Indianapoat the annual Universal Notre Dame celebration May 4 at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Formerly active in the motor trucking industry, including the presidency of his family's trucking company, Renner in 1991 decided to devote full time to helping churches in the center city and was appointed director of the Urban Parish Cooperative. The UPC was an agency of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis charged with encouraging cooperative ministry efforts among center city parishes and schools.

Renner also pioneered the development of Volunteers in Ministry, which placed volunteers in inner-city parishes in Indianapolis for one-year periods. He was also one of the principal architects of the archdiocese's "Center City Commitment 2000" strategic plan which reaffirmed the church's support of center city schools.

He currently is development director for Scecina High School.

Renner also has coordinated the an-Renner also has coordinated the annual "Urban Plunge" sponsored by the Notre Dame Club. This program enables Notre Dame and St. Mary's College students to see and feel firsthand the problems of inner-city life.

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PEOPLE WHO LIVE THEIR FAITH

Dennis Stephenson contributes time and talent

by Mary Ann Wyand

"The house that God built" brought thousands of volunteers together in 1993, 1994 and 1995 to share their talents and join hands to provide a handicapped-accessible residence for the Larry Williams family from St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.

St. Barnabas parishioner and friend Dennis Stephenson of Indianapolis was one of four coordinators who helped raise funds, solicit materials, and garner extensive volunteer support for the house project.

After his friend was paralyzed in a trampoline accident and unable to live in the family's bi-level home, Stephenson didn't hesitate to step in and help solve the housing dilemma.

the housing dilemma.

It was a typical gesture of concern for others on the part of Stephenson, a Cathedral High School graduate. Indianapolis South Deanery residents who know about his many volunteer efforts weren't surprised to learn that he had undertaken this sizable project while working long hours as the co-owner of Double D Press and continuing other volunteer commitments.

Faith, family and friends are what life is all about, Stephenson said of his devotion to community service, and he can't imagine not helping others in need.

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Because his own life has been filled with blessings, Stephenson said, be finds the time and energy to volunteer for a variety of church and community organizations.

He has assisted St. Barnabas as a member of the parish council, serves on the brand of directors of the Catholic Youth Organization, the Leukemia Society and the Edgewood Little League, coaches youth baseball and basketball teams, and supports Roncall High School and the Boy Scouts of America in numerous ways.

and the Boy Scouts of America in numerous ways. Lots of Indianapolis-area people know Stephenson as an articulate and personable emcee who has helped present many fund raisers and charity auctions.



JEFFERSON AWARD WINNER—St. Battaloss paramoner Dentils Stephenson of Indianapo-lis, co-owner of Double D Press, stands by the company's first printing press during a recent tout of the facility. Stephenson recently was honored with an Indiana Jefferson Award for his dedicated service to a variety of community projects and causes. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

After earning an Indiana Jefferson Award for distinguished community service, Stephenson agreed to an interview but mostly talked about the support from his wonderful family—he and his wife, Patti, have six children—and from his brother, Dan, who make it possible for him to volunteer in so many capacities. The house-building project was completed with help from fellow project coordinators Ken Bunch, Rich Kidwell and Pete Schroeder of Indianapolis, Stephenson said, as well as their wives, Mary Kay Bunch, Gail Kidwell, Joy Schroeder and Patti Stephenson. "Our wives were real supportive of what we were trying to do," he said. "Initially it was a little overwhelming, certainly a major undertaking, but we felt we could accomplish it." After earning an Indiana Jefferson

And it wouldn't have been possible to construct the specially-designed home for the Williams family, he said, without assistance from literally thousands of people

assistance from literally thousands of which wanted to help in so many ways.

"The thing that initiated the Jefferson Award was my involvement in building the Williams." he said. "The house for Larry Williams," he said. "The number of people who were involved in making that house a reality was incredible, nd I accepted the award on their behalf. The parish support was just enormous, with lots of people calling and wanting to know what of people calling and wanting to know what they could do to help. Larry has always been one of those guys who will drop what he is doing to come over and help somebody else, so everybody wanted to do the same for him. Donations and offers to help just poured in." So many times, he said, the coordina-

tors realized that the house project had God's blessing. On one occasion, weather conditions were favorable for the dura-tion of a golf fund raiser but heavy rain fell minutes after the tournament. At other times, money and materials arrived at opportune times.

"When you talk about religion amongst friends," he said, "it gets kind of corny, some of the feelings that you have, because you feel a sense that you are being guided. I felt that we were the group that could make this project happen, that could make the house a nappen, that could make the house a reality. The neat thing about it was that so many people came to us to ask us what they could do to help that we felt they were led to us. We were able to acquire the land, build the house, pay the taxes for five years, and give it as a soft to the the land, build the nouse, pay the taxes for five years, and give it as a gift to the family. And when I say we, I mean the thousands of people who were involved. It was pretty amazing."

In all of his endeavors, Stephenson said, lots of dedicated people help him with the fund raisers and serve with him on boards and committees. And when many people join hands to help others, he added, the workload becomes manageable workload becomes manageable.

Stephenson said he is particularly grateful to his wife and brother for their longtime behind-the-scenes support of so many worthwhile organizations and projects by enabling him to take time away from business concerns to pursue these community service projects.

When he received the Jefferson Award on April 19, Stephenson said he was surprised that 15 friends joined him at the luncheon. Larry Williams was among them.

"I didn't know they were going to be there," he said. "That was really nice."

Most people are willing to help others if they are asked to volunteer, Stephenson said. It just takes a personal invitation.

Jennings Co. parishes know the meaning of United Catholic Appeal

by Peter Agostinelli

Sometimes the little things make the

Sometimes the little things make the biggest impact on other people.

That old saying applies to two Jennings. County parishes with some of the smallest memberships in the archdiocese. Members of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes, with a combined congregation of about 200 families, dug deep into their pockets during last. year's United Catholic Appeal and achieved 200 percent of their set goal.

St. Anne is classified as a mission of St. Joseph Parish.

Joseph Parish

Parishioner Felicia Vogel attributes the Fairstudier relical vogel attributes the success to the stirring words and energy of Father James Meade, a priest from the Gary Diocese who's currently serving the two parishes as sacramental minister.

parisnes as sacramental minister.
Felicia and her husband, Richard, chaired the parishes' United Catholic Appeal effort last year. Their duties included taking care of the paperwork, keeping track of pledges and other keeping track related chores.

The couple attended the lead gifts dinner and saw the appeal video. Felicia remembers the evening as "a big eye-opener" for her. "I

think not knowing what (the appeal) was about before, and then finding out what it's really about, is actually what appealed to people to make their pledges, "she said. Vogel thinks Father Meade helped parishioners see the connection between their financial generosity and the benefit of others. The result for both parishes was a best-ever collection for the appeal, a best-ever collection for the appeal, which functions as the largest single source of funding for archdiocesan programs and ministries.

Vogel said Father Meade also showed generous participation in United Catholic Appeal as something that could benefit the two parishes in the long run. She said the priest was good at keeping people excited about their potential.

"He just basically instilled in our minds how we are all one, and how just because this money may not reflect anything that's d in our own community, that we are still one church and one people in Christ," said Vogel, who also works as an assistant parish ministrator for St. Anne and St. Joseph.

Vogel said Father Meade made another point: while United Catholic Appeal funds may not be used directly for the people of St.

Anne and St. Joseph, there's a chance that one day the funds could make their way

re in some way.

"Father Meade put it to the effect that are one and we are to help each other. and that even if we're not going to benefit from this, we should reach into our hearts and take what we can to help out others,"

Vogel said.

Father Meade—a judge in the Gary diocesan tribunal who serves at the parishes while pursuing graduate studies at Indiana University—thinks his role in the parishes' success with United Catholic Appeal was pretty elementary. He said he simply communicated the message that the appeal helps everyone in the archdiocese, not just becole or parishes in Indianapolis. people or parishes in Indianapolis.

people or parishes in Indianapolis. When asked how he explained this message, Father Meade gave an example of putting the appeal into a local perspective. He said he talked in his homilies about how some parishes—especially smaller ones like St. Anne and St. Joseph—should think about the funding United Catholic Appeal directs toward religious vocations. And if there's

anybody who should appreciate the impor-tance of contributing to religious vocations, the priest added, it should be the people from these smaller parishes who no longer

have resident pastors.

The United Catholic appeal effort at St. Anne and St. Joseph comes during other new developments. Vogel said parish councils are being developed for the first time at both parishes. Franciscan Sister Catherine Schneider of the archdiocesan office for pastoral councils has worked with parishioners on this project.

The Vogels are coordinating the appeals in the parishes again this year. Felicia predicts continued success with attaining the parishes' goals. She used an Easter reference to explain what last year's strong showing did for St. Anne and St. Joseph's people.

"It was like an awakening to open our eyes and see what we're about and what our community's about, and how we can our community sabout, and now recuiniteract with people in our community and bring our faith and guidance to them," she said. "It's a growing and learning process for both parishes."

Archbishop Buechlein addresses state NCCW convention at Mass

At the 16th provincial convention of the National Council of Catholic Women's Province of Indianapolis, the theme was "Future Generations in our Hands.

At the Mass at St. Pius X, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein talked about SS Thomas and Philip, who "through their questioning provided an opportunity for Jesus to teach." The archbishop reminded the women that, on the night before he died, Jesus told Thomas, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

The archbishop reflected on Pope John Paul II's "Evangelicum Vitae" ("The Gos-pel of Life"). He said that the entire pel of Life"). He said that the entire message of the Holy Father's letter heralds God's revelations on the incomparable worth of every human being.

'At the end of our century, the cris surrounding the fundamental right to life calls for a powerful stand of the church," he said. Though there have been many attacks on life, "our century has, with two wars ... been among the most violent in history," said Archbishop Buechlein.

He used the pope's term in saying that there is a conflict between "the culture of death and the culture of life."

The archbishop said that it has been the unique role of women to form and nurture life. He asked the women to reflect in prayer on this gift of human life.



PROVIDENCE HONOR—Father Donald Schmidlin, pastor of St. Matthew, joins 16 of the Providence sisters who staffed St. Matthew Parish and School over the years. On April 30, the parish welcomed the sisters and alumni, including Father Glenn O'Connor a son of the parish, who concelebrated the 11:30 a.m. Mass. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

FROM THE EDITOR

Some of the women in the Old Testament

by John F. Fink

While writing about the Blessed Virgin Mary last week, I was reminded of the Church of the Dormition in Jerusalem. This church stands out in any picture of the Old City because it is built at the very top of Mount Zion. Today it is a Benedictine monastery, built where tradition tells us Mary lived after the resurrection of her son and where she died. Since the church has never declared whether she died or only fell asleep, the name of the church is purposely ambiguous because the world dormitio means falling asleep.

asleep.

The centerpiece of the crypt of the church is a statue of the sleeping Mother of God. Above it is a cupola, in the middle of which is a fresco of Christ bidding his mother welcome: "Arise, my

is a fresco of Christ bidding his mother welcome: "Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!" (Sg 2:13). Around Christ are six medallions of prominent women of the Old Testament: Eve, Miriam, Jael, Judith, Ruth and Esther.

That's a long explanation of why I decided to write about those six women, three of them this week and the other three next week. Some readers might not be familiar with some of those women of the Old Testament. (I'm not sure, by the way, that those are the six women I'd have chosen, but I guess I didn't have a vote.)

OF THE SIX, I'M sure that most people are most familiar with Eve, the first woman. The Book of Genesis tells us that God took one of the ribs of Adam, the first man, and "built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man" (Gn 222). Adam named this woman Eve "because she became the mother of all the living" (Gn 320). The Hebrew name hawwa (Eve) is related to the Hebrew word hay (living).

Eve was the mother of many children, but we know the names of only three of them—Cain, Abel and Seth. Cain killed Abel and then was banished by God to the land of Nod, which means "the land of nomads." Cain also founded a city which he named after his son Enoch and the fourth chapter of Genesis traces his descendants. Then the fifth chapter of Genesis traces Seth's descendants down to the time of Noah.

the time of Noah.

Spiritually, Eve is the antitype of the Blessed Mother because it was through her disobedience, and that of Adam, that she and all humanity lost paradise. The Vatican II document "Lumen Gentium," quoting St. Irenaeus, says, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience what the virgin Eve bound through her unbelief, Mary loosened by her faith" (No. 56).

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MIRIAM WAS THE sister of Moses and Aaron. It was she who, after the child Moses was discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, asked if she should get one of the Hebrew women to nurse him; she then got Moses' mother to do so. The movie "The Ten Commandments" gave Miriam an active role in helping Moses and Aaron lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt, and there's no reason to doubt that she had such a role, even if the Bible usually mentions only Moses and Aaron. One reason for believing that is because of the 12th chapter of the Book of Numbers, where both Aaron and Miriam speak out against Moses on the pretext that he had contracted a marriage with a Cushie woman. Miriam and Aaron were jealous of the superior position Cood had given to Moses: "They complained," is it through Moses alone that the Lord speaks? Does he not speak through us also?" "(Nm 122). Miriam was apparently accustomed to a leadership position.

God, though became angray with Miriam and Aaron, so mad, in fact, that he turned Miriam into a leper. (Apparently Aaron merely followed his sister in he rebellion since only Miriam was punished.) When Aaron saw what happened to Miriam he said to Moses: "Ah, my lord, please do not

charge us with the sin that we have foolishly committed."
And Moses cried to God. "Please, not this! Pray, heal her!"
Then God decided that Miriamshould be confined outside
the camp for seven days because of her rebellion.

the camp for seven days because of her rebellion.

PERHAPS JAEL IS the least recognized woman of the six whose medallions are in the Church of the Dormition. Jael's story is told in chapter four of the Book of Judges. There were 12 judges, really military leaders who exercised authority over some of the tribes of Israel before the time of King Saul. One of those judges was Deborah, a prophetess. At one point the Israelites were under the power of the Canaanite king, Jabin, and the general of his army, Sisera. Deborah instructed her general, Barak, to fight Sisera's army at the bottom of Mount Tabor. Barak led 10,000 men down Mount Tabor and routed Sisera's forces.

Mount Tabor and routed Sisera's forces

Sisera, though, trying to escape, took off on foot and arrived at the tent of Jael, the wife of the Kenite Heber. Jael

arrived at the tent of Jael, the wife of the Kenite Fleber, Jael went out to meet him and urged him to come into her tent, where she covered him with a rug. Sisera then urged her to stand by the entrance and, "if anyone comes and asks, Is there someone here?" say, "No!"."

The Bible then says: "Instead Jael, wife of Fleber, got a tent peg and took a mallet in her hand. While Sisera was sound askeps, hes teathlity approached him and drove the peg through his temple down into the ground, so that he persished in death. Then when Barak came in pursuit of Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man you seek." So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg through his temple."

and there ay seem the temple."

The footnote in my Bible says: "It is to be noted that the Sacred author merely records the fact of the murder of Sisera. We must not construe this as approval of Jael's action." Of course, that doesn't explain why she is one of the six women depicted in the cupola above the statue of the

eeping virgin.

Next week: the stories of Judith, Ruth and Esther.

A VIEW FROM THE CENTER

Saying farewell to Archabbot Timothy

by Dan Conway

Next month, Archabbot Timothy Sweeney will resign as Archabbot of St. Meinrad Archabbey after 17 years as the spiritual and temporal leader of one of

country's most re-cted Benedictine spected monasteries. Archabbot Timothy is fond of say-ing that "monks do not retire," so he will be available for reassignavailable for reassign-ment by the newly-elected archabbot after a brief period of rest and relaxation. Personally, I

hope his new assignment will allow him to stay clost to his monastic home and to his

say cose to his monastic home and to his many family and friends here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. I'm sure that during the next couple of months many people will express their appreciation and thanks to Archabbot Timothy for the many diverse control. Timothy for the many diverse contributions he has made to St. Meinrad and to the

church, but I would like to say a few words about what I believe is one of his greatest accomplishments: the prudent stewardship of St. Meinrad's resources. As an alumnus and former employee of St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary, I have know Archabbot Timothy for nearly 27 years (since I first struggled through his logic class as a sophomore in college). During this time, I have developed an enormous respect and admiration for the way he cares for St. Meinrad's human, physical and financial resources.

resources.

The Rule of St. Benedict makes it clear that the abbot, who takes the place of Christ in the monastery, must exercise a balanced and prudent form of leadership. He is to be a strict disciplinarian when it comes to monastic observance, but he is also to be gentle and compassionate in his dealings with the all-too-human weaknesses and featilise of his bruther monks.

with the all-too-human weaknesses and frailities of his brother monks. Similarly, St. Benedict expects the abbot to ensure the good order and financial well-being of the community. As individuals, monks are supposed to be poor, but their communities need to be financially secure in

order to ensure the ordered life of prayer and work which is the distinctive Benedictine charism.

Archabbet Timothy once confided to me that he learned "on the job" why St. Benedict warns the abbot not to be overly concerned about money. The business of the monastery is very important, but it can too easily over-shadow the monastery in order to the contract purpose. very important, but it can up easily over-shadow the monastery's primary purpose: to praise God in and through all of its spiritual and temporal affairs. Like everything else in monastic life, there must be a healthy balance between prayer and work and between the abbot's efforts to keep the monastery finan-cially sound and his willingness to "let go" and

trust in divine providence.

In a monastery like St. Meinrad, which is engaged in many diverse apostolates, good stewardship of the community's resources requires some untraditional forms of religrequires some untraditional forms of relig-ious leadership—like strategic planning telling the community's story through marketing and public relations, and inviting thousands of alumni and friends throughout the United States to invest their time, talent and treasure in the monks' apostolic works.

I think it's fair to say that, initially, Archabbot Timothy became involved in the development side of the monastery's business with some reluctance. (A philosopher by training, he was not particularly interested in marketing or fund raising), But it was not long before he saw that the stability of the menusery. was not long before he saw that the stability of the monastery and the continued strength of its seminary schools demanded, that the archabbot play a leadership role in St. Meinrad's development program.

After 17 years of his leadership, there are many concrete signs of Archabbot Timothy's slewardship. These include a new monastery and library, a major progration princip

stewardship. These include a new monastery and library, a major renovation project, endowments totaling nearly \$20 million, Abbey Press which is strong enough to weather significant changes in its markets, a growing base of financial support from alumni and friends, and business and personnel practices that are second to none in their effortistnesse effortismes expenses. effectiveness, efficiency and (most important of all) their support for the religious and educational mission of St. Meinrad. Good monk that he is, Archabbot

Good monk that he is, Archabbot Timothy would be quick to point out that many people have contributed to St. Meinrad's success in these areas. This is certainly true, but all of the good things mentioned above happened under Archabbot Timothy's watch, and those who know St. Meinrad well can attest to the significant leadership to which be he golawed it she placed the significant.

St. Meinrad well can attest to the significant leadership role which he has played in the stewardship of the community's resources. Saying farewell to Archabbot Timothy at this time in St. Meinrad's history seems like the right thing to do. He has been a good and faithful deward of his community's spiritual. faithful steward of his community's spiritual and material resources, and he deserves to step aside (not retire) and let someone else on the challenges of leadership. Ad multos annos

THE HUMAN SIDE

Communicating church teaching in a new era

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

A study soon to be released finds that Catholics don't leave the church even when they feel it is too authoritative and disagree

with it on issues like homosexuality, divorce and remarriage without an annulment, contraception, abortion and nmarital sex.

The study was con-ducted by Dean Hoge, William D'Antonio and Ruth Wallace at The Catholic University of America.

Among its many interesting findings, the study finds that women through the ages were more committed to the church than men, and attended Mass more often. They are more likely than nen to want the laity t have the right to participate in matters regarding divorce and remarriage

Young Catholics are likely to be uninformed on church teaching and to lack a distinctively Catholic vocabulary. They are less likely to judge the rightness or wrongness of specific issues according to natural law.

to natural law.

Those with the most Catholic schooling are more committed to the church than young Catholics without Catholic schooling. However, 82 percent of all young Catholics say that they should have the last say on such issues as birth control, 65 percent on nonmarital see, and 83 percent on divorcing and remarying without a church annulment.

These trends are attributed to a "fearly and the property of the property of

These trends are attributed to a "new lay Catholic" who is more used to deciding for himself or herself on all levels.

As I read the study's highlights, I wondered whether young people are making their own moral decisions in rebellion

ing their own moral decisions in rebellion against what they view as a strict church authority or because they are relatively uninformed about church teachings.

Are young Catholics' attitudes based on wanting to exercise an individuality they feel the church is restricting, or are they making their own moral decisions because the methods used to communicate church teaching are ineffective and young people are not getting the full story? are not getting the full story?

My guess is that the latter is true. This is My guess is that the latter is true. This is not to fault the millions of outstanding teachers we have. At fault is a pedagogy that is out of step with the pedagogy young people encounter every time they watch a fine educational program on television. Recently I reviewed TNI's movie "Joseph." a magnificent example of television's power to educate about the Bible. Viewers entered into the masse, of the Bible and not only reviewed.

the pages of the Bible and not only reviewed Joseph's story, but were given an unforgettable lesson in the virtues of courage, faithfulness

lesson in the virtues of courage, faithfulness and brotherly love.

These moral values were artfully imprinted not only on the minds of viewers, but in their hearts—thanks to the producers and those who researched their material.

Today's Catholics are experiencing and being influenced by powerful new pedagogies. This is part of the new age in which the church finds itself.

My bet is that when the church force.

church finds itself.

My bet is that when the church forms
think tanks to capitalize on the best of the
new pedagogies, it will begin to narrow the
gap between its teachings and those
Catholics who find it too authoritative.

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To the Editor

The church let us parents down

Your column "The Differences Among Generations" of March 31 was of great inlerest to me. I and most of my friends were pre-Vatican II Catholics and our children were the generation in Catholic schools following Vation 1. We sacrificed to have them there during the '6b. 70's and '80s. You said, "Twe never been able to figure out why the teaching of doctrine seemed to

out why the teaching of doctrine seemed to disappear in religion courses after Vatican II." I remember that "God is love" was the theme throughout and very few, if any, "thou shalt nots" were taught. Parents were raining were taugut. Farents were raidiculed because they felt teachings in the Baltimore Catechism were better than the "God is love" theme in the series published

by Sadlier.

We parents used to discuss the very things you mentioned in your column. Children weren't taught how to form their consciences. We parents had to challenge the theory that "if you think it is all right, then it isn't a sin." We parents felt that we were beating our heads against a wall and the church and solve weren't backing us up. Children weren't learning the Ten Commontents, the holy days, the precepts of the church, about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, or even that anything was a sin.

sin. As you said, this generation grew up without a strong Catholic identity, without the understanding that the Catholic Church is the one true church founded by Jesus Christ. They tend to think that one church is as good as another.

You said that eventually the church realized that a whole generation had grown up without understanding the most basic octrines of the church. We parents have felt that way for years, but that's the first time five seen it in print. I've me the strong or bishops discuss it at all. Where was the hierarchy of the church we have lost most of a whole generation of young Catholics while the church, stood of young Catholics while the church, stood of young Catholics while the church, stood of young Catholics while the church, stood

We have lost most of a whole generation of young Catholics while the church stood quietly by and acted as if they didn't even notice this was happening. We parents noticed and it hurt. Once one of your children leaves the church, you notice it more, believe me I sat in my parish church and realized, as my friends and acquaintances came in, that most of them had one or more children who left the church. These are not isolated cases. I believe that it is an epidemic all over the United States, as my friends in other parts of the country tell me the same thing.

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the same thing.

When I was more "naive," I used to
wonder about the parents when some young
person left the church. Now I realize the
parents may have tried to raise them as they
were taught in the '480 and '508, but if the
content of the religion classes didn't back
them up, they failed.

I love my church and never wanted
any of our children to leave it, but I have
tried to quit "beating myself up" over it.
We were good parents and the church let
us down in our children's religious
teaching. We paid the price and the only
thing left for us is to pray.

Name withheld by request
Indianapolis

The priest's great responsibility

During Mass one day, as I was focusing my attention on the priest at the altar, I realized what a great responsibility he has on this earth.

Yet it seems today more than ever priests are under great scrutiny and sometimes ridicule. Do people really mean to put their priests under such attack or are we victims of the changing times and don't know how to accept what is going on around us?

More times than not a priest has a good reason for what he does for us. Sometimes we cannot see this. We must remember that our parish priest is there for us. He prays for us. He is concerned with saving our souls

When we look at a priest on the altar

aying Mass, what do we see? For each one of us it could be a different answer. We all see a man, but do we remember that he is a man who has given up his life to do God's will, to save souls, our souls?

As always, stories of priests can sell

newspapers, make interesting movies and newspapers, make interesting movies and make money. The public loves to hear a good piece of gossip if it concerns the Catholic Church. As Catholics we have to be careful not to get caught up in the media marketplace. Since we are all human, we are all capable of making mistakes. Was it not said, "Let him who is without sin be the first

Priests are subject to temptation, some-times more than the rest of us. What better way for Satan to break down the image of the Catholic faith than through our priests!

Priests need our support and our prayers. The next time you feel like complaining about something you don't necessarily agree on, turn the negative into a positive with a prayer for our priests.

Danville

Women must be powerful indeed!

The Criterion's April 14 issue presented a front-page article on Pope John Paul's annual letter to priests for Holy Thursday. The theme of the letter was "the importance of women in the life of the priest." Priests are encouraged to look at women as "sisters" so the priest can be faithful to his commitment of celibacy. In his letter, Pope John Paul offers prayers for those priests who, "because of a woman, have abandoned the priestly ministry."

I thought we were beyond the archaic lief that women are to blame for men's sexual weakness! Archbishop Sepe tries to soften the pope's words by saying women 'can be the occasion' of a priests' decision to leave. What has happened to a man's responsibility for his own actions? Is a priest exempt from taking responsibility for his own consulting.

The article continued on to recite a portion of a letter by a newly-ordained priest to his mother. This priest writes of his finally being able to celebrate the Eucharist "and for to the first time make God descend to earth in my hands." This priest believes he can make God come to him, yet a woman can make God come to him, yet a woman can make him fall from grace. We women must be powerful indeed! It's no wonder women are corressed in the church. oppressed in the church.

> Io Anne Burkhard Indianapolis

Time to dump Jim Arnold column

Why does The Criterion carry an entertainment section? It seems to me a Catholic newspaper would promote (or give ap-proval to) movies which portray an allaround positive moral message. Conversely, it seems a Catholic newspaper concerned with the spiritual well being of its readers would inform and warn those viewers of movies which present a danger to this continual forms. spiritual life

With this in mind, why is James Arnold's column carried in *The Criterion?* In a secular newspaper his columns may be fitting, since newspaper his columns may be fitting, since from that press we do not expect any moral guidance except that which would lead us away from God. In our archdiocese's mouthpiece. The Criterion, a Catholic per-spective on all matter should be expected. This perspective is almost impossible to detect in Arnold's movie reviews. He seldom points out immoral situations in the movies, and when he does, the immorality is explained away as unimportant. But almost worse than this, in many instances he will recommend a clearly spiritually destructive movie, but for adults or for mature adults. Are we to deduce from this attitude that viewing immorality has no effect on

us? Are we such spiritually superior beings, once reaching adulthood, that to immerse ourselves in the rot provided us from Hollywood will have no ill effect on our psyche or soul? The evidence to the contrary surrounds us. Amold's review of the Disney/Miramax

Amold's review of the Disney/Miramax release "Priest" is the most recent example of his spiritually dangerous attitude. This spiritually dangerous attitude. This chablic priests, has been condemned by many as being anti-Catholic. Though Amold touches on the sinful behavior of the priests, it is dow.nplayed and made to seem unimportant in light of their compassion and good will. It his immorabite what we find in the conditions are considered and made to seem unimportant in light of their compassion and good will. It his immorabite what we find in the conditions are considered as the conditions are conditions as the condi

Is this immorality what you find in the priests you know? Doesn't this portrayal of priests caught up in sexual affairs with female housekeepers and male friends have a negative effect on us as Catholics as well as a negative effect on us as Catholics as well as society's view of Catholicism' Immorality breeds immorality, whether we see it in a movie, hear it in a song or see it in our neighbor. Should our Catholic newspaper be carrying the words of a man seemingly unable to identify this immorality as detrimental to our souls?

I think it is time to dump James Arnold's column from *The Criterion* and replace it with movie reviews guided by the standards of morality we Catholics proclaim to be true. Surely you can find a movie critic to fit that bill.

Mary Casabella

What is appropriate to wear in church?

As we enter the season where more casual dress is appropriate, the question invariably arises concerning what is appropriate to wear to church.

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As with many issues, man has complicated what the Lord would prefer to be a very simple solution. The church is God's house, and if you don't wear your good clothes to God's house where do you wear them? Sure, the important thing is that you attend and participate in the Mass, but you wouldn't consider wearing grangy clothest to your boss's dinner party, for example.

Think back to Easter Sunday, or a wedding, or First Communion Mass; remember how everyone's dress complexity.

member how everyone's dress comple-mented and enhanced the liturgy? Shouldn't we honor the Lord every Sunday with our



best-dressed presence and lively participa-tion in this great re-enactment of his life, death and resurrection?

death and resurrection?

With the shortage of priests today, it is nearly impossible to schedule a special Mass to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, baptism, etc. Thus, many times these events are included as part of a regular weekend Mass. It's somewhat embarrassing to family members and relatives when an unshaven male wearing too-tight T-shirt, short jogging shorts, dirty sneakers and no socks walks past them on the way to Communion.

Don Striegel Indianapolis

The Criterion welcomes letters from its readers. Its policy is that readers will be free to express their opinions on a wide range of issue of concern to readers as long as those opinions are relevant, well-expressed, temperate in tone, reflect a basic ensue of courtesy towards others and a willingness to hear towards others and within space luminations. Letters full address, although his/her name may be withheld for a good reason. Letters for publication should be sent to The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

The pope's Christopher Award

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." This 3,000-year-old Chinese proverb was adopted as The Christophers' motto in 1945 and it serves as the idea behind the Christopher Awards. On the last Thursday of

February every year we honor writers, producers and directors of the best movies and televi-sion specials. We also give awards to the authors of outstanding

We could spend a lifetime cursing all the violence, sleaze and banality in print, on TV and on the silver screen, but we feel it is better to applaud those who create works that affirm the highest values of the human spirit.

Last year Steven Spielberg came to our award ceremony to accept for his movie "Schindler's List." This year we gave a special literary award to Pope John Paul II for his book "Crossing the Threshold of

I called the Vatican and asked Arch-bishop John Foley, the president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, if he would come to New York to accept the award for the pope. He said he would love to but first he had to get an answer to two questions: Would the Holy Father accept such an award, which is rare, and if so, would he want Archbishop Foley and not another bishop to accept it in his name? In a few days the archbishop called to tell me that the pope gave an affirmative answer to both questions, meaning that Archbishop Foley would indeed come to

New York to accept the Christopher Award in the pope's name.
John Foley and I had worked together on the board of directors of the Catholic Press Association for five years. We became friends long before he was made archishop. It was in the spirit of friendship that we went forward that night with the unlikely scenario of a priest giving the pope an award.

On the night of the awards I exclude the merits of the pope's book, and I invited the archishop to the podium to accept the bronze metallion with the Christopher motto on it. He thanked me and spoke in glowing terms of the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ, referring to him as a true Christopher, a man who carries Christ's truth and love to the whole world. Then he presented me with a scroll containing a blessing from the pope which acknowledged both The Christopher's 50th anniversary and my own upcoming retirement. (As you might know, I will be stepping down in September to return to service in my home Diocese of Paterson, NJ.) Needless to say, I was both flustered and delighted to receive the apostolic blessing.

After the archishop returned to his seat, the awards ceremony continued when sud-

After the archbishop returned to his seat the awards ceremony continued when sud-denly a voice boomed out from the audience: denly a voice boomed out from the audience: "Don't I get something to take back with me?" It was Archbishop Foley, smiling broadly. Soon the whole assembly was smiling with him as I realized with embarrassment that in the confusion of receiving the papal blessing I had forgotten to give him the pope's award. With apologies and a red face I brought the medallion over to him and we all had a good

was a memorable evening for one

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Mothers that I love

by Elizabeth Bruns

Can you think of a woman who should be nominated for the living sainthood? Is there a woman in particular that you would like to model your life after? For some, the answer

to these questions might be women like a devout and kind woman in you community parish Mother Mother Teresa or even the Virgin Mary. During this Mother's Day week-end, my answer is sim-

my own mother.

And it's fitting that

neighbor's mother the trashman's m man's mother, should be nominated for this living sainthood. Mothers are a rare breed. Let me tell you a few valities of my mother and near-mothers I we. I think you'll find that the mothers in your life have some of the same features

My mother is one to quietly sit back and listen whenever there's a problem. And she stays relatively calm even when it's her turn to talk. She never judges and rarely shouts. She is the most positive person I know. My

mom finds the silver lining in each cloud—even if she's pushing it.
During my adolescence, she was known as "the cool mom" with my friends. She didn't let you get away with doing anything wrong, but she was always there feeding us and being funny.

always there teeding us and being trunty. She's the first one to give you a big hug and kiss when you have exciting news that really isn't that outstanding to anyone other than yourself. And she acts truly happy about it (maybe she's a good faker). Often, especially if I haven't seen her in over a week, she'll come up to me and tell me that I seed a bug A mother's but makes most.

week, she'll come up to me and tell me that I need a hug. A mother's hug makes most everything better, even if nothing is wrong. And there are my near-mothers—women who have been like mothers to me through the years. There have been a small group of these women, but one has been around since the first day of my life—Judy, my longtime friend's mom. Judy is a peach—and cute as can be at a whopping five feet tall. She's the kind of mom that you can share a couch with while watching an II J zame and strifing over fee.

mom that you can share a COUCH WITH WHILE
watching an IU game and stuffing your face
with popcom, pretzels and beer. But watch
out for her wild side if the BIG RED hits a
crucial basket or makes a needed touchdown—many cold ones have been spilled on

that couch and carpet. With a newly-retired husband, Judy has been spending a lot of time in Florida, presumably golfing.

time in Florida, presumably golfing.
Then there's my official near-grandmother, Rosie. Unfortunately, I wasn't
arents—the ones who I knew died when I
was young. Rosie is the best kind of
grandmother. Always sending cards for
special days that even parents don't
formally recognize. I receive gifts from
her that I don't really need, but always
want. The kind of things that you really
don't want to spoil yourself with. The
family has decided that she must have a
lot of stock in the local Hallmark shops.
She, alone, has certainly kept several of

ior or stock in the local Hallmark shops. She, alone, has certainly kept several of those businesses afloat. And back to my mother, because I can't say enough good about her. She gets bothered when I don't take care of myed or when I eat too much junk food. She's proportious for consensative resignation. remember to send so-and-so a card for a particular occasion. Usually I've already put the card in the mail

put the card in the mail.

I think she's still having trouble with her youngest leaving the nest (even though I only live three miles from her). She can't really monitor me anymore, and it bugs both of us for different reasons. Being the stubborn German-American that I am, I constitutes that I am, I sometimes find it hard to admit it's all because she loves me so much, not because she has nothing better to do.

she has nothing better to do.

We do special things together. For the
last few years, the entire family and some
friends join her in Race for the Cure, a St
walk or run to raise funds for breast
cancer and to remember those who have
died from the disease. Mom's quite proud
to be a breast cancer survivor, and we're
pretty thankful of that fact, too. This year,
site got about 35 people to attend the
race. She's quite a woman.
Every year on Mother's Day weekend,
area colleges hold their graduation ceremonies. Amid all the hoopla, remember
to think of your mothers and grandmothers, near-mothers and near-grandmothers, near-mothers and near-grandmothers,

to think of your mothers and grandmothers, near-mothers and near-grandmothers who are living and deceased. They gave you the strength and encouragement in all stages of your life; be sure to thank them. They are truly saints. Happy Mother's Day to all of them!

check-it-out . . .

St. Bartholomew School, Columbus, will hold its **5th annual auction** on May 19-20. The silent auction on May 19 will be a family night with a free hot dog dinner and unique shopping. The event will be held in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. with no admission. On May 20, the Knights of Columbus will host the live auction with a dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. All proceeds benefit the St. Bartholomew School facility For more information, call 812-379-9353.

Infertility Friends (I.F.) is new Christianbased support group which combines information, Scripture and sharing. The group will begin meeting June 1 and will meet on a continuing basis. Anyone experiencing the frustration of infertility is welcome to join the group. For more information, call Catherine Clift, a St. Luke parishioner, at 317-259-8079

The first graduating class of Roncalli The tirst graduating class of Roncalli ligh School, class of 1970, is planning a 25th reunion on Aug. 19. Roncalli is asking for help in updating the mailing list. If you have any current information regarding members of this class, please call Ann Kocker Mader at 317-862-4116.

St. Agnes class of 1955 will hold its 40th reunion the weekend of June 2. They are still missing some classmates. If you have any information on classmates or need more information, call Ellen Cooper Riddle at 317-253-5857 or Mary Kay McShay Holland at 317-841-3895.

"Fullness of Life: Laughter, Intimacy, Freedom, Empowerment" is the theme of the Freedom, Empowerment is the treme of the upcoming international conference sponsored by the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics (NACSDC) at the University of Notre Dame. The conference will be held July 6-9. For additional conference information and regis-tration brochure contact NACSDC Central

Office, 80 St. Mary's Drive, Cranston, RI 02920, or telephone them at 401-943-7903.

The Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Services in cooperation with St. Francis Hospital will offer parenting classes to parents on the southside of Indianapolis. The program is a series of six two and one half hours of semi-structured session utiliz-ing STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) Program as a guide. The St. Francis STEP classes will meet six consecutive Mondays, June 5 to July 10 from 7-9:30 m. at the St. Francis Education Center, 7216 South Madison, Suite S. The cost is \$35 for an individual or \$50 per couple. To register, contact Judy Fuhr at 317-783-8554.

St. Mary Child Center will have a raffle drawing on May 18 for a new car and other items. Donations are \$10. The first prize is a 1995 Chrysler GTC LeBaron convertible from Eastgate LeBaron convertible from Eastgate Chrysler Plymouth. Second prize is a \$3,000 water treatment system. Third, Las Vegas package including air fare and three nights and two days in a hotel. Fourth is a \$1,000 gift certificate from a Carmel store; and fifth is a \$1,000 air purification system form Hedback, Call Donna Laughlin at 317-236-1531 for more information or tickets

Community South Hospital is in the process of a fundraising campaign to build a chapel within the southside build a chapel within the southside hospital. The ecumenical chapel, to be constructed this summer, will be located on the first floor of the hospital, just off the main lobby. "In addition to a place of quiet and reflection, the chapel will be available for many other uses, including avaluate for many other uses, including celebrations, special services and even weddings and baptisms for our patients," said hospital chaplain Mel Schroeder. Construction for the chapel has already begun. For more information about this project, or to make a donation to the Community Hospital South Chapel Fund, contact Tom Farrington or Chaplain Mel Schroeder at 317-887-7113.

More than 250 alumnae and friends of St. Mary of the Woods are expected to take part in "Race Back to The Woods." the St. Mary of the Woods College annual reunion celebration May 12-14. Alumnae from classes in five year increments between 1930 and 1990 will return to campus to reunite with classmates faccampus to reunite with classmates, tac-ulty, friends, staff and Sister of Provi-dence. On Saturday, Woods alumnae will participate in a full day of activities beginning with the annual "Walk in the Woods" led by Providence Sister Barbara Doherty. The day will end with a special awards banquet from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call the public relations department of St. Mary of the Woods College at 812-535-5212.

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Bain J. Farris has Bain J. Farris has been appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brebeut chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brebeuf Preparatory School. The appointment began May 1. Farris has served as the vice-chairman of the board since 1992. He replaces Catherine H. Kennedy, who completed her three-year team of leadership. Farris is currently the executive vice president of Health Care Operations for the Associated Group. He had previously served for eight years as the president and chief executive officer of St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center, Inc. He is a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Coffee Break riterion

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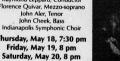
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Text by Cardinal Newman



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Archbishop speaks to lawyers about encyclical

He calls it 'this century's magna carta proclaiming and defending human life'

by Margaret Nelson

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein pre-sided at the St. Thomas More Society's annual Red Mass, held this year on May 3. State and local judges of all faiths led the procession into St. John Church in

This Catholic lawyers' society sponsors the Red Mass the first week of May each year—also known as Law Week. Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin, president of Martin University, was honored by the group as the 'Man for All Seasons.'

In his homily, the archbishop cited Pope John Paul II's recent encyclical

Pope John Paul II's recent encyclical "Een.gelium Vitae" ("The Ospel of Life") as "his century's magna carta proclaiming and defending human life." Archbishop Buechlein said, "The pope begins his encyclical with the bold statement: The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' message." He explained how the Holf Pather used Scripture to "trace the instrinsic value of each human person of creation down to our present age, pointing out along the way the attacks that have placed human life in danger throughout history... In the first chapter, he demonstrates the escalating



RED MASS—State and local judges of all faiths attend the annual Red Mass at St. John Church on May 3. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided at the event sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, a group of Catholic lawyers. Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin was honored as the society's "Man for All Seasons." (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

conflict between the 'culture of death and the culture of life."
In referring to the third chapter of the encyclical, Archbishop Buechlein said, "Of particular note for us this evening, the pope discusses the conflict of civil versus moral law in our day, and how ethical relativism tends to justify the individual's exaggerated right to freedom (against the common good), along with the state's misguided sense of democracy as the determinant of values by majority vote.

"Modern society has twisted the intrinsic value of human life and the state has

sanctioned those violations of the value of human life. Abortion and euthanasia are human life. Abortion and euthanasia are crimes which no human law or democratic vote can legitimize," the archbishop said. "The encyclical states that 'the legal toleration of abortion or of euthanasia can in no way claim to be based on respect for the conscience of others, precisely because society has the right and the duty to protect itself against the abuses which can occur in the name of conscience and under the pretext of freedom."

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Archbishop Buschlein pointed out, "It also states that 'when it is not possible to overtum or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to precured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinior and public morality."

The archbishop relayed the pope's call for cival leaders "to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures. Political leaders must help to re-establish a just order in the defense of human life."

Using Pope John Paul II's words, Archbishop Buechlein asked those involved in the legal profession to join him in prayer to "reflect on the gift of life and our vocation to be people of life for life."

Vicar Judicial Father Fred Easton deliv-ered the invocation at a dinner in the Indiana Convention Center after the Mass.

Stewardship report gives statistics

was \$25,000 and the total amount pledged was \$3.7 million.
Funds contributed to the archdiocese in 1994 were allocateed to four major areas of ministry. Leadership and pastoral services (including family ministry, youth and young adult ministry, parish leadership development, etc.) received 37 percent of the funds. Catholic education (including parish religious education programs and Catholic schools) received 26 percent of the money contributed. Social service programs (including all Catholic Charities agencies) received ing all Catholic Charities agencies) received 23 percent of the funds. And ministries in the areas of spiritual and sacramental life (including retreat and renewal services, evangelization, the Office of Worship, etc.) received 14 percent of the donated funds.

evangelization, the Office of Worship, etc.) received 14 percent of the donated funds. Slightly more than seven cents out of every dollar contributed went to the cost of raising the money. In addition, 22 cents out of every dollar contributed to the United Catholic Appeal was returned to parishes as part of the appeals "parish sharing program." Planned gifts designated for endowment were invested in the Catholic Community Foundation,

increasing the foundation's total assets to nearly \$19 million.

A new archdiocean stewardship education program, adapted from similar programs in Louisville and \$t. Louis, involved more than one-third of the Catholic households in the archdiocese in a program of prayer and reflection on their use of God's gifs of time, talent and treasure.

In addition, in 1994 the Office of Soundahip and Evelopment provided partishes which were planning partish capital campaigns. Staff members also collaborated with the Office of Catholic Education to provide resources and assistance to schools in the areas of marketing, recruitment and fund raising.

The Office of Stewardship and Development exists to support the mission of the archdiocese by promoting generosity and the responsible use of human and financial resources. Priorities identified for 1995 include hopes for another record-setting year for the United Catholic Appeal, a special project campaign to raise corporate contributions for center city Catholic schools, and preparations for a major archdiocesan capital campaign. preparations for a major archdiocesan capital campaign.

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SEEKING GOD

A fond memory of Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Plans for new cemetery unveiled

(Continued from page 1)

James Ittenbach of Strategic Marketing
and Research reviewed the marketing
surveys done by his company. He said that
400 telephone surveys of Catholics in the
northside of Indianapolis and the southern
part of the Diocese of Lafayette indicated
that four in 10 of all Catholic households
plan to purchase a cemetery site in that four in 10 of all Catholic households plan to purchase a cemetery site in Indianapolis, that the cemeteries owned and operated by the Catholic Church are regarded favorably, and that 56 percent of those who had not yet purchased a site were interested in purchasing in a northside Catholic cemetery and specifically in the Haverstick location. Haverstick location

Other speakers told those present that Our Lady of Peace Cemetery will offer every choice of memorialization and interment mode that can be offered in a

interment mode that can be offered in a modern cemetery.

Special attention was given to the chapel, which will be combined with the mausoleum. Father Richard Ginther said that the chapel, rather than the crypts, will be the central focus of the structure and that it will be a worthy place for the celebration of the Eucharist, for the celebration of the Rite of Committal, and for personal prayer and reflection.

The chapel will seat 170-180 people or will be able to be divided into two chapels

with each seating 75-90 people. There will be 192 crypts within the chapel proper, 108 in alcoves and 330 in the narthex halls, for a total of 630 interior crypts. There will also be

total of 630 interior crypts. There will also be 450 exterior crypts.

In remarks at the beginning of the program, Eugene Harris, director of the Catholic Cemeteries. Association, stressed the importance of Catholic cemeteries. He noted the tradition that most parishes had their own cemeteries, a tradition that continues in many places in the archdiocese. However, as cities grew in population and metropolitan areas developed, common cemeteries were developed for common cemeteries were developed for urban parishes. This was the history in

Marion Country and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and eight in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and eight in the Lafayette Diocese. Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, said that he has been working closely, with personnel in the 1-8 features.

closely with personnel in the Lafayette
Diocese on the plans for the cemetery.

At the end of the meeting, Joseph
Homett, archdiocesan secretary for financial and administrative services, under whose secretariat the Cemetery Association falls, encouraged people to visit the cemetery site when the new chapel in completed. That is expected to take eight or nine months

It was a cold December night the first time I visited Our Lady of Grace Monastery, home of the Benedictine sisters. I was spending another weekend visiting religious communities as I searched for the place God wanted me to spend my life. Tired and cold after a long day of teaching and a three hour drive from my home in Illinois, I walked into the front lobby and was greeted with warmth and smiles. Why, it was just like home!

The sights, the sounds, the smells, the warmth, the laughter and the commitment to prayer are all fond recollections of my first 72 hours in Beech Grove. In his Rule, St. Benedict encouraged an attitude of camaraderie and caring among his monastics. That feeling is to be shared with the "guests who present themselves." Benedictine hospitality is what I experienced that cold December night.

It is now seven years later. I found the place God wants me to spend my life. Our Lady of Grace sits on holy ground, nourished by the warmth of God's love and the caring of the Sisters of St. Benedict. I am truly home.

- Sr. Maureen Therese Cooney, OSB

Sr. Maureen Therese is the Director of Facilities at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center. She holds a degree in education and taught junior high students at Sc. Gabriel, Holy Cross and Cardinal Ritter High School. Sr. Maureen Therese joins the Sisters of Sr. Benedict in celebrating the 4Wth anniversary of the laying of the cornestone of Our Lady of Grace Monastery on July 16, 1955.



Holy Cross stands for neighborhood, school

by Margaret Nelson

When Indianapolis residents refer to

When Indianapolis residents refer to Holy Cross, its brings to mind the near east side neighborhood. And that encourpasses more than the Catholic parishiones.—
The nearly-100-year-old parish is known for a school that educates are children, and for its warm Sunday liturgies.
But who can forget the strong social ministries that Holy Cross provides? Those who live nearby are aware of the parish food pantry. Not only does the St. Vincent de Paul service feed thousands at Christmas and pantry. Not only does the St. Vincent de Paul service feed thousands at Christmas and Thanksgiving, but it provides nourishment for the area homeless and jobless all year. The food pantry is one of the largest in the archdiocese—serving other food ministries in the area, as well.

And the parish has other ways to help people deal with what the pastoral associate calls "systems that have broken associate calls such as the pastoral calls such as



J. Peter Gallagher

down in their lives." It provides job leads

down in their lives." It provides job leads for those who seek help.
Franciscan Sister Paulette Schroeder, pastoral associate said, "Our real emphasis is on raising the quality of life for the poor and homeless who come to Holy Cross on Tuesday and Friday.
"At the pantry, you see real church happening. There is a real community of the province of t

when there is tragedy or death, the staff has come to realize that the non-Catholics consider Holy Cross their church. Father Peter Gallagher, the pastor, has been asked to preside at funerals and wakes of people involved with the pantry or school, but who have no church affiliations.

When a pantry volunteer was killed recently, his co-volunteers asked to have him buried from the church so that the homeless could pray for him there. "This is their church," said Father Gallagher." "The recipients themselves give service because they want to be part of it. The pantry is the hallmark of the people of neighborhood. They identify with it," said Sister Paulette.

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Seeve Flynn, parish council chairman, Seeve Flynn, parish council chairman, was impressed with someone who came to the door of the parish office. "An older man wanted a bag of food. He kind of applogized and said he had never needed anything before. I gave him a bag to get him through the emergency." Later the man helped unload trucks for the food pantry. "There is an effort to treat everyone who comes through the door as special," said Sister Paulette. Specking of the parish secretary of 12 years, she said, "Jean (Knarr) is so good to these folks. She offers them coffee and peanut butter sandwiches and many kind words."

words."
It seems only appropriate that Knarr's daughter, Christa is a Missionary Sister of Charity—the order of Mother Teresa, and and Ron Knarr also have a son Dorian who is a pre-theology student at St. Meinrad.

Some parishioners want to do more. "I



HISTORY—Standing in front of the Holy Cross former convent and the present che parish council president Steve Flynn, pastor Father Peter Gallagher, and pastoral as Franciscan Sister Paulette Schroeder. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Fanciscan Sister Paulette Schroeder. (Photo feel like there is a real effort to try to help people get out of the system," said Sister Paulette. "We have Companion House. Six people of the parish 'walk' with a family. So far, we have helped two families. It doesn't feel very successful sometimes, but we will keep at it. "It has to make a difference in people's lives. Someone from the parish relates with that family almost every day," Sister said. "We want to help them get their education and walk with them on as many levels of life as we can."

Members of the parish also support the homeless in "Swallow House," a house leased by a parishioner and supported by neighborhood church groups. Every evening including after the Wednesday Mass, people go over to visit and have a meal. They offer their skills and support. Those without homes can stay overnight for an emergency, or for as long as three months to one year. Father Gallagher said that Holy Cross of for six of the parish of the stay of the stay of the said. The said that the parish's effort to educate the children in the neighborhood has been fruitful. And 10 school children were baptized into the Catholic faith this Easter.

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We've had children transfer from "We've had children transfer from the brand new Indianapolis Public School to our school. That makes it so clear that the parents know how wonderful our school is. I realize that our education ministry does an awful lot to help give the kids some hope—and a foot or two up," he said.

Since the Holy Cross Central school enrolls children from SS. Peter and Paul

Cathedral and St. Mary parishes, the pastors celebrate some of the school Masses. Father Gallagher remembers Father Richard Glinther, pastor of the Cathedral Parish, remarking that there is something different, more serious, and more mature in the students' understanding of life. All three parishes have representatives on the board of education. The Holy Cross pastor is concerned with the celebration of the parish's 100th anniversary.

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"A lot of people have been part of the parish for 30 or 40 years and are still here," Father Gallagher said. "And I have never gone to any meeting that I don't meet a graduate of Holy Cross. There are lots of alumni."

Those planning the centennial want to include the immediate parish, the neighborhood, the alumni, the local business community, and the patrons from other parishes.

hood, the alumni, the local business commu-nity, and the patrons from other parishes. Father Gallagher has become interested in the parish history. He learned that, during that time a century ago when the Irish immigrants were not popular, two or three men got together with a priest and secretly bought the property. "The neighbors didn't want the Catholics here," he said. Today, the residents in the area are largely non-Catho-lic but supportive.

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Sister Paulette is also working with parishioners and voluntees to establish spots of beauty in the neighborhood. And they will plant flowers in one area near the church where neighbors can gather and rest. The Holy Cross neighborhood minis-try involves two suburban parishes: St. Plus X in northeast Indianapolis; and St. Michael, Greenfield.

Pius X in northeast Indianapous; and 31. Michael, Greenfield. And about eight years ago, a connection began with "sister parish" St. Elizabeth

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1300 E. 86th St. Indianapolis, IN Seton in Carmel. The Lafayette diocesan parish gives a tithe of the Sunday collection to Holy Cross, and members of the parish tutor in the school, serve as godparents for the children, provide tuition assistance, function as members of the food pantry board, and sponsor a holiday party.

The Holy Cross St. Vincent de Paul conference itself twins with another. "It's the best example of love to completely become part of the communia," said Sister Paulette.

Father Gallagher lives in the neighborhood himself—in renovated low-income housing two blocks from the church.

The youth of Holy Cross work well with the St. Philip Neri young people. "Renedicine) Sister Kathleen Yeadon has built bridges with the youth. The Seceina kids and kids in other high schools are participating in programs," said Father Gallagher.

The gym is open to the young people. And there is a neighborhood work project.

Six of the young people were recently confirmed. "Some help out as readers and lectors at Mass. We had the largest RCIA in five years. The youth help out and whul lot," said Sister Paulette.

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Holy Cross serves as the chaplaincy for the Indiana Women's Prison. They have been services on Sunday. Father offered reconstilling furing Holy Week.

"It's almost like a utility lamber of the services on Sunday. There are five women and title family. There are five women and title family. There are five women to the service of the service work of the

up all the space; we're everywhere," Father Gallagher said.
"The Sisters of Providence have been here all 100 years. The Franciscans of Oldenburg are a presence. Now we have Beech Grove Benedictine Sister Kathleen (Yeadon). There is a broad breadth of religious presence,

is a broad breadth of religious presence," Father Callagher said. Get use of a small Hispanic community, mostly bi-lingual, the parish liturgy commit-tee is trying to incorporate more Spanish music and prayers into the liturgy. The parish works with other east side churches. Leaders of five of the churches meet mostly the Cond-East of

meet monthly. On Good Friday, they held a

meet monthly. On Good Friday, they held a Way of the Cross through the neighborhood. There is a lot of cooperation between these neighborhood churches for the summer kaleidoscope and Bible school programs. About 60 children from Holy Cross and Westminster Presbyterian facilitate the programs. The churches come together regularly to pray for peace and for an end to the violence that is prevalent in the area. A parish mission will kick off the

for an end to the violence that is prevalent in the area.

A parish mission will kick off the centennial year, Sept. 15, 16, and 17, 1995. Next April 13 there will be a formal dinner dance at the Indiana Roof Ballroom for parishioners, alumni, benefactors.

During the centennial, the parish will begin a campaign to start renovation of the gym, school, and church. The school is housed in the original building on the property. In fact, the church, school and convent are original buildings.

On Good Friday—April 5, 1996, the parish will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the parish.

The council will plan other events.

There will be an all-alumni gathering one Saturday afternoon and evening in the gym. The closing of the centennial celebration will be Sept. 15, 1996, when Archibistop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at a special Mass.



NEW CATHOLIC—The pastor, Father Peter Gallagher, chats with a new member of Holy Cross Church, sixth-grader Timothy Sy and his sister, third-grader Holly Sy. The youngsters ride their bicycles in the school parking lot. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

As it approaches its 100th anniversary, Holy Cross still plays a key part in the neighborhood. There have been CYO activities in the gymnasium; it's hosted the 56 tourney for 30 years. "It's still one of the better gyms—it's standard size, said Father Gallagher.

"The gym also speaks of goodness of people toward Holy Cross," said ister Paulette. That's where the food

pantry is housed.

Father Callagher hopes to have the new gym roof installed in time for the centenial celebration. First, he hopes to "tear down the old smokestack."

The plans for projects he anticipates have been drawn. They include expansion of the platforms and sanctuary space in the church. The pastor credits foe McGuire with taking the space study and making a master plan to coordinate renovation.

Efficiently and observant water, pur on-Vincent Hospitals. Students are learning Spanish in the junior high level. And the school is developing a computer lab for the whole school. "Last weekend the Sisters of Provi-dence sponsored an auction and chili supper. It went well," she said. The chili supper. It went well," she said. The chili

supper proceeds help hire a part-time art

and music teacher.

When the centennial remodeling is done, the school will have new windows, tuck-pointing, and overall renovation of space.

And the school should have space for a

full-time learning center to serve both the gifted and the remedial students.

"There's a good mix of creativity rooted in the history of Holy Cross, but it embodies the diversity of the neighborhood. Much of what is done is done with that thought. There has been fine leadership," said Father Gallagher.

The former administrator Father Patrick Doyle "had the plans drawn. He had a good influence in the financial management of Holy Cross. He put it on an even keel," said Father Gallagher. "Like any center city parish, it struggles."

Sister Paulette said, "People from the suburban parishes, plus our Holy Cross people, believe the all poor are our teachers. People, believe the air poor and They help us embrace the Gospels.

Holy Cross Parish

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Pastor, J. Peter Gallagher
Pastoral associate: Sister Paulette
Schroeder, OSB
Youth ministry coordinator: Sister
Kathleen Veadon, OSB
Music director: John Kirby
Parish council chair Steve Flynn
Parish secretary; Jean Knarr
Articles Cross Central, 125 N.
Telephone: 317-638-9068
School principal: Sister Barbara McClelland, SP
Number of students: 218

land, SP Number of students: 218 Convent: 125 N. Oriental St. Number of households: 313 Church capacity: 500 Masses: Saturday—5:30 p.m.; Sunday—10 a.m.; Wednesday, Holy Days—5:30 p.m.

School gives neighborhood children sense of God Endowment; and Sister Rita Wade, for St.

by Margaret Nelson

This is Providence Sister Barbara McClelland's 14th year as principal at Holy Cross Central School. We started the school 99 years ago

"We started the school 99 years ago and Sisters of Providence have staffed it from the beginning," she said. "It was begun for Irish immigrants. "In the early '70s, the parish church and school decided to keep the school open as an outreach to the neighborhood," she said. "They decided to keep the tuition the same for Catholics and non-Catholics."

There are 218 enrolled in the school this 'Yes."

year. Seventy-five percent of the students come from non-Catholic families.

come from non-Catholic families.

"We see it as an essential part of parish outreach. It provides a stable influence. People stay in the neighborhood to keep their children in the the school." said Sister Barbara.

She said that the enrollment increase comes at "a real good time—a vibrant time in history, when Catholic education is viewed by so many as essential. We try

is viewed by so many as essential. We try to be as open as possible." Sister Barbara believes that the school

is not only strong academically, but in

teaching religion.
"We're not here to convert—though we do have converts. But the idea is to give the children the sense of God—to know who God is.

"And it is an opportunity for them to learn about prayer, so they will have the

spiritual resources later to turn to God," she said.

"The students all attend church. Everyone is part of the planning. The children come up at Communion and receive a blessing if they are not Catholic. It is a very meaningful experience for all our children," said Sister Barbara.

"We also try to help them be service-

"They help the food pantry, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They visit the nursing homes. The help keep the neighbor-hood area clean," she said.

At Christmas, the eighth graders host a Christmas dinner theater for the parishioners, neighbors, and benefactors. "We try to teach them faith has a service component that has to be lived.

"Our program is also strongly family-

The school has activities each month to help strengthen the family," said Sister Barbara. The parent organization is called PIC for "people interested in children." It includes all kinds of families.

The school, like most of the center-city schools is going through performance-based accreditation (PBA) now. "That is an interesting experience," she said with a wide smile. "It is good, but it's a lot of work."

Sister lives in the convent, along with Sister lives in the convent, along with three Providence sisters who work in other parts of the city. Sister Susan Dinnin, works at A Caring Place, a day care facility for adults; Sister Jeanne Knoerle works for Lilly



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VOCATIONS—Providence Sister Barbara McClelland, principal of Holy Cross Central School, chats with third-grade students as they study vocations. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



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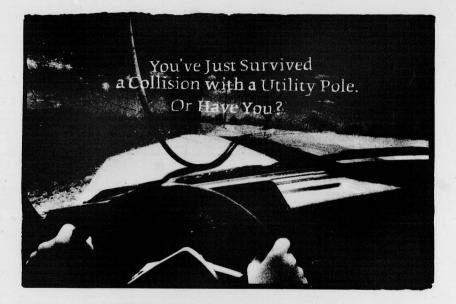
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Pope says churches in East and West must commit to full unity

New apostolic letter says union between Catholic and Orthodox churches must respect differences

> by Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-The Christian churches of the East ATTICAN CITY—The Christian churches of the East and West face a simple choice: commit to finding full unity or give scandal to the world by continuing division, Pope John Paul II said.

Pope John Paul II said.

The Light of the Christian Christia

Light of the East").

The letter, released May 2 at the Vatican, called on Latin-rite Catholics to discover and appreciate the monastic, liturgical and spiritual traditions of Eastern-rite Catholics and Orthodox as well as appealing for new efforts toward unity.

"The sin of our separation is very serious," he said, and "men of both sides were to blame" for the gradual division between the church in Rome and in Constantinople, which culminated in 1054 with each church excommunicating members of the other.

Other papal documents discussing related themes will be published soon, said Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches.

puoisised soon, said Cardinal ACHIE Suvestini, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches. He told a Vatican press conference that Pope John Paul's encyclical on ecumenism—looking at relations with Protes-tants and Anglicans as well as Orthodox—is expected this

U.S. Catholics urged to take up pope's church unity challenge

by Jerry Filteau Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., has urged U.S. Catholics to take up Pope John Paul II's challenge to restore "unity among the ancient Christian churches of East and West."

The archbishop, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, said

Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, said the papal letter underscored "the cost of our disunity" with his judgment that it "s'eriously sinful."

He said the U.S. bishops have made a commitment to increase their attention to Catholic unity with the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox churches with their decision last November to add another staff position to their Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

In an apostolic letter May 20 in the Christian churches of the East and the West, the pope said that "the sin of our separation is very serious" and "men of both sides were to blame" for it. "Today we can cooperate in proclaiming the kingdom or we can become the upholders of new divisions," he said.

His letter, titled "Orientale Lumen" ("The Light of the East"), called on Catholics to discover and appreciate the monastic, littugical and spiritual traditions of Eastern-rite Catholics and the Orthodox.

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Archbishop Lipscomb described the papal letter as an urgent appeal not only to Catholics but to all Christians of East and West "to share anew and with greater understanding and trust the task of restoring bonds of ecclesial communion."

"In the most compelling terms he has reviewed the cost of our disunity and does not flinch from the judgment that our present situation is 'seriously sinful,'" the archbishop added.

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The day the pope's letter was issued, the National Association of (Catholic) Diocesan Ecumenical Officers, which was meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., had a special luncheon presentation on it.

Father David Petras, ecumenical director of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Parma, Ohio, described the new letter and its implications for deeper East-West understanding.

Archbishop Lipscomb said the new permanent staff position on the bishops' ecumenism secretariat will enable it to "dedicate still more attention to the dialogues we maintain with the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental

Orthodox churches in our country."

"In addition to these theological dialogues," he said, "a joint commission of Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic

bishops has been meeting annually."

The commission's next meeting is scheduled for November in the two cities that symbolize the churches of the East and the West: Rome and Istanbul, the former Constantinople.

Last fall the bishops' publications office published a fixer, revised edition of "The Eastern Christian Churches" by Paulist Father Ronelad Roberson. Father Roberson's book gives an overview of the four distinct Eastern Christian communions: the Assyrian Church of the East. the Oriental Orthodox churches, the Orthodox or Eastern Orthodox churches, and the Eastern Catholic churches.

spring. Also, he said, the pope was preparing a special message to mark the 400th anniversary of the Union of Debord, and the 350th anniversary of the Union of Uzborod, agreements that led to the establishment of the Ukrainian and

and the 350th anniversary of the Union or Uznorou, agreements that led to the establishment of the Ukrainian and Ruthenian Catholic churches.

If Christians in the West do not know, understand and draw on the richness of Eastern Christianity, their faith will be impoverished, the pope said in "Orientale Lumen."

Full unity will be possible only if Christians learn to see the traditions of the East and West as essential parts of their own heritage and of the universal reality of faith and salvation in Christ, he said.

Catholics and Orthodox must "purify ourselves from that jealous attachment to feelings and memories, not of the great things God has done for us, but of the human affairs of a past that still weighs heavily on our hearts," Pope John Paul said.

After 30 years of intense dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox churches, he said, it is clear that the model for full Christian unity must be one which allows for and respects differences.

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True union is possible only in total respect for the other's dignity without claiming that the whole array of uses and customs in the Latin church is more complete or better suide to showing the fullness of correct doctrine, "the letter said.

The Catholic Church's respect for the differences in cultural and religious expressions must extend not only to the Orthodox, but also to the Eastern churches already in full communion with Nome, he said.

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million Eastern-rite Catholics in the world, identified by their
etholic origin and their own hierarchy. They trace their
heritage to five ritual groups: Byzantine, Alexandrian,
Armenian, Antiochene and Chaldean.

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In the apostolic letter, the pope said the Eastern churches that entered into full communion with Rome were motivated by a desire for Christian unity, although often the unions resulted in a splintering of the communities between Catholics and Orthodox. "They did not at all intend to deny their fidelity to their own tradition, to which they have borne writness down the centuries with heroism and often by shedding their blood," Pope John Paul said.

"These churches carry a tragic wound, for they are still kept from full communion with the Eastern Orthodox

Churches despite sharing in the heritage of their fathers

Eastern-rite Catholics must work to promote under-standing and reconciliation with their Orthodox counterparts, the pope said.

parts, the pope said.

And Latin-rite Catholics must undergo a "conversion" so that they "respect and fully appreciate the dignity of Eastern Christians and accept gratefully the spiritual treasures of which the Eastern Catholic Churches are the bearers to the benefit of the entire catholic communion," he said.

Among those aspects of the East that should be given greater attention in the West, the pope listed:

The Eastern churches' tradition of welcoming a plurality of languages and cultural forms of expressing the faith.

The sense of mystery and awe before God that is expressed in Eastern liturgies and spirituality, and an emphasis on the value of silence, which many people in the modern world have come to fear.

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• An understanding of tradition, which, because it is not static, preserves the original core of the faith, while growing and developing under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

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The preservation of the original monastic way of life as the place "where the human being see as God without limitation or impediment, becoming a reference point for all people, bearing them in his heart and helping them to seek God."

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Pope John Paul paid particular tribute to Eastern-rite Catholic and Orthodox nuns who maintained the monastic tradition used communist oppression and who are "a visible sign of that motherhood of God to which Sacred Scripture often refers."

The apposite letter did not mention one of the more obvious differences in practice found between the Latin-rite Catholic Church and the Eastern churches, Catholic and Orthodox: the practice of ordaining celibate and married men to the priestion, but is only a difference, "Celibacy is not a question (taken up in the document) because it is not a source of division, but is only a difference and the sum of the difference found in our diversity."

Pope John Paul said respect for the traditions of the East should lead to closer ties between the churches, not just on the level of official dialogue, but in the lives of every Catholic and Orthodox.

"Every day, I have a growing desire to go over the history of the churches in order to write at last a history of our unity and thus return to the time when, after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Gospel of our unity and thus return to the time when, after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Gospel spread to the most varied cultures and a most fruitful exchange began which still today is evidenced in the liturgies of the churches," the pope wrote.

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21 volunteers receive CYO Busald Awards

by Mary Ann Wygad

Catholic Youth Organization volunteers ten talk fondly about "the CYO family," and this closeness was especially evident during the 1995 Monsignor Busald Awards and Mass of Thanksgiving on May 2 at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis. and this closene

As 21 honorees from 18 Indianapolisarea parishes received this distinguished service award for their dedicated contributions to CVO youth sports programs, members of the audience applauded, cheered, and even sang happy birthday to one Busald Award recipient.

to one Busald Award recipient.

A number of parish pastors concelebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving and offered their personal congratulations to award recipients during the ceremony.

When St. Philip Neri parishioner James Stockdale of Indianapolis walked to the sanctuary to accept his award from Father Joseph Schaedel, "icar general of the archdiocese, Stockdale also received congratulations from Father Michael O'Mara, his pastor, and from two acolytes he knows quite well. His daughter, Denise, and son,

win big!

Jimmy, assisted with the Mass as altar servers and were invited to join in the

During the homily, stather Schaedel spoke warmly of the honorees' devotion to youth and offered thanks on behalf of the archdiocese for their dedicated service to the Catholic Youth Organization.

"The Gospel spoke of Jesus as the Bread Life," he said. "We will never hunger or thirst again. We are all the Body of Christ. These volunteers give food and drink to the young members of the Body of Christ" by teaching them "self-discipline, a sense of worth, a sense of success, how to accept defeat, and how to work as a team.

"The Monsignor Albert Busald Award recipients are the homily tonight," Father Schaedel said. "They are showing us in a concrete way how to put the Gospel into action in our lives."

action in our lives.

In addition to Stockdale, other Busald
Award recipients included Boyce Baldwin from Good Shepherd Parish in
Indianapolis, Denise Tobin from Holy
Cross Parish in Indianapolis, Steven Cross Parish in Indianapolis, Steven Gaither from Holy Name Parish in Beech



BUSALD AWARD WINNERS—Recipients of the Catholic Youth Organization's M BUSALD AWARD WINNERS—Recipients of the Catholic Youth Organization's Nonsignor Busald Award for distings-ished service to youth as coaches are front now, from left) Denise Tobin, Cindy Price, Pamela Brake, Colleen Kenney, Paula Bittelmeyer, Boyce Baldwin, Steve Gaither and Cathy Dillman, and (second row, left to right) Joan Ellis, Jackie Swihart, Ed Freije, Richard Turner, Jim Stockdale, Butch Schoettle and Debbie Perkins, and (third row, from left) Bryon Meunice, Pat Fagan, Tom Nash, Sam Agresta, Jerry Jones and Larry Smith.

Grove, and Jerry Jones from Immaculate

Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.

Also honored during the May 2 awards ceremony were Little Flower parishioner
Pamela Brake, Nativity parishioner Debbie
Perkins, Lourdes parishioners Paula Bittelparishioner John Bilis, all of Indianapolis.
Other 1995 Busald Award winners
were St. Jude parishioners Sam Agresta

were St. Jude parishioners Sam Agresta and Butch Schoettle, St. Luke parishioner Thomas Nash, St. Matthew parishioner Ed Freije, St. Pius X parishioner Patrick Fagan, and St. Roch parishioner Cather-ine Dillman, all of Indianapolis.

St. Malachy parishioners Swihart and Bryon Meunier of Brownsburg also received Busald Awards, as did St. Simon parishioner Cindy Price and St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Richard Turner, both of Indianapolis.

Also during the ceremony, CYO ex-ecutive director Edward J. Tinder and assistant executive director Jerry Ross offered their congratulations and thanks to the Busald Award recipients "on behalf of the Catholic Youth Organization and from the many youth that you have touched with your kindness."



RE-ELECTED—After presiding at a Mass for the group, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein talks with Eugene W. Hendrix of Seymour, re-elected state deputy at the April 28 state convention of the Indiana Knights of Columbus. Other state officers elected were: Father Thomas Zimmer of Earl Park, chaplain; Charles Maurer Jr. of Richmond, secretary; Robert M. Wilkox of South Bend, treasurer, Robert Lynch of Indianapolis, advocate; and Paul Bolinger of Avilla, warden. (Photo by Mark Weber)

Baxter attends meeting on aging

Lula Baxter was named by Governor Evan Bayh as delegate to the May 2-5 White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. She is director of the adult day care program for the Catholic Social Services of Central Indiana. Baxter said, "I am excited to have this opportunity to represent Indiana at the 1995 WHCOA. Our work in Washington will help to define a national series policy."

will help to define a national aging policy for our country. The follow-through to implement policy is also an extremely important part of the process."

The fourth such conference, it will gather 2,250 delegates from all 50 states

national policy on aging in the future.

The theme of the conference, "America Now and Into the 21st Century: Genera-

tions Aging Together with Independence, Opportunity, and Dignity."

Baxter will participate in a program covering four issues: assuring comprehensive health care, including long-term care; promoting economic security; maximizing housing and support service options; and maximizing options for quality life.

Discussion in all issues will concern interdependence among generations and among members of extended families; and unique contributions and needs of special populations.

Among other organizations, Baxter is a member of the Indiana Association of Adult Day Care and its national affiliate.

In his letter to Baxter, the governor said, It is with the assistance of Hoosiers like yourself that we will reach our goals of making Indiana government responsive to the challenges which confront older adults."

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These items, along with hundreds of other donated guts and services in all price ranges, will fill the castle-like barn at the loe Huber Family Farm in Starlight from noon until 5 p.m. on May 21 for the second annual fund-raising auction and festival sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Southern Indiana.

Iestivai sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Southern Indiana. All auction proceeds benefit the regional maternity center located in New Albany. They will help St. Elizabeth's provide adoption services, prenatal and state of the services and pob and education assistant young pregnant women and their families. The publish invited to the festival and admission is received to the festival and admission is received to the festival and admission is received the services of the services

maternity center's residential and outreach services. Chairperson Cathy Koetter said she is confident that this year's live and silent auctions will continue the excitement generated by the first festival last year because "the community has been so generous in donating exceptionally has been so generous in donating. In its residential and outreach programs, the Catholic Charities agency has served people in need from seven states—primarily 21 counties in Indiana, 16 counties in Kentucky, and three counties in Ohio—since opening in 1989 in New Albany.

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Families need to join together in community

by H. Richard McCord Ir.

Getting his driver's license a few months ago was an important milestone in my son's life, and I was pleased to see him achieve it. But now I'm thinking about how the world has become decidedly more dangerous for him and how little I can do to shield him from harm.

Parents of children at any age struggle with forces outside their control. We parents always are concerned about how the world beyond our family circle affects what we're

trying to build within it. Nowadays, however, there seems to be a heightened sense of alarm about what "the culture" is

sense of alarm about when the doing to families.

Pope John Paul II took note of this situation in his encyclical letter, "The Gospel of Life."

He said: "Although it is true that the through of humanuty passes by way of the finner of humanuty passes by way of the

He said: "Although it is true that the future of humanity passes by way of the family, it must be admitted that modern social, economic and cultural conditions make the family's task of serving life more difficult and demanding" (No. 94).

There are parents who feel frustrated and angry because the values and behavior they're trying to instill at home aren't being reinforced in schools, churches, the political arena, and especially in the mass media. cially in the mass media

Thus, some parents fall headlong into fear. Others slip into isolation, withdrawing into their homes, or into other privatized worlds, avoiding contact with people and situations they don't know.

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Unfortunately, isolation breeds more fear and anger. I believe these reactions, though understandable, are a trap to avoid. But how?

I've been talking to parents recently about combatting the negative elements in our culture and remaining faithful to Christ's teachings and the vision of the Christian family as a church of the home.

All their ideas converged upon one conclusion: If you're trying to make your family a place of prayer, learning and celebration, of welcome, service, forgiveness, comments and love—in short, a "domestic and the service, forgiveness, concentrations of the service, forgiveness, concentrations absolutely measure your Christian values and with whom your Christian values and with whom you can give and receive support.

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Sue, a mother of three, said she struggles "daily with the materialistic message being sent not only to children, but also to adults. We seem to want it all. We're not doing our kids any favors by living that way, but the message is so hard to ignore."

She described how she meets weekly with other women in her parish for prayer and Bible study. This relationship also has brought their families closer. They are connecting at many levels of daily living. And Sue now is finding "help with parenting, help with my marriage, and help with life in general."

Opportunities to develop such relationships are available, for example, in the Christian Family Movement, the Apostolate for Family Consecration, a great variety of small prayer and faith-sharing groups, family clusters associated with religious education, RENEW groups, etc.

Are these available in or through your

parish? Ask your pastor or diocesan family life office to help you find or create a small community of families.

community of families.

In such a community you can pray with
and for each other; help each other make
good choices about guiding children to
Christian maturity; and strengthen and
sustain each other, especially when outside
culture's powerful messages become entirely
too seductive.

"Things take over life," is how JoAnn described the challenge of helping her two daughters focus a bit more on needy families in the community and a bit less on Barbie Doll outfits.

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With this in mind, she and her husband decided to meet regularly with other parents in their parish to find ways for their families to do works of charby and justice. They collect food and clothing, adopt families at holiday time, and participate in Operation Rice Bowl and similar efforts. Because their friends are also doine these thines. John's daught.

similar etions. Because their friends are also doing these things, JoAnn's daughters don't feel singled out.
"You can't completely control the environment for your kids," said Jim, a father of four. "But don't underestimate the influence you do have, especially with the younger

It's in a network of Christian families that he and his wife are learning about family prayer and experimenting with simple rituals at home. This is how traditions get started in families.

starred in families.

And children need the stability to comes from family traditions and expectations if they are to maintain a foothold in a world of rapidly changing norms.

Jim, along with Maureen, a mother of five, suggested helping children become "critical participants" in the culture particularly the culture created and maintained by television. They both agreed that you can turn off the TV set, but you probably can't banish it from your home or from your children's world entirely.

So why not put some energy into

children's world entirely.

So why not put some energy into educating children about what they're seeing and hearing? Watch television with them; talk with them about how people and situations are portrayed, help them to evaluate whether these messages fall in line with what Jesus teaches in the Gospels.

In the end, our culture is what all of us make it

Jim said he believes that "to build community in the midst of an unwelcoming culture is the ultimate political act."

I believe it is also the distinctively

Catholic thing to do.

(H. Richard McCord is the associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.)



LACE OF PRAYER—Parents who are trying to make their family a place of prayer, learning ald celebration, of welcome, service, forgiveness, communication and love, should not try to do alone. It is absolutely necessary for them to join with other families who share their Christian alues. (CNS photo above with illustration, CNS photo below by Michael Alexander)

Parents can support other parents

by David Gibson

It's important for parents to give each other hope. Parents in the mid-1990s have good reason to wish they had received special training for their role.

Parents may want to make their home "the first school of Christian life" described in "The Catechism of the Catholic Church," a place where children learn life's most important values (No. 1657). But parents often wonder whether they will succeed at

Parents may well be told by a teen-age child that his or her friends' quite

different values are what seem most interesting at the moment. This can leave parents doubting their ability to ever "get through to" their children. That's why it's important for parents to share stories with others about how this

share stories with others about how this values process "turned out" in specific instances so other parents see that "hanging in there" matters in the long run.

Don't be too ready to believe that children are rejecting family values forever. Consider what the U.S. bishops said in a 1993 statement: "A family is holy not because it is perfect, but because God's grace is at work in it, helping it to set out anew every day."

(David Gibson edits "Faith Alivet")

DISCUSSION POINT

Domestic church teaches values

This Week's Question

What Christian value did your children absorb at home—even though you doubted they had accepted it at the time?

"To teach my children the value of Christian service I would take them along on volunteer activities. I wasn't always sure it was having the desired effect. Now my oldest child has chosen to do volunteer service instead of going on vacation." (Mary Ann Salemi, Deerfield, IL.)

vacation." (Mary Ann Salemi, Deerfield, II.)
"Throughout 18 years (my daugher has) been my
companion serving the elderly poor, celebrating the
Eucharist, marching for the unborn, and aiding me in
sacramental preparation with children. She has a strong
compassion for the poor and suffering. I held my breath at
times through the junior high and high school years, hoping
and praying the seeds that were planted would not be
choked out." (Diana Tschache, Palham, Alia.)

"Just recently a kid was kicked out of school for doing something pretty bad. I asked my son why he didn't tell me about it. He replied that he didn't want to spread gossip about someone. I was surprised and pleased that he had learned the value of discretion and respect for another person's good name." (Gany Zilaff, Sacramento, Calif.) "My son still hugs me, even in public. It doesn't phase him. As he gets older, he becomes more and more considerate of the feelings of the other members of the family—even though he's still very much his own person." (Kris Person, Oxford, Wis.)

"Faith. One of my daughters went through a period where she seemed to be losing her faith. Later, she connected with a teen Bible study group. Being with peers she could relate to really freed her. I wondered when she left for college whether things would fall apart, but she still takes up her Bible each night." (Michele Greishar, Oak Park, III.)

"Morality. As they began to develop as adults and got married, that sense of morality seemed to blossom. They had their time of looking at the church with critical eyes, then they had a rededication to their faith." (Jack Corey, Warrock, R.I.)

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Become an architect of the domestic church

by Marybeth Shea

At age 10, Annemarie asked her father to explain the domestic church. He answered by making a small house with his hands, outlining a heart, and pointing back and forth between the two of them.

Annemarie has been deaf since birth, so her father communicated this essential idea in the poetry of sign language.

Now the parent of two teen-agers, Annemarie wonders if the architecture of the

Annemarie wonders if the architecture of the domestic church is under siege.

Suggestive images in music and film, flashy and expensive fads, mall-driven socializing, and the ever-present lure of drugs and alcohol make parents worry.

Hearth and home are relatively easy to maintain with little ones, although Power Ranger mania and Barney excesses occur even among pre-schoolers.

Annemarie has friends with young children, and she remembers those problems wistfully. It was easier when children were more naturally inclined toward home.

Our children walk in an ever-widening Our children walk in an ever-widening circle out from us. As they take on new relationships and responsibilities, they become more vulnerable to cultural influence. For parents hoping to nurture a child's relationship with Jesus, parenting becomes doubly hard.

The spiritual disciplines of humility, chas-tity, charity, compassion and faith—elevated in the home and in the church—are often not

the home and in the church—are often not embraced by contemporary culture. Life with teen-agers parallels that of toddlers; both ages are marked by exhitar-tion and frustration. In practicing inde-pendence, teen-agers commonly attempt to define themselves by opposing their parents. Hungry for freedom but wary of isola-tion, young men and women turn to peers

for validation. Clothes, speech and leisure reflect this concern with identity. Many choices teen-agers make are harmless, and some are positively irritating. Other risks are not so benign. Spiritual, moral and even physical dangers prompt parents toward control and protection.

Experienced parents suggest a fair, firm

and friendly stance toward teens, and continued cultivation of a home environ-

continued cultivation of a nome environ-ment characterized by strong values. Remember that you are not alone in your vocation as a parent. Bring your concerns directly to God; find peace in this holy partnership.

Welcome your children and their friends into your children and their friends into your home. Meals, homework, commu-nity projects, hanging out: All are opportuni-ties to cement a bond between family and a

thes to center to center to child's peer group.

Keep abreast of culture with your children. Cultivate a critical ability within children.

children. Cultivate a critical ability within your family to assess books, movies, fads and music in light of faith.

Embrace the families of your children's friends. Carpooling is only a beginning. Child development expert Urie Bonfren-brenner likens a network of parents to the village structure of the last century. Children derive support from a backdrop of parents who are present, even ir their absence, through strong community ties.

Teen-agers, are nassingule. Encursared.

Teen-agers are passionate. Encourage your child to develop life-long interests in sports, music, gardening, photography, or other hobbies.

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The notion of apprenticeship, where a child's working relationship with an experienced adult becomes part of his or her formation, is instructive for our times.

Tim and Sarah's daughter chose an adult family friend as her confirmation sponsor after several years of riding horses with her on weekends.



APPRENTICESHIP—The notion of apprenticeship, where a child's working relationship with an experienced adult becomes part of his or her formation, is instructive for our times showing children your love through action and gestures creates the domestic church in you home. (CNS photo by Mimi Forsyth)

The direct communication of parents and younger children may be more difficult when children become teen-agers. But it is important for parents to maintain dialogue with teens, even in indirect ways.

Ruth, the mother of two post-college children, said that playing cards together helped their family retain a sense of conversation by providing a neutral oppor-

tunity to talk while enjoying recreation in the

Remember Annemarie's father and his ability to communicate. Showing children your love through action and gestures your love through action and gestures creates the domestic church in your home. (Marybeth Shea, who lives in Mt. Rainier,

Md., is a free-lance writer and columnist who addresses Christian family life issues.)



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QUESTION CORNER

Ideas about limbo have strange church history

After the sudden death of a baby in our parish, some of us were discussing limbo. One woman, a life-long Catholic, said she was taught that babies who died before baptism were not saved. They went to a place called limbo where they would be happy, but not with God in heaven. I am a convert, but cannot believe this is Catholic doctrine. Is she right? (Texas)

A In some ways she is right. But you not what the Catholic Church teaches. The name and ideas about limbo have

a strange history. It starts generally around the time of St. Augustine (died 430), when the salvation of infants who died without baptism

began to be seriously questioned by leading Christian writers.

Much later the Catechism of the Council of Trent (the "Roman Catechism" of 1566) asserted that "without baptism this (sanctifying) grace and this (eternal) life are impossible".

However, the existence of a place or condition called limbo, here unbaptized infants would spend eternity in a state of natural" happiness, but not in heaven, has never directly een addressed in a document of the universal church.

Strangely, however, it became for many centuries a common Catholic belief. Just 110 years ago, the Baltimore Catechism (No. 3, published by authority of the American bishops in 1885) taught that infants who die without baptism "cannot enter heaven; but it is the common belief they will go to some place similar to limbo, where they will be free from suffering, though deprived of the happiness of heaven' (Question 632).

This catechism, as most older Catholics will know, was the primary source for teaching our faith for most of the 20th century, which explains your friend's remark.

Since then, particularly during the past generation or so, our church has become far more hopeful and confident of God's desire and power to save his people in ways beyond those he has revealed to us.

For example, when discussing children who die without baptism, the new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" doesn't mention limbo at all. but expresses full trust in the love and

The great mercy of God who desires that all people be saved, it says, and the tenderness of jesus—who said, "Let the children come to me" (Mark 10:14)—"allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (No. 1261).

Awareness of this great desire of Jesus, continues the catechism, urges us all the more "not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy baptism."

The church expresses this same trust in divine mercy often in her official liturgical prayers. Unbaptized infants would be included, for example, in a Mass prayer most Catholics will

FAMILY TALK

Try three-step method to break bad habits

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: Bad habits are hard to break, and I have a lot of them. I decided to tackle them one by one, starting with smoking, but I'm getting nowhere. I worry that I'll never be able to correct all my faults. (New York)

Answer: Taking self-inventory and deciding you need to change is common, but success in changing our adult habits is much less common.

We all have habits which we would like to correct. In addition to smoking, I would include drinking, overeating, saying bad words, and driving over the speed limit.

Most of us are vaguely aware we have faults, but we spend more time trying to change the annoying traits of others. You sound serious about wanting to be rid of your own defects. Congratulations. You don't say how you have tried to change. I assume you have used the self-talk method by lecturing yourself and trying to convince yourself, for the moment, to stop a certain behavior. But electures do not work in the long run. Mere good intentions generally fail without support.

Step One in overcoming a bad habit is to make known your intention and seek help from a friend or a group. We are more likely to change bad habits if we know someone else is aware of our desire to change those habits.

· Step Two is to turn the negative into a positive. Look for ways to reinforce and not criticize behavior.

Step Three is to use an accounting system. Have your friend or members of your support group keep daily statistics on your successes. Charting is a rewarding way to track

Try this three-step method to correct faults. Good luck! end questions on family living and child care for this column to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

will come into the light of God's presence.

Certainly, God has told us much about his plan of salvation, but not everything. The question of what happens to adults or children who die without baptism is one of those which easily get us into water way over our heads if we try to define what God can and cannot do.

Would you explain the meaning of certain words that would you explain the meaning of certain volumers words appear at the beginning of some of the psalms, words like "miktam" (16); "maskii" (32); "upon the gittith" (8)? We've a proposed to the psalms of received and the psalms of the psalms of the psalms. asked several priests and ministers, but have not received an answer. (Florida)

A Most of the psalme, as tain an introduction or title. Most of the psalms, as the ones to which you refer, con-

These are generally of three types. One refers to the history of the psalm, according to Hebrew tradition. Psalm 18, for

example, is David's thanksgiving for being "rescued from the grasp of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul."

Psalm 51 is David's prayer of sorrow "after his sin with Bathsheba" (2 Samuel 11).

A second group, including your examples, are musical instructions, instruments to be used and so on. The exact meaning of some of these terms is still uncertain.

The final group are those with personal names attached for one reason or another

In most, if not all cases, these headings apparently were added by Jewish officials long after the composition of the psalms themselves. Some Bible translations today do not include them at all.

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the mother of Jesus, is available by sending a stamped and
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Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Muriel's Wedding' is a bewildering satire

by James W. Arnold

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You really don't know whether to love or hate "Muriel's Wedding," which is a raucous, occasional by mean-spirited and now and them and the many mean and the ludicrously exalted place they have come to occupy in the value systems of some young women.

This is a debut film by writer-director P.J. Hogan, who in his unemployed days reportedly sat with his wife (producer Jocelyn Moorhouse) near a Sydney bridal shop and was amazed by the fantasy-world transformations of ordinary women being fitted and photographed in wedding garments.

His heroine is Muriel, a 22-year-old misfit in a provincial town (Porpose Spit). She has her wall covered with posters of glamorous brides and yearns to be one. But she's tall, overweight, clumsy and has hopelessly bad in the foothes a e out of style and fit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly. Her favorite music is by the 1970's hit badly of her loser image, she's a high of the world which is a moral horror.

Her family is a low comedy group of salternly non-achievers, tyrannized by the father, Bill (played by crusty Aussie

character actor Bill Hunter). He's a self-infatuated local politician whose end-less monologue chatter constantly criticizes and insults theater constantly criticizes and insults the self-grand loyal but His mousty rotund wife, Betty (leause Drynan), remains loving and loyal but perhaps out of stupidity (from the word of you make out a blank check for, she much do you make out a blank check for, she much do you make out a blank check for, she much a consense of the self-grand period peri

Muriel's select group of girlfriends sleek, sexy, self-absorbed and mindless

Muriel's select group of girlfriendsare the most outrageous comic collection
of harpies since the heyday of witchcraft.
They're everything she pitifully wants to
be, but they feel she gives them a bad
image. "Get friends on your own level,"
they tell the sobbing Muriel.
Obviously, this is an Underdog Rejected story that anybody, but especially
females, will easily identify with. It's laid
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Hogan's film aims for more. It takes time
and forced plot manipulations, but
Muriel finally transcends her own values.
She becomes a better human being.
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Munel finally transcends her own values. She becomes a better human being. She grows out of the wedding fixation and realizes that a woman's ultimate glory is not becoming a beautiful bride, a queen for one magical day. Her conversion will delight feminists, but not just



photo from Warner Bros

that target audience. It should please as well thinking moralists of all var

well thinking moralists of all varieties.

The main trouble is getting into these deeper waters once the movie has started in the kiddle pool with clowns and balloons. Muriel does have one kind (if a bit wild) friend, Rhonda (Rachel Griffiths), who sees through the cruelty of the other girls. She and Muriel escape to Sydney, where they work in video stores and date, as Muriel searches for her bridegroom.

In Sydney, Muriel has some incredible luck. A South African swimmer needs an Aussie bride so he can compete in the Olympics (more false dreams and moral shabbiness).

will Muriel's wedding-for-consenience be the final indignity she endures to achieve her dream? Well, yes and no, but it takes the sudden, improbable onset of a serious disease, and a tragic event involving Betty, to change our stubborn heroine.

"Wedding" isn't going to win any artistic awards, but its social message is sincere and awards, but its social message is sincere and probably blatant enough to make viewers think. It's more moral than "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (but much lower on the social scale). On the other hand, "Muriel" makes "Strictly Ballorom," the Aussie hit of 1993, look like "Citizen Kane."

Director Hogan does have a good eye. There is the shot of Muriel caught pitifully Inere is the snot of Murier Caught pittidiny lying about being engaged and weeping in the bridal shop, dressed in white and surrounded by a closet full i gowns, asking 'Why can't I be the one?"

And there is the collection of Betty's keepsake photographs, none of her, all of her family and children, until almost as an afterthought, she smiles at us from the

bottom of the pile.
(Noisy, often vulgar, but perceptive farce; sexual situations and talk; satisfactory for adults)

USCC classification: A-III adults

Recent USCC

Film Classifications

The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down A Pyromaniac's Love Story. Top Dog. The Underneath А-Ш

CBS resurrects entertaining clips from 'Ed Sullivan Show'

by Gerri Pare Catholic News Service

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With actress and comedienne Mary Tyler Moore as the tour guide, viewers will revisit a vertiable television institution in "The Ed Sullivan All-Star Comedy Special," airing Friday, May 19, from 8 p.m. to 10 pm. on CBs (Check local listings to verify the program date and time.)

Alternating stand-up comics with novelty acts, the retrospective features vintage clips of, among others, Milton Berle, Alan King, Bob Hope, Joan Rivers, Flip Wilson, Carol Burnett and Victor Borge—in televen a curious assortment of eager plate and own spinners, ventriloquists and "the man who grows."

Several of the comedians fondly recall the idiosyncacies of poker-faced Sullivan, who brought his Sunday night variety hour into American homes for an amazing (by today's standards) 23 years.

As produced and directed by Andrew Solt, some clips are quite funny while others look like filler for a two-hour time slot where one hour would have sufficed quite well.

Richard Pryor and George Carlin provide amusing ironic social commentary without resorting to their renormal provides and the service of the composition of the composition of the comediant of the composition of the compos

funnier just combing his hair.

For viewers who regularly enjoyed Sullivan's show, it is a pleasant return to the classic throwaways of Henny Youngman and Rodney Dangerfield, or the uncanny impressions by Rich Little and Marilyn Michaels.

The old black and white clips may not hold youngsters' attention, but the program certainly qualifies as a family—if not a "really great"—show.

"Columbo: No Time to Die"

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This time around. Columbo tries to prevent a murder rather than solve one in "Columbo: No Time to Die," to be rerun on Thursday, May 18, from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on ABC. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time). When his nephew's bride is snatched, the aging Los Angeles homicide detective gets on the trail of her abductor, hoping to rescue her before it's too late. In previous Columbo cases, viewers see the culprit commit not provided to the standard and then watch the rumpled detective put the clues murder and then watch the rumpled detective put the clues murder and then watch the rumpled detective put the clues murder and then watch the rumpled detective put the clues. This case boils down to a routine manhunt for a kidnapper that not even his victim knows. As the aging homicide detective, Peter Falk has little to do but ask the right questions and the police force does the rest of the right questions and the police force does the rest of the homicide detective, Peter Falk has little to do but ask the right questions and the police force does the rest of the legwork. This eliminates one of the series most enjoyable

aspects—Columbo's unorthodox manner in matching wits with the culprit.

Also breaking precedent with the TV detective's career is the fact that the case ends in gunplay, something Columbo had always found unnecessary.

Directed by Alan Levi from Robert Van Scoyk's script, the result is more of a thriller than a mystery. That's because it spends an inordinate amount of time depicting the jeopardy of the kidnapped woman at the mercy of her deranged abductor.

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If the program disappoints Columbo fans by these breaks with tradition, it is also unlikely to appeal to other adult viewers. In any event, it is not for the youngsters.

TV Programs of Note

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Sunday-Monday, May 14-15, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "Naomi & Wynonna: Love Can Build a Bridge." This fact-based miniseries is based on Naomi Judd's book about the country singing stars, a mother and daughter who overcame years of adversity to make it to the top of their field before a debilitating illness forced Naomi's retirement from the entertainment world.

Monday, May 15, 8-9 pm. (ABC) "America's Funniest Home Videos' Guide to Parenting." Bob Saget hosts a look at mothers, fathers and children as seen in amusing clips from the archives of the TV series and newly submitted videos.

Monday, May 15, 8:30-9 pm. (PBS) "Elephant." An "Eyewitness" series episode tells the history of the greatest mammal to walk the earth, now one of the world's most endangered species.

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Tuesday, May 16, 9-10 pm. (PS5) "The Vanishing Father." A "Frontline" documentary examines t'e seismic shift in the American family over the last two generations, in which fatherlessness has become the norm for about 40 percent of children, with resulting social problems that are discussed by various experts.

Tuesday, May 16, 9-20-10 pm. (ABC) "Home Improvement." in this repeat of a sitcom episode, Tim (Tim Allen) joins an effort publicizing Habitat for Humanity, which builds new homes for families in need. Former President Jimmy Carter appears on the show as himself.

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Child." All May 16, 10-11 pm. (PBS) "Growin' Up Not a child and the story of the day-to-day brutality they witness and what this of the day-to-day brutality they witness and what this documentary is part of PBS mitted and the story of the day-to-day brutality they witness and what this documentary is part of PBS national "Act Against Violence" campaign.

Wednesday, May 17, 8-10 pm. (PBS) "National Geographic's The Great Indian Railway." This special travels on

the largest single train system in the world, which carries 11 million passengers daily through the Indian subcontinent, from the Himalaya Mountains to the Great Thar Desert and through the dense jungles of the south.

Friday, May 19, 8-9 p.m. (CBS) "TU's All-Time Favorites." This special hosted by Jerry Mathersp-Bayy Jones and Dawn Wells is presented as a tongue-in-cheek awards show celebrating the campy side of television.

Friday, May 19, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The Men Who Sailed the Liberty Ships." This special reports on the valiant serior injuries and society overlooked in victory celebrations.

Saturday, May 20, 8-10 p.m. (CRS) "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman." In this special two-hour series episode, the wedding of Dr. Quinn (lane Seymour) and Sully (foe Lando) finally arrives—as do her mother and sisters from Boston, who have definite ideas about the proper way to celebrate the big event.

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Wednesday, May 17, 8:30-11 p.m. (CBS) "A River Runs

Through It." This 1992 drama is based on meditative

reflectors on the experiences of a youth (Craig Sheffer)

growing up in rural Montana in the first part of the century,

chiefly comprising his relationship with his rebellion
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younger brother (Brad Pitt), his minister father (Tom Skerritt),

and the grissolic narrative is earnest, the pace leisurely, and the

result length open dependent upon how one relates to the poetry

of nature. The film includes some scenes of inebriation and

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 14, 1995

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 — Revelation 21:1-5 — John 13:31-33, 34-35

Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Acts of the Apostles again furnishes the Liturgy of the Word for Eastertime with

Mentioned in this reading along with Paul is Barnabas. The

Roman liturgy salutes Barnabas as "apostle," so significant was his role in the estimate of the church

from Cyprus who early converted to Christian-ity. When Paul himself

tians in Jerusalem were
afraid to accept him into their midst
Barnabas rose to Paul's defense, and abas' reassurances assisted in bringing Paul into the Christian community.

Later, Barnabas joined Paul in missionary trips throughout Asia Minor. The reading this weekend recalls one such journey.

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In time, Paul and Barnabas disagreed so substantially that they separated. However, they parted as good friends. Paul speaks of Barnabas with good will and affection in epistles composed after their differences.

Both Paul and Barnabas were Jews of the "disapma." Paul was from Tarsus, Barnabas from Compe. Compe. Compe.

Cyprus. So, necessarily, they had a der view of the world than would likely broader view of the world than would likely have been the concept of Peter or of the other original apostles. Still, they were unusual in their travels. In the first century, such extensive travel was rare.

The reading this weekend carefully traces eir itinerary. It also details their efforts in faraway places to preach the Gospel and to establish lasting Christian congregations.

This weekend's second reading is from the Book of Revelation, in sequence the last

Missionary church aims to preach the Gospel

by Pope John Paul II Remarks at audience May 3

Continuing our catechesis on the church's missionary activity, we look at the many missions to peoples who do not yet believe in Christ and the dedicated work of missionarsent forth to preach the Gospel.

The church's missionary activity aims at establishing local churches, with their own clergy and religious, so they grow in the faith and Christian life and are ready in turn to contribute to the good of the whole church (cf. "Ad Gentes," 6).

The church can rever give up missionary activity in places where people have not yet heard the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. The missionary church represents a sharing in the cross of Christ.

of the New Testament writings, and surely

one of the most poetic of all the Scriptures.

The book itself identifies its author as Was it John the Apostle? It is an ancient Christian tradition that indeed the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation.

While the book is exact in providing the name of its author, it gives no precise date as to its composition. It is studiously presumed that the book was born during the Emperor Nero's severe persecution of Christian Romans in the imperial city itself. Throughout the book there is the overtone of danger, and of conflict with Christian forces and evil.

The author may, or may not, have heard the Roman Army's destruction of of the Roman Army's destruction of Jerusalem, depending upon the date of composition. However, the imagery of Jerusalem here does not depend upon the actual capture of the city by Roman soldiers. Jerusalem symbolized the city of God. It was a very special place. The New Jerusalem would be the place in which Christ dwelt and reigned.

Revelation majestically, soaringly, looks toward a New Jerusalem, a new life, in Jesus.

St. John's Gospel supplies the third reading. It is the magnificent section, spoken before the Last Supper, in which the Lord reveals the glory and splendor of the new kingdom of God. It will be a kingdom where God's love rules supreme, where all manifest God's love to others, and consequently where peace is secure and abundant

Reflection

For weeks the church has proclaimed that the Lord lives. He rose from death. This weekend, the church presents Jesus, the risen, as the Son of God and light of the world. Because of Jesus, there is hope and life in the world. There is a New Jerusalem, because God, in Jesus, lives and reigns on

The words of Revelation marvelously depict this great reality.

Jesus lived, died, and rose many hundreds of years ago. But the Lord lives today. The message of Christ, and the grace of Christ, reside in the modern world through and in the church. Paul and Barnabas were two of the first of the messengers of the church to take the Christian Gospel far and wide. Because of these efforts, the church is with us-with its sacraments and teachings.

In the resurrected life of the Lord is our eternal life. To link ourselves with this unending life, we must conform ourselves to lesus. We must love God, and we must love each other. Through and in this love, the kingdom of God will come in our surroundings, in our day,

MY JOURNEY TO GOD Song for a Child Within

Little heart, beating softly in your warm primordial sea, from my living clay He shapes you, makes you, child, my mystery.

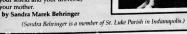
While you sleep deep within me like a still prayer unspoken, I'm dreaming of the time the thread of your sea life will be broken.

At your cry my arms will be your sea, my breast, the warmth for

which you reach, my pounding heart, the rhythm of your days,

my face, the first star within your gaze.

Til then you will be safe inside me, for sure as God designed us for each other, am your shield and your universe,





Daily Readings

Monday, May 15 Isidore the Farmer, married man Acts 14:5-18 Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 16 Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145:10-13, 21 John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 17 Psalm 122-1-5 John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 18 John I, pope and martyr Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3, 10 John 15:9-11

Friday, May 19 Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57-8-12 John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 20 Bernardine of Siena, presbyter religious, missionary Psalm 100-3-5

THE SHAPING OF THE PAPACY

Damasus I was a violent pope who took the papacy by force

Pope Damasus I is a saint of the Catholic Church. It was he who encouraged his secretary. St. Jerome, to translate the Bible into Latin, the language of the people—the Vulgate, which the Council of Trent in the 16th century was to declare the authentic translation of the Scriptures. Jerome thought highly of Damasus, calling him "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a vigin doctor of the virgin church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure."

However much Damasus loved chastity, though, he never hesitated to use violence to

However much Damasus loved chastity, though, he never hesitated to use violence to achieve his will. He is the first pope to take the papes by force. Before he was able to ascend the papal throne, there was blood-shed in the churches of Rome.

Damasus was a Roman by birth, born the son of a priest around the year 305. He became a deacon under Pope Liberius, who became pope in 352. Liberius was a weak pope who got caught up in the controversy over Artanism. At one point Liberius was taken by force to Milan by Liberius was taken by force to Milan by the pro-Arian Emperor Constantius and exiled to Thrace.

Damasus accompanied Liberius but soon returned to Rome and began to serve Felix II, a bishop who was elected to replace Liberius.

After Liberius signed papers agreeing to the excommunication of the great opponent of Arianism, St. Athanasius, he was allowed to return to Rome in 358

For years there were then two bishops in Rome claiming to be the pope—Liberius and Felix. After Constantius died, Liberius repudiated his excommunication of Athanasius and other decisions he made regarding Arianism.

When Liberius died in 366, violent disorders broke out over the choice of his successor. A group loyal to Liberius met and elected his deacon Ursinus and had him consecrated bishop in the Julian basilica. But those who had been followers of the antipope Felix (who died the previous year) met separately and elected Damasus.

Damasus then hired a bunch of thugs, who stormed the Julian basilica and carried out a three-day massacre. Then they moved on to the Lateran basilica, where Damasus was consecrated bishop.

The violence still wasn't over. Ursinus

sought refuge in the Liberian basilica, so Damasus's men attacked them there, even enlisting the help of the city prefect. When all the fighting was finally over, 137 men were killed and Ursinus and his followers were banished from Rome.

Damasus was now able to assume the One of his first acts was to call a synod of the bishops of Italy to get them to approve his actions. The other bishops, though, shocked and scandalized by the reports they received, refused to do so and Damasus's moral authority was weakened for several years. Supporters of Ursinus kept up their

attacks on Damasus throughout his reign. In 371 they managed to get Damasus charged with a grave crime-probably adultery

and only the emperor's intervention saved him from condemnation.

Eventually Damasus, who was pope for 18 years, was able to overcome the scan caused by the way he seized the papacy. He became recognized as one of the best and strongest of the early popes. He was particularly forceful in promoting the pri-macy of the See of Rome. He was the first pope to declare that the pope, as the direct successor of St. Peter, had the power to bind and loose and that, therefore, the test of a creed's orthodoxy was its endorsement by

He was as strong in his defense of orthodoxy and against heresy as he was in taking the throne, but without bloodshed. He opposed not only Arianism but a number of other heresies that arose during this period. He called synods during which he condemned Apollinarianism, which claimed that the Logos took the place of the human mind in the God-man, and Macedonianism, which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

He had a misunderstanding, though, with one of the great fathers and doctors of the Eastern church, St. Basil the Great. Damasus failed to understand what was Damasus failed to understand what was involved in Basil's efforts to restore ortho-doxy and he backed a bishop who was head of a reactionary group instead of Bishop Mileitus, on whome eastern hopes for unity were centered. Basil grew so exasperated with Pope Damasus that he described him as impossibly arrogant. Saints didn't always get along with one another.

The second ecumenical council in the history of the church—the First Council of Constantinople—was held in 381. Convoked Emperor Theodosius I, it condemned various brands of Arianism as well as Macedonianism; contributed to the formulation of the Nicene Creed; and approved a canon acknowledging Constantinople as the second see after Rome in honor and dignity. Pope Damasus, though, took no part in this important council.

Damasus maintained good relations with the imperial family and with Rome's aristocracy. He maintained a grand life-style that appealed to the upper-class pagans and helped eliminate some anti-christian attitudes. He got along very well with Rome's wealthy ladies, so much, in fact, that gossips nicknamed him "the matrons' ear-tickler."

In 380 Damasus was able to persuade Emperor Theodosius I to declare Christianity the official religion of the Roman state. It was during Damasus's time, too, that Latin became the principal language in the liturgy.

Damasus also built churches, including St. Lorenzo in Damaso, and restored the catacombs. He also organized and rehoused the papal archives. He even composed verse, mostly in praise of martyrs and previous popes, and had it inscribed on marble slabs St. Jerome says that he wrote poems and essays about virginity.

Damasus died Dec. 11, 384. His feast day

The Active List

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Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, will hold a raffle and auction with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Hendricks County Community Center, 955 County Community Center, 955 Main St., Danville. Tickets are \$100 per couple. First prize is a \$100 per couple. First prize is a 1995 Ford Ranger "S" Pick-up truck. For more information, call 317-838-9536 or 317-745-4284.

May 12-14

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., will hold a Tobit Weekend for engaged couples. Cost is \$195 per couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

May 13

King's Singles will meet at Christ the King Church, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave for 8:30 a.m. Mass. Afterward, they will go to the Indianapolis 500 Racetrack for qualifications. Bring a cooler.

Indiana Right to Life, Inc., based in Kokomo, Ind., will hold the state final teen oratory contest at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1045 W. 146th St., Carmel, Ind. The contest begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-845-4353. Positively Singlet Memories, 71st and Michigan Rd, at 7 p.m. Call Carson Ray at 317-228-9321 (h) or 317-576-4749 (w) for details. St. Paul, Sellersburg, will hold prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. Come wor-

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Onio, will hold a Mother-Daughter Day with Mary Kay Murray, MSW. Fee is \$50 for two. For more information, call 513-248-3500.

May 14

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St, will hold a holy hour with the rosary at 2 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy at 317-356-5110.

May 16

Members of the Newman Guild of Butler University will install officers for the 1995-96 year dur-ing a meeting at Hollyhock Hill. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Hospital's Senior Promise group will hold "Ageless Ability: A Luncheon to Celebrate Accomplishments at Any Age," at Primo Banquet Hall, 3143 E. Thompson Rd. at 12 p.m. Seating is limited. Call for reservations or for more information at 317-782-6570.

Devotions to Jesus and the Blessed Mother are held each Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in St. Mary Chapel, 317 N. New Jersey St. For more information, call 317-786-7517.

The prayer group of St. Lawrence, 4650 Shadeland Ave. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome. For more information, call 317-546-4065 or 317-842-8805.

Xing's Singles will meet at Christ the King Church, 5884 N. Critter-den Ave. for 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a nearby eatery. All adult singles are welcome to join us.

May 17

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 57th and Central Ave., will meet from 1-2:15 p.m. for its cenacle/prayer group. Holy ro-sary and other prayers will be said. All are welcome.

conference room 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. Bring a copy of the book.

The Catholic Widowed Organization will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

May 18

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., will hold a reflection, "Mary is More Than a Picture or a Statue!" Presented by Father Al Ajamie, Cost is \$15. Call 317-545-7681.

St. Roch Parish, 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. For more information, call 317-784-1763.

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

The Ave Maria Guild will hold its spring card party for the benefit of St. Paul Hermitage at 11:30 a.m. in the Beech Grove Benedictine Center gymnasium, 1402 Southern Ave. Candy, dessert and beverages will be available.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., will hold a family rosary night at 7 p.m. For more information, call the parish office at 317-638-5551.

May 18-19

American Martyrs, Scottsburg, will hold a parish rummage sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. For more information, call the parish on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 812-752-3693.

May 19

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The Office of Worship will hold
"Sacramental/Liturgical Policies Listening Sessies" at the Archbishop O'Meaza Catholic
Center, 1400 N. Meridan St., from 10-1130 am. For more information, call Christina Blake
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mission. All proceeds benefit the St. Bartholomew School facility. For more information, call 812-379-9353.

May 19-20

A Heritage Preservation Fair will be held in Greencaste, Ind., to celebrate National Historic Preservation Week. Storytellers, Kiwanis pancake breakfast and pork dinner, raffle, Teasa 2-step and line dancers and more. The event will be held in downtown Greencastle in the historic court-house square, For more informahouse square. For more informa-tion, call 317-653-4517. The event was the winner of the 1992 outstanding special event by the Indiana Main Street Council.

May 19-21

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center will hold a women's retreat will hold a women's retreat "The Beatitudes: Pathways to Inner Growth for Women on a Spiritual Journey." Cost is \$85 for resident or \$60 for commut-ers. Call 812-923-8817.

The Beech Grove Benedictine Center will host is fourth session of "Circles of Wisdom," in con-junction with Fatima Retreat House. Mary Pat Farnard will be the presenter. Call Beech Grove

Benedictine Center at 317-788-7581 for more information.

** Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand, will hold "The Wild Woman Within," with Marilyn Gugel and Kate Fadick. For more information, call 812-367-2777.

May 20

The Young Widowed Group will gather for dinner on the south-side. Exact location has yet to be determined. Call Mike Ford with ideas at 317-872-8426.

The Catholic Widowed Group will gather for dinner at Beef & Boards. For more information, call Marian Hasse at 317-784-9135.

A pro-life rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday at the Clinic for Women, 38th and Parker.

St. Bartholomew School, Columbus, will hold its 5th annual auction. Dons will open at 5 p.m. for dinner and live auction. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$15 each. All proceeds benefit the St. Bartholomew School facility. For more information, call 812-379-9353.

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May 20-21

St. Peter Parish Franklin County and Hol, Guardian An-gels Parish, Ceda: C-uce will host Father Paul Marx, a pro-life and pro-family leader, speaking at the weekend Masses. Father Marx is the founder of Human Life International. For more in-formation, call the parish office.

May 21

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., will hold a workshop, "Dances of Universal Peace," with Mary Martha Metzler beginning at 1 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call 317-545-7681.

Positively Singles will have brunch at Bravo's in Castleton at 11:30 a.m. Afterward, they will participate in a scavenger hunt at the Indianapolis Art Museum, 38th and Michigan Rd. Call Cheryl Wright at 317-578-4254 or Sue Ann Pflum at 317-254-1715 for details.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., will hold a holy hour with the rosary at 2 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy at 2 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy at 317-356-5110.

St. Paul, Sellersburg, will hold prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. Come worship

and share in fellowship. For m information, call 812-246-4555

The Little Sister of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged will hold a holy hour to pray for vocations. The hour will begin at 4.15 p.m. in the chapel, 2345 W. 86th St.

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Shift in U.S. policy toward Cubans draws some praise, some criticism

Agreement with Cuba may be inconsistent with international agreements on treatment of refugees

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Migration Committee said a new U.S. policy to admit Cuban refugees held at Guantanamo Naval Base is welcome news for those being detained but will do little for other "suffering" Cubans who want to be free. Attorney General Janet Reno announced May 2 that thousands of Cuban refugees held at the U.S. base in Guantanamo would be allowed to enter the country through normal immigration channels. She also announced that anyone else who tries to bypass normal immigration channels would be returned to Cuba.

The announcement reversed a previous administration decision to allow Cuban refugees picked up at sea to go home or remain in legal limbo in the tent camps at Guantanamo, but not to immigrate to the United States.

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Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., the bishops' migration chairman, said in a May 2 statement that he welcomed the administration's announcement from the perspective of the 21,000 Cubans at Guantanamo.

It will offer much needed relief from an intolerable situation, which I personally observed in my recent visit to Guantanamo," said Archbishop McCarrick. He was in Guantanamo April 17-19.

But the agreement with the Cuban government to return anyone else who tries to leave Cuba by boat or raft "does little to alleviate the suffering of those Cubans who so desperately want to be free from the decades of oppression," he said. "The agreement may be inconsistent with international agreements on the treatment of refugees."

Reno said the Cuban government also agreed to assure that there would be no retribution or other harassment of people who apply to enter the United States through normal immigration channels in Havana at the U.S. Interest

Section, the office maintained in countries with which the United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

United States does not have full diplomatic relations. She said the United States was satisfied with the way Cuba honored a similar agreement barring harassment of people who were returned after trying to fice last year.

Last summer, the administration reversed a long-standing policy and stopped admitting all Cubans picked up at sea by U.S. vessels. In what turned out to be a successful plan to stop thousands of people from trying to reach the United States in unsafe boats and rafts, all Cubans interdicted by the Coast Guard were taken to Guantanamo and told they could go home but they would not be admitted to the United States. Many returned to Cuba, but about 21,000 remain at the refugee camp. Archbishoo McCarrick urged the Clinton administration

Archbishop McCarrick urged the Clinton administration to process applications for asylum quickly, without subjecting applicants to possible recriminations.

In other reaction, the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program agreed with Archbishop McCarrick.

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"Cubars have been detained at Guantanamo too long, up to nine months for some, enduring abysmal living conditions and the despair of uncertainty about their future," said a statement from Church World Service, a program of the National Council of Churches which, along with the U.S. Catholic Conference's Migration and Refugee Services, provides assistance to the Guantanamo refugees, including legal help.

The Cubans at Guantanamo will be admitted on a case-by-case basis as part of previous agreement to accept 20,000 Cuban immigrants this year, Reno said. Those who apply at the U.S. Interest Section in Havana also would come under that ceiling, she added.

Since Fidel Castro established a communist government in Cuba in the 1960s, the United States has maintained a special policy of admitting Cubans as refugees under more liberal terms than applicants from other countries are accepted.

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Youth News/Views

Youth will work to end violence in society

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Representatives of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry are spreading the word about their new anti-violence effort to other national

new anti-violence effort to other national Catholic organizations.
About two dozen people representing 15 groups heard about the joint NCCB-NFCYM program, "To Stand Against Violence," at an April 3 meeting and were asked to contribute their owner forts.
"We're doing different things, and they're all valuable, but if we can find one or two thines to do in common maybe we can.

two things to do in common maybe we can have a greater impact," said Paul Henderson of the NCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.

Women and Youth.

The first phase of the joint effort is an NFCYM resource manual with perspectives on violence, a philosophy of prevention for parishes and schools, views of why violence committed by and against youth, and resources to aid in the anti-violence effort.

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A copy has been given to each U.S. bishop. It is being made available to diocesan and parish youth ministry workers nation-wide. "It is a document that will primarily connect folks with the National Youth Congress," which will be held in November, Congress, which will be field in November, focusing on youth violence, said Father Len Wenke, NFCYM executive director. One of the next projects in the effort is a booklet oselections from the 1995 World Youth Day resource manual which is titled "Called to Be

Peacemakers and Apostles of Hope."

Scheduled for publication in June, it will contain a "promise card" that youths can sign to affirm their stand against violence. It

says in part, "I believe that each person, created in the image and likeness of God, is a gift from God and that respect for human life is essential to lessen violence. Therefore, I accept our Holy Father's challenge to become a communicator of hope and a worker for peace.'"
World Youth Day-related activities are

something the other Catholic organizations can easily join, Henderson said, in this national youth campaign against violence.

Father Wenke cautioned against expectng a joint independent effort coming immediately from the meeting.

"That's not the end result at this point," he said. "But we're hoping the initiative is something that will take root locally."

Henderson said there was "a lot of support" from those at the meeting which would ensure that the youth anti-violence effort "not be a one project, but a multiyear project, which is what we see it as."

Groups represented included the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, Don Bosco Multiedia, and the National African-American Catholic Youth Ministry Network.

(For additional information on the "To Stand Against Violence" campaign, contact the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministries at 317-236-1439 or 1-800-



MODERN PIETA—Artist Mary Porterfield's painting portrays the anguish of a mother over he wounded son. Described as a modern look at Michelangelo's Pieta, the image closely resemble at showing Mary holding the crucified body of Christ. Her painting decries violence in society A new national youth program will address this serious problem. (CNS photo)

Youth to help combat violence

Archdiocesan teen-agers from each of the 11 deancries will be participating in the diocesan portion of the national Catholic

diocesan portion of the national Catholic youth initiative "To Sand Against Violence" in central and southern Indiana. In November, two teens will represent the archdiocese at a National Youth Forum on violence scheduled before the National Youth Conference at Minnespolis, Minn. Julie 5zolek-Van Valkenburgh, director of the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, said deanery youth representatives for the antiviolence campaign include St. Mary parishioner Amy Stier of Greensburgh for the Batesville Deanery, St. Agnes parishioner Jennifer Ann Bush of Nashville for the Bloomington Deanery, and St. Am the Bloomington Deanery, and St. Andrew parishioner Becky Rokosz of Richmond for the Connersville Deanery.

Other deanery liaisons are St. Luke parishioner Megan Friedmeyer for the Indianapolis North Deanery on an interim basis, St. Barnabas parishioner Heather Beckwith for the Indianapolis South Deanery, Holy Spirit parishioner Amber Moore for the Indianapolis East Deanery, and St. Thomas More parishioner Sara Baker of Mooresville for the Indianapolis West Deanery.

New Albary's deanery, liaison is Erin Meyer from St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, and St. Bartholomew parishioner Jeff Brown of Columbus is representing the Seymour Deanery, In the Tell City Deanery, youth liaisons are Eric Hubert from St. Mark Parish in Ferry County, Seth Clark from St. Martin of Tours Parish in Siberia, and Amanda Kern of St. Bontifece Parish in Fulda: St. Am parishioner Margie Goodwin of Terre Haute is representing the Terre Haute Deanery.

Calendar includes cruises, play, concerts and sports camp

New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries will again sponsor two popular "Belle of Louisville" cruises for archdiocesan youth in June.

san youth in June.

The junior high "Belle" cruise is scheduled on June 14, and the high school cruise is set for June 21. Both events include music by a disc jockey and a dance while the steamboat cruises up and down the Ohio River.

Tiches are \$\$ core reserve and will be cold.

Tickets are \$8 per person and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To order tickets, contact parish youth ministry coordi-nators or the New Albany Deanery Youth Ministries office at 812-945-0354.

Bishop Chatard High School's drama department will present the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Jesus Christ Superstar"

on May 18-20 at the Indianapolis North Deanery interparochial high school. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Performances start at 7:30 p.m.

each night.

The music and lyrics of the rock opera paint an unforgettable image of the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Bishop Chatard's production of the popular musical will be unique because the play is a combined effort of students and alumni. At least 10 Bishop Chatard graduates will return to the school as actors, dancers, directors or musicians for three perform-

Andrew O'Brien, a member of the Class of 1993, will portray Jesus of Nazareth in the production, and alumnus Paul O'Brien from the Class of 1993 is cast as Judas Iscariot. His

classmate, Ryan Ewing, will play Caiaphas, and alumnus Terry O'Brien from the Class of 1984 is cast as Pontius Pilate. Jeff Kinney, a

1981 alumnus, will portray King Herod.

Bishop Chatard students fill the remainder of the lead roles. Annie Chang will portray Mary Magdalene, Kerry Farrell is Anna, and Julie Kramer is a priest.

Susan Roberts will direct the produc-tion, assisted by Mary Kubala as instru-mental director and Peg Dispenzieri as vocal director.

For ticket information, telephone the Bishop Chatard office at 317-251-1451.

Cardinal Ritter High School in Indian-Caronnal Kitter High School in Indian-apolis will recognize student athletes during the 1994-95 athletic recognition banquet scheduled at 7 p.m. on May 22 at the Indianapolis West Deanery interparo-chial high school.

Ball State University head football coach Bill Lynch of Muncie is the guest speaker. The catered dinner will honor Cardinal Ritter athletes who achieved special recognition during the past school year.

Advance reservations are required, and seating its limited in the school cafeteria. For ticket prices or more information, contact Cardinal Ritter's athletic department at 317-924-4333.

Roncalli High School's band department will present a band concert at 7 p.m. on May 18 in the school gymnasium which will include members of the school's concert and jazz bands and junior high music students from Central Catholic School, Our Lady of the Greenwood School, St. Barnabas Scho St. Jude School, and St. Mark School.

St. Jude School, and St. Mark School.

Concert violinist Valentin Zagarzhevskiy will be a featured performer and will play the theme music from the movie "Schindler's List."

movie "Schindler's List."
There is no admission charge. Members
of Roncalli's award-winning concert and
jazz bands will perform a wide variety of
musical selections from their respective
contests during the past school year.

Roncalli High School's choral department will present a pops concert at 7 p.m. on May 20 in the school auditorium.

Each of the six school choruses will be featured performing a variety of pop and Broadway hits. Selections include a Motown medley, music from the Disney film "The Lion King," and songs recorded by the group Boyz II Men, vocalist James Taylor, and country singer Garth Brooks.

Jazz band members also will be featured in the pops concert, and art department students will display their work.

Reserved seating tickets are \$4, with eneral admission set at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Roncalli students are admitted free with a student identification card Tickets are on sale at the school box office.

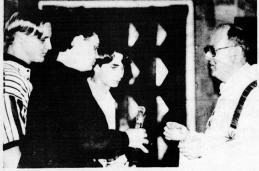
For more information, telephone the Indianapolis South Deanery interparochial high school at 317-787-8277

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has scheduled a girls' basketball camp for students in the seventh through ninth grades on June 26-30 and for students in the fourth through ninth grades on July 10-14.

Sessions begin at 9 a.m. for fourth through sixth graders and conclude at noon. Afternoon sessions for students in the seventh through ninth grades start at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

The camps feature an emphasis on fundamental basketball skills, lectures from former Lady Irish team members who now play Division I college basketball, and an appearance by 1994 Indiana All-Star Keisha Brown. The registration fee also includes a camp T-shirt, prizes, and motivational and skills instructions.

For registration information, contact Lady Irish basketball coach Linda Bamrick at Cathedral High School at 317-542-1481



CYO MASS-St. Roch Parish youth group members (from left) Joe Schott, Phil Strack and Jeremy Himes of Indianapolis present the offeratory gifts to Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, during the Catholic Youth Organization's Mass of Thanksgiving for Busald Award recipients on May 2 at St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Young Adult Scene

Jimmy Ryser rocks Marian College for spina bifida

by Elizabeth Bruns

Center, an HIV/AIDS ministry in which the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is involved. Ryser not only played his straight-up pop for the students, but also talked with them about the disease between songs. During the show, he told the audience that he liked this type of informal setting because "I feel like I'm just jamming with a bunch of friends." He also invited five students from the 1950-person plus crowd to come up on stage and sing, "Gonna Take You Down," a hit from his 1994 release "Mañana Mentality." Ryser caught fame with "Same Old Look" on his self-titled record in 1990. He has recorded and played (with his good friend) with John Mellencamp.

Two student bands opened for Ryser—The Way It is and Two Few Tricks. Mark Klonne, president of the college music group, Vince Schurger, Paul Feigert and Dave Schurger make up The Way It is. Two Few Tricks includes, Tony Gorball, president for the music group next year, Eric Blattner, Jeremy Vogt and Matt Boaz. Members of both bands are students or alumni of Marian College except Dave

ROCKIN' THE HOUSE-Jimmy Ryser performs in concert on May 4 at Marian College Auditorium. The concert was a benefit for the Spina Bifida Association of Central Indiana. The Marian College Music Group invited Ryser to play at its annual concert. (Photo by Elizabeth



Schurger, a senior at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, and Blattner, a senior at Zionsville High School. Ryser, a cradle Catholic, has endured

39 operations for spina bifida complica-tions caused by pinched and irregularly-functioning spinal nerves.

"I had a pretty big faith when I was getting ready to be put to sleep (before surgery)," Ryser said. "A lot of people will tell you that they don't believe in

God, but I couldn't have faced surgery without God. I don't think anyone could be an albeit at that point."

Between the music industry and going to school, Ryser finds it difficult to take time out to care for his health.

"Sometimes I find that school can be a bigger stress than recording an album," he said. "It's the downfall of being a perfectionist." At 30 years-old, Ryser is almost a straight 'A' student.

Most young adults agree abortion is murder

The Right to Life of Indianapolis newsletter, found out a few interesting facts about Generation Xers. A compilation of opinion polls by the American Enterprise Institution und that 18-29 year-olds are the most likely adult age growth of the American Service of the American Service of the S

St. Meinrad Archabbey will host "Come & See" Week on May 20-25. The Benedictine monks of St. Meinrad Archabbey extend an invitation to Catholic men interested in learning more about morastic life. Roman Catholic males between the ages of 20 and 39, unmarried, who are seeking God in their everyday life, are encouraged to apply to take part in the "Come and See" program. The program will give the participants an insider's perspective on monastic life. There will be opportunities to experience daily prayer with the monks, as well as a chance to discuss the values ct community life with members of the monastery. For more information about the "Come and See" Week, contact Benedictine Father Kurt Stasiak, vocations director at 812-357-6302 or 812-357-6611.

St. Mary of the Woods Office of Continuing Education will host six seminars during the month of June as a part of the annual summer programs series.

"The Enneagrain: A Cosmic Perspective" will be held internationally known author and lecturer, Maria Beesing, Enneagrain Conference at Stanford University. A basic understanding of the Enneagram is recommended. Cost is \$15 and includes a reception with refreshments.

"Thepe and Healing for the Earth: An Action Plan" will be held June 11-16. The workshop will include seven speakers. Each will present ways to evaluate lifestyles and become more earth conscious. Ecology and spirituality are two areas that will be covered by the presenters. The cost is \$105.

"Native American Spirituality Refrexa" will be held June 11-16. The vortraulity refrexa" will be held June 11-16. The refrexa is a historical, cultural and spiritual adventure led by Native American Spiritus of Shawnee and Scotch/Irish descent Victoria Fortner. Cost is \$155.

Catechetical Administration workshop will be held.

Catechetical Administration workshop will be held June 19-23 for those involved in the administering of religious education. Interactions with other administra-

religious education. Interactions with other administra-tors and a presentation by Providence Sister Jane Marie Osterhold are inclu ted. Cost is \$195.

Basic Enneagram Workshop will be June 28-29. It is a beginner course for those interested in learning more about the topic. The enneagram is a personality theory which combines spychology with ancient philosophy. Workshop participants will learn the nine basic personalities and how to relate them to their everyday lives. Cost is \$60.

"Reflective Conversations on Religious Life Sources for Today. Women of Learning and Contemplation" will be held

"Reflective Conversations on Religious Life Sources for Today: Women of Learning and Contemplation" will be held June 29-30. This is the third seminar in the Virtus cum Scientia series. This particular features several great women of the past and present who successfully add learning and contemplation into their busy schedules. Cost is \$25.
 For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 812-535-5148, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

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Cardinal Bernardin says priests feel their role has been diminished

He speaks of two essentials of priestly life: bearer of the mystery of God and doctor of the soul

> by Tracy Moran Catholic News Service

SAN DIEGO—In the post-conciliar period, many priests feel their role has been diminished and their

priests teet their role has been diminished and their unique contributions undervalued, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago told participants at the National Federation of Priests' Councils convention in San Diego. The change and renewal after the Second Vatican Council has been healing and revitalizing for the church, he said May 1. But "this feeling of malaise," he continued, "this crisis of confidence, is debilitating, not only to priests, but also to the whole church." The cardinal ureed priests to reclaim their identity found.

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The cardinal urged priests to reclaim their identity found in "the two essential dimensions of priestly life: the priest a bearer of the mystery of God and as doctor of the soul."

In the first role, "the priest is the one who in his ministry and very being leads God's people into an ever more intimate contact with Jesus, who incarnates God's passionate, unconditional love," Cardinal Bernardin said.

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"One is most authentically a priest when he carries out this task."

In bearing the mystery, the priest's primary function is "to hold up to the people of God the great images, stories and pictures of salvation that lie at the heart of Christian tradition," the cardinal said, adding that the priest who bears the mystery must also be a teacher and preacher.

"People in the pew want, above all, good preaching from their priests," he said. "This altogether reasonable demand reflects a hunger and thirst for mystagogy, a desire to be told of the mystery and drawn into it." Mystagogy is the interpretation of religious mysteries. Cardinal Bernardin said if the priest is to be a mediator between heaven and earth. "he must be in habitural contact with the mystery, standing stubbornly in the presence of God. . . . The priest must be a mystic, a contemplative, a person of prayer.

"The priest is not primarily someone who works, preaches, ministers, counsels. Rather, he is someone who,

at the core of his being, has been set on fire by God and who invites others to catch the flame."

Cardinal Bernardin also explained the second role as doctors of the soul, a description which he said allows them to carry out their first role as bearers of the mystery of God.

"Before someone can be conducted into the mystery of God," he said, "he or she must be healed of whatever spiritual ill, whatever roadblock, prevents the journey of self-surrender." In this role, the priest imitates Jesus, whose healing encounters are well-documented in the Gospels.

"The priest is the doctor of the soul, the instrument through om God heals broken hearts and minds," he said. "We heal the soul by bringing to bear the salvator, the healer . . . the one who opens the soul to the divine power."

The "medicine" priests prescribe include Scripture, liturgy, sacraments, Christian architecture, painting, literature and doctrines. These, he said, are the healing balms by which the sickness of the soul is cured.

The priest "can hold out to the sufferer the possibility of participating in the God who wants nothing more than to embrace the human condition," Cardinal Bernardin said. "The doctor of the soul can ofter the body and blo

The cardinal reminded the priests that "we are not dispensable functionaries in the church. We are bridges to the very mystery of God and healers of the soul.

"When we claim this identity unapologetically, we not only find ourselves, we also provide the church and our culture with the sustenance they require."

On May 2 Cardinal Bernardin received the federation's President's Award for his "service in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." The award recognizes a recipient's leadership and his efforts to support the life and ministry of priests.

A former president of the U.S bishops' conference who also as served on several of its committees, the cardinal chaired the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on War and Peace, which prepared the 1983 pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace God's Promise and Our Response."

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Cardinal Bernardin "has remained faithful to the vision of Vatican II, even when easier paths might have been taken," said the federation's president, Father G. Nick Rice, in a statement.

The award, he added, is "one of genuine admiration and appreciation for one who has borne the battles of the day with much grace and deep faith."

Avoiding consequences of foreign aid cuts

Besides aid, Third World needs commitment to investment. debt relief and trade

> by Nancy Frazier O'Brien Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Few actions of the 104th Congress will have more far-reaching and long-lasting consequences worldwide than the vote on a proposed 30 percent cut in the \$21.3 billion international affairs budget.

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That's why the U.S. Catholic Conference and other
Catholic social action and missions groups have been
watching the debate closely.

"We anticipated this battle," said Jesuit Father Drew
Christiansen, head of the USCC Office for International Policy.
As Congress began to reformulate foreign aid policy in light
of a post-Cold War world, the bishops' International Policy
Committee published its October 1992 document, "Lazarus at
the Gate: American Responsibilities in a Changing World."

The document called on Americans "not to turn away from the cries of a still suffering world beyond our shores" and said that "the time is right to rethink foreign aid and to redirect it from security to development and from geopolitical concerns to human needs."

But, Father Christiansen points out, "Aid is only a small part of what the Third World needs." Also necessary is a commitment to investment, debt relief and trade in developine nations, he said

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None of those needs will be met by slashing foreign aid.

"The Republican-controlled U.S. Congress is intent on cutting the budget," said Jo Marie Griesgraber of the Center of Concern in the May 1995 issue of Center Focus, newsletter of

Concern in the May 1995 issue of Center Focus, newsletter of the Jesuit-founded social justice think tank.

"Leaving defense items untouched, they find foreign aid a convenient target, partly because the U.S. public perceives foreign aid as much larger than its actual size—which is about 1 percent of the entire budget," she added.

Foreign aid "now has a limited number of active supporters, including religious groups and the foreign policy establishment, the development agencies and business that contract to provide the aid, "Griesgraber said.

The Agency for International Development, the government agency through which much foreign aid is funneled, issued a fact sheet May 1 outlining the "fruly, horrific" consequences that would result from the proposed foreign aid cuts.

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A 30 percent cut in foreign aid would keep 4 million from receiving needed vaccinations, "greatly heightening their risk of death or severe illness from such preventable diseases as measles, whooping cough and diphtheria," AID said.

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The cuts also would put 6 million people at increased risk of infection from "river blindness"; result in the deaths of at least 100,000 children to easily preventable diarrheal disease; cause almost 2 million preventable cases of HIV infection; and lead to nearly 100,000 new cases of blindness, mental retardation or severe developmental disorders caused by lack of proper nutrition, according to the AID fact sheet.

Meanwhile the United Nations reported May 2, in its first survey of the state of the world's health, that the greatest underlying cause of death, disease and suffering worldwide is powerty.

worldwide is poverty.

The 120-page World Hailth Report said more than half of the world's 5.6 billion people cannot get the most essential drugs, and about a third of world's 5 children are undernourished.

The effects of the U.S. cuts will be felt most directly by the poor in foreign countries, and a group of missionaries working in Southeast Asia have tried to bring their plight the other triangle. to the attention of Congress.

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In a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier this year, nearly three dozen Maryknoll priests, brothers, sisters and lay missionaries working in Cambodia, Thailand, Japan, Nepal, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Bangladesh and East Timor spoke out against ending U.S. aid to Cambodia. "The programs there in development, education and infrastructure repair are essential to Cambodia's future as a democratic country." Hey said.

"The United States has an opportunity to take a significant step toward both redeeming our past in Indochina and contributing to a future of peace and justice in Cambodia." the missionaries added. "Let us not lose the moment."

Father Christiansen agreed that the United States has a special responsibility toward those countries directly harmed by past U.S. policies.

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countries recover and to pursue a path of democracy and development. The said.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich has other ideas for bringing U.S. money into developing nations. "What we should be doing is encouraging our companies to invest in other countries," he told a conference hosted by Cable News Network May 3.

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We ought to have, I think, a very big tax bias in favor we ought to nave, I think, a very organ account to of investing in countries that need development to recognize that what we want is genuine investment that creates permanent jobs so that people are better able to produce on their own," the Georgia Republican added. "We want to create citizens of the world, not clients of some kind of economic foreign aid program.

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Laity are church's future, priest tells lay leaders

But, Father Murnion says, 'we still have to integrate lay leadership into the whole life of the church'

> by Robert Dylak Catholic News Service

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.—With their numbers and influence growing in the United States, "the laity are the future of the church," Father Philip Murnion told lay leaders April 29.

He offered a vision of lay leadership roted in the Second Vatican Council, which "gave priority to the full people of God as the context within which to understand the specific roles of the clergy, religious and hierarchy."

Father Murnion, director of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York, addressed the Lay Leadership Conference, sponsored by Immaculate Conception School of Theology.

He cited several reasons for lay prominence in the church's future the Vision II. 146

He cited several reasons for lay prominence in the church's future: the Vatican II shift in understanding of the laity's role; the increased dependence on lay persons because of changes in church personnel; and the power and influence enjoyed by Catholis: an the affairs of the world beyond the Catholic community. But, he said, "we have still to integrate this new understanding of and fact of lay leadership into the whole life of the church."

of the church."

Father Murnion emphasized that "real education and formation in the faith" are necessary to unleash the power of the laity. He said this will involve respecting people's autonomy to form their own consciences and decide their own lives while respecting their discipleship enough "to offer them the full message and demands of the Gospel," with its implications and consequences for them.

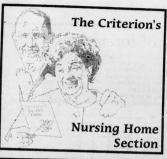
This is important for individual Catholics, he said, as well for those active in ministries and public life.

"It means inviting people into those experiences of God's presence that reach beyond reason—those sacramental and devotional moments when God's word can speak to the heart," he said.

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It also means opportunities for reflection beyond individual experiences and traps of fundamentalism into the reasonable consequences of faith for public life, he added.

He said the study of the future of Catholics laity would have consider "the commitment of Catholics to church teaching on Catholics and Catholics to church teaching and Indianous and Indianous perspective and communion with one another. We need to be concerned with whether parish life offers the kind of worship and preaching, the kind of clarity of identity and quality of community that offers in a compelling way both the consolations and the demands of Jesus and the Cospel."





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t BCRNMAN, Marie Josephine, 90, Little Flower, In-dianapolis, April 23. Aunt of Thomas R. Forsgren.

Thomas R. Forsgren.

† BRADY, Mildred J., 96, St.
Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, April 21. Mother of Elizabeth
Robertson, James T. Brady and
Richard G. Brady; gran Imother of
15; great-grandmother of one.

15; great-grandmoner of one. † BREWER, LeRoy, 57, Nativity, Indianapolis, April 10. Husband of Imelda Brewer, father of Mar-cia Coffey, Michael Brewer, Susan Qualls and Patricia Marye; grandfather of 10.

+ BURKE, Harry A. Sr., 78, St. Anne, New Castle, April 29. Husband of Nina Jane Burke; father of Alex Burke, Fred Burke father of Alex Burke, Fred Burke and Tom Burke; brother of Kath-erine Merrill; grandfather of five; step-grandfather of one; great-grandfather of two; step-great-grandfather of four.

t FORSTING, Estella M., 84, St. Louis, Batesville, April 30. Wife of Clem Forsting; mother of Denis Forsting; sister of Olga Willman.

t FRANZ, David William, 42, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, April 24. Father of Joe Franz, Dyan Franz and Susie Franz; brother of Steve Franz, Tom Franz, John Franz, Son of Henry H. and Ann Franz, son of Henry H. and Ann Franz

+ FRITZ, Oscar A. Sr., 83, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs,

tive.

GALLIN, John Robert. 50. St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, April 22. Husband of Geneva C. Oliver Gallers, father of John R. Gallen Jr., Dane M. Howard and Kathleen Flinchum, step-father of Stephen M. Taylor, Billy D. Taylor and Kathly Taylor; brother of James T. Galler, Joseph M. Gallen and Jerome P. Gallen, genardfather of 11.

† GROTE, Leonard F., 88, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 8, Hus-band of Hida Mauer Grote, fa-ther of Eugene Grote, Gerald Grote, John Grote, Gilbert Grote, Marvin Grote and Vincent Grote; brother of Clara E. Wis-sel. Resella Beneker and Geneva sel, Rosella Beneker and Geneva Grote; grandfather of 18; great-grandfather of six.

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JEFFRIES, Velma M., 80, St.
Joseph, Shelbyville, April 14.
Mother of David C. Jeffries,
Robert A. Jeffries and Rita M.
Cavaness; sister of Gerald Gilles,
Joseph Gilles and Charles Gilles;
grandmother of eight: greatgrandmother of 16.

4 JOHNSON, Anna M., 89, Holy Family, New Albany, April 30. Mother of William Johnson, James Johnson, Agnes Sonne and Frances Ledford; sister of Mike Smith and Thelmary Yeoman; grandmother of 19, great-grandmother of 16.

+ JUDSON, Ella, 85, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, March 26. Mother of Preston L. Judson; sister of Ida Lee; grandmother of three.

† MARIEN, Maurice J., Holy



Spirit, Indianapolis. April 25.
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J. Marien and Robert E. Marier,
step-father of Steven Runyon and
Gary Runyon, grandfather of two:
step-grandfather of six.

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† McCLELLAN, Roberta, 69, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, April 15. Mother of Mark; grandmother

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+ REHBERGER, David J., 44, † REHBERGER, David J., 44, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 21. Husband of Janet Rehberger; father of David A. Rehberger and Amy Rehberger; brother of Carol McCool and Betty Otis; step-son of Mary Rehberger; step-brother of four.

F REIS, Bernice L., 87, Holy Family, Richmond, April 30, Mother of Eleanor Oberle and Sharon McGuire; step-mother of Joyce Reis and Elaine Reis; grandmother of five; great-grandmother of four.

Husband of Karol; father of Libby Johnston, Kay Wright, Daniel Roark and Martin Roark; brother of Charles F. Roark; dfather of eight.

+ ROTH, Nita B., 90, Chr King, Indianapolis, April 27. Nother of Mitzi R. Prager and Edmond Roth Jr.; grandmother of two.

+ SCHNEIDER, Irene F., 85, St. Paul, Tell City, April 21. Mother of Mary A. Jackson and Dolores Roe; grandmother of six.

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**YSORG, Leo L., 185, St. Mary,
North Vernon, April 28. Father of
Mary C. Deppe, James F. Sorg,
Therese Brennan, Joseph L. Sorg,
Amelia Rebello, Winnie Goelz,
John D. Sorg, Jeanne Blackburn,
Tony Sorg, and Charles Sorg;
brother of Ferd Sorg; grandfather of
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51; great-grandfather of nine.

† SULKOSKE, Valeria M., 89, St. T SULKUSKE, Vateria M., My. St. Malachy, Brownsburg, May 2. Mother of Richard Sulkoske; sister of Priscilla Sterbank and Eileen Wortman; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of six.

28. Mother of Gerald Cox and Lawrence A. Cox; step-mother of Dennis Thompson, Victoria Ann Koors and Nancy Atkins; grandmother of five; great-grandmother of two.

grandmonter of two L. Holy Family, Oldenburg and St. Susanna, Plainfield, April 25 Wife of Tim Turk, mother of Eddie Turk, Austin Turk and Rachel Turk; daughter of Leonard and Dorothy Giesting, sister of Kathelen Wolff, Mapprie Baker, Charles Giesting and Lee Giesting.

† VISE, Yolanda Marie, 76, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, May 1. Mother of Valerie A. Merriman and SuluRene Smith; grandmother of five; great-grand-mother of one.

t WHITTINGHILL, Patricia L., 56, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 25. Wife of Jack R.; mother of Cheri Ashabranner and Vicki Burton; grandmother of four.

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Militias' religious nature stems from apocalyptic preparation

Recent history provides examples of weapons being stockpiled and discharged in name of religion

> by Joe Towalski and Joseph Young Catholic News Service

Catholic News Service

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Militia groups, suddenly in the spotlight since the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, seem to mix a potent form of conservative Christianity with their political views.

Timothy McVeigh, the main suspect in the Oklahoma bombing, has been linked to paramilitary groups in Michigan and Arizona—groups that have been painted as right-wing, paramoid and anti-government and are also loaded to the hilt with firearms and other weapons. Recent history provides a spate of examples in which weapons have been stockpiled and discharged in the name of religion. Muslim extremists were accused of 1993's World Trade Center bombing that killed six. An apocalyptic pseudo-Buddhist cult in Japan has been implicated in the poison gas attack that killed 12 on a Tokyo subway in March. And Catholic and Protestant extremists in Northern Ireland have spent decades in brutal violence.

In addition, some groups have been hoarding weapons in preparation for a run-in with the enemy, be it shoot-out with gun-grabbing G-men or an apocalyptic confronta-

in reduction, some groups nave been notaring weapons in preparation for a run-in with the enemy, be it shoot-out with gun-grabbing G-men or an apocalyptic confrontation between good and evil in the end times.

But it was David Koresh's Branch Davidian sect—an unconventional offshoot of Seventh Day Adventists—that may provide the key to understanding how guns and God can go together. In the two years since the Davidian's compound in Waco burned down after a 51-day standoff with agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fireatms, Waco has become a rallying cry for those who believe the government has become to intrusive and bloated.

McVeigh was reportedly upset at the events in Waco and made a pligrimage to the site. Many observers say it is no coincidence that the Oklahoma bombing occurred on the very day commemorating the second anniversary of the Branch Davidian deaths.

Bob Anderson, who describes himself as a patriot but not a

militia member, said if the Oklahoma City bombing was a response to the events in Waco, it was not justified.

Anderson, who runs PIC's Army Surplus Store in St. Cloud, said he doesn't know if McVeigh is part of a "so-called militia or not. None of the organizations I'm connected with in any way claim him as a member," he told The Saint Cloud Visitor, newspaper of the St. Cloud Diocese. PIC stands for "politically incorrect."

But Angie Lowry, a Klamwatch researcher who monitors right-wing groups, told The Associated Press that "if there's anything, that unites the right-wing movements in this country, it's the Second Amendment and Waco."

The Second Amendment guarantees citizens the right to bear arms. For many milliat members and other sell-proclaimed patriots, that right is only one of many "God-given inalienable rights" spelled out in the Bill of Rights.

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But other paramilitary group members, Jacobs added, are motivated by politics and fear and support their view with religious beliefs.

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The distrust of the government that many of these group members feel tends to fuel powerful feelings of resentment, bitterness and rage, said Anthony Sorem, a psychology professor at St. John's University and School of Theology in Collegeville But unlike most people, military groups elevate those feelings to pseudo-religious levels.

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According to Sorem, the brand of religion preached by military groups focuses more on emotions than spiritual faith experiences. They use those emotions to define "who they thate," he said. Once they identify the enemy, it isn't much of a jump for them to see themselves as "superior" people fighting "inferior" elements in society, he added.

That kind of dualism is also found in mainstream religions, said Sorem. Christianity, Judaism and other religions embrace good while rejecting what they see as evil. But the difference between, an everyday Catholic and a member of a militia group is how their faith fits into everyday life.

For most Christians, faith helps explain everyday experiences and helps them deal with the confusing and ambiguous ciements of life, Sorem said.

Militants, however, are frustrated by the world's complexity and contradictions and feel they must change the world by whatever means are necessary until it conforms to their vision of God's plan.

They pick and choose particular religious teachings that

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suit their needs—like militant and apocalyptic visions that promise big changes for a troubled world.

John Helgeland, professor of religion at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D., has studied how apocalyptic expectation colors the attitudes of terrorists and militia groups.

"These groups believe the world is under attack from forces of evil." he said. They believe a final conflict is coming and that everyone must choose a side, with God,

or against God. But Benedict ctine Father Daniel Durken of St. John's University said there is a danger in taking apocalyptic passages out of context. "That's the worst use of the

passages out of context. "That's the world activate hisble," he said.
"It's Bible roulette. If they'd actually get down and study it, they'd stop stockpiling weapons to prepare for some apocalyptic shootout."
And, as he pointed out, Jesus said, no one knows the day or the hour of the end times, not even the angels in heaven.

Pope marks end of World War II, urges rejection of war

by John Thavis Catholic News Service

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VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II said he has written a letter commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, in which he encourages contemporary societies to reject the "culture of war" in favor of dialogue.

The pope spoke about the letter, which he said is addressed to all people of good will and which will be released soon, at a Sunday blessing May 7. Fifty years ago on May 8, the German Army surrendered unconditionally to Allied forces, ending the conflict in Europe.

"The terrible historic page of the Second World War is for everyone a severe warning against the 'culture of war' and a call to seek every legitimate means to end the conflicts that still bloody many regions of the world," he said.

The key to building real peace, he said, is a commitment to overcoming disagreements through dialogue and mutual understanding.

The pope, who as a young man experienced the German occupation of his native Poland, said his letter would emphasize that "a humane and just society cannot "Therefore" it is necessary that humanity hinks back upon the terrible six years of the last world war and reflect on the dramatic consequences which followed," he said.

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