Pontiff marks 20th anniversary of papacy with candor, emotion

Pope John Paul II wipes away tears as children greet him during a Mass marking his first 20 years as pontiff Oct. 16. About 70,000 people celebrated the pope's anniversary in St. Peter's Square. See related story, Page 10.

At the commemorative Mass the same day, the pope spoke about the primary duty of a pope to teach. In an unusually personal series of statements, he asked whether he had done enough.

"After 20 years of service on Peter's chair, I cannot help but ask myself some questions today," he said.

"Have you been a diligent and vigilant teacher of the faith in the Church? Have you tried to bring the great work of the Second Vatican Council closer to the people of today? Have you tried to satisfy the expectations of the Church's faithful, and also the hunger for truth that is felt in the world outside the Church?" he said.

In response, he recalled the injunction of St. Paul to "announce the word. "This is my task, to do everything possible so that the Son of Man, when he comes, may find the faith on this earth," he said.

Throughout mid-October, the completion of the pontificate's 20th year was marked with messages, articles, TV specials and a new crop of books about the pope.

Luciano Pavarotti sang "Ave Maria" in the pope's honor. A special concert was conducted in the Sistine Chapel. And a historic, 11-ton church bell rang out in the pope's former archdiocese of Krakow.

Best wishes poured in from heads of state, Church leaders and even Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who shot the pope in 1981.

"Woe to humanity which loses the sense of truth, the courage to seek it and the faith to find it," he said at a blessing Oct. 18.

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At the end of this century, one of our greatest threats is the temptation to stumble from truth to error. As men and women are left to "stumble through life," the Church must hold the faithful to an ethical consensus. But the encyclical also struck universal themes about the meaning of life, the ability to know the truth and the deep questions posed by evil and death.

In response, the pope appealed for a renewed harmony between philosophy and theology. He urged intellectual leaders to rise above today's utilitarian vision of life and allow transcendental truths to guide them.

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to offer people fresh confidence in seeking the truth and alert them to errors which condition their attitudes and behavior.

In particular, the pope challenged a “postmodern” view that would judge all values as relative. Truth cannot be arrived at by consensus; it cannot be derived by deductive inference and data. What is more, the pope challenged the absolutist view of any claims of absolute truth and increasingly excluded judgments made on ethical principles, and nihilism, which denies all the foundations of objective truth.

He said these errors have profoundly influenced modern attitudes, especially in science and technology. Some experts in these fields feel they have a “quasi-demonic” over nature and human beings, he said.

The pope said technological progress demands, instead, a sharpened sense of ultimate value. “If this technology is not ordered to something greater than a merely utilitarian end, then it could soon prove inhume and even become a potential destroyer of the human race,” he warned. Many people recognize this, and live in fear of what contemporary man produces, he said.

The encyclical contrasted the “radical doubt” of modern times with past centuries of philosophical development, in which Church fathers, such as Saints Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Anselm, played a major role. It said the various branches of modern philosophy still need philosophy.

Here, the pope noted a tendency for theologians to rely less on the Church’s “Eurocentric” philosophical heritage and more on the traditions of local populations. But he said they have a duty to “go beyond the particular and the concrete” and demonstrate the universality of the faith, as the early Church fathers did.

The pope concluded his encyclical with three exhortations. He asked theologians to refocus on the transcendent dimension of truth, so they can enter into a critical dialogue with contemporary philosophical thought. He appealed to philosophers to always “strive for truth” and help formulate an urgently needed “philosophical ethic.” And he urged all people to look more deeply at the human being’s search for meaning, and recognize that ultimately they will understand human freedom only within the “horizon of truth.”

Mikhael Grobachov recalled the pope’s role in the demise of Soviet communism. Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat invited him to the Holy Land. Even players from Rome’s two soccer teams joined in the festivities.

During an Italian talk show reviewing his pontificate Oct. 13, the pope made a surprise phone call to the emcee to thank him. A few days later, during broadcast of another TV tribute from St. Peter’s Square, the pope appeared at his window andcried out a blessing.

Italian journalist Luigi Accatoli said the pope has changed the nature of the papacy through his world travels and dynamic media presence, taking his message to every corner of modern society. He said the pope has failed to have the same kind of impact on internal Church policies, and for the world.”

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The student concert is older than most of the participants. For the past 16 years, Roncalli High School fine arts students have been singing and playing sacred music in the Indianapolis South Deanery interparochial high school’s annual Sacred Sounds concert. This year’s concert is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Oct. 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. It is free and open to the public.

“I’ve chosen some really difficult pieces for the concert,” Roncalli choir director Jeffrey Marlat said. Those pieces include three songs that will be sung in a foreign language.

This year, 300 students will perform in the concert, including members of Roncalli Concert Band and the school’s five choirs as well as seventh- and eighth-grade students selected from the Indianapolis South Deanery grade schools. The concert also will feature guest vocalist soloist Nicholas Shannon, a 1997 Roncalli High School graduate, Butler University visual arts students. †

Notre Dame coach aids Providence

CLARKSVILLE—University of Notre Dame basketball coach John MacLeod of South Bend was the featured speaker at Our Lady of Providence Junior/Senior High School’s annual Sacred Sounds concert.

The event benefited the New Albany School fine arts students have been singing of the participants. The event generated pledges in excess of $50,000 toward a goal of $250,000.

MacLeod, a 1955 Providence graduate and former National Basketball Association coach, pledged an additional $10,000 to the $30,000 already given to his newly formed endowment at the school.

A reception at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall will follow the concert. The reception will feature an exhibition of artwork created by Roncalli visual arts students. †

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Gathering of bishops

Four of Indiana’s six Catholic bishops consecrate a eucharistic liturgy Oct. 5 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis as part of the Indiana Non-Public Educators Conference. More than 3,000 nonpublic school teachers, aides, principals and other administrators met at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis Oct. 5-6 for the state educational conference. Consecrating the Mass with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein were Bishop John D’Arcy (left) of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger (second from left) of Evansville, and Bishop William Higi (second from right) of Lafayette as well as Msgr. Joseph F. Schadel (right), vicar general of the archdiocese, and four other priests. The Indiana Non-Public Education Association comprises some 400 schools educating approximately 90,000 students throughout Indiana.

Daily Prayer Intentions for Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome

October 12-26, 1998

Monday, October 12, Tel Aviv: For the spiritual renewal and an enthusiastic new evangelization of the Church in our archdiocese.

Tuesday, October 13, Cana: For our engaged and married couples, for the sacredness of marriage.

Wednesday, October 14, Nazareth: For our parents and children, for respect for the sacredness of family life.

Thursday, October 15, Mount of Beatitudes: For our youth and young adults, for hospitality in our Church.

Friday, October 16, Bethlehem: For our poor and homeless people, for respect of human life.

Saturday, October 17, Gethsemane: For our priests, seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

Sunday, October 18, Church of the Visitation: For the home missions of the archdiocese, for a generous sense of Christian stewardship.

Monday, October 19, Church of the Holy Sepulchre: For our sick, homebound and lonely, for those who care for them.

Tuesday, October 20, Church of St. Ann: For grandparents and our senior sisters and brothers.

Wednesday, October 21, Santa Maria del Forame, Rome: For our single sisters and brothers, for widows and widowers.

Thursday, October 22, Tomb of St. Peter: For all who collaborate in serving the mission of the archdiocese and for our benefactors.

Friday, October 23, The Gesu, Chapel of St. Francis Xavier: In thanksgiving for God’s many blessings on our archdiocese and for our benefactors.

Saturday, October 24, North American College: For all our teachers and catechists and educational administrators.

Sunday, October 25, Beatification at St. Peter’s: For our religious and for vocations to religious life.

Monday, October 26, St. Paul’s Outside the Walls: In thanksgiving for the Sisters of Providence and the mission of all religious in the archdiocese.
The 1998 Journey of Hope Pilgrimage continues in Rome. Thursday, Oct. 22, finds us celebra ting Mass at the tomb of St. Peter in the crypt of St. Peter’s Basilica. St. Peter, chosen by Jesus to be the first among the twelve apostles, like many of them and their successors, gave his life for the faith and for the unity of the Church. At his tomb, we pray for all of those who collaborate in serving the mission of our archdiocese. And in a time when so much is not appreciated about our faith, we pray for the unity of our Church.

I couldn’t begin to count all of the people who serve our parishes and schools and charitable agencies and institutions in southern and central Indiana. Many do so as a life voca tion and profession. Many do so as volunteers and see their service as part of their vocation as well. For all of them, we give thanks because they serve the unity of our Church.

Praying for unity is a serious matter and a responsibility that all of us share. Among other things, we keep in mind that our parishes, our missions, our schools, our charitable agencies and institutions, indeed our archdiocese itself, are not islands unto themselves. We belong to the holy, catholic and apostolic Church with Peter as our head.

One of the most elaborate Churches in Rome is the Church of the Gesù. Here in the chapel of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of our archdiocese, we offer Mass on Oct. 23. The Church in southern and central Indiana is so richly blessed! It is so appropriate that here we offer a Mass of special thanksgiving for God’s many blessings. And here we pray for the thousands of people who are generous benefactors in support of our archdiocesan mission. Because of you, we can carry on God’s work.

I am sure our first bishop, Simon Bruté, chose St. Francis Xavier as our patron because he was a courageous and valiant missionary. As I say over and over again, Indiana is still very much a mission territory. We can carry on the tradition of our first bishop and that of St. Francis Xavier because so many of you are generous in sharing your treasure and because God blesses us through you.

Saturday, Oct. 24, we celebrate Eucharist at the North American College in Rome. The college that houses the American seminarians in Rome sits on a hill that overlooks St. Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican. Here, in a special way, we pray for all of our teachers and catechists and educational administrators in our parishes and schools. All aspects of Church ministry are important, but among them, special preeminence is given to the teaching mission of the Church. The bishop, as successor to the apostles, is charged to be the chief teacher and chief shepherd in the local Church. That mission could hardly be carried out in central and southern Indiana without the gener ous assistance of so many of you teachers, catechists and leaders of our educational and faith-formation programs. Yours is a challenging and a serious part of the mission of our archdiocese, and we pray for you fervently and gratefully.

Then comes the fantastic day of the beatification of Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods! At an extraordinary Mass with Pope John Paul II, on Sunday, Oct. 25, in the Basilica of St. Peter, we pray for our religious sisters, brothers and priests, and we also pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life. It is an extraordinary blessing that we can be present to the religious life as a model that knows no boundaries. †

William R. Bruns
Buscando la Cara del Señor

Arzobispo Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

Peregrinos en Roma: orando por las necesidades de la Iglesia de la archidiócesis

La Peregrinación del Viaje de “La Esperanza en común en Roma”

El jueves, 22 de octubre, celebremos Misa en la tumba del San Pedro en el Vaticano. Este santo fue escogido por Jesús para ser el primero entre los Doce apóstoles. Asimismo, como muchos de ellos y sus sucesores, dio su vida por la fe y por la unidad de la Iglesia. En su tumba, ora por todo el gran grupo de personas que colaboraron sirviendo la misión de nuestra archidiócesis. Y en un tiempo cuando no se aprecia mucho acerca de nuestra fe, oraremos por la unidad de nuestra Iglesia. Yo no podía empezar a contar todas las personas que sirven a nuestras parroquias, escuelas, agencias caritativas y instituciones en la parte sur y central de Indiana. Muchos de ellos trabajan como una vocación de vida y profesión. Muchos trabajan como voluntarios y entienden su servicio también como parte de su vocación. A todos ellos, les damos gracias porque sirven a la unidad de nuestra Iglesia. Orar por unidad es un asunto serio y una responsabilidad que compartimos todos. Entre otras cosas, tenemos en mente que nuestras parroquias, misiones, escuelas, agencias caritativas e instituciones, como nuestra propia archidiócesis, no son aisladas. Pertenece a la Iglesia única, santa, católica y apostólica con Pedro como jefe en la Iglesia local. Sin la ayuda generosa de tantos profesionales, la Iglesia no podría funcionar. Aprender a valorar el servicio que tenemos, que van más allá de nuestras propias necesidades, puede ser una bendición extraordinaria que podríamos estar pres- entes cuando el Papa nombra a la Madre Santísima Theodora. Un tiempo conveniente de orar por los que sirven a ustedes con fervor y agradecimiento.

Entonces llega el día fantástico de la beatificación de la Madre venerada Teodora Guérin, fundadora de las Hermanas de Providence de Saint Mary of the Woods! El domingo, 25 de octubre, en una Misa extraordinaria con el Papa Juan Pablo II, en la Basílica del San Pedro, oraremos por nuestros hermanos religiosos y sacerdotes, y también por todos los que sirven en vocaciones hacia una vida religiosa. Se acepta una bendición extraordinaria que podríamos estar presentes cuando el Papa nombra a la Madre Santísima Teodora. Es un tiempo conveniente de orar por las hermanas y hermanos valerosos y sacerdotes que son religiosos, los cuales por sus vidas dan testigo visible al estilo de vida del Evangelio, de la misma manera como la Madre Teodora. No puedo pensar en una ocasión más apropiada para orar para que más personas jóvenes oigan a la llamada de Dios a la vida religiosa, sobre todo en las comunidades religiosas localizadas en nuestra archidiócesis. Dios continúa llamando. Nuestros jóvenes necesitan ayuda y estímulo para oír y responder. En nuestro diario final en Roma, el 26 de octubre, nosotros los peregrinos participaremos en la Misa principal en honor de la Madre Santísima Teodora Guérin en la Basílica del Papa, Fuerza de las Paredes. En la tumba del San Pablo, celebraremos la acción de gracias juntos con las Hermanas de Providence. En adición a sus oraciones, agregaremos nuestra propia acción de gracias para ellas y oraremos con el minis- terio de todas las mujeres y hombres que sirven y viven en nuestra archidióce- sis. Si ellos, estaríamos verdadera- mente pobres!

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Catholics and assisted suicide

Nationwide polls have consistently shown that 60 to 70 percent of Americans support assisted suicide, and, according to The New York Times (10-26-97), up to 50 percent of Catholics would vote to allow it.

I asked myself, how can this be? When Catholics have been taught that only God gives life, and only he can take it away, how can any Catholic believe in assisted suicide?

This question stuck in my mind, until, finally, I think that I have come up with the answer.

In years past, when one would mention something to me that they would tell me to “offer it up.” Today, we only hear this in jest, making light of the “old fashioned” way of our ancestors and the “old Church.”

We never hear today of the value of offering up our sufferings for the poor souls in purgatory or even as a means of shortening our own stay in purgatory. Suffering is seen today as having no value, no merit. Therefore, just as many believe that a woman has a right to kill the baby in her womb, many, including Catholics, believe that it is all right to take away the life of the suffering, forgetting that they have a right to some- thing that they didn’t, and can’t, give—a human life.

What does the Bible tell us about suf-fering? I Peter, 2:20–21 says “If you endure suffering even when you have done right, God will bless you for it. It was for this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.” (See also Phil 1:29 and 1 Pt 4:13.)

Now, if we choose willingly to shorten our lives, the life that God gave us, and one which we have no right to take away, how can we expect his glory to be revealed to us?

By assisted suicide, we forfeit all merits and graces that can be gained by accepting our lot in life, even when it means much suffering.

I fear that some day, there will be more assisted suicides than there are abortions today.

Winfried E. Moody
Indianapolis

Church in Honduras needs your help

The Central American country of Honduras is the second poorest country in the Americas. This means that only 1 in 10 youth can go beyond the sixth grade. In Honduras there is one priest for every 45,000 Catholics, the worst ratio of priests to Catholics in the world. The Church is terribly poorly economically and in person- nel. Poverty means that 90 percent of our people and children really have no future. These people are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They call to us in their lack of hope and in their daily material and spiri- tual poverty. To deny a radical response to this radical need would be to ignore the suffering Christ in his little ones today.

We have four orphanages, three board- ing schools for poor children in the school, four high schools, two grade schools, three boarding houses for our uni- versity students, one trade school and one small project for abandoned mothers and their children. We need volunteers to help us in so many ways. It is not necessary to know Spanish before coming. There is no age restrictions for volunteers, and they may stay as long as they like.

We want to help these poor to help themselves. Education, academic and tech- nical is the key. In the encyclical, Redemptor Missios (The Mission of the Redeemer), Pope John Paul II wrote “Missionary activity, which is carried out in a variety of ways, is the task of all the Christian faithful.” The Church by its very nature is missionary!

If you have an interest in being the hands of Christ to reach out and serve the suffering Christ in his poor please, here write or contact: Mary Jo Kahl. 1640 Ardsley St., Winooski, Vermont, VT 05403. Telephone 336-761-1894.

Father Emil Cook, O.F.M. Conv.
Mission Honduras
Honduras, Central America

(Father Emil is a Conventual Franciscan missionary and a member of Our Lady of Consolation Province, Mount St. Francis, Ind. He has been serv- ing in Honduras for 28 years.)

Concerning sacrifice

My dear sisters, since we have a sacrifice to make, let us make it generously.

“I always find a new sacrifice to make when I think I have reached the end.”

– Mother Theodore Guérin

Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will be beatified (proclaimed “blessed”) by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 25 in ceremonies in St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome.

In order to acquaint readers with the spirit and wisdom of this woman, The Criterion is publishing a series of quotations from Mother Theodore’s writings.

Letter Policies

Letters from readers are welcome and should be informed, relevant, well expressed, concise, tempered in tone, courteous and respectful. The editors reserve the right to select and edit the letters based on space limi- tations, pastoral sensitivity, and content (including spelling and grammar). Frequent writers will ordinarily be lim- ited to one letter every three months. Letters must be signed, but, for se- rious, names may be withheld.

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The inaugural lecture for the new Center for Christian Vocations at the University of Indianapolis, and the ecumenical Service of Blessing for the center is scheduled at 3 p.m. A reception and open house will follow the service in the center offices until 4 p.m. Information: 317-788-2106.

The Eastside Deanery Adoration Chapel at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis has been given a new name—Corpus Christi Adoration Chapel.

"Addressing Problems in the Nursing Home: What You Can Do When It’s Not Working," a seminar sponsored by the United Senior Action Foundation and presented by Seventys Associates, will be held Oct. 27 at United Way, 3901 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The session begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m.

The archdiocesan Office of Worship is recruiting volunteers to serve as the archdiocesan hospitality ministers at major archdiocesan liturgies, including the Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, and priesthood ordinations, beginning in January of 1999. Volunteers must be available to serve several evenings and weekends a year. All volunteers must attend a training session. Those who are interested should contact Christina Tuley at 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483.

A display of 26,000 roses at the Church of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill., will honor the saints and deceased friends and family of Missionary Association members at all Masses held through Nov. 2. The 5 p.m. liturgy on Oct. 31 will be filmed and later broadcast on both KTVI/Channel 2 and the Odyssey Network. Check local listings for broadcast times. As part of the All Souls Day Feast, a Mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 2, and includes a rosary procession. For additional information, contact the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows at 619-397-6700.

“HIV: Taking A New Direction,” a retreat for those infected with HIV/AIDS and their family and friends, will be held Nov. 6 through Nov. 8 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The cost is $25. Those unable to afford the registration fee should contact HIV/AIDS Ministry to arrange a scholarship. Early registration is encouraged. For more information, call HIV/AIDS Ministry at 317-631-4006 or 800-813-0949.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will sing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass Nov. 1 at St. Mary Parish in Frankfort.

The Indiana Citizens for Life Convention will be held Oct. 24 at Best Western Waterfront Plaza in Indianapolis. Everyone involved with the pro-life cause or with pregnancy help centers is invited to attend. The day will include workshops, a lunchcheon, and dinner with guest speaker Carol Everett, former abortion clinic manager from Dallas, Texas, who is now a national-ly-known pro-life speaker. The day begins with registration at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 9 p.m. The cost for the workshops and lunchcheon is $45. Dinner is $25. Special workshops for teens are also planned. The cost for teens is $15. For more information or to register, call 812-474-3195.

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The archdiocesan Office of Worship is recruiting volunteers to serve as the archdiocesan hospitality ministers at major archdiocesan liturgies, including the Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, and priesthood ordinations, beginning in January of 1999. Volunteers must be available to serve several evenings and weekends a year. All volunteers must attend a training session. Those who are interested should contact Christina Tuley at 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483.

A display of 26,000 roses at the Church of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill., will honor the saints and deceased friends and family of Missionary Association members at all Masses held through Nov. 2. The 5 p.m. liturgy on Oct. 31 will be filmed and later broadcast on both KTVI/Channel 2 and the Odyssey Network. Check local listings for broadcast times. As part of the All Souls Day Feast, a Mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 2, and includes a rosary procession. For additional information, contact the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows at 619-397-6700.

“HIV: Taking A New Direction,” a retreat for those infected with HIV/AIDS and their family and friends, will be held Nov. 6 through Nov. 8 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The cost is $25. Those unable to afford the registration fee should contact HIV/AIDS Ministry to arrange a scholarship. Early registration is encouraged. For more information, call HIV/AIDS Ministry at 317-631-4006 or 800-813-0949.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will sing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass Nov. 1 at St. Mary Parish in Frankfort.
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Good Shepherd parishioners prioritize faith formation

Throughout the year, the sign in front of Good Shepherd Church features a variety of brief messages welcoming visitors to the Indianapolis South Deanery faith community located near Garfield Park.

This advertising apparently works quite well because a number of newcomers regularly attend the weekend liturgies there.

Last week’s message promoted the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat for women Oct. 24-25 at Good Shepherd. The CRHP weekend is one of a series of ongoing faith-formation programs that strengthen parish life for people in the 500-household Catholic community.

“We’ve been working hard developing faith-formation and spiritual growth opportunities over the last two or three years, especially as part of the archdiocesan Journey of Hope,” Father Tom Clegg, Good Shepherd’s pastor, explained. “We also participate in faith-formation programs with other parishes. Because Central Catholic School is part of four parishes, we work with the people of Sacred Heart, St. Patrick and Holy Rosary on lots of different activities.”

Parish staff members responded to parishioners’ requests for spiritual growth opportunities by starting a new Catholic Men’s Fellowship Group modeled after a Cincinnati program and offering Christ Renews His Parish for women.

“Our goal is simply to improve the spiritual life of the people of our parish,” pastoral associate Tom Meier said. “We believe people hunger for God and [need] a place where they can talk about their faith.”

To research the men’s spirituality program, a group of men from Good Shepherd Parish traveled to southern Ohio last spring to participate in a one-day Cincinnati Catholic Men’s Fellowship Conference.

“They had excellent speakers, and we came back energized by the conference,” Meier said. “Our steering committee wanted the men of the parish to get to know each other better through spiritual growth opportunities, so we decided to model our men’s group after the one in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. There are similar men’s groups all over the country.”

Addressing the differences between male and female spirituality strengthens parish faith-formation programs, Father Clegg said. “It’s important to give men and women a comfortable environment to express their spirituality. I think treating male and female spirituality the same way does a disservice to both men and women.”

Good Shepherd Parish is known for its friendly environment, he said. As a result, the parish has welcomed a number of new Catholics into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program.

“For a parish our size, with 500 families, we had 25 people come into the Church last year,” Father Clegg said. “This year, we have about 15 people beginning the formation process. I think those are great numbers that show the vibrancy of the people who are wanting to be formed in the faith.”

Meier also attributes Good Shepherd’s steady growth since the new church was completed two years ago to the friendliness of the parish family.

“A real important part of our parish growth has been because of the spirit of the parishioners here,” Meier said. “It’s powerful. People who visit Good Shepherd routinely say there is something special here, and I think that something special is the Holy Spirit operating through the people. It’s a very Benedictine kind of charism, of welcoming everyone as Christ. I think that’s as important

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Good Shepherd Indianapolis

Story and photos by Mary Ann Wyand

Fast Fact:

As part of the archdiocesan Legacy of Hope campaign, Good Shepherd Parish is planning a 24-hour prayer vigil in November. The parish also offers 24-hour visitation in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with advance arrangements so parishioners can pray there at any time of the day or night.
as the faith formation we do once people come to the parish staff and ask how to go about becoming Catholic. It’s what happens in a Christian community when there are personal faith connections.”

The same friendly, family environment is emphasized at Central Catholic School, principal Kathleen Tichenor said. A sign posted above an entry door reminds the children that smiles can change the world.

Tichenor allocates time during faculty staff meetings for the teachers to talk about ways to carry out the school’s philosophy of treating students in loving ways because they are children of God.

“We have about a 30 percent non-Catholic enrollment among our 221 students,” she said. “Most of the teachers could not tell you who is Catholic and who is not. We do make it very clear that we are a Catholic school, first and foremost. All of our students learn religion together, and our non-Catholic children also participate in liturgy processes and help with the liturgies in other ways.”

Teaching spirituality in daily life circumstances includes being “sensitive to the fact that families need our support in terms of prayer and attending Mass,” Tichenor said. “Spirituality is a part of everything we do at school. We start each day with prayer and end each day by reciting the Act of Contrition and the Angel of God. We have a May crowning every year, and during Advent we all gather in the multipurpose room and light the Advent candle.”

Every classroom has a prayer box, she said, which is taken home by a different student each week. “Each prayer box contains a crucifix, a candle and a journal. We send the boxes home with the students and ask the families to use them for family prayer. If they want other families to pray for something special, they can write prayer requests in the journals.”

All the students attend Mass together once a week at Good Shepherd Church, Tichenor said, and they attend a second eucharistic liturgy there every third week in smaller groups. Students also participate in penance services several times a year.

“There is a good kind of feeling among the students at Central Catholic School,” Tichenor said. “We receive a lot of support from all four parishes, and the students know they are special.”

Good Shepherd parishioners enjoy sharing their faith with the school children, she said, and the children like being part of such a warm and welcoming Christian environment.†

Central Catholic School second-grade teacher Margee McHugh (below) discusses the drawing on a student’s religion folder. McHugh was talking with the children about the importance of prayer and making loving choices in daily life situations. Central Catholic School secretary Carolyn DeHoff (left, at right) and office assistant Rosie McMahan admire their portraits drawn by two students as a surprise.
Papal agenda includes ambitious projects

During two decades, pontiff has traveled to 119 countries on more than 80 trips to preach the Gospel, denounce injustice

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As he looks ahead to the third millennium of Christianity, Pope John Paul II is planning a variety of historic trips and meetings.

Next year, Vatican spokesman Joaquim Navarro-Valls said, the pope hopes to travel to Romania to break through the curtain of Catholic-Orthodox tension that hangs over much of Eastern Europe and perhaps pave the way for a visit to Moscow.

The pope also speaks with insistence of his desire to travel to the area of past persecution of Abkhazia, in modern Iraq, and other biblical lands, Navarro-Valls said. A meeting in Sinai, Egypt, between Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders is still on the pope’s wish-list, along with a first visit to Jerusalem to prepare for the jubilee year 2000 with other Christian churches.

Human rights issues are also priorities. The pope who stood up to communists and right-wing dictatorships around the world has, in recent years, been emphasizing that human rights is not just a question for the political order, Navarro-Valls said. The pope has zeroed in on life issues such as abortion, euthanasia and genetic experimentation, and on foreign policy, where he has pushed Catholic social teaching into new areas of bioethics, "traditionalists," promulgated new norms for Catholic universities, and upheld unpopular Church teachings like the pronouncement against artificial birth control. He has also disciplined dissenting theologians and self-styled "intellectual" leaders, naming most of the active bishops of the Catholic hierarchy, naming most of the active bishops with more world leaders, appeared more often on television, and given more press conferences.

He has traveled to 119 countries on more than 80 foreign trips, using the world as a pulpit to preach the Gospel and denounce injustice. At the Vatican and abroad, he has given more speeches than any predecessor and spoken in many languages. He has met with more world leaders, appeared more often on television, and given more press conferences.

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Through all these activities, whether from the altar or on the Internet, Pope John Paul has raised the profile of the Church in the world and made a personal impression on Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

In today’s world, the pope has become the supreme moral authority for humanity. There is no doubt about that. Some may not agree with specific teachings, but if they look closely, they discover that these teachings are linked to the pope’s deep vision of salvation, and are not just a rigid set of rules,” said Cardinal Joseph Tomko, head of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and one of the pope’s closest advisers.

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Civility evolves from respect, trust, flexibility

Faith Alive!

By Fr. John W. Crossin, O.F.S.F.

Civility most certainly is a virtue. It is a key dimension of Christian character. It is a virtue society greatly needs today.

In following political campaigns or political scandals, in watching television and listening to the radio, we easily can learn the language of incivility. Exaggeration easily slides into public discussion. Then an opponent becomes a “liar,” “a Nazi,” an “extremist” or “narrow-minded.”

Civility is absent from such harmful affronts to a person’s integrity or character.

We treat others civility because we respect them. Each person is made in God’s image. Each person is specially loved by God. God loves each person so much that Jesus gave his life for all humanity.

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What blocks communication between people? What Do we hold a number of absolute positions? A variety of personality factors might motivate us here. Perhaps these positions:

• reflect a dogmatism we tend to exhibit,
• or reflect our need for security in an unstable and changing world.
• or have resulted from a spiritual pilgrimage which successfully has grasped some hard truths.

Civility is a virtue and a key dimension to Christian character. People who are gracious show generosity of spirit.

Civility: A virtue is a common search for truth. But our search will not proceed in common without a touch of humility on the part of all involved.

Recognizing that I might not have the whole truth or may be acting in a self-centered way requires personal insight and introspection.

Civility shows respect for human dignity even when we disagree with them. It shows respect for human dignity even when we disagree with them.

Our own personal feelings. We hear what was said in a different tone than it was said. We misunderstand because of our own fears or pride. What trust enhances communication.

We also are accustomed to such exaggerations from advertisers. These are routinely described as “the best.”

So it’s probably not surprising that our media interviews often emphasize the extremes rather than balance and moderation. Points of view are presented by their most radical and inflammatory representatives even if these speakers only represent a handful of people.

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In civility, we:

• show respect for others. respect his or her views and the fact that this person may have been right or is right.
• listen carefully to others to grasp their reasoning and their understanding to better discern their viewpoints.
• Presume the best motivation in others.
• Seek the kernel of truth in what they say.
• People are still worthy of respect and love even when they are mistaken!

Thus civility avoids hyperbole and sticks to the facts in a discussion.

The fact is that we are accustomed to hyperbole in our televised speeches and in seminars at a sporting event, such as a Super Bowl or World Series, being described by the media as “historic.” Such is not the stuff of history or of recreation.

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Conflict is thought to sell newspapers, magazines or TV shows.

When we speak in anger, we speak hastily. We need to listen when the other person is speaking instead of interrupting to make a point.

Bill and Arlene Casey of Matteson, Ill., recommend these principles for resolving family disagreements:

• Humility—if we are really after “the truth,” we both have to admit the possibility that we could be wrong.
• Caution—we need to remember that the relationship is important and we must choose our words carefully and listen well so we hear and understand what is being said.
• Respect—we need to remind ourselves that this person is so loved by God that Christ gave his life for him or her.

It takes discipline to remain civil to others.

How do families keep the channels of communication open when tempers flare? It takes discipline to remain civil with loved ones in the face of anger.

By Andrew and Terri Lyke

Civility is a virtue and a key dimension to Christian character. People who are gracious show generosity of spirit.

At a conference this past spring, I met a man who recently turned to ministry in a parish after years in the business world. He asked me what he found to be the biggest difference between the two worlds.

His answer was that people in the Church were much more committed to their work. They had a deeper emotional investment.

His answer points positively to people’s depth of commitment to the faith. But it also alerts us to our own need for civility within the Christian community.

Since we are so deeply committed, we can have a tendency to dismiss the views of others who disagree with us. In a sense, we can personally excommunicate them.

Long ago, St. Paul witnessed similar difficulties among the Christians in Corinth. He urged them to find wisdom in focusing on Christ.

Civility most certainly is a virtue for our Church and society. Its respect for human dignity is rooted in our deepest understanding of salvation in Jesus Christ. For Jesus died and rose for the salvation of all.

(Oblate Father John W. Crossin is executive director of Walking in Virtue: Moral Decisions and Spiritual Growth in Daily Life, will be published by Paulist Press in December.)
The pope's efforts to change Catholic attitudes toward Jews

The book The Hidden Pope, by Darcy O'Brien, focuses on the work of Jerzy Kurzynski, which Jerzy Kurzynski and a fellow Jew, Dr. Ignacy Deskur, who was also a priest, in playing bridge with Cardinals Andrzej Wajnczuk and Cardinal Christiano Gamba, who was his uncle in the religious congregation of the Pontifical Council for Social Communication and I was president of the Interfaith Institute, a Lilly Endowment program for the study of Religion. The conference was sponsored by the Louisville Institute, a Lilly Endowment program for the study of American religion. James W. Lewis and Diane B. Miller, who spoke at the conference, described the conference as an opportunity for religious leaders to “think together about the financing of American religion and what it means for the faith of believers and the lives of congregations and denominations.”

According to Lewis and Miller, in recent years, a number of church leaders have turned their attention to basic questions concerning the financing of religion in the United States. “Silence,” they say, “these scholars have found little consensus on such fundamental questions as: Why do people give to church? Why do Protestants give more than Catholics? Why do denominations give more than mainline Protestants. Here are some of the facts: 1) Real per capita giving to churches has increased in the last 30 years, giving as a percent of income has declined. 2) In most churches, 75 percent of the income comes from a minuscule number of members. 3) People who pledge give more than people who don’t, and 4) Protestants give more than Catholics, even after controlling for denominational differences give more than mainline Protestants. Here are some of the “cross-cutting theories”: 1) Differences in giving patterns between Catholics and Protestants (and among Protestant denominations) are not easy to explain. In fact, most researchers agree that differences in giving habits are deeply imbedded in the theological and cultural patterns that define different religious groups. In other words, Catholics give less than Protestants because of the way they think, believe, worship and interact with one another as Catholics. 2) Although churches often discuss the relationship between theology and money, there are significant, implicit differences among churches in the ways they understand and relate to money. 3) More involvement in the church almost always involves increased giving. But not the kind of involvement that there has been a “crisis” in the financing of American religion, and 5) this kind of crisis is more of a leadership crisis than a financial crisis. And here are the main unanswered questions: first, are there an across-the-board financial (or leadership) crisis among churches in the United States? If so, do they have a problem? If they do, what is it? And if we do about it? In my next column, I’ll offer some reflections on these two unanswered questions.

Dun Conway is director of stewardship and development for the Archdiocese of Chicago.
The Book of Sirach supplies the first reading. Long popular among readers of the Scriptures, and certainly in the context of God and faith, the book of Sirach is atypical of biblical writings for it gives the name of its author. He was Ben- Sira, the son of Sira. Sirach is one of those fascinating, and theologically abundant, books called the Wisdom Literature. As was the case with the others, Sirach attempts to meet human logic and deep understanding with revealed truths about God.

All through their history, even in the glory of David and Solomon, God’s Chosen People had to face poverty and unfairness in their midst. The situation was much worse at some times than others. Prophehs often addressed the issue of want, persecution and catastrophe. They sought to put hand of fortune unchanged source into the context of God and faith.

This is the effort of Ben-Sira, classi- cally not one of the Holy Writings but nonetheless as spokesman for God’s truth, in this book and specifically in his weekend’s first reading.

A deep reasoning lies beneath the reading. God hears especially the prayer of the poor. In the words of the reading, such prayer “pierces” the clouds and reaches the glory of David and Solomon, God’s devoted. They believed that the ills of life some could not have cared less. Some could not have cared less, and some were not cared for. The Pharisees, however, were very devoted. They believed that the ill of life could be overcome, and a sign of observance of God’s law occurred, in each person’s individual life and in the society as a whole. Thus they demanded an absolute, exact attention to the law. In the story in this weekend’s Gospel, the Pharisee was praying in the temple because the law required him to pray. Jesus, however, wanted not just lip ser-

God Delights in Shaping Us

It’s a lump of clay, the size you can get in a box. Not big enough to form much, but I’m sure that’s not the exercise. It’s all about molding and shaping, you see. Me and the clay. God and me.

You can shape such a small mass. The first outcome of my artisitic efforts was a bowl. I’m unaccustomed with clay, but was able to form a bowl fairly easily. Later, while waiting on “hold” for a telephone conversation, I flattened the clay into a pancake. A coffee cup with a decorative engraving of a labyrinth was at hand, so I panned the pancake against the mug. Slowly peeling back the clay, it became the image of the case. I’m sure that’s not the exercise.

The telephone connection interrupted the exercise. Later, feeling somewhat angry, I pierced the clay with my finger-nails. The next day, I shaped it into a mug. Slowly peeling back the clay, it became the image of the case. I’m sure that’s not the exercise.

As I indicated, this explanation in no way reflects negatively on the Church’s doctrine concerning the perpetual virgini- ty of the mother of Jesus and that she had no other children. As I am speaking here about Catholic belief.†

Scholars believe Jesus had step-brothers, sisters

Early Christian documents, among them the second-century Gospel of Peter and the Protevangelium of James, identify the “brothers” of Jesus as children of a union before his marriage to Mary. While these “Gospels” are not in our canon of Scripture, they are valuable win- dow into the theological beliefs of the first 100 to 200 years of Christianity. And their view of the matter still seems most probable. If the theory is true, and Joseph was deceased before Jesus began his public life, it helps explain why Mary would have accompanied these brothers and sisters, and perhaps even raised them. As most of us are aware, there has been a long scholarly debate concerning the Christian devo- tion that Joseph was somewhat older than Mary. If that is true, an earlier marriage could be one of the reasons.

As I indicated, this explanation in no way reflects negatively on the Church’s doctrine concerning the perpetual virgini- ty of the mother of Jesus and that she had no other children. As I am speaking here about Catholic doctrine. Some later pri- vate revelations, from the Middle Ages up to the 19th century, began to stress the opinion that Joseph, like Mary, lived a virgin life before and after Christ’s birth. This led to the decline of the old “previous marriage” theory.

Whatever the case, private revelations to saints or other visionaries about details of Joseph’s life may be fascinating. They are not, however, a necessary part of Catholic belief.†

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

October 23-25
The Office for Youth and Family Ministries will sponsor a conference on bereavement for those who have lost a spouse through death or divorce to attend a Beginning Experience weekend at New Horizons Ministry on Bereavement for Those Who Have Experienced the Loss of a Spouse. Information: 317-447-1591 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1591.

October 24
St. Michael Ladies Club, Greenfield, 519 Jefferson Blvd., will hold a holiday bazaar in the activity center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring crafts, baskets, candles and baked goods.

The Office for Youth and Family Ministries will sponsor a conference on bereavement for those who have lost a loved one through death. The conference will be held at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis, 1400 N. Meridian, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost: $10/person at the door, $8/person presale. Information: 317-826-6000.

October 25
Rexville Scooterrent will present “Everyday Sanctity,” at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. located on 925 South, 8 miles east of 421 S. 12 miles south of Versailles. Information: 812-609-3551.

St. Mauritius Archabbey in Saint Meinrad has scheduled a Monte Cassino pilgrimage. “My Spirit Rejoices in God, My Savior,” with Benedictine Father Patrick Cooney, beginning at 2 p.m. The shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Highway 62. Information: 800-682-0988.

Secuencia Montessori High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Nowland Ave., will hold its annual “Fall Cleaning” from noon-5 p.m., and is seeking volunteers to help with yard work, light painting and other chores. Lunch or an early dinner will be served. Information: 317-352-3922.

October 28
Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis, will host M. Desmond Ryan, Ph.D., executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, who will discuss “Catholic and Christian: Exercising Your Right to Vote in a Secular World.” From 7 to 9 p.m. at the conference room of Christ the King School, 5855 N. Meridian Ave.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis, 126 W. Georgia St., will host eucharistic adoration for one hour immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4. Information: 317-635-2021.

October 30
St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 1141 Hague Rd., will celebrate a Charismatic Mass at 7 p.m.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a bingo extravaganza at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 712 S. and Keystone Ave., Indianapolis. Information: 317-872-6420.

Little Flower Parish Ladies Club, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., will host a Card and Card Party in the social hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. Desserts will be served at 1 p.m. Cost: $5 at the door. Activities include a Sween Booth, euchre and other games. Information: Pat Gandolph, 317-357-5757, or Rita Gibson, 317-359-5717.

October 31
St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, will host a winter coat and sweater sale from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Lawrence Church, 46th St. and Shadeland Ave. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

November 1
Holy Trinity Parish, Indianapolis, 2618 W. St. Clair St., will host a Polka-Mass and Dance. Mass begins at noon, the dance is from 2:5 p.m. Information: 317-852-9850, Steve and Phyllis Fos.
Tuesdays
Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, meets from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West.
Shepherds of Christ Associates pray for priests and religious, the rosary and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., holds prayer group from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This includes the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, pro-life prayers, prayers for vocations and special intentions.

Wednesdays
Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group has rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and consecration from 3-4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, behind St. Michael Church. Information: 317-271-8016.

Thursdays
St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, hosts adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gathering at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and consecrate to Jesus and Mary.

St. Patrick Parish, Salem, Shelby St., holds a prayer service, 7 p.m.

Fridays
St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, holds adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, hosts adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

A pro-life rosary is recited at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women’s Services, Inc., 2215 Disputers Dr., Indianapolis.

Satrurdays
A pro-life rosary is recited at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

Monthly
First Sundays
St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group meets in the church from 7:30-8 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays
The Guardian Angel Guild holds its board meeting, Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center Benedictine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays
Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., between St. Michael Church and Cardinal Ritter High School, holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession at 6:45 p.m.

St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., will hold Holy Hour for religious vocations with Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.
Public policy advocates create workers’ rights manual

CHICAGO (CNS)—Religious and governmental public policy advocates have unveiled the first comprehensive manual identifying workers’ rights with abusive employers. Representatives from the Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues, Women’s Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, and union groups held an Oct. 8 news conference releasing the “Worker Rights Manual,” a compilation of the rights of the employed when confronted with workplace mistreatment ranging from overtime pay problems, religious discrimination and finding an affordable lawyer. “For the religious community, it’s a question of justice. Too often, we forget about the thousands of workers suffering in their workplaces,” said the Rev. Richard Bundy, director of the Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues.

World Pope emphasizes women’s diverse social roles

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II emphasized the diverse social roles of women and paid tribute to a global organization promoting nutrition. In a message published in the pope’s name on Oct. 16, the annual World Food Day, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, praised the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and noted that the agency’s theme for this year’s observances was “Women Feed the World.”

PEOPLE “Saving Private Ryan” and singer Rosemary Clooney win awards

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Singer Rosemary Clooney, the movie “Saving Private Ryan,” and the ABC television drama “The Practice” have been named winners of this year’s Catholics in Media Associates Awards. Clooney will get the group’s lifetime achievement award at a Nov. 1 brunch in Los Angeles following a Mass celebrat- ed by Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles.

TV newsmen urges a return to the ‘common goals’ of yesteryear

NEW YORK (CNS)—Tom Brokaw, anchor of NBC Nightly News, urged those attending the annual Al Smith dinner in New York to address the character issue in contempo- rary American society by recalling the achievements of the World War II generation. He said Americans today feel an “underlying anxiety” about “where we are as a nation” at the approach of a new century and millennium. The country would be helped, Brokaw suggested, by recalling the gener- ation that was reaching adulthood 60 years ago, in 1938, when the effects of the Great Depression were still felt and Germany was moving along the road that would lead to war and theNotEmpty to determine the Jews. He recounted the stories of a number of individuals and couples from that generation that he had talked with in years past. And he said they were able to meet the challenges of their era with an awareness of possessing “common ground” despite their disagreements and of working for “common goals.”

Cardinal from Bosnia-Herzegovina receives 1998 Notre Dame Award

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (CNS)—Cardinal Vinko Puljic of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, was in South Bend Oct. 7 to receive the 1998 Notre Dame Award, and he urged his Fighting Irish audience to keep fighting for justice and peace. Cardinal Puljic, who at age 53 is the youngest car- dinal in the Catholic Church, was presented the award for his ecumenical efforts to oppose ethnic and religious divi- sion in Bosnia-Herzegovina. “He is a remarkable and out- standing man of peace,” said Holy Cross Father Edward Molloy, president of the University of Notre Dame. Father Molloy urged Americans to take up the cause of peace in this region still torn by ethnic fighting.

(These briefs were compiled from reports by Catholic News Service.)
By Margaret Nelson

Lawrence J. “Larry” Hurt, visual arts instructor at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, has been named the 1999 Teacher of the Year for the state of Indiana. A member of St. Christopher Parish in Speedway, Hurt has served as director of music there since 1979. “As far as I know, there hasn’t been an art person chosen as Teacher of the Year for the state,” Hurt said. “I find that particularly significant right now due to the move for major school improvements.”

Hurt, and the other 57 teachers who were nominated this year, will be honored by the Indiana Department of Education at a dinner on Nov. 4 at the Omni North Hotel in Indianapolis. He will also represent the state next year in a national competition conducted by the Indiana Department of Education.

“I believe teaching is a vocation, not an occupation,” he said. “It’s about inspiring learning; it’s about caring; it’s about meeting students wherever they are in their lives. They want to learn, and need teachers, guides, counselors and friends who will help them along their journey. It’s a daunting task, but I can’t ever see myself doing anything else.”

“Chosen for 13 years as Seniors’ Choice teacher by the graduating class at Ben Davis, Hurt brings students with special needs into the high school art rooms one morning each month. They share art lessons and their life stories with students in a peer-tutoring environment. He also originated the daylong Arts Alive Festival, a students’ showcase of visual and performing arts that has attracted nearly 5,000 visitors to the school biannually for 15 years.”

“I teach because young people are energizing, and I believe they need to develop a lifelong love of learning and a hopeful vision of the future,” Hurt said. “Only when students feel affirmed is it possible to move them into new areas of growth. I think good teaching is about helping them negotiate that path.”

“After 20 years, Hurt recently visited Virginia Burton, an Ohio teacher who inspired him to go into teaching. In the midst of the conversation, I found out she was Catholic,” he said, adding that he hadn’t realized she shared his Catholic faith. “During the visit, he saw that she was still a strong, creative teacher, even though she was ill.”

“Teaching never leaves you, no matter what goes on in the world or in your life,” Hurt said. “It’s exciting to know you can make that kind of difference.”

The St. Christopher Parish boundaries include part of Ben Davis’ territory, so some of Hurt’s students are involved in the parish choir.

At St. Christopher, Hurt has served as choral director, organist and pianist. He also has served as director and program coordinator for the local chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians for eight years. He was co-chair of the 1986 regional convention and co-chair of the 1997 national convention in Indianapolis.

For eight years, Hurt also served on the Saint Meinrad Seminary summer session alumni board. It was at the seminary that he began studies for a Master of Divinity degree. For four years, he was a member of St. Meinrad’s communications advisory committee.

Hurt served on the archdiocesan art and architecture committee for two years. Hurt also has served on dozens of boards and committees in the arts and education communities, including the Clowes Hall educational advisory committee and three years on the Young Audiences/Arts Partners steering committee.

He recently participated in an exploration of collaboration between the Arts Indiana in the Classroom and Cable in the Classroom programs.

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