Blessed Mother Theodore: ‘a model of the best of womanhood’

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(The following is Pope John Paul II’s text delivered at the beatification ceremonies of Mother Theodore Guérin.)

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was always humble and gave God credit for all the good she did. “Her trust in her provident God was ever present in her life. In founding the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, she called upon God’s providence in all things. In her words, “Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence,” she recognized that all she did was in God’s loving care.

“In the midst of trial and suffering, she embraced her crosses with full confidence that God would provide. She refused God no sacrifice that he asked of her.

“Her life was a perfect blend of humanness and holiness. She was fully human, fully alive, yet her deep spirituality was woven visibly through the very fabric of her life.

“This woman, Mother Theodore Guérin, is indeed a woman for our time. She is a model of the best of womanhood. We present her to the world this day as blessed.”


Below: Sisters of Providence and others gather Oct. 25 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to celebrate the beatification. The liturgy followed Mother Theodore’s beatification by Pope John Paul II.
Mother Theodore knew as a child she wanted to be a nun

At age 25, Anne-Thérèse Guérin joined the Providence order at Ruillé-sur-Loir, France

“What strength the soul draws from prayer! In the midst of a storm, how sweet is the sight from God’s heart!” These words, written by Mother Theodore Guérin after surviving a violent storm at sea, perhaps best exemplify her life and ministry. Mother Theodore drew strength from prayer.

Mother Theodore—Anne-Thérèse Guérin—was born on Oct. 2, 1798, in the village of Étables in France. Her devotion to God and to the Roman Catholic Church began when she was a young child. She was allowed to receive her First Communion at the age of 10 and, at that time, told the parish priest that someday she would be a nun.

When Anne-Thérèse was 15 years old, her father was murdered by bandits as he traveled home to visit his family. The loss of her husband nearly overwhelmed Isabelle and, for many years, Anne-Thérèse accepted the responsibility of caring for her mother and her young sister, as well as the family’s home and garden. Anne-Thérèse was nearly 25 years old when she entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir, France, a young community of women religious who served as teachers and cared for the sick poor.

While teaching and caring for the sick in France, Mother Theodore, then known as Sister St. Theodore, was asked to lead a small missionary band of Sisters of Providence to the United States of America to establish a motherhouse and novitiate, to open schools and to share the love of God with pioneers in the Diocese of Vincennes in the state of Indiana.

Humble and prone to feelings of unworthiness, Mother Theodore could not imagine that she was suitable for such a mission. In addition, her health was fragile, and she was able to consume only soft, bland foods and liquids. Her physical condition added to her doubts about accepting the mission to the United States. Nevertheless, after hours of prayer and lengthy consultations with her superiors, she accepted the mission.

Equipped with little more than a steadfast desire to serve God, Mother Theodore and her five companion sisters arrived at the site of their mission at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana in 1840, and immediately hastened along a muddy, narrow path to the tiny log cabin that served as the chapel and as the dwelling place for a priest.

There they knelt in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to thank God for their safe journey and to ask for God’s blessings for the new mission.

On this, on this, rainie-cut, densely forested land, Mother Theodore would establish a motherhouse, a school and a legacy of love, mercy and justice that continues to this day.

Throughout years of sorrow and years of peace, Mother Theodore relied on God’s Providence and her own ingenuity and faith for counsel and guidance.

She urged Sisters of Providence: “Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence.”

In the midst of a storm, how sweet is the sight of God’s love and guidance to those who love God’s Providence and her own ingenuity and faith for counsel and guidance.

Mother Theodore said, “With Jesus, what shall we have to fear?”

During the early years at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Mother Theodore encountered numerous trials: prejudice against Catholics and, especially, against Catholic women religious; betrayals; mis-understandings; the separation of the congregation in Indiana from the one in Ruillé; a devastating fire that destroyed an entire harvest, leaving the sisters destitute and hungry; and frequent life-threatening illnesses.

Still she persevered, desiring only “In all and everywhere may the will of God be done.”

Less than a year after arriving at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Mother Theodore opened the congregation’s first academy, which now is known as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

In 1842, she established schools at Jasper and St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village in Indiana and at St. Francisville, Ill.

By the time of her death on May 14, 1856, Mother Theodore had opened schools in towns throughout Indiana, and the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence was strong, viable and respected.

Mother Theodore is buried in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception, the conventual church of the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, houses the remains of Blessed Mother Theodore.

W herever Sisters of Providence minister and live, the past, present and future are woven into a colorful and sturdy tapestry of tradition, faith and mission. The Sisters of Providence, founded in France by Mother Theodore Guérin, who established the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840, is the thread that strengthens and sustains the tapestry.

In an image of Sisters of Providence and their influence on people and places where they live and minister throughout the world, African-American children can be seen discussing the individual threads and by knowing the congregation’s mission statement. In all ministries, Sisters of Providence strive “to honor Divine Providence and to further God’s loving plans by devoting themselves to works of love, mercy and justice in service among God’s people.”

In the beginning, led by Mother Theodore, Sisters of Providence brought opportunities for education and worship to settlers in Indiana. In 1920, six Sisters of Providence represented the first congregation of women religious from the United States to establish a mission in China. In 1948, when the People’s Republic of China began its rule, the sisters moved from China to Taiwan, where they ministered until 2013.

During the civil rights movement in the United States, Sisters of Providence ventured to the deep South to teach African-American children, and to supervisory positions in schools and parishes as they continue to offer opportunities of hope, education and spiritual growth.

Sisters of Providence seek to end violence, and they seek justice for all people.

Currently, Sisters of Providence minister in 25 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and the West Indies in such fields as education, health care and retirement services; diocesan and parish services and social justice services, with national organizations and other religious communities, and as counselors and spiritual directors.

Sisters also minister at the motherhouse in staff and administrative positions.

The congregation maintains three sponsored institutions: Mother Theodore Guérin High School at River Grove, Ill., and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and Woods Day Care/Preschool, both at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The congregation’s sponsored ministries include Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries, serving individuals and families in the communities of New Albany, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Terre Haute, all in Indiana, and others in Chicago.

Legacy of Mother Theodore continues today

Mother Theodore’s memorial in the community’s cemetery. A Latin inscription reads, “I sleep, but my heart watches over this house which I have built.”

The farm house that the six pioneering sisters and two postulants shared with the Thralls family, the owners, in 1840.

The first academy, which would later grow to become Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States.

‘With Jesus, what shall we have to fear?’
New book published on Mother Theodore’s life

By William R. Bruns

A new biography of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin has recently been published by the Office of Congregational Advancement, S.P., the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Mother Theodore Guérin—whose life was characterized by constant faith in God’s Providence and unwavering devotion to prayer, to the Eucharist and to Mary, the mother of Jesus—founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840.

During the nearly 16 years of her life in the United States, Mother Theodore, who was born in 1788 and died in 1856, established Catholic schools throughout the state of Indiana and, in the process, was loved and respected by people of all religions.

Recognizing the love and holiness that permeated Mother Theodore’s actions, the people considered her to possess saintly qualities. Mother Theodore’s deep and everlasting spirituality was reflected in her eyes, in her gentle smile, in her presence, in her every action, word and deed.

The cause for the beatification and canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin began in September 1909 when Bishop Francis Chautard, bishop of the then Diocese of Indianapolis, approved the opening of the informative process.

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The Positio was approved by the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints in July 1972.

The study of Mother Theodore’s life continued with interviews and research in dioceses in France and Indiana.

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Penny Blatter Mitchell, editor, author and editor of the Providence Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, wrote the life of a study of Mother Theodore’s life. The end of this 19th century middle-aged French religious who successfully struggled in the Indiana wilderness to establish a congregation of religious women who would meet the needs of the poor, the sick and the uneducated in a rugged pioneer church. A women religious who would eventually become the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Blatter Mitchell reveals Mother Theodore as a complex woman who trustingly abandons her life to Divine Providence while tackling everyday challenges with the wit and pragmatic wisdom of a highly educated Breton. The subtitle of the book, “A Woman for Our Time,” perhaps best captures the essence of the woman who was Mother Theodore Guérin. When she saw a need, she adapted her life and her circumstances to meet the need—always with a great love for and trust in the God she called Providence.

In her introduction, Blatter Mitchell says that Mother Theodore was “an ordinary woman who was able to attain extraordinary accomplishments.” And the author makes the point that Mother Theodore, the leauph and foundress of a congregation of women religious, was also a “teacher, administrator, businesswoman, farmer, builder, nurse, care giver, daughter, friend, mother of hearts and souls, woman of faith, woman of Providence.”

Mother Theodore’s life in the 19th century, so filled with everyday worries, joys and cares, was not at all unlike our own lives at the end of the 20th century. She met the challenges facing her by placing her trust in God. All in all, Mother Theodore Guérin is a role model, a hero, for all of us—women and men—today. If only we could consistently follow her example.

This book is highly recommended for anyone wanting to learn more about this newest Beat of Our Church who is truly “a woman for our time.”

(Mother Theodore Guérin: A Woman for Our Time sells for $8.95 plus tax and shipping and is available from The Gift Shop, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana 47876, 812-535-3111, ext. 143. A children’s book and audiocassette, The Story of Notre-Dame de Travès, is also available from The Gift Shop for $8.95 plus tax and shipping. It was written by Providence Sisters Brendan Harvey and Beatrice Hoberg and illustrated by Providence Sister Adelaide Ortega. It tells the story of Mother Theodore’s childhood in France.)

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**U.S. saints include only one who is native born**

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In its declarations of sainthood, the Catholic Church recognizes the sanctity of these “servants of God,” declaring they are with God in heaven and worthy of universal veneration. Churches and altars are named in their honor.

Six of the eight French Jesuits—all missionaries among the Huron and Iroquois Indians—were priests; one was a lay brother and one a lay volunteer.

The eighth martyr to New York, the others in Canada. Beatified in 1930, canonized, Oct. 19.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917); Italian foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart; emigrated to America in 1889, establishing a convent in New York to work among Italian immigrants; became a U.S. citizen in 1909, founded more than 50 convents in eight countries. Beatified in 1938, canonized, 1946. Feast day: Nov. 13.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821); born into upper-class family in colonial New York; widowed in 1803 and left bankrupt with five children; converted to Catholicism in 1805; founded the Sisters of Charity in the United States in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Md. Beatified in 1963; canonized, 1975. Feast day: Jan. 4.

St. John Neumann (1811-1860); Bohemian-born missionary ordained in New York shortly after his arrival in 1836, admitted to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in 1840 and professed as a Redemptorist in 1842; served in Pittsburgh and Baltimore; appointed fourth bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. Beatified in 1963; canonized, 1977. Feast day: Jan. 5.

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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680); member of the Mohawks for her piety and good works; cause opened, 1932; declared venerable, 1943; beatified, 1980.

Jesus Father John Paret, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auburn, N.Y., and cause vice postulator, said three or four reported miracles have been rejected in Rome.

But he said one that occurred four years ago following prayers to Blessed Katharine—restoration of sight in the eye of a Georgia boy blind by a screwdriver—is promising. He hopes the boy’s family, initially unwilling to cooperate, will authorize release of medical records.

Blessed Junipero Serra (1713-1784); Spanish-born missions in California; cause opened, 1934; declared venerable, 1985; beatified, 1988.

Franciscan Brother Timothy Arthur, archivist of the Province of St. Barbara in Santa Barbara, Calif., said there are two “possible cures” currently under investigation. One involves an East Coast religious brother—in an acute medical situation and expected to die—who recovered completely after prayers to Blessed Junipero. The other involves a Southern California man who was a woman who was given a year to live. He prayed before a hospital chapel window dedicated by Blessed Junipero prior to the diagnosis and has been in remission for three years.


The second reported miracle, a cure of deafness in a toddler born with nerve deafness, is now under review in Rome, according to Father Alexander Palmieri, cause vicar and postulator of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. The cure occurred after prayers to Blessed Katharine.

Blessed Mother Theodore (Anne Thérèse) Guérin (1798-1856); member of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Ireland.

Holy Cross sisters in Cork, Ireland.

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For a list of the five, go to www.catholicnews.com/archive/catholicnews/1999/11/1619991111-catholicnews.html

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Father Solanus Casey, a simplex Capuchin priest and postulator of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in New York and Detroit, was declared venerable in 1995. The declaration ended the Church investigation into his life. A miracle attributed to his intercession must be approved before beatification, the next step to sainthood.

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**Blessing of remains**

Father Bernard Head, former chaplain to the Sisters of Providence, blesses the remains of Mother Theodore, when they were transferred for the first time to the floor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Feb. 1, 1989. Providence Sister Nancy Nolan, former general superior, stands at right.

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Blessing of remains
Walking in the footsteps of Christ

Sisters from India establish convent in Indianapolis

By Margaret Nelson

When the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in India, a community of about 500 women, wanted to establish a convent in the U.S., Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein invited them to consider this archdiocese. After visiting several possible places last May, they decided to settle in Indianapolis near Holy Trinity Parish. Three sisters will begin the Indianapolis house: Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ushatta Mary, Elsa Mary, and Christabel Mary. They are living with Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters at Marian College until they move into their new home near St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis this month. They will live in the former Cardinal Ritter High School Convent, which now contains the first-floor chapel for perpetual adoration.

Transportation to Holy Trinity Daycare and Kindergarten, where they will work, is being arranged.

Sisters Ushatta Mary and Christabel Mary, licensed teachers, have been working with the children at Holy Trinity. Sister Elsa Mary is a nurse, who will work at the daycare in the mornings and at the Westside Community Health Center in the afternoons to earn her local credentials.

“Everyone is nice to us here,” said Sister Elsa Mary. “We like to work with you.”

Asked about the differences in the two countries, she said, “The training is different. Here, children enjoy more freedom.”

Sister Christabel Mary teaches 5-year-olds at the Holy Trinity pre-kindergarten. She said that in India, the 5-year-olds are in “first standard,” similar to our first grade.

“The method of teaching here sounds very good. The practical learning centers help the children to understand the subject more clearly. Such situations are rare in India,” said Sister Ushatta.

“Here, people are so generous. They always encourage each other,” she said. She explained that several parents and parishioners said they were glad that the children had religious sisters working with them.

The sisters were pleased that All Saints elementary school, which serves several West Deanery parishes, has also asked for them to help out.

Of India, Sister Ushatta Mary said, "Everyone is nice to us here," said Sister Elsa Mary. "We like to work with you."
They said the Franciscan sisters at Marian College in Indianapolis are “making us feel at home and happy.” Sister Christabel Mary said, “Their hospitality—we couldn’t explain it in words. We pray for them always.”

Sister Ushatta Mary was the mother superior when she came in May. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, took them to several sites. She said that the Little Sisters of the Poor lovingly “cared for us” during their stay. “They are very dear to us.” The sisters from India said that they don’t see the poor beg on the streets here as they do in their homeland.

“The churches are helping so many poor people—giving means to people who have no means,” said Sister Ushatta Mary. She explained that social services are growing in India, too. “Our founder believed in educating poor people according to the needs of society,” she said.

“When we go to a parish, we see what they need. Through education, health care and social services, we inculcate the spiritual and moral values of human life and its eternity. Through parish work, we impart the love of God we experience in our daily life,” said Sister Ushatta Mary.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary expect the two other sisters who join them to study at Marian College. Besides teaching and health care, Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are trained counselors and physicians.

The sisters list their charisms as preferential love for the poor and evangelical simplicity and poverty. The members of the congregation are expected to show the same love as Christ had for the poor. They must be happy to spend themselves in the service of all, particularly those who suffer poverty, distress and contempt of the world. It is exercised by education of the poor, care and help to the sick and social service according to the needs of the Church.

As to poverty, like St. Francis, the life of the sisters is to be a generous and perfect response to God, who called them for an intense personal commitment to follow the simple and poor Christ of the Gospel.
Cardinal recommends ways to form priests

By John F. Fink

According to Benedictine Father Mark O’Keefe, president rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, the recurring question at an international consultation on priestly formation was, “What might priestly formation of the future look like?”

Father Mark and Fred Hofheinz, program director for religion at Lilly Endowment Inc. and a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, were among 60 delegates and 15 observers from throughout the world at the consultation at the American College of Louvain, affiliated with Louvain University in Belgium. They told The Criterion that they were impressed by the keynote address delivered by Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Mechelen-Brussels, Belgium. In that address, as reported last week, the Cardinal discussed five reasons why there is a scarcity of vocations to the priesthood in Western Europe and North America.

He then gave his recommendations for forming priests for the future, discussing human, intellectual, theological and spiritual formation.

Regarding human formation, he noted that young people today don’t seem to mature as quickly as they once did. “Adolescence is going on forever nowadays, it seems to me. You can be an adolescent until you are 20, 25, 30.”

The cardinal said that today we must face the fact that many young people no longer have any foundations, that “all kinds of philosophy have been thrown out the window” and “moral subjectivity reigns: What’s good? Well, whatever gives me a good feeling. What’s bad? Well, it’s what harms me.”

Because of this, he said, seminary rectors “need to try to find a balance between law and liberty since many seminarians have a problem in that area.”

He said one of the biggest difficulties for young seminarians is accepting and learning how to live with authority, and when one hasn’t learned in the seminary how to situate oneself with regard to authority, the relationship priests later have with Rome becomes a serious issue.

He discussed celibacy, saying that seminarians need to understand that not many of their friends and acquaintances are going to understand the importance of celibacy in the priesthood.

“The only real motivation for celibacy,” he said, “is being faithful to the total imitation of Christ. All other arguments for celibacy fall before this one.”

As for intellectual formation, he said, “We need intelligent, generous and prayerful priests, but never should one quality exist to the exclusion of the other.”

Cardinal Danneels said he is absolutely convinced that philosophical background is essential for a priest “because subjectivism is omnipresent.”

He said that he found too many men coming to the seminary in his diocese unprepared intellectually. Therefore, he now requires a year of initiation “for catching up in three major areas: First, in the content of our faith they need to be given a catechism; second, they need to learn dogma; and third, they need to learn liturgy, the psalms and the Bible.”

For theological formation, the cardinal said that seminarians must explain theological methods and teach the relationship between revelation and human thought, between science and faith, and between philosophy and faith.

He said that theological formation is based on two things: the Bible and liturgy. Two other important points that he believes are necessary are ecclesiology and sacramentology. For morality, he said that “it is absolutely essential to insist on the objective aspects of good and evil. Good and evil are not concepts that can be manipulated. … Morality, which allows the individual to be the arbiter of what is good and what is evil, is disastrous for life in society.”

The cardinal advocated three years of vigorous intellectual training and one year of pastoral theory and practice in a four-year program for a school of theology.

For spiritual formation, the cardinal said that, in his opinion, “only one thing is important: to teach seminarians about the Bible and the liturgy.”

He said that theological formation is ring true for Father Mark, who noted that at Saint Meinrad the Bible and liturgy in theological formation, rang true for Father Mark, who noted that at Saint Meinrad the Benedictines emphasize a reverence and simplicity in their formation par excellence, which we do not see often in our seminaries.”

This remark, as well as the cardinal’s earlier remark about the importance of the Bible and liturgy in theological formation, rang true for Father Mark, who noted that at Saint Meinrad the Benedictines emphasize a reverence and love for the liturgy and they also stress the need for daily, prayerful reading of the Scriptures (lectio divina).

Cardinal Danneels recommended, in addition to the Bible, the reading of the doctors of the Church—St. Augustine, Gregory, Bernard, Ignatius of Loyola, Vincent de Paul, Thérèse of Lisieux, John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila. (Ignatius and Vincent de Paul are not among the doctors of the Church.)

For prayer, he said that “the foundation is the psalms.” He said, “I suffer from the fact that there are so many priests who have been ordained 50 and 60 years and who merely read the psalms. … For many years now I have not had a sermon where a priest actually quoted a verse from the psalms.”

He said one of the biggest difficulties for young seminarians who have not studied theology to do pastoral work usually means he doesn’t know what to do.”

As for spiritual formation, the cardinal said that, in his opinion, “only one thing is important: to teach seminarians about Christ and to nurture in them the love of Christ.” This, too, he said, “must be found ed on the liturgy and the Bible.”

He lamented the fact that seminarians don’t read the Bible enough. “There is an absence of lectio divina, the monastic tradition par excellence, which we do not see often in our seminaries.”

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Welcome to new Woods president

With great pomp and circumstance and in grand academic style, Sister Joan Lescinski will be inaugurated tomorrow (Nov. 5) as the 14th president of the Mary-of-the-Woods College, the nation’s oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women.

A Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sister Joan is the first president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods from outside the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence, who founded the college as an academy for young women in 1841. Formerly the vice president for academic affairs at Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Sister Joan brings 28 years of academic administration and teaching experience to her new position. She also comes to us with a strong commitment to Catholic higher education for women.

She’s been officially on the job since last July 1, succeeding Providence Sister Barbara Doherty, who retired June 30 after 15 years as president.

The Church in central and southern Indiana heartily welcomes Sister Joan Lescinski as we have welcomed other Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet through the years. Women of this religious congregation have been continuously involved in our archdiocese since 1878, when the first group of sisters came to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Indianapolis to staff the school there. They also staffed the parish (later an archdiocesan high school), and St. Roch and Holy Angels grade schools.

In addition to Sister Joan, eight other Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are presently working in Indiana for the parish ministry and in educational ministries from elementary through the university level.

So, Sister Joan does not come to the archdiocese as a stranger, her sisters have been with us for a long time. Welcome, Sister Joan! We wish you much success as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. We send you our very best wishes, and we promise you our prayers and our collaboration in the years ahead.

— William R. Bruns

Editorials

Seeking the Face of the Lord

Editorial

Pilgrims return, feeling privileged, blessed

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who joined us pilgrims in daily prayer as we walked in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary and Joseph and John the Baptist and the apostles and disciples in the Holy Land and then followed the missionary apostles to Rome. We prayed faithfully for the daily intentions chosen in advance and for many more besides. All the while we realized that it was a privileged blessing to represent our local Church along the way. It was a delight to discover that we had pilgrims from every part of the archdiocese.

The experience was overwhelming! It will take some time to sort and sift through our innumerable experiences. To a person, we all say that we will never hear the Word of God in the same way. Our belief in the incarnation of Jesus has been made more explicit and concrete as we visited the places of the birth, life and ministry, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The incarnation is not just some general philosophical concept. The birth and ministry of the Son of God is historically and geographically specific. Of course, what one sees in the Holy Land today is not the exact way things were 2000 years ago. But some things remain the same, like the terrain, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River.

We had profound and moving experiences. At the Jordan River we pilgrims renounced our personal vows and our profession of faith. At Cana, married pilgrims renewed their marriage vows. At Gethsemane, we pilgrims are religious and priests renewed our religious profession and promises of ordination respectively. We are not likely to forget these times of fervent prayer.

Every celebration of the Eucharist was special: from the site of Mary’s home and the Annunciation to the Shepherd’s Field in Bethlehem, from the Mount of Beatitudes to the Gethsemane Grotto, from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to the Church of St. Anne, from the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul and the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier in Rome and all the other ways by the Sisters of Providence who taught me in elementary school in Jasper, Ind. (Jasper also happens to be the first school founded by Mother Theodore Guerin.) In the name of all those who had been educated and served in other ways by the Sisters of Providence, I thank Sister Diane Diane and the many sisters present in Rome for the grand occasion.

With privilege comes responsibility. We pilgrims have a responsibility to share the profound experiences of faith that we found in the Holy Land and Rome. We especially have the responsibility to continue the experience of prayer that has been so enriching on the pilgrimage. As in the past, a videotape documentary will also be made available for those of you who would like to experience the pilgrimage vicariously in your own homes.

Our local Church also has the responsibility to become better acquainted with the life and message of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, who played such an important role in the pioneer days of our missionary Church in Indiana. Blessed Mother Theodore has much to teach us about our own missionary effort of a fresh and new evangelization in our own times. The Sisters of Providence have published a short life of Blessed Mother Theodore. (See book review, Page W3.) I encourage you to purchase it and encourage us to pray to our new Beata asking for her intercession before Divine Providence and Our Lady of Providence!”

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

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Editorials

Forming priests for the future

Surprisingly, the formation of candidates for the priesthood wasn’t always taken as seriously as it is today. It wasn’t until after the Council of Trent that Pope Pius V, elected in 1566, ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper formation of priests.

Since the 16th century, seminaries have changed as the priestly candidates changed. The men we send to God’s call to priesthood today are much different, and fewer, in North America and western Europe than they were earlier in this century. But what about the future? Most Catholics today would agree that the criteria...
Las estaciones de la Pasión...
Meetings set for new commission guide

A new booklet is being distributed in the archdiocese on the long-awaited Catholic School and Faith Formation Commission Guide. The 41-page booklet is expected to be a resource for school commissions, faith formation commissions and boards of total Catholic education. The resource is being introduced to pastors, administrators and commission or board members at meetings around the archdiocese. Some gatherings were held last month.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the new commission guide will be introduced and explained at St. Benedict Parish Center in Terre Haute. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, a meeting will be held at St. Gabriel School auditorium in Connersville. The final meeting will be in the Assembly Hall at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center on Thursday, Nov. 19. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Multimedia presentations and group exercises help define the relationships of educational commissions to the pastors, administrators and pastoral councils. They also show the major roles of commissions in planning, monitoring, policy-making and communicating. Commission membership, structure and ethics are also discussed. The sessions are free. Every person who attends receives a free copy of the commission guide. It is believed that training is most effective when the commission or board attends as a group. For more information, call Ann McGuire of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education at 317-236-1430 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1430. †

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Christ the King, Paoli, marks 50 years

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein (center), presides at Christ the King Parish’s 50th anniversary celebration Nov. 1 in Paoli. Father Paul E. Landwerlen (left) and Father John M. Hall concelebrate the eucharistic liturgy. Father Hall is pastor of Christ the King.

Swanson retreat is Nov. 13-15

There’s still time to register for “Bringing Stories to Life Through Art: The Journey of the Spirit,” a Nov. 13-15 interactive workshop at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis co-presented by internationally-known painter and printmaker John August Swanson of Los Angeles.

Fatima Retreat House director Kevin DePrey of Indianapolis will facilitate the retreat with Swanson. DePrey said the weekend is designed for “spiritual seekers” and will focus on “using art for personal reflection.”

Reservations must be received at Fatima by Nov. 11, he said. The retreat fee of $150 per person or $250 for a married couple includes meals, overnight accommodations and a signed poster reproduction of the artist’s work.

For registration information, contact DePrey or Colette Shanahan, Fatima’s associate director of programming, at 317-545-7681.

The exhibit is free and open to the public through Nov. 25 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. †

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John F. Fink, editor emeritus of The Criterion, is a journalist who has spent a lifetime working in the Catholic press on the local, national and international levels. He has led four tours of the Holy Land and has participated in three others. In early 1997, he spent three months there studying at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem.

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St. Jude Parish’s presence is means for evangelization

SPENCER—The very presence of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Owen County is in itself evangelization. "It gives non-Catholics a bit of familiarity with the Church," said Father Paul M. Dede, pastor. Catholics represent only 2 percent of Owen County’s population. St. Jude Parish’s presence will become more noticeable in the near future. The 101-household Bloomington Deanery parish broke ground for its new church building Oct. 25. The 3,846-square-foot building will be built behind the current church and is expected to be finished in time for Easter. Since 1951, the parish’s place of worship has been in a two-story house in a residential neighborhood purchased by the archdiocese. Parishioners believe the traditional church-like exterior and interior of the new building will make St. Jude more recognizable to the community as a Catholic church. "When you drive up here, you see a house. When you drive up to our new church, it will be a church," said Craig Mettlach, youth group leader. Evangelization is alive at St. Jude Parish. Parishioners make the Catholic presence known in Spencer through participation in various community activities. Mettlach said evangelization has become a focus for the youth at St. Jude. "I’ve been trying to do more projects for the youth to get introduced into society, and also to introduce society to us," Mettlach said.

He said the last few years, the parish has been involved in the local community’s fall festival. "It’s kind of low-tech, low-pressure advertisement," Mettlach said. St. Jude Parish is not only attempting to make its presence known in Spencer, but also around the globe. St. Jude has its own website on the Internet. St. Jude’s website can be found at: http://www.bluemarble.net/~sjude

The website features items such as a home page, Mass schedule, parish news, information on the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and prayer requests for sick and shut-ins. Mettlach said people can request prayers through the website. "They [prayer requests] actually go to our prayer group here in the parish," he said.
Mettlach said the hits to the website average about six or so a week, but predicts there will be more when he lists St. Jude’s website on some of the secular search engines.

“I need to do is get our presence spelled out in more areas,” he said.

Other means of evangelization include parishioner participation in a local food pantry that serves the community.

Parishioners Mildred Moresco and Loretta Stinger have both volunteered for the food pantry for a number of years.

Moresco said, aside from helping the needy, another reason she volunteers at the food pantry is because she represents St. Jude Parish. Stinger said she gets a sense of satisfaction through helping others. She added that the other volunteers from other denominations always look at Moresco and her as “those two Catholics.”

“Another medium,” she said, “is to lead a Cursillo weekend in the Westminster, which is a Christian renewal effort in Indianapolis. Cursillo is a Christian renewal effort that seeks to promote individuals and organized apostolic action.

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Spiritual Renewal

It’s a common belief at St. Jude that people are not satisfied spiritually, they can’t go out and evangelize.

“Evangelization, and spiritual renewal, especially in this community, have to go hand-in-hand. To get people back in, you have to renew the fire within,” Mettlach said.

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Spiritual renewal for the children is also important at St. Jude Parish. Maurica Clouser, parish administrator of religious education, said with a smaller parish and limited facilities she has to be unique when teaching religion. There are about 40 children in first grade through high school. She and three other catechists administer the program. There are at least two grades in each classroom.

“We have to be very creative with our teaching. It’s a challenge, but it’s a worthy challenge,” Clouser said.

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As active members of our Catholic faith community, we often speak of ongoing conversion. In his letter *Evangelization in the Modern World*, Pope Paul VI reminded us, “The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself... by constant conversion and renewal, in order to evangelize the world with credibility.” In *Go and Make Disciples*, our American bishops teach that “The fruit of evangelization is changed lives and a changed world.” Our own Archdiocesan religious education documents call us to a lifelong faith formation. So one of the key elements of evangelization is inviting each other forward, supporting and challenging all of us to keep growing in our faith. Parishes, schools, and other groups have many ways of doing this. In this issue we highlight three approaches. St. Mark’s Parish in Indianapolis is using a new program *Follow Me: Discipleship for the New Millennium*. The Hispanic community has been using St. Patrick as the base of operations for the SINE program which originated in Mexico as a way of fostering a systematic, integrated, new evangelization. And we also hear the way the Holy Spirit moves in the African American tradition of revival.

Every one of us can name family members, friends, neighbors, or fellow workers who used to be active in the Church but who no longer are. An often-quoted statistic says that if it were possible to organize inactive Catholics into a church, they would be the second largest denomination in the United States, some 17 million strong. There are many approaches to reaching out to the inactive and alienated. But above all we need to hear the story of the journey away so we can offer an environment which invites the addition of a new chapter which tells of the journey back. Each of those stories are different. Some people move so often that they get distracted and never get connected to a local church in their new area. Some have experienced deep hurt from people in church leadership. Some struggle with their personal situation and the church’s view of it. Some feel at odds with one or more teachings. Some are unable to name any specific reason but just recognize that it has been a long time. Several people have agreed to share with us their own personal journeys-away and back.

In the midst of a culture which can be very materialistic, there are still many people who have a deep spiritual hunger. Many of those have no church home. How can we extend an invitation that will let them know that we would more than welcome them in our Catholic faith family? The people who can really teach us about inviting people to consider joining the church are those who in fact have joined. We listen to several people who have made the journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and are now members of the church. What attracted them? What drew them into the church? We also need to recognize that some people may be present in our churches but not feel fully welcome, fully part of the community. How can we invite them into a full sense of belonging? One instance of such a group are persons with disabilities. We have made some progress with entrance ramps and other accessibility features. But what needs to be done beyond that? How can the gifts of all our members be welcomed, exercised, and celebrated?
God is good to me—the experience of revival

“When I attend revivals, I experience an awakening of the Spirit. Hearing the Word jars me from the complacency, the rut, I can get into. It creates a hunger for a deeper commitment.”

Mirva Bliznak
Holy Angels, Indianapolis

“Revivals stir a real hunger in my Spirit to know God. I want to listen to the Word in any way I can—on TV, in reading, in study groups, here at Church. There is more thirst to learn and to do. I have grown so much.”

Cora Jackson
St. Rita, Indianapolis

“I received the Holy Spirit at a revival. Since then I have been freer and more open to praise God and to thank God for the many blessings I have received. I feel a lot closer and more intimate with Jesus.”

Daryl Whitby
Holy Angels, Indianapolis

“Before I started going to revivals I just used to come to Church, sit through the service, and go home. Now I am a full participant and enjoy the service. I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at a revival. I now know that God does not just sit in some far-off place. He lives and dwells in me, and I need to show that faith in daily work.”

LaVerne Edwards
St. Rita, Indianapolis

“Revivals get me more into the reading of the Word. There is more excitement about Jesus. If we are immersed in the Word, we will not be afraid to let it go. Preaching makes us search the Word. God is revealed in the Word. We need to hear the story and have it related to our lives.”

Pauline Todd
Holy Angels, Indianapolis

These testimonies from parishioners in the archdiocese who have experienced revivals and name some of the spiritual energy and blessings that flow from this approach to inviting people forward. At one time, revivals were associated with other denominations, but they are now becoming more common in Catholic parishes. This development is particularly welcome to African-American Catholics who find in the Disciples for the 21st Century: Follow Me program at St. Mark

There is a “new kid on the block” joining the more familiar renewal programs like Christ Renews His Parish, Renew, the Charismatic Movement, parish missions, and revivals. It is called “Follow Me: Disciples for the 21st Century,” and it is a joint project of the National Pastoral Life Center and St. Anthony Messenger Press. Here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis one of the parishes participating in this three-year project is St. Mark on the south side of Indianapolis.

During the first year, Jesus Christ and conversion were the themes uniting the Lenten discussion. Leading up to this period of small groups were two projects—one of parish communal life and one of the personal faith of parishioners. This year the focus is on the Holy Spirit and unity along with looking at and assessing worship and formation at St. Mark. From the fall of 1999 through Easter of 2000 the attention will be on Mark. From the fall of 1999 through assessing worship and formation at St. Mark. From the fall of 1999 through assessing worship and formation at St. Mark. From the fall of 1999 through assessing worship and formation at St. Mark. From the fall of 1999 through assessing worship and formation at St. Mark. From the fall of 1999 through assessing worship and formation at St. Mark.

But the journey was not complete. As people shared their stories of what happened to them in revivals, there was something that was both very profound and very tangible. God makes a difference in our lives right here, right now. A couple of years ago, LaVerne Edwards invited her brother to come in from out of town to attend the revival. One night the preacher, Father Maurice Nutt, invited people to come forward for a special blessing for themselves, or to bring another person forward for the blessing. LaVerne went to her brother and asked if she would come with her to be blessed. He agreed, and she took him by the hand and walked with him for the blessing. That was in October, and the following June, he died. She realized that her invitation and his response was a movement of the Spirit.

Cora Jackson received the ominous news that she had a growth on her spine and would have to have surgery to have a biopsy. She was able to take part of each day off the week before, and she would come straight home, get out her Bible, and sit down at the kitchen table and pray for a couple of hours. It was hard, but over the course of the week, she experienced a deep peace coming over her. She knew she would walk with her and give her the strength of Jesus and give a deep sense that Jesus was carrying, but always with Jesus at our side.

The Word jars me from the complacency, the way things are done, the styles of the revival movement. It is called “Follow Me: Disciples for the 21st Century, and it is a joint project of the National Pastoral Life Center and St. Anthony Messenger Press. Here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis one of the parishes participating in this three-year project is St. Mark on the south side of Indianapolis.

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God loves you just as you are. God has said so, and has shown it to us. These basic truths of our faith are at the heart of a spiritual renewal process which uses the letters SINE as its title. They stand for Systematic Integral New Evangelization. The program started in Mexico and has spread to the United States and other countries. It begins with a weekend retreat experience and continues through small faith communities that encourage and support people to deepen personal relationships with Jesus, to continue to grow in the knowledge and practice of their faith, and to share this gift with others.

The impact of the experience was evident in conversations with several people in the archdiocese who had participated in the program together with the Hispanic community based at St. Patrick in Indianapolis. “Things are not always as easy,” comments Margarita Arias of St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis. “But since I made the retreat three years ago, I am a much happier person. I can feel the difference in my heart. I find myself talking to other people to believe what I believe. I now know that God has made me special, but he has made them special too.”

Speaking about the retreat, Percy Consigliere of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis said, “For me personally, it was a conversion. My life has changed. Every day now I am hungry to read the Bible and apply it to my life. I never thought I would ever be talking to other people about God, not only as part of a retreat team, but in my family, with my friends, and at work. I do more things for other people. I have seen other people change their lives as well.”

“I got in touch with my personal relationship with Jesus,” says Eva Morales of St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis. “I have learned to pray before anything else. I use prayer to dedicate my day to God. I realize that others have the same needs for God that I do, and I can help fill them.”

As powerful as the retreat was for them, Margarita, Percy, and Eva all agree that it has been their small faith communities which have enabled them to continue to build on the weekend experience and make the graces of that time an ongoing part of their lives. This is what the word “systematic” refers to. There is a step-by-step plan for continuing the journey started on the retreat. The groups meet once a week for about three hours. Currently there some eight groups meeting in the Indianapolis area.

There are three main components to the group sessions: prayer, learning more of the Word of God, and edification/solidarity. We all have a personal relationship with God, and prayer helps us to become more aware of that relationship and to deepen it. The kerygma is the basic message of the good news of what Jesus has done for us. The groups work heavily with Scripture, but they also learn how Jesus has made his love available through the Church and its sacraments. Living the Gospel in today’s world is challenging, and we all have difficult moments. The group is a place where people can support and encourage each other, and stand by each other in tough times. Eva Morales noted that if someone really needs help on a particular evening, the session may stretch to 4 or 5 hours and nobody notices that the time is passing.

But the process does not stop with developing strong faith communities. There is a growing sense of joining Christ in his mission, of sharing the good news, of becoming evangelizers. There are plenty of opportunities to do that in day-to-day life. Occasionally there is a special project like the time the people from the SINE program helped Holy Cross Parish go by door to door to visit Hispanic families in that parish.

The next retreat will be Nov. 20 to 22 at St. Patrick Parish. For more information call Franciscan Father Tom Fox at 317-631-5824.

Right time, right place

Why, at age 58, did I decide to join the Catholic Church? It would be easy to simply say I was “called,” and let it go at that, but in reality it was a journey that had a more complex beginning than that.

I attended the Catholic Church for some 37 years with my wife. I was a cradle Catholic, but had never felt compelled to join (as an active member). At the same time, I began to have a nagging feeling that, even though my life was wonderful, something was missing. It was not quite complete. And when we moved from Evansville to Nashville, Ind., nearly two years ago, I saw what was missing—St. Agnes. The people I met there, and the feelings the Church family imparted to me, were different than anything I had ever experienced. It became obvious that this was where I belonged—this was where the support existed to take me on a journey that would lead me to the missing part. It was, I knew, the right time, the right place, and the right thing.

Tom Talley
St. Agnes, Nashville

Going away, coming back: stories of returning home

There are many reasons why people find themselves estranged from the Church. The Holy Spirit is just as inventive in finding ways to draw them back. The following story, in addition to others throughout this supplement, helps report the good news about evangelization efforts in our archdiocese.

I couldn’t separate the hurt from God

I came into the church at the age of 10 in a country parish in Bradford, Ind. I suppose if I had stayed in Bradford, my relationship with the Catholic Church and God would have grown, and my religious life would have been comfortable.

When I was a teen-ager my mother left my stepfather and moved the children to Jeffersonville, Ind. My mother struggled to raise seven children. It was not easy for her, but one thing she insisted on was that we all go to Church. In 1954, when I went to Church for the first time in the city, a lady came up to me and said, “We don’t wear scarves here; we wear hats!” I was 15 years old and very insecure, in a broken relationship with the Catholic Church and God, and later I was told that I was washed with the blood of Jesus. This was the most incredible warmth, and I never wanted it to end. It was as if God had wrapped me in his arms and I would never be alone again. It didn’t matter if I didn’t fit anywhere—I belonged to God.

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In early 1992, our family was seeking a Church family. My husband and I had been raised Protestants, so we thought there was no question as to where we would attend and what Church our children would be raised in. Two months later, we found ourselves jumping from Church to Church, unsatisfied at any one. The sermons we had listened to as children were changed. Whole sermons were spent asking for financial support for this reason or that, with barely a mention of anything spiritual.

During this time, my husband was in daily conversations about religion with a good friend and co-worker. This man—a farmer, fisherman and hunter, a loving husband and father—is very dedicated to his small local Catholic Church. He spoke of tradition, commitment, community service and friends.

While this was intriguing, we never fancied ourselves “Catholics.” But at his recommendation, we visited the parish of which we are now members. From the second we walked in the door, we were enveloped in darkness, and I was empty. I was a respectable citizen, and I had a life; but I was not aware of conversion/RCIA classes. Recently at a meeting of the evangelization committee, we were discussing how to get people into the RCIA program was a letter to spouses in “mixed marriages.” The question caught me completely off guard. Letter? Had I received a letter? Yes, I did recall getting a letter. A nice, friendly, welcoming letter that invited me to join the upcoming RCIA classes. Thinking back, I believe I got one of those letters just about every year since Margaret and I were married. But the letter had very little impact on my final decision to join the Church. God had already influenced that decision.

In trying to answer Father’s question, I explained that my first experience with the Catholic Church was when I had attended Marian College. I met my (then) future wife, Margaret, at Marian. Margaret was a “cradle Catholic” and it was she who introduced me to the Catholic worship service. I remember being very impressed by the “pomp and majesty” of the Catholic service, and was filled with thousands of questions about “why do Catholics do that?”

Margaret patiently answered my questions as best she could, but eventually had to admit that she didn’t know “why” it was done, only that “this’s the way it has always been done.” She suggested that I ask some of the instructors at Marian, but I was still uncomfortable with nuns and priests at the time, so I never did.

I don’t think I ever answered Father Crawford’s question either. Except to indicate that it wasn’t a letter that caused me to join the Church. Looking back now after 23 years of being married to a Catholic and two years of belonging to the Catholic Church myself, I ask myself, “Why did I join the Catholic Church anyway?” What is it that the Catholic Church has that I didn’t find in the Methodist Church where I grew up?

Then what is it? What is it that I found in the Catholic Church that I couldn’t find anywhere else? It wasn’t the building, the music, the pastor, the people or even the sacraments. It was the sacraments, the small everyday things that Catholics say and do that attracted me to the Church. Simple things, physical things, things that can be seen and touched; things like: making the sign of the cross, blessing yourself with holy water upon entering the church, it was genuflecting before sitting down. Bowing when approaching the altar. It was all these “little” things—the outward indications that God is real and always present in our daily lives that inspired me to join the Church.

Brian Foust
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis

**Little indications that God is real, present**

Recently at a meeting of the evangelization committee, we were discussing how to reach people and encourage them to join the Church. The topic turned to the RCIA program, how many were in it, how they came to join, etc. Father (Larry) Crawford said that one of the most effective ways of getting people into the RCIA program was a letter to spouses in “mixed marriages.” During the discussion of what should actually go into such a letter, Father Crawford turned to me and asked me as “exhibit A” what could be put into a letter that would get me interested in joining the Church.

The question caught me completely off guard. Letter? Had I received a letter? Yes, I did recall getting a letter. A nice, friendly, welcoming letter that invited me to join the upcoming RCIA classes. Thinking back, I believe I got one of those letters just about every year...
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“I have called you by name: you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1). How deep is the love that provides the backdrop for this scriptural verse? How intricate and detailed is the story of which it is a part? It took 40 years for me to understand that there was nothing greater than this love that God had for me. Nothing could stand between us. God would reach across the deepest chasm to reclaim me as his own.

After being raised a Roman Catholic, I found myself drifting away in the 1970s from the Church of my childhood. While I could cite many factors I saw as contributing to this movement away from organized religion, I also knew that I wasn’t trying very hard to stay in the Church that had formed me from my youngest days. I reasoned that the Church had changed radically and felt foreign to me. I married a wonderful man who was a self-proclaimed agnostic, and I didn’t want to challenge the peace and harmony that we seemed to have. I was a product of the times and, except for a handful of occasions, I was disconnected from the community of faith that I had always known. I was content to get on with my life and leave God in the background. For 17 years I managed to ignore the voice of my husband, who looked at me one day and said, “You know, I think that you would be a happier person if you returned to Church.”

Then one day a neighbor came by to invite me to an ecumenical Bible study that was taking place in Bloomington. I was intrigued and told her that I was interested in reading the Bible as “literature.” Literature had been my major in college and it seemed a safe vantage point from which to examine this sacred book. There would be no threat to the life that I had constructed. So, in September of 1987, I began the Bible Study Fellowship Program that I was home. It took no convincing or yelling. The priest who was stationed on the post.

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Janis Dopp
St. Charles, Bloomington

The priest just said “Welcome home”

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Evangelize all God’s people

Journey of Hope 2001 has several goals that target the evangelization of Catholics who are no longer practicing their Catholicism, as well as striving to reach persons who are unchurched. Both of these categories often fit persons who themselves are disabled or who have family members who are disabled physically or mentally by hearing- or sight-impaired. The National Organization on Disability states that there are 54 million Americans, including 10 million children, who are sufficiently disabled to impact their daily lives. It is also calculated that 95 percent of persons with disabilities do not attend Church. Why do so many avoid the very place they could come to receive help and comfort?

Let’s look at some realistic backgrounds while simultaneously envisioning how our own house of worship would stand. Does the parish parking lot provide sufficient space (10-feet-wide) for a van with a ramp to allow a person using a wheelchair to get in/out of the vehicle without banging into the next parked car? Is a curb cut available and accessible to the gently sloping ramp to gain access? Can the church door be opened by this person? Are hospitality ministers (greeters) sincerely friendly, but not overwhelming or afraid of saying the wrong thing and so say nothing? Do wheelchair fits within the same worship space as others or do they have to remain in the aisle, in the way and conspicuous? Are hearing adaptive devices available for the liturgy services so those with hearing impairment can understand words and not just hear background noise? Is the altar accessible? Do persons using walkers or wheelchairs can also be eucharistic ministers or lectors? Do parishioners hold hands with disabled persons or are they left to feel like lepers? Do we invite persons with limited physical or learning disabilities to participate as parishioners to the best of their ability?

How easy is it for us to only use “tunnel vision” by involving only persons in our liturgy, ministries and leadership who are “just like us.” Once we realize we all have disabilities, e.g., weight, eyesight, height, memory loss, lack of maturity, obsessiveness, hearing problems, etc., it becomes easier to understand that all persons are created differently, but equally, by God. Perhaps God is testing us to see if we treat each of his creations equally. If God works through persons to impact others, how much of God’s grace have we missed out on by not sharing our lives with all persons, including those whose lives have been touched differently by God than our own? Since God created and is present in each person, imagine how much greater God’s presence could be in each of us and in each of our parishes if we but openly, actively seek God’s presence.

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Information on how to improve our services and liturgies is readily available from several sources. In addition to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Evangelization (www.evangelize@archindy.org), others are: Pathways Awareness Foundation, 800-955-2445 (www.pathwaysawareness.org), National Organization on Disability at 202-293-5968, The Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities (www.CCPD.org), National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities 202-529-2933, Lutheran Disability Ministries 317-576-0761, Mark 2 Ministries 317-598-9147; Special Touch Ministry 715-258-2713.

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Pro-life speakers discuss ways to combat ‘the culture of death’

By Brigid C. Curtis

Indiana Citizens for Life drew support from all corners of the state to the organization’s first annual pro-life conference Oct. 24 in Indianapolis.

The all-day conference offered educational sessions on a variety of relevant topics to better equip pro-life activists in their fight against abortion. Dr. John Paul II calls “the culture of death.”

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Willke, internationally known pro-life experts and authors who speak about human sexuality and abortion, discussed new ways to debate the abortion issue.

They explained that a fundamental change has occurred in how the public views abortion and that this change calls for new approaches for debating the issue.

Prior to the early 1990s, they said, their primary emphasis when teaching the pro-life story was on proving to their audiences through pictures and lectures that a human life begins at conception and that abortion kills a baby.

Their educational efforts to convince pro-choice activists that “abortion kills a baby, therefore to stop the killing” would prompt many people to become involved in pro-life activism. Mrs. Willke said, but that is no longer the public’s response to the anti-abortion message.

New research conducted during the early 1990s revealed a major attitude shift toward abortion, he said. Half of those surveyed agreed that they were undecided on the abortion issue.

When asked, “Do you think a human life begins at conception?” 80 percent of those surveyed said yes. When asked, “Do you think abortion is killing?” 80 percent of the respondents again said yes. When asked, “Do you think abortion is wrong and against God’s will?” 80 percent of the people also said yes. However, when asked, “Does a woman have the right to choose to have an abortion?” 60 percent of the same group said yes.

This startling new trend in thought toward abortion is evident now when they speak to various audiences, the Wilkes said. People acknowledge that a baby exists at conception, they said, and understand that abortion kills, yet two-thirds of the people still believe “it’s OK to have an abortion.”

They said this new research has made them very concerned and has caused them to modify how they debate the issue. Why Can’t We Love Both? Questions and Answers about Abortion is the title of the Wilkes’ new book and their new theme for the abortion debate.

Dr. Willke said that their approach for talking about abortion is to explain that it is a very difficult subject. It’s a problem facing many women, she said, adding that pro-life volunteers want to stand with women, not against them.

She said people need to know that National Right to Life is an organization primarily composed of women who are helping other women in a variety of ways before, during and after pregnancy.

The story of women helping women through pro-life groups is too often a story that goes untold, said Dr. Willke, the former director of National Right to Life. Advances in technology also provide ways to prevent abortion, she said. Many women contemplating abortion will agree to visit a doctor’s office for an untrasound and “once they see a picture of their baby moving, many will change their mind about having an abortion.”

Another way the Wilkes believe people who support abortion can be reached and converted is by making abortion a civil rights issue.

Dr. Willke said significant parallels can be drawn between things such as slavery and the Jewish Holocaust.

The nonperson concept was used to dehumanize slaves because of their race and religion. Jewish people because of their ethnicity or faith, and now (from) babies because of ‘where they live,’ said Mrs. Willke.

In another session, Myra Kinser, director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Bloomington, Indiana, said ways to start a successful pregnancy assistance center. She is working on a capital campaign for Hannah House, a new maternity center which will be located on College Avenue.

Carol Everett, former abortion clinic manager in Dallas, Texas, was the keynote speaker at the evening banquet. Everett described her former work as an abortion counselor and clinic and told the group how she marketed abortions. She also shared the story of her conversion to the pro-life cause in 1983 and encouraged others to fight abortion.

In the fall of 1997, Indiana Citizens for Life sponsored a series of pro-life television commercials to educate people about where to turn for help when facing unexpected pregnancy. The organization hopes to sponsor more commercials. † (Brigid Curtis is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

Mary C. Martin
Cathedral High School
Class of 1995

It only took me one semester of college to realize what high school had been about. After just one semester observing what separates successful college students and less successful ones, I came to an insight that had eluded me during high school: high school is about the basics. It’s about academic, social and spiritual transferrable skills such as personal initiative, skills of logical argumentation, oral and written communication, social ease and dignity with peers, and insight into matters of faith.

When I say that this conception of the purpose of high school eluded me during those four years, I am not implying that I did not feel there was a purpose to my time at Cathedral. On the contrary, I have never felt quite so motivated before. There are few age groups with more clearly defined goals than high school students. Every junior high school student knows that high school is a time for getting good grades, getting your driver’s license, holding your first job, and being accepted into a good college, not to mention the thousands of short term deadlines involved in taking classes, passing the SAT, and applying to universities.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I arrived at college and realized that nobody was going to ask me what my high school GPA was, what I had learned in junior year Pre-Calculus, or how many plays I had been involved in. With an entirely clean slate, I found that these things were now not counted. To my relief, however, after a short time, I realized that finding my way during these four years at Cathedral, at some point in my race to meet every deadline, someone had given me the skills that did count. The skills that I had learned at Cathedral carried me through the transition to college with relative ease, and, later, even through the transition to a French university.

I credit my parents, who themselves attended Catholic high schools, for considering the real purpose of high school when they chose Cathedral, even when my eighth-grade mind was occupied with where my friends were going, wearing the school uniform, or leaving behind my beloved grammar school. In choosing Cathedral for my high school education, my parents broke a family tradition for the sake of the good religious instruction and comfortable learning environment that they found there.

Now, as I study disciplines that I never encountered at high school, I am conscious of the fact that my Catholic education continues. Philosophy and theology classes merely elaborate on themes first encountered in the literature, history, science, math, and religion classroom at Cathedral. It is the place where I discovered both the intellectual curiosity and the academic and social integrity required to be a good student. It is there that I began to learn how to organize ideas and present them, how and when to lead, how to seek and offer help, and how to treat other people. Even my ambition to be a university professor has its roots in the enthusiasm for learning which surrounded me at Cathedral.

In the end, what Cathedral has to offer is the basics—the fundamentals of academics, of relationships, and of faith. After three years of college, I can think of no more essential goal for a high school education. I encourage parents who want their children to have an education which educures to consider Catholic education.
PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—Christians must join in efforts to bring about “a new springtime for humanity” in a world that is moving further away from Christ’s teachings on the sanctity of human life. Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia told participants at an ecumenical service on the sanctity of life, Cardinal was one of two principal speakers at the Philadelphia told participants at an ecumenical service on the sanctity of life. In doing so, they jeopardize their own salvation, erode the community of faith and give grave scandal to the faithful.

Catholics, Protestants join to support dignity of life

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A wide-ranging document to be considered by the U.S. bishops at their annual meeting Nov. 16-19 admonishes American Catholics, particularly politicians, to be accountable for how society treats the sanctity of human life. “Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to Catholics” was drafted by the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. It stops short of suggesting sanctions against Catholic officeholders who support laws and policies that “depart from Church teaching on the inviolability of human life.” The document says that “Catholic public officials who disregard Church teaching on the dignity of the human person indirectly collude on the taking of innocent life. In doing so, they jeopardize their own salvation, erode the community of faith and give grave scandal to the faithful.”

World

Honduran archbishop praises church aid during hurricane

TEGUICIGALPA, Honduras (CNS)—Archbishop Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, praised parish committees for their response to the disaster caused by Hurricane Mitch, but warned that international aid will be needed. “Until the storm passes, I think we can manage. But after that the situation will be more difficult: repairing bridges, recuperating crops and rebuilding homes, and so on. That’s where international aid is going to be needed.” Archbishop Rodriguez said Oct. 29.

Pope calls for new efforts in interreligious dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II encouraged new efforts in dialogue with non-Christians around the world, saying the approach of the year 2000 called for increased cooperation between religions. The pope talked Oct. 30 to members of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, which was preparing a major interfaith encounter in 1999 to welcome the new millennium.

N.Y. Catholic health official cites N.Y., Cuban hospital ties

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—U.S. Catholic hospitals have started cooperating with hospitals in Cuba to ensure they have adequate supplies and staff training. Mary Healey-Sedutto, director of health and hospitals for the Archdiocese of New York, described the new program while at the Vatican for an Oct. 29-31 conference on the Church and the elderly. During an Oct. 21-26 visit to Cuba, Healey-Sedutto’s delegation of four people met officials from the government health ministry, as well as doctors and leaders of the Catholic Church in Cuba.

Pope says charismatic groups must strengthen Church ties

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholic charismatic communities must offer their members a formation which strengthens their ties with the Church and expands their knowledge of Church teaching, Pope John Paul II said. “The enthusiastic faith which enlivens your communities must be accompanied by a Christian formation which is comprehen-

People

Pope, Carter had secret correspondence, says former aide

PARIS (CNS)—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter secretly corresponded with a newly elected Pope John Paul II on arms control, Soviet policies and Catholic missionaries in China, wrote James M. Rentschler, a staff member of the National Security Council at the time, in an article appearing in the Oct. 30 International Herald Tribune, published in Paris.†

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

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Doctors of Church inspire sanctity, learning

By Fr. Eugene LaVerdere, S.S.S.

We know Thérèse of Lisieux as a modern saint. But we do not know her as a doctor of the Church. In fact, many were surprised when Pope John Paul II proclaimed this French saint a doctor of the Church in 1997. Some doctors of the Church taught in great universities. St. Thérèse did not even attend a university. But doctors of the Church are not measured through educational standards or professional qualifications. A doctor of the Church must combine great sanctity and great learning, and express understanding and wisdom that inspire the universal Church. Jesus speaks of such qualifications in a little parable addressed to the disciples: “Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Mt 13:52).

The teaching of a doctor of the Church presents “the old,” the tradition of the Church, together with “the new.” In the new, the tradition of the Church comes alive. St. Thérèse was born Jan. 2, 1873, in Normandy in the town of Alençon, the youngest of nine children, four of whom died in infancy. Her father was a watchmaker, and her mother a lacemaker. Today we would describe the family as middle-class.

As a nun, she had volunteered to be a contemplative. But Thérèse had the spirit of a missionary. She read books. At the request of her religious-order superiors, St. Thérèse wrote a simple autobiography concerning her spiritual journey. We also have her letters, poetry and sayings, written down by other sisters.

At age 15, Thérèse entered the Carmelites convent at Lisieux. By today’s standard, she was very young. Her name in religious life became Thérèse of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face. Then, when only 24, she died on Sept. 30, 1897. Through most of her religious life, she had been ill.

Thérèse had been instructed in the kingdom of heaven, but her health was too fragile. However, through her autobiography, Story of a Soul, Thérèse would enrich countless millions with her simple faith, boundless love, unshakable hope and her deep insights into Christian life and the Scriptures.

As a nun, she had copied Scripture in her own hand verse by verse. Passing through her fingers, the love of God permeated her whole person. She recopied passages on love and meditated upon them.

Today, many know her as The Little Flower, but few know the origins of that title. Listen to her own words in Story of a Soul:

“I understand that if all flowers wanted to be roses, nature would lose her springtime beauty; and the fields would no longer be decked out with wild flowers.

“And so it is in the world of souls, Jesus’ garden. He willed to create great souls comparable to lilies and roses, but he has created smaller ones, and these must be content to be daisies or violets destined to give joy to God’s glances when he looks down at his feet. Perfection consists in doing his will, in being what he wills us to be.”

A short 28 years after her death, Pope Pius XI canonized Thérèse at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Two years later, he declared her patron of all missionaries. As patron of the missions, she joined St. Francis Xavier—on an equal footing.

At the time, many must have been surprised. St. Francis Xavier was a great missionary in Asia. By contrast, Thérèse lived a contemplative life. She never went to the missions. She never left the Carmelites convent in Lisieux.

But Thérèse had the spirit of a missionary. She read about the missions and the life of missionaries.

As a nun, she had volunteered to be a contemplative missionary, hoping to be sent to Vietnam. But her health was too fragile. Instead, Thérèse fulfilled her missionary vocation through prayer and through her correspondence with missionaries. Her correspondence with the missionaries is filled with her missionary spirit.

On Oct. 19, 1997, World Mission Sunday, Pope John Paul II proclaimed St. Thérèse of Lisieux a doctor of the Church. The day was carefully chosen. It was as patron of the missions that Thérèse would be doctor of the Church. There is no separating the two titles.

The list of the doctors of the Church is impressive. It includes St. Augustine, St. Jerome, St. Leo the Great, St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, shown pictured above.

The list of the doctors of the Church includes St. Augustine, St. Jerome, St. Leo the Great, St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John of the Cross—all great saints. This is high company for a humble contemplative.

After Vatican Council II, Pope Paul VI proclaimed two women doctors of the Church, St. Teresa of Ávila (Sept. 27, 1970) and St. Catherine of Siena (Oct. 4, 1970). Before then, no woman ever had been proclaimed a doctor of the Church.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux became the third woman to be proclaimed a doctor of the Church.

What St. Thérèse contributes to the modern world is her insight into Christian life and missionary life. She grasped in a profound way that at the heart of the Church is the love of God.†

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

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Discussion Point

Their messages are still relevant

This Week’s Question

Tell briefly of a doctor of the Church who has a valuable message for today.

“St. Teresa of Ávila shows us that prayer is a journey that is a lifelong commitment, something that doesn’t happen overnight. The payoff is a deep sense of connectedness, not only with God, but to our community and the world.” (Sister Mary Kathryn Foggary, F.S.P.A., Lacrosse, Wis.)

“Francis de Sales comes to mind with his teaching to always think the best of what people say or do. Always give people the benefit of the doubt. This attitude not only leads to spiritual growth, but would certainly make the world a kinder place.” (John Brett, Chesterland, Ohio)

“St. Jerome, who translated the Scriptures into the vernacular, and whose message is how important God’s word is in our spiritual lives—so important that it must be available in our own language.” (Father Colin Bircumshaw, Ogden, Utah)

“St. Thérèse of Lisieux showed us how to find God in the ordinary, routine, everyday things of life by doing those everyday tasks with extraordinary love—that was her way of connection with God.” (Sister Blanche Klein, F.S.P.A., Lacrosse, Wis.)

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The Second Book of Maccabees is the source of this weekend’s first reading. When Alexander the Great died in 323 B.C., he left his strongest general, among them Selenucus, who took as his own territory what today is Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

Enduring any foreign overlord was bad enough for the Jews, but the dynasty founded by Seleucus was especially despised since its kings had the propensity to see themselves as gods. Some ruthlessly pursued this notion, compelling subjects by the most fearful of penalties to worship them.

Faithful Jews refused. Many suffered the consequences. Understandably, those who rose against these Greek kings were Jewish heroes. The Maccabees were among them. They were a family of five sons descended from a priest.

This priest, Mattathias, refused to offer ritual sacrifice to King Antiochus IV. The sons descended from a priest. They were a family of five sons descended from a priest.

This incident in the Gospel obliquely recalls that the afterlife, at least in detail, is a Christian revelation. It was not as if the Selduccees in this scene belittled Jesus, but rather that the Lord’s reference to the hereafter puzzled them.

An important element, at times overlooked in concentrating upon the details of the question, is that Jesus speaks the very truth of God. He is the link between God and humanity. The Church begins now to conclude its yearlong process of instructing us in the faith and in challenging us to be true to our Christian purpose.

The first reading, from Second Maccabees, sets the stage. All around us, in the first century B.C. in Palestine or in 20th-century America, contradictions and contests await us as we seek to follow the Lord.

The family reported in Second Maccabees suffered cruel physical punishments, resulting in death, for their beliefs. Today we may suffer internal battles, heartbreak, weariness, and a sense of abandonment.

Nevertheless, we have Jesus with us. This is the eager proclamation of Second Thessalonians, the second reading.

Jesus is the very voice of God. He is the source of all life, all truth, all strength, of everything. This Sunday’s readings encourage us to return to the liturgical readings of the Sunday Mass. I was inspired to read the Bible and learned more about the faith.

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November 6
Natural Family Planning will be taught by instructors from the Couple to Couple League at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington, at 7 p.m. Information: 317-362-8848.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather at St. Matthew Renewal of Central Indiana in Indianapolis, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., on Nov. 6 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., 46202.

November 7
Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis, will hold its annual craft fair and bake sale at Central Catholic School, 1555 E. Came ston St., in the multipurpose room from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables can be rented for $10. Information: 317-784-8641.

St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, will hold its annual craft fair and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school hall. Booth fee is $25. Information: 812-755-0923.

St. Mark School, Indianapolis, at the corner of U. S. 31 South and Edgewood Ave., is having its annual Craft Junction in Schaefer Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ladies club will serve lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Information: 317-862-2706, Mary Merkel.

St. Martin of Tours Parish, Martinsville, will hold its annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths, door prizes and refreshments. Information: 317-631-7293.

St. Agnes Parish, Nashville, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food, gifts and two raffles. Information: 812-988-2778.

New Albany Deaconess Catholic Charities will have a reverse raffle at Joe Huber’s Barnyard Bash in Starlight. The event features Carla Rhodes, a local singer and ventriloquist. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Cost: $20 per person. Barbara Williams.

November 7-8
St. John Parish, Dover, will hold a craft show and chicken dinner from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8. Chicken dinner served on Sunday only. Information: 317-637-5170.

November 8
Rexville Schoenstatt will present “Instrument Spirituality” by Father Elmer Burwickel at 2:30 p.m., Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Located on 925 South, 8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles.) Information: 812-689-3551.

St. Anthony Parish, Indianapolis, 379 N. Warman Ave., is having a echur party starting at 1 p.m. in Ryan Hall. Cost: $3 per person, which includes refreshments and door prizes. Information: 317-636-4828.

November 10
The Ave Maria Guild will meet at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove. After dessert and coffee, a business meeting will be held.

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There will be an Ecumenical Hymnfest at St. Monica Church, 6133 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Information: 317-539-6580, Bill Hill.

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Fatima Retreat House will host an interactive workshop with California artist John August Swanson using art as meditation. $150/person or $250 for married couples. Information: 317-545-7681 before Nov. 11.

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The Women’s Club of St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, 326 N. Green St., will have a Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A raffle will also be held during the bazaar. Information: 317-852-5427, Margaret Pruefer.

Kordes Enrichment Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, will offer a prayer program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to teach principles of centering prayer as a way to become closer to God. Information: 812-367-2313, Sr. Ruth Gehres.

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The Office of Worship in the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, will present a Morning of Reflection for Hispanic Liturgical Ministers En Espanol by Benedictine Father Noel Muller. The reflection begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. Information: 317-621-5824, Eva Morales.

St. Rose Parish, Knightsenow, will hold a Holiday Craft Bazaar and Luncheon on Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. A raffle will also be held. Information: 317-345-5595.

The Sisters of Providence will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Providence Center. The celebration begins at 11 a.m. Information: 812-435-2791, Penny Blaker Mitchell.

St. Roch Youth Athletics will host a “Monte Carlo Night” in the school cafeteria, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Proceeds will benefit the St. Roch Catholic Youth Organization Athletic programs. Information: 317-783-6155, Tom Norcom.

St. Maurice Parish, Napoleon, will hold its Fall Smorgasbord and Bake Sale from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Cost: $6 for adults, $3 for kids 6-12, $1.50 for kids 3-6, and kids under 3 are free.

Marion Heights Academy, 1555 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, will offer a prayer program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to teach principles of centering prayer as a way to become closer to God. Information: 812-367-2313, Sr. Ruth Gehres.

November 15-18
St. Joseph Church, Corydon, will sponsor a parish mission at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Dominican Father Jim DeMankowski will be the presenter. Information: 812-364-6535, Lori Weather.
November 20-22
The Conventual Franciscans are offering a Come-and-See Weekend for single men, ages 20-40, interested in finding out more about religious life. Information: 800-424-9955, Fr. Jim Kent.

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Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, hosts perpetual adoration 24 hours a day in the parish center. 

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m. (formerly 8 a.m.).

Indianapolis, 5335 E. Washington St., holds rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., holds adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

First Saturdays
St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, has 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering follows in the parish school.

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Marian Movement of Priests eucaristic 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.

SATURDAYS
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.

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First Fridays
Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, has eucharistic adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., holds rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1300 Union St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 a.m. Mass, closing with communion service at noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bedford, celebrates exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4-6 p.m.

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, holds eucharistic adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m., with rosary at noon.

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Apostolate of Fatima holds holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., holds First Saturday devotions starting with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.-noon.

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