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Pope John Paul II in a popemobile makes his way through crowds gathered outside the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, where he celebrated Mass Jan. 23. The colonial-era basilica is in the background.

Pope preaches conversion, justice as ways to spread Gospel

MEXICO CITY (CNS)—On a visit to Mexico to outline the new path of evangelization in the Americas, Pope John Paul II said the Church must spread Christ's message by awakening individuals to conversion and by leading societies to justice.

In Mexico City, where he presented the results of the Synod of Bishops for America, the pope appealed for protection of human life in all its forms. A hallmark of the "new evangelization" should be the defense of life against a wide range of modern evils, from abortion to the death penalty, he said.

"The time has come to banish once and for all from the continent every attack against life. No more violence, terrorism and drug-trafficking! No more torture or other forms of abuse!" he said at a Mass Jan. 23 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"There must be an end to the unnecessary recourse to the death penalty! No more exploitation of the weak, racial discrimination or ghettos of poverty! Never again! These are intolerable evils which cry out to heaven," he said.

On Jan. 24, celebrating a liturgy before what organizers said was more than a million people at a

Mexico City racetrack, the pope again condemned abortion, saying no Mexican should "dare to harm the precious and sacred gift of life in the womb."

Mexican authorities said more than 100 of the thousands of people who spent the night at the racetrack were treated for

cold-related injuries.

The pope was on the first leg of a trip that would also take him to St. Louis Jan. 26-27 for a Mass, a youth rally and a meeting with President Bill Clinton.

In the Mexican capital, home to the largest concentration of Catholics in the world, residents turned out by the hundreds of thousands to welcome the pontiff with candles, confetti and chants of "El Papa! El Papa! Rah, rah, rah!" One homemade sign addressed the pope with his boyhood nickname "Lolek" ("Chuck"). In a more commercial style, hundreds of banners featured the Pepsi logo and the message: "Mexico ever faithful."

The 78-year-old pope moved slowly and tentatively throughout many of the ceremonies, but he appeared focused and passionate when pronouncing his English-language plea for dignity at the Jan. 23 Mass.

"This is our cry: life with dignity for all! For all who have been conceived in their mother's womb, for street children, for indigenous peoples and Afro-Americans, for immigrants and refugees, for the young deprived of opportunity, for the old, for those who suffer any kind of poverty or marginalization," he said.

His sermon was repeatedly applauded by 12,000 people who packed the basilica, an arching modern structure of copper and marble that holds a venerated image of Mary. In his synod document, the pope proclaimed Dec. 12 as the Americas-wide feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all America.

Concelebrating with the pope were about 500 gold-mitered bishops and cardinals, including many from the United States. Offertory gifts included a

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Faith for a Brighter Future

Therese Rooney, chief executive officer of Golden Rule Insurance, works with students of All Saints School in Indianapolis during a Jan. 19 session for the Open Court reading program. The new program, launched last fall in two center-city Indianapolis elementary schools, is a research-based program that uses phonics to help students learn to read well. Rooney and Golden Rule are among corporate sponsors of the program.

The work of many Catholic schools throughout the archdiocese is featured in *The Criterion's* annual Catholic Schools Supplement beginning on Page 9. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in the archdiocese Jan. 31 to Feb. 6.



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commemorative book of the Gospels and readings from the United States, and a traditional quilt and bed cover from Canadian Catholics.

The liturgy marked the presentation of the pope's 139-page apostolic exhortation, "The Church in America," which summarized and finalized conclusions of the synod, held in late 1997 in Rome. The document said the Church should keep reaching out to the poor with spiritual and material programs, but must also evangelize society's rich and powerful.

It reminded Catholics that the heart of the Church's mission is proclamation of Christ, and that the Church's social activities flow from personal conversion.

"For this service of the poor to be both evangelical and evangelizing, it must faithfully reflect the attitude of Jesus, who came to proclaim the Good News to the poor," it said.

The document denounced an emerging "culture of death," a social model in which the powerful are "setting aside and even eliminating the powerless."

It sharply criticized forms of economic "neoliberalism," in which the profit motive and market mechanisms are exalted to the point that society's weakest are pushed further to the margins. It warned that the poor are becoming more numerous in the Americas, and it defended the rights of indigenous, migrants, women and children.

Key to Church effectiveness, it said, were a reinvigorated sacramental and prayer life, as well as a more person-centered pastoral approach. This will help counter the proselytizing successes of religious sects, some of which use methods bordering on coercion, it said.

The pope looked and sounded tired when he met with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and international diplomats later Jan. 23. He told them that political leaders of the Americas need to be reminded of basic moral commandments: "Do not kill. Do not bear false witness. Do not steal and desire the goods of others. Respect the fundamental dignity of the human person."

These principles offer the ultimate protection against many social evils, he said, including attacks on life, wars of expansion, corruption, forced sterilizations and drug abuse.

The pope also warned the diplomats that an exaggerated form of individualism was permeating international rela-

tions: The strongest peoples grow more powerful daily, while the weaker populations grow ever more dependent.

Under blue skies and sunshine at the capital's Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack, the pope was driven over a carpet of painted sawdust designs as the biggest crowd of the trip cheered his arrival. In his sermon, he called for equal dignity and equal justice for Mexico's estimated 13 million indigenous people.

"The pope feels very close to you, admiring the values of your culture," he said. He entrusted their "legitimate aspirations" to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On his flight to Mexico, the pope had told reporters that the simmering dispute between the government and indigenous rebels in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas would only be resolved by dialogue, keeping in mind that "indigenous peoples were the first owners of the land." However, he warned against an "indigenous theology" that he said sometimes draws inspiration from Marxism.

The crowd at the outdoor Mass applauded at length the pope's strong right-to-life message. With some exceptions, abortion is illegal in Mexico, but health authorities estimate that several hundred thousand illegal abortions take place annually.

Ad-libbing at the end of his homily, the pontiff thanked a group of children in the front section, saying their cheers had energized him.

The enthusiasm of Mexicans was evident as they lined city streets to watch the pontiff pass in a glass-walled

"pope-bus"—unlike the classic popemobile, it allowed the pope to sit instead of stand.

Although he moved hesitantly throughout the visit, the pope remarked on his flight over that he hasn't lost "the desire and the will" to travel, and said if he had his way, he'd go to Russia and China next. †

Coverage of St. Louis visit will be featured next week

The Feb. 5 issue of *The Criterion* will feature coverage of the pope's visit to St. Louis. Coverage will include events attended by archdiocesan youth and other pilgrims from central and southern Indiana.



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Hoosier Catholics to celebrate beatification of Mother Theodore

On Sunday, Feb. 28, the Province of Indianapolis (the five dioceses in Indiana) will formally celebrate the beatification of Mother Theodore Guérin with a 3 p.m. Mass of thanksgiving at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. A reception will follow the Mass.

Because seating is limited, admittance will be by ticket only. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been allotted 200 tickets, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. One hundred of the tickets are being reserved for the use of Sisters of Providence who live and minister in the archdiocese.

Sisters should contact Providence Sister Joan Slobig by Feb. 12 to reserve their tickets. Others should contact Carolyn Noone, archdiocesan associate director for special events, at 317-236-1428 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1428.

A mini-pilgrimage, led by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and moderator of the curia, is being organized. A bus will leave the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis, on Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Brunch at the Woods will be provided. Cost is \$30 per person. Contact Noone to reserve a place on the pilgrimage. †

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Pilgrimage blends support for life, spiritual immersion

By Sr. Kathleen Yeadon, O.S.B.
Special to The Criterion

"We hold these truths to be self-evident ..." The words of the Declaration of Independence rang true on Jan. 22, the 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the United States.

This year, 210 youth and adults participated in the archdiocesan-sponsored trip to the 1999 March for Life in Washington, D.C. It was the fourth youth pro-life trip arranged by the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

The truth that all life is sacred brought together people from all walks of life to the march. For David Harben and Jeff Trayler, both juniors at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, this aspect of unity was the highlight of the trip.

Jeff said he was surprised to see families participating in the march as well as people representing all age groups and many ethnic backgrounds.

The trip included students from all the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese as well as teen-agers from parishes in all 11 deaneries. This year, the structure of the pilgrimage was expanded to allow time for new activities. It was designed to be a spiritual retreat as well as a pilgrimage for life.

The archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Activities and the Office for Youth and Family Ministries combined efforts to create the new structure for the Jan. 21-24

pilgrimage. Added features included small-group sharing time and two liturgies for the large group—one Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and a second liturgy before the participants loaded their luggage on the buses for the trip home.

Time set aside for night prayer and an additional day of sightseeing were other new components of the bus trip.

The youth attended the vigil Mass Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as other archdiocesan groups did in previous years.

The teen-agers had an opportunity to see the White House and U.S. Capitol, tour the Smithsonian Institution's Holocaust Museum, view other national war memorials, and visit the historic Union Station and the Old Post Office.

The group also was able to meet with Daniel Spellacy, an aide from Sen. Richard Lugar's office. Spellacy is from St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis and is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and Indiana University. He encouraged the youth to stay involved in community service and become active in politics.

One of the goals of the expanded trip was to include activities focusing on more issues reflecting the consistent ethic of life.

From the teen-agers' responses at the conclusion of the pilgrimage, pro-life encompasses many issues that support the



Photo by Kevin Smith

Kelly McKee (left), a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute and a chaperone for Terre Haute youth, marches with Stephen Chamblee of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville during the Jan. 22 March for Life.

dignity of the human person.

Each student received a journal for use throughout the pilgrimage. Many teens created lists of pro-life activities they want to pursue at home.

St. Malachy parishioner Andrew Torrella of Brownsburg listed nine ways young people can help promote life. His last goal was to "be heard."

Many of the youth realized it is their responsibility to help their generation understand the importance of many pro-life issues.

Father Vincent Lampert, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Activities and pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Little Flower Parish in

Indianapolis, presided at the closing liturgy at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. During his homily, Father Lampert stressed the need for the young people to think about how they have changed as a result of their pilgrimage experiences.

"The lives of the unborn have a definite value and need to be defended," Father Lampert said. "We are going to let this experience of Washington shape our values and direct our actions." †

(Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon is the youth ministry coordinator for St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis. She is a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery at Beech Grove.)

Youth reaction to events shows concern for dignity of human life

By Jane Rush
Special to The Criterion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"Abortion kills babies ... 400 a minute worldwide" read a bumper sticker dispersed by Human Life International during the Washington, D.C. March for Life Jan. 22. In the time it takes to read this article, more than 1,000 abortions will have occurred. This statistic echoes in the minds of youth and adults who attended the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

The March for Life, an annual event since the 1973 *Roe V. Wade* decision to legalize abortion, commenced with the Jan. 21 Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, followed by the rally and march. The events focused on prayerful and non-violent protest. For many, it was a confirmation of belief in the dignity of human life.

"The trip was altogether overwhelming

by all means," said Janie McNichols, a student at Terre Haute North Vigo High School and a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute. "We sang together and prayed together. Most importantly, we came together with many people to save lives."

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), authored by AGI Deputy Director of Research Stanley K. Henshaw, in its recent report, "Abortion Incidences and Services in the United States, 1995-1996," and speculating through 1998, more than 38 million abortions have occurred since 1973.

The trip reached different people at various levels. Several students believed the March for Life itself was the most powerful experience. Otto Heck, a junior at West Vigo High School in Terre Haute and a member of St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish, reflected on "the many faces that Christ can put on all around us. Some

that we may not even think about yet are shown to us just by talking and being kind and showing God's love. [It is] absolutely amazing how many Christians there are just walking around the streets."

Thousands of people from around the country marched for a single purpose and in one voice—the voice of Christ. Marching toward the end of the crowd and praying the rosary, archdiocesan youth and adults were led by Father Vince Lampert, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities. They sang songs of praise and hope and chanted the pro-life message to become part of the

greater community of the faithful.

James Fisher, a freshman at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis and a member of Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Danville, said, "We all got together in peace ... to witness that all life is sacred." With a message of hope, Kristen Prectel, a senior at North Harrison High School and a member of St. Michael Parish in Bradford, said, "Uniting as one will keep the Spirit alive."

Tiffany Storm, a senior at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis and a member of St. Christopher Parish, connected the fight for the unborn with the

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Editorial

Indiana's gamble for the future

The Governor's Gambling Impact Study Commission has authorized a series of studies on the effects of gambling—both positive and negative—on the state and its citizens since the state decided to legalize gambling a decade ago.

The Indiana University Center for Urban Policy and the Environment will conduct the studies over the next 10 months.

With gamblers spending more—and losing more—and staying longer at the state's riverboat casinos, it is time to determine if gambling is getting out of control, and, if so, what should be done about it.

How ironic that the state of Indiana must make such a study—a state that a couple of generations ago would have voted out of office any legislator who would have suggested legalizing gambling. In earlier years of this century, a sizable percentage of the population even frowned on playing cards at the kitchen table.

Beginning modestly enough with a state lottery, the state has gone all-out in its quest for tax revenue from a variety of gambling modes—pari-mutuel, off-track betting, high-stakes bingo, and the latest and most lucrative, riverboat casinos.

If tax revenue is the sole gauge, the state has succeeded. In the three years since the riverboats opened, the state has realized \$710 million in taxes from them. Currently, the 10 boats are generating about \$350 million annually. The state's take from the state lottery is running about \$180 million a year.

Indiana already ranks sixth among states in gambling revenue from casinos. In the year ending last Sept. 1, the boats had attracted 16.4 million customers.

But there are downsides to this windfall.

The I.U. center will take a look at the negative effects and, it is hoped, will provide the governor's commission with some specifics to deal with this mammoth effort by the state and its gambling citizens to get "something for nothing."

The center has been charged to look

for any relationship between gambling and bankruptcies, gambling and mortgage defaults, and gambling and spousal and child abuse. The growing problem of gambling addiction by youths will be studied, as will the effects riverboat gambling is having on the economies in the counties in which they are located.

In addition, the center expects to find out more about the average gambler: how many trips he or she makes to a casino on a county-by-county basis, and even how much the average person bets on the lottery, horse racing and charitable games by county and city.

An earlier study by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration has already determined that 6 percent of Hoosier adults have problems or pathological gambling disorders.

And still another study, this one done nationally, showed that the 298 counties in the United States with legalized gambling had a 1996 bankruptcy filing rate 18 percent higher than in counties with no gambling. It's little wonder that many of the addicted gamblers turn to theft, fraud and even embezzlement to feed their gambling habits.

Is the state relying too heavily on casino taxes? What happens if there is a downturn in casino gambling, now the state's fifth largest source of revenue? The I.U. center will be looking for answers to those questions, as well.

The 13-member governor's commission has been ordered to come up with its report on the economic and social impact of gambling by late 1999.

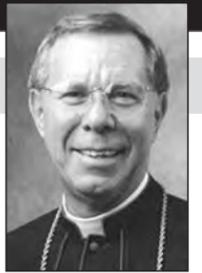
These studies may be able to help tell us whether the price for fattening the state's treasury is worth the damage to the state's social order.

— Lawrence S. Connor

(Lawrence Connor is president of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc., and a member of its editorial committee.)

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Touched, humbled by our amazing young Church

I write this on a gray January day, but it doesn't feel gray. I have just returned from the national pro-life observance in Washington on the anniversary of the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on demand. One might expect the observance to be a "downer," but it is quite the opposite. The massive turnout of people from every state in the Union and from every walk of life is uplifting. To know that so many care about the culture of life—and sacrifice a lot simply to get to Washington—is moving in itself. People ride buses from 12 to 18 hours! Many sleep on gymnasium floors. The crypt floor of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was covered with sleeping bags. An estimated 10,000 people jammed into the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass that inaugurated an all-night vigil. I am not sure of the exact count, but somewhere between 300 and 400 folks from our archdiocese packed into that crowd that came to pray and to support the pro-life movement. It is an appreciated encouragement.

I have been attending the national January observance for at least 10 years, and each year the numbers increase. The most noticeable development has been the increase in the number of youth of college and high school age. Their generous, sincere and spirited engagement in the prayer vigil as well as the March for Life is especially uplifting for us older folks. The large majority of our own attendees are youth from just about every area of the archdiocese. I am so grateful to the adult chaperones, that included laity, religious women and seminarians. Talk about a generous sacrifice!

It amazed me how many of our youth made it a point to thank *me* for being there with them! I was making every effort to thank *them* for the encouragement they gave me! I celebrated a Mass for our group, and I was touched by their prayerful and attentive participation despite the fact that they had to be travel-weary.

For those of us, especially bishops, who have been walking against the cultural stream of our society in support of pro-life issues for years, the energetic engagement of our young Church in the movement means more than they will ever know. They bring such a hopeful sense for the future,

hope not only for the vitality of our Church but also hope for the human family.

When I arrived home from Washington last Friday night, exhausted from the whirlwind of pro-life activities, I happened onto live TV coverage of the arrival of Pope John Paul II in Mexico. It was another unexpected spiritual uplift. I have met the Holy Father numerous times, still I cannot adequately explain the inspiring impact of his presence. It was touching to see the pope's tender interaction with the children and youth who were part of the welcoming ceremony at the airport in Mexico City. He has a natural and immediate rapport with children, youth and young adults which, no doubt, will characterize the youth rally in St. Louis. His rapport with youth can be partially explained because so much of his priestly ministry had been involved with youth. But there is more than pastoral experience at work. From my own limited interaction with our youth, I pick up their desire to find direction for the discovery of the true meaning of life. I sense the hunger of our youth for people, especially leaders, whom they can believe and trust and who truly care for them. It is as if they know by instinct that Pope John Paul II is that kind of person and that he cares for them in the deepest and most meaningful kind of way. How else do you explain the attentiveness with which they listen to the message, sometimes dense and challenging, that he delivers without fanfare in formal settings? They trust him, and they want to know what he thinks.

Last week, a front-page feature in *The Criterion* described an interview that I had with youth from the archdiocese concerning the upcoming visit of the Holy Father in St. Louis. Talk about another uplifting experience on an otherwise dreary day! The young reporters were initially on edge, but not for long. They were afraid their questions would be unimportant. Not at all. They were simple, yes, but profound and to the point. They wanted to know more about this pope whom they admire. They wanted to probe his humanity but also his spiritual strength. They wanted to know if I see in him what they see and what they long for in spiritual leaders. I was touched and also humbled. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for February

Young Adults: That they may realize the importance of their presence in our parishes and have the generosity and courage to consider service in the Church, especially as priests and religious.



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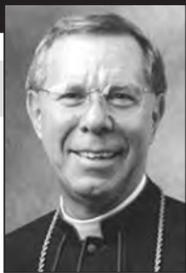
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Emocionado, humillado por nuestros jóvenes de la Iglesia

Escribo esta columna en un día gris de enero, pero no lo siento gris. Acabo de regresar de la celebración nacional de pro vida en Washington en el aniversario del fallo infame Roe vs. Wade que decidió legalizar el aborto. La expectativa era observar una experiencia deprimente, pero realmente fue lo contrario. La concurrencia impresionante de la gente representando cada estado en la Unión y de gente de toda condición es inspirador. Es conmovedor saber que tantas personas se preocupan por la cultura de la vida y se privan de mucho simplemente para estar en Washington. ¡Las personas estaban en los autobuses de 12 a 18 horas! Muchos dormían en el suelo del gimnasio. El suelo de la cripta de la Capilla Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción estaba cubierto de sacos de dormir. Se estimó que había 10,000 personas apretadas unas contra otras en la Capilla Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción para la Misa que inauguró una vigilia que duraba toda la noche. No estoy seguro del número exacto, pero alrededor de 300 y 400 personas de nuestra archidiócesis estaban aglomeradas en esa muchedumbre que vino tanto para orar por el movimiento de pro vida como apoyarlo. Agradecemos el respaldo.

Llevo por lo menos 10 años asistiendo a la celebración nacional en enero y cada año asisten más personas. El cambio más evidente es el aumento en el número de jóvenes de la universidad y escuela secundaria. Su compromiso generoso, sincero y espiritual durante la vigilia de oración, así como durante la Marcha por la Vida, alienta mucho a nosotros los avanzados en edad. La mayoría de nuestros asistentes fueron jóvenes de casi cada zona de la archidiócesis. Agradezco a aquellos que fueron de carabina, los cuales incluyeron los legos, mujeres religiosas y seminaristas. ¡Que generoso sacrificio!

¡Me asombré que cuántos de nuestros jóvenes insistieron en agradecerme al estar allí con ellos! ¡Estaba motivado de alguna forma el estímulo que ellos me dieron! Celebré una Misa para nuestro grupo, y su participación piadosa y atenta me conmovió a pesar del hecho de que debían estar cansados después del viaje.

Para aquéllos, sobre todo los obispos, que llevan muchos años caminando contra el arroyo cultural de nuestra sociedad apoyando de los asuntos de pro vida, el compromiso enérgico de los jóvenes de nuestra Iglesia en el movimiento me importa más de lo que ellos se darán cuenta. Ellos traen un sentido prometedor

para el futuro, no sólo con esperanza para la vitalidad de nuestra Iglesia, sino también esperanza para la familia humana.

Cuando volví a casa de Washington en la noche del viernes pasado, agotado por el relámpago de actividades de pro vida, encontré por casualidad reportajes en vivo de la llegada del Papa Juan Pablo II a México. Era otra inspiración espiritual inesperada. Me he reunido varias veces con el Santo Padre, pero no puedo adecuadamente explicar el impacto inspirador de su presencia. Era conmovedor ver la interacción tierna del papa con los niños y jóvenes que integraban la ceremonia de bienvenida en el aeropuerto de la Ciudad de México. Él tiene una relación natural e inmediata con los niños, jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. No cabe duda que la reunión de jóvenes en Saint Louis será similar. Se puede explicar su relación con los jóvenes en cierto modo porque en su ministerio sacerdotal se ha involucrado a la juventud. Pero hay más de experiencia pastoral en juego. Por mi propia interacción limitada con nuestros jóvenes, renuevo su deseo de encontrar dirección para el descubrimiento del verdadero significado de la vida. Me doy cuenta de la sed de nuestros jóvenes por personas, sobre todo líderes, en quienes puedan creer y puedan confiar y quienes verdaderamente puedan cuidar de ellos. Es como si entendieran por instinto que el Papa Juan Pablo II es ese tipo de persona y que él los quiere de la manera más profunda y más significativa. Si no es así, ¿cómo se puede explicar la atención con que escuchan al mensaje, el cual es a veces denso y desafiante, dándose sin la fanfarria en escenas formales? Ellos confían en él y quieren saber lo que piensa.

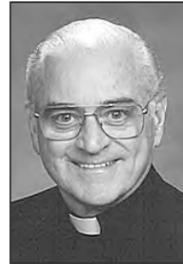
La semana pasada, un artículo de primera página en *The Criterion* describió mi entrevista con los jóvenes de la archidiócesis acerca de la próxima visita del Santo Padre en St. Louis. ¡Que otra experiencia inspiradora en un día triste! Los reporteros jóvenes inicialmente tenían los nervios de punta, pero no por mucho tiempo. Tuvieron miedo de que sus preguntas fueran insignificantes. En absoluto. Sí, las preguntas eran sencillas, pero profundas y fueron al grano. Ellos querían aprender más sobre este Papa a quien admiran. Querían investigar tanta su humanidad como su fuerza espiritual. Querían saber si ve en él lo que ellos ven y lo que anhelan en los líderes espirituales. Yo estaba emocionado y también en humildad. †

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Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

Corpus Christi

Ben Brantley reviewed the play *Corpus Christi* in *The New York Times* (Oct. 13, 1998). The play presents a Christlike hero as a gay man. In Brantley's view, the message of the play is that no one should be persecuted for being different. That is a good message.



Gay-bashing has become sport among some sick individuals. We should all try to uphold the decency and honor of the Golden Rule.

The tragic death of a gay student who was tortured and beaten in Wyoming a few months ago vividly reminds us that gay-bashing is a crime against all humanity. It is no wonder that the gay community is outraged.

Homophobia is the target of the play's author, Terrence McNally. His anger is justified, but he presented a terribly offensive description of the Holy Family.

Paul Bauman, executive editor of *Commonweal* magazine, reviewed the play and wrote the following: "Joseph is depicted as a foul-mouthed lout; Mary a blousy, cigarette smoking and uncomprehending bit of white trash; the disciples; a boisterous boy-did-we-party band of bar-hopping gay men." You get the picture.

Joshua, the name given to the character intended to be Jesus, is a gay man who is seduced by Judas in a men's room on the night of the prom. The play seems to be more a catharsis of revenge than an appeal to high principle. It succeeds very well in offending the religious sensibilities of many Christians, but it fails in its public relations.

A horde of Catholics and Protestants, some of whom were gay themselves, I am told, protested the play's opening. Tempers were raging though the demonstration was nonviolent.

The American Civil Liberties Union defends the right of artists to say anything they want in their artistic expression, even if they know they will enrage others. McNally's right to artistic freedom is protected by the U.S. Constitution, but the long-range consequences of his work is not.

He may have felt better once he got his pent-up frustrations out, but did he help the cause? Will people come away saying "gays and minorities in general have a right to be different," or will they say "gays don't care if they desecrate our most sacred beliefs." Perhaps McNally doesn't care about consequences.

When anyone stirs up a hornet's nest, he usually reaps a strong negative reaction. The conservative Christians who came out in protest did not see the play as an appeal for understanding or a defense of the principle of "live and let live." They saw it as an attack on the sacred images of their faith. They wonder how any appeal to artistic license can justify the desecration of the religious beliefs of millions of Christians.

As an American I have to defend McNally's right to express his feelings as he sees fit. As a Christian I feel offended by the treatment of his topic. What we all need to do is pray for greater understanding and tolerance. We may not fully understand the world of gays and lesbians, but they are our brothers and sisters, and they are worthy of respect. †

(Father John Catoir is a regular columnist for *Catholic News Service*.)

The Yardstick/Msgr. George G. Higgins

Abortion and the labor movement

It generally is agreed by friend and foe alike that the American labor movement is at a crucial turning point or in a state of crisis.



In recent months this crisis has brought forth a spate of books and articles by self-styled radical intellectuals about the movement's future. Their authors mean well in offering tough-love criticism of the movement from the safe distance of academia, but their "feel" for the rank and file is open to serious question.

For example, they strongly criticize the movement for remaining neutral on abortion and argue, in effect, that unless its leadership comes out forthrightly in favor of abortion there is little or no hope the movement ever will win the support of the great mass of unorganized workers in the United States.

Academics, of all people, should be expected to bolster their ideological arguments with supporting evidence, but the authors I am referring to make no attempt to do so. They take for granted that rank-and-file workers are almost unanimously pro-abortion and almost unanimously want the labor movement to take the lead in promoting so-called abortion rights. That's a doubtful and somewhat patronizing proposition.

Two experienced pollsters who regularly poll for the AFL-CIO and other unions—Geoffrey Garin and Guy Molyneux, president and vice-president respectively of Peter D. Hart Associates—have given labor's pro-abortion academic critics something to think about in this regard. In an excellent new book, *Not Your Father's Union Movement: Inside the AFL-CIO*, Garin and Molyneux pull together on the

basis of their extensive research "Ten Rules for Union Political Action?"

Rule 6 reads in part as follows: "Members want unions to represent them as workers, by addressing issues that directly affect them on the job and by advancing a populist economic agenda. ...

"Most workers are also comfortable with the idea of unions representing their economic interest beyond the workplace. ... Note, however, that ... most members feel it is inappropriate for unions to take positions on controversial social and cultural issues (such as abortion or gun control)."

In an interview in the same book, AFL-CIO president John Sweeney makes the same point. He says that "people don't want to be dictated to." He adds, "Our members are like the communities they live in to a great extent, with feelings pro and con about issues like gun control and abortion."

Sweeney is right about that, in my opinion. I made this point explicitly several years ago when I was invited to testify before an 18-member committee of AFL-CIO officials commissioned to study the abortion issue.

I emphasized that I had not come before the committee to carry on a dialogue, much less a debate, about either the ethical or public-policy aspects of the abortion controversy. I simply said that, in my judgment, it would be a serious mistake, for pragmatic reasons, if the federation took an official position on abortion.

I said I felt certain that if the federation deviated from its long-standing policy of neutrality on this issue it would seriously disrupt the movement's unity and solidarity.

I am still of that opinion—with due respect to my radical intellectual friends in academia. †

(Msgr. George Higgins is a regular columnist for *Catholic News Service*.)

La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en febrero

Adultos jóvenes: que se den cuenta de la importancia de su presencia en nuestras parroquias y tengan la generosidad y el valor de considerar el servicio en la iglesia, especialmente como sacerdotes y religiosos.

Check It Out . . .

The School Commission of Christ the King Parish School in Indianapolis is hosting an open house for future students and their parents Feb. 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Carole Williams, principal, the teaching staff, and school commission members will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The school is located at 5858 N.

World Day for Consecrated Life to be recognized Feb. 7

World Day for Consecrated Life, a eucharistic celebration honoring religious sisters, brothers and priests, will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at the Mass. There will be a special blessing for all jubilarians during the celebration. A reception will follow in Assembly Hall at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. †

VIPs . . .



Crittenden Ave., in Indianapolis. Information: 317-257-9366.

A duo from Indiana University will perform a free flute and harp concert Feb. 7 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. The concert will be in the St. Bede Theater at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

Several Lenten Vespers Services have been scheduled at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis in February and March. The dates are as follows: Feb. 28, March 7, 14 and 21. All services will begin at 5 p.m.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers in Indianapolis, will sponsor, "Cardiac Success Stories." The life-saving documentary will be aired Jan. 30 on WTHR Channel 13 in Indianapolis at 7 p.m. Viewers will have the opportunity to call for free cardiac risk assessment tests, and the "Cardiac Success Stories" brochures outlining St. Francis cardiac services.

The dates scheduled for the Rite of Election at the SS. Peter and Paul

Elizabeth "Betty" and Edwin "Tinny" Pflum of Brookville, marked their 50th anniversary Jan. 22. The couple celebrated with a Mass at St. Michael Parish in Brookville, followed by an open house hosted by their children on Jan. 16. The couple has six children: Darrell E., Kevin J., Vikki C., Denise Ann, and the late Jeffrey Pflum, and Kimberly S. Munchel. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. †

Cathedral in Indianapolis are as follows: Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.; Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.; Feb. 21 at 4 p.m.; and Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis will host Seven Sundays in Honor of St. Joseph starting Sunday, Jan. 31. This devotion from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. consists of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the chaplet (rosary), a litany and a brief meditation on the life of St. Joseph. The series will conclude March 14, just prior to the March 19 Feast of St. Joseph. All are welcome.

Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, will sponsor its annual "St. Joseph's Table" buffet dinner March 21 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Primo Banquet Hall south side in Indianapolis. Proceeds will benefit Central Catholic School in Indianapolis.

"Biblical Justice: Setting Our

Relationships Right," a talk by Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be held Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Newman Hall of the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 535 W. State St., in West Lafayette. The event will begin with morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. Information: 765-743-4652.

St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers' Women Services in Indianapolis, will host "Do Your Heart Good" screenings and workshops to help local women on the path to better health. Free cholesterol/glucose and blood pressure screenings will be available for women by appointment: Feb. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at the St. Francis Beech Grove main lobby; Feb. 9, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the St. Francis Neighborhood Clinic, 234 E. Southern Ave.; and Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon at the St. Francis South Campus Lobby. Information: 317-865-5864. †



March for Life

Emily Claretto (left) and Janie McNichols, both of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute, join Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at the March of Life Jan. 22 in Washington D.C. See story on Page 3.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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—Stephanie Keefe, CHS '90



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Greencastle parish celebrates dedication of church addition

By Cynthia Dewes
Special to The Criterion

GREENCASTLE—St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle welcomed Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein as he dedicated its new building addition on Jan. 17 following the celebration of 11 a.m. Mass.

The archbishop took as his theme the Sunday readings from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians concerning those who are consecrated in Christ and called to be a holy people.

Archbishop Buechlein congratulated

the parish on the beauty of the addition, which is connected to the church by a new narthex suitable for large community gatherings. The building also includes offices for the pastor, Father Mike Fritsch, and the parish staff; a kitchen adjoining the narthex; and several rooms for religious education classes and parish meetings.

Archbishop Buechlein praised the community spirit and generosity of St. Paul parishioners which caused the project to happen. He emphasized that individuals, like church buildings, must also become consecrated as spiritual "homes" for each other and for the com-



Photo by Cynthia Dewes

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein offers a blessing during the Jan. 17 dedication at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle. Brian Doyle (left) assists the archbishop. (second from left) St. Paul's pastor, Father Mike Fritsch concelebrated the Mass; Kenny Jordan (right) holds the archbishop's crozier.

munity at large.

After blessing the rooms of the building the archbishop, the pastor and a large number of parishioners enjoyed a recep-

tion in the narthex with refreshments donated by the Walden Inn.

(Cynthia Dewes is a correspondent for The Criterion and a regular columnist.)

Students make extra efforts, receive recognition for work, service

In celebrating Catholic Schools Week, schools share special programs that are "above and beyond" the basic academic studies in their schools.

At **Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Terre Haute**, seventh and eighth grade students visit Lakeview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center once a month with their teacher, Providence Sister Joyce Brophy. They help the clients and play games with them. Two of the students spend more of their own time at the center.

Students at **Pope John XXIII** elementary school in **Madison** plan weekend Masses once a month. Each grade "fam-

ily" takes one liturgy each month. Students' families are encouraged to come and pray and celebrate together. Non-members are asked to come to Prince of Peace or attend church with their families. Students take part in ministries at the Masses.

In Indianapolis schools: To help provide for needy families during the holidays, the student body of **Scecina Memorial High School** collected 17,691 canned food items for the food pantries of neighboring Indianapolis East Deanery parishes Holy Cross and St. Philip Neri.

Holy Cross Central School offers a

bilingual education for its seven Hispanic students who speak very little English. The ESL (English Second Language) students receive daily small group instruction from a teacher on the staff. The older bilingual students help the ESL kindergarten students. All middle school students at Holy Cross take Spanish every day and a parent teaches Spanish to the younger children. Eighth graders go on a mission trip to Mexico each May.

Students at **St. Luke School** used allowances, babysitting earnings and family donations to collect \$9,700 for the Alverado family of St. Philip Neri Parish, who lost their mother and sisters in a November fire. The surviving children

attend St. Philip School, where St. Luke teacher Michele Tillery—who organized the collection—formerly taught.

Three Scecina students achieved special notice: **Sarah Garman**, a junior, is one of 850 nationally to be a member of the Presidential Classroom. Selected by "Who's Who Among High School Students," she'll go to Washington, D.C. to learn about politics.

Richelle Winkle, Scecina junior, and **Amy DeCoito**, sophomore, will have their works published by the National Poetry Society in a book being presented to Hillary Rodham Clinton. Richelle wrote "Life as a Christian" and Amy wrote "Family Cookbook." †

Serra Club sponsors vocations essay contest for schools

During Catholic Schools Week, the Serra Club of Indianapolis is again announcing its Vocations Essay Contest.

This year's theme will be "Living for Christ: What Will it Take to be a Priest, Sister or Brother in Today's World?"

Open to students from in grades seven through 12, the essay must be a minimum of 300 and not more than 500 words.

Essays should be hand-written in ink on lined paper; typed, double-spaced; or word-processed, double-spaced. Entries must be signed with the name of the student, grade level, name of sponsoring teacher, school, parish and city.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein sent

a letter announcing the contest to high school principals and religion department heads, elementary principals and seventh- and eighth-grade religion teachers.

Religion teachers are asked to submit the top two essays for each class in eligible grade levels.

Overall winners for each grade level will be honored at a special recognition luncheon of the Serra Club on March 22. Each will receive \$150 cash and a plaque.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 19. Derrick Koch of the archdiocesan Vocations Office is collecting entries for the Serra Club. †

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lives around her, an integral piece of the pro-life message. "Learning how to value the lives of unborn children makes you value the lives of those around you." This was the message emphasized by the entire weekend of events for the archdiocese.

In addition to abortion, other life issues including the death penalty, assisted suicide, war, genocide and discrimination surfaced through discussion.

Following the march, the youth came together to discuss the experience and learn from others' perspectives. Emily Claretto, a student at North Vigo High School in Terre Haute and a member of St. Benedict Parish, said, "I've learned to stand up for what I believe in. There are times when not expressing your opinion seems like the best solution, but after this pilgrimage I know that is not the best solution." Teenagers were able to voice their beliefs and were encouraged by the similar beliefs of their peers.

In addition to the Jan. 21 and 22 events, the archdiocese extended its trip this year to include processing time for students, opportunities to dream of ways to bring the message of the dignity of human life to their parishes and schools, and an expansion of the pro-life message.

Students visited the war memorials in addition to the Holocaust Museum. Themes of all life, young and old, and the dignity of all life pervaded the youth pilgrimage through discussions, prayer and hands-on experience.

Reflecting on the Veterans' War Memorial, Andrew Torreloa, a senior at Brownsburg High School and a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, commented on his approach to the memorial. "As the monument grew in height, it got harder to walk," he said. "I saw my own reflection. I was dumbfounded for words; it was unbelievable."

Issues of war and genocide, as shown in the memorials, including the U.S. Holocaust Museum, helped students to expand their sense of life and that which they are called to hold as sacred.

Ending this trip with Mass at the Franciscan Monastery Saturday evening, the youth and adults boarded the buses and headed back to Indiana, a little tired but with a new sense of purpose and hope. Annie Loudon, a junior at Tri West High School and a member of St. Malachy Parish, said, "I don't really think the world is going as down as people say it is. I think there's a lot of hope for it and I really got to see that." †

(Jane Rush is campus minister at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.)

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Beatification of Mother Theodore

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Catholic Schools Week events planned

Schools throughout the archdiocese are celebrating Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31 through Feb. 6) with special events.

At **St. Lawrence School** in **Lawrenceburg**, the week will begin with a school Mass on Monday. They'll select a student as principal of the day and design school scenes pillowcases that will be sold Friday. Students will wear their favorite hats as they honor the staff on Tuesday. Each class will wear a designated color on Wednesday, parent appreciation day. Students will be appreciated on Thursday, when the PTO will provide lunch and the whole school goes bowling. On Friday, students can wear

"civilian" clothes and enjoy a pizza lunch.

At **St. Mary School** in **Greensburg**, this week was celebrated early, with Monday as Community Day; Tuesday, "Hats Off to Students Day" and Wednesday was "Faith for a Brighter Future in our Nation," when a distinguished graduate award was presented at the all school Mass. Thursday was "Volunteer Appreciation Day; Friday Jan. 29 is "Faith of Our Teachers Day" and Jan. 30-31, "Catholic School Appreciation Sunday."

At **St. Charles Borromeo School** in **Bloomington**, the theme notes the 75th anniversary of the parish: "Faith for a Brighter Future from Generation to Generation."

Each class will focus on changes that have occurred in the school, parish, community and world since 1923. Days will be set aside for appreciation of parishioners, parents, volunteers, students, support staff and teachers. Children will write thank you letters to parishioners. The week's activities will culminate with an open house Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Principal Virginia Suttner will give a talk at all the weekend Masses.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in **Richmond** will begin the week with an all-school Mass. Grandparents will be welcomed on Tuesday and students will enjoy special events like a scooter racing and bowling.

St. Gabriel School in **Connersville** has a full schedule, beginning with a school Mass on Sunday, during which a distinguished graduate will be honored. "School family" groups will work together on projects on Monday. A luncheon on Tuesday will showcase the school for community leaders, with Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive secretary of Catholic Education for the archdiocese speaking. People who are special to the students—grandparents, relatives, preschoolers, friends—will be invited to a Mass and lunch on Wednesday. Thursday is Spirit Day. Friday is Appreciation Day, when teachers will be treated to lunch while volunteers supervise the students at bowling or watching videos.

St. Gabriel School students, parents and parishioners will enjoy a Family Dance Night on Friday from 7 p. m. to 9 p.m.

Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis will sponsor a Deanery Spell Bowl on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium, with students from all Indianapolis East Deanery elementary schools.

Christ the King School in Indianapolis will start the week with a community day, featuring parish leaders and a student art display. Tuesday is for students, with no uniforms or homework and the children receiving notes from their teachers. On Wednesday, parish leaders and alumni will be honored at the school Mass. Fifth graders will attend the North Deanery Mass and vocations panel at St. Luke. Teachers will wear jeans and be honored at a lunch on Thursday before participating in a student/faculty volleyball game. Parents will get notes or gifts from their children, enjoy a picnic and be part of a prayer service.

St. Luke School in Indianapolis will start with an open house on Sunday, Jan. 31. Monday is Clash Day, sponsored by the student council. Children will bring non-perishable food for Lucius Newsom, who delivers food to the poor in Indianapolis. Tuesday will be open visitation time; Wednesday is the seventh- and eighth-grade science fair. The students will eat novelty foods in their rooms. Friday is dress up day, with students honoring volunteers. The faculty and staff will play the junior high students in volleyball.

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Celebrate Heart Month with St. Francis Hospital & Health Center.

**Watch "Cardiac Success Stories" on WTHR—Ch. 13
Saturday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 4:30 p.m.**

For information about free women's LDL screenings and heart seminar, call 317-865-5864.

Paste In Negative

Faith for a Brighter Future



Dear Readers,

"Discover Catholic Schools," "Schools You Can Believe In" and "Restoring Faith in Education." These are past themes describing our schools for Catholic Schools Week. To me, they say Catholic schools are here to stay. Catholic schools have been rediscovered; you can believe in our Catholic schools; our faith in Catholic education has been restored; and for this year, our Catholic schools, indeed, offer "Faith for a Brighter Future."

Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 1999. It is the one week each year when we pay tribute to the tireless dedication and sacrificial love that uphold and reinforce the mission of Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith for a Brighter Future," suggests a variety of expressions of enlightenment and illumination. How fitting that this theme also fits well into our own archdiocesan Journey of Hope 2001 that emphasizes spirituality, evangelization and stewardship—all symbols of enlightenment for our own growth in faith.

Our schools in the archdiocese truly are beacons of hope. Solid academics are the hallmark of Catholic schools, but research shows our students are also well-versed in Christian values—the kind of values people seem to be searching for today. Catholic education is all about the kind of people our children will become—not just what they will do in their lives. And, it is very much about everlasting life.

Schools in this archdiocese enjoy a great heritage—people who came before us who have passed on the tradition—sharing the light of faith. Today, too, we are blessed with special people: an archbishop committed to our Catholic schools, dedicated priests, hard-working archdiocesan staff and committed educators. We have parents and students who must sacrifice, and yet they appreciate their opportunities. We have generous support from our parishioners and we now enjoy vital support from the business and civic community. However, blessings bring challenges. It is our goal to continue to illuminate our Journey of Hope into the new millenium. Your prayers and support are always needed and appreciated.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Secretary/Executive Director
Catholic Education

Four task forces study new school potential

Because of the potential of increasing enrollment in Catholic schools, task forces or steering committees have been formed in four diverse areas of the archdiocese to look at the possibility of establishing new schools.

These areas are Richmond, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyds Knobs, the Batesville Deanery and the Wabash Valley area (Terre Haute Deanery).

The longest-running is the Richmond Seton Catholic High School Task Force, which has now evolved into a steering committee. Plans are well under way to open a new Catholic high school in the former St. Andrew elementary school building, which now serves as a religious education center for the Richmond Catholic Community.

Legacy of Hope funds have been raised to renovate the ground floor of the religious education center and pave the way for future renovation of the upper floors to house the high school.

A community fund-raising campaign is part of the plan for this Connorsville Deanery project in Richmond.

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyds Knobs (in the New Albany Deanery) conducted a study and survey last spring. Based on the results of the study, the parish opened a preschool, which now has 31 students in daily attendance.

This month, the steering committee is surveying parishioners and members of neighboring parishes to determine the interest in expansion of the program, possible leading to formation of a kindergarten at a later date.

Suzie Didat, parish business administrator and a member of the committee said, "We're really having great success." She explained that the school has 31 children in morning and afternoon sessions.

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs has an existing school building, which was used as a public school until 1997.

Recently, blue ribbon task forces were formed in Batesville and Terre Haute.

In the Batesville Deanery, a demographic study and survey are being conducted to determine the numbers for possible enrollment and interest in a possible elementary school to serve northern Dearborn County.

The Batesville people are also looking at the possibility of opening a co-educational high school to serve the entire deanery.

Oldenburg Academy, a private Catholic girls' school run by the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg, is very much

a part of the discussion, said Joseph Peters, associate executive director of the Office of Catholic Education.

The task force hopes to make recommendations to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein in the next two months. If approved, a steering committee will be formed to implement the archbishop's decision (similar to those in Richmond and Floyds Knobs).

No decisions have been made to date regarding the potential schools.

In December, a task force with people from the Terre Haute area parishes began to consider the potential for new elementary and secondary schools.

Peters emphasized that the study is at a very prelimi-

nary stage. Parish surveys were being conducted this month. They hope for recommendations from the archbishop this spring.

The two elementary schools in the city of Terre Haute, Sacred Heart and St. Patrick, have shown "huge growth over the past 10 years," Peters said.

New school buildings are now being constructed at Holy Angels and Holy Cross parishes in center-city Indianapolis, through the Building Communities of Hope corporate phase of the Legacy of Hope campaign.

Catholic schools in the archdiocese have increased enrollment by nearly 30 percent—or over 6,000 students—since 1990. †

School enrollment facts show trends

The National Catholic Educational Association furnishes data on Catholic schools. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is typical of the trend in enrollment increases, with waiting lists in suburban and tuition-assisted inner-city schools, as well as the opening of new schools. However, the enrollment has grown much faster here than nationally.

- In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, total Catholic school student enrollment for the current academic year is 25,111 preschool through grade 12.

Nationally, Catholic school enrollment is 2.65 million; elementary school: 1.9 million, middle school: 19,392; secondary school: 633,818. (In the archdiocese, the middle grades are part of the elementary schools [kindergarten through eighth grade], although three high schools support grades seven and eight.)

- In the archdiocese, there is an increase of 151 students over last year and an overall increase of 246 (nearly 10 percent) in the past five years.

Catholic schools in the archdiocese have increased enrollment by nearly 30 percent, or over 6,000 students, since turning around an enrollment decline in 1990.

In the U.S., the increase is 3,400 students this year, with an overall increase of 81,000 since 1992.

- In the archdiocese, non-Catholic students number 4,476, comprising 18 percent of enrollment. Non-Catholic enrollment is nearly 67 percent in center-city

Indianapolis schools. The average for other schools is 10 to 12 percent.

Nationally, non-Catholic enrollment is 358,082, 13.6 percent of Catholic school enrollment.

- There are 71 Catholic schools in the archdiocese, 62 of them elementary and nine high schools, including three private Catholic high schools.

Last year, there were 8,223 Catholic schools in the nation; 6,897 of them elementary; 107 were middle schools, and 1,219 were secondary.

- There are 28 elementary schools in the archdiocese (45 percent) that have waiting lists for admission this year. Nationally, 40 percent of the elementary schools (3,351) had waiting lists last year.

- Full-time equivalent faculty numbered 1,457 last year in the archdiocese; laity 96.6 percent and religious/clergy, 3.40 percent. Nationally, the full-time teachers numbered 152,260; laity, 92.2 percent, religious/clergy, 7.8 percent.

- The student/teacher ratio in archdiocesan Catholic schools is 17 to 1. This is the average ratio in U.S. Catholic schools, as well. More than 160,000 professional educators are involved in Catholic schools nationwide. †

(Information was furnished by the National Catholic Educational Association and the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.)

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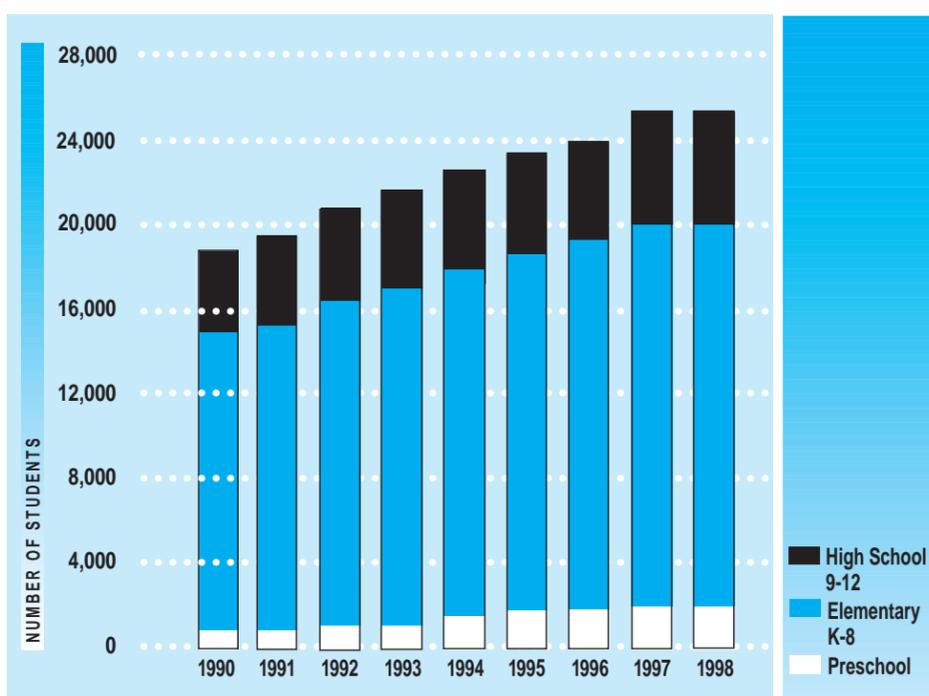
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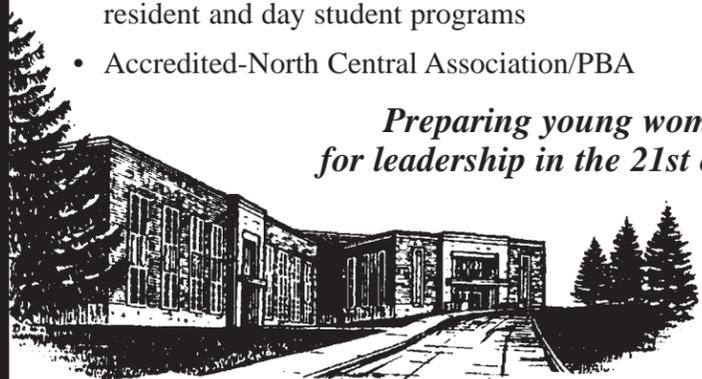
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Center-city campaign builds hope for future

By Sue Hetzler

In precedent-setting style, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the success of its Building Communities of Hope campaign could make national headlines and become a model for other cities to follow when developing plans for church, civic and corporate partnerships.

Building Communities of Hope, a campaign to reinvest in the eight center-city schools in Indianapolis and the agencies of Catholic Charities, is expected to exceed its minimum goal of \$20 million by the end of February. Exceeding this goal will work toward helping the Church meet what has been described by professional architects, engineers and business leaders as a \$31.7 million need for center-city school and charity programs.

At least \$16 million will go toward tuition assistance and capital improvements at the downtown schools and help build two new schools—Holy Angels and Holy Cross Central.

The building of two new schools is a move that has literally been absent in cities across the country for more than a decade. The archdiocese has been seen as the trend-setter in strengthening its center-city Catholic education presence, and a handful of other inner cities are now also beginning to plan for new Catholic schools.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein credits much of the campaign's success to the cooperation between the Church and local businesses and corporations, and especially to the support offered by the city's mayor, Stephen Goldsmith. Mayor Goldsmith is the honorary chair of Building Communities of Hope. Jerry Semler,

chairman, president and chief executive officer of American United Life, member of St. Pius X Parish, and vice president of the Catholic Community Foundation Board of Trustees, is the general chair.

Archbishop Buechlein said, "The partnerships that we have built and strengthened as a result of the archdiocese's commitment to keep our schools open, and indeed even expand them, in the center city has been very gratifying. We have come a long way from discussing the possible closures of our center-city schools, and our efforts are being noticed around the country.

"If we can provide other cities with the foundation for building up their downtown communities through partnerships like we have created here, everyone will benefit, especially the children and families who are looking to rise from poverty and improve their opportunities for the future."

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Semler told fellow business leaders early in the campaign that they have often been asked to make a difference in the city through their financial investments. “But this project itself is different,” he said.

“This is really about people, not buildings. It’s about giving those less fortunate the opportunity to succeed in this world.” He added, “It’s about giving hope.”

That hope will not only be offered through center-city Catholic schools, but also through the many agencies of Catholic Charities that will receive \$2 million in endowment funds to help ensure the continuation of programs and services like youth outreach programs, counseling and emergency assistance. Another \$2 million will provide capital improvements for facilities that house these programs and services.

“It’s important to note that while the money is going

into separate areas of need in both education and social services, it will likely touch many of the same people,” said Thomas Gaybrick, secretary for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries for the archdiocese.

“The people served by our center-city Catholic schools and Catholic Charities agencies are not exclusive of one another. A number of families who have children in our schools also benefit from programs offered by our Catholic Charities agencies,” he said.

Most of the students attending center-city Catholic schools, and the more than 1,600 on waiting lists, come from low-income and minority families. Most are also not Catholic.

“Our schools and charities are doing important work on behalf of the entire community,” said Archbishop Buechlein. “While the majority of children and families we serve are not Catholic, they are God’s children. Therefore, they are our children and our families.” †

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.)



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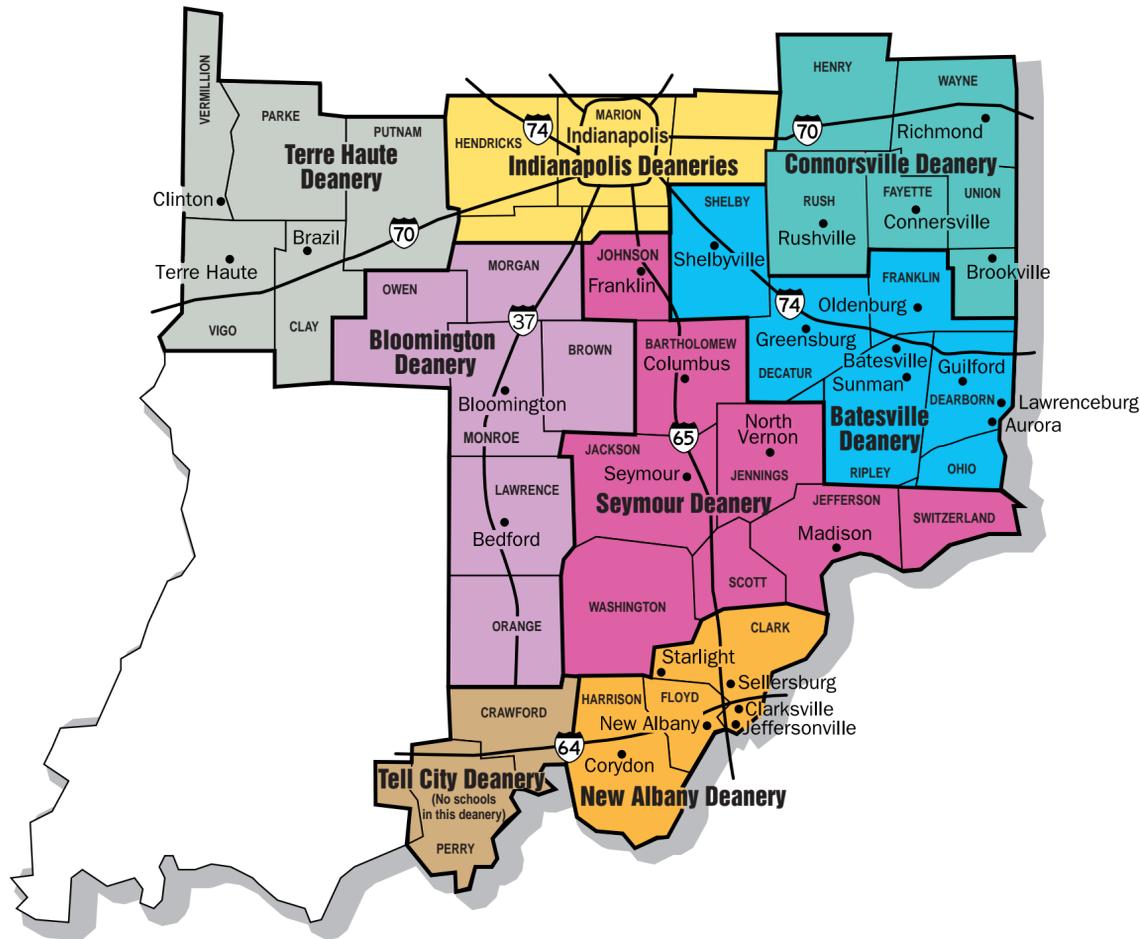
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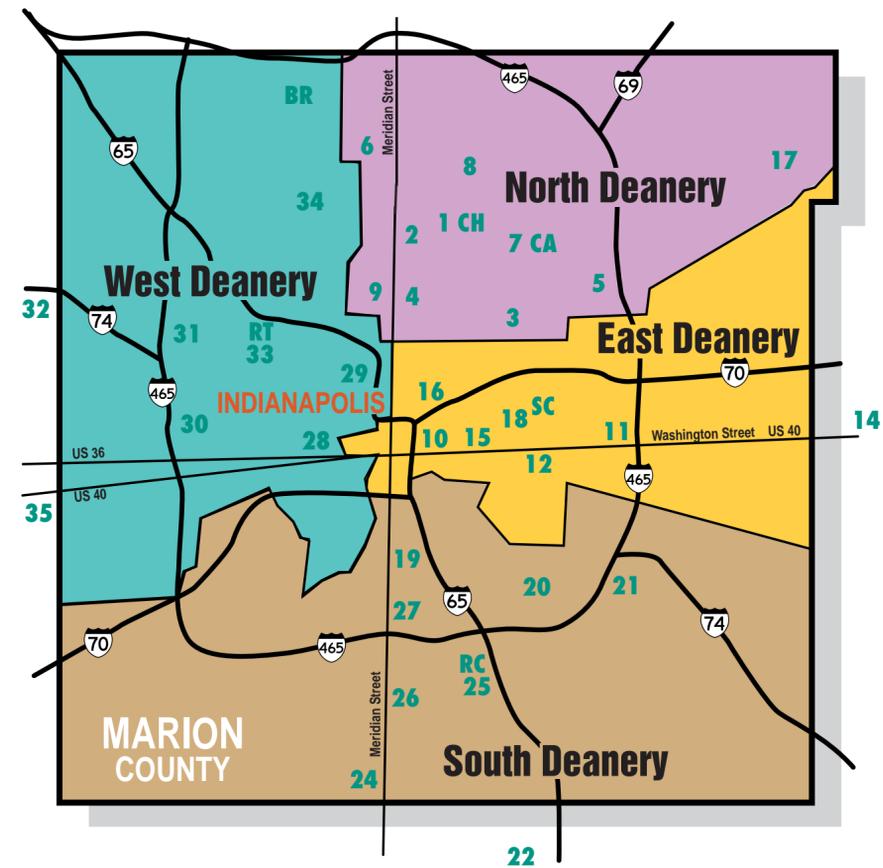
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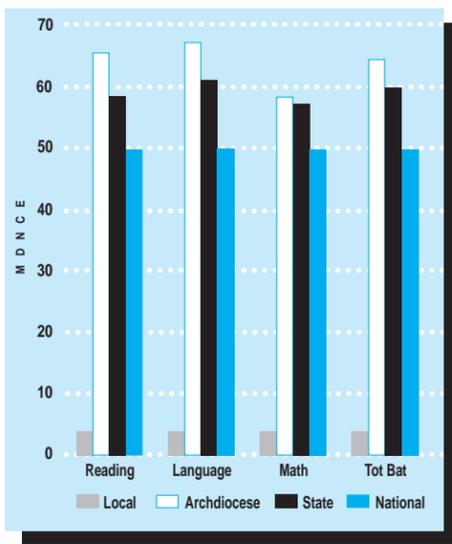
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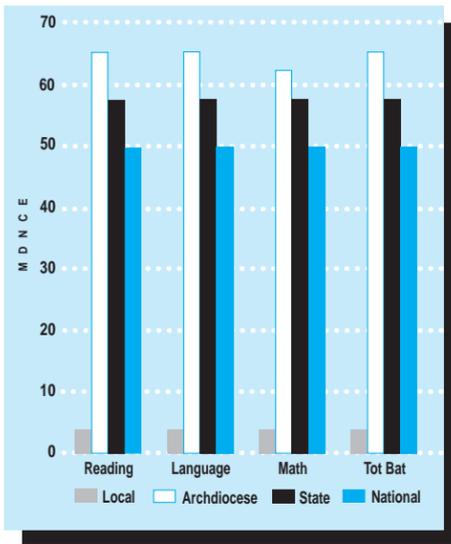
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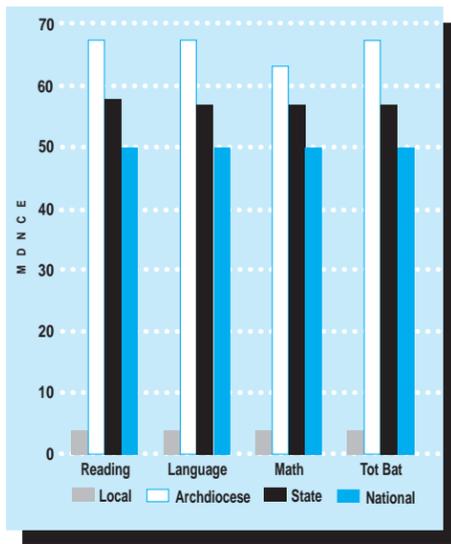
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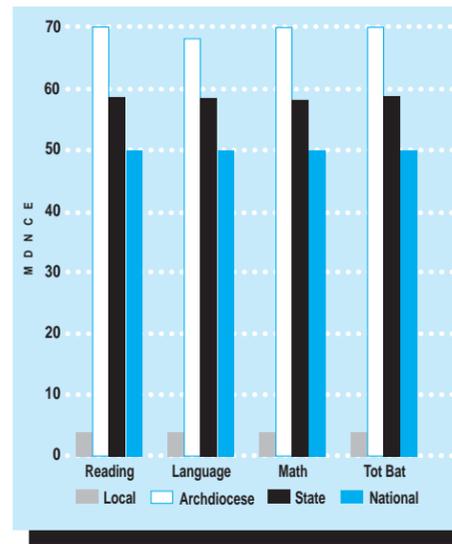
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Youth to get media experience at papal visit

By Sue Hetzler

Four Indianapolis Catholic high school students have been given what they describe as "a chance of a lifetime" — an opportunity not just to be present with the Holy Father in St. Louis on Jan. 26 and 27, but to become a member of the news media and share the papal experience with thousands of television viewers.

Sarah Pollard and Victoria Raymond, from Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, and Ryan Moran and Ian Bryant, from Bishop Chatard High School, were asked by the Office of Catholic Education to represent archdiocesan youth and their schools by becoming student reporters for the papal event. All four are juniors and will be working closely with WRTV Channel 6 in Indianapolis on the project.

"This is a chance that most people my age will never get," said Victoria Raymond, a member of St. Gabriel Parish on Indianapolis's west side. "This is so exciting to be with thousands of other teens who have the same faith and values. And to be in the presence of a pope who is so connected to the youth; it's a real honor."

Pope John Paul II will be making his stop in St. Louis after five days in

Mexico, where he will unveil his apostolic exhortation flowing from the Synod of Bishops for America. It is a document addressed to Catholics in the Western Hemisphere. It is no accident, said Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, that the Holy Father made special plans to meet with the youth of the Midwest during his brief visit.

"The pope has had an appeal with the youth since he was a young priest," said the archbishop. "He has a natural affinity to interact with young people, and the youth pick up on that."

The archbishop added that the Holy Father acts as a role model for today's youth because he is someone they can trust.

"Our youth today are looking for real meaning in life, and he puts it right out there. That meaning is that there is hope in Christ because God's image is in you."

The students will work with Channel 6 anchor/reporter Kevin Doran, two other reporters and the technical crew on a series of videotaped reports during the two-day event. They will also work closely with the news team on preparing and airing a live segment that will air following the youth rally and papal prayer service.

Their participation was made possible by a communication grant from the National Catholic Society of Foresters, a fraternal insurance society, and the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

"I feel very lucky to have this opportunity," said Ryan. "I'm looking forward to bringing back the special message the pope leaves with us and to the chance of growing in my faith life. A lot of times this happens when you least expect it."

Not only will the students be at the youth rally and papal Mass interviewing Hoosiers, they will also cover the stories happening outside on the Papal Plaza where those with no tickets to the inside venues will gather for music, speakers and prayer.

Hours of work will also be accomplished behind the scenes in editing news and feature segments. Bryant will be the only student working as a videographer, a job in which he has three years' experience from school classes and employment at the Youth Video Institute in Indianapolis.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime, especially to film it," he said. "I've never been involved in anything so big, and I've never seen the pope except on TV. Anything I gain will be an asset to me

and something I can apply to both my professional and spiritual life."

The students' coverage of the papal visit will also be aired on educational access television, which can be picked up by Indianapolis-area Catholic schools. Several segments will air on the cable channels during a one-hour time for three consecutive days. †

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.)



Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith talks with Bishop Chatard High School junior Ryan Moran, of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, during a Jan. 22 interview in the mayor's office.

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Religion curriculum lifeblood of schools

The religion curriculum in a Catholic school is its very lifeblood, said Sister Michelle Faltus. "Therefore, the curriculum must be one of excellence.

"The Lord has entrusted to our care a child of God, a brother or sister of Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit," said Sister Michelle, associate director of schools curriculum and assessment for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

"Our responsibility as Catholic school educators is to provide a curriculum which includes religion as a subject area that is integrated into the academic curriculum, as well," she said.

To dozens of teachers, administrators

and parents, the new archdiocesan religion guide meant many months of planning and decision-making.

The guide is written on the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The guide states, "Curriculum in a Catholic school of excellence includes: teaching Gospel values, teaching high standards, benchmarking standards, assessing progress of students' learning, and providing results to parents, students, parish and the business communities.

Benchmarking standards and assessing progress of students' learning are important to sister Michelle.

February is the month of formal assessment of the curriculum standards

in schools and religious education programs for those that have chosen to do it for the year 1998-99. Next year, all schools and religious education programs will assess the learning of standards taught.

"Too long, we have concentrated on love, peace and joy," said Sister Michelle. "Those are good, but we need to teach the basics of our Catholic faith to children and show them how these apply to the basics. One would not think of teaching children to multiply before they learn how to add. Why would we teach virtues before the basics?"

"We have a new generation of children," she said, noting that their parents

may have experienced Catholic schools in the '60s and '70s. "Today we not only teach the subject of religion, but we write it into academics subject, like social studies, science and others," said Sister Michelle. She is pleased that youth ministers are "going back to basics" in their teaching to young people.

Sister Michelle said that the new curriculum guide, which covers grade levels from kindergarten through 12th grade, has been given to religious education leaders and principals of Catholic schools.

These administrators are expected to work with teachers and catechists to personalize the guide to meet the needs of the children they serve. †

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Providence ready with technology

By Susan Bierman

CLARKSVILLE—With some new technology, students at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville practically have the world at their fingertips.

Last fall, the New Albany Deanery school opened its new library/media center as well as two computer labs that are on-line. A third computer lab is a learning center that is expected to be on-line before the end of this school year.

The project cost \$350,000. The money was available from a major fund at the school in 1996 called the Providence 2000 campaign. The campaign raised about \$2.3 million.

The new library/media center and computer labs are located on the third floor of the school. The third floor was part of a Phase I addition to the school that was left as a shell about five years ago.

The library/media center cover about 4,500 square feet. It includes storage space, offices, a study room and audio-visual storage. The library/media center houses 18 Pentium I computers with carrels. The Internet will soon be available for the students as well.

Ursuline Sister Dolorita Lutsie, the media specialist who has been at Providence Jr./Sr. High School for 16 years, said

the students mostly use the computers to type and print papers. She added the card catalog will eventually be on the system.

"We are constantly adding things. We won't stand still," Sister Dolorita said.

She said the students can use the computers for information. Currently such informational tools as encyclopedias are available for student use.

Gerald Wilkinson, the president of the school, said this new technology project brings 62 Pentium I computers to the network.

"It gives us a lot more capability than we ever had before for the students," Wilkinson said.

Aside from the 18 computers that are in the library/media center, another 42 are spread throughout the classrooms.

The new library/media center benefits the students in a number of ways. Wilkinson said the center offers the students about two and one-half times the space they had in the old library in a "much more modern, uplifting atmosphere."

Besides being on-line, the new technology eventually will also allow the students to participate in distance learning. Wilkinson said this involves being able to bring in to Providence classes or classrooms from other high schools, learning centers or colleges.

"They'll have more at their fingertips than they did before, when they would have had to go out to the actual place itself," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson said it is important to provide a learning environment comparable to the real world today.

"It wouldn't make much sense for us to be doing everything on the blackboard or overhead projectors when the real world is doing something else," he said.

He also believes it is important to teach the students the basics of what they will face in the real world.

"If they are not computer—literate as they come out of high school, they are going to have a rough time," he said.

Wilkinson said the general feeling at the school among students, parents, teachers, faculty and staff is that the new computer technology is "just a giant leap forward for the school and for our students."

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School will continue to keep in sync with computer technology. Wilkinson said there is a technology plan in place for the entire school. A technology committee was established to deal with these issues about four years ago. A major component included in its technology plan is teacher education.

"The key is not just the hardware, but



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Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School media specialist Ursuline Sister Dolorita Lutsie and Gerald Wilkinson, president of the school, look at the system server.

then going back and educating your faculty as to how to utilize it. It needs to become as much part of their instructional process as the blackboard used to be," Wilkinson said.

At the end of the three years, Wilkinson said it is hoped that the school will be able to have a technical maintenance expert on staff. †

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Bloomington school mixes generations

By Margaret Nelson

BLOOMINGTON— Since the parish is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, St. Charles Borromeo School in Bloomington is proud of one of its programs that brings students from decades ago into today's classrooms.

The intergenerational program they've had for three years makes it appropriate for the school to expand on the national and archdiocesan themes for Catholic Schools Week to "Faith for a Brighter Future from Generation to Generation."

Parishioner Cathy Siffin, who is on the staff of Indiana University's Center on Aging and Aged, brought the "Learning and Growing Together" intergenerational program to the school.

Siffin was a student at St. Charles School in its early days. Her children attended the school and a

granddaughter is presently enrolled there.

The staff at the center includes Stephanie Bales, graduate assistant, and Dr. Susan Eklund, director.

Approximately 30 people—Siffin always calls them "elders"—go to the school and meet with classes of students in conjunction with their studies.

The first year, 1996, second graders shared World War II studies with elders. Adults also worked with fourth-grade students on Indiana history and seventh-grade in English.

In 1997, the war stories continued with the second grade. The fourth grade was part of an intergenerational chorus for the end-of-year Songfest that parents could attend.

Last year, new second- and fourth-grade classes shared the same experiences, and eight elders worked with fifth-grade stu-

dents on careers.

One elder woman shared her conversation with a second grader last year with Diane Keucher, who works on the program in the school, along with the principal, Virginia Suttner.

The widow of a World War II hero had come to class to share her husband's experiences with the children, who were studying the war.

Keucher said a little boy asked the woman if she was sad when her husband died. She said yes. Then he wanted to know if she was very, very sad. Again she answered yes. "Did you cry a lot?" he asked. When she said yes, he gave her a big hug.

A mother of another child in the World War II unit told Keucher a story of how the Indiana University Center-St. Charles partnership helped her father. At a visit with his grandparents,



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Stone carver Henry Morris meets with his fifth grade 'pen pal partners' (from left) Thomas Lessard, Rebekah Turner, Nathan Brewer, Scott Budnick and Matt Chambers as part of the intergenerational program at St. Charles Borromeo School in Bloomington.

the student told what he had learned about the war from the elders who visited the school.

For the first time, his grandfather began to talk to him and the rest of the fam-

ily about his war experiences.

One woman who was a school parent years ago, Quinn McDonald—now 100 years plus—has a 1920s scrapbook of St. Charles

School. One of the preschool classes has adopted her as its "honorary grandmother."

The children keep journals. A fourth-grade elder participant said, "The thing that remains in my heart about these experiences is that I found these children cared to connect. they cared about what you had to say and they could take our thoughts and then talk about themselves and relate to us—who we are in today's world, in their world, in their words."

A fifth grader wrote, "I didn't know that people could be so old on the outside, but so young on the inside."

Keucher believes the intergenerational program ties in well with the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation Capital and Endowment Campaign.

Last year, Mary Powell's fifth-grade students collaborated on "Poem For an Elder Friend:"

We like so many things
about you.
We like your gentle eyes,
And how your face lights
up
When you catch sight of
us.

The way you listen well
To what we say,
As if our thoughts and
feelings
Were the most important
thing
In all the world.

Did you know, that in your
face,
We see
Enthusiasm
and serenity?
Wisdom
and innocence?
And if your hair is curly,
white—
Or even if you've not much
hair at all—
We like that, too.

So thank you for your
friendship,
For sharing your ideas
About the life you've
lived;
For spoiling us,
And being on our side.

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stand
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All on the same journey,
All children of God. †

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Prayer helps us achieve humility and patience

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

Sharing a joke on ourselves, acknowledging “stupid things” we all do, and learning to laugh at ourselves: These are central to developing the virtues needed in families and relationships.

Humor, a form of humility, helps us to keep family life in perspective. In fact, we can come to treasure the comical moments when “the joke is on us.” These moments teach us not to expect perfection—from ourselves or from other family members.

“The perfect is the enemy of the good” is a bit of wisdom we might ponder.

At times, our expectations of ourselves and of others might be a little unrealistic. We expect only the best. Our teams must win. Our children must earn As in school. Our housework must always be done. We must be caught up with our work.

Yet, we are far from perfect. Luckily, the title of perfect family already has gone to Jesus, Mary and Joseph! So we do well to keep family life in perspective.

With humor comes the insight that we are not in complete control of our family's life. We work legitimately to achieve worthwhile goals such as financial support for family members. But many things happen to us that we do not expect.

Ultimately, God is in control.

Just as an infant slowly learns to walk, we have to learn to “let go.” For adults, this letting go is a daily thing. It is also a deeply spiritual reality. God calls us to let go of our expectations and our accustomed ways of doing things—for our own good and the good of others.

However, this calls for more than a little patience.

The virtue of patience is immediately applicable every day. We need patience while we wait in lines in stores. We need patience in traffic as we drive to work or to the mall to wait in the lines there!

At home, we need patience with children's unending questions, a teen-ager's quest for identity, the concerns of our neighbors, and the intrusion of unexpected events.

We also need patience with ourselves. Changing our ways of doing things or changing our expectations is a slow process. Growth takes time.

As we become older, we see how change is possible but difficult. Overcoming doubts and insecurities can be slow. We seem to fall into the same

patterns of impatience, incivility and uncharitable behavior again and again.

Thus we realize our need for God's help—our need to pray.

Some families spend extended time in prayer at home every evening.

One husband and wife I know light a candle and pray with their children in the living room before they go to bed. Each member takes a turn reading a Bible passage or a narrative about the life of a saint. Every member has an opportunity to offer a petition for others.

Such an experience reminds both children and adults of the importance of our relationship with God.

The Christian virtues are rooted in prayer. A senior couple I know have prayed a decade of the rosary for their family every night for more than 50 years.

We are likely to need more silent time to pray. This can be hard to achieve if we have a noisy and bustling family life.

Noise surrounds us. We are accustomed to noise in daily life, and we create noise as well. As soon as we enter a room, we may decide to turn on the radio, television, CD player or computer. Or we need to talk on the telephone. At times, we seem to flee opportunities for silence.

Yet, to listen to God we need to spend time in silence.

Even if we find time and a quiet place, we can find silence difficult. It can be challenging to sit still for even five minutes to listen to God.

There always seem to be outside interruptions, and our interior noise—distracting thoughts about work and worries—can interrupt us as well.

Yet if we persist, God does speak to us. God gives us surprising insights into our daily situations.

Silent prayer, even if only for a few minutes, enhances the practice of humor, humility and patience.

These virtues of families are the virtues of daily living. Each day there are many opportunities to practice them. They strengthen our relationships. They take us out of ourselves to others.

These small acts of patience or kindness make our families happy places to be. †

(Oblate Father John W. Crossin is the executive director of the Washington Theological Consortium. His new book, “Walking in Virtue: Moral Decisions and Spiritual Growth in Daily Life,” was published in December by Paulist Press.)



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The virtue of acceptance helps us find happiness

By David M. Thomas

“It didn't turn out the way I thought it would.”

Did you ever say those words? Did you ever think them? We all create hopes and plans for our lives.

If you are married, you want to be happy by sharing your life with your spouse. You imagine a certain marital lifestyle and wonderful moments you will have together. Perhaps you are a parent. You have great hopes for your children.

Whatever your hopes, they are within you for a very good reason. God made us to be people filled with hopes and dreams.

Without hopes and dreams, we become stale and our lives become boring. We are made to want “more.” It is one of the precious signs that we are made for God.

But we also are made to hope for the best for ourselves and everyone else.

Perhaps one of life's greatest difficulties is that our earthly hopes rarely reach fulfillment in the exact way we hope for. We desire one kind of marriage, and we get another. We want one kind of future for our children, and guess what?

But a different future doesn't necessarily mean one that is less than we had hoped for. It could even be better.

But to survive in this milieu of altered hopes, we need to practice the important family virtue of “acceptance.”

It means accepting and loving what you get, rather than what you want. When this virtue drives our interpersonal life, it is also called “unconditional love.”

The virtue of acceptance carries us along the path of constant change, the path of life. And each day we are invited to be like God by accepting others. †

(David Thomas is a graduate professor of community leadership at Regis University in Denver.)

Discussion Point

Virtues strengthen family life

This Week's Question

What specific virtue supports your family's life together or the life of another family you know?

“I would say patience and understanding. I think that, especially in dealing with children, trying to keep sight of the fact that they are children is important and that our practicing patience is a necessary part of keeping us together as a family.” (Marjie Nichols, Nashville, Tenn.)

“I guess just love. Just holding each other together after the death of a loved one in the family, for example, shows the power of love itself to heal and to renew.” (Mac Davis, Nashville, Tenn.)

“Two pop up: love and honesty. Because love is the highest virtue around, a three-legged stool: love of

God, of self and of others. And personal honesty is a necessity for trust and intimacy to grow in any family life.” (David Wilson, Kokomo, Ind.)

“I would say faith—because everything that comes along I put in the context of faith and in the Lord's hands. Without faith, you have nothing.” (Betty Lynch, Hot Springs, Ark.)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

What about the cursing psalms?

For the past three weeks I've written about the psalms, first a general appreciation of them and then two columns about 15 of my personal favorites. I didn't feel that I could finish this series, though, without acknowledging that some of the psalms might not be appropriate for your prayer life.

The Church recognizes this in its Liturgy of the Hours. Someone who prays the entire Liturgy of the Hours over a four-week period (which the Church encourages all Catholics to do) will pray at least parts of 146 psalms. They will not pray Psalms 54, 58, 83 and 109. (I refer here to the Roman breviary; I'm not sure whether or not they are included in the Benedictine liturgy.)

It is precisely those psalms, plus portions of others, that cause difficulties for some people. These psalms either contain accusations against God himself or curse antagonists. They contain such sentiments against their adversaries as, "O God, smash the teeth in their mouths," or, "Let them dissolve like a snail that oozes away" (Psalm 58), or, "My God, turn them into withered grass, into chaff flying before the wind" (Psalm 83), or, "May his children be fatherless, his wife, a widow. May his children be vagrant beggars, driven from their hovels. May no one treat him kindly or pity his fatherless children. May his posterity be destroyed, his name cease in the next

generation" (Psalm 109). (It should be noted that Psalm 109 actually includes 14 verses of curses that the one praying the psalms says his enemies say but then concludes, "May the Lord bring all this upon my accusers, upon those who speak evil against me.")

A few psalms seem to be worthy prayers but suddenly veer toward sentiments we would consider unworthy. Psalm 18, for example, is a long psalm of thanksgiving to God "my strength, my rock, my fortress, my savior." But while praising God for his help in battle, the one praying says, "I pursued and overtook my foes, never turning back till they were slain. I smote them so they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet. ... They cried, but there was no one to save them; they cried to the Lord, but in vain. I crushed them fine as dust before the wind; trod them down like dirt in the streets."

Psalm 149 says that "God takes delight in his people. ... Let the faithful rejoice in their glory," but then suddenly switches to, "With the praise of God in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hands, to bring retribution on the nations, punishment on the peoples."

These were apparently praiseworthy sentiments at the time the psalms were written, but not today. What to do about them? I simply don't pray the offending verses; I skip over them. I conclude Psalm 149, for example, with "Let the faithful rejoice in their glory with the praise of God in their mouths."

Pray the psalms with which you're comfortable. †



Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

The darndest things are from God

Kids say the darndest things. We know this to be true from Art Linkletter's old show, and now from Bill Cosby's. But hey, we knew that already, didn't we? We don't have to be rocket scientists to know that kids say, and do, the darndest things.

We're not talking here about those Shirley Temple

moments when some precocious tyke "performs" for adults. No, the kids we're talking about are the ordinary kind in our own families, the ones we were at a younger age. The "darndest things" they say and do are just the natural responses of the uncorrupted.

My personal favorites are the Master or Miss Malaprops, who mangle the language in such delightful ways. One of our sons, a real master of the malaprop as a little boy, dealt creatively with longer words. He said "ephalunt" for "elephant," and "busgetti" for "spaghetti." He once cried, "Oh Dad, you got a Buck!" when my husband drove up in our new Buick.

The natural philosophers are another favorite. These are the ones who comment on the human condition as they come across it. Unlike adults, they are fearless and direct, asking the hard questions such as, "How come that lady behind us in church is so loud?" or "Why does Granny always have a spot on her blouse?"

We're all fond of the innately thoughtful kids, the ones who sense how others feel

and are not afraid to respond kindly. There was the little girl on our kids' school bus who fearlessly scolded a bigger boy when he teased retarded Andy. Or the kids who picked up the clumsy friend's spilled lunch, or comforted a scrawny dog that wandered onto the playground.

It seems the common thread among all these examples, which makes kids' sayings and doings so wonderful, is honesty. Kids are, as God made us, innocent and virtuous. Their first reactions, before human self-interest kicks in, are always honest. At a Christmas concert given by middle-schoolers, we were surprised by an especially powerful example of this.

The wannabe teen-agers demonstrated the usual wide range of appearance, from still-a-little-kid to tough MTV sophisticate. They sang and played with the usual uneven range of ability that nevertheless roused the usual applause from the friendly audience.

But near the end, when the middle-schoolers sang a song entitled, "This Day," the evening gelled into a real inspiration. The audience became hushed as the kids sang about the possibilities offered by "this day," "this day" when Christ came to save us. And as they sang with increasing conviction, everyone felt the power of the message. It was a magic moment.

We live in a jaded time, but kids continue to do and say the darndest things. They never fail to remind us of what's important. †

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Parish Diary/Fr. Peter Daly

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

The folly of judging others

I was visiting my sister Jeannette who lives 125 miles from me. The morning I was leaving we had one of those wonderful sisterly conversations about how our lives were going. I felt very peaceful as we talked. I was telling my sister, who is 14 years younger than I, that now, in my more mellow years, I was becoming so much more relaxed about life. I told her how I was very easy-going. Most of life's annoyances simply roll off me.

I must have sounded like a great sage the way I was going on. My sister listened, smiled and assured me that while she was not yet where I was in this profound development of easy-goingness, she was no doubt on her way.

We said our good-byes, and I went out to my car. Surprise! It wouldn't start. I couldn't believe it. My car is nearly new. I kept trying to start it, but the engine simply wouldn't turn over.

I went back into the house. Jeannette's son Tony went out to see if he could start it. No luck. By this time I was getting just short of hysterical. I had to get back home for a very important meeting.

As I went on trying to figure out what to do, my sister said, quietly: "Why don't you sit. and I'll make you a cup of hot tea. Just relax, and then we'll figure out what to do."

I looked at her, and we both started to laugh like a couple of kids. I told her to remember all I said about how relaxed I am about life—and to forget how I reacted when my car wouldn't start.

Naturally that initiated another conversation, probably a much more honest one. It hit home hard that we all think we know ourselves, and we do—to an extent. But it's when something happens to upset our smooth routine that we learn much more about ourselves.

Who are we, really, when a tragedy hits us, when we are beset by disappointment, betrayal, illness, boredom, depression and, yes, even shame if a transgression we hoped to hide came out in public? We can self-analyze all we want, as I did to my sister, but that's not the real picture unless we are seeking to know ourselves when we're under crisis.

If it is so confusing to judge ourselves, how much more so is it impossible and wrong to judge others. I think the wisdom of the Lord Jesus was at its best

when he said, "Judge not others that you may not be judged."

In the past year, we became a society that gave itself the right to sit in judgment of anybody and everybody for what anybody could perceive to be their private sins. I

pray that all could learn, as I have, how difficult it is to judge oneself and how impossible it is to judge others. May we all listen to Jesus and live by his wisdom.

As for my car—well I went out again after sipping my relaxing tea, said a heavy-duty prayer and tried again. The prayer probably did it. The car started. I guess water had gotten into the gas line. I was on my way, a bit humbled and wiser.

Do we ever really know ourselves? Maybe. But one thing is for sure. We can never really know what is in the depths of another person. Thus, our mission is to love, not judge. †

(Antoinette Bosco is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)



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Concerns when the Church builds

We are building a new church in our parish. Across the country many parishes are undertaking building programs for the first time in a long time. There is a significant building boom going on in some dioceses.

In the Archdiocese of Washington we have 30 construction projects, costing over a half-million dollars each, going on at the present time. The Church is doing more construction now than any time since the

1950s.

We are even building and expanding schools again. In the last five years two new schools have opened in the Archdiocese of Washington, and several more have been expanded.

The reason for all this building is both demographic and geographic.

The demographics are the biggest reason. We are growing. Nationwide we have more Catholics than ever. We are now more than 60 million souls. The population is still growing through births and conversions.

Moreover, the children of the baby-boomers long-delayed marriages are now in school. The arrival of many Hispanic immigrants during the last 20 years has increased the number of parishioners. A minireligious revival in the 1990s has meant slightly more active congregations.

Another factor is the reduced number of priests. With larger congregations and fewer priests we need larger churches to accommodate everyone.

In some dioceses there is now a policy that parishes must build churches large enough so that one priest can celebrate no more than three Sunday Masses and still get everyone in.

The geographic shift is also significant. In the 1950s most Catholics lived in central cities, mostly on the two coasts and in

northern states. In the last 50 years there has been huge migration south and to exurbia.

States like North Carolina that once had fewer Catholics than some Arabian emirates now have exploding Catholic congregations. Charlotte, N.C., is now one of the fastest growing dioceses in the nation.

Parishes like mine, on the fringe between rural and suburban America, are also part of the geographic trend. Catholics, like everybody else, are following the job shift to places that were once rural. "Fringe" areas like where I live, 50 miles from downtown Washington, are exploding with new people.

The giant infrastructure that the Church built in the 19th and early 20th centuries in the city centers is underutilized. This is not the white flight of the '60s. This is more the technology drift of the new millennium, where cars and computers mean that jobs and houses can be anywhere.

For us in our parish, this means more than just technical problems. There are spiritual and moral problems involved too. These touch every parish that is building for the future. People ask questions such as:

- How do we treat people fairly who may be displaced by the building programs?
- How do we preserve continuity with the past while building a new spiritual home?
- How do we provide for our needs without forgetting the poor and our social responsibilities?
- How do we preserve a sense of community and intimacy as we expand to accommodate everyone?

The Church is not like any other builder. Our projects are moral and spiritual statements. Making them the right kind of statement is a big challenge. †

(Father Peter Daly is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999

- Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
- Matthew 5:1-12a

The prophecy of Zephaniah is the source of this weekend's first reading.



Zephaniah appears only occasionally in Liturgies of the Word.

Very little is known about this prophet, although his writings give some clues as to the details of his life. He is called the son of Chusi, which means

"the Ethiopian." Presumably, therefore, he was only half Jewish.

However, he did descend from King Hezekiah, so his Jewish ancestry was enriched by royal blood. If indeed he was a descendant of the king, then he is the only recorded prophet from royal stock.

Such family ties possibly gave him access to the kingly court in Jerusalem, and to the leaders and opinion-shapers of his day.

His written, recorded prophecy is very brief. It contains only three chapters, whereas Isaiah's book holds 20 times as many. The brevity surely is one reason why Zephaniah so rarely appears in the liturgy.

This prophecy calls the people back to God. They have suffered much in their encounters with the Assyrians. The prophet sees infidelity not as incidental to these sufferings, but indeed as their cause.

Only by uncompromisingly following God, Zephaniah said, can the people secure for themselves and their land a full measure of order and peace.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians once more supplies a weekend liturgy with its second reading.

The reading is typical of Paul. It is straightforward and blunt. Paul puts the Corinthian Christians "in their place," so to speak. He reminds them that they truly are neither brilliant nor influential.

His remarks are not given, however, to belittle or downgrade the Christians of Corinth, but rather to celebrate and applaud them. He also puts the judgments of the world in perspective.

Far from being insignificant, the Christian Corinthians are the most blessed of all. They are the elect, the redeemed, the gifted, simply because they have heard of Christ Jesus and in Jesus have turned to God. In them is

God's own life. In them is God's own knowledge. No one could aspire to more.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides us with this weekend's Gospel reading. It is the magnificent presentation of the Beatitudes.

Of the four Gospels, only Matthew and Luke record the marvelous verses known as the Beatitudes, although a facsimile appears in the apocryphal Gospel of Thomas. Luke's version is somewhat shorter.

Matthew situates the Beatitudes within the Sermon on the Mount. The geographical place was surely very compelling for Matthew. It surrounded the message with a divine aura, since it so resembled the pronouncement of God's law on Sinai to Moses.

Linguistic scholars have translated the opening word in these Beatitudes differently, as "blessed" or "happy." In either event, the overtone of the Old Testament is heavy. Those who obey God's will are set apart, or are blessed, and they are happy. In these phrases, Christ describes the chasm between true wisdom and earthly judgments, between fact and the outcome of human ambition.

They also see God as supreme. All human misery fades into nothingness if God is served and realized.

Reflection

The Church today calls us to wisdom and to keen perception. For us, the message of Paul to Corinth in the closing half of the first century A.D. is most fitting. It applies now as well as it applied then.

Even for committed Christians, the full impact of the difference between prevailing worldly standards and Christianity can be discounted or discarded altogether.

In these Scriptures, the Church calls us to God.

Presenting the prophecy of Zephaniah, it reminds us that human life invites folly and heartbreak upon itself if it dismisses God. Through Paul, it tells us that as Christians we have heard the Word of God. It is the most precious guide in life that we can receive. It is the perfect guide to life.

The glorious Beatitudes allow the Church reassuringly to tell us that by our fidelity we create our joy. No human life will be inevitably blissful in the human sense. We all face concerns.

We all will die. Even death itself, however, is subdued in Christ and in the knowledge of Christ.

Indeed, the true believer is "blessed." Come what may, the true believer is "happy." †

Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 1
Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, Feb. 2
The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or
Luke 2:22-32

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Blase, bishop and martyr
Asgar, bishop, religious and missionary
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 4
Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Psalm 48:2-4, 9-11
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, Feb. 5
Agatha, virgin and martyr
Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, Feb. 6
Paul Miki, religious, missionary and martyr and his companions, martyrs
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 7
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-8a, 9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

It is correct to call the Mother of God a saint

Q We always find your column very helpful for our faith.



Our questions concern Mary's sainthood. When was Mary, the mother of God, first called a saint? Why are churches and other institutions called St. Mary's?

I always think of her as above sainthood, not as one of the list of saints. Can you clarify these questions for us? (Illinois)

A I'm not sure what you mean by stating that Mary, the Mother of God, is "above sainthood."

Other readers also have questioned the appropriateness of calling her St. Mary, but the title is an ancient one.

Christian theological tradition always carefully distinguishes the honor given to God from honor given to any other being. The Latin word "*latría*" stands for the worship, prayer and other forms of honor which are due, and should be given, to God alone.

This is in obedience to the first commandment that we must have and venerate the one God and have no other gods beside him.

Obviously, Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God who became a human being, shares in that divine honor. No other human, however holy or honorable, is equal to or takes the place of God in our lives.

Usually the English terms "worship" and "adoration" refer exclusively to God.

Another word, "*dulia*," refers in theology to the veneration and honor properly given to anyone besides God, to the angels and the holy ones who have gone before us and who are honored as saints.

Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, and her unmatched surrender and fulfillment of God's will in her life, the varieties of unique honor we Christians give her have been termed "*hyperdulia*," or "superhonor."

Whatever words we use in reverence toward those in heaven—honor, devo-

tion, veneration and any others—and also when we speak of "praying to" the saints (including Mary), asking their intercession before God—we need to remember those distinctions.

Referring to her as St. Mary is common in Christian history.

Perhaps the most renowned example of this title for Mary is the Liberian Basilica in Rome, built during the 300s and rededicated to the mother of Christ in 431. Known as St. Mary Major, it is one of the four major Roman basilicas.

Q In a recent column on cremation, you briefly mentioned organ transplants. Please advise about the Church's position on this subject.

Some people are much opposed to the idea of organ transplants for reasons I don't understand. (New Jersey)

A To donate a needed organ at the time of death, or even before death if that can be done with proper conditions and safeguards, is a wonderful act of charity and certainly morally good.

Several years ago, Pope John Paul II addressed the shortage of available donors for patients awaiting transplants.

It is a matter of Christian generosity, the pope said, and "no solution will be forthcoming without a renewed sense of human solidarity."

In this matter, the pontiff reminded us, Christ's own example "can inspire men and women to make great sacrifices in the service of others" (April 30, 1990).

Most states now have donor forms on the back of, or attached to, drivers' licenses.

Funeral directors and hospital representatives also can offer detailed information about organ transplant procedures locally and nationally.

And be sure to tell members of your family of your desires. †

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral practices is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

My Journey to God

An Angel in Disguise

I believe she is an angel
as she darts around my bed.
She takes my pulse and temperature,
lays her cool hands on my head.
She checks my chart to see
if I have had my pills for pain,
and straightens out my covers
where I restlessly have lain.
And finally, as I go to sleep,
I hear a whisper near.
It sounds so soft, so low and sweet,
I know someone nice is here!
This is tender loving care
on which I can depend,
upon this angel in disguise,
this caring nurse—my friend!



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By Jean Cox

(Jean Cox is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin.)

The Active List

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

January 30

Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis, 5885 N. Crittenden Ave., will host a Monte Carlo night beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. \$10, pre-sale; \$12, at the door, includes dinner and beverages. Information: 317-254-5437.

January 31

Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, 5225 E. 56th St., will present the play, "The Curious Savage," at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center. Cost: \$3. Information: 317-542-1481 ext. 344.

February 2

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology will host a lecture, "Pastoral Dimensions in the African-American Catholic Community," with Msgr. Raymond East at 8 p.m. in the Newman Conference Center. Information: 812-357-6501.

February 3

Martin University, Indianapolis, 2171 Avondale Place, will present the music of the Barton Rogers Band in the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Information: 317-767-5259.

◆ ◆ ◆
Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Nowland Ave., will hold incoming freshman registration night from 4-8 p.m. for

the following schools: Holy Spirit, St. Rita, Little Flower and St. Philip Neri. Cost: \$125 activity fee. Information: 317-356-6377 ext. 119.

February 4

Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Nowland Ave., will hold incoming freshman registration night from 4-8 p.m. for the following schools: Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Simon, Holy Cross, St. Michael and any non-deanery schools, public schools, township schools, etc. Information: 317-356-6377 ext. 119.

◆ ◆ ◆
Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, 3360 W. 30th St., West Deanery Recognition Awards dinner. Reception at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$40 per person; \$300, table of 10, to benefit the high school. Information: 317-927-7825.

February 5

St. Mark Parish Athletic Board, Indianapolis, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., will host a Monte Carlo night from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admission: Free.

February 5-7

Retrouvaille Weekend, A Lifeline for Troubled Marriage, has scheduled a weekend program at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Mount St. Francis, Information: 502-636-0296 ext 107.

February 6

Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will hold registration for the Class of 2003, 9-11 a.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

◆ ◆ ◆
Holy Trinity Parish, Indianapolis, will sponsor a reverse raffle at Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person includes ticket, dinner and snacks for the evening. Information: 317-636-7668.

February 6-14

St. John Parish, Indianapolis, 126 W. Georgia St., will sponsor the third annual Make the Feast of St. Valentine A Day for the Needy. Bring items for those less fortunate, including: food, toiletries, baby needs, surplus items and cash donations. Information: 317-635-2021.

February 7

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology to feature a flute and harp concert with duo from Indiana University to perform in the St. Bede Theater at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

February 8

Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will hold registration for the "Class of 2003," 3:30-5:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

Recurring

Daily

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. Call for times. Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

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

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville, holds "Be Not Afraid" holy hour from 6-7 p.m.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, Indianapolis, holds a rosary and Benediction for vocations at 2 p.m.

Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., hosts a prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, meets from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., offers adult religious education classes from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is a minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

◆ ◆ ◆
Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., holds prayer group from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group from 3 to 4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, behind St. Michael Church. Information: 317-271-8016.

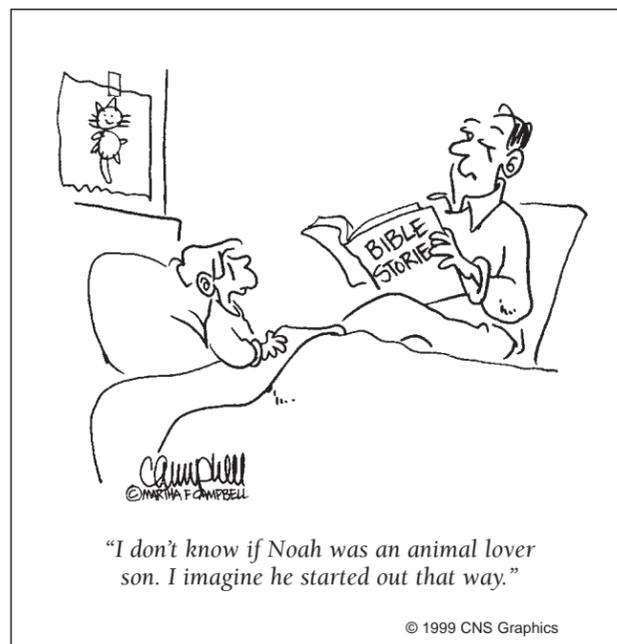
Thursdays

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

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gather at 7 p.m. to pray for lay and religious vocations.

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

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, celebrates Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at



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Fridays

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

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

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

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.

Monthly

First Sundays

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group meets in the church from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays

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

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., north of St. Michael Church, holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holds holy hour for reli-

gious vocations with Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

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

◆ ◆ ◆
Our Lady of Lourdes 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.

◆ ◆ ◆
Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 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 to 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.

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.

◆ ◆ ◆
Apostolate of Fatima holds holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little

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Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., holds First Saturday devotions and the sacrament of reconciliation after 8 a.m. Mass.

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

Second Thursdays
Focolare Movement meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Indianapolis home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

Third Sundays
Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt has holy hour at 2:30 p.m. followed by 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.

Third Mondays
Young Widowed Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries, meets at St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Third Wednesdays
Catholic Widowed Organization meets from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, holds a support group for widowed persons at 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 435 W. Troy Ave., Mass at 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays
Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds family rosary night at 7 p.m.

EVENTS

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The student body will end the week with Benediction in church.

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with special facts about the schools during morning announcements. Student will participate in the 9:30 a.m. Mass Feb. 2 at Our Lady of the Greenwood with the other Indianapolis South Deanery Schools.

At **St. Barnabas School** in Indianapolis, students will make a "brick wall" of construction papers, each containing good works the students do outside of school. Teachers will have treats for the students Tuesday. Students will complete surveys of what they hope to do as adults and how St. Barnabas will help them achieve their goals. Each grade level will research a famous American Catholic on Wednesday. Classes will write thank you notes to volunteers on Thursday. Friday is hats off to teachers day.

In Indianapolis, **St. Jude School** students will send Thank You Grams, with photos enclosed, to thank their families for their support. The school will have a Wednesday open house for parents, parishioners and community.

Also in the Indianapolis South Deanery, students at **St. Roch School** will create special buttons to wear during Catholic Schools Week. They will make a special altar cloth that week.

St. Gabriel School in Indianapolis West Deanery will start the week off with a pancake breakfast on Sunday. An alumni award will be given during Mass. Monday is community day, with students allowed to skip the uniform for a quarter donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Students will enjoy Tuesday, with no homework, more free time and treats. Wednesday is dress up day, when the students will bring in donations for the Guatemala school supply collection. Volunteers will receive thank you cards, goodie bags and other gifts on Thursday. Teachers will be honored on Friday with "comfy dress day" and a full lunch hour with parents supervising students.

St. Malachy School in Brownsburg will start the week with the principal, Mary Margaret McClain, speaking at Masses and student council members hosting a school display in the Holy Family room. On Monday, Community Day, students will make prayer cards for hospitals and junior high students will have speakers on different careers. Tuesday will bring bowling for the students. Wednesday will feature a teacher appreciation lunch with a beach party motif in the school. Students will sit with their prayer partners during Thursday's school Mass. Volunteers will be honored at a reception after the liturgy. Some bowling and volleyball will be worked into the Friday schedule. †
(More events will be listed next week.)

Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass at 2 p.m.

Third Fridays
The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana gathers at 7 p.m. for Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis.

Third Saturdays
The archdiocesan Pro-Life

Office and St. Andrew Parish, 3922 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, celebrates Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m., followed by walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 E. 38th St. to pray the rosary and return to St. Andrew Parish for Benediction.

Last Friday
St. Anthony Parish, Indianapolis, 379 Warman, hosts a holy hour of adoration in preparation for the new millenium, following 5:30 p.m. Mass, closing with Benediction.

Bingos
TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6:00 p.m. THURSDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; Holy Family K of C,

American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.



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BEESON, Hilda, 96, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Mother of Joan Pennington. Sister of Edna Latz. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 40. Great-great-grandmother of six.

BERENS, John, 63, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, Jan. 10. Husband of LaRue Berens. Brother of Peter, Paul and James Berens.

BIRCHLER, Carolyn, 89, St. Paul, New Alsace, Jan. 3. Mother of Raymond and Carol Birchler, Virginia Howard, Thelma Becker, Eileen Giacrio, Marilyn Borchett. Sister of John Feller, Mary Schneider. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 15.

BOSSE, Luella C. (Bland), 82, St. Louis, Batesville, Jan. 15. Sister of Paul Bland. Aunt of several.

BOTTOMS, Travis L., 76, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Father of Terry G. Bottoms, Nancy Melloh, Sandra Alexander. Brother of Claudia Murphy, Retha Wethington, Edna Soares, Margaret Anderson, James Bottoms. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 11.

BROCKMAN, Lois L., 82,

St. Michael, Bradford, Dec. 25. Mother of Frank Baker, Bill Brockman, Laura Yeager, Donna Baird, Deborah Reas. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 15.

BUCKHAVE, Donald L., 73, St. Paul, New Alsace, Jan. 16. Father of Rick, Gary, Bob, Dale and Tina Buckhave, Sue Flannery, Pam Byrd, Kay Wakeman, Lindy Himes, Brenda Klepp. Brother of Harold Buckhave, Dorothy Heppner. Grandfather of 19. Great-grandfather of two.

CENTO, Fiorentina "Florence" (Giordano), 93, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 18. Mother of Giuseppe Antonio, Anthony and Ercole Mario Cento, Lina Sharp, Carmela Morrison. Sister of Giuseppe Giordano. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 12.

CERVO, Reno, 90, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Jan. 15. Husband of Natalie Cervo. Father of Rena Byers, Virginia Cranfill, Louis and Richard Giacone. Brother of Mabel Cappa, Molly Vittore, Mary Cervo. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 17.

CLERY, George Louis, 87, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Jan. 6. Husband of Florence Konrad Clery. Father of Florence and Therese Orman, Esther and Rebekah Clery, Henrietta Whalen. Brother of Frances Hawkins. Grandfather of 18. Great-grandfather of 21.

DAVIDSON, Mildred, 81, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Mother of Daniel Rhea, John Michael, Jeffrey Davidson, Barbara Lefler, Jacquelyn

Laven. Sister of John and Carl Herner, Betty Wolsiffer, Charlotte McKay. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of nine.

DELL, Charles E., 80, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Jan. 1. Husband of Peggy C. Lucas. Father of Colleen Silverberg, Nick, Mike, Tom and Rob Dell. Son of Charles Dell and Winifred Evans. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of one.

DOLL, Alfred "Bud" Sr., 64, St. Mary, Rushville, Jan. 2. Husband of Gladys Fay (Haley) Doll. Father of Alfred Jr., Scott, William Travid Doll, Teresa Hauk, Tina Huffman. Brother of Hank Doll, Rebecca Crowder, Susie Dailey. Grandfather of six.

DONOVAN-RINNE, Ardella, 92, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Dec. 31. Sister of Mabel Reed.

DOWLING, Joseph Edward, 69, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 23. Brother of Sarah F. Blume, Rita Sifferlen.

EFFING, Loretta, 85, St. Anne, Hamburg, Jan. 9. Mother of Pauline Murrice, Rosemary Rudolf, Marilyn Norton, Linda Luken, Jane Magee, Harold, Ray, Ronald and William Effing. Grandmother of 24. Great-grandmother of 16.

FINLEY, John J. "Jack" Jr., 68, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 26. Husband of Alice J. Finley. Father of John J. III, and Joseph Finley. Son of John J. Finley Sr. Brother of James Finley, Claire Connors. Grandfather of four.

FISH, Frank Gordon, 80, St. Vincent, Bedford, Jan. 3. Husband of Frances Ross Fish. Brother of Ruth Morrison.

FLEMING, Lois E. (Harney), 81, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 3. Wife of

Lawrence Fleming. Mother of Michael and Daniel Fleming, Victoria Bakemeier, Dorothy Penry. Sister of Ray Harney, Cynthia Seybold, Theresa Gosnell, Leah Miller. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of three.

FRALICH, Dora E., 70, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 28. Sister of Lillian Forestal. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

FULTZ, Helen M., 86, St. Paul, Bloomington, Dec. 25. Mother of Benedictine Sister Norma Fultz.

GRIGGS, Harley, 86, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Dec. 24. Husband of Ruth Broeker Griggs. Father of Mary Ann Caplinger, Judy Kin, Susan Gardner, Robert Griggs. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of four.

HAVILAND, Helen A., 83, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Peggy Dale, Bettina DenBraber, Barbara Monica. Sister of Joseph Hampson Jr. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 14.

KANNAPPEL, Margaret E., 93, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Jan. 9. Mother of Betty VanKirk, John A. Kannapel. Sister of Sarah Jones, Jane Shrader. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 16.

KENNELLY, Marianne Weigel, 74, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 14. Wife of John Kennelly. Mother of Michael J. Kennelly. Sister of William, Donald and Daniel Weigel, Irene Willian.

KLEIN, Antoinette T., 65, Immaculate Heart, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Sister of Joseph Klein.

KRUSZEWSKI, Keith Michael, 22, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 12. Son of Richard James and Carol Louise (Berndt) Kruszewski. Grandson of Paul and Lea Berndt and Gwen Kruszewski.

KULL, Eugene L., 82, Holy Family, New Albany, Jan. 4. Father of Kathleen M., Thomas D. and Patricia Kull. Grandfather of two.

LEWIS, Paul R., 74, St. Mary, Richmond, Dec. 16. Husband of Diane (Boehm) Lewis.

Father of Fred and Scott Lewis, Ginger Zakaeifar. Brother of Mary Lunsford, Virginia Mason. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of three.

LOPEZ, Gloria H. Hernandez, 56, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, Jan. 14. Wife of Miguel J. Lopez. Mother of Sylvia Jackson, Rose, Jorge, Ruben and Gilbert Lopez. Sister of Arturo, Josep, Steve, Robert Mathews. Sister of Margarita Olivas, Rachel Flores, Lupe Felix. Grandmother of seven.

MATHEWS, Rosemary, 79, St. Andrew, Richmond, Jan. 3. Mother of Paul, Gary, Terry and Robert Mathews. Sister of Jim Sittloh, Ethel Lunsford. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 23.

MATTHEWS, Joseph L., 83, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 27. Husband of Helen B. Matthews. Father of Lou and Bill Matthews, Mary M. Doyle, Janet M. Hook. Brother of Jerome and Frank Matthews, Marcella Smith. Grandfather of 14.

McCALL, Nancy A. (Rosenberger), 51, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Mother of Jason and Andrea McCall. Daughter of John L. Rosenberger, stepdaughter of Peggy Rosenberger. Sister of Jeanne Gallaher, Mary Pat Maehling.

McLEOD, Mary Jean, 79, St. Mary, North Vernon, Jan. 7. Mother of Rick, Jay and Mike McLeod. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of one.

MICHAELIS, John Paul, 78, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Jan. 12. Husband of Ruth "Judy" Jones Michaelis. Father of Gary P., Randy J. and Dennis M. Michaelis, Beth A. Springman. Brother of Albert and William Michaelis. Grandfather of 10.

MILLER, Robert J., 81, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Father of Sister Ellen, Mary Beth, Robert L., William J. and Suzan J. Miller, Margaret Lindop, Nancy Morse, Patricia J. Wilson. Brother of Ted and Fred Miller. Grandfather of five.

MUYLLE, Val, 80, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Dec. 30. Husband of Louise (Buckle)

Muylle. Father of Val W. Muylle. Brother of Andrew Muylle, Margaret Patterson, Rachel Bjornson. Grandfather of three.

PACK, Marie Frances, 87, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 30. Mother of Robert H. Jester. Sister of Katherine Huddle. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four.

PARKER, Richard H., 73, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Dec. 20. Husband of Rita J. Parker. Father of Sharon J. Barnett, Patricia Ackenback, Richard L. Parker. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of one.

PAULI, Barbara June, 70, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 24. Wife of Joseph Pauli. Mother of Greg and Tom Carlson, Lynn Leimgruber. Grandmother of three.

PEARSON, Ruth Lemming, 85, St. Gabriel, Connorsville, Jan. 7. Mother of Richard and Robert Pearson. Sister of Dorothy Foreman, Joann Taylor. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of four.

PETERS, Eugene H., 71, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 31. Husband of Lillian Peters. Brother of James Peters.

RADTKE, Bernard W., 74, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 24. Husband of Maria P. Radtke. Father of Martin J. and Dorie Radtke, Elizabeth M. Flack, Mary Ann Williams. Grandfather of eight.

RUNNEBOHM, Daniel, 54, St. Mary, Rushville, Jan. 4. Husband of Shirley (Bradley) Runnebohm. Father of Thomas, Jeanette, Dana and Kelly Runnebohm. Brother of Nick and Steve Runnebohm, Virginia Vrooman, Alice Cossairt, Janice Comstock, Margie Long. Grandfather of one.

SCHILLING, Marcella, 83, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Mother of Arlene Schilling. Sister of Elmer Schnippel, Edna Wood. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of two.

SNOW, Karen Louise Alley, 43, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 24. Wife of Michael J. Snow. Mother of Jason P. and Rebecca L. Little, Patricia M. and Christina A. Snow. Sister of Paul D. Alley Jr., Susan Belcher. Grandmother of one.

STALEY, Charles V., 82, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Dec. 30. Father of Raymond, Donald H. and James D. Staley. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of three.

THOMAS, Rose Anne, 95, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, Jan. 1. Aunt of several.

TURNER, Mary E. (Amato), 71, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Michele Edy, James A. and Joseph W. Turner. Sister of Vincent, Gilbert and Pasquale Amato, Lauretta M. Heady, Virginia Brooks, Catherine Martin, Clementine Beohle, Georgina Smith. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of seven.

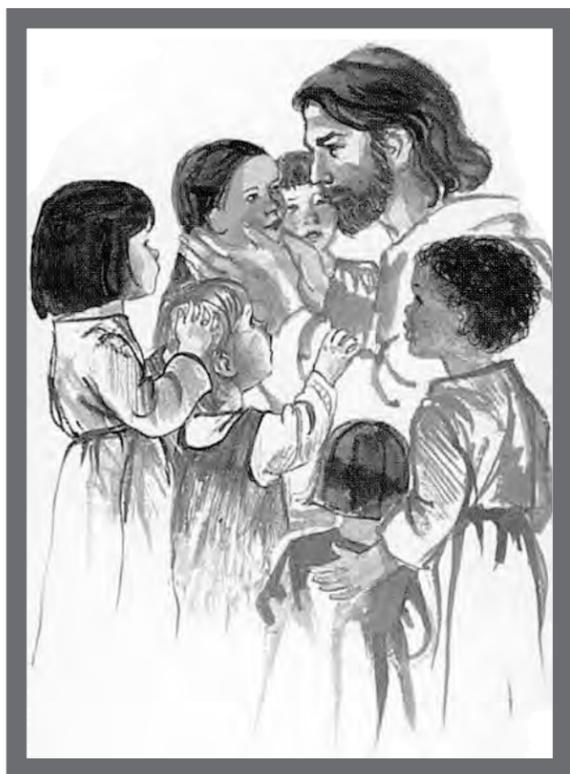
VELIKAN, Caroline "Carrie", 88, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Frank, James and Daniel Velikan. Sister of Hank Brodник, Sophie and Mary Barbarich.

WELSH, Lee, 51, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Jan. 2. Son of Emil Welsh and Mary Foradori Welsh. Brother of Stephen and Donald Welsh, Jane Andrews.

WHITESIDE, Ruth C., 82, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Dec. 31. Wife of Sherley "Whitie" Whiteside. Mother of Sharon Beck, James Hefton. Sister of Betty Lopp. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of six.

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