ST. LOUIS—Marching from the Arch west on Market Street to the Kiel Center, St. Mark Parish youth from Indianapolis and thousands of other teen-agers and their chaperones enthusiastically expressed their faith with chants and cheers as they awaited the arrival of the Holy Father for the Jan. 26 “Light of the World” youth prayer rally.

From his vantage point on the corner of Fourth and Market streets, Father Henry Breier, secretary to Archbishop Justin Rigali and a member of the papal visit core planning team, happily watched the youth stream toward the Kiel Center.

“At this moment, Archbishop Rigali is on his way here, on the plane with the Holy Father,” for the Jan. 26-27 papal visit, Father Breier said, smiling broadly.

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Members of the planning team “have been working on this visit since April, meeting twice a week, and every day for the last five months,” he said, to ensure that the Holy Father’s fifth trip to America went smoothly.

Preliminary activities for the youth at the Kiel Center included appearances by the Christian rock band dc Talk and Franciscan Father Stan Fortuna, who sings Christian rap music. Also offered were inspirational speeches by former Olympic gold medalist track star and vocalist Madeline Manning Mims and nationally known chastity speaker Mary Beth Bonacci of Phoenix, who is active in the national Life Teen program.

Arriving at the Kiel Center, Pope John Paul II greeted Mark McGwire, the St. Louis Cardinals’ home-run king, in a private meeting before entering the arena to smile and wave at the jubilant gathering of teen-agers, adults and bishops.

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Later, the pontiff asked the youth to “give yourself without reservation to the Lord and to the work that he calls you to. You received the Catholic faith as a treasure to be shared. In the Eucharist, you receive the food that nourishes you for the challenges of the day. Make the Sunday celebration in your parish a real encounter with Jesus.”

By Mary Ann Wyand

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More papal coverage See Pages 10 and 26 for additional coverage of the pope’s visit to St. Louis.

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PILGRIMS
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St. Luke parishioner Tom Hirschauer of Indianapolis, who is a junior at Carmel High School in Carmel, worked with four students from Bishop Chatard and Cardinal Ritter high schools in Indianapolis on reports on the papal visit for WRTV Channel 6.

“The march was really cool,” Tom said, “and I liked the Kiel Center rally. The pope was amazing. His talks meant a lot to me. He talked a lot about being the light of the world and to shine [our light] to other people, which meant a lot, I think, to most young people because that’s something that everyone needs to do at our age. His sense of humor was unexpected. I was very excited to see him.”

Cardinal Ritter junior Sarah Pollard, a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis, said she enjoyed reporting on the papal visit for Channel 6.

“That was really cool,” Sarah said. “The march was pretty awesome, and everybody was excited about going to see the pope. I was really excited that I got to see him in person.”

Archbishop John Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican, was in St. Louis to report on the papal visit for NBC.

“I think the pope was very glad to be able to come here,” Archbishop Foley said, explaining that Archbishop Rigali held three ministry positions at the Vatican before the Holy Father appointed him archbishop of St. Louis.

“They are very close,” Archbishop Foley said. “I’m sure that’s why the pope made a special effort to come here to St. Louis on his way back from Mexico. I thought yesterday, in [his] greeting [to the president],” the archbishop said, “indicating the Dred Scott decision, which excluded a whole class of people from human rights, and then making the contrast to today, when whole classes of people are excluded from human rights—the unborn, the elderly and the handicapped—was very substantive.”

Archdiocesan pilgrim Lillian Stevenson, a member of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, said she cried through most of the papal liturgy.

“The papal Mass was awesome,” Stevenson said. “The pope has a lot of energy left despite the fact that he’s weakened more [now]. The crowds loved him. He had a sense of humor, and he was fantastic with the kids.”

It was an honor to receive the Eucharist consecrated by the Holy Father, Stevenson said. “It puts you on another level on your journey. It gives you a closer walk. It’s a blessing. And, of course, when we get all these beautiful blessings we have to share them. The pope is pushing evangelization, so that means I’ve got to work hard.”

Correction
In the Jan. 29 issue, a brief on Page 6 listing dates for the Rite of Election was incorrect for one date. The last date for this rite will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 (not Feb. 21).
**Grades K-3**

1st Prize
Elizabeth Flood – St. Malachy, Brownsburg

2nd Prize
Molly Wehlage – St. Luke, Indianapolis

3rd Prize
Emily Bonham – St. Luke School, Indianapolis

**Grades 4-6**

1st Prize
Jackie Brown
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Richmond

**Why I like my Catholic school**

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year, the first ‘Why I Like My Catholic School’ art contest brought 161 entries from schools across the archdiocese. Despite several weeks of closed schools—because of holidays, heavy snow and ice—these artists managed to get their work to The Criterion before the extended deadline. The work displays faith, humor, promise and hope for the future.

Elizabeth Flood, who took top honors for the K-3 category, is 9 years old. She’s in Michelle Craney’s third-grade class at St. Malachy School in Brownsburg. Jackie Swihart is her art teacher. Second prize goes to Molly Wehlage, 8, who is in Alexa O’Neil’s second grade at St. Luke School in Indianapolis. Emily Bonham won the third prize. She also attends St. Luke, where she’s in Sandra Ciraci’s kindergarten class. Honorable mention went to Michael Whitsett, 9, a third-grader in Janet Snoddy’s class at Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis. Though there were few entries in the grade 4-6 category, Jackie Brown’s drawing and tribute to her fifth-grade classmates merited a first prize from the judges. Jackie goes to (St. Elizabeth Ann) Seton West School in Richmond.
Pope speaks clear pastoral message to youth, all Americans in St. Louis

The pope John Paul II spoke a clear pastoral message in St. Louis at the youth rally in the Trans World Dome. Most of us bishops arrived at the Kiel Center so we could see the Holy Father and became part of a Christian rock concert! (Mercifully, some folks passed around ear plugs!) The youth were delighted when the bishops participated in “the wave” as it circled the stadium. It was good exercise during a long wait for the arrival of the pope!

The warm interaction between the youth and the Holy Father was fascinating. Pope John Paul played on the analogy of training sports for the Kiel Center to urge the youth to train in devotion. (They appreciated his reference to Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.) He challenged them to participate in weekly Sunday Mass in their home parishes.

He told the youth, “You can’t put off your sharing with Christ and the Church: your time of action is now.”

He reminded them, “Your training will never be finished, Christians are always in training.” (And he muttered to himself, “The pope also.”)

He said, “In all of my travels, I tell the world about your youthful energies and your readiness to love and serve. I challenge you as a friend to live in the light of Jesus Christ. Let his word enter your hearts and say, ‘Here I am; I come to do your will.’”

The pope said that too many people live apart from the light of Christ in the shadow of broken promises. He mentioned the darkness of uncertainty of loneliness and of regret about past choices. He spoke of people who go hungry, of the homes of, of the violence of drugs. He urged the youth, “Do not listen to those who encourage you to lie; do not listen to those who say chastity is passé; do not embrace false values. Choose true freedom. When freedom is separated from truth, people lose their moral direction.”

The pope then struck a familiar note: “Turn to Jesus, listen to him and discover the true meaning of your life. Get to know him personally. You will do that only through prayer. Talk to him and listen to him. Prayer is a unique form of communication.”

The Holy Father said, “I appeal to you personally: open your hearts to the call of Christ to share his mission, especially those whom he calls to priesthood and the religious life.” He assured them “The Lord will help you to follow.”

He concluded his remarks saying, “As a people, we must remember, remember that the pope came to the United States to call the young people of America to Christ, that he came to challenge you to be the light of the world. And that darkness does not overcome the light. Jesus said, ‘I am always with you. Courage! It is I; have no fear.’ With the help of Mary, the young people will do this magnificently. The Church needs you, the pope believes in you, and he expects great things of you.”

The youth gave the pope a hockey stick and jersey. As he left the Kiel Center, he stopped to say, “Maybe the pope will come back to play hockey.”

The rally was a blessed encounter.

Of course, so was the Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart with 109,000 folks at the Trans World Dome the next morning. The Holy Father gave us a poignant reminder that the love and compassion of the Sacred Heart is the door to love in the world. God loved us first and his love enables us to love authentically and generously. By God’s grace, we are able to do good.

Secondly, the Holy Father spoke of the central importance of the family, which is the first school, the “domestic Church,” and the primary unit of society. One sentence made the point: “As the family goes, so goes the nation.”

In his call for a new evangelization, Pope John Paul spoke of proclaiming the Gospel of Life. “Tell the truth... help [people] embrace life.”

He called us to be unconditionally pro-life in every situation. “We must not take human life even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Because of the capacities of our time,” he said, “society is capable of protecting itself from harm. The death penalty is cruel and unnecessary.” He also reminded us that racism of every form is one of the most destructive evils in society.

“On the eve of the Great Jubilee, God is seeking you,” the pope said in an appeal to Catholics throughout the United States, especially to those who are not practicing. “The Holy Door [of God’s love and mercy] is open to all.”

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Pope speaks clear pastoral message to youth, all Americans in St. Louis
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 religiosas.

Papa da mensaje pastoral claro a los jóvenes y a todas las americanas en Saint Louis

El papa Juan Pablo II dio un mensaje pastoral claro durante su reciente viaje al Trans World Center y durante la Misa en el Trans World Dome en Saint Louis. La mayoría de sus comentarios fueron dirigidos a los jóvenes y al Sr. Presidente de los Estados Unidos, el cual ha sido expresamente mencionado en los medios de comunicación en los últimos días.

En su homilía, el Papa dijo: “Yo les ruego a ustedes que escuchen a aquéllos que les motivan a tomar decisiones en el pasado. Habló de los jóvenes “debatidos” y “en el centro de la sociedad. Una frase fue al grano: “Lo que sucede a la familia, sucede a la nación.” Incluso en una reunión con obispos locales, el Papa dijo que “los jóvenes y a todos los jóvenes de los Estados Unidos, sobre todo a aquellos que pasan hambre, de las personas que están siendo entrenados”. (Y murmuró algunos que no estaban de acuerdo con los jóvenes). El papa dijo que “el papa pregúntele a los jóvenes que se sienten tristes, soledad y pesar sobre nuestras decisiones en el pasado. Habló de los jóvenes “debatidos” y por esto, en el centro de la sociedad. Una frase fue al grano: “Lo que sucede a la familia, sucede a la nación.”

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The annual St. John The Evangelist Parish Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Indianapolis. The group will meet at the rectory for social hour 5:45 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. and then walk to The Old Spaghetti Factory located at the north-west corner of South Meridian and Georgia streets. Parking will be available in the St. John parking lot. A shuttle service will be provided for those in need. Call the parish rectory at 317-635-2021 for reservations by 4 p.m. Feb. 12.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers’ Women’s Services of Indiana- polis will offer “Do Your Heart Good,” seminar at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the St. Francis South Campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. For more information call 317-865-5864.

“Experiencing the Parables of Jesus,” a weekend retreat, will be held Feb. 19-22 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House in St. Meinrad. Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, a biblical scholar and monk of Saint Meinrad, will speak on how the parables can change those who truly hear them. The cost for the retreat is $150 per person or $250 per couple, which includes meals and lodging in the Guest House. For more information call 800-581-6905.

Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand will offer a workshop for pastoral ministers Feb. 23-24. “Reaching Through Diversity, Finding Common Ground,” is this spring’s offering in Kordes’ ongoing “Practical Tools for Pastoral Ministers” series. The program is designed for ministers, pastoral ministers, spiritual directors, and others who act as spiritual guides. Presenters are Steven Wirth and Jesuit Father Jim Keegan, associate directors of the Office of Ministry and Spirituality for the Archdiocese of Louisville. The program opens at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 23 and closes at 4 p.m. Feb. 24. For more information call 800-880-2777 or 812-367-2777.

Local students interested in gaining first-hand knowledge about state government should contact State Rep. Michael Murphy, (R-Indpls.), about serving as pages in the Indiana House of Representatives. Pages are required to be at least 14 years old and provide their own transportation to the statehouse. The page office will try to accommodate requests for specific dates. Students will be excused from school for the day. The session began on Jan. 6 and will run through the end of April. Anyone interested in serving as a page should send the name, age, address, phone number and school name to: Stale Rep. Michael Murphy, Pages Request, 200 W. Washington St., Statehouse Room 401-403, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786.

Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove will host a Woman’s Vocation Weekend, Feb. 12-14. The weekend, designed for women ages 19-44 to learn firsthand how to fulfill their professional goals while making a difference in today’s world. For more information contact Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura at 317-787-3287.

Marian Heights Academy in Ferdinand will host an all-day open house Feb. 6. Lunch is at noon followed by a campus tour at 1 p.m. The academy is an all-girls college-preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9-12. For reservations call 800-467-4MHA or 812-367-1431.

“Chant Spirituality: Fad or Foundation?” drawing from examples in both Latin and English, this retreat will explore how the simplicity, beauty and rhythms of chant melodies resonate with the prayer rhythms of believers. Benedictine Prior Tobias Colgan is the presenter. The retreat will be held at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad. For more information call the Office of Continuing Education at 812-357-6599 or 800-730-9910.

A regional parish pastoral council workshop titled “Developing a Vibrant Parish Pastoral Council,” will held March 13 at St. Henry District High School in Erlanger, Ky. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development. Clergy, parish staffs, pastoral council members, and other parish leaders are invited to attend. The keynote presentation “Celebrate the Jubilee! Break Down the Walls,” will consider how the 1999 millennium theme of reconciliation is manifested in the work of the parish council. The 12 workshop sessions will cover such topics as the role and function of the parish pastoral council, selection of members, spirituality and various planning issues. Registration is $20 per person or $50 for three people before March 1. After that date, the fee is $25 per person. Registration includes a box lunch. For more detailed information call 314-631-6797 or 606-283-6298. Information is also available from Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s Web site.

The children of Holy Trinity Community Day Care Center in Indianapolis, will host a special Black History Celebration Feb. 25. Each child has chosen a role model and will dress like that person, go on stage and tell the audience why that person is famous. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes have prepared special skits for the program to be held upstairs in the gym at Beckhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. It will begin at 11 a.m. After the program, guests are invited to join the children for a Soul Lunch.

Exploration of the significance of dreams and their relation to the spiritual life is the focus of a workshop enti- tled “The Vision Within: Working, Playing, Praying with Dreams.” It will be held Feb. 19-21 at Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand. Franciscan Sister Olga Wittenkind, a professor of psychology at Marian College in Indianapolis, is the presenter. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and concludes at 1 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information call 800-880-2777 or 812-367-2777.

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Open hearing on death penalty issue Feb. 17

Archbishop, other religious leaders to speak before open Indiana Senate hearing

By Margaret Nelson

Senate Bill 298, a bill to abolish capital punishment, will be the subject of a Feb. 17 open hearing in the chambers of the Indiana Senate.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and religious leaders of several other faith communities are expected to speak at the 1:30 p.m. session on Ash Wednesday.

Abolition of the death penalty was pinpointed by the Catholic bishops of the state as a priority issue for this year’s legislative session.

Sen. Robert Meeks (R-LaGrange) is the chairman of the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures Committee that will consider the measure.

He said that, since the death penalty was reinstated 20 years ago, it is time to revisit the issue.

As members of the board of directors of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the Indiana bishops will use SB 298 as a focal point in their efforts to teach the faithful that all human life is sacred—that taking any human life is a catastrophe, according to M. Desmond Ryan, executive director and lobbyist for the ICC.

Lafayette Bishop William L. Higi presided at a Jan. 28 Mass for legislators of the Indiana Catholic Conference and 28 other churches and religious organizations.

Bishop Higi said that legislators, “especially Catholic members, have an obligation to place their faith at the heart of public service ... especially where it involves the sanctity of life.”

He said that the importance of life has been the focus of modern-day popes and that the Holy Father emphasized it during his visit to St. Louis.

Noting that no evidence exists that shows that capital punishment deters crime or helps the victims who survive, Bishop Higi said, “Capital punishment is rooted in vengeance rather than healing. It perpetuates the cycle of violence.”

“We believe the more effective deterrent to crime would be life in prison without parole,” said Bishop Higi.

In January, Archbishop Buechlein wrote a letter to the co-authors of the bill, Sens. Morris Mills (R-Indpls.) and Sen. Murray Clark (R-Hamilton/Marion Co.), a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis. All the Indiana bishops have communicated with Meeks as well.

Governor Frank O’Bannon has agreed to meet with the archbishop to discuss the matter.

Each of the Indiana bishops also plans to use his newspaper column to educate the faithful about the issue of capital punishment—to explain to the faith community the position of the Catholic Church on this life issue.

Mills said that Ryan approached him about sponsoring the bill.

“I have a history of being opposed to the death penalty,” said Mills. “I’ve always voted against it.” As a senator when the death penalty was reinstated, he introduced a similar bill a few years ago, but it was defeated on the Senate floor.

Mills noted that public opinion polls indicate that the majority of U.S. citizens approve of the death penalty.

He said that the anti-capital punishment message of Pope John Paul II in St. Louis last week has strength because of the number of people he represents.

Mills said that many religious leaders and groups, such as Amnesty International, have spoken out against the death penalty.

Last year, American Friends published The Death Penalty: The Religious Community Calls for Abolition, which includes statements of opposition to capital punishment by the U.S. Catholic Conference and 28 other churches and religious organizations.

Ryan pointed out that capital punishment has become the topic of recent media reports. Many news writers call for a moratorium on capital punishment because of all the innocent people who have been and could be executed.

“There has been an international call—Moratorium 2000—supported by Pope John Paul II, calling for cessation of executions by the year 2000,” he said.

“I think the bishops see this as a moment to elevate the people who are committed to pro-life issues,” Ryan said.

Though some seem to differentiate between “innocent” life and those who have been found guilty by the justice system, Ryan stressed that the U.S. bishops see taking of any human life as wrong.

He gave the example of Karla Faye Tucker of Texas, who became a Christian while on Death Row.

“She committed a violent act,” said Ryan. “But forgiveness and restitution is always possible with God.”

“As believers in redemption, we know there’s a chance that God could work wonders in people,” he said.

“We live in a violent culture,” Ryan said. “There is no evidence that, by taking one person’s life, we protect others.”

“In our faith community, Pope John Paul II calls all human life sacred—and we’re not alone,” said Ryan.

Bishop Hughes to talk about prayer

Bishop Alfred Hughes of Baton Rouge, La., will be the presenter at the fourth annual Catechism of the Catholic Church workshop presented by the Office of Catholic Education. The all-day Feb. 11 session at the Holiday Inn in Columbus will be a reflection on Christian prayer, the fourth pillar of the catechism. Those interested should contact Ann McGuire at 317-236-1448 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1448, immediately.
Christ Renews His Parish is at St. Mary in Greensburg

GREENSBURG—St. Mary Parish in Greensburg is gearing up spiritually.

Last fall, the 1,250-household Batesville Deanery parish hosted its first Christ Renews His Parish weekend. Thirteen men participated. In April, the parish will host another Christ Renews His Parish weekend for women.

“We’ve got the men’s team already preparing for next fall,” Father Steven Schaftlein, pastor, said.

Christ Renews His Parish is a two-day spiritual renewal program. The program is facilitated by parishioners who have previously participated in the renewal. The cause the fall session was the parish’s first Christ Renews His Parish weekend, St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg helped St. Mary Parish get the program started.

Men and women have separate retreats. The retreat features witness talks, table discussions pertaining to witness talks, Scripture sharing, small group projects including skits and songs, group sharing, meditation and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Father Schaftlein said Christ Renews His Parish is new at the parish. He said the parish participated in other renewal programs about 10 to 15 years ago.

“This has been a good experience for the ones who have been involved so far,” he said.

Emery Maples, parish business manager, said several of the fall participants have chosen to continue participation with the Christ Renews His Parish program at St. Mary Parish. They will be facilitators for the men’s renewal weekend next fall.

“I think that says it right there. Many are willing to meet basically twice a month for six months to prepare for the next one. They are willing to give their time to it to turn around and have a weekend for other people,” Father Schaftlein said.

He hopes that Christ Renews His Parish will offer continuous growth and enthusiasm at the parish and “trust in a deeper personal relationship with God among the people in the parish.”

Father Schaftlein said those who participate in the renewal possibly will take a few more spiritual risks in sowing the seeds of faith. He believes sometimes renewal programs like Christ Renews His Parish give people an extra push toward participation in the parish.

“We’ve got the talents, we’ve got the gifts, but so often you need some sort of spiritual uplift and kind of renewal vision for people to act upon them,” he said.

He has seen some of the men who participated in the fall renewal go out and do other forms of ministry.

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more than they were before in ministry to the parish. Mapes, who participated in the fall renewal, has already seen the program get people more involved in parish ministries. The reason, he believes, for the increased involvement is “it creates an awareness of your spirituality and how God has acted in your life and continues to do so, even a lot of times when you are not aware he is with you.”

The Liturgy

Something that is not new to the parish is strong liturgy. “Every parish has its gift and that’s one (the liturgy) of them here,” Father Schaftlein said.

Joan Koors has been the liturgy coordinator for 15 years at St. Mary Parish. Father Schaftlein said special things are seen in the school and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, as well as the religious education program.

The religious education program

More than 250 children are enrolled in the program in preschool through 12th grade. Anita Navarro is the coordinator of religious education program. LuAnn Cain is the principal.

Father Schaftlein believes the sense of prayer at the school flows from the strong liturgical program at the parish. It can be seen in the school and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, as well as the religious education program.

The only problem with the program could be lack of space. This has been partly solved by having the high school youth meet in homes—a direction in which they wanted to move.

St. Mary Parish School

Some 300 children are enrolled in preschool through sixth grade at St. Mary Parish School. Martha Hartman is the principal.

Father Schaftlein believes the sense of prayer at the school flows from the strong liturgical program in the parish. A special children’s Mass is held each week. Different grade levels take turns hosting the Mass each week.

He believes the children get a more personal experience of the liturgy at this Mass because they can relate to it more personally.

“I think they interiorize on that weekly Mass what we do on Sunday,” he said.

Mapes said the nice thing about the weekly children’s Mass is that Father Schaftlein has a chance to talk to the children on a one-on-one basis. Through questions and answers, the kids can vocally participate in Mass. “At the same time, they can reflect on the Scripture readings with Father Steve,” Mapes said. 

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Evangelization, energy part of papal Mass

By Mary Ann Wyand

ST. LOUIS—The best seats for the eucharistic celebration with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on Jan. 27 at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis weren't seats at all. 

Two birds circled the huge arena before the start of the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, then settled somewhere in the rafters when the near-capacity crowd of about 100,000 people rose to cheer the arrival of the Holy Father in his white and gold Mercedes popemobile.

Armed Secret Service agents occupied seats on the catwalks, and other guards stayed close to the pontiff throughout the liturgy. But once the prelude music faded for the joyful entrance processional, “All Creatures of Our God and King,” security measures were forgotten at the sight of Pope John Paul II and the start of the solemn eucharistic liturgy.

Despite the size of the dome, a sense of holiness transformed the arena into a sacred space as the pontiff began the liturgy.

In his homily, the Holy Father noted that, “This para- ble [of the Good Shepherd] highlights the joy of Christ and of our heavenly Father at every sinner who repents. God's love is a love that searches us out. It is a love that saves. This is the love that we find in the heart of Jesus.”

Emphasizing the importance of and the need for renewed evangelization, justice and respect for the sanctity and dignity of life, the pontiff also promoted vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, praised Catholic schools and health care institutions, and commended the ministries to the poor provided by Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

“As the new millennium begins, it must include a special emphasis on the family and the renewal of Christian marriage,” the pope said. “As the family goes, so goes the nation.”

The new evangelization must stress the Gospel of life, he said. “As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary.”

(In response to the pontiff’s plea for an end to capital punishment, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan later commented the death sentence of convicted triple murderer Darrell Mease.)

During his homily, Pope John Paul II also called for “an end to every form of racism, a plague which your bishops have called one of the most persistent and destructive evils of the nation.”

Returning to his theme of God’s love for every person, the pope reminded listeners that “the Gospel of God’s love finds its highest expression in the Eucharist. In the Mass and in eucharistic adoration, we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the heart of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, I wish to make an appeal ... to those who for one reason or another are separated from the practice of their faith.”

“On the eve of the Great Jubilee of the 2,000th anniversary of the Incarnation, Christ is seeking you out and inviting you back to the community of faith,” he said. “Is this not the moment for you to experience the joy of returning to the Father’s house? In all cases, there is the assurance of God's love and mercy.”

The new millennium, the pope said, will be “a time of far-reaching spiritual renewal,” the pontiff said. “The Spirit will truly bring about a new springtime of faith if Christian hearts are filled with new attitudes of humility, generosity and openness to his purifying grace. In parishes and communities across this land, holiness and Christian service will flourish if you and I come to know and believe in the love God has for you (cf. 1 Jn 4:16).”

After the Holy Father’s departure from the dome, bishops, priests, religious and laity stepped outside into the early afternoon sunshine to find themselves in uncharacteristically warm 60-degree weather reminiscent of the Holy Father’s reference to a “new springtime of faith.”

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said the two-day papal visit to St. Louis was “a fantastic experience” and he especially liked seeing “the excitement of the youth” during the youth prayer rally Jan. 26 at the Kiel Center.

“I was at the youth rally yesterday afternoon and evening,” Archbishop Buechlein said, “and it always moves me to see how the Holy Father and the youth interact.”

Before the Holy Father’s arrival at the rally, the archbishop said, “the bishops even did ‘the wave’ with the kids. We’re good sports. But I must admit [after hearing the Holy Father’s reference to a “new springtime of faith.”]”

Archbishop Buechlein said he liked the pontiff’s homily so well he wanted to go to too many rock concerts.

Archbishop Buechlein said he liked the pontiff’s homily to the youth. “He challenged them, but also showed out [the Church’s] great care and love for them. He spoke of their importance to us now, not just in the future.”

During the eucharistic liturgy at the Trans World Dome, the archbishop said, “I liked the fact that he tied in so dear ste Mass, page 26
Catholic Engaged Encounter offers chance to improve communications for a lifetime

By Jennifer E. Reed
Catholic News Service

S pending time away together to prepare for Christian marriage is essential for engaged couples about to enter into the sacrament of marriage, say volunteer leaders in the national marriage preparation program, Catholic Engaged Encounter. "Romance is wonderful, but romance isn’t why you get married," said Mike Chavez, of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., who serves on the national team with his wife, Kathy. "You’re called to a sense of unity in your marriage and that’s what gets you through the bad times," he added, "when it’s hard to be romantic."

An engaged encounter weekend offers soon-to-be-married couples an opportunity to concentrate on building their unity as they prepare to enter into sacramental union. Some form of marriage preparation is required by nearly all U.S. dioceses, and in many dioceses Catholic Engaged Encounter is established as one such program.

Father Stephen Leva, Engaged Encounter coordinator in the Diocese of Arlington, Va., said the weekend is meant “to heighten engaged couples’ awareness of specific issues or situations that can occur in their married life” and their awareness of each other’s perspective on these issues.

“I think it’s more than necessary, it’s essential,” he said.

“It provides an opportunity for those two people to get away for a whole weekend," he added, "and do nothing but talk about their relationship and how God fits into it and the issues they will face in marriage.”

The weekend goes from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and couples are advised to arrive well rested. Throughout the weekend, the Engaged Encounter team—made up of two married couples and a priest—share personal experiences of living a committed, sacramental love relationship in a series of short presentations.

“It’s not to say that just because X and Y had this experience, an engaged couple will have this experience,” said Father Leva. But the presentations offer the engaged couples practical ways to deal with situations that may come up in their lives, he said.

The team shares their personal experiences about a range of issues, including forgiveness, unity, sexuality, prayer, interpersonal marriage, decision-making, children and finances.

“We share how we have or have not lived up to the concepts we’re trying to stress," Chavez said.

After each team presentation, the couples are given questions and asked to take some time to individually reflect and write their own responses. Then the couples are asked to come together, and, in privacy, share and discuss—what they have written. This communication technique—listening, writing, dialogue—makes up the framework of the weekend and serves as a model for couples to thoughtfully consider their relationship and exercise their commitment to a life of unity in marriage.

Catholic Engaged Encounter, an outgrowth of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, was incorporated in 1977. The program is "based on real-life marriages, not texts, not statistics, but on our own attitudes, failures and successes," said Kathy Chavez, Mike’s wife, who has been involved in Engaged Encounter for more than a decade.

Regina and John Keegan, team leaders in the Diocese of Arlington, have been involved in the program since 1986 when they lived in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

“To have a successful marriage, you have to share yourself on every level: emotionally, spiritually, when you have arguments," said the mother of three.

The experience of writing and dialogue "opens up a new form of communication" that is constructive and positive, she said, adding that this technique can help the couple more clearly communicate and encourage active listening.

It is important to remember, she said, that there are positive ways to communicate, even during difficult times.

The exercises challenge couples to practice honest face-to-face dialogue, Kathy Chavez said, adding that in the early stages of a relationship, pleasing the other person can seem to be the most important thing. "We stress to the couples the importance of expressing what you’re truly feeling and not what you think your partner wants you to hear," she said.

Father Leva said that of the couples he works with in marriage preparation at St. Ann Parish in Arlington, Va., “90-95 percent say the weekend was "a really good thing."”

“I tell them if they go into the weekend with an open heart and an open mind,” he said, "and let the Lord and the Spirit talk to them, and talk to each other” it will be worth the effort.

“It’s almost like you can see in it their faces that they experienced something that was really good for them," he said.

For Catholic Engaged Encounter information, see the organization’s Web site at http://www.catholic.org/engaged-encounter.
Aikman - Henninger
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Bailey - Weikel
Jennifer Lynn Bailey and David Alan Weikel will be married July 31 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Sue Bailey. The groom is the son of Jerry and Brenda Granger.

Baird - Nicola
Kristin Kathleen Baird and Steven Mark Nicola will be married Feb. 6 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of David and Eileen Bowen. The groom is the son of Paul and Dorothy Nicola.

Bewsey - Treida
Deborah Ann Bewsey and Marcus Andrew Weidner will be married Oct. 9 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Fred and Jo Dausch. The groom is the son of Gertrude and Al Weidner.

Bowen - Gray
Theresa A. Bowen and Ryan Douglas Gray will be married July 10 at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Carl R. and Rita S. Cottrell. The groom is the son of Christopher and Janet Sheldon.

Cottrell - Sheldon
Naomi Luann Cottrell and Brian Patrick Sheldon will be married June 5 at St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of Carl R. and Rita S. Cottrell. The groom is the son of Christopher and Janet Sheldon.

Dausch - Wessling
Amy Jo Dausch and Kurt M. Wessling will be married March 13 at Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Fred and Jo Dausch. The groom is the son of Gene and Fran Wessling.

Deeley - Temple
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Dellinger - Agresta
Melissa D. Dellinger and Dominic V. Agresta will be married July 24 at St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of David and Patrick Dellinger. The groom is the son of Sam and Marty Agresta.

Dixon - Kosegi
Bridget Diane Dixon and Andrew Scott Kosegi will be married April 24 at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Shirley Dixon. The groom is the son of Joe and Nancy Kosegi.

Dunn - Plumb
Emily Suzanne Dunn and Christopher William Plumb will be married July 10 at St. Christopher Parish in Speedway. The bride is the daughter of Michael P. and Conni S. Dunn. The groom is the son of Lawrence and Eleanor Plumb.

Eickholtz - Westerhouse
Paula Bernadette Eickholtz and Gregory Roger Westerhouse will be married July 3 at St. Michael Parish in Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Juliann Eickholtz. The groom is the son of Roger and Mary Westerhouse.

Eller - Lee
Christine Elizabeth Eller and Jason Michael Lee will be married June 26 at St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sherry Eller. The groom is the son of Danny and Betty Lee.

Evans-Kritzer
Shena Carin Evans and Keith Adam Kritzer will be married June 12 at St. Rose Parish in Knightstown. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malachy O’Connor. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kritzer.

Ellzroth - Murphy
Tracy Elizabeth Ellzroth and Brian David Murphy were married Jan. 8 at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joe and Diane Ellzroth. The groom is the son of Terry and Judy Murphy.

Firsich - Beisinger
Lee Ann Firsich and Richard Beisinger will be married May 22 at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. The bride is the daughter of Leon and Nancy Firsich. The groom is the son of Henry and Margaret Ellen Beisinger.

Gajewski - Cannon
Jeanmarie Nicole Gajewski and Patrick Michael Cannon will be married May 1 at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Gajewski. The groom is the son of Bernadette George and Michael Cannon.

Hart - Byerley
Kelly Marie Hart and Anthony Edward Byerley will be married June 5 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd’s Knobs. The bride is the daughter of James and Donna Hart. The groom is the son of Keith and Jeane Byerley.

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Launa Dee Henneberry and James Joseph Mondel will be married June 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Miller. Mrs. Darryl Howard. The groom is the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mondel.

Kaufman - Bosley
Heather Christel Kaufman and Shannon Anthony Bosley will be married April 10 at St. Joseph Parish in Richmond. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sharon Schryer. The groom is the son of Sternard Bosley and Ann Canjany Bosley.

Kemler - Robertson
Lisa Renee Kemler and Robert Lever Robertson will be married June 12 at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Barbara Kemler. The groom is the son of Robert and Patricia Robertson.

Klenk - Striegel
Dr. Elizabeth Ellen Klenk and Dr. Peter Guyian Striegel will be married May 22 at St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Merl A. Klenk and the late Doris M. Klenk. The groom is the son of Bernard M. and Rosemarie Striegel.

Knieser - Koers
Christine A. Knieser and James Michael Koers will be married Aug. 7 at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Martinl and Susan Knieser. The groom is the son of Michael and Donna Koers.

Knight - Brock
Sarah E. Knight and Stephen Todd Brock will be married June 26 at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Knight. The groom is the son of Stephen and Patricia Brock.

Korfhage - Thompson
Bette Anne Korfhage and Brian Lee Thompson will be married July 16 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd's Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Chester and Thelma Korfhage. The groom is the son of Michael and Patricia Thompson.

Lathrop - Brunt
Jennifer Lathrop and Rich Brunt will be married June 12 at Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Pat Lathrop. The groom is the son of Mike and Joanne Ulrey.

Lawrence-Davis
Catherine M. Lawrence and Timothy W. Davis will be married May 22 at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lawrence. The groom is the son of Warren Davis and the late Nancy Stevens.

Libs - Huber
Tricia Renee Libs and Christopher Lee Huber will be married June 11 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd's Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sandy Libs. The groom is the son of Kenny and Judy Huber.

Mahin - Peats
Kate Mahin and Matt Spencer Peats will be married July 17 at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Beth Mahin. The groom is the son of Bob and Pati Peats.

Maurer - Ritz
Amanda Lee Maurer and Christopher Ritz will be married July 3 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jack and Carol Maurer. The groom is the son of Paul and Laurie Ritz.

McIntire - Nolan
Kimberly Sue McIntire and Brock Phillip Nolan were married Dec. 19 at United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Brenda McIntire. The groom is the son of Ken Blankenberger and Marianne Eifer.

Nicolucci - Lenahan
Anne Elena Nicolucci and Bradley Charles Lenahan will be married June 19 at St. John Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Nicolucci. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Lenahan.

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Wedding Announcements

Norwalk - Sweeney
Allysa Bart Norwalk and Robert McClynn Sweeney will be married April 10 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Keith and Kathy Norwalk. The groom is the son of Patricia Sweeney.

O’Brien - Miller
Rhonda Michelle O’Brien and Gary Dean Miller will be married April 24 at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Norwalk. The bride is the daughter of Charles Rogers III and Linda McCarthy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Miller.

Popp - Johnson
Fredrick Blockman will be married June 19 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Riley. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blockman.

Popp - Vavul
Phillips - Wilhelm
Laura Kay Phillips and Bryant Keith Wilhelms will be married July 10 at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. The bride is the daughter of James and Elaine Phillips. The groom is the son of Robert and Lucy Wilhelms.

Popp - McChesney
Elizabeth Helene Riley and Darrin Paul - Ayres
Michelle Yvette Sallee and Jeffrey Spindler - Fox
Terra Lynn Spindler and Jon Pierre Turchman. The groom is the son of Frank and Dorothy Eckart.

Sallee - Ayres
The bride is the daughter of Darla Sallee. The groom is the son of Jim and MaryJane Cheesman.

Pflum - Johnson
Julie Heather Pflum and Michael Raymond Johnson will be married Feb. 6 at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. The bride is the daughter of Dan and Diane Pflum. The groom is the son of S. Clark and Carole Johnson.

Sales - Cheesman
Stephanie Ann Sales and Skipper Curtis Cheesman will be married on June 12 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin. The bride is the daughter of John and Anita Sales. The groom is the son of Jim and MaryJane Cheesman.

Siegert - Amos
Cynthia Ann Siegert and Matthew Thomas Amos will be married May 8 at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Martha Schuler. The groom is the son of Al and Donna Dowel.

Schuler - Dowd
Cina Elizabeth Schuler and Ryan Christopher Dowd will be married May 15 at St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Martha Schuler. The groom is the son of Al and Donna Dowel.

Rizzo - Eckart
Gina Marie Rizzo and Jeffrey John Eckart will be married July 24 at St. John Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Patricia Rizzo. The groom is the son of Frank and Dorothy Eckart.

Saller - Kent
Jennifer L. Stenger and Christopher Brian Kent will be married July 3 at St. Michael Parish in Brookville. The bride is the daughter of Ed and Kathy Stenger. The groom is the son of Dick and Barbara Kent.

Sloma - Barnes
Kathleen Ann Sloma and Alvin Robert Barnes will be married June 12 at St. Mary Parish in Helena, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Sloma. The groom is the son of Roger Barnes and Marion Trudiae.

Steffler - Davis
Suzyette L. Steffler and Christopher G. Davis will be married May 15 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Evelyn Steffler. The groom is the son of George and Anita Davis.

Schenk - Kelley
Mary Lynn Schenk and Joseph Patrick Kelley will be married April 30 at St. Gabriel Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Norman and Gerry Schenk. The groom is the son of Frank and Evelyn Schenk.

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Rainey will be married May 1 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Wathen Jr. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Rainey.

Zadonia - Eaton

Michelle Lee Zadonia and Brad Jason Eaton will be married June 26 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Yvonne Zadonia. The groom is the son of Steven and Patricia Eaton.

Zuchowski - Heaton

Dawn Marie Zuchowski and Jeffrey Paul Heaton will be married June 5 at Good Shepherd Parish in Toledo, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Diane Zuchowski. The groom is the son of Paul and Linda Heaton.

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For many engaged couples, love tends to be blind in thinking that any problems encountered in marriage will somehow work themselves out. Yet, if couples only look at the beautiful horizon, they’re going to be blind to the potholes along the way.

And while good communication is essential, most couples aren’t equipped with the communication skills necessary to work out problems before they become marriage-threatening issues. The possession of such skills is not a product of the times in which we live, said David Olson, the founding president of Life Innovations, a Minneapolis firm whose pre-marriage inventories, workshops and tapes have been used by an estimated 1 million couples since 1978.

“In an agricultural economy people lived on farms,” he said, adding that “they had more time” to work out problems. “Now,” he said, “people know they need to do it. But they don’t have the time, they don’t have the skills. That’s one reason why I think the divorce rate’s higher than it was 20 years ago.”

Potholes in the road of marriage come in any number of forms, according to Donna Dausman, director of the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., including disagreements about money, faith, children and issues surrounding “dual-career” marriages. Theresa Wood, who teaches marriage enrichment courses for the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo., noted that couples that keep issues swept under the rug often discover that the issues don’t go away just because they’ve been hid.

By the time they make an appearance, Wood said, they’ve become so big that the relationship is at risk unless good communication techniques are drawn upon.

Premarital inventories, like Life Innovations’ Prepare survey and FOCCUS, developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., help engaged couples better understand their beliefs and perspectives, how they got where they are and what they need to reach their goal of a lifetime of love for each other.

Olson said active listening skills are what’s needed for most couples. Life Innovations’ Prepare program has a workbook for couples that includes an exercise designed to increase listening and communication skills.

All too often, Dausman said, one spouse tends to shut out the other by not listening actively. By keeping stuff inside, the free and easy communication that seemed so natural during infatuation and courtship starts crumbling. Dausman seeks to help couples achieve greater intimacy through spiritual, physical, intellectual, communicative-creative and emotional means or “spice.”
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Adoptions were the right decisions for this family
By David M. Thomas

“Have you thought about how many kids you would like to have?”

Thirty-plus years ago, my wife and I had this conversation a few months before our wedding. The books said engaged couples should discuss this topic.

“I would like a large family,” she said, “and I think it would be good to adopt one or two children, too.”

Through her words, I realized even more that I was about to marry a person of great generosity who cared about children.

The years of our marriage passed, and we were blessed with five children. We saw a counselor who cared about children, and this time our answer was immediate.

For three weeks we talked to each other and with our five adult children.

This had to be a family decision because of our age. We saw a counselor who advised parents considering adoption, and we prayed.

My wife and I said yes, after asking God to give us the strength and patience to parent a child once more.

Later I discovered how often the New Testament refers to adoption. After all, we are all adopted children of God. I also became more aware of the tragic plight of so many children in America. Almost half a million children live in foster homes.

About a year ago, the social service agency again asked us about adopting another of our foster children. We again had to ask ourselves whether God was inviting us to adopt a second child, and this time our answer was immediate.

Our two 6-year-old daughters are doing fine. God has been good to all of us.

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

By Mary Miller Pedersen

Pete had waited 10 years for this big promotion. It meant a substantial income increase, less traveling, and the job security he wanted and needed for his family’s future. There was just one glitch: The job was in a city 600 miles away.

The promotion offer was a dream come true for Pete. But Pete’s wife, Mary, had the perfect part-time job close to home with flexible hours built around the children’s school activities. And their three children were happy in school and close to their friends.

Passing up the promotion was a career dead end for Pete. Moving would mean difficult changes for the family. When Pete called home to tell his wife the good news, he immediately sensed her hesitation. That night they went out to dinner to talk about the job offer.

After the initial excitement and celebration, they agreed to look carefully over the next week at the pros and cons of moving their family.

Mary and Pete realized they didn’t have enough information about the new city to make a smart decision about moving there. They also needed to know what other companies in their hometown might offer Pete a job in case they decided to stay and he felt he needed to switch jobs.

Dozens of questions arose as they talked about the promotion. So they divided up the questions about housing, schools, cost of living, part-time job opportunities for Mary and educational resources in the new city. They consulted realtors, schools and other company employees who had moved. Pete even made an appointment with a career counselor at a private agency.

One day the family was definitely moving, and the next day they were definitely staying put. After getting all the help they could find, talking it over with close friends and family, and praying for guidance, they made the decision to move.

The dilemma that Mary and Pete faced arose from a positive career development.

But many of the big decisions families must face concern painful issues that are difficult to acknowledge. In those cases, clearly naming the problems involved and getting the help that is needed is much more complicated.

For more than five years, Sue suspected her husband of losing large amounts of money at a local casino, but he always had a good excuse for being short of cash. Even with two incomes and a modest lifestyle, the family was falling deeper into debt with every paycheck.

For Sue and her teen-age children, it was a problem to face the problem. Acknowledging a compulsive behavior and naming it as the problem is difficult for family members.

Sue read several articles on gambling addiction and confided in a close friend. She called a local hot line to find out what support groups were available.

Then she had the courage to address the issue that had drained their family’s financial and emotional resources for years.

When a child is failing out of school or a family member has an addiction, it often takes longer to name the problem clearly and be open to getting help. Most families are so busy with jobs and other daily responsibilities that they just keep on keeping on! They tend to ignore family issues until an issue becomes a crisis.

In my work as a family-life educator, I frequently ask audiences what their family’s “greatest moments” were. When did they feel closest to one another? When were they the most faithful to one another?

Many people said family members felt strongest, closest, and most faithful after times of difficulty, pain or dilemmas.

In his book, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families (Franklin Covey Golden Books), Steven R. Covey acknowledges that it is common for families to “let life happen, to be swept along with the flow of society’s values and trends without having any sense of vision or purpose.”

In Chapter 2 of his book, Covey encourages families to “begin with the end in mind,” that is, to know what they believe and what is important to them. He calls this a family “mission statement.”

Although every family has a mission that is unique, we have a common mission to become “intimate communities of life and love” ("Apostolic Exhortation on the Family," Pope John Paul II, 1980).

Facing a dilemma and seeking help when needed provides family members with an opportunity to ask, “What is our mission here and now?” and “What values do we base our decision upon?”

When families ask those questions of one another about difficult issues and work together toward answers, the bonds of family life and love can grow stronger.

Mary Miller Pedersen is coordinator of the Leadership in Family Life Training Program for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.

Discussion Point

Prayer and advice help in crisis

This Week’s Question

Where (from whom or what) did you seek assistance—support—in big family issues?

“I have a spiritual director I turn to. I also would turn to my co-workers and perhaps to a priest with whom I’m friendly.” (Louise Dussault, Providence, R.I.)

“I turn to the Church and the pastor.” (Sandra Hornung, Marathon, Wis.)

“Family, friends and prayer— and healing Masses. That’s what I turn to.” (Bonnie Yanmaco, Manhasset, N.Y.)

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The author of the Book of Wisdom wrote in Greek because that was the prevailing literary language when he lived about 100 years before the coming of Christ. (That's also why the New Testament was written in Greek.) A large colony of Jews who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, spoke Greek, and that's where this book was written. Although not all its books seem to apply directly to Catholics, especially praise of the wisdom of Solomon and a recounting of the life of King David, the first 10 chapters form a preparation for the fuller teachings of Christ and his Church. Many sections are used by the Church in its liturgy.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

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Evangelizing vs. proselytizing: a Catholic perspective

“We really are not interested in doing much evangelization. Our RCA is already bulging without our doing any promotion. We are already here, it seems to me, that we would have too many to handle if we adver-

“We have many stu-

“Our parish mem-

“Glibly, many would say that the world is not interested in religion. It is not, that is true, but it is not interested in a religion that simply

“Naturally we never went anywhere

People who used to stand in line at the Creamery now buy their ice cream in a cart and drive it in themselves. People who used to stand in line at the hardware store now drive their own cars and buy the things they need. The idea is to simplify life so that it will be easier for people to live in the world. People are doing this because they are interested in living a simpler life.

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The Book of Isaiah is the source of this weekend’s first reading. It speaks first of Jesus Christ and God’s love for us. Both days, with his words, smiles and gestures, this incredibly spiritual and charismatic man showed that he, too, was connected. Using the Greek term, “proximate enough to outweigh the good generation,” if any, was certainly not sufficient consideration for people facing the possibility of marriage outside Church. From what you have written, it seems quite thoughtfully and correctly. We made sure he realized what we wished to achieve by being there. You appear knowledgeable and his marriage would be completely;; from what you have written, it seems quite thoughtfully and correctly. We made sure he realized what we wished to achieve by being there. You appear knowledgeable and his marriage would be completely.
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February 5
St. Mark Parish Athletic Board, Indianapolis, 555 E. Edgewood Ave., will host a Monte Carlo night from 6 p.m. onwards. Admission: Free.

February 5-7

February 6
Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will hold registration for the Class of 2003, 3:30-11 a.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

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 several items for those less fortunate, such as food, toiletries, baby items, surplus closet items and cash donations. Information: 317-635-2021.

February 7
Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Saint Meinrad Seminary and College present “The Eucharist, Source and Summit of Life,” at St. Lawrence Parish, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The day includes Mass, confession and lunch. Cost: $10. Information and registration: 765-342-4905.

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

February 7-14
Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates sponsors the third annual “Make the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

February 12
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.

February 14
Rexville Schoenstein will present “The Eucharist, Source and Summit of the Christian Life” at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-669-3551.

February 18
Holy Trinity Parish, Indian- apolis, will hold registration for the Class of 2003, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

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ing 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, 5533 E. Washing-
ton St., holds adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.
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St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass until noon.
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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.
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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 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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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.
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Apotropaic of Fatima holds holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.
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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, 208th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. to noon.

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

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lowed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Located on 925 South, 8 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles.) Information: 812-689-5551.
Providence Sister

Helen Louise Summers taught in three states

Providence Sister Helen Louise Summers died in Terre Haute on Jan. 25. She was 85. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Jan. 28 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former MaryMarjorie Summers was born in Logansport in 1935. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1953. She professed first vows in 1955 and final vows in 1941.

Sister Robert Keaugh taught in schools in the archdiocese, including St. Charles Borromeo in Bloomington and St. Anthony, Joan of Arc and St. Monica in Indianapolis. She also taught in schools in the Evansville Diocese, in Illinois and in California.

She ministered as a parish visitor. She was a parish visitor in the apostolate to the aging at Simon St. House II, both in Terre Haute.

Survivors include two cousins, Providence Sisters Charles Van Hoey and Frances Gaugh Van Hoey.


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Chavez enters Labor Hall of Fame

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cesar Chavez, regarded as doing more than any other human being to advance the rights and dignity of U.S. farmworkers, entered the Labor Hall of Fame in Washington Jan. 28. In the 90-minute induction ceremony, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney called Chavez “one of the authentic heroes of the 20th century”—a man who “refused to suffer injustice silently,” and countered violent resistance with “unfailing nonviolence.” U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman said, “He helped Americans understand a basic truth: that farmworkers, who bring our food to our tables, must also have a recognized place in America. They must have dignity. They must have respect. They must have justice.”

Explore alternatives in stem-cell research, Senate panel urged

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The federal government is moving too quickly toward stem-cell research that involves deliberately destroyed human fetuses, without exploring other viable scientific options for creating new cells, an official of the U.S. bishops’ conference told a Senate subcommittee Jan. 26. Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director for policy development at the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education that in recent weeks “two startling scientific breakthroughs have made it even more clear that destructive embryo research is unnecessary.” The subcommittee was holding a hearing on the legal status of embryonic stem-cell research. It came after an announcement by the National Institutes of Health that research involving “pluripotent stem cells,” also called master cells, taken from human embryos could receive federal funding according to a legal opinion from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Papal intervention credited with death sentence commutation

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Personal intervention by Pope John Paul II in St. Louis has been credited for the Missouri governor’s decision to commute Darrell Mease’s death sentence to life without parole. Gov. Mel Carnahan announced the commutation Jan. 28, just hours after the pope left St. Louis at the end of a two-day visit. “In reaching this decision, I took into account the extraordinary circumstances of the pope’s request and the historical significance of the papal visit to St. Louis and the state of Missouri,” Carnahan, a Baptist, said in a statement.

Rabbi, others pray with pope

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—In a solemn Evening Prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Jan. 27, Pope John Paul II was joined by a rabbi and several leaders of other religious faiths. About 2,000 people filled the pews of the cathedral. Rabbi Robert Jacobs, vice president of the St. Louis Rabbinical Association, read a passage from Isaiah, delivering the first sentence in Hebrew. It was the first time a rabbi has proclaimed a reading at a Catholic mass from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Arizona Supreme Court upholds state tuition tax credit law

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS)—In a ruling Jan. 26, the Arizona Supreme Court upheld a 1997 state tuition tax credit law. As a result, Arizona parents seeking a Catholic education for their children can earn tax credits for their donations to a “tuition support organization.” The 3-2 ruling rejected arguments by opponents of tax credits, who claim the credits effectively give public funds to private schools. Bob Heslinga, administrator of Tucson’s diocesan tuition support organization, told the diocesan paper, Catholic Vision, that he disagrees. “I am not anti public school. I am for choice,” he said. “In this diocese, we have bona fide schools that are fully credentialed. Why must parents be penalized for choosing one of those schools for their children?”

Renewal of community life called key to resolving crisis

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS)—When it comes to religious life, it’s not the numbers but the lack of visibility that should concern everyone in the Church, says Sister Doris Gottemoeller. And visibility, she adds, has little to do with wearing habits, and a lot to do with women religious living in community. The president of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, who also was president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, delivered an assessment of the current state of religious life—and mistakes made after the Second Vatican Council—during her keynote address to more than 200 women and men religious gathered at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale.
By Sarah Gardner

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Nineteen years ago, Pope John Paul II landed in a helicopter in an Iowa cornfield for a Mass with a big gathering of people.

This is how Father Robert Mazzola remembers the first time he saw Pope John Paul II in 1979.

“He is powerful in what he thinks. He is an enthusiastic and strong, dynamic leader. He still speaks out for what he stands for as head of the Church.”

Msgr. Harold L. Kneuven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenswood, said he wanted to be part of the pilgrimage that supports Pope John Paul II because he believes in the pope as a strong representative of the Church and its people. “I can remember seeing him in Rome in 1982,” Msgr. Kneuven said. “I was impressed by his enthusiasm, his zeal and his energy. I want to see him because this might be his last time in the United States.”

“He is powerful in what he thinks. He is what has gone before us as members of the Church,” Msgr. Kneuven added. “and all the theologians, people who studied the Catholic faith, Catholic traditions. It deepens my belief in the history of the Church.”

Phyllis Daming, of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, read about the opportunity in The Criterion and heard about other people who had seen Pope John Paul II.

“I just thought that it would be neat to hear him say the Mass, and hopefully I will get something spiritual out of it,” she said.

“We feel that he is a well-liked and respected pope and he has done a lot for our faith,” Daming said. “I know he is getting older and this may be the last opportunity I would have, and I thought I would jump on it.”

(Sarah Gardner is a senior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College at Saint Mary of the Woods.)

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