VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As the situation in Kosovo deteriorated, Pope John Paul II urged leaders there to end the chain of violence that has ravaged the Balkans in recent years.

"Those communities have already undergone a long Via Crucis and are awaiting solutions that are respectful of history and of rights," the pope said at a Sunday blessing March 21.

The pope said he was deeply concerned about reports of increased fighting in Kosovo, a Serbian province where ethnic Albanians are pushing for independence. He asked prayers so that "the Lord can enlighten all those responsible for the future of that region."

Leaders there, he said, should have the courage to take steps that are truly aimed at the common good of the area's populations.

As the pope spoke, Yugoslav forces continued to strike ethnic Albanian positions in central Kosovo for the second day, setting houses on fire and forcing civilians to flee for their lives.

According to rebel sources, as many as 15,000 civilians had left their homes in the face of the Yugoslav offensive.

The Yugoslav forces said they were responding to rebel attacks.

NATO ambassadors, meanwhile, were meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to decide what to do about Yugoslavia's defiance in the wake of failed peace talks.

The talks broke down after the Serb delegation refused to agree to autonomy for the Kosovo province and deployment of NATO troops there.

U.S. President Bill Clinton warned Yugoslavia March 19 that "the threshold has been crossed" and that the United States was ready to join in air strikes against Yugoslavia to convince President Slobodan Milosevic to accept the brokered peace deal.
Catholic Social Services to honor volunteers

Former NFL quarterback Bart Starr to be keynote speaker for the April 13 fund raiser

Catholic Social Services will honor five volunteers with the 1999 Spirit of Service Awards at a dinner on Tuesday, April 13, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. The keynote speaker at the dinner will be Bryan Bartlett “Bart” Starr, a former National Football League quarterback who led the Green Bay Packers to five NFL championships during his 17-year career.

Effective April 11, 1999
Rev. Stephen J. Helmich, currently pastor of St. Michael Parish, Charlestown, and administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Henryville, was appointed for a second six-year term.

Effective April 14, 1999
Rev. Donald L. Schmidlin, currently pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Indianapolis, was appointed for a second six-year term.

New Cathedral High School president

Stephan J. Helmich serves as president since 1989. Father Patrick J. Kelly is the principal.

At Columbus, Helmich was president of the Community Education Coalition and president of the Columbus Area Chamber Foundation.

He has served as the executive chief for chambers of commerce in Richmond and Columbus since 1986, helping both groups earn state and national recognition for membership growth, fund-raising success and effective programming.

As president of the Community Education Coalition, Helmich helped develop a work plan to respond to the Hudson Institute’s findings that the city of Columbus needed to improve the educational achievement of all learners in the community.

The Coalition was formed to help put in place a community learning system to address issues affecting educational achievement. Coalition members represent a broad list of community sectors and organizations, including kinder-garten through the 12th grade and higher education, small and large business, social and youth-serving organizations, organized labor and parents.

During the decade, Helmich served as president. Cathedral’s enrollment increased 75 percent and capital improvements valued at more than $10 million were added to the northeast campus.

The school’s mortgage was burned in 1990.

Capital improvements since 1989 include the Cunningham Fine Arts Center, Joe O’Malia Performing Arts Center and 2,500-seat Robert W. Welch Student Activity Center.

Cathedral names new school president
Triduum liturgies prepare us for Easter

Excerpts from liturgy guide explain the meaning of each Holy Week observance

Holy Thursday evening brings Lent to an end. On that night, we begin the Three Days that are the center of our year. We are invited to make these days different from all the other days of the year. …

We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can, so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil.

We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The Church is getting ready.

All of us should know that our presence for these liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all here needed, and all of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. We hear some of the Church’s most beautiful prayers and Scriptures and make some of our finest music.

Look closely at your parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies of the triduum. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

We begin as Holy Thursday ends. On that evening, after listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: We wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, basins and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like.

This is a rehearsal for Christian life, as is the next thing we do, a collection for the Church is supposed to look like, feel like.

This evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the triduum.

We gather again quietly on Good Friday and listen to Scripture. We pray at length for all the world’s needs. Then there is another once-a-year event. The holy cross is held up in our midst, and we come forward one by one to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Holy Saturday—for us like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ’s repose in the tomb.

Hungry now and excited, the Church gathers in the darkness between Saturday and Sunday and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful Scriptures in the Bible, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters.

There the catechumens are baptized and anointed. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God.

Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for 50 days of rejoicing! (Reprinted by permission from Three Days to Save Our Earth, a pamphlet published by Liturgy Training Publications, copyright 1992.)

K of C sponsors Way of the Cross

The Indianapolis Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 62nd annual Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2.

The observance will begin at 12:15 p.m. on the American Legion Plaza, located at North Street between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Harold L. Kneiven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, will lead the public procession around the plaza to each of the stations, which are marked by large wooden crosses.

Music is provided by a choir that includes members of all the councils in the Indianapolis area.

The Bishop Chatard Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Peter Claver will provide color guard units.

On March 27 and 28, the Knights of Columbus choir, the Columbians, will be part of the 56th annual Triad Concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.
Two years ago in Jerusalem, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican’s Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, made the following statement: “Jews and Christians have lived together side by side in many places for 2,000 years, but have seldom lived together. There were exceptions to this at times when in certain places the two communities shared friendship, respect and positive encounter. But most of the time the relationship was one of suspicion and contention, even hostility. Now is the time for change.”

The change Cardinal Cassidy refers to has “been in the works” for more than 35 years. Vatican II formalized the process by declaring, in an authoritative way, that there is absolutely no truth in the assertion that Jews are somehow collectively guilty of the death of Jesus. What’s more, the document Aetate Aevi (“Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions”) says quite clearly that the Church decries hatred, persecution, displays of anti-Semitism directed against Jews at any time and by anyone, (44). In addition, Nostra Aetate calls for joint theological studies and “mutual respect and kindness” between Catholics and Jews.

Pope John Paul II has taken these initial statements much further. More than any other Christian leader in the past 2,000 years, the Polish pope (who witnessed the horrors of the Shoah, with its destruction of 6 million Jews in his native land and throughout Christian Europe, from 1933 to 1945) has insisted that Jews are “our elder brothers in Jesus, and that Christians have a relationship with Jews that “we do not have with other religions.” In fact, the pope has strongly affirmed the teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures that there is “an irre- vocable covenant” between God and the Jews. The fact that we Christians believe that this covenant has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ does not in any way detract from the continuing spiritual mission and vocation of the Jewish people. As expressed by Rabbi A. James Rudin, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee at a recent conference in Baltimore, Jews and Christians are both “peoples of God, peoples of faith.” According to Rabbi Rudin, “If we Jews and Catholics, if we proudly carrying our deepest theological beliefs along with our potent memories, if we can begin to reverse the melancholy course of our shared history, then just perhaps other peoples, groups and nations can do the same.”

If Christians and Jews are truly “sisters and brothers in faith,” then we must learn how to disagree without rancor or hostility in spite of the fact that our disagreements are serious and often painful. Genuine dialogue has taken place during the past 35 years, but there is still much that needs to be done to guarantee mutual understanding and respect among all of the individuals and groups who consider themselves Jews or Christians.

As Cardinal Cassidy said recently, “The silences, prejudices, persecutions and complications of past centuries weigh upon us. If we could heal the wounds that bedevil Christian-Jewish relations, we would contribute to the healing of the wounds of the world, the tiguid olam (the mending of the world), which the Talmud considers to be a necessary action in building a just world and preparing for the kingdom of the Most High.”

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Cardinal Stafford’s document dedicates a chapter to the meaning and value of age. Intelligence and material success may be prevailing measures of value in our culture, but older folks can call us to the deeper meaning of the family. Our younger generation is in danger of losing a sense of history and therefore, its own identity. Older folks remind us not to ignore the past so as not to repeat past mistakes. In the face of the dominance of science and technology, people of the third and fourth ages have a rich and real human experience to share with younger generations. Individualism and self-seeking in our culture has increased the need for companionship, which older people both offer and need. The third age is an age of greater simplicity and more contemplation because, for the most part, the fundamental questions of vocation, human dignity and destiny have been confronted.

The document explores “the older person in the Bible” (pp. 17-23): “One of the charisms of longevity is wisdom.” It is not an automatic gift and so it is a goal for which older people must strive. Prayer is the principal means for a spiritual understanding of life that is a shared gift to older people. Prayer is a powerful ministry that older people may perform for the good of the whole Church. “Education is no renewal, not even social, which does not begin from contemplation.” (p. 22). On her 101st birthday, a woman confided to a friend, “I am now 101 years old, but I’m strong, you know. Physically I have some disabilities, but spiritually there isn’t nothing I can’t do. … The only way to live well in old age is to live it in God.” (p. 12).

Today, the document reminds us, death has lost its sacred character, its sense of fulfillment. Every effort is made to sweep it under the carpet, to make sure that it does not disturb. Yet in the light of the Gospel, death is no longer a condemnation, no longer a meaningless end to life. “It is revealed as a time of hope: the true and certain hope of coming face to face with the Lord.” (p. 21).

We must be companions with older people, especially in the fourth age, with care and compassion. It is also clear that older people have important gifts to share with the community of faith. People of the fourth age may more and more strive to live in God and, as they do so, their prayer is the most powerful human force in the life of our Church. We must not accept the stereotype of aging as a period of decline in which human and social inadequacy are taken for granted. The increasing numbers of older people in our society and the human and spiritual potential for the enrichment of our human family. For months I have been contemplating a Home Missions Volunteer Program in the United States, especially in rural areas of need, from parish priest to volunteer. A “special” Vocations team would be dedicated to the purpose of cultivating the antidote of a search for companionship, which older people both offer and need. The third age is an age of greater simplicity and more contemplation because, for the most part, the fundamental questions of vocation, human dignity and destiny have been confronted.

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Edad avanzada traer a la sociedad pericia, experiencia, sabiduría, trabajo de Iglesia

La Organización de Naciones Unidas ha dedicado el año 1999 a la edad avanzada. Esperando esta dedicación, el Consejo Pontifical Vaticano para los Laicos, las Familias y la Educación, de la mano del Cardenal Francis Stafford, publicó un documento titulado La Dignidad de la gente de edad avanzada y sus tareas en la comunidad (1999). El documento es un estudio profundo de la vida de la gente de edad avanzada, sus logros y contribuciones, y sus derechos y deberes en la sociedad. El texto es una reflexión profunda sobre la importancia de la edad avanzada en la vida de la Iglesia y en la sociedad.

El documento del Cardinal Stafford, que también ha sido publicado en español, es un documento valioso para todos aquellos que quieran entender mejor la vida de la gente de edad avanzada y su contribución a la comunidad. El texto está lleno de citas bíblicas y de reflexiones sobre la importancia de la edad avanzada en la vida de la Iglesia.

El documento también presenta una visión positiva de la edad avanzada, destacando la importancia de la sabiduría, la experiencia y la perspectiva que la gente de edad avanzada puede dar a la sociedad.

La edad avanzada es una etapa de la vida que tiene su propia belleza y significado. La gente de edad avanzada puede ser un recurso valioso para la sociedad, ya que tienen una profunda comprensión de la vida y de la experiencia de la vida que puede ser muy útil para las nuevas generaciones.

No debemos aceptar el estereotipo de la gente de edad avanzada como seres inútiles. La eficiencia y el éxito material no deben ser criterios para medir el valor de la vida. La gente de edad avanzada tiene mucho que ofrecer, tanto en términos de conocimientos como de sabiduría. La gente de edad avanzada puede ser un recurso valioso para la sociedad, ya que tienen una profunda comprensión de la vida y de la experiencia de la vida que puede ser muy útil para las nuevas generaciones.

El documento finaliza con una invitación a todos los ciudadanos a valorar la contribución de la gente de edad avanzada a la sociedad, y a reconocer su importancia en la vida de la Iglesia y en la sociedad.

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Letters to the Editor

Elmer Andrew Steffen was prominent in Church’s, city’s music

I read the article in The Criterion (March 10) about the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra concerts. In addition to Mozart and Poulenc, I believe that subscrip- tion would have been even more interesting to learn about, or remember, the late Elmer Andrew Steffen. The weekend concerts are in memory of him and his wife.

Mr. Steffen, musician-composer, was a prominent Catholic layman in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII in 1939 for his many years of service to Catholic Church. As archdiocesan commissioner of Church music and as choirmaster at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral where he volunteered his time and talent for over 40 years.

Of particular interest concerning the March 10 article was the fact that Mr. Steffen, with Fabian Sevtsky, organized the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 1937 and its work continued for 10 years.

Pauline Steffen Shaver
Indianapolis

Thank you from prisoner

After spending 18 months within the confines of the Indiana Department of Correction’s Putnamville Correctional Facility, I have come to realize that there is a way to live. In the words of Saint Paul, “for the good, for the true, for the beautiful, for the just, for the love, for the faith, for the charity.”

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The Bottom Line/Antoinette Boso

Art for God’s sake

Seated next to me at a “meet the author” event was a nice young man with a white cane. He was born blind. He ended up to be a great artist and a champion of the cause of the blind. He turned out to be an artist and a brother of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Brother Michael O’Neill McGrath—everyone called him “Brother Mickey”—had some of his brilliantly colorful work on display. A poster named “A Celebration of Saints” held my attention. He said he had created it for World Library Publications on about a week’s notice. I never would have guessed. But I had a depth I thought would have taken a long time to image and bring to life.

The poster shows 74 saints, from the dawn of history to the present, at an Easter Vigil. They are there to witness and share in the joy that is about to change the world. All these people of God belong in the painting. Brother McGrath said, because Easter is “the timeless event that goes beyond time.”

After that meeting we stayed in touch. We would send each other notes and then write about how deeply entwined with our faith it is our art—his with a brush, mine with words.

Brother McGrath thinks of his studio as “sacred space” and his creative work as a contemplative journey. To complete a sacred space and give it to others, he reflected. I truly could relate to that.

When I looked at the small catalogue of his “Sacred Art,” put out by Bee Still Studios in Newtown, Pa., I was struck by his dramatic use of color. “Art is about seeing, and so the color is primary. The viewer is the one who first grasps your attention.” After that the viewer is ready for the story, he explained.

His catalogue also made me think how devoted he must be to the Bible and the saints to come up with such striking images. He explained that he had long been a main focus for him since his childhood. This multitude of saintly men and women awakened an awareness in him of God’s presence, through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This awareness led him to believe that through art, he could share this gift with others. “My ministry is to help folks learn to see with other eyes—the eyes of the soul,” he says so beautifully.

Brother McGrath also credits the late Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, Thea Bowman, a teacher, lecturer and glorious singer who died in 1990, with getting him interested in music. “The bad landscapes” he had once painted. “She tinged him to focus on sacred art, and not just the human representation.”

Thea Bowman, a teacher, lecturer and glorious singer who died in 1990, with gorgeous voice and talent for over 40 years. From what I’ve seen, Brother Mickey’s work in the service of the Lord is spectacular. He is truly an original. (Antoinette Boso is a regular columnist for Catholic News Network.)
April 15 is the deadline for applying to become a Providence Volunteer Minister, a ministry program sponsored by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for lay women and men who are 18 or older. Many different volunteer opportunities exist for long-term and short-term service, with a monthly stipend and other benefits provided. Service sites are available in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, California, Massachusetts, and other states and Washington, D.C. For an application or more information, contact Providence Sister Mary Montgomery, director of Providence Volunteer Ministry, at P.O. Box 6175, Bloomington, Ind., 47407-6175, by telephone at 812-339-4454, or by e-mail at simmontg@indiana.edu. Information also is available by accessing the Sisters of Providence web site at www.spsvm.org.

Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis will offer the following Mass schedule during Holy Week: Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m. with Living Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call the parish at 317-783-3158.

PRH, the initials for Personnalité et Relations Humaines, means personality and human relations. PRH is a system of human growth experienced in a series of sessions. The process helps people explore their identity, purpose in life, and relationships. The PRH method involves participants writing and talking about their experiences in individual meetings or small groups. Training in PRH Analysis will be offered in Olivia Hall at the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, from May 2 through May 7. The sessions begin at 6 p.m. on May 2. Registration is limited to 20 people. The fee is $165. Make checks payable to Sister Mary Francis Roberts, PRH, and mail to Sister Kathleen McShay, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, Ind. 47036. Overnight accommodations are $75 for the week, payable at arrival. For more information, call 812-953-6473.

A worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be held April 16-18 at the Signature Inn Southwest in Indianapolis. For more information or to register, call Tim and Cathy Thoman at 317-581-0807. For information on weekends to be held in Louisville, Ky., and Owensboro, Ky., call 812-256-6548.

“The Continuing Enchantment of Fairy Tales at the Dawn of the 21st Century and the Legacy of Diana, Princess of Wales,” a session of the Mature Living Seminar series for older citizens, will be offered March 30 at Marian College in Indianapolis. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Marian Hall, Room 251. The cost of the session is $5. Inability to pay should not hinder participation. To register, call 317-955-6046.

“12-steps as a Way of Life,” a serenity weekend for 12-steppers, will be offered April 30-May 2 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Presenters are Conventual Franciscan Father Jim Cantwell and Delora Boaz. The weekend will include presentations, discussion periods and individual counseling all geared to enhance the 12-step way of life. The fee for resident is $95/individual and $160/couple. The commuter fee is $70/individual and $95/couple. A $25 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

Become a Birthline Volunteer. Respond to calls from pregnant women in need. Calls are forwarded to volunteer’s home or prearranged times. Volunteers may also come to the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center twice a month to prepare layettes. A training session is scheduled from April 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. To register, call 317-236-1550 or 317-236-1559.

The Mitchell Area Ministerial Association is preparing a Community Observance for Good Friday, April 2. The services will be spaced in 30-minute segments from noon to 3 p.m. at First Church of God, 405 N. 12th St., in Mitchell. The segments will be led by a variety of ministers from the Mitchell churches, including representatives from St. Mary Parish. For more information, call Pastor Raymond Bunn at 812-849-4764.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL SOUTH CAMPUS, 8111 S. EMERSON AVE. INDIANAPOLIS, will host Natural Family Planning classes taught by Couple to Couple League, at 7 p.m. April 9. This is the first of a four class series. For more information, call 317-865-5554.

The Conventual Franciscans are sponsoring a Vocation Retreat for single men ages 18-40 April 9-11 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The retreat is for those interested in learning more about the Franciscans, religious life, or priesthood. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information, call Conventual Franciscan Father Jim Kent at 800-424-9955.

Smiles Unltd, Anonymous volunteer at 12 a.m. April 10 starting at Meadowood Park in Speedway. The registration fee is $5 for adults. Children under 18 walk free. For more information, call Kathleen Harmon at 317-475-9927.

The Holy Week Mass schedule and other activities at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis is as follows: Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10 a.m.; The Way of the Cross March 29, at 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday April 1 at 7 p.m.; Good Friday, April 2 at 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, April 3 at 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., in Indianapolis will host an Ecumenical Good Friday Service at noon April 2.

Parents who want to send their children to private schools but can’t afford it may apply for tuition assistance to the Children’s Scholarship Fund by the March 31 deadlines by calling 800-805-KIDS. Available to those entering grades K-8, the assistance is part of Educational Choice Charitable Trust.
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St. Philip Neri expands youth ministry programs, facilities

St. Philip Neri Parish and School in Indianapolis have many needs. Fortunately, a number of people help support the center-city parish and school with their time, talent and treasure so the faith community can continue to minister to the diverse needs of youth and adults who live in this multicultural and economically challenged neighborhood on the near-east side.

Thanks to grants and private donations, the 90-year-old parish has been able to expand its ministries to children and youth as a Catholic presence and home mass in this transitional area of Indiana’s capital city.

Father Herman G. Lutz, who was appointed pastor nearly three years ago, said he appreciates the generous volunteer and financial help from friends of St. Philip Neri Parish. Without outside help, he said, the 450-household parish would not be able to sustain the rising costs of maintaining the aging church and school buildings.

Parishioners responded generously to the Legacy of Hope capital and endowment campaign last year, he said. “A lot of parishioners really sacrificed, and we almost doubled our goal. I’m so proud of them.”

However, the center-city parish struggles with unexpected operational costs, like a recent cave-in on the edge of a paved parking area caused by erosion of soil underground.

Last year, the pastor said, a shortfall in St. Philip Neri’s operating budget forced the painful downsizing of the parish staff, so St. Philip no longer has a paid pastoral associate or paid music minister.

The parish also lacks funds for many routine and emergency repairs to the buildings and grounds. Father Lutz regularly divides his time between maintenance work and his pastoral duties, which range from Masses and funerals to first Communion preparations.

“We do have a janitor, but I am in charge of maintenance,” he said. “Recently I spent three hours helping work on the parish ice machine. The janitor knew how it had been cleaned before so, with the help of the school secretary, the three of us got the machine to work very well, just in time for a private reception the next day. We also have continuing plumbing problems in our buildings. Luckily, a school parent who is a plumber is willing to volunteer his time to help fix some of these problems.”

St. Pius X Parish in the Indianapolis North Deanery has “adopted” St. Philip Neri as a sister parish, Father Lutz said, and St. Pius parishioners regularly volunteer their time to help with all kinds of projects. Other parish friends who live outside St. Philip’s boundaries also assist the center-city faith community, he said, but additional support is needed and welcomed year-round.

“Money is a big problem for us right now,” he said, “but we are being helped by the Legacy of Hope campaign. Last spring, inspectors discovered asbestos in the protective wrapping of the steam pipes and in the floor tiles in our school, so we had to have that taken care of. That cost us $20,000. We had to borrow that money from the archdiocese so we could keep the school open.

In times of need, financial help comes from all sorts of sources, Father Lutz said. Last year, the parish would have lost its youth ministry coordinator, Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yraon, due to budget constraints, but Mug. Joseph P. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, found a donor to pay for her salary. And grant money is enabling the parish to refurbish a concrete-block building adjacent to the school for use as a youth center. (See story on Page 10.)

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Sister Kathleen received a $25,000 grant for materials to create the youth center,” she said. “She has to get volunteers to do the renovation work, which is under way now. We’ll have a large-group meeting room downstairs plus two class-
rooms upstairs. We’re quite proud of that. Sister Kathleen does a great job with the junior high and high school stu-
dents. She has a number of non-Catholic teen-agers in her youth ministry program. Some of the youth join the Church.”

Service to the Church and community is an important focus of St. Philip Neri’s youth ministry program, Father Lutz said: “The youth get involved in very worthwhile pro-
jects. Sister Kathleen has the kids working in our [St. Vincent de Paul] food pantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and doing things for the senior citizens at Guérin Place, the former convent next door, which is now low-cost housing for the elderly.”

St. Philip shares its confirmation program and some Catholic Youth Organization sports with nearby Holy Cross Parish, he said, which helps build friendships among the children and teen-agers of both parishes.

Last fall, Father Lutz said, St. Philip Neri School received a gift of $4,000 to upgrade equipment in the computer cen-
ter, yet another example of the generosity of parish friends.

Principal Karen Bevis said the parish and school continue to thrive with limited resources because concerned people remember St. Philip in their prayers and with donations.

“Teaching values for a lifetime” is the school motto, she said, and staff members realize “that’s why we’re here. We provide the students with academic knowledge and also teach them skills for life. There’s continuity, structure and love for them here, and the children know that. We try to help them gain self-confidence, and encou-
rage them to think about whether their behavior is a good Christian way to act and to consider how Jesus would expect them to be.”

St. Philip Neri School maintains “a strict discipline code based on respect for others and our Catholic identity,” Bevis said: “We teach the stu-
dents to use proper language, to be kind, to be respectful, and to learn to solve conflicts without fighting. We take our job of teaching life skills very seriously. Our staff is extremely dedicated.”

Academics is emphasized with the 220 students enrolled in kindergarten through the eighth grade and 20 preschoolers attending St. Philip’s prekindergarten program, Bevis said: “Parents are paying to have their children attend school here. They’re giving us the opportunity to provide a strong academic background inclusive of Catholicity within every subject. But they don’t have to have a lot of money to send their children to our school. We will do everything in our power to find the necessary means for children [from low-income families] to attend our school.”

Teachers know all the children by name, she said, and “the students know that we care about them and have their best interests at heart. That’s what makes us who we are.”

Catholic and non-Catholic students feel at home at St. Philip Neri School, Bevis said, as do non-
-English-speaking children who must learn the lan-
guage as they study other curriculum.

“We have many needs” in the school, she said. “Our budget is extremely tight and difficult to meet, but through our Lilly Endowment grant, the Legacy of Hope, and [archdiocesan] Building Communities of Hope [corporate partnership cam-
paign], we’re going to be able to provide some of those necessities.”

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Grant enables St. Philip Neri to open new youth center

By Mary Ann Wyand

Thanks to a $25,000 grant from Irwin Mortgage Corporation in Indianapolis, former storage space in the garage at St. Philip Neri Parish is being transformed into a youth ministry center to serve near-east side teen-agers. Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon, youth ministry coordinator at the Indianapolis East Deanery Parish, applied for the grant last April. Renovation work began last September, she said, with both volunteer and paid labor, and has continued through the winter months.

On April 18, a year after Sister Kathleen requested the funding for her long-time dream, St. Philip Neri parishioners will celebrate the opening of the new youth center during the parish’s annual Walk-Run-Pray-a-thon fund raiser for the school. (See related story on Pages 8 and 9.)

“We decided we would have the open house on April 18, since we’ll have a lot of people here for the Walk-Run-Pray-a-thon,” Sister Kathleen said. “We’re just delighted about the grant. We didn’t have adequate space for youth ministry, and if you’re going to work with teen-agers in the parish and neighborhood, you need a space that you can call your own, as opposed to using the school building. Teen-agers just need a place to hang out, a safe place to be.”

“All the rooms upstairs will be used for smaller groups and quiet activities. I think it’s important to offer quiet time for smaller groups or individual projects. I believe if you don’t model quiet activity, kids don’t learn it. Their lives are so busy with noisy activities.”

The grant money was targeted for materials, so Sister Kathleen arranged for volunteer help with most of the renovation work.

“Eight guys volunteered to help with the renovation work,” she said. “Most of them are from our parish.”

Before repairs could begin, she said, the space had to be cleaned out.

“The space was really cluttered, and it took a long time to clean the area,” she said. “We did a neighborhood clean-up the same day because we participate in the Adopt-a-Block campaign with the Indianapolis Front Porch Alliance. We adopted Eastern Avenue, so the city provided dumpsters for the debris.”

The grant from Irwin Mortgage Corporation originated with Sister Kathleen’s request for assistance with the parish Christmas Store project.

“I called Irwin Mortgage to ask about money for our Christmas Store,” Sister Kathleen said. “The lady said the company didn’t fund those kinds of projects. She said they

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Maryknoll priest loves work in Hong Kong

Missionary is available to talk about his ministry

By Margaret Nelson

Maryknoll Father Michael J. Sloboda dropped by the archdiocesan Mission Office in Indianapolis last week. Back from Hong Kong since December, the missionary priest has a story to tell.

On March 18, he talked to students at Marian College in Indianapolis about the goal of inculturation in China: truly Catholic and authentically Chinese. Later, he shared his missionary experiences with the sophomore class at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis.

Father Sloboda is back in his native land to encourage young people to consider the life of a missionary. He hopes that “people who want to dedicate part or all of their lives to mission work” will contact Maryknoll for information about vocations in other countries.

Before he left Hong Kong, Father Sloboda told his parishioners, “If I hated my job, I’d have no business returning to the States recruiting others for the missions. But I love it.”

The Maryknoll priest has spent six years in Taiwan and seven years in ministry in Hong Kong. He worked in the Holy Spirit Study Centre in Hong Kong and served in a parish there.

Father Sloboda’s first Mass after his 1985 ordination at Maryknoll, New York, was said in English. But he first baptized, witnessed weddings, anointed the sick and confirmed in Mandarin Chinese while living in Taiwan.

Father Sloboda explained that the Diocese of Hong Kong publishes two Catholic weeklies—one in English, the other in Chinese—without any interference or censorship from the government.

“It is business as usual for all Churches since the change of Chinese sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997,” he said.

Though the Catholic Church is divided in some places in China, Father Sloboda said, “for the Church in Hong Kong, so far, so good.” (See related column by Shirley Vogler Meister on page 14).

He will return to Hong Kong in a few years after a period of “society service,” when Maryknoll missionaries come back to the U.S. to tell people about their work. The missionary talks cover vocations, mission education and fund raising.

“I contact people who might want to spend their lives in Maryknoll,” said Father Sloboda. He has talked to students in “kindergarten through college” classes, and is available to speak at schools and parishes about his ministry in China.

Before Michael Sloboda became a priest, he earned a bachelor’s degree in physics at the University of Missouri and worked in electronics.

He joined the Maryknollers in 1977 “and lived happily ever after,” he said. †

(Maryknoll Father Michael Sloboda may be contacted through the archdiocesan Mission Office at 317-236-1485 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1485, to arrange speaking engagements. For information about vocations to the priesthood and religious life, including opportunities for missionary service, contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490.)
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Pope will lead Holy Week events

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II will lead a full slate of Easter events in Rome and at the Vatican next week, highlighted by a nighttime Way of the Cross at the Rome Colosseum and an Easter Mass and blessing televised around the world.

Despite his declining mobility, the 78-year-old pope has refused to cut back on his appearances during Holy Week, when he presides over seven major ceremonies or liturgies.

The Vatican said this year’s Holy Thursday evening Mass would feature a special collection to benefit the victims of recent earthquakes in Armenia and Colombia.

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As children of God, we must help the poor

By Fr. Dale Launderville, O.S.B.

In the Final Judgment scene recounted in Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus teaches that the Son of Man will come to separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep, who will enter into the heavenly kingdom, are those who cared for others during their lifetime.

In this scene, the glorified, enthroned Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

Notice, however, a startling point of this teaching: The sheep did not know that they were caring for Jesus when they were serving others in need. Jesus identifies himself with the weak, the poor and the powerless.

Sometimes the busyness and noise of daily life has the effect of keeping Jesus’ call to love our neighbor at arm’s length. The poor can make us uncomfortable and disturb our routines. And Jesus often shows up in our lives in ways that we would avoid. He can be uncomfortable and disturb our routines.

Sometimes I wonder if the busyness and the noise of our lives has the effect of keeping Jesus’ call to love our neighbor at arm’s length. The poor can make us uncomfortable and disturb our routines. And Jesus often shows up in our lives in ways that we would avoid.

So many of us—from teenagers to senior citizens—characterize our lives as “very busy.” Time is a precious commodity. But how much of our busyness is the result of our own choices?


Jesus elicited a response from the scholar that what must be done is to love God wholeheartedly and to love one’s neighbor as oneself (Lk 10:25-28). The scholar wanted to make sure that he was carrying out this important commandment, and so he asked Jesus to define the term “neighbor.”

Jesus then told him the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37). The injured man in this story desperately needed assistance, but several persons passed him by.

Is it possible for us to shield ourselves from caring for others? We can shape our “world” and our thinking about ourselves in such a way that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to others.

This can be countered, however, by doing ordinary, undramatic acts of kindness for others. Through the smaller deeds within our reach, we can encounter Christ in the lives of others and make a difference in our common life.

The call to love our neighbor is serious. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Lk 16:19-31). The poor and desperate Lazarus lies at the rich man’s door day after day, but he is overlooked. Such indifference results in a reversal of fortunes in the next life: Lazarus, the poor man, is comforted while the indifferent rich man is in torment.

Do we humans almost instinctively find ways to remove the poor from our sight? Jesus teaches us that such indifference carries a high price.

Accepting Jesus’ call to embrace our neighbor as children of God and to receive a share in the divine life means that we regard all humans as made in the image of God. That, in turn, means treating the poor and the needy as people with whom Jesus has told us he identifies. To be attentive to those in need is to be near Jesus.†

(Benedictine Father Dale Launderville is a Seminica scholar at St. John’s University at Collegeville, Minn.)

Pope: The world’s need for the charity of God remains ‘immense’

By David Gibson

At the start of Lent this year, Pope John Paul II called this pre-Easter season a “unique time of charity.” He also recalled that charity is the theological virtue he urged people to explore more deeply during 1999.

Today, the world’s need for the charity of God remains “immense,” he said. New forms of poverty await a “concrete and appropriate response” from Christians.

“In the Church’s loving care,” he wrote, all people must experience God’s love. The pope cited lonely people, those on society’s margins, the hungry, victims of violence and people without hope.

Brave plans are needed to ensure that the world’s goods are shared more justly within and between nations, Pope John Paul said. Action is called for by international institutions, national governments and centers controlling the world economy.

Among those who need love, the pope said, are people “excluded from the banquet of everyday consumerism.”

Then the pontiff recalled Lazarus, the poor man of the Gospels. Like Lazarus, many people knock on society’s door, he said, mentioning all the people who don’t share in the material benefits of progress.

“There are situations of persistent misery which cannot but inspire upon the conscience of Christians” he said, who have a “duty to address these situations both as individuals and as a community.”†

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Gospels call us to serve others

This Week’s Question

Tell of a specific way a parish, motivated by charity, can contribute to the common good.

“Our parish assists Catholic Charities with refugee resettlement. We have hosted families from Cuba, Vietnam and Bosnia by sponsoring them as a parish. We meet the family at the airport, help with the paperwork, sponsor a collection to get them settled in an apartment, and maintain a supportive relationship with the family for six to eight months.” (Robert Dever, deacon, St. John, Muskogee, Okla.)

“Our parish has a St. Vincent de Paul Society that helps the poor by assisting them with utility bills, food or medicine when it’s needed. It’s a local effort to help our community.” (Celia Luok, Beaumont, Texas)

“Our parish participates in Loaves and Fishes, which is a community effort, sponsoring a community soup kitchen that takes up the slack on Saturdays and holidays when there isn’t another source of food for the needy. We support the Muscataine Food Pantry by having a monthly food drive, and the Muscataine Birthright, a Catholic pro-life action group, with money and goods.” (Gayle Sayles, Muscataine, Iowa)

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Our redemption was won by Jesus' obedience to God's will

D uring Holy Week, which begins this Sunday, we reflect on the, through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus' infinite submission to God for our sins and thus fulfilled the redemption of the human race.

For example, we can “hear” the divine word. She smiled sweetly and said, “Ah, my son, that beautiful Chinese word that means both ‘deus ex machina’ and ‘lurid examples of our most absurd hero.’

After two weeks of liturgies next week will include the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ death, condemnation, crucifixion and death. They tell us the facts of what happened to this Jewish man killed by the Roman occupiers of the Holy Land around the year 30. But it is up to us to meditate on the meaning of this episode and its importance in salvation history.

It’s well for us to recognize the intense suffering that Jesus experienced in his scourging and crucifixion. But let us consider primarily Jesus’ perfect obedience, and loving acceptance of his Father’s will for our sake.

The consequence of human sin—by our sins. Perhaps we have not experienced God in that way, in the intimacy of our personal life. In the midst of this intimate relation, God’s voice can be detected. “I am with you and express my love for you through your friends. Their love for you, came from me.”

We all have a natural craving to love and to be loved. In this essential need, God is telling us: “I am love itself and I hunger for others in the way Jesus lived his life.”

“Just as his presence moves the wind to blow, we are moved by what we see, hear or experience. We are moved by the arts in all their forms. We are moved by the wonders of creation remind everyone of the wonder of my love for you.”

One day while opening my e-mail, I came across a return address I didn’t rec-ognize. It included a Chinese postcard. To my pleasant surprise, the message was from an American priest. I’d admired a column he’d written for a Catholic publication, and I complimented his work via the edi-tor, who then passed it on to him in China.

I had no idea from the column that the priest was there, but then neither did the Chinese people. I was not specifically in their country as a priest, but in another capacity. Because of the shaky—even dan-gerous—relationship between the Chinese government and those who are Church-affili-ated, I refrain from sharing too many details in order to ensure the priest’s safety. However, I can share that a Chinese word in the priest’s e-mail address fascinated me. One day while in a Chinese restaurant, I noticed the native-speaking waitress definition of the word. She smiled sweetly and said, “Ah, yes, this means a person who is just as you and me.”

In my next message to the priest, I told him how charmed I was to discover this interpretation. His return note said bluntly, “She’s wrong.” He claimed it means “Father,” which is how Catholics address priests.

He explained how intricate the Chinese language is: Different tones can bring about totally different mean-ings. As he worked the word through the various tonal differences, he himself came to a revelation about God’s promise begins its fulfillment in Christ’s passion. Music up!”

The Letter to the Hebrews might help us consider primarily Jesus’ perfect obedience, and loving acceptance of his Father’s will for our sake.

One-sided action. That death was brought about by human sin—by our sins. Certainly it must help our temporal life in Christ’s passion.

As with the Jews, the Church in favor of the gospel according to People magazine. And our physical lives may be over-grown with busyness. We can be sub-merged in a clutter of meetings, sports schedules, work deadlines, appointments, grocery shopping, soups to make. When we’re tied to the clock, the car, the TV, or the expectations of others. We may be judging ourselves by social or economic standards.

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 28, 1999

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Matthew 26:14-27:66

This weekend the Church celebrates the great day of Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, long such an important and moving liturgical event for Catholics. It begins Holy Week, the first reading is from the Book of Isaiah. At no time is Isaiah in want of literary magnificence. Certainly this week’s first reading is typical in this sense, but even more so. The reading for Palm Sunday is one of the four glorious Songs of the Suffering Servant, long revered among the special treasures of this particular book of prophecy.

No one now can say whom the author of the third section of Isaiah had in mind when writing the Suffering Servant songs. Some think that it may have been the prophet himself. After all, as a general rule, prophets won no popularity contests. They inevitably were scorned and challenged.

Others believe that the servant is a collective figure representing the holy people of God. When the prophecy was written, the Babylonian Captivity had been ended and a calm prevailed, at least in military terms. But the backdrop was the hurdles created by human sin and evil.

In any case, this weekend’s song splendidly proclaims the faithfulness of the servant. Come what may, the servant is loyal to God. He is with us all, showing us the cross of Jesus, and to come to God with our own burden of sin.

My Journey to God

Eternal Love

The cross of Jesus, The greatest gift of love, For without this giving Our soul has no home, Paradise is lost.

So pick up our cross, Carry it proudly, Share its meaning, Proclaim its message, Giving love in return.

This cross of Jesus, The greatest gift of all, His love overflowing, His Word, Soul’s salvation.

Take up this cross, Precious gift that it is, Carry it well with others, He is with us all, shoulder to shoulder, Our burden will be light.

By Paul A. Jackson

(Paul Jackson is a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute.)

The Daily Readings

Monday, March 29
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 30
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-4, 5-6ab, 15, 17
John 13:21-31, 33-36
Mass of Chrism
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21

Wednesday, March 31
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10, 21b-22, 31, 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 1
Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Exodus 12:8-2, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 2
Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Hebrews 18:1 - 19:42

Easter Vigil celebration with its baptism of new Christians.

Saturday, April 3
Holy Saturday
The Easter Vigil
(1) Genesis 1:1 - 2:2
or Genesis 1:1, 26-31a
Psalm 104:1-2a, 3-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c
or Psalm 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22
(2) Genesis 22:1-18
or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 16:5, 8-11
(3) Exodus 14:15 - 15:1
(Response) Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18
(4) Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Isaiah 55:1-11
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bc, 5-6
(5) Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Psalm 19:8-11
(7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalm 44:3-4 or, when baptism is celebrated, (Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bc, 5-6
or Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19 (Response) Isaiah 12:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 (9) Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Easter Vigil

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Debate continues on the safety of drinking from the communion cup

Q Your response a few weeks ago, pointing out that AIDS and Hepatitis C cannot be contracted from the communion cup, opened the issues in the question quite well. However, are there not also pathogens that are of concern. Other kinds of infections can be transmitted when drinking from a contaminated cup. It would be wrong for people to be impressed that no medical concerns are related to drinking from a common cup. (Illinois)

A I thank you and several other readers who wrote making the same point. As you note, the question and response deal solely with AIDS and Hepatitis C. Some headlines placed over the column, however, implied that there is never a health risk from the communion cup.

Obviously, that is not true, and it is reason to be cautious and considerate. In my experience, people are generally very careful not to drink from the cup if they are suffering from respiratory illness or other conditions that might be transmitted to other people. That is good.

In other words, we need to use sense and be thoughtful of others as well as of ourselves. But, to my knowledge at least, no illness, even a serious one, has been traced to the communion cup.

Thus, from all the information available, there is no reason to discontinue, as some occasionally claim, the centuries-old practice of offering Communion in both species of bread and wine. It remains a notable and meaningful element of our eucharistic liturgy.

Editor’s Note:

The Criterion published this Dietzen column on Feb. 12 with the headline “Scientists say it’s safe to use the common cup.” We regret any confusion caused by this headline.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving and ministering the holy Eucharist 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.)
**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 published. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, “The Active List,” 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

**March 26**
Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold eucharistic adoration beginning at 8 p.m. and concluding with communion service at noon. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

**March 27**
- St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, 1537 N. Meridian St., will have Mass at noon followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Information: 317-786-3848.
- The Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center will present “Developing a Forgiving Heart,” with Providence Sister Margaret Kern from 9 a.m.-noon at Sacred Heart Family Center, Terre Haute. Information and Registration: 812-232-8400.
- Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will present St. Michael’s study: “Crossing the Desert,” from 9–9:45 a.m. in the parish hall. Information: 317-638-5551.

**March 28**
- Recurring Daily: Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, hosts perpetual adoration 24 hours a day in the parish center.

**Weekly**
- Sundays: Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Triduum (Latin Mass). 10 a.m. (formerly held at St. Patrick Parish).

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**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 as of 6 p.m.

**First Thursdays**
Holy Guardian Angels Parish, First Fridays following the 7 p.m. Mass. The Blessed Sacrament follows Benediction and exposition of religious vocations with St. Joseph Hill Parish, Confession is at 6:45 p.m. holds Benediction of the Sacrament following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon. 

**Second Thursdays**
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**Third Mondays**
Young Widow Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Family Ministries, meets at St. Matthews Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. Childcare available. Information: 317-236-1536.

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

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

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

**Holy Angels Parish,** Indianapolis, 260th St. and Dr Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.–noon.

**Second Saturdays**
Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds family rosary night at 7 p.m.

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

**Third Thursdays**
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, celebrate Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m., followed by walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 58th St. to pray the rosary and return to St. Andrew Parish for Benediction.

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By Susan M. Bierman

Hunger for spirituality brought lay ministers together recently for retreats in central and southern Indiana. This new effort by the archdiocese offered “Basics of Spirituality,” a spiritual formation retreat for lay ministers, at three sites.

Franciscan Sister Georgene L. Wilson of Wheaton, Ill., who holds a doctorate in ministry and is a spiritual retreat director, facilitated the retreats on March 15 at St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour and the Aquinas Center in Clarksville. She also presented a third retreat on March 16 at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

The retreat featured the book written by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat titled Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life. Sister Georgene said the book focuses on “learning to find eyes to be able to see the sacred everywhere. “We can’t just have eyes for seeing one religious way of the Spirit being present—the Spirit is present everywhere,” Sister Georgene said.

She explained how the Spirit is present in places, among friends, animals, in pain and suffering, and in life and death.

Sister Georgene used the “alphabet of spiritual literacy,” which is outlined in the book, during her presentation.

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The retreat offered time for meditation that helped participants learn about their spirituality. Sister Georgene stressed that spirituality and religion differ.

“The difference between spirituality and religion is that spirituality is one’s personal relationship with God where religion is the corporate body expressing beliefs together,” she said.

She explained that spirituality is built on experience and practice. Sister Georgene said she hoped the retreat participants would leave empowered to be able to practice spirituality.

“I hope they realize that spirituality is something they do. It’s their relationship with God,” she said.

She added that one of the most important things to consider with spirituality is one’s relationship with God built from experiences.

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“It’s not an observatory sport—it’s a practice,” she said.

“I keep saying practice, because you have to be involved and you have to participate,” she added.

Sister Georgene said she believes that everyone has been given a gift of free will and that God will not transgress that gift.

She explained that the only way to align one’s will with God’s will is to open the gate for the alignment.

“It is through practice and asking for what we need and paying attention to grace,” she said.

Marilyn Hess, associate director of the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Family Ministries, attended the retreat in Indianapolis. Hess said the retreat served as a reminder “to be aware of the sacred in each and every ordinary moment and action.”
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Sainthood cause advances for Pope Paul VI

ROME (CNS)—With a solemn Te Deum song of thanks, Italian Catholic Church leaders closed the initial phase of the sainthood cause for Pope Paul VI.

A ceremony in the Basilica of St. John Lateran March 18 marked the end of a six-year Rome diocesan investigation of the late pope’s activities and spiritual virtues.

The cause now goes to the Vatican for further investigation, which is expected to take several years.

The process involved a review of documents written by or associated with Pope Paul VI, interviews with 140 witnesses and acceptance of 10 sworn statements from cardinals and bishops who knew him well.

In a talk, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome, said the documentary phase had highlighted the late pope’s great humility, along with his foresight in opening the Church to the world.

Cardinal Ruini noted that it was Pope Paul VI who especially knew to kiss the feet of an ancient Vatican metropolitan during a ceremony in St. Peter’s Basilica.

The late pope also abolished the papal curia and did away with the papal tiara and otherappings of the papacy. Implementing the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul promoted the Church’s dialogues with contemporary culture, with other religions, with other Christian churches and within the Catholic Church itself, Cardinal Ruini said.

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Cardinal Ruini said the reputed pout of the 1960s Paul VI was an inven-

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