VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Church agencies, including Caritas and Catholic Relief Services, are working hard to aid refugees from the crisis in Kosovo, but there is much more to be done, said a Vatican official who visited Kosovo refugee camps in Albania.

“The Church is doing very much, above all Caritas (the Catholic aid agency),” Archbishop Paul Cordes, head of the Vatican’s umbrella humanitarian organization, Cor Unum, told Vatican Radio April 3. “They are doing a lot, but it is still too little. And thought must be given to aid in the future, because those (refugees) who are now arriving certainly cannot remain under these conditions.”

The archbishop spoke by telephone from a refugee camp in Kukes, Albania, for ethnic Albanians who had fled or had been deported from the Kosovo region of Yugoslavia.

He noted that “the great misery of the people is evident” from the images carried worldwide by the media of a seemingly endless stream of exhausted, sick and dying people massed on the Yugoslav-Albanian border in muddy fields.

“However, I also saw a strong impulse of solidarity on the part of the Albanians, and this is exemplary and not obvious,” Archbishop Cordes said. “All the families are opening themselves to help these refugees—except they do not speak of them as refugees, but call them ‘our brothers.’ They are like a great family.”

While in Albania March 31 and April 1, Archbishop Cordes toured the refugee camps, met relief workers and discussed the situation with Albania’s president. He also delivered a personal contribution of $50,000 from Pope John Paul II, along with a papal message of support.

“To the children, mothers and elderly you meet,” the pontiff wrote to the archbishop, “tell them that the pope is with them, and will remain with them until a just and lasting peace reigns in the Balkans.”

Archbishop Cordes said, “We brought with us a bit of material help. However ... it is also important to reinforce the people’s hope, because ‘one does not live on bread alone.’”

He returned to the Vatican with the news that Albania’s president had praised the Church for its work on behalf of the refugees and wanted to convey his thanks to the pope.

In a separate interview, Archbishop Cordes said Pope John Paul was concerned about doing “something to bring this crisis to an end” and was therefore concentrating on two areas, diplomacy and humanitarian work.

The archbishop spoke with the Italian Catholic daily Avvenire April 1, after a Holy Thursday Chrism Mass he had celebrated in the Albanian capital of Tirana. Archbishop Cordes said the pope had sent him as a representative to the region “to give a sign of his compassion to Albania, and to attract the attention of international public opinion to the need for extraordinary and long-lasting assistance here.”

On April 2, Vatican Radio broadcast an interview with Laura Boldrini, spokeswoman for the Italian office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.
Elsener to leave archdiocesan service; Halloran to head stewardship, development

By William R. Bruno

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has announced that Daniel J. Elsener, secretary for stewardship and development for the archdiocese, has accepted the position of president with the newly formed Fairness Foundation, which was created by Indianapolis business executive J. Patrick Rooney.

Elsener, retired head of Golden Rule Insurance, also founded the Educational Endowment Campaign in 1991, which won $25 million in one week. He was also a leader in the effort of the Legacy of Hope from Around the World, which now has over $300 million in endowment.

Archbishop Buechlein said that while it will be difficult leaving his position with the archdiocese, he believes that he is not just “walking away,” but moving on to serve in a different way.

“I believe that I have a lifelong, well-defined mission in my life and that is

The realm of education. I’ve been a teacher for a long time. I’ve been a teaching assistant. I’ve been a principal. I’ve been a superintendent,” Elsener said. “This new opportunity seems to me to be the next step in a natural progression in my mission, one that I can exercise in a unique way at the national level.”

Elser said that he will always be grateful to God for “what he has allowed all of us to accomplish here. It all begins with dedicated leadership—from Archbishop Daniel to the teachers in our schools, to the servants in our social services agencies, and to the wonderfully generous civic and community leaders who have helped us so much. It’s been a wonderful seven years here,” he said.

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“critical,” and said masses of ethnic Albanians were being forcibly deported by Serb forces in Yugoslavia in organized convoys.

Catholic Relief Services reports that relief workers are distributing food and hygiene packs to thousands of refugees crossing into Macedonia.

In Albania, where an estimated 90,000 refugees have fled the fighting this summer, CRS said relief workers are experiencing even more critical needs.

“The influx of refugees has been overwhelming,” said Charles Juhin, a CRS representative.

“Catholic Relief Services is accepting donations for the Kosovo emergency at P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Md. 21203-7090. CRS donations to aid the Kosovo refugees also may be sent in care of the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.”

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GARY, Ind. (CNS)— Bishop Dale J. Melck of Gary has announced the establishment of a diocesan Catholic school endowment fund to support the 33 schools in the northwest Indiana diocese, effective April 1.

The master fund will have individual accounts for parish grade schools and high schools that wish to participate and an account designed to support Catholic education on a diocesan-wide basis. “In the long term, all of our schools will find it necessary to rely upon an additional source of funding, such as an endowment, in order to maintain quality programs,” he said. “Tuition, reasonable parish subsidies, and small fund raisers will not prove adequate.”

Currently, the three diocesan high schools and fewer than six of the 30 diocese elementary schools have endowments. The bishop said he hopes alumni of the Catholic schools will be among those helping the parishes fund their endowments.

“I anticipate that there are large numbers of people who have benefitted from Catholic schools and who wish to ensure the future of our schools,” he said. “The endowment is a vehicle for direct contributions to the benefit of the school.”

As an incentive for schools to participate in the endowment, the diocese will give matching funds of $5,000 for each school that begins an endowment fund according to guidelines established by the diocese. The other part of the plan, which will begin with the 1999-2000 school year, is the first of three 5 percent pay increases for teachers and administrators in Catholic schools. The remaining two increases will come in subsequent school years.

“We can never match the public school systems in terms of salaries,” the bishop told the priests during a meeting to announce the endowment. “But we must strive to compensate teachers and administrators with salaries that make their ongoing service to our youngsters a possibility.”

A first-year teacher with a master’s degree currently receives an annual salary of $19,250 in a Gary Catholic school. The same teacher earns $32,088 in a Gary public school. A teacher with a master’s degree and 10 years of experience receives $22,448 in a Gary Catholic school compared to public school counterparts who earn $36,125.

“We need to maintain quality teachers,” the bishop said. “In the past year, several pastors and principals have indicated that they are losing good teachers who can no longer afford to teach in our schools.” Bishop Melck said the pay increase will be “a significant sign that we value our schools and we value the administrators and teachers who sacrifice so much to make them possible.”

To relieve parishes of the burden the pay increases will put on their budgets, the bishop said the diocese will help. Subsidies for Catholic schools are deducted from the parish’s ordinary income—up to 20 percent of that income, when computing the parish goal for the annual Catholic Services Appeal.

Beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year, the availability of tuition assistance will increase from $100,000 to $350,000 to help minimize the impact of tuition increases upon poor families. †

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Way of the Cross
A child watches from her vantage point near the cross as Msgr. Harold Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, leads the annual Knights of Columbus observance of the Way of the Cross in downtown Indianapolis on Good Friday, April 2. Indianapolis Police Chief Michael Zunk (at right of Msgr. Knueven) joined the Knights of Columbus in the outdoor ceremony.

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• Lourdes, a small town in the Pyrenees Mountains. Here in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette and identified herself as “The Immaculate Conception.”

Day 4: Saturday Paris
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• Visit St. Cyril and St. Judith Cathedral

Day 5: Sunday Paris/Nevers
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Day 6: Monday Nevers/Paray le Monial/Lyon
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Welcome, ‘new lights’!

Archdiocesan parishes report that nearly 1,000 elect, candidates and confirmands joined the Church as new or fully initiated Catholics last week at the celebration of the Great Vigil or at Easter Sunday liturgies. Welcome! We can’t tell you how genuinely happy we are to have you as full members of the Church.

In the excitement (and anxiety) of entering the Church—with all the “awe-inspiring” and unfamiliar rites—most new Catholics probably don’t realize just how important they are to us “old-timers.”

John Chryostom, a fourth century patriarch of Constantinople, referred to the new Catholics (the “neophytes”) of his local Church as “new lights” that caused the Church to glow in the wispiness of holiness. Otheres have spoken of new Catholics as the most visible “Easter sacraments,” in that they very clearly reflect the image of Christ to all who have “eyes.”

As we welcome all of them, let us list names of our new Catholics can be found on pages 10 and 11, and we also want to tell them how much they are appreciated. We’ve prayed with and for them for some time now—often from the time they first came to us as inquirers. We’ve celebrated various rites with them in their journeys to the baptismal font or full communion or confirmation. We’ve rejoiced with them; we’ve cried with them; at times, we’ve even shared their doubts. Now, we embrace them all as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We ask them to help us live up to the ideal they see for Catholic Christians. And we also ask them for their patience and forgiveness when we fail to embody that ideal.

We’re on the journey to the kingdom together in good times and in bad, but we are journeying buoyed up with the strong faith and infectious enthusiasm of our newest Catholics.

Welcome and God bless you! 

— William R. Bruns

Younger women’s good sense

Lately some pro-abortion rights activists have been making the point that younger generations of women aren’t responding to the pro-abortion movement’s message as readily as their mothers did.

One of those doing the complaining is Faye Wattleton, former president of the Center for Reproductive Equality. That group took out a full-page ad in the Feb. 3 issue of the Los Angeles Times. The ad also expressed alarm that more restrictions on abortion, including a ban on two-thirds of abortions, are on the way.

There’s also been some surprise at the latest study: that “most of the anti-abortion camp is getting younger. The abortion rights movement is getting older.”

Still another voice in the pro-abortion movement is Frances Kissling, head of Catholics for a Free Choice. She recently complained, according to the St. Louis Post Dispatch, that “most of the anti-abortion camp is getting younger. The abortion rights movement, she added, is not.”

These quotations have been taken from a column by Helen Alvirez, director of Planning and Information for the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. She also reported results of another study, this one by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA:

Support for legalized abortion among college freshmen in the United States has fallen from 65 percent to 51 percent since 1990. And girls are more opposed to legal abortion than boys.

All this says a lot about the good sense of younger women. It also helps explain why the abortion lobby continues to lose ground in state legislatures throughout the country.

— John F. Fink

How we will celebrate the Great Jubilee

It is time to start talking about how our archdiocese will celebrate the Great Millennium Jubilee. It only comes around every 1,000 years!

First, let me respond to concerns I hear once in awhile about the millen- nium and the jubilee. Some peo- ple, correctly I believe, remind us that the new millennium only begins at midnight on December 31, 2000. It begins with 2001 because there was no year 0. For those of you who wondered why I named our Journey of Hope 2001 (rather than 2000), it was because the symbolic jubilee is our way of preparing to cross over to the new millennium with hope.

Another concern questions whether Jesus was born exactly 2,000 years ago. From the beginning of his remarks about the Great Jubilee 2000, Pope John Paul II has never thought it important to fix on the debate of accounting for the exact date of Christ’s birth. For us, the year 2000 is the symbolic time to celebrate the fact of our redemp- tion by Christ two millennia ago. And we celebrate the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which enables our Church to thrive for two millennia in spite of the humanity through which it acts. It is the new Catholic organiz- ers study the structure of our Church because it has survived two millennia!

The Great Jubilee is a time of extraordinary celebration for a variety of reasons.

In addition to being a time of ce- lebration, which by tradition reaches all the way back into our Jewish roots, a jubilee is also a time for reconciliation, for forgiveness and for amnesty. It is a time of special indulgence granting amnesty from sin and from the punishment our sins merit. At a later time, we will provide more information about special opportunities for reconciliation and the granting of jubilee indul- gences.

At this time I want to announce major archdiocesan celebrations of the Great Jubilee, which fall into three genres of celebration. One is a celebration for families and anyone in the Church in our archdiocese; one is for the elderly members of our Church in the archdiocese; and one is for young adult members of the Church in our archdiocese.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, September 16, 2000, a special cele- bration of the Eucharist will be held in the new Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. This celebration is for all members of the archdiocese.

especialy families (understood in a very broad sense). All are welcome! At this Mass, all, of our youth who are seeking the sacrament of confirmation during the year 2000 will be confirmed. I have already invited a large number of bishops to participate in our jubilee celebration and they will also assist in the anointing with sacred chrism.

I invited other bishops to join us for a special reason. I think it is wholesome for our archdiocese to keep in mind that we are part of a larger, universal Church. The bish- op is a symbol of the oneness of our larger Church, and I can’t think of a better time to give visible expression to that universality than at a celebration in celebration of a Great Jubilee, which only comes around every thousand years. More details about the great celebration will be forthcoming as the committee in charge proceeds with its planning.

On five separate occasions, there will be a jubilee celebration of the Eucharist for the elderly people of the archdiocese. These five celebra- tions will be at the cathedral in Indianapolis and at parishes in Terre Haute, Richmond, Bloomington and New Albany. At present, we are thinking that these celebrations will be scheduled for early afternoons and will be fol- lowed by a reception. We want to express our joy and appreciation to those of you who have carried our faith through at least a good part of this past cen- tury and who will continue to be important leaders of faith into the new century and millennium.

Needless to say, other folks are wel- come as well. A schedule will be announced in the not-too-distant future.

Beginning with a Midnight Mass on December 31, 1999, we will have the first jubilee observance for young adults of the archdiocese at the Cathedral of S. Peter and Paul here in Indianapolis. A jubilee cele- bration of the Eucharist for young adults will also be celebrated in Richmond, Terre Haute, Bloomington and New Albany on the eve of Holy Days through the year 2000. The schedule for the lat- ter four venues will be announced soon. I am told that the age ordinar- ily understood to qualify as “young adult” is age 18 to 40. The young adult celebrations are for single and married folks.

Now is the time for all of us to begin in earnest to prepare for a truly spiritual celebration of the Great Jubilee of our redemption!
Preparatory School, 2801 W. 86th St., in the chapel at Brebeuf Jesuit
Concert at 7 p.m. April 16 and again at 3 p.m. April 23 at Marian College in Indianapolis. The seminar is from 10 a.m. to noon in room 251 of Marian Hall. The fee is $5.
Available to the public is a free introduction and demonstration to T’ai Chi Chih being offered by Franciscan Sister Clare Whalen from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 11 at the Batesville Memorial Library in Batesville. Beginning T’ai Chi Chih classes are forming for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings during May and June. The fee is $60. For more information, call 812-933-0870.
St. Mary’s Child Center in Indianapolis will host its annual St. Mary’s Auction and Hoe-down April 13 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sweet Charity Pavilion, 1303 W. 116th St., in Carmel. Tickets may be purchased for $50 in advance or at the door. For more information, call 317-635-1491.
Neo Fight, a peer support organization, seeks individuals who have survived pregnancy related crises, including serious pregnancy complications, pregnancy loss, stillbirth and high-risk newborns, to take a free 15-hour training course to become peer telephone counselors and help others through crises. Neo Fight Listening Training begins April 13. For more information, call Helene Achgil at 317-253-0728.
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Young adults seek vibrant, welcoming parish

By Mary Ann Wyand

COLUMBUS—Young adults search for relevance and community in daily lives and they need meaningful faith experiences to help them relate to life challenges, two nationally known experts in young adult ministry told participants in an archdiocesan conference on “Becoming a Young Adult Respective Church” earlier this year.

“Anyone who ministers to young adults should know they are pragmatic,” consultant Joan Weber, of the Center for Ministry Development in Naugatuck, Conn., explained. “Faith has to be relevant to their everyday lives, it has to be real for them, or it will seem disconnected. We need to help young adults with the transitions in their lives—from high school to college, from college to the workplace, from military to family—all the different passages in their lives.”

Parishes need to offer “good religious education” to young adults so they better understand the liturgy and sacraments, Weber said. As part of their ministry to “20-something and 30-something Catholics,” parishes should regularly assess this ministry to make sure it is “young adult friendly.”

Young adult ministry should include opportunities for faith sharing and service, she said. “You can’t be a Christian without being a person of justice and service.”

Homilies also should be able to be interpreted “through the lens of a 30-year-old,” Weber said, in order to keep young adults focused on spiritual growth.

Eudist Father Ron Bagley, also a consultant for young adult ministry with the Center for Ministry Development, asked conference participants to consider what young adults look for in a parish and what will motivate them to register in the parish and become active members of the community.

“Young adults tell us they are looking for dynamic liturgies in which they are made to feel welcome in the community,” Father Bagley said. “They also look for good music through which they can express themselves and their faith. Young adults appreciate a variety of styles and expressions of music when they worship, but the music must be ’singing.'

“They also are looking for a high quality of preaching,” he said. “They want relevant sermons—homilies that relate to the daily lives experiences. They’re looking for the homily to be rooted in the Scriptures of the day, and they want to see practical applications of the Scriptures to their daily lives. Homilies should challenge listeners to put their faith into practice, and the illustrations, stories and anecdotes also should include life experiences of young adults.”

This effort to be inclusive of young adults might be something as basic as mentioning an apartment in a story as part of the homily rather than discussing a house, he said, because many young adults do not have families and mortgages.

“Young adults also are looking for an assembly that actively participates in the liturgy,” he said. “They want a parish that shows active participation, a community that exhibits lively faith.

“Parishes and campus ministries that already are providing good liturgies have a great start in meeting the needs of young adults,” Father Bagley said. “Hospitality is perhaps the most important ministry criteria, he said, in order to help young adults feel a part of parish life.

“Welcoming new people of any age is the responsibility of the entire assembly,” he said, “not simply the task of certain were to put their faith into practice, and the illustrations, stories and anecdotes also should include life experiences of young adults.”

The U.S. bishops encourage “parishes to provide educational and service opportunities for young adults so they can practice the Gospel values of justice and peace,” Joan Weber said. “Young adults need opportunities to care for the less fortunate in the community. The Church has almost always been outstanding in its concern and opportunities for people to serve those in need, and young adults are attracted to the ministry of service.”

By enabling young adults to become active members of parishes, contribute their gifts and talents, and meet other young adult Catholics, Weber said, the Church is developing and encouraging leaders for the present and the future.

Around the archdiocese

INDIANAPOLIS—Collegiate cyclists from throughout the Midwest will compete in the Marian College Midwest Cycling Classic road race April 10, which will be held for the first time on the Marian campus on Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, teams from Indiana University, Purdue University, Ohio State and other schools will compete against the Marian Knights for points leading to a Midwest Road Conference title and a spot at the nationals in South Carolina this May.

In addition, United States Cycling Federation racers representing Children’s First and Indy Velo will compete in the first two races of the day: Three Marian cyclists compete on the Children’s First team.

The event begins and ends at the Marian College entrance on Cold Spring Road. The race circuits through Marian’s campus onto 30th Street before turning north on Cold Spring for the sprint to the finish.

The schedule for men’s and women’s competitions begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends with the awards ceremony at 5 p.m.

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LANEVILLE—Long-term parish involvement starts with the children and youth at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville.

“They [children and youth] are the future. They are going to be doing our job someday,” Connie Walter, youth ministry coordinator at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, said.

Walter said keeping the youth involved now will help maintain their interest in the parish for the future.

Walter assumed her position as youth ministry coordinator last November. Initially, the challenge was getting to know the youth in the 425-household parish.

“I had to build a relationship with the kids in order to get them to want to come with me and do things,” Walter said.

Now that a relationship with the youth has been established, Walter said about 20 youth are active in the program. A planning committee has been formed to focus on youth activities. She would like to see the youth group participate in at least one service project a month.

“Whether it be something small or large, just so we can get the people—not only in the area but the other counties also—to notice that the youth are active, that they do care and that they want to help,” Walter said.

Several service activities are scheduled for the upcoming months. Walter said in July the youth will go to Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana to participate in the Faith in Action program sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. They will stay at the retreat center for a week. During this week, a service project will be planned and carried out each day.

Service projects will include going out into the community to help with yardwork, painting, and even some repairing and refurbishing of homes.

Walter believes service project programs, such as Faith in Action, offer the youth not only a sense of responsibility but also “a desire to help other people.”

This past Christmas, the youth participated in an Angel Tree at the parish. They packed up all the gifts that St. Mary parishioners had collected and delivered them to a center for the needy in Corydon.

Along with being helpful in the community, the youth group also offers various activities for their parish. They coordinate the annual Easter egg hunt for the children and they host a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti dinner.

Walter believes that if the youth are active now, whether in the community or in the parish, they will continue the behavior.

“They are at the age that, if they get into the habit of doing, or wanting to do something, they are going to continue doing it,” she said.

Religious education

Religious education at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville has taken on a new spin this year for children in grades six through 12.

Dana Thompson is the administrator of religious education

New Albany Deanery

St. Mary Parish
Lanesville

Story by Susan M. Bierman

Fast Fact:

St. Mary Parish in Lanesville exceeded its Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign goal. The parish goal was $271,400; however, $340,000 was pledged. Father Harold A. Ripperger, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, said, “There was an awful lot of prayer that went into this.”
education. Thompson said attendance in grades six through 12 wasn’t what they wanted it to be. So, she and her catechists decided to try something new at the parish.

“We’ve had good cooperation with the teachers. Dana is good at getting people to work with her,” said Father Harold A. Ripperger, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville.

St. Mary Parish in Lanesville borrowed an idea from another New Albany Deanery Parish—St. Michael Parish in Bradford. Thompson said there are six four-week religious education sessions offered to the children and youth. She said a program was developed using the 15 religion curriculum standards provided by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

The students are not using a specified text with this program. Instead, the catechists are drawing from a variety of different resources.

Thompson said the catechists use video tapes, daily newspaper and television reports, and a number of different textbooks to prepare their lessons. Susan Isaacs, a volunteer for the religious education program, said some of the catechists have used meaningful craft and service projects that tie into their lessons. She said this type of teaching is a little more work for the catechists, but it’s more exciting for them as well as for the students.

“They [students] are having more fun. They may not even realize they are learning anything, but then later it sticks with them a lot more than if they were just reading page after page in a textbook,” Thompson said.

Another side to this new approach of teaching religious education is that the students do not have the same catechists for an entire year. With each rotation comes a different topic as well as a different catechist.

“It gives the kids a better opportunity to relate to the teacher,” Isaacs said.

This new process has proven to be popular among the students. Thompson said attendance in the sixth through 12th grade has increased.

“I’ve heard comments from the parents of the older kids saying they don’t have to ‘fight’ [with them] to come this year,” Thompson said.

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Discernment involves prayer and honesty
By Mary Ann Wyand
Second in a series

“Discernment isn’t just a prudent decision-making process,” Father Paul Etienne told participants March 20 during the archdiocesan Life Awareness Vacation Retreat for Single Adults at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. “Discernment is a long process and must involve prayer as well,” he said, “because you are discovering—discerning—the movements of God’s Spirit, the Holy Spirit, as well as the movements of the counter-spirits that work against what God would have you do” in your lived experience.

“Whatever is discovered as being of God, that’s what you want to embrace, that’s the course of action you want to take,” he said. “But quite often it seems that’s not the prudent choice to make. Discernment is not being irrational, although sometimes it appears as an irrational choice by today’s standards and values in society.”

The former archdiocesan vocations director now serves the Church in central and southern Indiana as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.

“The cross is really the hallmark for discernment.” Father Etienne said. Discernment allows people opportunities for change through “the freedom to seek God’s will and discover what is true and good. Really, the only way we will do that as Christians in the world today is to know the person of Jesus Christ.”

Prayer is an intimate part of the discernment process, he said. “What we need to do is look at the mind and the spirit and the teaching of Jesus Christ, ‘the truth and the life.’

‘Pray as you can,’ but I think many people spend a lot of time praying as they can’t. ‘What is God asking of us?’ can be a very frustrating question, but we always have the opportunity to be human to change,” Father Etienne said. “God’s guidance, and God’s will for us.”

By following God’s will, Father Etienne said, we “are really giving God a chance to break into the reality of our lives.”

Discernment involves focusing on “the truth of your lived experience,” he said. “Only you can figure that out, but most of us need another person to talk to in order to come to a deeper understanding of that. We have to make a pact with God and with ourselves that we’re going to be honest about the reality of who we are. We’ve got to know ourselves. That’s basic for discernment.

“Prayer is the index of the whole spiritual life,” Father Etienne said. “Prayer is opening our hearts to God so that God can give himself to us. Prayer is God’s initiative. God is always calling us to prayer. God comes to us always, breaking into the reality of our lives. Teresa of Avila said, ‘Pray as you can,’ but I think many people spend a lot of their time praying as they can’t. ‘What is God asking of me?’ can be a very frustrating question, but we always have the opportunity to hang onto that anchor of hope that Jesus gave us in the resurrection.”

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St. John says, ‘Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.’” Father Etienne said. “That’s a very scriptural basis for discernment, which is a sign of a growing, developing, mature Christian life.”

Again quoting the Letter to the Philippians, Father Etienne said. “St. Paul states, ‘It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more. Never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best.’ Sensitivity to God’s Spirit helps us choose what is best.”

In his Letter to the Romans, Father Etienne said, “St. Paul says, ‘I appeal to you to offer your very self. Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by an inner renewal of your spirit so that you may discern the will of God—the good, the acceptable, the perfect.’ This passage speaks to us of the full process of discerning God’s will. It’s a matter of giving ourselves unconditionally into God’s hands and to that loving embrace of God, giving God a chance to break into the reality of our lived experience.”

Discernment also is “about being conformed to the person of Jesus, to the Jesus who gave himself fully into God’s hands, who gave himself fully on the cross,” he said. “This is an interior transformation of heart and mind. It’s allowing God to free us as deeper and deeper levels within ourselves so that we are free for what God would have us do and free from whatever is going to restrict us from responding to answering God, from truly following what we discern as God’s movement, God’s guidance, and God’s will for us.”

By following God’s will, Father Etienne said, we embrace the fruits of the Holy Spirit. “Chapter 5 of St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness, self-control, and these are guideposts leading us in the right direction. The real test of discernment is love. Authentic love is self-giving, self-surrendering. It’s the key to knowing how to give oneself to God. The cross is really the hallmark for discernment.”

Christians “need to learn to discern and reject the counter-spirits and embrace the Spirit and movement of God,” he said. “To do that, we’ve got to examine our lived experience. Prayer flows out of our lived experience as we relate life experiences to God. No matter what human experience we are undergoing, God is present in the midst of that and wants to give us peace, consolation and love.”

Discernment involves growing in self-knowledge, he said, by consciously and honestly accepting personal strengths and weaknesses and recognizing that God created us and loves us despite our imperfections and limitations.

“As we go through each day, there also is that same process of acknowledging the reality of life, of trying to grow deeper in our awareness of lived experiences,” Father Etienne said. “That’s where we start discovering whether we are on the right path leading to greater faith, hope and love or whether we are so self-centered and self-serving that we are restricting the love in our lives.”

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Liturgy of the Word gives Mass organic theme

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

In the liturgical renewal’s early years, liturgy planners often focused on a specific “theme” for the day. Sometimes these themes were drawn from the Scripture readings of the day, but often themes were superimposed on the liturgy to make a particular point. Thus we had Masses focused on hope or friendship, peace or racial harmony, marriage renewal or the joys of being single. The assembly heard the theme repeated over and over in the music, prayers, comments, homilies and announcements.

Many people complained, especially when a theme was imposed on the liturgy with little regard for the liturgy. Various experts insisted that the fundamental theme of the Mass is always the same: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In his 1998 apostolic letter, “The Day of the Lord,” however, Pope John Paul II said that “the entire celebration—praying, singing, listening, and not just the preaching—should express in some way the theme of the Sunday liturgy, so that all those taking part may be penetrated more powerfully by it.”

This comment comes in the section of the letter devoted to the Liturgy of the Word. The pope is speaking of the theme that flows organically from the day’s readings and texts, not a theme imposed on the liturgy. True, every Mass celebrates the Lord’s death and resurrection. Also true, however, the readings and prayers of each Mass focus attention on a particular aspect of redemption.

The pope believes people will benefit more fully from the readings and the whole liturgy if they are aware of the underlying theme linking the various readings and texts of the Mass. It helps to remember that the Mass readings generally are linked to one another. On major feasts and during the seasons of Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas, all the readings relate to the feast or season being celebrated.

During what is known as Ordinary Time in the Church’s year, the first Scripture reading is linked to the Gospel. The Responsorial Psalm generally responds to the first reading and the Gospel Acclamation is linked to the Gospel. But the second reading during Ordinary Time is not chosen for its link to the other texts. It follows a particular book of the New Testament from Sunday to Sunday in a semi-continuous pattern.

The Scripture readings for May 30, 1999, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, all reflect that mystery. On this feast, we might expect the theme simply to be the existence of three persons in one God. But in the readings there is a focus on God’s love and kindness.

The Gospel reminds us that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The first reading speaks only of the Father, describing God as merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and fidelity. The Responsorial Psalm then praises God, who is faithful to his promises.

Because it is Ordinary Time, the second reading is not chosen to relate to the other texts. It is from Paul’s letter to the Romans and speaks of our baptism into Christ’s death and our share in his resurrection. Though this is not closely linked to the other readings, sharing in Christ’s life is the goal of the mission of the Twelve.

Beyond the readings, of course, we also look for echoes of the theme in the homily, some prayer texts and the music chosen for the celebration. Not every element of the celebration needs to be focused on one narrow theme, of course, because the Eucharist has many dimensions. It should be possible, though, to detect a thread that unifies the whole celebration.

The pope recommends reading the Sunday texts at home. Reading them before coming to church makes it more likely that we will notice that our liturgy planners have chosen various items to express the theme they discovered in the readings for the day. (Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

On June 27, 1999, the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel recounts Jesus’ missionary instructions to the Twelve. Jesus insists that they must love him more than father, mother, son or daughter. He then tells the Twelve that whoever welcomes them welcomes him, and he quotes the adage that whoever welcomes a prophet receives a prophet’s reward.

This adage led to the choice of the first reading, which recounts the reward given the Shunemite woman because she had welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home. The prophet promises that she will have a child. The Responsorial Psalm then praises God, who is faithful to his promises.

When the priest is saying the Eucharistic prayer,

By David Gibson

Some parishes bring a group together during the week “to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed.” Pope John Paul II observed in his summer 1998 apostolic letter, “The Day of the Lord,” the objective of such groups—made up of “priest, ministers and faithful”—is that the entire (Sunday) celebration—praying, singing, listening, and not just the preaching—should express in some way the theme of the Sunday liturgy so that all those taking part may be penetrated more powerfully by it.

The pope recalled that Vatican Council II “urged that the text of the word of God be more lavishly prepared for the faithful, opening to them more abundantly the treasures of the Bible.” And he said, “The fact that (Vatican II) made it possible to proclaim the word of God in the language of the community taking part in the (Sunday’s) celebration must awaken a new sense of responsibility toward the word, allowing the distinctive character of the sacred text to shine forth ‘even in the mode of reading or singing’ during the liturgy. (David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Homily should be relevant to life

This Week’s Question

What question would you most like to ask an expert about the Mass?

“They are the sermons, when they’re good, too often cut short? What makes a great homily is when the priest makes connections between daily life and the readings, and leaves you thinking and asking questions.” (Method Barcena, Miami, Fla.)

“How is our understanding of the Eucharist different from that of, say, the Lutherans?” (Judy Saraka, Mountainside, N.J.)

“When the priest is saying the Eucharistic prayer, how can you tell which Eucharistic prayer he will pick? I know there are four forms, but is there a reason for picking one over the other?” (Adam LaSota, Painesville, Ohio)

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Outrageously happy

"How far can we go?" "Should I put my aging father in a nursing home?" "Should I terminate my pregnancy?" "Should I discontinue my radiation treatments?" "Should we get a divorce?"

These are a few of the questions that are sometimes forced upon us. "What would Jesus do? What is the will of God for me in a given situation?"

The only time one hears about God's will is on those occasions when one encounters suffering, tragedy and/or death. One rarely, if ever, hears of the will of God in connection with happy occasions, such as one's birthday, wedding, ordination or anniversary.

"God will be good;" a woman cries out when she realizes she has cancer. People often talk as if their life is suffering and/or death. Nothing could be further from the truth.

God's will for humanity is that we are outrageously happy in this world and the world to come. He desires that we live life to the fullest. As Father John Buckel put it, "God's will is without a doubt the best for our children, so, too, does God. Yet God has given us a free will, and he allows us the freedom to do otherwise."

I suggest the following decision-making process in seeking God's will in a difficult or challenging situation.

We should ask ourselves: "What are our options?" "What do I want?" "Am I acting out of selfish reasons?" "What will be the results of a particular decision tomorrow, two years from now, ten years from now?"

A will is given to us by our decision. "Will there be undesirable effects from my particular decision? If so, will they outweigh the good effects?"

Do I know other individuals who had to make similar decisions? "What decision did they make? What were the consequences of that decision? Would they now have a different perspective?"

Our family and friends might provide some valuable insight into our situation. Likewise, advice from a priest and/or doctor, lawyer, social worker, and so forth might be helpful.

What advice does the Church offer? The Church has some very strong teachings regarding the sacredness of life. One should not look for specific answers to one's problems in the Bible. Rather, one should look for guidance by reflecting upon general principles and teachings of sacred Scripture. Will my decision conform with the type of conduct that Jesus demands of his followers? Thomas Aquinas stressed the importance of following one's own conscience. However, one should remember that one's conscience is not infallible and one can be guilty of having an uninformed conscience.

In our human condition, it is not always possible to establish with absolute certainty whether a particular decision conforms to the will of God. Nevertheless, the desire to do God's will is fundamentally important. Doing what we believe to be one's own will is an integral part of the decision-making process.

Christian living is not easy. Sometimes great trials come in the form of illness, loss of a loved one, or some form of suffering. In these instances we are called to make an important decision. Let us make it in view of our commitment to Christ.

God's will is that we find true happiness. May God's will "be done...on earth as it is in heaven."
The Sunday Readings
Sunday, April 11, 1999

- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

The Acts of the Apostles gives us the first reading for this gloriuous weekend of Easter time. Acts is a fascinating source of information about life in the early Church. Scholars believe that the same author as that of St. Luke’s Gospel wrote it. It is a pity that the Gospel and Acts now stand in Bibles separated from each other by St. John’s Gospel. If this editorial decision had not been made, the link between Christ and the first Christians would be much more evident.

In this reading, Acts tells of the young Christian community in Jerusalem. Several aspects are particularly important. First, a great sense of community pertained. Second, the constant activity was prayer and the “breaking of the bread” ([Breaking of the bread], incidentally, is a favorite New Testament expression for the Eucharist.) As they were united faith and in the apostles. The apostles guided them, taught them, and reinforced their faith. These early Christians were not on their own, each pursuing solely an individual pipeline to God. They turned fully to the apostles. The First Epistle to Peter supplies the second reading.

This passage is a great statement of belief and trust in Jesus. It has been used many times for liturgical expressions, hymns and formal prayers.

Jesus is the source of all life. He is God’s gift. He is God’s gift in love. God wills that we live, that we possess eternal life. Redemption allows us access to the community of Christ. It was a community formed by Jesus upon the apostles. They achieved their places in the plan of salvation surely by the Lord’s calling, but also by their faith.

Faith enabled them not just to witness but to understand the saving acts of God achieved in Jesus. It is a faith we can possess, too. With this faith, with Thomas, we can understand the meaning and the majesty of God and of life forever in the Son of God, our own Lord and God, the risen Jesus. ↑

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column.

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or spirituality. Submit your writing by the pastor of that family’s parish. Apart from a serious medical emergency, it is not likely he will allow the baptism to take place in the circumstances you describe.

True, the Church insists, in both its laws and baptism ritual, on parents’ obligation to have their children baptized shortly after birth (Canon 867). This policy assumes, however, that the parents are practicing Catholics who are prepared, by their teaching and example, to bring their children up as good Catholic men and women.

Thus, the same law requires that, before or immediately after birth, parents approach their parish priest to be properly prepared for this sacrament. Most parishes today, of course, provide formal classes for this purpose.

Further, the Church also insists that a priest or other qualified person may not lawfully baptize a child unless there exists a solidly founded hope that the baby will be raised properly as a member of the Catholic religion.

If evidence for this hope is lacking, the priest must delay the baptism and explain to the parents why this is being done (Canon 868).

The introduction to the Rite of Baptism emphasizes the point. At least twice during the baptism liturgy, Catholic parents are asked to openly declare that they accept and embrace the faith in which the child is being baptized, and that they intend to give the example and teaching necessary for their child to grow in that faith.

This promise cannot normally be made, of course, by supposedly Catholic parents unless they themselves faithfully practice their faith as conscientiously as possible and are not simply bringing their baby for baptism out of a sense of family tradition or pressure, or a vague feeling that it is the right thing to do.

Unfortunately, situations like this are much more frequent today than formerly. We are understandably concerned that parents not be placed in the position of making statements and a profession of faith that they do not honestly and fully believe.

There is no room here to expand further, but if we stop to reflect we should be able to realize how this policy is not only fair to the parents and child, for whom it represents an inordinate burden, but also fair to the faith community.

Finally, even if you are not the godmother, that is not the end. You can still do everything the parents will allow to influence the child in a good way, guided by your own Christian faith.

If these plans move ahead further, I suggest you talk with your priest and ask his advice.

Baptismal guidelines explain godparent’s role

Q A friend is due to have her first child next month and has asked if I am willing to be the godmother. I was delighted, but there is a dilemma. She is not married, is Catholic but not practicing her faith, and the father is a non-practicing Buddhist.

A You do have a dilemma. Your problem may be solved for you, however, by the pastor of that family’s parish. Apart from a serious medical emergency, it is not likely he will allow the baptism to take place in the circumstances you describe.

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The Criterion welcomes announcements for “The Active List” of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements can be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46202.

April 9

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St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers charity drive, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rancill High School, Docs vs. Jocks vs. Drugs, against Rancill High School at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Cost: $3 per person. Information: 317-782-7997.

April 10
A benefit walk for prostate cancer, Don “Skii” the Clason Day, to begin 10 a.m. at Rancill Park, Speedway. Registration: $15 adults, children under 18 with free. Information: 317-475-9277.

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April 11
St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast 7:30 a.m.–noon. Free will. Sponsored by St. Nicholas Transportation Fund.

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St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Craft booth and quilt raffle. May 1-94.

April 12
The Catholic Widowed Organization birthday dinner, 2 p.m., Steak and Ale, Southern Comfort, 3137 N. Main St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-784-1102. Betty Dolan.

St. John the Baptist, Starlight, 8310 St. John Rd., devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday beginning 1 p.m., rosary at 3 p.m and devotion at 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-923-5785.

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St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, 1302 27th St., Holy Hour, noon and Rosary Sunday morning 3–7 a.m. Information: 812-535-1912.

April 13
The Ave Maria Guild at St. Paul Humage, Beech Grove, business meeting and dessert at 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary Parish, 550 N. Kralal Rd., Mount Carmel night from 7 p.m.–midnight. Cost: $3 includes food and drink. 2-45. Proceeds benefit the school.

April 14, 18, 21
The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis’ annual Journey Concert at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis, 2801 W. 38th St., in the chapel, 7 p.m. and 3 p.m on Sunday. Cost: $10. Information: 317-216-5888.

April 16-18
Weekend Marriage Encounter weekend at the Signature Inn in Southport (just south of Indianapolis) open to all married couples who desire a richer, fuller life together. Catholic in orientation, but open to non-Catholics. Information: 317-581-0087 Catherine Ma.

April 17
Martha Heights Academy, Fenfrod, open house, lunch, tour for prospective students and families. Reservations: 800-467-IMBA by April 14.

Recurring
Daily
Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, open perpetual adoration 24 hours a day in the parish center.

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Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 S. Streeter St., Divinity Mass, 10 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly
Sundays
Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 S. Streeter St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m. (formerly held at St. Patrick Parish).

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St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville, “Be Not Afraid” holy hour 6 p.m.

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St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warram, Indianapolis, rosary and Benediction for vocations.

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

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 7 p.m. for rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fisher, 11441 Hague Rd., adult religion education classes from 7:30–9:30 p.m with minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

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

Wednesdays
Movement of Maryans Princes prayer group from 3– 4 p.m. at 3355 W. 38th St., Indianapolis (behind St. Michael Church). Information: 317-271-5039.

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Thursdays
St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7–5:30 p.m. Cost: $3.

St. Mary Church, New Albany, 509 S. 2nd St., prayer 7 p.m and prayer and religious vocations.

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St. Patrick Church, Salem, Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m.

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St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg, Liturgy of the Eucharist at evening prayer at 7 p.m.

Fridays
Susanna Church, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

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St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7–5:30 p.m. Benedictation and Mass.

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A pro-life rosary at 10 a.m. in front of United Women’s Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.

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After Mass at 2 p.m., Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, 934-2524.

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St. Roch Parish, 2030 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Andrew, 2045 E. 10th St., 9 a.m.; St. Anna, 5024 E. 10th St., 9 a.m.; St. Andrew, 5630 E. 6th St., 9 a.m.; St. Louis, 2834 N. Delaware, 9 a.m.; St. Mary Magdalen, 3121 E. 10th St., 9 a.m.; St. Andrew, 904 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

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Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, support group for widowed persons at 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2252.

Calvary Chapel/Manasquan, 435 W. Towy Ave., Indianapolis, Mass at 2 p.m.

Thirst Thursdays
Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1505 Union St., family rosary night, 7 p.m.

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

Third Fridays
The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, 7–9 p.m. and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marianius Hall, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis.

Third Saturdays
The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Church, 3922 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m. walk to 2951 E. 38th St. abortion clinic for rosary, return to St. Andrew for Benediction.

Bingos
TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; Magruder Catholic Church, 6 p.m.; Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3343, 6:30 p.m.; K of C 1060 Post 9, 9 a.m.–noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6 p.m. THURSDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: K of C Council 6318, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Catholic Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; St. Andrew Parish, 5:30 p.m. John Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

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Our school has 415 students and a strong faculty, and is a charter school for the building of our new Catholic high school in Champaign. We offer a solid curriculum in Catholic education and enjoy the very enthusiastic support of our school families and the rest of the parish.

Candidates must be practicing Roman Catholics in good standing with the Church; must have a valid teaching certificate; have classroom teaching experience; and a degree in administration or be pursuing such a degree.

Applications must be made to: Rev. Msgr. Albert W. Hallin, Church of the Holy Cross, 405 W. Clark St., Champaign, IL 61820. Phone 217-352-8741, 217-356-4953.

Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church seeks a full-time development director.

Send résumés to: 1530 Union Street, Lafayette, IN 47902.

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Director of Music/Liturgy Coordinator

An active parish of 1,000 families seeks a full-time director of music/liturgy coordinator to continue and develop music ministries and parish and school liturgical committees. Responsibilities include: planning, coordinating and providing music for weekend liturgies and sacramental celebrations as well as seasonal celebrations; keyboard and choral skills are essential.

Other responsibilities include: overseeing and working with coordinators of liturgical ministries, planning liturgy teams and art and music programs. Prior bookkeeping experience is necessary.

Candidates should be good with people and able to work independently and be proficient with hand and power tools. Call 1-800-952-3687, option 1, extension 3009.

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Qualified applicants for the position of principal must meet the following requirements:

• Roman Catholic in good standing
• Degree in administration
• Valid, current teaching certificate
• Classroom teaching experience
• 5 years administrative experience

If you are qualified to help us begin a new tradition in fine education, please send your résumé. Reverend Monsignor Albert W. Hallin, The High School of St. Thomas More, 405 W. Clark, Champaign, IL 61820. Phone 217-352-8741, 217-356-4953.

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**Director of Music**

St. Paul Catholic Church, Marion, Indiana, a parish of approximately 900 families, has a full-time position available for a director of music. This position would include preparation of all music for liturgies as well as preparation and direction in parish elementary school. Separation of these two components is possible. Competitive salary/benefits. Send résumé to: Music Search Committee, 104 W. Kerm Road, Marion, IN 46952, no later than May 15.

**Pastoral Associate**

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, IN, 1,000 families, is seeking a full-time pastoral associate; MA or M.Div. preferred. Responsibilities include collaboration with pastor and other staff members in a variety of ministries with emphasis on pastoral care to sick and homebound, developing “small Christian communities” and assisting the Council of Ministers in strategic planning and execution of goals.

Position opening July, 1999; competitive salary and full benefits.

Send résumé and references before April 21 to: Pastoral Associate Search, St. Anthony Parish, 316 North Sherwood Ave., Clarksville, IN 47129.

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