TIRANA, Albania (CNS)—The world spotlight has left the suffering of Kosovar refugees in sharp relief, but some Church workers are also worried about the fate of Yugoslav civilians under a heavy NATO bombing campaign.

Paul Butler, who until recently served as assistant country representative for Catholic Relief Services in Belgrade, left Yugoslavia the day before the bombs started to fall in late March. In Albania, he has helped the massive relief effort to aid the refugees from Kosovo.

But his thoughts were also on the people he left behind in Yugoslavia.

“My personal feeling is that not enough attention has been given to how the weakest segment in Serbian society is suffering during all phases of this conflict,” Butler said April 9, after more than two weeks of NATO air strikes.

He said the NATO bombing campaign, along with the Yugoslav war effort, has caused severe problems for the most vulnerable civilians in Yugoslavia: the unemployed, the elderly and others on the margins of society.

As NATO increasingly targets the Yugoslav infrastructure, he said, the situation is going to get much worse for the marginalized.

Butler said that CRS, as the only nongovernmental organization operating throughout all of Yugoslavia, had enjoyed good relations with the Belgrade government, which viewed CRS as even-handed.

However, he said, the mood shifted as the last NATO deadline approached. After receiving a warning about possible trouble, which never occurred, Butler said, CRS closed its main office in Belgrade and he and other foreigners left a few days later.

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He said CRS operations were being kept alive by a young Yugoslav woman who was also caring for her 4-year-old daughter.

“‘We’ve been in phone contact, and you could hear the boom of the bombs in the background,’ Butler said. ‘She’s been a real hero.’

As a sign of solidarity with the Yugoslav people, five days after the NATO bombing began, CRS sent a check for $100,000 to Belgrade Archbishop Franc Perko.

Among other things, Archbishop Perko said he was concerned that the war could change Yugoslav attitudes about the Catholic minority there.

Most of the money was divided between Caritas Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav Red Cross for emergency relief, with about $10,000 going to the Serbian Orthodox patriarchate and the Muslim community.

The donation has also raised spirits among the CRS Yugoslavia staff members who stayed behind, Butler said. “They know that most of the assistance should go to the Kosovars, but they didn’t want to be forgotten in Belgrade.”

(Donations to help Catholic Relief Services provide humanitarian aid in Yugoslavia may be mailed to the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.)

Above, Kosovar refugees reach to grab bread from Red Cross workers near Blace, Macedonia, April 4. Relief agencies are struggling to feed tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians fleeing Serbian troops in Kosovo, Yugoslavia. At left, a Serb woman weeps April 8 over a grave reportedly destroyed by a NATO bomb the night before in Kosovo’s capital of Pristina. Catholic and Orthodox bishops in the Balkans appealed for a cease-fire in Yugoslavia and for donations to assist refugees. See related stories on Pages 2 and 21.

CRS assists Kosovar refugees, Yugoslav civilians

Wages of WAR
Oldenburg to close girls’ residence program

Board’s decision reflects increasing number of day students at the 147-year-old academy

By Mary Ann Wyand

OLDENBURG—Oldenburg Academy, a private Catholic girls’ school founded in 1852 by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Frances, will close its residence program in June. The decision to close the residence program was a difficult one, principal Martha Kollstedt said, but an increase in the number of day students enrolled at the academy means the secondary school will continue to grow in coming years.

“It is with deep regret that the board of trustees of Oldenburg Academy announces the resolution passed at the March 23 meeting to discontinue the Oldenburg Academy resident program, effective June 1, 1999,” board chairman Thomas Gruber said in a letter sent to parents of academy residents.

At present, 162 girls are day students and 18 are residents.

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Citing significant demographic growth in the Batesville and Oldenburg areas, Kollstedt said 90 percent of the academy students now “live within normal commuting distance” of the girls’ college preparatory school.

“We no longer need 60 to 70 percent of our students to come from other areas,” the principal said. “It’s very different from the time period when we needed to depend on student enrollment from the local area.”

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Gruber said the academy’s resident program has been an essential part of the school for many years, allowing students who live outside the Batesville Deanery area to attend the girls school.

At one time, more than half of the students lived in the dormitory, he said. Numbers in the resident program have declined over the years. Now only about 10 percent of those currently enrolled are residents.

“We have reluctantly determined that we can no longer offer a quality affordable program with such a small number of residents,” Gruber noted in the letter.

“Discontinuing the resident program greatly saddens everyone in the Oldenburg Academy family,” Kollstedt said of the board decision. “Difficult as it might be now, with tears in our eyes, we have to recognize in this decision sign of progress and growth for our school and the local area.”

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Orchard and Winery in Starlight followed by supper and Lester Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. Overnight accommodations will be at Santa’s Lodge in Santa Claus, Ind.

The second day will include a luncheon at the Archdiocese of St. Meinrad Archabbey, a visit to the Abbey of Gethsemani, and a performance of Stephen Foster’s The Musical in Bardstown.

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In recent years, she said, there has been tremendous population growth in the region which has resulted in housing construction and business expansion in the Batesville Deanery.

“There’s no unemployment in this area,” Kollstedt said. “There are many jobs available.”

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Liturgy set for special education students

Mass at the cathedral May 2 to welcome special faith formation students

By Margaret Nelson

St. Malachi parishioner Deborah Armenta of Brownsburg dreams of having a full cathedral when her special religious education (SPRED) students receive the sacraments of initiation during a liturgy at 3 p.m. May 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Youth expect that, because Armenta is volunteer coordinator of the SPRED faith formation program for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education,

But the young people with special needs—called friends—and their families also are pleased about the liturgy because they understand what the sacraments are about. Many have not been able to receive the sacraments because formational opportunities have not been available.

There are three pilot SPRED groups in the archdiocese. One group—of special needs youth aged 17 to 21—meets on Thursday evening. Another group, which meets on Monday, includes people with developmental disabilities who are 22 and over. The Cornerstone Christian Church in Brownsburg hosts these Catholic students.

The program is also being presented at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis and is being introduced this month in Terre Haute.

The first SPRED program was started in the archdiocese five years ago in the Tell City Deanery, with training and materials provided by the Evansville Diocese.

Growing from a program started in the archdiocese of Chicago in 1967, the two-hour sessions include preparation time to create and find quiet. The youth may decide to weave, paint, work with clay or listen to music.

Each friend has a helper or catechetical leader. The youth are called friends because this experience of faith helps those with special needs find a community where they belong.

“After 30 minutes, a peace comes into the room,” said Armenta. The first hour prepares the students and volunteers for the last hour, when they go to the celebration space—a corner of the room with chairs and a natural decor that enhances the experience of focusing on the catechesis theme for the day.

In late March, the Thursday theme was the beauty of spring, with fresh flowers emphasizing the joy of the gift of life to help the friends rejoice in the gift of Jesus. Each session closes with sharing of fellowship and refreshments.

Jim and Mary Murphy are representatives for SPRED at St. Malachi in Brownsburg and report to the parish council on faith formation. Their daughter is a friend in the Thursday program.

“Patricia has been asking,” said Mary Murphy. “They are all confirmed May 2, has not participated in faith formation since the sixth grade.”

“She can come and be a participant,” Murphy said. “She likes to come. She can express her faith in her own way.”

“It is a program for deeply needed friends,” here, said Armenta. “It is very simple, but it really works.”

Armenta explained that some of the friends and their families have been frustrated because they didn’t feel they had a place in the Church. When they didn’t feel comfortable, the sacraments were overlooked.

The designers of the program rewrite the materials every summer and ship them to sites around the world.

The program consists of 12 sessions every other week. Sessions cover five themes: creation, covenant, election, salvation and sanctification.

“Scripture ties in with the experience,” said Armenta. “It is all very sound catechetically.”

The training of catechists is critical,” said Armenta. Because of that, it has taken two years to get the program to this point—so that some of the friends will be ready to receive the sacraments of initiation at the May 2 Mass.

It is Armenta’s goal that every parish in the archdiocese will be prepared to welcome people with developmental disabilities. Several more groups are planned for the fall of this year.

Armenta said she hopes that all friends and families of children, youth and adults with special needs will feel free to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center.

“To make a reservation for the free reception following the May 2 SPRED liturgy, call the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education at 317-256-1430 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1430, and leave a message for Deborah Armenta.”

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Day 2: Thursday Paris/Lisieux
• Les Buissonnets, the family home where Therese spent the early years of her life.

Day 3: Friday Lisieux/Paris
• Visit St. Therese of the Child Jesus (the greatest saint of modern times).

Day 4: Saturday Paris
• Travel to Paris and visit the top of Montmartre hill to glimpse the Basilica of Sacre Coeur.

Day 5: Sunday Paris/Nevers
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Day 7: Tuesday Lyon/Ars/Lyon
• See the incorrupt body of a humble saint, St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. We will also have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church where the priest spent 17 hours a day for over 30 years.

Day 8: Wednesday Avignon Lourdes
• Visit the Basilica of Lourdes and the Cachot, the place where Bernadette lived at the time of the apparitions. We will attend the Blessing of the Sick and have an opportunity to bathe in the miraculous water of Massabielle.

Day 10: Friday Lourdes
• Visit the Basilica of Lourdes and the Church of St. Joseph, the place where Bernadette lived and identified herself as “The Immaculate Conception.”

Day 11: Saturday Lourdes/Paris/USA
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The death penalty and development of doctrine

On Good Friday, the U.S. bishops once again urged Catholics to work for an end to the death penalty, an unpopular cause in the United States today. Those who find it difficult to accept the Church’s teachings against capital punishment often point out that the Church has not always opposed the death penalty. They point out that even the Catechism of the Catholic Church originally said that legitimate public authority has the duty “to punish malefactors by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty.”

Later the pope asked that the catechism be revised to reflect the Church’s current teaching, i.e., capital punishment is morally permissible only if the community cannot be protected from an unjust aggressor by any other means or if nothing else dissuades potential offenders from committing crimes. These circumstances, the pope (and the catechism) say, “are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.”

How, they ask, can the pope simply change what has always been Church doctrine? The answer is that the Church has always recognized what is called the development of doctrine. This is the notion that the Church’s understanding of divinely revealed truths grows and evolves. The truths themselves remain, but the grasp of the truths—due to the gradual unfolding of the divine mystery changes as circumstances change.

The deposit of faith has not been added to, or subtracted from, since the death of the last apostle. However, our understanding of the teachings of Christ is clearer now than it was in the first centuries because of the reflections of scholars and theologians, the practical experiences of living the faith, and the teaching of the Church’s hierarchy.

Examples of the development of doctrine are some of the teachings about the Immaculate Conception and Mary’s assumption into heaven.

Cardinal John Henry Newman, the greatest theologian of the 19th century, is probably still the top authority on the development of doctrine. While he was still an Anglican he started to write a 340-page scholarly book called An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine. By the time he finished it, in 1845, he had become a Roman Catholic. Two years before that, he preached a lengthy sermon at Oxford that he titled “The Theory of Developments in Religious Doctrine.”

Newman was particularly concerned about differentiating between what was truly a development of a doctrine and what was a corruption or perversion of the truth. He identified what he called “seven notes of varying cogency, independence, and applicability, to discriminate healthy developments of an idea from its state of corruption and decay.”

He said that there is no corruption if a doctrine “retains one and the same type, the same principles, the same organization; if its beginnings anticipate its subsequent phases, and its later changes are perfectly correlated with its earlier; if it has a power of assimilation and revival, and a vigorous action from first to last.” He then elaborated on each of these criteria at great length.

The Church’s teaching about the death penalty clearly is an example of the development of a doctrine. It has always been clear that it is immoral to kill people but the development of that doctrine is that the ban on killing applies to those who are guilty of serious crime just as much as it does to the innocent.

The U.S. bishops seem to acknowledge that they see a development of doctrine here. In that Good Friday statement they said, speaking about Americans who still support the death penalty because of their fear of crime and horror at innocent lives lost, “We hope that they will come to see, as we have, that more violence is not the answer.”

John F. Fink

Editorial

Our youth, young adults are an impressive lot

It is no secret that I am impressed by our youth and young adults. More than usual, recently, I have had lots of contact with them around the archdiocese.

I dedicated a new chapel and consecrated an altar for Seccina Memorial High School a few weeks ago. The Mass and consecration of the altar took place in the gymnasium before the assembled student body. I was impressed by their attentiveness, openness, friendliness and clean-cut appearance. I realize that when I am around an extra effort is made to look good, but even granting that, I was still very impressed.

A couple of Saturdays ago I participated in an hour-long question-and-answer forum at a conference for our young adults held at Marian College. I was impressed by the depth of the questions, the respectful and sincere attitude of the young adults and their honesty with me. The clear message from our young adults is straightforward. They want to be more involved with our Church, our parish communities in particular. They don’t always feel welcome or included for some reason. For my part, I encouraged our young adults to make themselves more visible to their pastors and parish communities.

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April 25 is the day set aside by the universal Church to pray for priesthood and religious vocations. I invite everyone to pray for vocations earnestly because nothing is more effective in the vocation apostolate than our prayers. I also want to encourage and give our best youth to consider whether God might be calling them to a special ministry in the Church. No doubt, God continues to call our youth and young adults to priesthood and religious life at the end of the second millenium and the beginning of the third. Our challenge is to encourage and support them in prayer and in listening for God’s call. Clearly, our youth are mature and open minded as ever, even though the call of God is not easy to hear these days!
Nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes son impresionantes

Buscando la Cara del Señor

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

N o es secreto que estoy impresionado con nuestra juventud. Recientemente he tenido mucho más contacto con ellos en la arquidiócesis de lo que es normal.

Hace algunas semanas he dedicado una carta y un artículo al arzobispo de Seccina Memorial High School. La misa y consagración del altar tuvo lugar en el campus de Seccina para estudiantes allí congregados. Su atención, franqueza, simpatía y su actitud bien cuidado me impactaron. Yo sé que cuando estoy por ahí ellos hacen un esfuerzo extra para aparecer bien, de acuerdo, pero todavía estaba impresionado.

El sábado hice dos semanas par- tir con un grupo de jóvenes de iglesía y con las comunidades de nuestra parroquia en particular. Por alguna razón no se sienten cómodos o incluidos. Por mi parte, animé a los jóvenes a volverse más visibles a sus pastores y a la comunidad parroquial.

En los fines de marzo, me escribió un pastor de una parroquia del sur de la ciudad para informarme de un proyecto de servicio que está planean- do su grupo de jóvenes. Diez parro- quianos jóvenes del pastor de Tejas y a la zona norte de México para pintar, limpiar y reparar casas en los barrios pobres de las ciudades de las áreas más necesitadas de México. La juventud está trabajando para esforzar con su dinero para el proyecto. El pastor se contagió del ánimo de los jóvenes y está orgulloso de ellos.

La semana pasada viajé a Madison para celebrar Misa con los estudiantes por la esfuerzo de shawe Memorial High School. Una vez más los estudiantes por egresar me impresionaron con su abierta simpatía y su atención en Misa. Se sintieron bastante cómodos y a gusto con adultos, algo que no siem- pre es fácil para la juventud. Por supuesto, también tuvieron buena apre- riencia para la ocasión. Nuevamente me sentí orgulloso de lo que hacemos para nuestra juventud en nuestras escuelas secundarias católicas. Los estudiantes de shawe Memorial me comentaron su apreciación por lo que experimentaron.

La semana pasada había una recep- ción para el estudiante del arzobispo. Durante el año pasado y en la presi- dencia del arzobispo. Tres estudiantes de Seccina ofrecieron ayudar a par- quear los automóviles y acompañar a los estudiantes de plata en el evento. Siempre estamos impresionados. Durante la Santisma Semana, un estudiante fue en su último año de shawe ofreció servir en la Vigilia de Pascua en la catedral. El también ofreció ayudarme con confirmaciones a través de la primavera. A mediados de marzo me se invitó a participar en una cita en Missa para una charla acri- ca de la ordenación a los seminaristas de la universidad de Saint John Vianney Seminary en Saint Paul, Minnesota. En la actualidad tenemos cuatro de nuestros seminaristas allí. Mientras estaba allí, dos de nuestros graduados me contaron de un proyecto para pro- mover las vocaciones que llaman "Montar en Bicicleta por Jesús". Nueve de diez de los seminaristas que están por egresar estarán montando en bicicleta desde Minnesota pasando Wisconsin y Michigan, hasta llegar a Indianápolis el 4 de junio, la noche antes de la ordenación de sacerdote. En cada diócesis, ellos llevarán un servicio de oración para vocaciones. Aquí en Indianápolis celebrarán el servicio en la parroquia de Saint Barras. Estos hombres jóvenes están contentos de ser seminaristas, y quieren compartir su historia y su entusiasmo de una manera dramática. Estoy encantado, y espero que atraigan un poco de buena publicidad por la causa.

En las dos semanas de seminario atrás, el comité de vocación de la arquidiócesis patrocinó una retirada para los jóvenes estudiantes que están interesados en una vocación religiosa o sacerdotal. Veintiocho mujeres y hombres participaron en la celebración de cele- brar Misa con ellos a la conclusión del retiro. Me impresionó la generosi- dad y el espíritu positivo de los par- ticipantes. Les agradeció y felicité "por darle una oportunidad a Dios".

El 25 de abril es el día reservado por la Iglesia universal para orar por el sacerdocio y las vocaciones reli- giosas. Les invito a todos a orar seri- amente porque nada es más eficaz en el apostolado vocacional que nuestras oraciones. También quise animarlos a invitar a nuestra juventud para consid- erar mejor si Dios les está llamando a un ministerio especial en la Iglesia. Sin duda, Dios continúa llamando a nuestra juventud y los adultos jóvenes al ministerio sacerdotal y a la vida religiosa al final del segundo milenio y al princí- pio del tercero. Nuestro desafío es ani- marlos y apoyarlos en oración para que estén atentos al llamado de Dios. ¡Claramente, nuestra juventud es gen- erosa e inclusive de príncipes como siem- pre, aunque hoy en día el llamado de Dios no es fácil de oír! * Traducido por: Language Training Center, Indianapolis

La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en abril

Sacerdotes: ¡Que ellos multipliquen sus promesas como sacerdotes con júbilo y fe y den ánimo a otros hombres que para contesten la llamada de Dios al sacerdocio!

Disagrees with Fink

I usually find John Fink’s articles informative but I strongly disagree with him in this last paragraph of “When new Catholics have difficulty with some teachings” (John Fink, The Criterion, April 2). “I am a cradle Catholic, and I do not believe that ‘through the Catholic Church I will find salvation’.” ... I must say that such a statement is a prideful statement. Ephesians 2:8-10 says it all: “We are saved through faith in Christ.”

Many Christians of all denominations are trusting Christ for their eternal life. We believe that all are called, not just the Catholic Church. The body of Christ includes all those who have made Jesus Christ Lord of their lives and are followers of him. What is the focus of our Church?

Mary Ann Smith Starlight

Praises Fink

I was impressed with the commentary written by John Fink (The Criterion, April 2) “When new Catholics have difficulty with some teachings.” The love and compas- sionate understanding that Fink expressed in his comments was touching. From the Executive Editor/William R. Bruns

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“The Gift to be Simple,” a mini-retreat, will be held April 24 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

St. Bartholomew School in Columbus, will host Fiesta ’99, on May 8 at the Commons in Columbus. A silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. A Mexican buffet dinner will be provided by Tapatio’s from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The live action will begin at 7:30 p.m. Items in the auction include: vacation trips, sporting event tickets, dinners, camps, and more. Tickets are $15 per person and $13 per senior citizen. To purchase tickets, call 812-376-6674.

Holy Cross Central School, 125 N. Oriental St., in Indianapolis, will host registration for full-day kindergarten through eighth grade. Contact the school office at 317-638-9086.

The archdiocesan Office of Lay Ministry will sponsor, “Reflections on Your Spiritual History,” a program for lay ministry staff, on April 28 at St. Agnes Parish in Indianapolis. The program is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Benedictine Sister Mildred Wannemuehler, parish life coordinator of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville, is the presenter. Sister Mildred will introduce spiritual guidance from Anthony of the Desert to Catherine of Siena and Thomas Merton, among others. The cost is $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Discounts are available for parish groups. For reservations, call Wanda Clayton at 800-382-9836, ext. 7325, or 317-236-7325.

Hope Counseling Ministry, an ecumenical effort of Irvington Churches—including Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, in Indianapolis—will host its sixth annual Hope Benefit on April 17 at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave., in Indianapolis. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. A silent auction will include items such as Longaberger baskets, restaurant certificates, house cleaning services, and unique items created by area artists. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. A performance of the As I Am Dance Company will follow at 8 p.m. A light dinner will be served to children attending the event. Crafts for the children will follow. The cost for tickets is $15 per adult. Children’s tickets are $3 each; with a maximum of $6 for families with children ages 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Susan Garrett at 317-359-9203.

Secinea Memorial High School in Indianapolis will host its second annual silent and Live Auction benefit on April 17 in the school gym. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. Live auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person. For more information, call 317-351-5976.

Diane and Benito Rivera will perform a “four-hands” piano concert on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. (EST) in St. Bede Theater at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. The concert’s music features two pianists playing one piano at the same time. For more information, call Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

VIPs . . .
Father Elmer J. Burwinkel, a retired diocesan priest who lives in Madison, Ind., was among the speakers during Human Life International’s 18th annual World Conference on Love, Life and the Family held April 7-11 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Father Burwinkel discussed “Mary is the Answer: Schoenstatt Spirituality.”

Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, was honored with a Spirit of the Prairie Award April 9 by Conner Prairie historical museum in Fishers. The award recognizes leaders in Indiana who have forged new frontiers in their respective fields.

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Journey of Hope
School is factor in growth at St. Joseph Parish, Corydon

CORYDON—St. Joseph Parish in Corydon is growing. Many factors are attributing to this growth in the 478-household New Albany Deanery parish.

Father Mauro Rodas, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, believes another reason could be people working in neighboring cities like New Albany and Louisville, Ky., choose to reside in the scenic setting of Corydon to get away from big city hustle and bustle.

“People who work in the city come here [Corydon] to sleep,” Father Rodas said.

Nancy Stewart, parish secretary, says many people who work in the city choose to live in smaller towns. She also said the new riverboat casino that docked in Harrison County last fall could be another factor.

But even more so, the reason for this parish growth points to St. Joseph School for responsibility.

“St. Joe Parish has grown a lot because of the school,” said Sister of Charity of Nazareth Rose Riley, principal of the school.

Sister Rose said enrollment at the school has almost doubled over the last few years. School enrollment is 165 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school also serves Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middletown, and St. Peter Parish in Harrison County—as well as other neighboring parishes. Most of the children enrolled at the school are Catholic.

St. Joseph Parish, and the two mission parishes—Most Precious Blood and St. Peter—are very supportive of the school.

Father Rodas said the parishes support the school because they “are passing on their faith to the Catholic children and are teaching the non-Catholic children the value of our Catholic faith.”

The three parishes host the St. Joseph Parish picnic in July. Proceeds from the picnic go to the school. A number of the parishioners are involved with the picnic in various ways—everything from quilt making for raffles to preparing chicken dinners for thousands.

The students give back to the parish as well. Sister Rose said St. Joseph School students are very visible in the parish.

“We try to get the kids involved in parish life,” she said.

Not only are the children involved in parish life but they’re also active in community life.

“Service is our theme. Service to the community, service to the parish, service to each other,” Sister Rose said.

She said the school has accomplished every goal it has set.
“Anything we’ve set our minds to do—we’ve done,” she said.

She attributes many of the school’s accomplishments to parental support.

“I’m really impressed with the parents of this school,” she said.

Sister Rose added that the school is something the parents want. They have a need to offer their children a Catholic education.

“I’ve never worked with a more cooperative and a more enthusiastic group of parents than I have here,” Sister Rose said.

Father Rodas said the parents support the school because they know their children are getting a very solid education.

“A formation of a total person,” he said.

Father Rodas is very involved with the school. He has started a counseling program at the school since arriving at the parish last year.

He is happy with the program because “it gets good results.”

Parish house, new parish hall

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Two weeks later, these parishioners and the rest of the parish went on to carry out a successful Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign. The parish campaign goal was $230,800; $263,663 was pledged. The parish plans to build a parish hall with its share of the money.

Above, St. Joseph School in Corydon fifth-grade students in Catherine Egger’s class pray before going to lunch. Pictured in front from left are Katie Bennett and Andrew Orwick. In back are Daniele Conway, Catherine Egger (fifth-grade teacher), Gavin Steele, Patrick Lasher and Matthew Deatrick. At right, first-grader Brittany Richert concentrates on a lesson in Marsha Shields’ class at St. Joseph School in Corydon.

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**Parish Council Chair:** Joe Shireman  **Parish Secretary:** Nancy Stewart

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May 15, 1999  **Oct. 16, 1999**

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**Schedule of Events**

8:30  **Mass at St. Andrew**

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9:30  **Rosary at Abortion Clinic**

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The Woods plans varied Earth Day activities

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—The White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a Ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will celebrate Earth Day with hands-on activities from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Earth Day events include alpaca shearing demonstrations and opportunities for close-up looks at some of the alpacas. Local spinners and weavers will demonstrate their skills inside the White Violet Center, and alpaca fiber end products will be available.

In the greenhouse, participants can plant flower and herb seeds to take home, and view the early crops planted in the greenhouse garden.

Larry Bown, manager of the White Violet Center, will present gardening information and explain how planting certain kinds of wheat, grasses, flowers and other plants can protect good insects. He also will discuss integrated pest management.

Information on home composting and other summer garden information also will be available during the Earth Day celebration.

Tom Champion, the White Violet Center beekeeper, will share information about honey bees and honey production. Visitors also may have an opportunity to view the beehives.

The public is invited to bring sack lunches and enjoy the afternoon with the Sisters of Providence and staff members of the White Violet Center.

Earth Day was established in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson to raise political awareness of environmental issues through grassroots efforts to recognize the interdependence and interconnection of all life.

(For more information on Earth Day activities, call Providence Center beekeeper Ann Sullivan, director of the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, at 812-335-3131, ext. 523, or e-mail her at sullivan@spsmw.org.)

Around the archdiocese

INDIANAPOLIS—Brian Pike, a seventh-grade student at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis, won first place in the biological division of the Central Indiana Regional Science Fair held recently at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. He also was the overall trophy winner in the biological science category.

His research on “The Growth of Bacteria on Toothbrushes under Various Conditions” qualified him for competition in the middle school level of the International Science Fair in Washington, D.C.

Brian also received a special achievement award from the Indianapolis District Dental Society, a second-place ScienTech Award, and a Purdue University School of Agriculture Award.

PLAINFIELD—April 26 is the date of the Young Authors Event at St. Susanna School in Plainfield.

Students from area elementary schools participate in this annual event, which begins at 6 p.m. and includes a book fair.

Valiska Gregory, the author of When Stories Fell Like Shooting Stars, will meet with kindergarten through second-grade students at 6:30 p.m. and with students in grades three through five at 7:10 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS—Teacher Marla Zinkan gave her second-grade class at Christ the King School in Indianapolis an opportunity to perform by presenting a play, The Three Piggy Operas, based on the story of The Three Little Pigs.

INDIANAPOLIS—Sixth-grade students in teacher Maria Janney’s class at St. Matthew School in Indianapolis prepared a memorial video and arranged a Mass scheduled April 28 in memory of classmate Emily Seiler, who died of cancer two years ago.

Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities welcomes Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life and an official of the Pontifical Council for the Family to Indianapolis.

Father Pavone’s schedule in Indianapolis:

May 1, Saturday
8:30 a.m. Pro-Life Mass
St. Andrew Church, 3922 E. 38th Street

9:30 a.m. Rosary at the Abortion Clinic
3100 E. 38th Street

10:30 a.m. to noon Workshop for archdiocesan priests and pro-life committee members
Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street

4:30 p.m. Mass and Homily
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens Street

7:00 p.m. Program
St. Bartholomew, Columbus, location TBA

May 2, Sunday
10:00 a.m. Mass and Homily
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens Street

12:15 p.m. Mass and Homily
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens Street

1:00 p.m. Program at St. Monica Church,
6131 N. Michigan Road
Must R.S.V.P. by April 19th, call 317-297-5418

4:00 p.m. Program at St. Luke Church
7575 Holiday Drive East

Father Pavone has been director of Priests for Life in the United States since 1993. In 1997, he was asked by the Vatican to help coordinate pro-life activities throughout the world as an official of the Pontifical Council for the Family. He has devoted his priestly life to assisting God’s people in responding to the evils of abortion and euthanasia.

All clergy, parish leaders and parish pro-life committee members are especially encouraged to attend the Saturday morning conference at the Catholic Center.

Please publicize Father Pavone’s other appearances in your parish so that anyone who wishes to hear Father Pavone’s message can select a convenient site and time. If you have any questions, please call the Office for Pro-Life Activities at 317-236-1549.
The Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis will host its third annual Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EST) on April 17 at Michaela Farm near Oldenburg. Guests may park near the Oldenburg Academy auditorium and register at the historic brick barn on the farm.

“The family-oriented day is focused on gratitude for the life-giving resources we take for granted from this wonderful Earth,” explained Franciscan Sister Claire Whalen, program director for the farm.

Guests are invited to walk around the farm, visit the farm animals, hike in the woods, and participate in environmental-related presentations.

Dave Hall from Milroy will offer trolley rides around the area with his team of horses. Rides are $1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Returning to Michaela Farm for the celebration are the GG’s, a dulcimer group from Greenville, Ohio, and the Morris Quarry Dancers from Bloomington. The groups will perform at different times between noon and 1:30 p.m.

The Earth Day celebration also marks the last day of the benefit sale of food-service items offered at half-price in the barn.

The farm’s “down-to-earth” home will be open for visiting between 10 a.m. and noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. It takes 20 minutes to walk to the farmhouse.

Between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., guests may tour the farm with a guide or take a self-guided walking tour.

Presentations include “Soap-making” by Dot Stier and “Community Supported Agriculture” by farm staff members and farm interns at 10:30 a.m., followed by a sheep-shearing demonstration by Dave Hartman at 11:30 a.m.

Discussions on “Organic Gardening” by Charles Griffin and “Container Gardening” by Karen Clarke are scheduled at 2 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring picnic lunches or purchase homemade soups and breads and other lunch items from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

At the end of the day, visitors will be invited to learn original earth songs and sing along with composers who are touring the U.S. to promote appreciation of the Earth.

In addition to the annual Earth Day celebration, the Franciscans sponsor similar recreational and educational activities at Michaela Farm on Sundays from April through October. Presentations and demonstrations on a variety of environmental topics are scheduled at 2 p.m. on most Sundays.

There is no fee for Earth Day or the Sunday tours, but donations benefit the ministry and work of Michaela Farm.

(For additional information about Michaela Farm activities, call the farm at 812-933-0661.)
New book examines the lives of married saints

Married Saints

Reviewed by William R. Bruns

Married Saints, the latest book by Criterion Editor Emeritus Jack Fink, not only fills a gap in Catholic hagiography but it also provides a great gift possibility for engagements and wedding anniversaries. We know of no other volume especially devoted to the recognized married saints of the Church. Divided into 18 chapters with an introduction, the book gives thumbnail sketches, or profiles, of the lives of 10 male and 13 female canonized saints of the Roman Catholic Church. Four married couples are among these saints. Four of the saints were kings; three were queens. All the women were mothers, although not all of the male saints discussed were fathers.

Married Saints covers the following holy men and women: Thomas More; Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton; Monica, mother of Augustine; King Louis IX of France; Frances of Rome; Queen Elizabeth of Hungary; her great niece, Queen Elizabeth of Portugal; King Stephen of Hungary; King (later Emperor) Henry II of Germany; Queen Margaret of Scotland; King Edward the Confessor of England; Bridget of Sweden; Isidore and Maria; Perpetua and Felicity; Peter; Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary; Zachary and Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist; and Mary and Joseph.

As always, Fink’s writing is clear, engaging, and well-researched. And, typically, he includes fascinating tidbits in the material for his readers. In this volume, readers are treated to a plethora of little-known facts about these married saints:

• that Thomas More, known as some- thing of a wit, made five jokes as he was being led to his execution (the last of which was a plea to the executioner not to cut his beard because it had not committed treason)
• that Elizabeth Seton’s maternal grandfather was an Episcopal priest
• that St. Ambrose of Milan is the source of the classic quote, “When in Rome do as the Romans do”
• that Margaret of Scotland’s husband, King Malcolm, was the Malcolm of Shakespeare’s Macbeth
• that St. Brigid of Ireland’s name is properly spelled Brigid and not Bridget, as it often is.

Fink has also sprinkled a goodly amount of his own wit throughout the book— from the dedication (“To Marie, who has to be a saint to be married to me since 1955”) to a judgment call on Edward the Confessor’s spousal skills. (Fink describes Edward’s judgment call on Edward the Confessor’s marriage, “is no obstacle to sanctity.”)

Perhaps the best part of this book is to provide them with models of married holiness. He asserts—“(which would be reason enough not to consider Edward as a model husband])” and then in an aside, “even Edward’s wife Edith was confined to a convent for a time”—and then in an aside, adds— “[which would be reason enough not to consider Edward as a model husband]]”

Fink’s objective is to give modern married women and men information on the married saints memorialized in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar as a way to familiarize them with models of married holiness. He says that he wants to “show that the term married saint is not an oxymoron.”

We believe he has succeeded! (Married Saints is available from local bookstores, the publisher at 800-343-2522, or from Criterion Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206-1717, for $9.95 plus $2.50 shipping and handling.)

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Around the archdiocese

TERRE HAUTE—Approximately 150 children participated in the sixth annual Bible Fair at St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute earlier this year.

The theme was “Saints.” “They are pretty much hero-based,” Father Martin Day, St. Joseph’s pastor, said of children. “We have to provide them with Church heroes.”

Each preschool through fifth-grade student selected a saint and studied the chosen saint’s life, emblem and feast day. Then they transferred this information to posters that were displayed in the classrooms.

“The children did the work on this both at church and at home,” explained Dianna Slater, a volunteer catechist for the second-grade class.

“I’m pleased with the amount of participation,” said Marian Beykirch, the assistant director of religious education. “The children have a great number of projects.”

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—During its 78th annual Ring Day ceremony on April 10, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College presented college rings to 93 students. The ring was designed in 1922 by two Woods students.

INDIANAPOLIS—Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School senior Jeffrey Miner of Indianapolis is the recipient of a Dow Agrosciences Merit Scholarship for collegiate study. Jeffrey is among 1,100 distinguished high school seniors in the nation who earned corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
Prayer allows God to be a part of our lives

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Prayer, service and community” are integral parts of discerning a vocation to religious life or the priesthood, Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration Lois DeLee, principal of St. Boniface School in Lafayette, told participants March 20 during the archdiocesan Life Awareness Retreat for Single Adults at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

“What is it that we can do to develop a relationship with God?” Sister Lois asked.

“How can we make God part of our lives so that he is the key and the focus for everything we do?”

The Lord’s Prayer reminds Christians that “your kingdom come,” she said, and to ask God to “give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins.”

In the early days of Christianity, she said, “the apostles, in their search for intimacy with God, and forgive us our sins.”

“There is not enough time in the day to get things done. It’s a real challenge to do as Jesus says, to be quiet and let God be part of our lives.”

When we sit in silence and focus on God, Sister Lois said, our prayer experiences help us make sense of our busy lives.

Prayer nurtures “our relationship to God as our father, centering on him, and not on ourselves,” she said. “We acknowledge that God is our creator, and that we are made in his image and likeness. Because we belong to him, he has a plan for us in our lives and, no matter what happens, he will bring good to us and love to us.”

In the Lord’s Prayer, Sister Lois said, “Jesus says that we should ask for three things. We should ask for our daily bread, for the things that we need. We should go to God in humility and know that he will hear those needs. We should ask for forgiveness of sins, to be able to acknowledge that we in our humility need forgiveness. And then we should ask for spiritual strength to be able to face the battle we each face every day between good and evil that the pope says is raging around us. And yet there is nothing to be afraid of,” she said, “because God is always with us in the midst of all of our struggles.”

By serving God and answering God’s call to serve others, Sister Lois said, we will realize spiritual fulfillment.

“Our prayer and our living of the spiritual journey are truly a daily conversion,” she said. “In prayer, we need to bring to God our life experiences and let God filter through those with his graces and give us the strength and the courage to be able to listen to his words—the words of Scripture—You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and I have a place prepared for you. Come and enter into my joy.”

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

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Woods students serve the poor at Nazareth Farm

By Sarah Gardner

Volunteer groups that come to Nazareth Farm experience the ministry in smaller doses, unlike the full-time staff. But in these smaller doses, the volunteers have said, they believe miracles seem to grow.

During the week of March 8-14, a group of students from four colleges gathered at Nazareth Farm in West Virginia to experience what the farm calls the “four corners of religious life.”

Students represented Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute, with Miami University at Oxford, Ohio; Creighton University at Omaha, Neb.; and Marywood College near Terre Haute; Miami University at Oxford, Ohio; Creighton University at Omaha, Neb.; and Marywood College at Scranton, Pa.

The students were united for a week to walk the “four corners” of community, simplicity, prayer and service.

The week was divided into four mission projects: helping with farm chores, providing hospitality as a “four corners” of community, simplicity, prayer and service.

From there, the volunteers gathered for morning prayer and chores. After breakfast served by the home crew, service project group members traveled to their work assignment for the day.

Chrissy Goin of North Judson, a junior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, said she particularly enjoyed helping volunteers repair a roof for a low-income family.

“My favorite work site was definitely the roof site,” Goin said, “because the act of building is so much more ‘achieving’ for me than the deconstruction of a site.”

Goin said she believes she grew from her Nazareth Farm experience.

“If anything, I believe my spirituality grew an enormous amount,” she said. “The atmosphere and people allowed me to see many new insights on different views. Emotionally, I became stronger. I was no longer afraid and was able to think and feel much more.”

For Chrissy Scheer, a sophomore at Creighton University, Community Night each Wednesday was the best part of the week.

Nazareth Farm was founded in June of 1979 by Father Dave Pichette, who began working in Appalachia with high school volunteers from Binghamton, N.Y. A small group of volunteers continued this service work and encouraged a permanent presence in West Virginia. The Nazareth Farm mission of helping the Appalachian people and recruiting youth for community service has continued to grow during the past two decades.

Nazareth Farm is associated with the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston. Its ministry annually attracts youth from more than a dozen states as volunteers. The ministry is dedicated to providing volunteers with a communal experience of the Church and increasing their faith through prayer and service.

The O’Connors said they believe God brought them to Nazareth Farm to serve the people of Appalachia. Since August of 1998, he has directed the business operations of the organization and she has served as the house manager.

“For next to getting married, it’s the greatest thing I have ever done,” he said. “It has challenged as well as enriched my faith simultaneously. The ministry is putting our faith into action, and we see the fruits of that.”

(For more information about the Nazareth Farm experience, telephone 304-782-2741 or e-mail the farm at NAZARETHFARM@Ciyenet.net.)

ST. MONICA PARISHIONER LOVES NAZARETH FARM

By Sarah Gardner

St. Monica parishioner Ruthie Hurle of Indianapolis has served the poor in Appalachia as the volunteer coordinator of Nazareth Farm in West Virginia since last July.

Hurle first volunteered there in 1994, and said she had always wanted to go back.

And after serving as a staff member, Hurle said she considers her one-year work experience truly a blessing.

“The greatest blessing has been to grow with the staff as a faith community and to grow with prayer,” she said. “God is the reason behind working here. My prayer life has deepened. I have been challenged to really look at my Catholic beliefs … to open to all different Catholic and faith experiences.”

Hurle works with two young adults who consider New York City home. Monica and Damien O’Connor left their busy urban life and moved to the quiet rural roads of Salem, W.Va., to fulfill their duties of managing Nazareth Farm, a volunteer-based ministry serving the impoverished people of Doddridge County.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. About 95 percent of Nazareth Farm volunteers are from Catholic parishes, high schools and colleges.

The O’Connors said they feel Nazareth Farm is a gift from God.

6:30 a.m., with an option to say the rosary at 6 a.m. From there, the volunteers gathered for morning prayer and chores. After breakfast served by the home crew, service project group members traveled to their work assignment for the day.

Chrissy Goin of North Judson, a junior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, said she particularly enjoyed helping volunteers repair a roof for a low-income family.

“My favorite work site was definitely the roof site,” Goin said, “because the act of building is so much more ‘achieving’ for me than the deconstruction of a site.”

Goin said she believes she grew from her Nazareth Farm experience.

“If anything, I believe my spirituality grew an enormous amount,” she said. “The atmosphere and people allowed me to see many new insights on different views. Emotionally, I became stronger. I was no longer dependent on others and was able to think and feel much more.”

For Chrissy Scheer, a sophomore at Creighton University, Community Night each Wednesday was the best part of the week.

On Community Night, farm volunteers welcome area residents for dinner and social time. Bill, an Appalachian man in his early 70s, is one of the regular friends of Nazareth Farm.

“I sat by Bill at dinner,” Scheer said, “and his excitement over stir-fry [food] was amazing.”

Brendon Snyder, a graduate student at Miami University, said he believes his personal growth from his Nazareth Farm experience will continue to be a steady process.

“I think I have done things that will facilitate growth,” Snyder said. “Goodwill shouldn’t be inhabited, it should be natural.”

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods senior Sarah Nudd, a member of St. Alexander Parish in Villa Park, Ill., said she felt an inner calmness from the experience.

“I also gained an overwhelming sense of inner peace,” Nudd said. “I needed this week at Nazareth Farm more than I needed a week in Florida or at home watching TV.”

Sacred Heart parishioner Elizabeth Osella Davis of Clinton, the campus minister at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, said she believes Nazareth Farm ultimately teaches the students about the importance of simplicity and the value of giving.

“ ‘For it is in giving that we receive,’ ” Davis said. “These people may be poor, but they are rich in spirit.”

At the end of their week of volunteer service, the college students said they felt a sense of inner peace from their week at Nazareth Farm.

“Spirituality was about finding God in all the small things, being open and carefree,” said Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College sophomore Kate Richardson of Logansport. “We really got close to all the new friends we have made. It was very emotionally stimulating. You feel enlightened and giving. You get so much love from others and you give more.”

(Sarah Gardner is a senior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)

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Liturgy and sacraments are rooted in Scripture

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

Many people still think that the Bible is not very important in Catholic worship. The truth is, however, that Catholics are being formed by the Bible constantly during the liturgy—even if they are not always aware of it.

The liturgy of the Mass and the other sacraments are based firmly on the word of God in two ways. All the sacramental rituals call for proclaiming one or more Scripture readings as part of the celebration. Furthermore, the other words and actions that form the celebration frequently are drawn directly from the Bible.

Take the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, for example—the part of the Mass that includes the Last Supper narrative and concludes with the Great Amen. There are several Eucharistic Prayers to choose from, and they are filled with phrases and ideas taken from different books of the Bible.

The Gospel account of the Last Supper is recounted during each Eucharistic Prayer.

Many other echoes of the Scriptures also are found in these prayers. The Third Eucharistic Prayer, for example, says, “From age to age you guide your people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.”

Completion of that to the Old Testament book of Baruch (4:37): “Here come your sons ... gathered in from the east and from the west rejoicing in the glory of God.”

Another example is the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer. When it speaks of Jesus as “a man like us in all things but sin,” the line echoes Hebrews 4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

Before Communion, as we pray for Christ’s peace, we quote Jesus, “I leave you peace, my peace I give you.” Those words come from the Gospel of John (14:27): “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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The Gospels paint a rich picture of Jesus’ person, mission and ministry

By Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S.

Each of the four Gospels paints a rich portrait of Jesus and his disciples and includes wonderful stories of Jesus’ person, mission and ministry.

Every Gospel presents Jesus as the Son of God and the ultimate human being. But each has a special point of view. Mark presents Jesus as a proclaimer of the good news—the Gospel—as well as a healer and an exorcist. Matthew presents Jesus in his teaching ministry. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet and more than a prophet. John presents Jesus as the revelation of God. In his very person, Jesus reveals the name of God.

Each Gospel emphasizes one aspect of Jesus’ Gospel of God and shows how his mission, ministry, passion and resurrection were in accordance with the Scriptures.

To tap the richness of the Gospels in the New Testament, the Church—in the Sunday readings at Mass—devotes a year each to Matthew, Mark and Luke. Mark is short, so parts of John are included in that cycle. The Church began this cycle in the late 1960s following Vatican Council II.

Through this three-year cycle of readings, we release “the force and power of the Word of God” (“Constitution on Divine Revelation,” No. 21).†

The life of Jesus and his message of salvation are developed by the Church through its liturgy to form the Church and to fill and fulfill all Christian life. (By Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)

Discussion Point

Biblical passages enhance prayer

This Week’s Question

Tell of a biblical passage that has become a prayer of yours.

“Lamentations 3:1-24: ‘But I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. ... Therefore I will hope in him’.” (Roger Welage, Greensburg, Ind.)

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The Gospel reading for Sunday’s Mass is the story of Jesus’ appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). Two of us, though not triplets, were usually two sizes too big. “You will grow into your clothes,” my mother would say. Spilt milk and overturned dishes were a part of the nightly ritual. “You kids better get to your rooms!” my father would warn. “I don’t know how they got there,” each of us would testify. Most of Mom’s time was spent in the kitchen and in the laundry room (washing clothes six days a week). She would seldom buy cereal that we really liked. Otherwise, it would be gone within two hours. Going to church on Sunday was always a major production. One couldn’t find her hand-me-downs were a part of life. "Going to church on Sunday was always a major production. One couldn’t find her clothes, the people in the emergency room used to wonder about Mom and Dad until they discovered the family was just accident prone. How could an infant be happy? In other words we learned the message of the Gospel.

Our childhood experiences taught us a greater real about ourselves, but we had each other. Money was often scarce, but love was abundant. A sense of humor, trust in each other, and the support we were given enabled us to overcome difficult situations. In the context of the family, we learned how to live, how to laugh, and how to be happy. In other words we learned the message of the Gospel."

"Abbá Pater:
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The Good Steward/Dan Conway

Abba Pater: the voice of a loving father

In 1864, the Italian composer, Giuseppino Rossini, completed the last of his three operatic careers. Best known for his madcap comic opera, "The Barber of Seville," Rossini’s final composition was a Mass, the Petite Messe solennelle. In the preface to his “Little High Mass,” Rossini acknowledged that sacred music written by operatic composers is frequently regarded as “secular” and, therefore, inappropriate for use in church. “Is it really sacred music? I suppose that I have just composed,” he asked, “or is it sacrilegious music (sacrée musique)?”

What would musical puritans in the time of Rossini think of Abba Pater? The recently issued compact disc of Rossini’s compositions designed to coincide with the Great Jubilee celebration of the year 2000. The CD features the voice of Pope John Paul II with a variety of musical and cultural traditions. Why do they consider it sacred or profane?

Abba Pater was produced by Vatican Radio and the Italian Cultural Institute designed to coincide with the Great Jubilee celebration of the year 2000. The CD features the voice of Pope John Paul II proclaiming the Word of God through biblical and liturgical texts that are supported by a variety of musical forms. According to Jesuit Father Pasquale Borgomeo, of Vatican Radio, Abba Pater represents “a pilgrimage, led by the pope himself, one that is open to all people through a variety of expressions, languages, and sounds; a pilgrimage that is interior rather than showy, one that is aimed at a simple, direct and meditating prayer. Abba Pater is not intended for use in the litan- y. It is simply an aid to meditation and prayer.”

“Showy” is a criticism often leveled against composers who write music based on religious themes. Vatican Radio clearly wants to avoid this kind of crit- icism, arguing that the musical forms used in Abba Pater, which represent various Western, African and Asian tradit- ions, “can open up prayerful spaces and prepare our hearts to listen more.”

There is no absolute or foolproof way to distinguish forms of expression (art, music, dance and drama) that are reli- gious from those that are secular. Culture, tradition, and even individual preferences play a role in making this kind of distinction. Since Vatican II, the Church has encouraged a greater diversi- ty in musical styles and all the different languages through the powerful voice of the pope, Abba Pater is definite- ly the servant of prayer.

(Daniel Conway is a member of the editorial committee of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Cultural and Religious Studies.)

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Pink

On the road to Emmaus

As the voice of the turtle begins to be heard across the land, many of us are dreaming of that trip we’ve always wanted to take. Maybe this will be the year.

There are always transportation problems, the less adventurous, or the ones who can’t make it, of course. But the people who can’t have their dream trip have their own worries and unobtrusively with 13 children. After discovering that I am one of 13: learning about the Gospel.†
Communion of Saints brings comfort to bereaved

Peter was always the spokesman. It was not a rotating or occasional place of leadership.

Pentecost is the time of this event. An ancient Jewish feast with heavy agrarian overtones, Pentecost came to be celebrated as a commemoration of the formation by God of the people of Israel into the Chosen People.

One year older. He had found his older brother’s unlicensed gun and shot our son in the face. I didn’t go to therapy or counseling groups because my questions are not for these groups, but I hope you can help me. I’ve searched the Bible on the death of a child and found nothing that helped.

My Journey to God

Easter Light

From a glowing fire we see vestments flying in the evening breeze, hands that carefully light the candle, passing on one to another. Easter light, our faith, God’s light and love, eternal hope and resurrection.

By Martyne Sheehan

(Martyne Sheehan is a member of St. Michael Parish in Charlestown.)

DAILY READINGS

Monday, April 19
Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20
Acts 7:51 - 8:1a
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7a, 17, 21ab
John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21
Anselm, bishop, religious and doctor of the Church
Acts 8:1-8
Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-7a
John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 68:8-9, 16-17, 20
John 6:44-51

Friday, April 23
George, martyr
Adalbert, bishop and martyr
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 117:1-2
John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24
Fidelus of Sigmaringen, priest, religious and martyr
Acts 9:31-42
Psalm 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:1-4a, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Emotional gymnastics, trying to maneuver our feelings into the way we “ought” to feel. It is profoundly and simply a matter of forgiveness. Forgiveness is also our eternal life.

I have two grandchildren who are seriously mentally handicapped. I am interested in contacting and perhaps helping others in this situation. Is there a national organization or group I could write to for information? (Illinois)

Third Sunday of Easter/ Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 18, 1999

• Acts of the Apostles 2:14-22, 23
• 1 Peter 1:17-21
• Luke 24:13-15

The Acts of the Apostles again provides an Easter weekend reading with this first reading. These first sections of Acts are not the same as the one occurring in the Mass. Luke’s account is clear. He is the spokesman, even though the other apostles are present.

Peter’s place is clear. He is the spokesman, even though the other apostles are present.

Peter always was the spokesman. It was not a rotating or occasional place of leadership.

In the early sections of Acts, Peter speaks on several occasions. His sermons are called kerygma, from which we derive the basic but critical elements of the Gospel. (The term derives from the Greek word keryrio, message.) Such is the case in this reading. Peter recalls the identity of Jesus and the path of redemption.

The First Epistle to Peter supplies the second reading. This epistle and his companion, Second Peter, are not too often in the liturgy. However, they are not without meaning.

This reading is a great testimony to the Lord’s identity as Redeemer, and it reminds Christians of their own spiritual obligations. For the believer, everything is centered in God. St. Luke’s Gospel furnishes the Gospel reading this weekend, and it is a magnificent, familiar Gospel. It is the story of the Lord’s walk to Emmaus. Among the Gospels, Luke alone has this story. Such coincidences as this point out the individuality of each of the Synoptics, otherwise so much alike.

The story gleams with insights peculiar and special to St. Luke. This evangelist is enthralled with the fact that only with the light of Jesus can humans truly see the purpose and developments of life. He says as much.

In this reading, the disciples walking beside Jesus fail to recognize the Lord. Yet these disciples declare their faith. Their love for the Lord and belief in the Gospel is clear. Even when faced with all the events, even aware of all the prophecies, the true purpose and developments of life in the Church at its beginning is the voice of God.

Certainly this was the message preached by Peter in the first reading. It was more than an individual’s testament, albeit testimony from a figure as near to Jesus and as important in the development of Christianity as was Simon Peter. Peter spoke for the Eleven. He spoke for the Church. In his grasp of the Gospel, the Church lives. Christ lives. Christ still speaks.

First Peter echoes the same theme. The Lord redeems us. The Lord lives. Then comes the gracefulness and greatly compelling story of Emmaus. Jesus lives indeed. The Crucifixion, overwhelmed by the Resurrection, in no way changed the essential role of the Lord in salvation. Still the Lord reaches out to all. He is the servant of all. He still nourishes all communications with us, and loves all. Accepting Jesus as Lord and God, to recall the words of the last weekend’s Gospel, do not altogether change us. We walk with the Lord, but we do not always understand. We are humans, after all. Yet the Lord explains to us, teaches us, inspires us. And, should we fail for the moment to follow Jesus, he forgives us. In this forgiveness is also our eternal life.

One of the most consoling and remarkable aspects of our Christian faith, one we too often don’t think about, is the Communion of Saints. It proclaims that there is a conscious communion, a living interdependence between us who are still here on earth and those who have gone before us into eternity.

This truth was specifically reaffirmed at Vatican Council II, and later in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. “For all who belong to Christ,” says the council, “have his Spirit, form one Church and cleave together in him (see Eph 4:16).” Therefore the union of the pilgrims with the brothers and sisters who have gone to sleep in the peace of Christ is not in the least interrupted” (Constitution on the Church 94; Catechism 954-955).

That is an astounding statement. It says that even though you or your body’s presence is no longer here, your union with him is “not in the least interrupted” by death. On the contrary, the catechism continues, “according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods.” Those in heaven continually help us in our weakness and intercede with the Father for us, putting their merits at our disposal “through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus” (955-6).

How all this works in God’s providence we don’t know, of course. But it is an instinct of Christian faith that goes back to the earliest centuries, which we announce each time we say the Apostles’ Creed.

How about forgiveness? In spite of the remark often offered to us to forgive and forget, forgetting a terrible hurt is probably not possible, and anyway has nothing to do with forgiveness.

Forgiveness, as we are reminded in the Our Father, is rooted in God’s forgiveness of us. It is not an exercise in mental or emotional gymnastics, trying to maneuver our feelings into the way we “ought” to feel. It is profoundly and simply a matter of forgiveness. Forgiveness is also our eternal life.
The Active List

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April 16
St. Philip Neri School, Indianapolis, 550 N. Rural St., Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m.–midnight. Cost: $3 includes food and drink. Proceeds benefit the school.

April 16, 18
The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis annual Journey Concert at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis, 2801 W. 18th St., in the chapel, 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday. Cost: $10. Information: 317-326-5588.

April 16-18
Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Signature Inn in Southport (just south of Indianapolis) open to all married couples who desire fuller lives together. Catholic in orientation, but open to all. Information: 317-581-0887, Cathy Thomason. April 16-17

April 17
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April 17
Secremi Memorial High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Newland Ave., will host the second annual Silent and Live Auction. Silent auction begins in the gymnasium at 5 p.m. ending at 8:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., live auction at 7 p.m. Cost: $25 per person/$50 per couple.

April 18
St. Meinrad Archabbey will host a “four-hands” piano concert featuring Bloomingdale Indiana musicians, Diane and Benito Rivera, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Bede Theater at St. Meinrad Archabbey. Cost: Free. Information: 812-357-6500.

April 18
Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine’s Home for the Aged invite all to attend Holy Hour to pray for vocations begins at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel.

April 23
St. Roch, Indianapolis, 3603 S. Meridian St., will host a Spring Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m.–midnight in the school cafeteria. Information: 317-783-6555.

April 24
The Couple to Couple League will teach Natural Family Planning classes at St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis, 7755 Holliday Dr. E., beginning at 9 a.m. Information: 317-862-3848.

St. Maurice Parish, Napoleon, will host a spring smorgasbord from 4:30–7:30 p.m. Cost: $6 adults; $3 children 6-12; $1.50 children 3-5.

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April 25
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Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 59 N. 178th St., prayer group from 2:30–3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays
Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, 7 p.m. for rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., shepherds of Christ Associates, rosary and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., adult religious education classes from 7–9:30 p.m. with minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5569.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 59 N. 178th St., prayer group from 2:30–3:30 p.m.

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

St. Mary Church, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates, 7 p.m. prayer for lay and religious vocations.

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

St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg, Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at 7 p.m. 317-852-3195.

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

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Conference to focus on families and faith

Walter Wangerin Jr. will be the guest speaker at an April 16 gathering sponsored by the Indianapolis Center for Congregations at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis.

Wangerin’s keynote address is entitled “When Old and Young are Young and Old Together.” The 7:30 p.m. talk will begin the two-day Families, Faith and Congregations conference, which is free and open to the public.

An award-winning author of more than 20 books, Wangerin is a well-known speaker about the “glories and struggles of ministry in our time.”

The Indianapolis Center for Congregations, funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., has been formed to assist churches with their needs, especially consultative help.

Saturday will begin with a session led by Diana Garland on “What is Family Ministry?” The speaker is a professor of social work at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Robert Franklin, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., will speak on “A Challenge We Must Face Together!” during the afternoon plenary session.

Saturday topics range from how congregations can partner with the poor and work with health care facilities, help children overcome grief, assist parents facing concerns about drugs, and help older adults to meet their needs.

A clergy leadership forum will be offered during the day. The leaders, Don S. Browning and Franklin, will focus discussions of the clergy on the state of family life in American society today. They also will explore what Christianity, interpreted in close association with its origins in Judaism, has to say to families today.

Browning, professor of Christian ethics and social sciences at the University of Chicago Divinity School, directed a study on family, religion and culture, funded by the Lilly Endowment.

The two men will engage participants in dialogue about what can be done at the congregational level to promote positive and healthy ideals for family living which are rooted in Scripture and relevant to the diverse approaches to family life in American society today.

(For more information, contact Bob Hunter at 317-252-5518.)

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Catholic schools promote liberty and charity

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—“It’s a good time to proclaim the good news of Catholic culture,” Dominican Sister Glenn Anne McPhee, superintendent of schools for the San Francisco Archdiocese, told National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) conference participants last week. Her April 8 talk addressed the importance of Catholic schools and their role in the Church’s mission of spreading the Gospel to the larger society.

McPhee, superintendent of schools for the San Francisco Archdiocese, told National Catholic Educational Association conference participants last week.

She told NCEA participants that the special function of Catholic schools is to develop an atmosphere of liberty and charity in every school community, where all children grow as individuals and as faithful members of the body of Christ, and bring the message of salvation to all people. Sister Glenn Anne based her talk on the NCEA document “As We Teach and Learn: Recognizing Our Catholic Identity.”

Catholic schools are distinctive because they try to foster a spirit of community—permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and love,” she said, quoting from the Second Vatican Council’s “Declaration on Christian Education,” published in 1965.

The Catholic school, the declaration says, “tries to relate all the human culture to the good news of the Gospel.” Sister Glenn Anne said, “so that the light of faith will illumine everything that the student will gradually come to learn about himself, about life and about the human person.”

Sister Glenn Anne said dimensions of a school’s Catholic identity or “Catholicity” include:

- Faith community—A hospitable spiritual environment where respect for all, sacred imagery and religious atmosphere is emphasized.
- Religious education—proactively with parish staff and parishioners.
- Church attendance—Responsibilities also include: thorough knowledge of Vatican II liturgical principles; ability to work collaboratively with liturgical ministers, liturgy planning teams and art and environment committees. Responsibilities may vary depending on experience with excellent benefits for full-time employees.
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“We need to tie the school and parish community with a tight knot,” Sister Glenn Anne said. “Parents want excellent academics and a safe environment for their children, but it’s more important that we are a worshiping environment. It should be an environment steeped in liturgy. We need to continuously teach children with their parents.”

- Social justice—Such issues are addressed directly from the Church’s social teaching. Faculty, parents and students are challenged to put on the shoes of the poor and marginalized to critique their school and society.

“I was struck by the lack of homeless here in New Orleans,” she said. “In San Francisco, we literally have to step over the bodies of homeless people sleeping on downtown sidewalks” on our way into work in the mornings.”

Sister Glenn Anne said the trend in education today is shifting away from a “teaching for text” approach toward a “learning community,” where the objective is to produce learning and elicit student’s discovery of the material, instead of merely delivering instruction and transferring knowledge from teacher to student.

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Catholic educators need to inspire students to be loving and giving

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Catholic educators who inspire students to “give themselves away” rather than teach them how to “obtain things” will find the greatest fulfillment in their work and will help change the world, Father Michael J. Himes told National Catholic Educational Association conference participants April 6 during a keynote address at the association’s 96th annual meeting.

The priest, a professor of theology at Boston College, opened the gathering with more than 12,000 educators with a keynote speech on “Catholic Education: Good Times, Good News.” He focused on three principles that mark Catholic education—

- An emphasis on the Trinity, the Incarnation, the sacraments.
- “What do you have to do to educate someone to be a human being?” he asked. “If you are a Christian, you have to train this young person in how to love people, in how to give themselves away. The hallmark of Catholic education isn’t how to gain things but to give things. It’s all about self-giving.”

The relevance for Catholic educators is that “whatever makes a student more fully or authentically human—opening his mind, encouraging his ability to act and choose, giving courage and hope and inspiration—makes him more holy,” he said. “The most religious activity that goes on in school is not religion. It is teaching.”

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The Indianapolis Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education (OCE) is in search of a qualified candidate to become the first president of Scecina Memorial High School. The president’s primary responsibilities include: development, business management, and public relations. The office of the president will report to OCE through the board of directors and will be responsible for all aspects of the operation of the school. Founded in 1953, Scecina is located at 5000 Nowland Avenue on the east side of Indianapolis. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 23 at noon. Inquiries may be sent to: Office of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717, or fax: 317-236-1572.

Director of Music Ministry
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