When asked where he wanted to celebrate his 10th anniversary as prelate of Evansville, Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger said he’d like to mark the occasion at St. Benedict Cathedral. But that site—where he was installed as bishop on April 11, 1989—was not a cathedral when the question came up last summer.

At the April 11, 1999, dedication of the parish as a cathedral, Bishop Gettelfinger told the assembly of the interim evaluations and the discussions with the St. Benedict Parish Council that led to the designation of St. Benedict as a cathedral.

The dedication was an inclusive ceremony, beginning with a call for representatives from all 70 parishes in the diocese—the 12 southwestern counties of Indiana—to bring holy water from their baptismal fonts to the font at St. Benedict.

The bishop’s chair—the cathedra that gives a cathedral its name—was carried in the opening procession. The front rows of St. Benedict were filled with public officials and representatives of the religious orders in the diocese, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, who have a residence for the aged across Harlan Avenue from St. Benedict and led the procession to the church.

Dignitaries included the mayors of Vincennes and Jasper, and representatives of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Oakland City University, Ivy Tech and the Interfaith Commission. Pastoral life coordinators and deacons joined the priests in the procession. The Knights of Columbus formed an honor guard.

Bishop Gettelfinger explained the dedication liturgy and some of its symbolism. The 12 archbishops, bishops, archabbots and an abbot who “represent the larger Church” listened from seats to the left of the altar.

“We can say that he was an authentic saint, whom the devil tried to cover with mud,” said Italian Bishop Andrea Erba, who helped prepare a report on Padre Pio in 1997.

Born Francesco Forgione in 1887 to a poor family near Italy’s Adriatic coast, he entered the local Capuchin novitiate at the age of 15. He was ordained a priest in 1910 and almost immediately began informing his superiors that he was experiencing spiritual and physical signs, along with a number of health problems.

Beginning in 1918, at the age of 30, the priest reported bleeding from his hands, feet and side—the “stigmata” wounds of Christ’s crucifixion. The wounds were said to have lasted 50 years, until his death. According to biographers, Padre Pio was uneasy about such phenomena, declaring, “I only want to be a friar who prays.”

Padre Pio’s alleged signs and special powers soon helped attract massive crowds to his southern Italian monastery.
the highest-ranked prelate—of the Indianapolis Province, which includes Evansville.

Benedictine Archbishop Lambert Reilly of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, who was co-pastor of St. Benedict in 1973-74, represented the order of monks that has staffed the parish since its founding in 1912.

Priests from the Evansville Diocese sat behind the altar as Bishop Gettelfinger blessed and took a seat in the cathedra. Two historians from the Indianapolis Archdiocese, Fathers William Sininman and Jack Porter, were concelebrants.

St. Benedict’s pastor since 1991, Benedictine Father Gregory Chamberlin (a native of St. Andrew Parish in Indianapolis), sat to Bishop Gettelfinger’s right and Msgr. Kenneth Knap, vicar general of the diocease, was seated at the bishop’s left during the Liturgy of the Word.

In his homily, Bishop Gettelfinger talked about the fear the apostles experienced in meeting with the resurrected Christ. “He said, ‘Why are you afraid? I told you I would do this.’”

Bishop Gettelfinger said the men must have thought, “Get off my back. Haven’t we gone through enough?” after they had experienced the Lord’s crucifixion, resurrection and his appearance among them in the weeks before this gathering.

The bishop imagined the scene when Jesus stood and searched the crowd for Thomas and then asked him to come andprobe his hands.

“Thomas must have brushed from his tovnails to the tip of his hair,” said Bishop Gettelfinger.

But he said that Christ’s comment was not made for Thomas. “It was made for you and for me. “Jesus has given us a living hope,” said the bishop, noting that we will also experience “moments of trial.” The Evansville bishop used the occasion to discuss planning that he hopes will offset the diocesan shortage of priests and other ministers.

“We will have to compromise. It is going to hurt. …”

“Our Church will be renewed … or we’re losing it,” Bishop Gettelfinger added. “We need young people to give to those outside themselves.

“Let us be renewed at this Easter time,” he said, “to be uplifted and joyful for we have a living hope.”

At the end of the Mass, Bishop Gettelfinger read the proclamation officially designating St. Benedict as a cathedral. Members of the assembly were invited to sit in the cathedra—an invitation that drew dozens of the faithful to try the episcopal chair.

Participation in the April 11 dedication ceremony was limited by invitation to diocesan, parish and other leaders.

Bishop Gettelfinger also presided at a Mass on April 17 to celebrate with members of St. Benedict Parish. During the liturgy, the bishop presented a chalice to the cathedral that was his gift from Indianapolis Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara two years before his 1992 death.

The Evansville Diocese has not had a permanent cathedral since 1965, when Assumption Cathedral was razed to make way for the downtown civic center. The smaller Evansville church at Holy Trinity has served as the temporary cathedral, or pro-cathedral, in the interim.

No renovations were necessary to prepare the 72-year-old church for its new role as a cathedral. It is a large, traditional building, with marble pillars supporting a domed canopy, or baldacchino, over the altar.

The bishop will retain his former residence and office. Confirmation liturgies will continue to be held in the parishes, including St. Benedict.

Official Appointments

Effective April 13, 1999

Effective April 24, 1999

Effective May 2, 1999
Rev. Thomas E. Clegg, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis, reappointed for a second six-year term and continuing as part-time chaplain of Roncalli High School, Indianapolis, and chaplain of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

Effective July 1, 1999
Rev. Kevin Morris, appointed pastor of St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, from associate pastor of Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes, Richmond.

These appointments are from the official of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Berchtold, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.
PADRE PIO (continued from page 1)

in San Giovanni Rotondo. His Capuchin superiors tried to limit his public appearances and planned to transfer the friar’s story. As a young priest in 1947, the pope con-
tinued Mass in St. Peter’s Square, had a personal role in the beatification to make that possible.†

CMS also presented Spirit of Service Awards to: • Al Hohmann of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, a 40-year supporter of Vincian charities and a longtime vol-
unteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Society distribution center in Indianapolis; • Dr. John Nurnberger of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, a Catholic Social Services volunteer and consultant to the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal for many years; • St. Michael parishioner Janice O’Neill of Greenfield, a registered nurse who has counseled teen-agers, comforted the elderly, and assisted the elderly; and • Lucille Washington of Indianapolis, a CSS Senior Companion volunteer who helps elderly homebound people in many ways. “Great leadership requires great people,” Starr told the gathering. “Catholic Social Services is a wonderful team. You have great people—committed individuals—and you’ve built a solid team” of staff and vol-
unteers dedicated to community service.

Discussing the importance of setting goals and establishing priorities, Starr said, “by priorities, I’m speaking of God first, family second, and others third. I don’t know how you can possibly succeed if you get that priority system out of line.”

“Attitude is one of the most powerful words in our vocabulary,” he said. “I think every single thing we do or achieve as individuals is directly related to that word. Those of you who are committed to this wonderful program we are honoring here tonight make a huge difference in the lives of others, and I commend you for it.”

I salute all of you because you sacrifice and you devote your time and your tal-
ents to help others in need.

“Compassionate and caring concern for others evolves from love, he said. “We’re talking about being a child of God, one of God’s children helping someone else. That really becomes infectious. We can’t do without it. Thats why you raise the numbers [of people] who want to be involved.”

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein echoed Starr’s remarks about Christian service and the virtue of charity.

“Our presence here tonight is a sign of our commitment to the great comman-
dment that our Lord gave to his disciples: love God above all things for his own sake and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Archbishop Buechlein said, “This is the virtue of charity, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls ‘the greatest social commandment’ because it inspires a life of self-giving.

“Service to the poor is not optional or incidental to Christianity,” the archbishop said. “As women and men who seek the face of the Lord to satisfy our own rest-
less hearts, we are instructed to look for him in the faces of those who are truly poor—materially and spiritually.”

Charity encompasses “much more than almsgiving or volunteer work,” Arch-
bishop Buechlein said. “Each of us is called to embrace the virtue of charity and to live a life of loving service for Jesus, with Jesus and to Jesus.” But char-
ity is not just an individualized or personalized activity. There is also an important ecclesial dimension to charity. What we do in our Catholic Charities agencies, including Catholic Social Services, we do as a body, the Church, acting in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord ... so that all might become spiritually rich and enjoy the full-
ness of life.”

In 1998, as one of eight Catholic Charities agencies of the archdiocese, Catholic Social Services administered 14 programs related to family support, older care, crisis assistance and shelter to nearly 11,000 people in need in Indianapolis. Three-fourths of the people served by CSS ministries were living below the poverty level, and 65 percent were members of minority groups.†
‘Times are still a-changin’!

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here are encouraging signs that an increasing number of young men and women have concluded that sexual freedom is not nearly as attractive as their Baby Boomer parents began touting it three decades ago.

They have had to live with the effects of their parents’ rejection of traditional sexual standards—illegitimacy, abortion, divorce, and high-risk diseases—and have begun to realize that unrefined sex is a major cause of the breakdown of the American family. An article in the February issue of American Demographics magazine points out that a survey last year of 18- to 24-year-olds found that 23.3 percent of them believed that “it was ‘always wrong’ to have sex before marriage. When their parents were that age in 1972, only 10 percent felt that way. Cited in the article was the General Social Survey conducted by the University of Chicago. It reported that a decade ago 83.9 percent of those in the 18- to 24-age group said they were sexually active. Last year, the percentage in that age group had dropped to 76.6 percent. Nearly a third of them were living together in 1996. Two years later, only a little more than one in five couples were sharing beds. The article also reported that a Chicago-based firm of marketing consultants found that in a survey of women 20 to 24 years of age, 82 percent believed motherhood was the most important job in the world, while only 72 percent of the women in a 25- to 34-age group felt that way. The changing attitudes are showing up all over the country. The annual national survey of college freshmen conducted by UCLA tells us that a record low 39.6 percent of the students agreed that premartial sex is acceptable if the two “really like each other”—down from 51.9 percent in 1987. And support for legal abortion among the freshmen dropped for the sixth year in a row. It’s now 50.9 percent compared to 64.9 percent in 1990. An even more startling change in attitudes about abortion shows up in a poll taken by the Center for Gender Equality. It shows that 53 percent of American women believe abortion should be allowed only after rape or incest, or to save a woman’s life. Only 28 percent said abortion should be generally available. The sexual revolution may not be over, but it appears to be slowing down. †

—Lawrence S. Connor

(Connor, Lawrence; a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, is president of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc., and a member of its editorial committee.)

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Mercy killing masks our own fear of death

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ow let’s see what God can do about the suffering of the people Jack Kervorkian would have taken care of.

In 1962, my mother died an agonizing death from breast cancer. I wish we’d had a Jack Kervorkian then, who would see the pain these people go through and do something about it.

“We have rights for everything else. Why not dying?”

These were comments by people and quoted in The Indianapolis Star when Jack Kervorkian was finally convicted of murder for killing a sick person. Even as I write, a reporter is announcing that Dr. Kervorkian is appealing his conviction, all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

We live in a culture that believes we humans can take the place of God in the determination of the beginning and ending of human life. We should not be surprised because want to take God’s place is a temptation as old as the human family. One need only read the story of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis. Yet this age-old temptation is as worrisome as ever because technical advancement tends to confirm the human illusion that we can accomplish and do anything, and if it can be done, it should be done.

Intelligent pride is rampant.

In the name of human rights, the campaign against life takes on a different face these days. Individual human rights are treated as if they are absolute and as if we are individuals and not also socially responsible for the common good of society. But individual rights are, in fact, contingent on the welfare of the whole human family.

In our culture, the very fabric of society is shaken because the sacredness of the human family has been undermined by claims to certain individual human rights. The institution of marriage cannot be sustained in a climate that gives priority to individual rights over the rights of the family and the sacredness of marriage in the human community at large.

A society that refuses to tolerate the suffering that is the inevitable lot of every human person easily moves to unacceptable tactics to remove suffering from sight. To be sure, it is more reasonable to believe that death among the healthy that motivates supporters of the cause of Jack Kervorkian and so-called “assisted suicide.”

Seeking the face of the Lord

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

Buechlein’s interest for vocations for April

Priests: that they may joyfully and faithfully live out their priestly promises and encourage other men to embrace God’s call to priesthood.
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Language Training Center, Indianapolis
The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis and Ameritech presents El Día de los Niños, the Day of the Children, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 30 at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The day, which honors children and Hispanic culture, features art, dance, hands-on activities, music, education and a health fair. Canned and dry food items are requested to benefit the food pantry at The Hispanic Center. Admission is free from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 317-334-3322.

El Museo de los Niños y Ameritech presenta El Día de los Niños 30 de Abril ¡Celebremos este día tan especial en honor de nuestros niños y de nuestra Cultura hispana! Goza de estas experiencias en el: arte, baile, actividades prácticas, música, educación y la feria de la salud. Se solicitan donaciones de alimentos enlatados y de comestibles no perecederos a beneficio de la despensa de Centro Hispano. El Viernes, 30 de Abril, a partir de las tres de la tarde hasta las ocho de la noche: 3-8 p.m. La Entrada será gratis durante estas horas. Información: 317-334-3322.

St. Lawrence School will celebrate the eighth annual Father Beechem Education Fund Dinner April 30 at the Crystal Yacht Club in Indianapolis. Anne Ryder, news anchor at WTHR/Channel 13, will present the keynote address as a tribute to St. Lawrence School.” Our Unfolding Story: Global Spirituality” is the theme of the annual meeting of Global Education Associates—Religious Orders Partnership scheduled for April 28-30 in Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The public is invited to attend the third annual Jerry Mische Memorial Lecture, “Spirituality for a Global Moment,” presented by Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, author and lecturer, at 7 p.m. on April 28. For information, call 212-870-3290.

VIPs . . .

Their children will host a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Maurice parish hall. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple requests no gifts. They have three children: Kenneth, Rita, and Thomas Kress.


Meeting a Legend

Bart Starr, football legend and former Green Bay Packers quarterback, talks with children during his visit April 13 to St. Joan of Arc Neighborhood Youth Outreach (NYO) located on the grounds of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. Starr was the keynote speaker for Catholic Social Services’ Spirit of Service Awards Dinner later that evening. (See story, Page 3.)

Ervin and Marie Kress of Napoleon will mark their 60th anniversary April 26. They will celebrate with Mass at St. Patrick Parish in Napoleon on April 25.
CYO camp experiences record enrollment

Traditional and three-day camps are full at archdiocesan campground in Brown County

By Mary Ann Wyand

The Catholic Youth Organization’s Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County is already full for the summer camping season, and CYO camp staff members are both amazed and saddened by the number of applications arriving in the mail daily.

“We have 1,700 campers registered, and another 300 on our waiting list, and we’ve sent checks back to more than 300 applicants with a letter saying the waiting list is too long,” CYO camp director Kevin Sullivan of Nashville explained.

“We’ve still got parents calling us to ask for camps for children and we have to tell them we’re full for the summer.

“There may be more than 1,000 children who don’t get into CYO camp this summer,” Sullivan said. “Normally we hit 1,700 registrations by the end of May or the first week of June. That’s been our record. Usually we have about 100 kids on our waiting list throughout the summer, but this year has just been phenomenal.”

CYO’s traditional and three-day camps were filled on Holy Thursday, he said.

“We have a few spots left in some specialty programs for older adolescents, but that’s it.”

Eighth-graders can still register for the Leadership Camp scheduled the third week of August, Sullivan said, which requires an application process.

“We also have some places available for our Adventures Plus North canoe trip to Canada July 17-25 for teen-agers aged 15 to 17,” he said. “Eight teen-agers and two adult camp counselors will travel to Camp Brebeuf, a Catholic Youth Organization camp in Hamilton, Ontario, to join a group of Canadian CYO campers.”

This month, the telephones are ringing constantly at Camp Rancho Framasa, Sullivan said, and due to the volume of calls are going into the voice mail system.

“We’re getting an overwhelming number of calls from parents who normally register their children in April,” he said, “and now are finding out that all the camp weeks were closed in February and March.”

Sullivan said children who won’t be able to spend a week at Camp Rancho Framasa this summer may want to apply now for the Fall Weekend Camp for boys and girls scheduled Oct. 8-10.

CYO executive director Edward J. Tinder of Indianapolis said the capacity enrollment is wonderful news from a business standpoint, but sad news from a service standpoint.

“We just wish there was a way we could serve all the children who want to come to camp this summer,” Tinder said.

“CYO camp is a very special place, an environment that kids look forward to for long periods of time, and we know they will be disappointed to have to wait until next year.”

Throughout the United States, Catholic summer camps are experiencing larger enrollments every year, Sullivan said, but other archdiocesan CYO camp directors are surprised by the tremendous response in this archdiocese.

“No camp would fill up this quickly unless there was a history of excellent programming,” Tinder said. “The camp staff, beginning with Kevin Sullivan as director, has created something that a lot of parents want their children to experience as part of their summer. Obviously, we’ve got a high rate of returning campers who are inviting their friends.”

Camp staff members just completed construction of a state-of-the-art multistation high ropes challenge course, he said, featuring a three-sided climbing tower and eight other elements. It is expected to become the top camp attraction.

Facilities expansion plans at Camp Rancho Framasa in future years include remodeling the pavilion and installing new restrooms there, he said, as well as building additional cabins.

Camping activities also are scheduled at CYO Camp Christina, a 160-acre wooded site east of CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, he said. Camp Christina was used weekly for primitive tent camping with smaller groups until it was closed in 1990.

CYO officials are still accepting employment applications for open staff positions, Sullivan said. Teen-agers and young adults who loved attending camp and are looking for summer employment may apply for positions as camp counselors or food service staff by calling Sullivan at 888-988-2839.

Memorial Mass to honor Msgr. Bosler

A memorial liturgy to celebrate the life and ministry of the late Msgr. Raymond T. Bosler is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis.

“Please join us as we remember Msgr. Bosler on the fifth anniversary of his death and celebrate his life,” said Father William Munshower, pastor. “We’d like to know if you’re coming so we can better prepare” for a reception, “but please feel free to come even if you have to decide at the last minute.”

Msgr. Bosler was well-known as the editor of The Criterion and also its predecessor, The Indiana Catholic and Record. He served as editor of The Criterion and as a columnist and author until retiring in 1976.

Msgr. Bosler was a panellist for Focus on Faith, a weekly television program in Indianapolis, for 25 years. He also was recognized as an advocate for improved race relations as well as ecumenism and greater interreligious dialogue.

At the request of the late Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, Msgr. Bosler served as a penitent, or expert, at Vatican Council II in Rome during the 1960s.

A priest for 56 years, he was named a monsignor in 1967 by Pope Paul VI.

He served as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, as (Little Flower) parishes in Indianapolis and as priest-minister of St. Maurice Parish in Indianapolis, Immaculate Conception Parish in Mililuken, and St. Denis Parish in Jennings County.

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Two Harrison County parishes have strong vision

HARRISON COUNTY—Two New Albany Deanery mission parishes may be small in size but not in capability. This is something Father Mauro Rodas, pastor of the two mission parishes—Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middletown and St. Peter Parish located near Buena Vista in Harrison County—observed when he arrived last year.

The two parishes are attended from St. Joseph Parish in Corydon, where Father Rodas is also the pastor. He said that even though the three parishes had gone several months without a resident pastor, everything was in place and running smoothly when he arrived.

They have their vision, and they want to share their talents, and their treasure too,” Father Rodas said. “They are very committed to their Church and the maintenance of their buildings. They have done everything possible to keep those facilities working fine, and I’m proud of them.”

Seniors, adults, youth, and children in the parishes take part.

“The parishioners are proud of themselves, their faith, and their Church,” Father Rodas said.

Parishioners from St. Peter, Most Precious Blood, and St. Joseph parishes unite in time of prayer and in time of work. St. Joseph School, housed on the property of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon, serves children in kindergarten through eighth grade from the three parishes—as well as other

Fast Fact:
Both St. Peter Parish in Harrison County and Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middletown have had church structures destroyed by fire—St. Peter Church in 1900 and Most Precious Blood Church in 1927. Most Precious Blood Church was not insured, so a parish picnic was instituted to raise funds to build a new church building. The picnic became an annual event and today involves St. Peter and Most Precious Blood parishes and St. Joseph Parish in Corydon. Funds raised from the picnic benefit St. Joseph School in Corydon.

Story by Susan M. Bierman

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Journey of Hope 2001

Most Precious Blood Church above, St. Peter Church at right.

neighboring parishes. School enrollment is 165 students.

The school receives support from all three parishes. This support can be seen at its height at the St. Joseph Parish picnic that is held in July. Picnic volunteers serve around 4,000 chicken dinners each year as a fund raiser for the school.
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

April 25 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The archdiocese will celebrate this day by hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations in each deanery. (See below.) All are welcome to attend.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember those priests, brothers, and sisters who have made an impact on your life and make a special effort to pray for them. Pray for those whom you think would be good priests, brothers, or sisters, that they may respond generously to God’s call.

April 25, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Sisters of St. Francis Chapel, Oldenburg

April 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Mary, Richmond

April 25, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
St. Anne, New Castle

Indianapolis East
April 25, noon - 1:00 p.m.
Little Flower Adoration Chapel

Indianapolis North
April 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke Adoration Chapel

Indianapolis South
April 25, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Greenwood Adoration Chapel, Greenwood

Indianapolis West
April 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel (adjacent to St. Michael Church)

New Albany
April 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Seymour
April 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Mary, North Vernon

A PRAYER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

O Lord, help me know your will for me. Let your light shine in the depth of my heart so that I may know what you want me to do with my life. Help me believe that you have a special plan for me. Lord, I know that I pass through this life only once, help me decide how you want me to make a difference. Like your Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. Above all give me peace of mind and heart. I offer this prayer in your name.

Amen

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Indianapolis
God has special plans for every person

By Mary Ann Wyand

“God calls each one of us to something different,” Benedictine Sister Mary Nicolette Etienne, a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, told participants in the archdiocesan Life Awareness Vocation Retreat for Single Adults March 21 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

Her comments on “Is It Really for Me?” concluded the presentations and panel discussions on discernment of religious vocations during the March 19-21 retreat. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein joined retreatings during the March 19-21 retreat. Arch-

“...and if you were another kind of nun you would never trade that time of suffering for anything in the world. It was a strong person—stronger emotionally—...” †

Many comments she received from the attendees for the closing liturgy after her talk.

“The big thing that I always like to tell the kids is that I was prom queen my senior year in high school,” she said. “They think that’s really neat that you can actually have a life and then go be a nun.”

“A person, in my case, is the prioress of the Beech Grove...” †

“As a child, she said, “I always thought if you were a priest you were a Benedictine, if you were a nun were a Benedictine, and if you were another kind of nun you were a priest you were a Benedictine, you were a priest you were a Benedictine, and you were a religious sister, she said, “I got involved in religious life, and I loved it. I got a job at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis, Sister Nicolette said she usually presents vocation talks to chil-

May 1-2, 1999

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 Frank 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

Program

St. Bartholomew, Columbus, location TBA

7:00 p.m.

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 RSVP 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.” His message will be timely and inspiring to all who are searching for ways to build the culture of life.

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 317-336-1569

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CYO to honor 43 volunteers

Forty-three Catholic Youth Organization volunteers will be honored for dedicated service to youth during CYO Volunteer Awards Night at 7 p.m. on May 4 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

St. John Bosco Medals will go to Jeff Dakin, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg; James McNulty, Holy Spirit Parish; Phil Thonen, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish; Geri Pearson, St. Simon Parish; Michael Prestel, Good Shepherd Parish; Joseph Breen, St. Luke Parish; Kathy Keyer, St. Jude Parish; and Mike Joseph, St. Pius X Parish.

Msgr. Albert Busaid Award will be presented to Pam Matthews and Ed Knoep, St. Simon Parish; Mary Schmoll and Kathleen Rozens, St. Roch Parish; Becky Mathauer, St. Philip Nerl Parish, Larry Lee, St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield; Tim Burnett and Jim Norton, St. Pius X Parish; Sherry Pappas, St. Luke Parish; Eric Hofmeister, Holy Spirit Parish; Jennifer Flickner and Andy Flickner, St. Monica Parish; Jerry Murrell, St. Andrew Parish; Tom Spalding and Bill Hurtle, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish; Larry Schembra and Carol Pitzer, St. Mark Parish; Bob Hasty, Nativity Parish; Jennifer Daily, St. Joan of Arc Parish; Joan Bartley and Mary Kay Schafer, St. Jude Parish; Patricia Abbott and John Strauss, St. Lawrence Parish; and Larry Gates, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg.

Spirit of Youth Awards will go to Karen Kavanagh, St. Pius X Parish; Megan Main, St. Monica Parish; Jana Kleiber and Alicia Weisenbach, St. Mark Parish; Andrea Smetana, Nativity Parish; Lauren Friedmeier, St. Luke Parish; Ashley Holben, St. John Bosco Parish; St. Lawrence Parish; Lisa Rosenfeld, Nativity Parish; Brittany Hizer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish; and Todd Jordan, Good Shepherd Parish.
Parents can rely on the Bible as a resource

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

The whole Bible is a resource for parents on the subject of parenting. In biblical times, the extended family was a reality. A lot of people in the same town were related. Even if they were not related by blood, every parent looked after the children in the village or town. Every parent considered all the children in the neighborhood their own children, and children considered the parents of their playmates as their own parents. Beyond the blood relationship, every child had many brothers and sisters. That is why the Gospels speak of the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

The attitude of love, like faith and trust, is not taught. It is caught. Children catch the attitude of love when they see their parents’ love, not only for themselves and their children but for others. Children catch the virtue of love when they see that their parents love their own parents, the children’s grandparents. A great challenge of parenting is to show children the wisdom of the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother.” When parents love and honor their own parents, they will be loved and honored by their children.

Parents learn to pray and ask help from others

By Cynthia Dewes

Remember the childhood chant that goes, “First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes John (or Mary) and baby carriage.”

Its view of parenthood, while intended as humor, probably sums up the way my husband and I actually felt when we got married. We hoped to become parents, and neither of us would have married someone who did not share that hope.

Then we had our first baby, and in a sense I felt like an impostor. Who me? A real parent? But my confidence grew with each child’s birth. We thought we had parenting down cold until our fifth and sixth arrived.

With Peter’s arrival our lives, our parenthood, changed forever. He had a serious congenital heart defect. That brought with it the fear of losing him, the fear of losing our hope.

We've all learned how to be parents at least partially from the good or bad examples our own parents set. Although my mother and father seemed quite incompatible in their parenting, they were wonderful parents to me, their only child.

My children and I also agree that much of the assistance we receive in learning to be good parents comes from talking things over with friends.

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How can ordinary people—individuals or groups—express repentance for injustice in the world?

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Aside from the extended family as I was growing up, I’ve had to say their example and my desire to be a good parent.” (Carol Wooten, Delaware, Ohio)

“Love is a powerful means of parenting. Parents show their love by nurturing their children. The attitude of love, like faith and trust—is not taught. It is caught. Children catch the attitude of love when they see their parents’ love, not only for themselves and their children but for others. Children catch the virtue of love when they see that their parents love their own parents, the children’s grandparents. A great challenge of parenting is to show children the wisdom of the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother.” When parents love and honor their own parents, they will be loved and honored by their children.

My husband and I tried to go out alone at least once a month and to get away a few days once or twice a year. Despite tight budgets and limited time, we proved it can be done. The first time we went away for a weekend we asked a young couple to stay with the children. The young man and woman both were teachers. They had two babies them- selves and were struggling to make ends meet. So for them free food and a small stipend made a fair exchange.

Our goals as parents always have been to raise stable children who know how to live in this world and how to prepare for the next. We hope they’ll be reasonably contented, solvent, caring and faithful.

Our children seem to have picked up on these ideas. One son’s wife said that their goals are to give their children a good education, help them prepare for meaningful jobs and, most of all, raise them well spiritually. Another daughter-in-law joked, “God knows there must be a reason why we do this!”

She’s right. The reason is that, despite hard times, parenting comes with countless experiences of joy and love. They make us continue to try to be good parents.† (Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)
surprised by love

A book I have written about married saints has now been published by Alba House (which also published my father John Catoir’s books). The title of my book is being reviewed as Married Saints and the price is $19.95. It should be available at any bookstore. If they don’t have it in stock they can get it for you and have it order it through Amazon.com on the Internet and from Criterion Press, Inc. This purpose was to make it clear that marriage is no obstacle to sanctity. Holiness is possible to married people just as much as to popes, pastors, of the Church, and religious. Indeed I believe that, since most people are married, most of the saints were also married.

The Church, though, has not always given us that impression. It has historically placed a greater value on virginity than on marriage, even though a validly contracted marriage is a sacred contract. Greatest praise has always gone to men and women who renounced “the world” in general or “The Bride of Christ.” It has been only in recent years that married saints have been acknowledged as such on their feast days. Married saints were either martyrs, religious, virgins or widows. In one book of saints that I studied, St. Monica of Valerian was listed as “widow” even though her husband died only three days before she did. I suppose that, if she had died four days earlier, the book would have listed her simply as a “holy woman.” As a matter of fact, most of the female married saints in my book were widows. Besides Margaret of Scotland, the others were Sts. Agatha of Catania; Emidiana of Rome; Monica; Elizabeth of Hungary; Elizabeth of Portugal; Bridget of Sweden; Maria of Agreda; Mary, the mother of Jesus; Ann, the mother of Mary; and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. The other two were mar-
tys—Perpetua and Felicity.

In contrast, of the 10 male saints in this book who were married, not all of the males were married. Edward the Confessor did not father any children and his wife was an heiress of St. Peter of Alcoba. Joseph might or might not have had chil-
dren by a previous marriage but, of course, did not father the Christ child. There would be many more canonized married saints except for the fact that, unlike religious, the Church did not feel the need to push their case. These are some who have made it.†

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Life’s common denominator

The common denominator in our world is human nature. This sums up my current contribution to the faith. It’s also an easy message to relay since every life, including my own, demonstrates the point so well. (This is a reminder not to blame it on human nature.) My point about human nature is never more obvious to me than when we’re trav-
eling. Strolling down a Roman street once, we were talking to a local family, a mom, dad, two or three kids. They were probably on an outing or maybe just taking a stroll after dinner. Their little boy suddenly spotted a pop can and began to kick it along the sidewalk.

Then we went to Pompeii for a day and guess what! Another boy in a tour group from France or somewhere spied a small piece of paper lying on the street and proceeded to—well, you know the rest. Boys and kickable objects will find each anyplace, anytime. Boys will be boys.

We also observed teen-age critters in their natural habitat everywhere. For example, incest and other immoral conduct is a class by themselves. The Book of Psalms is similarly termed. The Book of Proverbs contains hundreds of sayings helpful for everyday living. The Bible is not without humor. For example, a man named Eutychus was sitting on the window sill of a two-story building during the “breaking of the bread.” Paul talked on and on. Eutychus nodded off, fell out the window and died. Paul went outside, laid hands upon the dead man and brought him back to life. Undaunted by the interrup-
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Comings of Age/R. John Buckel

Surprised by love

They loved each other passionately. Unfortunately, she was married to another man. I’m pregnant,” she said. “What are we going to do?” He thought for a moment. “If her husband were dead, our problems would be over.”

A scene from a tele-
vision soap opera? Would you believe that it comes from the Bible (2 Sam 11)?†

Oddly enough, a story about two people who committed adultery and murder appears in the Bible. That these two individuals, David and Bathsheba, should be mentioned here is no surprise. Jesus is even more remarkable. The Bible is full of surprises.

A number of biblical passages illustrating the darker side of the human behavior are unfamiliar to most people. For example, incest and other immoral conduct are described in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Mary was on the mind of the sons of Jacob as they discussed the best way to get rid of their younger brother. One of Jesus’ top assistants betrayed him and shortly after caused each other immeasurable suffering, as complex as the 6-billion-unit strand of DNA, is good news.†

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Coming of Age/~~~

Is belief in God out of date?

Do only stupid people believe in God? Or is it just those who aren’t strong enough to deal with life on their own who have a religious belief? No one can say for sure that a man of supreme being that we use as a crutch to explain our way—dumb or weak and needy—it seems you’ve sunk to some lower level of humanity if you believe in God, according to some people.

I’m sure you’ve encountered them. Maybe it’s a classmate who has the universe completely figured out, with no room for God, anywhere. Perhaps you’ve heard teachers describe belief in God as an out-
dated cultural phenomenon embraced by peoples who had to come up with an expla-
nation for where the sun went every night. And maybe you wonder sometimes.

A lot of things ancient peoples blamed on God, we can explain now. Science helps us see a lot. But has science ever detected God?

People on the other side of the Atlantic, in a place called Kosovo, have caused each other immeasurable suffering, partly over religious differences. ‘It is up to religion to explain God away, constantly is run-
ing up against questions that could be answered by the belief of God just as well as any other explanation, any other answer.’ Most of the issues turn around two points: How did it all get started, and why does it all work so well?

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 25, 1999

- Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41
- 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- John 10:1-10

The first reading for this fourth weekend of Easter is from the Acts of the Apostles, that source so preferred by the Church for Liturgies of the Word in this season. Again, Peter speaks on behalf of the apostles. As did Jesus, he proclaims the good news of salvation and life. He is quite to the point. Asked what the avenue to everlasting life, Peter firmly and clearly repeats that it is through Jesus. In the Lord's name, the earnest and the devout must be baptized.

Then, the apostle continued, the Holy Spirit will come with the very power of God. He will bring life.

Acts calls this arrival of the Holy Spirit a "gift." It is not a right, not an eventual-ity, nor is it an inevitability. It is in every respect God's gracious gift. As the lesson concludes, and as Peter finishes, Acts says that he uses other argu-ments to make his case. The process of understanding God and divine mercy requires more than humans can sum-mon. We need God in order to understand revelation. Yet revelation is neither ridicu-lous nor contrary to human logic.

Thus, many arguments may be brought forward to support it.

The First Epistle to Peter provides the second reading. This epistle is not often read at Mass. Yet it is marvelous in conveying the truth of God, salvation and Jesus, but it very well calls Christians to fidelity and to focus on their minds and hearts upon the Lord.

Well calls Christians to fidelity and to focus on the Resurrection. But the emphasis came to be a response to the Resurrection.

How do individual persons react to Jesus? How should they react? Even in this questioning, the Church is reassuring and hopeful. The Lord will give us the strength and understanding to reach God. In this weekend's reading, the Church presents from John's Gospel a beautiful, familiar story. Only through Jesus can anyone achieve eternal life.

The imagery is that of sheep and the Good Shepherd. It is an image of Christ used several times in the Gospels, and a model treasured by Christians from Christianity's earliest days.

To understand the imagery, it is neces-sary to realize how sheep behave and what a shepherd does. This is more easily said than done in these times when farming and livestock are not part of everyone's daily experience.

Sheep are meek and very vulnerable. Humans are very vulnerable, although people rarely like to admit it.

A good shepherd is one who never loses sight of the sheep's vulnerability nor of the obligation to protect, nourish and care for the sheep.

Reflection

The ancient symbol of Easter is the lamb. Important to each Passover was the sacrifice of an innocent lamb. Jesus is called the "lamb of God," a title given by John the Baptist himself.

In the same arena, but somewhat differ-ent, comes the imagery of John's Gospel in today's readings. Jesus is presented not as the lamb, but as the Good Shepherd. We are the lambs. Distantly, we may draw the parallel. We are like the Lord. We are at the mercy of human evil and earthly sin.

However, beside us, with us, for us, is the gentle but strong and wise Good Shepherd. He guides us. He cares for us. No enemy dare attack us with the Good Shepherd nearby.

Without this Good Shepherd, we ven-ture into cold, darkness and danger. As the Church continues its joyful reflection upon the Resurrection, it does leave as its last word the conclusion that we are weak, vul-nerable and at the mercy of evil.

Rather, while reminding us of these negative realities, it calls us to peace and to trust in the heart. The Good Shepherd is with us. He is our champion and our friend. Only the Lord is powerful enough to open the doors. The Good Shepherd is the Redeemer who can withstand death etern-ally and avoid death on earth, which is life in sin. †

Question Corner

Fr. John Dietzen

Funeral plans should reflect wishes of deceased

My husband of 52 years was raised a Baptist. He was a wonderful husband and helped raise our three children Catholic. He goes to Mass with me often, but is adamant about not becoming Catholic; he cannot "see" confession and communion being other beliefs.

Would he be eligi-ble to have a Catholic funeral service in church? Also, is it per-missible for him to receive Communion? (Wisconsin)

A It is not impossible for some Catholic funeral service, even in church, to be held for someone who is not Catholic. Several important things need to be con-sidered, however. We must first respect the wishes of the person who has died. The Church is, and all of us should be, reluctant to impose anything on someone after death that he declined during life.

Occasionally it happens that other fac-tors are involved, and the priest, at the request of the family, would have a Catholic service, even in the church. Rarely would that include Mass, but there could be Scripture readings, prayers and other elements of our cere-monies for the dead.

St. Augustine indicated centuries ago that our Christian funeral liturgies are more for the living than for the dead. So the spiritual and emotional good of those who grieve the death also need to be carefully weighed.

Talk it over with your husband, and then discuss your wishes with your parish priest. He will advise you what avenues are open for you.

Your remark that he "adamantly" opposes joining the Catholic faith makes me wonder if you may be pushing him a little too hard. Be patient. Whatever hap-pens, you and your children will always be able to pray for him, even have Masses said for him if you wish, if he dies before you do.

Finally, you must be aware that nor-mally people not of our faith should not receive Communion at Mass. The times when they may do so are explained well in the Catholic Church's regulations on sharing worship and the sacraments, and have been the subject of this column sev-eral times (see the Latin Norms on Eucharist, 1993: Nos. 120, 132).

Again, is your husband even interested in sharing Communion? If he does not feel a personal motivation to become a member of our faith, part of the reason must inevitably be that he does not share our beliefs about the significance and importance of this sacrament.

Perhaps that is something else to review with him.

My question is about the finances of our parish. We don’t receive any annual financial report. I thought this was cov-ered by Church law, that all members receive a statement of income and disbursements.

The priest has been asked several times, but there is no change. Can you give any information about this? (Pennsylvania)

A General Church regulations on this matter are quite limited. Each parish is to have a finance council, on which members of the faithful serve, and which is to receive an annual report for its con-sideration.

Accounting to parish members is required according to norms determined by the diocese (Canons 537 and 1287).

Finance councils are, incidentally, the only parish organizations or councils actu-ally mandated by universal Catholic Church law. Parish councils are to be established in each parish if the bishop “judges it opportune” (Canon 536).

Most dioceses now require some form of financial accounting to the people of each parish.

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Easter Morning

Handmaiden of God,
Before the empty tomb on this morning,
Does your quiet awareness
Mingle with the grateful joy
That a promise has been fulfilled?
He has gone from your heart and your table!
Away from Nazareth, away from the temple,
Garnered by his Father from treacherous men.

Handmaiden of God,
Are you looking on us
In our forgetfulness and indifference.
While recalling over and over again
The hours you stood on Calvary?
Are you troubled by our ingratitude
For the pardon he sought for us?

Handmaiden of God,
We bring to the empty tomb on this morning
A new awareness of our mortality
And acceptance of our limits of time.
We bring humility and hope
That your Son will guide us
To the chosen place his Father wills for us.
(Marian Higgins is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)

The coiled winding sheet on the floor Programs for Easter Holy Week
The love and mercy of holy strategy,
Forgiving, redeeming and counting us faithful.
One by one.
By Marian Louisa Higgins

Daily Readings

Monday, April 26
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3, 43:3-4
John 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 27
Acts 11:19-26
Psalms 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28
Peter Chanel, priest, religious, missionary and martyr
Louis de Montfort, priest and founder
Acts 12:24 - 13:5a
Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29
Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

Acts 13:13-25
Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, April 30
Pius V, pope and religious
Acts 13:26-33
Psalms 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1
Joseph the Worker
Acts 13-44-52
Psalms 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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continued his dream of the Priesthood and of religious vocations.

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 Thousands of prayers support the earthly and heavenly purification of souls. Join your prayers to those already praying the Rosary in the chapel.

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The Guardian Angel Guild prayer group, 7–8:15 p.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 3917 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. 812-335-3355.

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

Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, 20th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11 a.m. – noon.

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

Third Sundays  
Mary’s Revialle Schoenstatt has holy hour at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Located on 925 South, 8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles.) Information: 812-699-3551.

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

Third Wednesdays  
Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-387-9388.

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

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

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

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

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

Third Saturdays  
The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew 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  
WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3685 S. Meridian, 6 p.m.; THURSDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m.; SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m; SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

Providence students organize fund raisers to help emergency relief efforts in Kosovo

By Susan M. Bierman

CLARKSVILLE—Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School seniors in Clarksville recently hosted a school bake sale and organized a “jeans day” to raise money for refugees fleeing Kosovo.

The bake sale and jeans day fund raisers earned $500 for Catholic Relief Services and International Red Cross emergency relief efforts in Yugoslavia. Not only were the students helping the refugees, they also learned more about the current conditions in Kosovo.

Senior Brittany Dougherty, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, said although her classmates were aware of the war in Kosovo, they lacked details. “They weren’t aware of how bad things really are and what the fighting is about in Kosovo,” Brittany said.

Senior Eric Voelker, a member of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, said his classmates were interested in knowing where their money was going. He said he gave the students updates on the situation in Kosovo as they bought the baked goods.

“They got more interested in Kosovo and probably were going to take a look into the situation a little more,” Eric said.

The one-day bake sale was organized by Providence High School seniors and Providence Pride, an organization of school parents and faculty members dedicated to helping improve the morale and pride at the school and to assisting in times of need.

Brittany said about 75 percent of the senior class participated in the bake sale in some manner—either baking the goods or selling them. The bake sale was held during the lunch hour, and the lunchroom manager agreed not to provide desserts that day. Students bought baked goods for 50 cents each plus a donation.

Eric and Brittany said they would like to do more for the refugees in Kosovo.

“I think one day of doing something was good, but we can do more,” Brittany said.

Gerald Wilkinson, president of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, said the project is proof of the students responding to a need, “another example of our kids rising to the challenge any time there is a real need.”

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Kevorkian murder sentence

Kevoorkian for second-degree murder in the death of Thomas Youk. “This sentence affirms that people with disabilities deserve the same quality of justice as those who are able-bodied,” said an April 13 statement by David O’Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee. O’Steen added his hopes that “this will serve as a deterrent against pushing people with disabilities further down the slippery slope toward a ‘duty to die.”’

CHA criticizes attack on Catholic hospitals

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—The Catholic Health Association (CHA) has called a Catholics for a Free Choice report on non-Catholic facilities that merge with Catholic ones “exaggerated, distorted and unfair.” “Its data and analyses are flawed and misleading in several ways,” the CHA said in an information package, “Telling Your Story,” sent to its members in April. It said a Catholic hospital “should not be forced to provide services that are inconsistent with its beliefs and values.” But it said that even if a formerly non-Catholic facility becomes Catholic, there are many ways in which procedures prohibited in Catholic medical practice “remain available in the community.”
Director of Youth Ministry
St. Raphael Church, Louisville, KY seeks a new parish school director and youth ministry director. This position is part-time and would work 24 hours per week. The youth ministry director would be responsible for the Children’s Liturgy program, overseeing religious education classes for children, and coordinating youth activities. The parish school director would be responsible for the management and operation of the school, including curriculum development, classroom management, and student supervision. The position would require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in Education or a related field. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in education or religious education. Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter to: Fr. Kevin Bryan, St. Raphael Church, 2141 Lancashire Ave., Louisville, KY 40205 or fax: 502-458-8049. EOE.

Pastoral Minister
Small rural parish of 200 families located in the southeast part of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis (40 miles west of Cincinnati, Ohio) is seeking an energetic full-time pastoral associate. The position would require a graduate in pastoral studies and a commitment to the pastoral ministry. Experience in pastoral ministry is preferred. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: Fr. Bill Geist, St. Joseph’s Church, 623 E. Main St., Delphos, OH 45833. EOE.

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