National Priests for Life director says abortion attacks God

Pontifical Council for the Family official urges Christians to work to defend life daily

By Mary Ann Wyand

Chritians are called to constantly promote the sanctity and dignity of life, Father Frank Pavone told pro-life supporters during his May 1-2 visit to Indianapolis.

The national director of Priests for Life, based in Staten Island, N.Y., also serves the universal Church as an official of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family.

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Abortion “attacks the image of God, the image of Jesus Christ,” he said in his homily for the eucharistic liturgy on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. “We’re talking about an act of violence, about tearing a human body apart.”

Christians “are called to share with God in the work of caring for his creation,” Father Pavone said. “When we fight against abortion we are preserving the foundation of the house of God.”

There is much pro-life work to be done daily, he said. “But never lose hope, never doubt for one moment that you are helping make a difference in the fight for life.”

After the liturgy, Father Pavone led the gathering in prayer outside the Clinic for Women on East 39th Street. As dozens of pro-life supporters prayed the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, a woman hastily entered the abortion clinic.

On Saturday afternoon, Father Pavone conducted a eucharistic liturgy on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. “We’re talking about an act of sacrifice, a moment that you are helping make a difference in the fight for life.”

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Father Frank Pavone of Staten Island, N.Y., the national director of Priests for Life, tells Holy Rosary parishioners May 2 that abortion has destroyed more lives than warfare. He said Christians are obligated to help the helpless and work to end the killing of unborn babies.

Pope beatifies Padre Pio, humble Capuchin friar

Holy Father says Padre Pio’s simple life of prayer and service ‘astonished the world’

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In one of the biggest religious ceremonies in Rome’s history, Pope John Paul II beatified Padre Pio da Pietrelcina and said the southern Italian priest known for his ascetic practices undertook in imitation of Christ.

Padre Pio’s reputed stigmata—the appearance of bleeding wounds like those of the crucified Christ—showed the priest’s intense sharing in the Lord’s Passion, the pope said.

Referring to years of suspicion by Church officials, who investigated and temporarily suspended Padre Pio from his priestly ministry, the pope said it showed that saints are sometimes “misunderstood” even by their own superiors.

Padre Pio was exonerated from the allegations of impropriety and fraudulent conduct, but these accusations represented a painful and distressing trial for the priest, the pope said.

He said Padre Pio endured it all with a spirit of obedience which itself became a path of purification. The priest died in 1968 at the age of 81.

At the beginning of the three-hour liturgy, the pope read the beatification decree and set Sept. 23 as a day for special devotion to Padre Pio.

A drape was lifted on the facade of St. Peter’s Basilica to reveal a giant portrait of the smiling Capuchin, and a wave of applause flowed through a massive assembly that stretched from St. Peter’s Square more than half a mile down a wide avenue to the Tiber River. Many people wiped tears from their eyes.

Rome authorities blocked traffic for the event, and many had predicted a day of chaos in the Eternal City, but most residents seemed to have followed officials’ advice to either leave town for the weekend or watch the ceremony at home.

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More than 1,000 tour buses began unloading pilgrims at 6 a.m. near the Vatican. Wearing Padre Pio scarves and hats, many carried framed portraits of the Capuchin confessor and held aloft as the pope declared him blessed, meaning worthy of imitation by the whole Church.

Flags and placards identified groups of Padre Pio followers from as far away as Indonesia and Singapore, while sizable delegations came from Poland, Ireland and the United States. The gathering was a demographically mixed crowd; an African nun sat next to a young man with a shaved head and sunglasses. Vendors sold Padre Pio medals, scarves, hats and other mementos.

“Padre Pio would probably be upset at all this fuss,” said Paola Fontana, a 31-year-old Rome resident who became interested in Padre Pio several years ago. “What was striking about him was his personality. He could make people stop and think. And he had the stigma—he seemed a step closer to Christ than most of us.”

In his sermon, the pope said many people who knew Padre Pio directly or indirectly have rediscovered their faith, while hundreds of prayer groups inspired by his example have sprung up all over the world.

He said Padre Pio’s international appeal flowed from his charity, which “was poured out like balm on the weaknesses and the sufferings of his brothers and sisters.”

Abortion advocates “think you can separate the mother and child,” he said. “Pro-life supporters know you can’t. The pro-life movement is pro-woman. It says, ‘Let’s love them both.’ Love is indivisible. You can’t love one without loving the other. You can’t help one without helping the other. You can’t support women’s rights and at the same time allow the closest, deepest, most intimate of human relationships—that between a mother and her own child—to end while [the baby is] still in the womb.”

The goal of the pro-life movement is “ending abortion, not limiting abortion,” he said. “We must never lose sight of our goal to end abortion, to eliminate it, to obliterate it. Either we end abortion or it will end us.”

Padre Pio would often spend 10 to 12 hours a day hearing confessions. He also founded a large hospital complex for southern Italy’s poor—a sign of the kind of compassion that is needed today, the pope said.

The pope gave Communion to an African nun whose sudden cure in 1995 from a ruptured duct in the neck was deemed a miracle. Doctors at the time said the rupture was potentially fatal, but it inexplicably disappeared one day after prayers were offered to Padre Pio.

Many people who attended the beatification Mass said they knew someone who was helped or healed by prayers to Padre Pio.

After the Mass at the Vatican, the pope boarded a helicopter for a short flight across the city to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where more than 100,000 people had followed the liturgy on TV screens. In a brief talk, he called Padre Pio “a true son of St. Francis of Assisi.”

Official Appointments

Effective July 7, 1999

Rev. John E. Hartzler, reappointed pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg.

Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.P.P.S., from ministry outside the archdiocese to administrator of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County.

Rev. Joseph B. Moriarty, from sacramental master at St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County to sacramental support at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

These appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.
Four SPRED youth are confirmed

Special liturgy celebrates inclusion of special religious education students

By Margaret Nelson

The Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sunday afternoon was special. Special because of the broad smiles and extra prayers evident in the assembly of 200. And special because four young adults were being confirmed through SPRED, a new archdiocesan special religious education program for young people with developmental disabilities.

The president, Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, called it a special occasion with special people, then asked, “Who are those special people?”

“Everybody here is so special that Jesus died on the cross for us,” he answered.

Fathers Glenn O’Connor, Donald Schmidlin and Daniel Staabbin concelebrated the liturgy. The Mass began with the fitting words of the hymn “Gather Us In.”

During the homily, Msgr. Schaedel told the story of a boy who felt lost and was frightened in the mall because he couldn’t see his mother. Yet his mother was right behind and above him, watching carefully.

He compared the child’s experience to the story of the apostles experiencing the resurrection.

“This Jesus promised is with us always. Even though you cannot see Jesus, he is going to come in a special way to those who are about to be confirmed.”

Families, catechists, aides and others participating in the faith formation program joined Mark Bogle, Patricia Murphy, James Uteley and Alonso Valeron as they celebrated their confirmations.

Two of the formation classes are in collaboration with St. Malachy Parish in Danville and one class with St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. Another class is being introduced in Terre Haute.

At the end of Mass, Msgr. Schaedel thanked St. Malachy parishioner Deborah Armenta, volunteer coordinator of the SPRED program, and said, “This is the beginning.”

Prayer vigil for peace is May 12

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Drop Everything and Pray!” is the theme for a noon prayer vigil on May 12 organized by St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis.

St. Matthew parishioners hope Christians throughout central and southern Indiana will join their prayers for “peace in our homes, neighborhoods and world.”

A flyer promoting the event explains that people interested in participating in the prayer vigil need only “join us wherever you are by praying the Hail Mary three times at noon on May 12.”

St. Matthew parishioner and Stewardship Commission member Danielle Gallery of Indianapolis explained, “Together our prayers will make a difference.”

“Sprinkled with the idea for the prayer vigil came from a Scripture passage reminding Christians to, ‘Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, who seeks finds, and who knocks, the door will be opened’ (Mt 7:7 and Lk 11:9).”

“The idea originated from the parish Stewardship Commission as a way to emphasize the importance of our role as stewards of prayer in our community,” she said. “The plan is to have as many parishioners—and others—as possible bring prayer into their daily lives and provide a sense of community even when we are separated physically.”

The idea for the vigil “began as a stewardship activity to build prayer and community,” Gallery said, “but then grew to be associated with the dedication of a new representation of Mary that has been added to our church.”

The dedication of the new Marian statue is scheduled for May 9 during the See Prayer, page 16
Sudan. It’s the largest country on the second-largest continent in the world. Its nearly 30 million people comprise 140 ethnic groups speaking 117 languages. Independent since 1956, civil war has raged through the country for 32 years of its 43-year existence. The war has caused an estimated 2 million deaths (directly or because of famine) and has displaced 5 million people.

And the plight of the refugees is miserable. As an example, Mark Franken, director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. Catholic Conference, says that some 60,000 refugees—10 percent of them minors whose parents are dead or cannot be located—have been living in a camp in Uganda. Some of these children have been living there for more than 10 years.

To put this devastation into some perspective, it should be noted that the war in Yugoslavia, for example, took 2,000 lives in 1996 while an estimated 70,000 Sudanese died during that same year. For all this attention is given to Western conflicts, Sudan might as well be invisible.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which has been working to relieve the misery in this country for a number of years, is trying to raise awareness in the West of the plight of the Sudanese people. CRS is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community.

According to CRS, the agency is working to prevent a new cycle of famine in the upcoming growing season. Loss of crops and seeds during a prolonged drought, coupled with the civil war unrest, has left the country vulnerable for yet another famine.

While the U.S. State Department recently announced that the U.S. would ease its sanctions against Sudan and allow the sale of food and medicine, few believe that this will be significantly helpful. The decision has been criticized by both the Sudanese government (as a way to help American farmers and pharmaceutical companies increase sales) and by rebel forces (as a relaxation of needed U.S. pressure on the Sudanese government).

The current peace process, begun in 1993, is stalemated. According to Francis Deng, former Sudanese minister of state for foreign affairs and now a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution, no meaningful progress will be made without the involvement of nations outside the region because the stalemate serves the strategic interests of both the government and the rebels.

The American branches of humanitarian organizations (CARE, Oxfam and Save the Children) have asked the United States to adopt a “peace first” policy aimed at bringing Sudan’s decades-long civil war to an end. The organizations also warned of a “catastrophic renewal of famine and war” in the absence of significant progress toward peace.

“One international community— including the United States government—has not applied sufficient priority to this Africa’s worst war,” the agencies said in a joint statement released April 29. “The war is one of the major causes of instability in the entire region. If it continues, the only guarantee will be the death and suffering of many more innocent people both in Sudan and in affected neighboring countries,” the statement said.

As our attention is focused on the conflict in the Balkans, a long-standing catastrophe is building in Sudan. Church-sponsored and other relief agencies can only do so much in the face of the enormous needs there.

The Catholic Church in Sudan is small and struggling, but it is growing. In spite of persecution from the government, there are nearly 2.3 million Catholics in Sudan today—about 8 percent of the total population in that country that is 70 percent Muslim.

Continued prayers are needed for our Sudanese sisters and brothers and for all the people in this land that has known such little peace. Let us pray, too, for our missionaries—including Comboni Father Michael Barton, a native of Indianapolis—and the relief workers who serve the Church and the people there.

Let us hope that the world will soon wake up to this tragic situation and take steps to bring peace and stability to the area.

William R. Bruns
La oración nos permite ser portales a la esperanza verdadera

La intenciones de vocación del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

E n esta época del año, muchos de nosotros los sacerdotes celebramos el aniversario de nuestra ordenación. El 13 de mayo, junto con los Padres Paul Dedle, Bill Ernst, John Geis, Stan Herber, John O’Brien y Clarence Petrie, cumplimos 23 años de haber sido ordenados como sacerdotes. ¡Muchos de nuestros sacerdotes han sido ordenados por más tiempo, pero estoy orgulloso y encantado de celebrar 35 años y siglo contando!

En el 1964, yo estaba en el seminario imaginado que después de 23 años habría sido ordenado como obispo. El plan de Dios no fue el que yo pensaba que él habría escogido para mí. Llevo 12 años como obispo, con más por venir. Estoy perplexo y satisfecho al respecto y todavía no puedo comprender la realidad de todos. Pero me imagino que la mayoría de ustedes mayores de edad pueden decir lo mismo acerca del misterio y desafíos de su propio camino en la vida, no importa si está casado o soltero, laico o religioso.

Cómo mi predecesor, el Arzobispo O’Meara decía, “Dios dirige nuestras vidas, a veces a pesar de nosotros!”

En la temporada de la Navidad, el Obispo Andrew McDonald de Little Rock, Arkansas (quién asumió su carta de renuncia al Santo Padre a los 75 años de edad), envió por todas partes lo que se llamaba “Reflexiones Al Azar”. En su artículo escrito al Azar—Navidad de 1994—Nuevo Año 1999! Guardar sus reflexiones porque envían un simple y profundo mensaje. Me he dejado un mensaje para usted. Hay cinco puntos de reflexión:

1. “Si quieres ser santo, en tus trabajos, a veces a pesar de nosotros!”

2. “Con todo el corazón, una vez más, queremos que sean nuestras elogiosos testimonios de amor de su patrono, San Andrés, en una cruz en forma de una X. Se titula “la corona de victoria”. ¡Que testimonios maravillosos de una vida dedicada a hacer el trabajo de Dios en la Iglesia! Si Dios quiere, todavía tengo más años de mis pasados, pero la reflexión del Obispo Andy toca mi corazón, tal vez, a pesar de que no lo mismo que sienten mis hermanos y mujeres y quienes están en este viaje de esperanza.

3. “Estoy seguro de que el obispo coléctaba algunos de esos refranes a través de los años de su ministerio y ahora, en la tarde de su vida, él los puso juntos con su fe. Su humildad y realismo espiritual son atractivos. Lleva la cruz “la corona de victoria”. Incluso en sus años dorados y en jubilación él dice que quiere hacerse yas estas reflexiones. No está presumiendo o exigiendo una victoria espiritual. Recuerda el comentario atribuido al San Tomas Aquinas: “Si usted quiere ser santo, usted debe desear empezar de nuevo y de nuevo”. También “dijo para pasarselo usted tiene que querer ser santo”.

4. “Las reflexiones al Azar” del arzobispo piden algo personal por un impulso de su ministerio apostólico ha sido fundado en oración. Una vez un gobierno comentó “nuestra vida apostólica vale lo que vale nuestra oración”. El valor de nuestro ministerio es gobernado por el valor de nuestra oración. Nos llamamos a nosotros los sacerdotes a ser creyentes públicos que hablan con Dios. Si no somos líderes públicos que creen que es Dios quien logra el trabajo de Dios, el ministerio no es más que un paso más de los zapatos. Los demás no hacen nada.” Elizabeth Barrett Browning

5. “Porque el bien no está en el futuro en las manos confiables de Dios, pero se guarda por el Señor como tesoros para los futuros daños. Los zapatos cesan de ser zapatos”. Padre Paul Dedle

¿Cómo se relacionan estos puntos con la esperanza que se embarcó en nuestro obispo? ¿Son esas reflexiones como el testimonio maravilloso de una vida dedicada a hacer el trabajo de Dios en la Iglesia? En el 1964, yo nunca me habría atrevido a pensar que después de haber sido ordenados como sacerdotes, el 3 de mayo, yo, junto con los demás, me vería en la esperanza

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Richard and Martha Batta of Lawrenceville will mark their 50th anniversary May 11. The couple will celebrate with an open house from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 16 at St. Peter Parish Community Hall in Franklin County.

The Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Services is offering Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) classes to meet six consecutive Tuesdays May 10 through June 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A one-day STEP workshop will be held May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The classes will be held at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis. Pre-registration is required. Information: 317-236-1526 or 317-236-1522.

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St. Mark promotes disabilities awareness

Disabilities Ministries Committee works to increase inclusiveness in parish life

By Mary Ann Wyand

“We should all be equal in the opportunities we’re able to try,” St. Mark parishioner Julie Opel of Indianapolis explained April 16 between mobility demonstrations of a dynamic stander at St. Mark’s Disability Awareness Fair.

“There should be equality and inclusiveness in accessibility,” she said, so that persons with disabilities have access to a variety of buildings, including churches.

As a physical therapy assistant at Rose Special Services in Indianapolis, Opel tries to raise awareness about disabilities.

“We have some persons with disabilities in our parish,” she said, “but we hope to extend beyond that and raise awareness and foster compassion and understanding in people. Children are eager to learn how persons with disabilities adjust to daily life situations, but a lot of adults don’t understand and tend to be hesitant around persons with disabilities.”

Thirteen-year-old Katrina Gossett, a St. Mark parishioner, uses a wheelchair for mobility and is accustomed to people staring at her.

“I just want people to understand that everybody is different,” Katrina said, “but people are all special in their own ways.”

Educational efforts like St. Mark’s program “help make people more aware of disabilities,” she said, “and hopefully more understanding.”

Displays, demonstrations and activities addressed a variety of physical and mental disabilities, including mobility challenges, transportation problems and visual, hearing, language and learning impairments.

St. Mark parishioners Dan and Ginny O’Brien of Indianapolis organized the event with help from the parish Disabilities Ministries Committee.

“We are puppy raisers for Canine Companions for Independence,” Ginny O’Brien said. “It made us very aware of disabilities and what people are faced with as challenges. We noticed that there were some challenges around St. Mark Parish, and we decided to get a committee together to help do some things to break down those barriers and make St. Mark’s welcoming to all parishioners, especially to those with physical and mental challenges.”

Since their first meeting last year, she said, committee members have reviewed and evaluated areas on the parish campus needing accessibility attention, created wheelchair spaces in the church, shoveled snow off the ramp during bad weather and planned the Disability Awareness Fair.

Committee goals include planning for easier access to the elevator key, she said, as well as investigating more accessible entrance doors to the restrooms and securing parking spaces to ensure adequate room for specially equipped vehicles.

Committee members also want to create a list of parishioners who need rides to church and a list of parishioners who can provide transportation to liturgies and other parish events, she said. Other plans include studying ways to meet the needs of parishioners with disabilities, expanding efforts to ensure inclusiveness in the parish, and developing a respite care program for the families of parishioners with disabilities.

The O’Briens also hope that representatives of other parishes will contact St. Mark committee members about ways to provide inclusiveness in their parish ministries.

“We know there are people who are unchurched because they don’t feel welcome and don’t have the capacity to get to church,” she said. “We hope eventually we can provide them with access to parish activities by pairing people as partners. As Church, we need to be able to welcome all God’s people. We also want to help everyone who is able-bodied to understand that everybody has gifts and can bring something special to the parish.”

St. Mark parishioner Cathy Weinmann of Indianapolis is a speech language clinician and works with autistic persons. Her display featured speech aids to help people with nonverbal communication.

“We need to respect persons with disabilities,” she said. “It takes patience.” †
Workshops cover religion, education, news

Ecumenical Polis Center conference examines effective ways to teach religion to students

By Margaret Nelson

Bob Abernethy, longtime Moscow correspondent on network television, spoke to a group of educators April 28 at a “Taking Religion Seriously in Education” conference sponsored by the Polis Center in Indianapolis.

The Religion and Urban Culture program of The Polis Center at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis is one of two key projects of Lilly Endowment Inc. The other is the public television program, “Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly,” seen on Friday nights on WFYI Channel 20 in Indianapolis.

Abernethy, host and creator of the newsmagazine, said the first task of the program is to report the top news stories about religion and what “thoughtful people of faith have said about them.” He said that, whatever their personal beliefs, the staff is respectful of all faiths.

“What happened at Littleton [Colo.] emphasizes the need of what we’re trying to do,” Abernethy said of the April 20 high school massacre.

He said the interest in the New Age spiritual movement is waning.

“There are no longer televangelists and no one is exploring traditional religious beliefs,” Abernethy said. “And though the question of religion is not on the agenda, he said there is great religious diversity in the nation.

“Explore the differences,” said Abernethy. “Only then can anyone move from tolerance to understanding.

“The more I learn about faith and practices of other religions, the more I want to learn about my own,” he said.

Abernethy said the television newsmagazine is “an encouragement of discussion of the basic ideas of religious life.”

Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, who heads the Faith and Reflection program at Marian College in Indianapolis, asked why the media seem to avoid covering religion.

“There is a great deal of ignorance about religion in many newsrooms,” said Abernethy. Fear of making mistakes or of stirring controversy as well as prejudice against things that can’t be measured were other possibilities he suggested.

Marcia Beauchamp, coordinator of religious freedom programs with the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center in San Francisco, discussed “Exploring the First Amendment Issues” and the effect of the Supreme Court decision to ban public prayer and devotional reading in public school prayer.

Ann Mauze, director of the education services and outreach department of Trustees of NEW in New York, led a discussion on “How to Use ‘Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly’ in a Classroom or Congregation.”

Videotapes and study guides of the program are available for teachers and religious leaders.

Representatives of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education attended the workshops.

Grants benefit low-income students

Indiana Choice scholarships help parents send children to nonpublic schools

The Educational Choice Charitable Trust was started back in 1991 with corporate funding. The lottery brings to 11,000 the number of years of student grants that have been awarded locally throughout the next school year.

Nationally, 40,000 partial-tuition scholarships were awarded on April 21 and 30 applications were received for each available scholarship.

Tony Purvis received one of the Indianapolis Choice scholarships announced at St. Philip. Her 7-year-old son will attend Central Catholic School in Indianapolis, as she did. Purvis and her husband, James, also have a 4-year-old son and are expecting another.

“We have been wanting kids to go to a Catholic school for a long time, ” Purvis said. “I went to a Catholic school and so did my parents. We want our kids to grow up in a Catholic atmosphere.”

A large percentage of the local lottery scholarships will go to students attending the Catholic archdiocesan schools. In the current school year, families in these schools received Choice support of $500,000.

Because of the generosity of several area executives and their spouses, these 625 local lottery scholarships bring to 2,300 the number of students from low-income families who will receive half of their tuition in Indianapolis-area private schools from Choice grants for the 1999-2000 school year.

Day 1: Wednesday USA/Paris
Champs Elysee, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral—Amen to St. Therese of the Child Jesus (the greatest saint of modern times)
Afternoon at St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Travel to Paris and visit the historical where he spent 17 hours a day for over a year.
Will also have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional where he spent 17 hours a day for over 30 years.
Day 2: Thursday Paris/Lisieux
Visit St. Cyril and St. Judith Cathedral
Day 3: Friday Lisieux/Paris
Visit St. Therese of the Child Jesus (the greatest saint of modern times)
Day 4: Saturday Paris
Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, this is where Our Lady appeared to St. Therese and identified her as “The Immaculate Conception.”
Day 5: Sunday Paris/Nevers
Never where St. Bernadette spent the last 13 years of her life.
Visit St. Cyril and St. Judith Cathedral
Day 6: Monday Nevers/Paray leMonial
Paray le Monial, the site of the apparitions of Our Lord to St. Bernadette May 10, 1858.
Mount Mary College in 1830. There you will see the incorrupt body of St. Catherinethe waxed body of St. Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St. Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity.
Church of St. Vincent de Paul
Day 7: Tuesday Lyon/Arts/Lyon
Visit basilica of Tonl’s before the pope of the city 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 waters of Massabiel.
Day 8: Wednesday Lyon/Lourdes
Lourdes, a small town in the Pyrenees Mountains. Here in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette and identified herself as “The Immaculate Conception.”
Day 10: Friday Lourdes
Visit the basilica of Lourdes, and the church 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 waters of Massabiel.
Day 11: Saturday Lourdes/Paris/USA
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Holy Angels students preview new school

Construction workers share progress of building made possible by partnership

By Margaret Nelson

On April 27, Art O’Leary had the air of a man who is helping to build the future.

That day, as superintendent of construction at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis, O’Leary led students on a preview tour of the new school they will attend next year. After warning the children not to touch the newly painted walls, he showed them where Miss (Bernie) Easton, the secretary, will sit near the front door.

Then O’Leary ushered them to the future office of the principal, St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Gerry O’Laughlin, and down the halls to the skeletons of the classrooms they will occupy next fall.

O’Leary entertained questions when the whole group was gathered in the large area that will be the parish center. The first questions dealt with where they will have their morning prayers. The answer is in the multipurpose room.

One young lady asked if there would be a stage. There will be a portable one. Another youth asked if the wires sticking out of the walls were for speakers. The students learned that the speakers are in the ceilings of the rooms and the parish center. The wall wires are for light switches, computers, telephones, etc.

One child wanted to know where the library will be. Sister Gerry explained that it will be in the large media room.

Of course, the children wanted to know where the playground will be. It will be west of the school and north of the convent. And they wanted to know what will happen to the old school building. It will be leveled for a parking lot.

The men on the construction crew are not strangers to the students. The second-grade children gave them cookies for Christmas, so one of the men read the Christmas story to them from the Bible.

The students sent valentine cards to the workers, and they invited the men to the school for lunch on St. Patrick’s Day. When they found out the date of O’Leary’s birthday, the students saw to it that he had a birthday cake. The children also sent candy to the construction workers before Easter.

So the construction workers were more than happy to stop working long enough to answer questions before Easter. One child wanted to know where the playground will be. Another youth asked if the wires sticking out of the walls were for speakers.

CSS agency seeks Kosovo relatives

Joyce Overton, director of refugee resettlement for Catholic Social Services in the archdiocese, said the CSS agency is trying to locate people living in central and southern Indiana who have relatives who are refugees from Kosovo, Yugoslavia. At this time, Overton is not seeking other help, except to locate relatives. She may be reached at 317-236-1553 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1553. †
Faith Alive!

Church history based on search for salvation

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

The First Millennium: An Era of Dynamism

History hasn’t always looked favorably on the Middle Ages, traditionally referring to the span of years from roughly 600 to 1300 as the Dark Ages, the Age of Superstition or the Age of Barbarians. Even the bland designation “Middle Ages” implies something very important happened during this time period; it simply stands in the middle between more important times.

In fact, the Middle Ages represent a creative time when unprecedented challenges were faced. The Middle Ages laid the foundation for many innovations which would come to fruition only centuries later.

Never was this more evident than at the turn of the millennium when three institutions epitomized the era’s dynamism: the monarchy, the papacy and the monastery.

The ideal of a Holy Roman Empire united under a Christian king had been realized with the reign of Charlemagne (800-814), but it never quite was duplicated until the end of the first millennium. The king, and saint, who came closest to emulating Charlemagne was Stephen of Hungary.

Stephen was born into a royal family. As a young boy, he—with his father—was baptized by the missionary bishop St. Adalbert. When Stephen succeeded his father as duke in 997, he inherited a land filled with diverse and wandering Hungarian tribes known as the Magyars, most of whom were not Christian.

Stephen quickly established such an effective political order that the pope crowned him the first king of Hungary in the year 1000. Through his marriage to Gisela, sister of the German emperor, he attracted German pioneers who established farming communities and enriched the culture of his realm.

While studying in Spain, this future pope was exposed to the foundations of learning. He became pope, Sylvester was a renowned scholar known as Gerbert of Aurillac. Becoming pope, Sylvester was a renowned scholar known as Gerbert of Aurillac.

Stephen worked hard (sometimes using force, as did Olaf the Carpenter of Norway) to bring about the conversion of his people, establishing monasteries and promoting the Christian way of life. For his efforts, Stephen is honored as a national saint of Hungary.

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Along with the monarchy and the papacy, the monastery was a key institution in medieval Europe, as the Benedictine monastery founded in 910 at Cluny, France, was one of the most influential.

Chunj, who served as pope for two centuries, died in 1049 at Cluny, France. He traveled throughout France and Italy, introducing monastic reform and promoting the spiritual life of the Church. His impact also helped pave the way for the reforms of Gregory VII, especially with regard to the moral and spiritual state of the clergy and the independence of the Church from secular entanglements.

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But there is little indication that most people expected any sudden, radical changes when the calendar flipped from 999 to 1000. What most Christians probably were concerned about as the new millennium approached were the same issues they had dealt with throughout the century: survival and salvation.

The major threat to the survival of a Christian way of life and civilization came from the invasion of Nordic tribes in northern and eastern Europe, and Islam’s spread into southern Europe. In the early 900s, it appeared that these twin forces in the north and south would overwhelm and exterminate the Roman-Christian Empire.

Since the time of the emperor Charlemagne in the 800s, people had placed their hope for survival on the protection of Christian rulers and their armies. The real fulfillment of this hope came when non-Christian rulers were converted to Christianity by missionaries and brought their peoples—in Denmark, Norway, Hungary, Poland and Russia—into the Church.

With these conversions, a long process of assimilation began as the customs and beliefs of these tribes were absorbed into the traditional forms of Christianity and transformed. For example, pagan belief in the presence of spirits dwelling in nature stimulated the creation of outdoor Christian shrines and pilgrimages; blessings of all sorts multiplied.

At the same time, the population increased, farming became more productive, trade expanded, cities grew, and the level of culture and education gradually rose. As people became less concerned about their survival, they became more concerned about their personal salvation and how to ensure it.

Monasticism, especially in the tradition of the Benedictine monks, provided the basic pattern of spirituality, but in the popular imagination the spiritual life was a battle between the forces of good and evil, graphically depicted as angelic and demonic beings.

The intercession of saints, the power of relics, the effectiveness of prescribed prayers, the completion of penances and ascetic discipline, attendance at sacramental celebrations, and the favor of the Church and its clergy were all highly valued in the combat against the devil and the quest for salvation.

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Discussion Point

Try to see Christ in all people

This Week’s Question

What would you hope Christians living centuries from now will remember about the Christians of the 20th century?

“People that we tried to see Christ in all people, that we tried to be kind and considerate people.” (Joise Doucett, Brighton, Mich.)

“We kept our faith and trust in God—that we were still Christian.” (Father Daryl Rybicki, South Bend, Ind.)

I hope they remember the good instead of the bad.” (Jann Foti, Phillipsburg, N.J.)

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What the Bible really says about alcohol.

A well-known verse from the Bible says, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Does this mean that we should take revenge on those who harm us? The New Testament does not contradict the Old Testament. For example, God is all loving, forgiving, and merciful. The second reading from the Book of Leviticus states, “Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.” The author of the First Letter to the Corinthians wrote, “Be reconciled to each other.”

The Bible does not condone violence but also teaches us to forgive and to treat others with respect. It is important to keep in mind that the Bible was written thousands of years ago and that cultural and social values have changed over time.

The Bible does not say that alcohol is bad, but it does encourage moderation and wisdom in its use. The Bible says, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging.” (Proverbs 20:1)

In conclusion, the Bible encourages us to use alcohol in moderation and to avoid it when it becomes a problem. It is important to keep in mind that the Bible was written to guide us in our lives and not just to be followed literally. It is also important to keep in mind that the Bible is a living document that continues to be interpreted and applied by Christians today.
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 9, 1999

- Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
- 1 Peter 3:15-18
- John 14:15-21

The Acts of the Apostles once more furnishes the first reading for an Eastertime weekend. Surrounding the story is the atmosphere then being encoun-
tered by the apostles. Indeed, they faced hostility in Jerusalem. Many peo-
ple saw them as undermining the religion given by God. For those who had neither known nor understood Jesus, references to the Lord were very troubling.

First of all, Jesus seemed very much to claim a uniqueness to it, if not identity with, God in pius minds, this was idolatry. The central fact revealed by God was that God was one. If Jesus were God, then this revelation seemingly had been discounted.

Then, Jesus had died as a traitor to the Roman state. It was hard for the Jews of the time in Jerusalem rallied around the Roman conquest and occupation. But, they well knew the penalties for opposing the Romans, even for whispering against the Romans.

In a word, Jesus was an embarrassment. Much more, Jesus drew the annoyance of the Romans.

The central fact revealed by God was that the Paraclete will come. (Paraclete comes from the Greek, παρακλητόν, or advocate.) Jesus explains and stresses identity with God, the loving and almighty Father. That person who loves Jesus loves God, and is loved by God in return.

Reflection

On Thursday the Church will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. It was an event very important in the minds of the early Christians. Surely, and understandably, they longed for the days when Jesus vis-
ibly was with them.

Christians today may experience the same longing. Life can at times be quite threatening and lonely. While the Feast of the Ascension will underscore the divine reality of Jesus, it also will call attention to the fact that we easily may see our-

The Church reassures us. We are not alone. If we love the Lord, then we are in God’s love. We are with God. The second reading, from First Peter, emphasizes for us once again that in Jesus we are redeemed. We are reconciled with God. We possess everlasting life.

Then, the Church provides us with a glimpse of the reality so well described in the Acts of the Apostles. Through and in the Church, Jesus still is visible.

Question Corner

Fr. John Dietzen

Part of the creation story may refer to the Trinity

Q In the story of creation, God says: “Let us make man in our image and likeness” (Gen 1:26). What does the “us” and “our” mean? (Missouri)

A Several possibilities have been offered. It could simply be an example of what is called the majestic plural. Kings and other high officials still sometimes refer to themselves as “we.”

The Old Testament indicates that Hebrew religious thought was accustomed to the notion of some heavenly assembly (angels) with whom God consulted before making decisions on important actions. See, for example, Isaiah 6:8; 1 Kings 22:19, and Genesis 3:22, among others. That could be another explanation.

A few commentators have suggested that the passage may involve some allusion, however remote and primitive, that God’s own being contains a kind of plurality, an intentional of the Trinity. Little, if any, foundation for that theory is available from the Bible.

Q A friend of mine, in his early 30s, decided to change his sexuality from male to female. Can a woman be trapped in a man’s body, or vice versa? How does the Church look upon this kind of sex change? (Ohio)

A Your question is an enormously com-

plicated one and allows for no simple or absolute answer. It is possible, how-

ever, to point out some factors involved in this kind of process, which is inevitably terribly tortuous and painful for the indi-
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vidual and everyone else involved.

First, let’s suppose we’re dealing with a reasonably normal person whose male or female identity is well established emo-
tionally, physically and psychologically, in relationship both with himself and oth-

ers. For such a person to attempt a sex change, even to whatever degree might be possible, would be a gross abuse of his or her person and morally wrong.

Few, if any, cases like this are that clear cut. In my Counseling role, people wrestling with this decision, it has become apparent to me that an individual can possess a clear genetic sexual identity (male or female chromosomes), as well as major physical male or female sex characteristics, and still suffer from a con-
fused, if not clearly opposite, sense of per-

sonal sexual identity. The complex system of internal secre-
tions (hormones) which interact from one organ or gland to another is subject to all sorts of imbalance. If extensive enough, it may cause serious difficulties, even insu-
perable obstacles, in an individual’s abili-
ty to function in his or her “proper” sex-

related activities.

Many other factors must be considered. Relatively new surgical procedures are available to deal in some way with these kinds of anomalies in men and women. There’s room for considerable question in many cases, however, as to how much “sex change” is really involved. More importantly, procedures are increas-

ingly accessible to deal with such physical abnormalities by therapy far less drastic and radical than surgery.

Many of these extreme “therapies” must include sufficient weighing of the moral implications for both the individual and society. At the very least, it is safe to say that it is too soon, and far too many variables are involved, to conclude at this point that every operation or therapeutic procedure labeled a “sex change” is automatically morally wrong.
Rust feels call to help unborn

St. Mary, Greensburg, parishioner volunteers as a pro-life sidewalk counselor outside Indianapolis abortion clinics

By Michelle McAuliffe and Marsha Black

GREENSBURG—St. Mary parishioner Robert Rust of Greensburg carries lots of photographs of children in his wallet. They are poignant reminders of the preborn babies he helped save by standing outside Indianapolis abortion clinics and begging for their lives.

Little René, Kenny and Cassandra are alive today because Rust was able to counsel their mothers outside abortion clinics and convince them to choose life.

Countless other children also enjoy the gift of life due to Rust’s pro-life efforts over the past 14 years. Since 1984, he has volunteered as a pro-life sidewalk counselor outside abortion clinics in central Indiana.

“I certainly don’t like to stand outside abstractions in snow, rain or sometimes even in danger,” Rust said, “but I don’t want babies to die alone with no one to care about them or pray for them.”

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame School of Journalism, Rust until recently was part-owner of the Rust Wholesale Co. in Greensburg. He relinquished his business responsibilities there, and now volunteers for Truth and Compassion Ministries, a pro-life sidewalk counseling ministry.

Two years ago, Rust and St. Lawrence parishioner Tom Pottratz of Indianapolis worked with the archdiocese's Office of Pro-Life Activities to bring the Helpers of God's Precious Infants ministry had been successful in church.

Outside the clinic, and concludes with Benediction at the rosary during a procession to an abortion clinic and with my babies who are dying in Indianapolis,” Pottratz said. “We met with Father Vincent of God’s Precious Infants ministry had been successful in church.

A year ago last spring, Bob told me that the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants ministry had been successful in church, and he thought we should start it in Indianapolis,” Pottratz said. “We met with Father Vincent Lampert (former director of the archdiocesan pro-life office), and Bob presented a most convincing case for it.

By 1989, Rust said, he began to feel a reluctance to go to work. He wondered why. Rust Wholesale was a profitable company. He had always enjoyed seeing it grow, but the feeling persisted. He decided to sell his interest in the company and “spend more time with the preborn children and babies’ lives saved.”

On one occasion, he said, a man threatened him, then taunted and sometimes threatened him.

A month later, Rust said, he was awakened from a deep sleep at about midnight. A clear and certain message seemed to permeate his whole being: “I want you to be with my babies who are dying in Indianapolis.”

Rust explained that trying to persuade women to turn away from the certain death of their preborn children is not easy, and that people frequenting the abortion clinics taunted and sometimes threatened him.

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Catholic Choir concert celebrates seasons

By Mary Ann Barothy

The sound of sacred music performed by the Catholic Choir of Indianapolis on April 16, and again on April 18, resounded from the chapel and through the halls of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis during both Journey III concerts.

Accionados of sacred music were treated to a spiritual musical banquet that spanned the Church year. The choir sang a variety of sacred and patriotic numbers under the direction of Benjamin Del Vecchio of Indianapolis, founding musical director of the choir, accompanied by Amy Eggleston, also of Indianapolis.

St. Luke parishioner John Leppert of Indianapolis, the narrator, welcomed the audience to the Catholic Choir’s third annual Journey Concert. He noted that Del Vecchio selected the “Seasons of the Liturgical Year” as the theme for the program. Selections were intended to remind audience members of the calendar seasons as well as the seasons of their own lives.

As the Church year begins in anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah, songs of celebration characterized the opening music. Mendelssohn’s “Behold a Star from Jacob Shining” was part of that group.

Leppert noted that “the music sung by early Christians was regarded as personal prayer, such as plain chant with a single melody, like “Pange Lingua.”

Repertoire included “Worthy Is the Lamb that Was Slain” (Messiah), representing the Lenten season, and Schubert’s “The Lord Is My Shepherd,” depicting ordinary time, the summer of life.

The audience enjoyed the opportunity to join in song with the choir on some familiar hymns. The Marian hymns “Salve Regina” and Verdi’s “Ave Maria,” rarely heard in eucharistic liturgies today, were enhanced by an encore of Schubert’s “Ave Maria.”

In closing, Leppert thanked audience members for helping keep sacred music “alive” through their support of the Catholic Choir’s Journey Concert series.

“There is no place in Indianapolis to hear what you have heard today,” he said. “There is no other choral group whose mission it is to preserve and perform our musical heritage. We are grateful for your support and encouragement.”

Leppert asked the audience to join the choir in singing the final songs, “God Bless America” and “Battle Hymn.”

A resounding, standing ovation closed both the Friday evening and Sunday matinee concerts.

“The archdiocese is blessed to have this choir that sings sacred classical music,” Indianapolis resident Jim Wernsing said. “This music is prayer.”

St. Luke parishioner Dorothy Wodraska of Indianapolis said “sacred music is so important to our heritage. We have such a long tradition and beautiful history, of which music is a vital part. This is something we need to preserve for our children.”

Del Vecchio said he is “pleased that, with the Catholic Choir of Indianapolis, we can continue to provide people with the opportunity to hear this beautiful liturgical, sacred, classical music in its proper setting.”

Plans already are underway for the choir’s Journey Concert IV to be presented with orchestral accompaniment next spring on April 28 and April 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Included in this repertoire will be Vivid’s “Gloria” and Verdi’s “Te Deum.”

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1996 and dedicated to the preservation and performance of classical liturgical music. The choir is comprised of singers from central Indiana who represent Catholic and other religious denominations.

Rehearsals are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 71st Street and Keystone Avenue. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Del Vecchio said. Persons interested in joining the choir may call 317-216-5588 for more information.

(Mary Ann Barothy is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.)
Archdiocesan schools still tops in ISTEP+

Test results show significant educational progress by students in Catholic schools

For the 10th year, students in archdiocesan schools showed mastery of standards set in English/language arts, and 79 percent showed mastery of ninth-grade essential skills in mathematics.

Seventy-one percent of third grade students in archdiocesan schools met the benchmarks on both portions of the exam, while 58 percent of state students met the standards.

At the sixth grade level, 70 percent of archdiocesan students reached criteria on both portions compared to 50 percent of student's in state schools.

Archdiocesan eighth-graders met the standards on both portions 76 percent of the time compared to 57 percent of eighth-grade students in the state schools.

The ISTEP+ was designed primarily to gauge performance of individual students and to pinpoint areas that need attention, as well as areas of strength. Office of Catholic Education staff members warn that scores can be misused when comparisons are made in performances of schools.

Stewardship Commission Chair Greg Vargo of Indianapolis said, “Stewardship is usually defined as the giving of one’s time, talent and treasure back to God as the first fruits of the gifts that he has generously bestowed on us.

“Stewardship is what we do every time we give of our time, talent and treasure back to God as we make the peace intention a strong need.”

The most dramatic differences in ISTEP+ results are at the higher grade levels. Here, the normal curve equivalents (NCEs) on the 10th grade test level of the archdiocesan and state schools are compared to the national norm rank of 50 (shown at right in each category) for reading, language, math and total batteries.

The norm-based scores are median norm-based (against standards to be reached) and to pinpoint areas that need attention, as well as areas of strength. Office of Catholic Education staff members warn that scores can be misused when comparisons are made in performances of schools.
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St. Michael students celebrate their talents

‘Use Our Different Gifts Week’ helped students explore their God-given abilities

By Carita Girman

“We are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us” (Rom 12:6).

This Scripture passage was the inspiration for the annual “Use Our Different Gifts Week” April 12-16 at St. Michael School in Indianapolis.

Events that week were designed to help students explore the special gifts they received from God and learn how to put those gifts to good use.

Former Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Bill Brooks, now director of community development and player relations for the National Football League, spoke to the students April 12 about tenings for the National Football League community development and player relations team, spoke to the students April 12 about the importance of planning their lives like a train trip: staying on the track, using the gifts God has given them, enjoying the journey and helping others.

Brooks told the students his priorities given people.

On April 13, kindergarten through third-grade students heard short presenta-
tions from speakers about eight different careers. They enjoyed a variety of experiences ranging from examining a police car, viewing how potato chips are made, studying the inside of a golf ball and listening to each other’s heartbeats.

Students in grades four through eighth were able to choose three of 11 career presentations scheduled April 14.

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It takes faith, courage to answer God’s call

By Kelly Tharp

In today’s world, the need for vocations is great. There are not as many people choosing religious life as there has been in the past. As the Catholic Church moves toward the third millennium, what will it take for a man or woman to answer the call to serve the Church?

The most important requirement is the call from Christ to serve his Church through a religious life. Not everyone is called to serve God in this way. Some are called to be parents, or to serve God in other ways in life. Those who are called to be religious must be open to hearing God’s voice. They must have the desire to serve others. They must have received the virtues of faith, hope and love from the Holy Spirit. They must be strong enough to lead and humble enough to follow where God leads them. They must be willing to sacrifice their time, talent and treasure to the whole community of God. They must have determination to follow in Christ’s footsteps when the world isn’t always interested. They must be determined to bring Christ’s love to all. They must be willing to find Christ in all.

People seeking religious life must be committed to Jesus and the community even when things get tough. They won’t have a lot of material things on earth. They will have a big reward in heaven. It takes courage to become a religious. It is important for the Church community to support those in religious life by prayer, kindness and sharing their love. Those who become sisters, brothers and priests need our support to help them do a good job.

There are many requirements to enter and live the religious life—commitment, determination, dedication, willingness to live a simple life and, most of all, the calling of the Lord to religious life. There are many special people who are loving, sharing and kind. They have what it takes to be a religious. We need to pray for them to help them answer their special call.

(Kelly Tharp is a member of St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis and is a freshman at Cardinal Ritter High School. Her essay earned the first-place award in the ninth grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s essay contest to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.)
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A priest preaches and teaches the Gospels

By Jenny Bryant

Once upon a time, an alien ship was investigating life on Earth.

The aliens read in their database that a priest on Earth is defined as "a clergyman in certain Christian churches, especially the Roman Catholic Church." They also found that Richard Whately, the archbishop of Dublin, had said, "Preach not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say."

The aliens were confused and wanted to know what a priest actually was. They decided to send six explorers to find out more about priests.

The first alien went to a church service, where he saw a priest talking and making motions to many people. The people all sat very patient and attentive. He decided that priests must be very good performers to be able to captivate an audience so well. He also noticed that the people were calling the priest "Father," which made the alien think that priests must be very respected.

The next alien went to a baptism, where he saw all of the love and gentleness the priest showed while holding the baby. He decided that priests must be very loving and gentle creatures.

Another alien came to a food shelter, where a priest was distributing food to needy people and thanking others for contributing. The priest seemed much more concerned that these poor people had something to eat than for himself. This alien thought that priests must be very giving and selfless.

One of the aliens went to a monastery, where a man studying to be a priest was reading in a room filled with books. The man studied intently, well into the night, without rest. This alien decided that priests must be very wise and knowledgeable men.

The fifth alien investigator found a priest explaining the Eucharist to some seventh-grade students. The students seemed confused at first but, with great patience and time, the students’ questions were all answered, and they seemed to understand.

The last alien watched a meeting of a priest with an elderly lady who was crying. He watched as the priest held the lady’s hands and talked to her, which seemed to make her feel better. He decided that priests must be magical people.

The six aliens then met to discuss just what a priest was. Arguments broke out between the explorers. They believed their own information was the correct description of a priest.

After many disagreements, the smallest and quietest alien spoke up and said, “Don’t you see? We each only saw part of what a priest needs to be, and is. A priest must be all of these things. He speaks through God to his Church.”

The other aliens thought about this idea, and after a few minutes, knew that all of their descriptions were really true of priests.

(Jenny Bryant is a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis and is an eighth-grader at St. Pius X School. Her essay was chosen as the first-place winner in the eighth-grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s essay contest to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.)
Priests and religious serve God and others

By Shauna Pauszek

Today’s world is a very insensitive place. Many people put their morals and values behind them to go along with the “in” crowd. If we are to truly live for Christ, we must put the “in” crowd behind and remember we are the world and that we should respect it.

A person who considers leading their life as a priest or religious is truly a respectable person. They must be determined and confident—determined to carry God’s message into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” This verse means that those of us who play the game of life may only do it for a reward, but Christians do it to get an everlasting reward: heaven.

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Serra Club vocations essay

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It takes an extreme appreciation for God’s word and a tremendous amount of encouragement from family and friends.

In a world where most virtues are forgotten, one must remember patience, one of the most important virtues. Those choosing to go on this spiritual journey must remember that “good things come to those who wait.”

However, above all those qualities, the most important quality one must have to be a religious leader is a strong, unfailing love for God and a strong desire to help others.

All these qualities point to God. First Corinthians 9:25 states, “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” This essay contest to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.)
Events for Holy Year 2000 emphasize prayer

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—To emphasize that the heart of the Holy Year 2000 is prayer, the Vatican has published a special Holy Year Mass, prayer and hymn.

The three texts underline the themes of the jubilee year: the birth of Christ, reconciliation and peace, concern for the poor, evangelization and a new understanding of history, said Archbishop Crescenzio Sepe, secretary of the Vatican’s jubilee planning committee.

He also announced an essay and poetry contest about the jubilee for young people aged 7-18. Winners in three age groups will be honored personally by Pope John Paul II, and the Vatican will cover the costs of a weeklong stay in Rome for them and two members of their families.

The official hymn, Archbishop Sepe said at an April 30 press conference, was chosen from dozens submitted in an international competition. “Christ Yesterday, Christ Today” was composed by Brother Jean-Paul Lecot, a member of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception and director of music at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, with lyrics by Jacqueline Frederic Frie. Vatican officials published the French text of the hymn, but did not play the song because, they said, final orchestration has not been completed.

Archbishop Sepe said the music and French text would be sent to every bishops’ conference in the hope that they would oversee the adaptation of the text into their own language.

“The most important thing is that the rhythm be respected” so at international Holy Year gatherings it can be sung simultaneously in various languages, he said.

The Vatican also released a special prayer for the jubilee year written by Pope John Paul. Published only in Italian, the prayer prays God for his infinite love and offers thanks for the gift of Jesus who came to live on earth and journey through time with all men and women.

“Through your grace, Oh Father, the jubilee year is a time of profound conversion and of joyous return to you; it is a time of reconciliation between people and of renewed agreement among nations,” the prayer said. It is a “time when the roar of weapons gives way to songs of peace.”

The prayer also includes a request that God grant the grace of Christian unity and help Christians improve their dialogues with other religions.

The text of the Holy Year Mass was written in cooperation with the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments and has been published in eight languages, including English. Two separate sets of prayers and a variety of appropriate Scripture readings are included in the text of the Mass, which may be used for special Holy Year celebrations.

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May 9
Saint Paul Archdiocesan Archivists will honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine beginning at 2 p.m. (CDT). Benedictine Father Edward Lantois will discuss “Mary, Seat of Miracles.” One-hour service at the shrine, located one mile east of the archdiocesan archivists in downtown Indianapolis. Information: 317-297-6900.

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Around the archdiocese

Indianapolis—The Indianapolis chapter of the Knights of Columbus recently donated and distributed 600 Catholic Bibles to the patient rooms at St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center. The purchase of the Bibles was made possible by donations from various councils throughout the archdiocese.

Joan Bumpus, director of pastoral care at St. Vincent, said the hospital staff appreciates the Knights’ generous offer to help meet the spiritual needs of patients and families.

Hospital volunteers helped the Knights of Columbus distribute the Catholic Bibles to patient rooms on May 1.

Indiana—Discalced Carmelite Sisters Martha-Marie Campbell, Terese Boering and Sister Deirdre from the monastery of the Resurrection were among religious from the archdiocese who joined women and men from 22 states and two foreign countries for an international vocational workshops April 18-22 at Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand. Participants in the five-day workshop explored ways in which religious communities can invite new members and increase vocations awareness among their communities.

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Archbishop says Church in Haiti needs help

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Church in Haiti is working to serve an impoverished population in a situation where “we don’t see change,” the coadjutor archbishop of Port-au-Prince reported in a New York interview last week.

Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot said many outside groups have visited Haiti and promised to give help when it developed more political stability.

He expressed hope that stability would be achieved after the elections that are supposed to be held later this year. Although no date has been set, he was optimistic “the situation will become better” after the elections.

Currently, constitutional processes have been suspended and President René Préval is ruling with a nine-member council rather than the legislature, the archbishop said.

Archbishop Miot came to New York to participate in the annual Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for Pierre Toussaint on May 2, and to speak at the Toussaint Guild luncheon after the liturgy.

Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti in 1766. He was brought by his owner to New York and later freed. He gave generously to the Church and needy individuals, including the widow of his owner, from funds he earned as a hairdresser.

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At the Mass, Pierre Toussaint medals were awarded to Naomi McDowell-Byrd, who has been active in the work of the archdiocesan Office of Black Ministry, and to Cardinal John J. O’Connor.

Irish Christian Brother Tyrone Davis, director of the Office of Black Ministry, said the award was given to the cardinal at the suggestion of Ellen Tarry, the author of a book on Toussaint.

Tarry said the cause of Toussaint, initiated by the late Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, had stalled until it was resurrected by Cardinal O’Connor, according to Brother Davis. Toussaint was declared venerable in 1996.

In an interview April 30, Archbishop Miot said Toussaint had not been well-known in Haiti, but steps were now being taken to give Haitians more information about him.

The archbishop was accompanied by Salesian Father Elder Hyppolite, whom he had appointed as promoter of devotion to Toussaint and promoter of the causes of three other Haitians.

Archbishop Miot was appointed coadjutor archbishop of the Haitian capital in 1997, with full authority to resolve an unusual situation that arose as a result of political tensions and left Archbishop François-Wolff Ligondé unable to function.

The coadjutor said Archbishop Ligondé remains active in such programs as catechetics, and was expected to retain the title of archbishop of Port-au-Prince until he reaches retirement age of 75 in 2003.

While in New York, Archbishop Miot met with Mary Healey Sedutto, director of the archdiocesan health program, to discuss drawing all the Church-related health programs of Haiti into a cooperative network.

He said the Church was also reorganizing its literacy program and undertaking other efforts to help overcome the “misery” in which large numbers of Haitians were living.

Catholic Relief Services is also helping with a feeding program, he said. And he reported on a meeting the previous week with bishops of the Dominican Republic about developing the area along the border between the two countries.

Archbishop Miot said poor Haitians from the countryside continued to pour into the capital, but that they did not find jobs and lived in misery.

Even the thugs who supported the rule of the Duvaliers, known as the tontons macoutes, are suffering, he said, and the political leadership has the challenge of integrating them into national society.

Also now living in misery, the archbishop reported, is Jean-Claude Duvalier, known as Baby Doc, who succeeded his father, Francois Duvalier, Papa Doc, as president in 1971 and was forced into exile in France in 1986.

The archbishop said Duvalier’s wife had left him, taking the children, and the Haitian government had blocked his access to bank funds.

Archbishop Miot said Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the former priest who was president from 1991-96, was active in Haitian life but “doesn’t speak very much.” †
Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obits of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

BURNELL, Marion, 60, St. Michael Greenfield. April 7. Mother of George Burnell, Debbie Arnold, Diane Kendell. Sister of Ralph Bucatka, June Kendall, Carol Bucatka. Grandmother of seven.


GARCIA, Mary Alice, 95, St. Michael, Greenfield, April 9. Wife of Armando Garcia. Mother of Rebecca and Arman


SCHNIPPEL, Elmer M., 80, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapois, April 21. Father of Veronica Schnippe-Hult. Father of Edna Wood.


Rest in peace

**PROVIDENCE SISTER Loretta Therese O’Leary was 94**

Providence Sister Loretta Therese O’Leary died in Karcher Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on April 24. She was 94.

A Funeral Mass was cele-

ated in Sacred Heart Church of the Immaculate Conception on April 27. Burial was Mary Hilda O’Leary, she entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1923, professed first vows in 1923 and final vows in 1928. Sister Loretta Therese is survived by three brothers, Robert of Indiana and two Providence-staffed schools in the Dioceses of Columbus, Illinois and Massachusetts.

For 23 years she was a council member of the general administration of the Sisters of Providence.

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**Pope John Paul II enters ‘Top 10’ list**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Marking another milestone in a historic papacy, Pope John Paul II entered the “Top 10” list of longest pontificates in April. The list is compiled without St. Peter, the first pope, because there is no exact record of the length of his papacy. Tradition holds that St. Peter was pope for perhaps as long as 34 years. At 20 years and five months, Pope John Paul’s papacy became the 10th longest in history on April 3, displacing that of Pope Leo III, who reigned from 795 to 816. Pope John Paul was 58 years old when elected in October 1978.

By the end of 1999, he will have moved into the number seven on the “Top 10” list, surpassing Popes Sylvester I, Urban VIII and Leo the Great. The Church has had 264 popes, and the longest certain pontificate was the 31-year reign of Pope Pius IX, who was elected in 1846 and died in 1878.
News briefs

U.S.

Congress urged to stand firm against human embryo experiments

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Congress must not allow its ban on federal funding for human embryo experiments to be circumvented by a “morally and legally deficient” interpretation from the Department of Health and Human Services, a Catholic pro-life spokeswoman said.

Gail Quinn, executive director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, criticized the interpretation in an April 28 letter to all members of Congress. Quinn said the National Institutes of Health, which is part of HHS, was preparing draft guidelines for research that would encourage harvesting of stem cells from human embryos, despite the ban on federal funding for human embryo experiments that has been in each Labor/HHS appropriations bill since 1995.

Michigan defeats bill on reinstating the death penalty

LANSING, Mich. (CNS)—The Michigan House has rejected a measure calling for a public vote on reinstating capital punishment. Michigan’s Catholic bishops called for the resolution to be rejected.

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Bill to ban partial-birth abortion in Oregon stalls in committee

SALEM, Ore. (CNS)—A bill to outlaw partial-birth abortion in Oregon stalled in a legislative committee. The bill was the subject of one hearing in April in the House Judiciary Committee on Criminal Law. Republican House leaders said the proposal was not a priority. Republican Betsy Close of Albany, would make partial-birth abortion a crime, labeling it “partial-birth infanticide” and levying homicide penalties.

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CAFOD official warns of East Timor violence, urges U.N. presence

LONDON (CNS)—A British Catholic aid agency official warned violence in East Timor may escalate and urge U.N. forces to intervene in the troubled territory. Steve Alston, Asia Program Officer for the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, the official agency of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, returned to the United Kingdom following a two-week visit to East Timor and Indonesia, and said he was shocked by violence in the region.

Pope’s visit to Romania may renew Catholic-Orthodox ties

BUCURHEST, Romania (CNS)—A senior Romanian government official said Pope John Paul II’s May 7-9 visit will herald a “new phase” in ties between the Catholic Church in Romania and the Church of England and Wales, which is not recognized by Rome. The visit does not recognize the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and celebrates the Latin-language Tridentine Mass, which Vatican II replaced with the order of the Mass celebrated worldwide in the vernacular.

People

Retired Detroit priest publishes book of priestly recollections

DETROIT (CNS)—The experience and wisdom of senior priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit inspired retired Father Edward Scheuerman to compile their thoughts in a book, “Recollections of Vocation and Priestly Ministry.” Several years ago, when Father Scheuerman moved to the Senior Clergy Village in Livonia, he experienced a renewed sense of brotherhood among his fellow priests. “I heard a lot of interesting stories with wisdom and experience,” he told The Michigan Catholic. “I thought, ‘Too bad all would be lost.’”

Irish rock star Sinead O’Connor is ‘ordained’ a ‘priest’ in France

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS)—The Irish rock star formerly known as Sinead O’Connor now calls herself Mother Bernadette Marie. O’Connor claims to be the “first ever Latin Tridentine woman priest” following her “ordination” in Lourdes, France, by an excommunicated Irish “bishop.”

The Catholic Press and Information Office simply stated: “There is no such thing as a Catholic woman priest.” Bishop Michael Cox, who performed the “ordination” at Lourdes, is a member of the Palmar de Troya sect, which is not recognized by Rome. The sect does not recognize the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and celebrates the Latin-language Tridentine Mass, which Vatican II replaced with the order of the Mass celebrated worldwide in the vernacular.

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World

In message to U.N. head, pope urges return to dialogue on Kosovo

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Principal – Elementary School

St. Ambrose School, Seymour, Indiana, is seeking candidates who fulfill the following criteria: a bachelor’s degree in theology, pastoral ministry or related field is required. Please send résumé to: St. Gabriel Parish, c/o DRE, 2930 S. Henry Street, 317-841-3081. Position, 40 hours/week, position open immediately. Deadline is May 18, 1999.

Director of Religious Education

Saint Gabriel Parish in Brownsburg, Indiana, is searching for a well-organized and self-motivated leader in the institutional food industry, is searching for a food service director. Applicants should direct inquiries to: Mrs. Annette "Mickey" Lentz, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Office of Catholic Education, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367 or phone 317-236-1438.

Business Manager

St. Malchus Parish in Brownsburg, Indiana, is seeking a full-time business manager to be an administrator in support of the pastor’s responsibilities to the parish. This administrator will be a central figure of financial, physical and personnel resources of the parish and will enable the other ministries to function effectively. Candidates must be able to work evenings and weekends. Applications are requested by May 28, 1999. Send résumé to: Search Committee, St. Malchus Parish, 109 N. Main, Brownsburg, IN 46112-1214.

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The Indianapolis facility of United Signature Foods, LLC., a leader in the institutional food industry, is seeking a production supervisor. Interested individual must be able to work evenings and some Saturdays. Preference will be given to individuals with 3-5 years experience in the food industry with mechanical expertise. Excellent benefits package to include matching 401K plan, paid sick and vacation time to employees. Preferred position has been a production supervisor at a similar facility. Interested candidates should apply to: Personnel Manager, P.O. Box 1531, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

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