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Romanian Orthodox Patriarch Teoctist reaches out to embrace Pope John Paul II on May 9 in Bucharest. During his three-day visit to Romania, Pope John Paul attended a Sunday Divine Liturgy with the patriarch.

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State legislature closes with mixed results

ICC efforts to educate people about the death penalty prompted extensive debate, publicity

Abolition of the death penalty, insurance mandates and educational initiatives kept staffers of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) busy during the 1999 Indiana General Assembly's budget session. The ICC, which is the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Indiana, lobbies the state legislature in the interest of the Church.

"The effort to get a hearing for a bill to abolish capital punishment in Indiana tapped a nerve in and outside of our faith community," ICC executive director Dr. M. Desmond Ryan said. "This issue was the number one priority for the state ICC directors. Some people said the Senate death penalty hearing was the talk of the Statehouse in February."

The second phase of the spring legislative session was dominated by insurance mandates dealing with infertility treatments and contraceptive coverage, Ryan said. During the final phase of the ses-

sion, in the conference committee, the ICC tried to salvage education initiatives in the budget.

Lead issues

Capital punishment—Last December, the Indiana Catholic Conference board urged Ryan to find an author for a bill to abolish capital punishment.

"A preliminary search for a sponsor among Catholic legislators pointed out the divisions within our faith community on the death penalty as a pro-life issue," Ryan said.

Unable to find a Catholic sponsor, Ryan turned to Sen. Morris H. Mills of Indianapolis (R—Dist. 35, Johnson, Marion and Morgan counties), a Quaker and Senate leader, who introduced SB 298 along with co-sponsors Sen. J. Murray Clark of Indianapolis (R—Dist. 29, Hamilton and Marion counties), Sen. Earline S. Rogers of Gary (D—Dist. 3, Lake County), and Sen. Cleophus

Washington of South Bend (D—Dist. 10, St. Joseph County).

Sen. Mills requested a hearing for SB 298 from Sen. Robert Meeks of LaGrange (R—Dist. 13, Dekalb, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties), who is known as a strong proponent of capital punishment. Sen. Meeks granted Sen. Mills's request and a Corrections, Criminal and Civil Proceeding Committee hearing was held on Feb. 17.

Working with Larry Landis, executive director of the Indiana Public Defender Council, and his staff, the ICC staff put together testimony.

After four hours of testimony from a number of religious leaders led by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, as well as from key judges, prosecutors and public defenders, the bill failed to pass to the full Senate by a 4-7 committee vote.

"Considering that this was the first public hearing on the death penalty since it was reintroduced in Indiana 20 years ago," Ryan said, "we believe that it was a positive first step in the ongoing effort to change this law to the penalty of life without parole."

Education—At the December ICC board meeting, Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger of Evansville and

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Greg A. Otolski is named Criterion managing editor

Greg A. Otolski, business editor of Louisville, Kentucky's nationally acclaimed newspaper, *The Courier-Journal*,



Greg A. Otolski

has accepted the position of managing editor of *The Criterion*. He will begin work on May 24. Otolski, a member of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, comes to archdiocesan service with a wealth of experience. He has been a newspaper editor and reporter for the last 16 years and has worked for *The Jasper Herald* and United Press International as well as

The Courier-Journal. As business editor, he leads a staff of two assistant editors, eight reporters and two news clerks.

As managing editor of *The Criterion*, Otolski will handle the day-to-day operations of the newspaper and participate as a member of the editorial committee of the board of directors of Criterion Press, Inc., whose members help develop policy and write editorials.

He is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Journalism and has earned numerous awards during his career, including, in 1997, the Best of Gannett Award and a Metro Louisville Journalism Award for Business Reporting.

He will report to William R. Bruns, executive editor. Reporting to Otolski will be Margaret Nelson, senior editor, and Mary Ann Wyand and Susan Bierman, assistant editors. †

St. Paul Parish to pay tribute to school's service to Tell City area

TELL CITY—After 121 years of service to the Tell City community, the doors of the school at St. Paul Parish will close at the end of the school year.

St. Paul School first opened in 1878 as a two-room Catholic school. In 1934, during the depression, an agreement was formed with the public school system to rent the building and take over the expense of running the school. The nuns were kept on staff at the school and time release was allowed for religious education.

A new elementary school building is under construction in Tell City, so St. Paul School is no longer needed by

the school corporation.

St. Paul Parish will recognize the school's many years of service to the community during Masses on Pentecost weekend May 22-23. Mass times are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and noon.

A reception will follow each Mass, and the school building will be open for touring.

Past and present teachers and students are invited to attend. Current and former faculty members are asked to check in at the "teachers' table" in the narthex off the main parking lot. †

St. Vincent de Paul Society warns churches about scam

Parishes and Protestant churches in the Indianapolis area should be aware of a scam involving the St. Vincent de Paul Society's name, council president Don Striegel of Indianapolis said in a recent letter sent to members of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of Indianapolis, Inc., never has and never does solicit any churches," Striegel said.

"Recently a Protestant church on the west side of the city was the object of a scam using the name of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) to obtain money for, or by, persons unknown to us," he said.

"This is only the latest in a long list of such operations dating back many years," Striegel said. "We have made no attempt

to pursue the perpetrators, but only to warn our [Church Federation] members of that kind of activity. However, as many of these operations have been successful, we have an interest in trying to keep them from happening."

Each parish may have a St. Vincent de Paul Society conference, a local parish group, which organizes the SVdP activities of that parish, he said. "From time to time, [the conference] may solicit funds through special Church collections, but only in their own parishes."

People who solicit churches and say they represent the St. Vincent de Paul Society are impostors, Striegel said. To report a church solicitation, call the SVdP Hot Line operator at 317-687-1006. †

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Bishop Dale Melczek of Gary urged the ICC to take a leadership position with the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA) on education issues.

Ryan and INPEA director Glenn Tebbe, assisted by ICC attorney William Wood, worked to tell the non-public school story to legislators.

Rep. B. Patrick Bauer of South Bend (D-Dist. 6, St. Joseph County) included non-public schools in HB 1972, but the safe school funding was taken out of the budget by the Senate leadership. Then, in the conference committee, the safe school money was returned to the budget, but non-public school children were excluded.

However, Ryan said, accredited non-public schools were retained in the budget as eligible for Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and advanced placement test fees.

"Most of the other equity concerns for non-public school students failed to survive the conference committee process," Ryan said.

"During the session, the ICC and INPEA team presence made the issues of non-public students visible to legislators and the education community," Ryan said.

Other issues

Child Health

Insurance—CHIP, the Child Health Insurance Program, was an important aspect of the 1999 state budget. The number of eligible children under age 19 has been expanded because of additional funding. This program is a three-to-one federal/state match. A significant change includes coverage for mental health to the same degree as physical health.

Landlord-Tenant—ICC concern on landlord-tenant issues dates to the conference's early years.

HB 1653, authored by Rep. Brian K. Hasler of Evansville (D-Dist. 77, Vanderburgh County) and sponsored by Sen. Richard D. Bray of Martinsville (R-Dist. 37, Clay, Morgan, Owen, Putnam and Vigo counties), passed both chambers and will be signed by the governor.

"This is the first such landlord-tenant reform by Indiana since the 19th century," Ryan said.

Indiana Family Leave Act—HB 1127,

the long-standing ICC concern, was authored by Rep. John J. Day of Indianapolis (D-Dist. 100, Marion County) and passed the House by a 51-47 vote, but was not given a hearing in the Senate.

Adoption Deception and Adoption Expenses—SB 310 passed the Senate 50-0, but attempts to amend it to limit adoption to married couples and exclude single persons, including homosexual persons, caused the authors to table the bill in the House.

Taxation—As originally written, HB 1105 could have negatively affected Church properties. However, Rep. Bauer, author of the bill, amended it to exclude religious organizations from taxes if Church activities are within the stated purposes of the organization.

Medically Accurate Education—ICC monitoring raised concerns about the intent of this legislation, Ryan said. The bill would challenge sexual abstinence education as the ideal.

"Although the bill passed the House, at the ICC's suggestion, the education chair

refused to give it a hearing in the Senate," Ryan said. "Efforts during conference committee meetings to have other bills carry it as an amendment failed during this session."

Conscience Clause—Insurance mandates in HB 1331 and HB 1443 were amended in the House to protect organizations such as Catholic insurance companies from having to cover medical proce-

dures in conflict with Church teaching, such as infertility treatment and contraceptive coverage.

"In the Senate, ICC efforts maintained the conscience clause provisions," Ryan said. "Extensive Senate floor debate raised numerous concerns about legislating and mandating in this sensitive area."

The two bills failed by a large margin. HB 1331 was voted down 10-40, and HB 1443 failed by an 8-42 vote.

"Each legislative session offers special challenges for the Indiana Catholic Conference," Ryan said, "but always provides opportunities for the Church in Indiana through the ICC to address a broad range of moral, ethical and social justice issues."

"This year, life and school issues predominated," he said. "Other sessions would have found us spending equal time with social justice issues, but welfare reform begun in 1996 temporarily reduced our involvement." †

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Providence House expands to Georgetown site

By Susan M. Bierman

GEORGETOWN—Some people know firsthand the importance of ministry to neglected and abused children. Others make it their mission to provide this ministry.

Guerin Inc., a new not-for-profit corporation in Indiana, plans to build a \$1.6 million complex in Georgetown for the expansion of services provided by Providence House, a program of Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries Inc.—a ministry sponsored by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Ground is expected to be broken in November or December.

Established in 1994, Providence House, currently housed in the former Holy Family Parish convent, 225 W. Daisy Lane in New Albany, is a group home licensed by the state of Indiana to provide foster care for 10 children ages 4 to 16 years. Most of the children who reside at Providence House are wards of the state and have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect—and it's not uncommon that at any given time several of the children are siblings.

Phase I of the new Providence House facilities calls for the construction of three group homes and two transitional homes on 12.48 acres of wooded land that was donated by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

One group home will provide care for six developmentally and/or emotionally challenged children; another for 10 children ages 4 to 9 years; and a third for children ages 10 to 14 years. The transitional homes will shelter families who otherwise could not be reunited because they are homeless or live in substandard housing.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, presented the land deed to Guerin Inc. during a ground blessing ceremony on May 7 at the site located on the north side of State Highway 64 on the east side of Georgetown.

During the ceremony, Msgr. Schaedel said it would be impossible for him to imagine what "the history and present status of the archdiocesan family would be like without the Sisters of Providence."

"So many people's lives are touched ... by the ministry of the Sisters of Providence," he said.

Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, director of Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries, said the project wouldn't be

where it is today if it weren't for the priests of the New Albany Deanery, Msgr. Schaedel, and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

She said a group of five people from the New Albany Deanery traveled to Indianapolis last September to meet with Msgr. Schaedel to check on the possible purchase of this 12.48 acres of land in Georgetown.

"We didn't even have to mention purchase," Sister Barbara said.

She said Msgr. Schaedel and Archbishop Buechlein had decided—with the support of the New Albany Deanery priests—they would donate the land for expansion of Providence House. "If it had not been for the graciousness of the archdiocese we would not be where we are right now," Sister Barbara said.

She said it appears as if "Providence has been smiling on this project all along."

It took two years of hard work to organize the project, and now everything is falling into place.

Sister Barbara said Guerin Inc. has received a planning grant from the Indiana Housing Finance Authority for the expansion. The corporation is also applying for participation in the Neighborhood Assistance Program, a tax-credit program offered through the Indiana State Department of Commerce, and a grant from a local foundation.

Providence House will receive \$250,000 in Build Indiana funds. Sister Barbara credited Rep. Bill Cochran of New Albany (D—Dist. 72, Floyd and Clark counties) with including the project in the distribution of Build Indiana funds which are administered by the Indiana General Assembly.

Sister Barbara said the town of Georgetown, the town council, and the neighborhoods have been warm and welcoming.

"It has just been an enchanting and engaging experience to see the excitement and positive spirit from everyone," she said.

Jim Deddo, Georgetown Town Council president, said he can personally relate to the importance of offering foster care to children.

"I was raised in a home like this when I was a child," he said.

Deddo said the children feel cared for in a home like Providence House.

"You get love and affection that you're not getting otherwise," Deddo said.

Sheila Galvin, Providence House



Photo by Susan M. Bierman

Father John Beitans (right), dean of the New Albany Deanery and pastor of St. John Parish in Starlight, presents the land deed to Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, director of Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries, to sign as Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, and Rep. Bill Cochran watch the ceremony. The 12.48 acres in Georgetown was donated by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the expansion of Providence House, a foster home for children.

administrator, said the Floyd County community, as well as the surrounding region, will benefit from this project.

"Ultimately what we're doing is building stronger family relationships," she said.

Galvin explained that by building stronger families the children can grow into adulthood with positive relationships and learn more positive ways of coping and dealing with their feelings in the hard times as well as the good times.

"In turn, generations to come will benefit," Galvin said.

Phase II of the expansion will include construction of two homes for foster families and a center where self-sufficiency and life-skills classes will be taught. The center will also serve as a

meeting place for support groups and will house Providence House administration offices.

Sister Barbara said this is just the beginning.

"Eventually it will be a total living environment campus for children and for family reunification," Sister Barbara said.

She said that, given the amount of acreage, up to 250 children could be comfortably housed on the Providence House campus.

She added that it was important to develop an excellent master plan so the entire 12.48 acres would be used to their greatest potential.

"My dream is to have it fully done in seven years," Sister Barbara said. †

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Editorial

Elections in Israel

The citizens of Israel could be taking a decisive step on Monday toward Middle East peace. But it probably won't work out that way.

Monday is election day in Israel. Israelis will be voting for a prime minister because present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was forced to dissolve the Knesset last January and call for early elections.

Polls taken in Israel indicate that three-fourths of Israelis support the peace accords with the Palestinians that were agreed upon in Oslo, Norway, in 1993. Netanyahu opposed those accords at the time and, as prime minister, has managed to delay their implementation. It seems logical, therefore, that the Israelis will not reelect Netanyahu.

In Israel, though, things aren't that simple. Netanyahu is a superb politician who has always managed to gain and retain power through coalitions of various disparate groups. Now he seems to be taking advantage of some of the ethnic and social resentments that have long been part of Israeli society. He has made them the issue in the election instead of the peace process.

His main opponents on Monday are Ehud Barak, of the Labor Party, and Yitzhak Mordechai, of the new Center Party. Mordechai is an ex-general and former defense minister who was fired by Netanyahu over peace issues. Netanyahu is taking advantage of the fact that about half the populace dislike the Labor Party for one reason or another, even though it has done the most to further the peace process. Sephardic Jews have long resented Labor's rule in earlier days. (Sephardic Jews are usually described as those of Middle Eastern origin, but actually they trace their lineage back to the Spanish Jews who were exiled, mainly to the Middle East, by Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492.) Orthodox Jews and members of the Religious Party will not support Labor. Most of the large number of Russian immigrants are anti-Labor Party.

According to syndicated columnist J. J. Goldberg, "Netanyahu has united these groups into a governing coalition by focusing on their grudges and fudging their foreign-policy differences. It is, however, an unstable coalition, virtually incapable of making decisions on the

peace process. Netanyahu held it together for 30 months by avoiding decisions, employing stalling tactics that kept the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue alive, but just barely. When last November's Wye River Agreement forced him to make decisions, the coalition fell apart."

The Jewish settlers on the West Bank support Netanyahu, who has encouraged additional settlements despite the strained relations with the United States that that has caused. According to Peace Now, an Israeli group that backs the peace process, Jewish settlers have established at least 19 new settlements in Palestinian territory since the Wye River Plantation agreement was signed. Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon says that there are now 180,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank and Gaza and he hopes to increase that number to 200,000.

Most recent polls indicate that Barak is ahead of Netanyahu by 47 percent to 38 percent. Mordechai, who earlier was at 12 percent, has seen his support slipping. Right-winger Benny Begin might get 5 percent. If no one gets a majority of the vote, a runoff election between Netanyahu and Barak in three weeks is probable.

Meanwhile, Yasser Arafat has been trying to keep from influencing the election. For a long time, he had pledged to declare Palestine a state on May 4, the target date for a permanent peace agreement according to the Oslo Accords. He agreed to delay that declaration despite some demonstrations by Palestinians disappointed by his decision. A unilateral decision on Arafat's part might have helped Netanyahu at the polls. During the Israeli elections of 1996, Netanyahu came from behind to win after Palestinian terrorists purposely sabotaged the peace process.

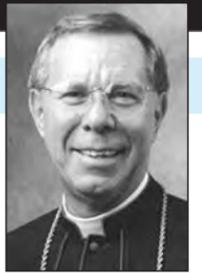
In return for delaying the declaration of a Palestinian state, Arafat managed to get pledges from the European Union and Japan that they will recognize Palestinian statehood when the right time comes for its declaration. The United States supports Palestinian self-determination but has not promised acceptance of statehood.

We can only wait and see if the Israelis will move toward peace on Monday.

—John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Prayer: all we have to do is do it

I am often asked if I still find time to jog and if I still pray the rosary as I do so.

In fact, after back surgery last August, the surgeon advised that I discontinue jogging among other activities. However, he recommended swimming as an alternative, one that I have pursued and enjoy a lot. And I have found that praying the rosary while swimming laps works well, perhaps even better than while jogging. It's a different exercise, but still a good prayer time. The rhythm of prayers and the laps allow for reflection on the basic mysteries of our redemption.

The rosary is on my mind as I write this week because the meditation book I use regularly (*In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez) offered a reflection on the rosary and devotion to the Blessed Mother for the Saturday of the fifth week of Easter. By tradition, Saturdays are given special attention for Marian devotion as are the months of May and October. This week I want to encourage this devotion, which I inherited from my youth, both from my family and from my seminary and monastic background at Saint Meinrad. In promoting Marian devotion, I am in good company.

Speaking on the meaning of the word *rosary*, Pope Pius XII said it is "a crown of roses, a delightful custom which among all peoples represents an offering of love and a symbol of joy." (Address 16 Oct. 1940)

Pope John XXIII wrote: "It is the most excellent means of meditated prayer, constituted in the manner of a mystical crown, in which the angelic salutation, the Lord's Prayer and the doxology to the August Trinity are intertwined with the consideration of the highest mysteries of our faith. In it, by means of many scenes, the mind contemplates the drama of the Incarnation and of the Redemption of our Lord" (*Grata Recordatio*, 1959).

Pope Paul VI said that the liturgy and the rosary, "although existing on essentially different planes of reality, have as their object the same salvific events wrought by Christ. The former presents anew, under the veil of signs and operative in a hidden way, the great mysteries of our redemption. The latter, by means of devout contemplation, recalls these same mysteries to the mind of the person praying and stimulates the

will to draw from them the norms of living" (*Marialis cultus*, #48). In that same encyclical, he also wrote that the rosary is "one of the best and most efficacious prayers in common that the Christian family is invited to recite" (#54).

At one of his Sunday *Angelus* addresses, Pope John Paul II said: "The saying of the *Angelus* and of the rosary must be for every Christian and even more for Christian families, like a spiritual oasis during the course of the day, from which we can get strength and confidence" (5 Oct. 1980). Later in a homily, he said, "Guard jealously that tender and confident love for our Lady, which characterizes you. Don't ever let it get cold. ... Be faithful to the traditional exercises of Marian piety in the Church: the saying of the *Angelus*, the month of Mary, and in a special way, the rosary. Would that there be a resurgence of that beautiful custom of praying the rosary in the family" (12 Oct. 1980).

I want to encourage the family rosary. Despite the difficulty of scheduling these days, I know that families that pray the rosary together find that it is a blessing. It doesn't really take that long, and it is a moment of pause and peace in hectic times. I didn't always like it when we prayed it at home in my youth, but it left a lasting impression for which I am grateful.

Recently I overheard someone (who doesn't know the Hail Mary) say, "I don't say memorized prayers; I prefer to pray my own spontaneous words." Spontaneous prayer is good and important. Yet that person must be better than I at praying because after awhile I need the comfort of familiar prayers that take the attention off me and help me focus on God (and Mary and the saints).

Some folks say that repetition of the Hail Mary becomes boring and distraction sets in, so much so that not to say the rosary is better than saying it badly. Pope John XXIII used to say that the worst rosary is the one that doesn't get said. Although I resisted his wisdom at the time, my novice master used to say, "Some things are worth doing poorly." Distraction at prayer is inevitable. It is important to remember that it is the Holy Spirit who makes something good of our prayer. All we have to do is do it. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.



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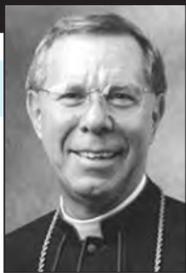
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Oración: Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es practicarla

A menudo la gente me pregunta si todavía tengo tiempo para trotar y si todavía oro el rosario al hacerlo.

De hecho, tras la cirugía de la espalda en agosto del año pasado, el cirujano me recomendó que deje de trotar, entra algunas otras actividades. Sin embargo, me recomendó natación como alternativa. Lo he practicado en el pasado y me gustó mucho.

Además, he descubierto que da un buen resultado si rezo el rosario mientras hago mi rutina de natación en la piscina. Quizá sea aún mejor que hacerlo mientras hacía trotando. Es un ejercicio diferente, pero todavía es un buen tiempo para orar. El ritmo de las oraciones y los vueltos me permiten reflexionar en los misterios fundamentales de nuestra redención.

Estoy pensando en el rosario mientras estoy escribiendo esta semana ya que el libro de meditaciones que leo regularmente (*Conversaciones con Dios* por Francis Fernandez) ofreció una reflexión acerca del rosario y de la devoción a la Santísima Madre el sábado, la quinta semana de la Pascua. Por tradición, los sábados se da atención especial para devoción Mariana, así como los meses de mayo y octubre. Esta semana quiero fortalecer esta devoción, la cual heredé desde mi juventud, tanto como de mi familia como de mi seminario y educación monástica en Saint Meinrad. Estoy en buena compañía, cuando promuevo la devoción Mariana,

En cuanto al significado de la palabra "rosario", el Papa Pius XII dijo es "una corona de rosas, una costumbre deleitable que entre todas las personas representa una ofrenda de amor y un símbolo de alegría". (Discurso 16 de octubre de 1940)

El Papa Juan XXIII escribió: "es el medio más excelente de oración meditada, constituyéndose en una manera de corona mística en la que el saludo angélico, es decir el Padrenuestro y la doxología a la Trinidad de agosto están entrelazados como los misterios más altos de nuestra fe. Por eso, a través de muchas escenas, la mente contempla el drama de la Encarnación y la Redención de nuestro Señor" (*Grata Recordatio*, 1959).

El Papa Pablo VI dijo que la liturgia y el rosario, "aunque existan en distintas atmósferas de la realidad, tienen como objeto los mismos eventos de salvación realizados por Cristo. La liturgia presenta de nuevo los grandes misterios de nuestra redención por señales ocultas y opera en secreto. El rosario, por medio de contemplación devota, recuerda estos mismos misterios en la mente de la persona que ora y estimula el deseo

de explicar por ellos las normas de vida" (*Marialis cultus*, #48). En esa misma encíclica, escribió también que el rosario es "una de las mejores y más eficaces oraciones que tiene la familia cristiana en común y dicha familia está invitada a recitarlo" (#54).

Durante uno de sus discursos dominicales *Angelus*, el Papa Juan Pablo II dijo: "El refrán del *Angelus* y del rosario debe ser un oasis espiritual durante el curso del día para cada cristiano y especialmente para las familias cristianas, permitiéndonos sacar fuerza y confianza" (5 de octubre de 1980). Más tarde en una homilía, él dijo, "Guardé celosamente aquel amor tierno y seguro por nuestra Señora que lo caracteriza. No permita que el mismo nunca se enfríe. ... Sea fiel a los ejercicios tradicionales de piedad mariana en la Iglesia: el refrán del *Angelus*, el mes mariano, y de una manera especial, el rosario. Aunque sea un resurgimiento de esa hermosa costumbre de orar el rosario con la familia" (12 de octubre de 1980).

Quiero promover el rosario familiar. A pesar de la dificultad de planificar hoy en día, sé que familias que oran el rosario juntas descubren que es una bendición. Realmente no toma mucho tiempo, y es un momento de pausa y paz en los tiempos agitados. No me gustaba mucho cuando lo orábamos en casa durante mi juventud, pero me dejó una impresión duradera que agradezco.

Recientemente por casualidad oí decir a alguien (quién no conoce el Ave María), "no digo oraciones memorizadas; prefiero orar con mis propias palabras espontáneas". La oración espontánea es buena y importante. Todavía esa persona debe orar mejor que yo porque después de un poco de tiempo, necesito el consuelo de oraciones familiares que quitan la atención de mí y me ayudan a enfocarme en Dios (y María y los santos).

Algunas personas dicen que la repetición del Ave María se pone aburrido y distraído. Dicen que la distracción es tan grande que es mejor no decir el rosario que decirlo mal. El papa Juan XXIII decía que el peor rosario es el que no se dice. Aunque me resistí su sabiduría en el momento, mi maestro novicio decía, "Algunas cosas merecen la pena". La distracción mientras se ora es inevitable. Es importante recordar que es el Espíritu Santo quien hace algo bueno de nuestra oración. Solamente tenemos que hacerlo. †

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Letters to the Editor

Trouble with headline

Perhaps this is simply a case of journalistic license, but why would a headline blare, "Part of the creation story may refer to the Trinity" ("Question Corner," May 7), only to have the article conclude the opposite ("There is little if any foundation for that theory in the Bible")? Wouldn't a more accurate headline read, "Creation story does not refer to the Trinity"? Quoting the Bible in order to justify a Trinitarian doctrine which wasn't even formulated until the 5th century C.E. is a classic example of exegesis (or "proof-texting") and does

violence to Scripture by "reading in" a preconceived meaning. The conclusion that Genesis 1:26 refers to the Trinity shouldn't even have been mentioned as a possibility, much less headlined as such! ...

James R. Welter
James R. Welter II
Indianapolis

(It was less a case of journalistic license and more a case of a looming deadline and a small staff. Perhaps a better headline would have been something like "Scriptural creation account very complex."—WRB)

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Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

The importance of commitment to the Church

If Catholics are to pass the faith on to future generations, they cannot do it simply by nurturing Christian identity or a sense of personal spirituality. They also need to foster commitment to the Catholic Church.



Commitment has two interrelated components: self-concept and self-interest. Self-concept refers to a person's identification with the Church. It has to do with salience—the importance a person attaches to the Church. Self-interest has more to do with a person's stake in the Church. It indicates the extent to which people feel they get something out of being part of the Church.

You can tell the extent of people's identification with the Church by listening to them talk. Someone who says she can't imagine being anything but Catholic has a strong Catholic identity. A man who says the Church is not an important part of his daily life is not as closely attached to the Church. Neither is a person who says she could be just as happy in some other religious group.

Words also indicate the extent to which people have a stake in the Church. People who say the Church has given them a strong moral foundation have some investment in the Church. So do people who say there is something special about being Catholic that one can't find in other religions. Their stake in the Church is greater than that of people who say they get little or nothing out of attending Mass.

Self-concept and self-interest tend to go hand in hand. People who think the Church is an important part of their life also tend to get the most out of being part of it. Those who feel there are significant benefits to being Catholic also tend to identify with the Church.

Together, self-concept and self-interest increase Catholics' readiness to embrace Church teachings about faith and morals. Data in *The Search for Common Ground* (Our Sunday Visitor Books, 1997) show that the more people are committed to the Church, the more likely they are to value the Church's core teachings about matters such as Incarnation, Resurrection, and Real Presence. They also are more likely to attend Mass and receive holy Communion. They are more active in devotional practices such as the rosary and Bible study. Those who are highly committed also are most inclined to accept the Church's views on sexual and reproductive issues, such as premarital sex and abortion. They also tend to agree with the Church's social teachings related to peace and justice. They are not as likely to accept ideas that are inconsistent with Church teachings, such as the view that one can be a good Catholic without going to Mass on a regular basis.

These results have important implications for Catholic parents and Church leaders. For one thing, they point to the importance of building strong identification with the Church. Christian identity is necessary and good, but specifically Catholic identity also is important if future generations are to value the teachings of the Catholic Church. The data on commitment also indicate the value of explaining the benefits one can derive from being part of the Church. Rather than being shy about it, parents and parish leaders should boldly communicate the many ways people gain from being involved in the Church. The more they stress Catholic identity and the advantages of being Catholic, the more successful they will be in passing Catholic faith and morals on to future generations. †

(James D. Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University.)

La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminaristas: ¡Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!

Check It Out . . .

"Education: It's All About You," a free seminar to help adults who are considering college, will be held on June 3 at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. The seminar, sponsored by the ASPIRE Program for adult students, will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Stokely Mansion. For more infor-

mation, call 317-955-6125.

Caregivers/hospice will be the focus of the Partners in Wellness free educational workshop to be held on May 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Regenstrief Clinic, 1001 W. 10th St., in Indianapolis. The workshop will be held

in the ENT Conference Room on the third floor. Cancer patients, their family members and caregivers are invited to attend this workshop. Partners in Wellness is a collaborative effort between Little Red Door Cancer Agency and The Wellness Community of Central Indiana. Free transportation to and from the workshop is available by contacting Little Red Door Cancer Agency at 317-925-5595.

Holiday Inn Conference Center in Columbus. The registration fee is \$70 excluding overnight accommodations. The conference is sponsored by St. Bartholomew Parish and other area churches. For more information, contact Wendy Shuler, director of community relations, Baptist Homes of Indiana, at 317-873-3371.

St. Mary Academy Class of 1944 will hold its 55th class reunion on June 8. A gathering and luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Hollyhock Hill Restaurant, 8110 N. College Ave., in Indianapolis. For more information, call 317-255-9039.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., in Indianapolis, will celebrate its 80th anniversary May 28-30. Events include a Friday evening "Family Night Mini-Festival," from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; a Saturday night "Adult Dinner/Dance" with music by the Carl Hines Trio with Mary Moss, from 8 p.m. to midnight; and on Sunday, a "Celebration Mass" at 10 a.m., presided by Bishop Joseph Perry, S.V.D. Current and former members of the parish, school, and parish community are invited to attend. For more information, call Gloria Messer at 317-253-7199 in the evening or call the rectory at 317-632-9349.

VIPs . . .



Conventual Franciscan Brother Larry (Richard) Eberhardt will celebrate his 40th anniversary of Solemn Profession at 4:30 p.m. on May 16 with Solemn Vespers

of Thanksgiving at Mount St. Francis Friary in southern Indiana. A reception will follow. Brother Larry professed his Solemn Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, according to the rule of St. Francis of Assisi, on Feb. 3, 1959, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. He is a native of Massillon, Ohio, and is the son of

the late Hilda and Richard Eberhardt.

A celebration in honor of Father Mark Svarczkopf's 25th anniversary of ordination will be held on June 6 with Mass at noon at St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., in Indianapolis. A family picnic will follow on the parish grounds. All parishioners, former parishioners, friends, family and parishioners from Father Svarczkopf's previous assignments are invited to attend. For more information and to R.S.V.P., call 317-546-4065.

Steve James, director of purchasing for the archdiocese, was elected to a three-year term on the board of the National Catholic Group Purchasing Association (NCGPA). NCGPA is a purchasing support organization to dioceses around the country. †

An explanation of the why's, what's, and how's of the annulment process will be the focus of a two-hour session for men and women interested in learning more about requesting an investigation into the possible nullity of a marriage. The program, sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal and the Office for Youth and Family Ministries, will be held on June 8 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The program is free. To register or for more information, call Marilyn Hess at the Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 800-382-9836, ext. 1586, or 317-236-1586.

Ministry with the Aging VI: "Aging: God's Challenge and Gift," a conference for clergy, lay persons, health care and social services professionals, family caregivers and others concerned with late life issues, will be held May 20-21 at the

The student council at Southport High School in Southport will sponsor a **Senior Citizen prom** on May 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. Music of the 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s will be provided by The Continentals. The prom is free. For more information, call the school at 317-780-4317.

The Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg will sponsor a **"Come and See"** weekend on May 15-16. For more information, call Franciscan Sister Marge Wissman at 812-933-6409 or e-mail her at mwissman@seidata.com.

"Rebellion, the Celebration of Roncalli," a fundraising dinner/auction/dance for Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, will be held May 21 at the high school. The event will feature the high school jazz band, Dave "The King" Wilson as comic auctioneer, and LighTouch. Dinner will feature food from Southside restaurants. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. Must be 21 to attend. Table sponsorships and corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information, call 317-788-4098.

The Choir of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis will perform the music of John Bell, "Songs of Mary, Psalms of David," at 8 p.m. on May 17. During the evening, the choir will also recognize its director, Geraldine Miller, who has served the cathedral for 12 years in the ministry of music, and who will soon begin her retirement.

The AIDS Candlelight Memorial and March will be held May 16 at White River State Park at the east end of the Old Washington Street Bridge in Indianapolis. The event begins at 6 p.m. Bring picnic lunch. The program begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call 317-631-4006. †

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New Albany Deanery begins youth endowment

Annual CYO awards ceremony recognizes 3 adults, 47 youth for outstanding Church, community service

JEFFERSONVILLE—Youth from 19 southern Indiana parishes presented a \$20,000 check to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis during the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries Awards on May 6 at the St. Augustine Parish Center.

The funds will be used to create an endowment to benefit New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries programming.

Also during the event, three adults and 47 teen-agers were recognized for dedicated Church and community involvement.

A crowd of 330 youth and adults were present to celebrate another year of Catholic youth ministry in southern Indiana and to affirm the efforts of youth and adults who give time in service and leadership.

"The awards celebration is extraordinary on two levels," said Ray Lucas, deanery director of youth ministry. "We have the chance to celebrate the creation of the Catholic Youth Ministries Endowment, which is a major step forward for our organization. As the endowment grows, it will ensure that youth ministry is benefiting youth from our area for generations to come.

"The evening is also a strong reminder of the outstanding young leaders we have in our community who are actively making a difference through their community service, participation in Church activities, and the leadership they bring to their schools, churches and community organizations."

Lucas said the deanery's Catholic Youth Ministries Endowment was created through the generosity and long-term vision of several youth ministry benefactors.

The \$20,000 endowment will be managed by the archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation Inc., which includes endowment funds from diocesan parishes and institutions and has total assets of more than \$41 million.

Lucas said the Catholic Youth Ministries Endowment will be a vehicle for benefactors who wish to leave a planned gift to the New Albany Deanery Youth Ministries office.

The annual awards ceremony honors outstanding adult and teen-age volunteers for their leadership, dedication and Christian lifestyle.

Three adults earned the Catholic Youth Organization's St. John Bosco Medallion for their long-term involvement in youth ministry.

Recipients of the highest honor bestowed on adult youth ministry volunteers in the deanery and in the archdiocese were Jim Davis from St. Michael Parish in Charlestown, Lynn Spellman Wilcoxson from St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville, and Leo Gettelfinger from Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

Fourteen New Albany Deanery youth received the Outstanding Service Award.

The deanery's top youth honor went to Alanna Campbell, Drew Starck and Shalimar Manwani from St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville; Joe Ehlers from

St. Mary Parish in New Albany; Vince Harshey and John Schmelz from Holy Family Parish in New Albany; Ryan Wigginton from St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville; Erin Coop from St. Mary Parish in Lanesville; Laura Messmer, Matt Naville, Heidi Naville and Lisa Naville from St. Mary Parish in Navilleton; Kristin Prechtel from St. Michael Parish in Bradford; and Brad LaMaster of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg.

Two teen-agers received scholarships for continuing education in recognition of outstanding Church and community service during their high school years. Heidi Naville received the deanery's Dean Kramer Memorial Scholarship and Laura Messmer received the Father Tom Stumph Memorial Scholarship.

In addition to these youth awards, 33 other young people were recognized for their leadership and faithful service to the deanery.

Earning certificates for leadership, service and faithful involvement were Matt Andres, Christina Ashby, Steven Banet, Scott Bodenbender, Becky Book, Leah Boone, Kevin Briscoe, Phil Corrao, Danielle Cunningham, Melissa Day and Adam DeSpain.

Other recipients of leadership and service certificates were Teresa Eickholtz, Aaron Ernstberger, Julie Ethrude, Amy Fischer, Emily Grantz, Johanna Hackney, Amanda Kane, David Kinder, Miles Krieger, Brian Lenfert, Beth Loi, Stephanie Mayfield, Sarah Miller, Heather Naville, Michael Peek, Leah Rigsby, Sarah Rose, Blair Schmidt, Brian Sheehan, Eric Voelker, Gavin Wetzel and Shalon Wilt. These young leaders are from parishes in Harrison, Clark and Floyd counties.

"The awards celebration is a unique occasion when we gather to celebrate the good that we as teen-agers bring to our Church and to the community at large," youth award recipient Brad LaMaster said. "We have a lot of leadership and community service to share, and it's nice when someone thinks enough of what we are doing to stop and say 'thank you.'" †

St. Gabriel, Connersville, hosts ecumenical memorial service

CONNERSVILLE—St. Gabriel Parish hosted a youth interfaith prayer service May 5 at the church in memory of the 14 Columbine High School students and a teacher who died April 20 in Littleton, Colo.

"Youth to Youth—Reaching Out in Prayer for the Students of Columbine High School" was the theme for the community-wide prayer service organized by teen-agers from several churches in the Connersville area.

More than 75 participants sang "Amazing Grace," then listened to a Scripture passage from 1 Peter 2:1-10 about the importance of having faith and "announcing the praises of him who called you out of darkness and into his wonderful light."

They also heard a lesson on the Scripture reading and a contemporary story. Following quiet prayer time, the names of all the deceased—including the two teen-age boys who

caused the tragedy—as well as the names of the injured students, were read, then the Connersville youth discussed their fears, concerns and hopes for the future.

A vocal quartet comprised of Connersville High School girls sang "Yesterday" and "He."

Participants gathered around the altar, held hands and prayed the "Our Father," then shared the sign of Christ's peace. During a candlelight portion of the memorial service, participants sang "Go Light Your World." They concluded the ecumenical liturgy by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

The Connersville youth also prepared a card, which was signed by participants at the prayer service and later mailed to Littleton as an expression of sympathy for all the Columbine High School students, their families, and other residents affected by the tragedy. †

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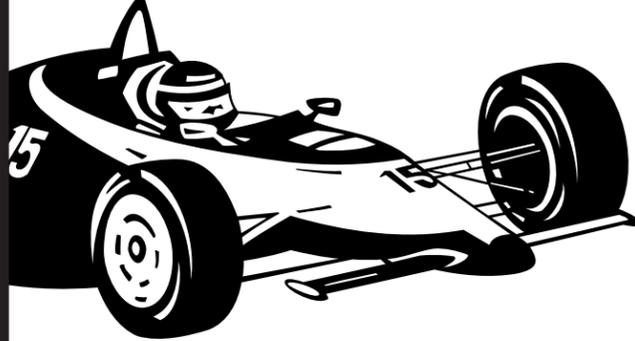
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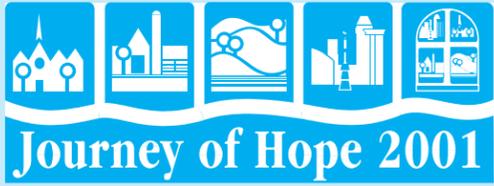
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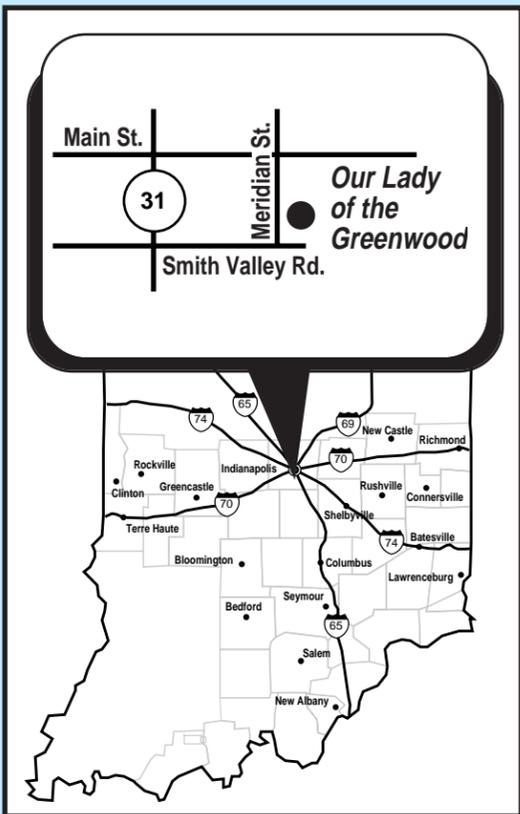
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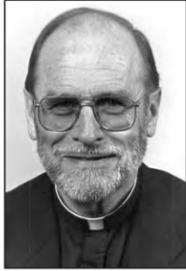
Last year, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood marked its 50th year by dedicating a new church Nov. 22. Msgr. Harold Knueven said it has become a means of evangelizing the community. In June, for the second year, an international group of young people in Youth for the Third Millennium will gather here to go door-to-door, giving Christ's message to people in the Greenwood area.



Journey of Hope 2001

New Greenwood church strengthens collaboration

Our Lady of the Greenwood in Greenwood begins its second 50 years as a parish with more than a new church building. It is a parish that is "being built from within each person," according to its pastor.



Fr. Harold Knueven

The staff's plans for parishioners involve personal spiritual growth and the sharing of that knowledge with others through evangelization.

Msgr. Harold L. Knueven, pastor, said that, when the parish built the church last year, "We said we were not just building a church, but building the body of Christ. It turned out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"We are trying to emphasize that we have to form a community with everybody," he said.

Father Jack Emrich, newly ordained associate pastor, said he has "never experienced a community that is more tolerant of differing views."

"I think it is incredible how members of the parish staff like and support each other," said Judy Koch, director of religious education. "And Father [Msgr. Knueven] is the poster boy for collaborative ministry."

The parish has started Christ Renews His Parish, a process for members to experience personal conversion and Christian community. The Renew 2000 spirituality process, too, is helping the parish prepare for the new millennium.

Both processes help parishioners build "close relationships with God through Scripture, prayer and community building," said Msgr. Knueven.

Small faith communities and prayer groups evolved from Renew 2000 and Christ Renews His Parish when the people involved decided to meet between the spring and fall sessions.

Sandy McGill, secretary for religious education and youth ministry said, "Since I've been here in the parish, I have personally grown. I have been blessed for having taken part in a prayer group."

"There is a hunger for Catholic identity," said Koch.

"A lot of people get their spirituality from [Eternal Word Television Network leader] Mother Angelica," said Msgr. Knueven. "They need more than that."

"We have one common vision—we believe in continuing education of ourselves," said Koch of the staff.

"Evangelization is strong in the parish, not as a formal program, but as an offshoot of the spiritual growth."

On June 19, parish leaders will participate in a retreat to formulate a three-year plan. Because of the parish interest in evangelization, the gathering will focus on the U.S. bishops' letter on evangelization, "Go and Make Disciples." It will be distributed to members of the parish pastoral council, all commissions and anyone involved in parish leadership.

"Building a church turned out to be an evangelization tool for the parish," said Msgr. Knueven. "People [who left the parish] have come back and re-registered."

Our Lady of the Greenwood has about four new parishioners register each week. Newcomers are welcomed with special gatherings one weekend each month.

"We try to make the parish welcoming," the pastor said.

He said that a large parish includes members with many different theological backgrounds, but each person should be made to feel like part of the community.

Ray Bessenbach, coordinator of youth ministry, said the parish is open to a variety of experiences. Last year, Youth for the Third Millennium, an international group of young people, stayed at Our Lady of the Greenwood and Holy Spirit parishes to launch a door-to-door evangelization program. The parish will host the boys' group again this year, starting June 25.

Bessenbach said, "We try to assess how we as a parish as a whole minister to the youth. We ask if they are involved in the parish. We try to involve each person in the three goals of Catholic youth ministry [fostering personal and spiritual growth; drawing them into the work of the Church, and empowering them to witness to their faith by living and working for justice, peace and human dignity]. We try to see how all of our programs work toward those goals. We want to offer opportunities for youth to experience God in forms

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Associate pastor, Father Jack Emrich, and pastor, Msgr. Harold L. Knueven, watch as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein dedicates the baptismal font during the Nov. 22, 1998, dedication of the new Our Lady of the Greenwood church.

they are comfortable with."

Beth Perkins, coordinator of religious education, said that the parish has 35 catechists for the Sunday morning religious education program. "We have many very dedicated parents," she said.

The summer youth camp involves entire parish families. Perkins said that the morning consists of two-hour sessions with the children. Parents are invited to join them for skits and prayers. In the evening, families come back to the youth camp for activities they can do together, including prayer, the outdoor Way of the Cross and a cookout in park. All parishioners are included.

The parish has a special ministry to children who are educated at home by their parents—known as home schoolers. The parish acts as a resource with videos and printed religious education materials for them.

Koch coordinates confirmation for students who are home-schooled in the Indianapolis area and in the Lafayette Diocese. In September of 2000, her group will participate when other candidates from the archdiocese gather at the new Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Jeff Havens, music director, talked about the importance of liturgy in the community. "Music is another way of prayer—it is prayer.

"Everyone comes forward to share talents," he said. "Even people who say they can't sing can sing if they are made to feel welcome."

"We do need to tie in faith and technology," said Perkins. "We need to know how to use it to counteract" the influences of the world." She is concerned that people of faith get Catholic teaching on technology.

The parish has its own technology committee, headed by a volunteer professional who has been the technological coordinator for the school and parish center networking system. The new church dedication was on closed-circuit television for the overflow crowd in Madonna Hall.

Kathy Fleming, principal of Our Lady of the Greenwood School, explained that the parental involvement is unusual. "We could never have done all that we have without their dedication.

"Their talents represent every walk of life," she said. The parents and parishioners "have a real sense of stewardship so they use their talents to make the parish better." Fifty percent of the parents have college degrees.

Faculty and students pray together to bring more spirituality and community togetherness among themselves, their parents and the parish staff.

Msgr. Knueven said the parish tries to be especially present for families who experience death. People of all ages help. "They do a wonderful job." A bereavement committee helps plan the funeral and take care of other needs, such as transportation. Parishioners provide funeral meals; retirees and others gather for a choir that sings at funerals.

McGill said that the parish committee for St. Vincent de Paul is a large and active group, helping many people with baskets of food. "We are fortunate to have the means to help them," she said.

"An overwhelming number of people participate in parish ministries," said administrative assistant Peggy Henninger, who is on the stewardship committee.

The parish has more than 50 different ministries—ranging from nursery to scouts to pre-Cana to seniors. Some have 150 people participating; the spring festival alone involves 850 workers.

Our Lady of the Greenwood has 450 liturgical ministers, serving as eucharistic ministers, musicians, lectors, servers, ushers and greeters.

On Dec. 12, the parish hosts Hispanics from the area for an annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.

On Easter Saturday, 53 new Catholics joined the parish at the Easter Vigil. "It was the first experience [at Our Lady of the Greenwood] to get baptized head to toe," said Msgr. Knueven.

Because of the size of the new church (it has the largest capacity in the archdiocese), everyone celebrating first Communion could do so for the first time at one Mass.

Mary Ann Albers, parish bookkeeper, said, "All the different ministries have done a good job in making people feel part of the parish. That comes through in the financial aspect. It shows they are proud of being part of the parish. †

Our Lady of the Greenwood (1948)

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St. Matthew School second-grader Jordan Denari (right) of Indianapolis receives the Body of Christ from Father Donald L. Schmidlin, pastor, on April 24 as her parents, Margaret and Thomas Denari, join her for the sacrament.

Allison Huber and Andrew Prousa participate in the First Communion liturgy at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight on April 18.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand



Drake Potts (in front), Clinton Huber, Oliver Book (second row from left), Andrew Prousa and Jordan Adams (back row), process into the church during First Communion Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight on April 18.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

St. Matthew School second-graders Katelyn Thompson (left) and Anna Buchheit of Indianapolis watch classmates receive the Eucharist during the First Communion liturgy April 24 at their church.



Aubrey DuBois (left) and Carrie Gearhart anticipate their first Communion during Mass on May 8 at Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.



Tracy Torres prays during First Communion Mass on April 18 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight.



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Father John Beitans congratulates Shelby Foster as Sean Fancher, Thomas Bierman, Chris Beam and Drake Potts watch during First Communion Mass on April 18 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight.

Children gather around Father Charles Chesebrough for the homily at the First Communion Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington on May 8.



Michael Baker receives the Blood of Christ during Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington on May 8.



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Trace Cureton watches as his second-grade classmates at St. Matthew School in Indianapolis prepare to receive their first Communion on April 24.

First Communion

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By Shirley Vogler Meister

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Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries 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.

BICKERS, Patricia A., 76, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, May 3. Wife of Dr. William Bickers. Mother of Terry, Patrick and Bill Bickers. Daughter of George Tackett and Helen Martin. Grandmother of four.

BICKNELL, Dorothy L. (Wolter), 76, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 2. Wife of Henry Bicknell. Mother of David, Roger and Joseph Bales, Ellen Tension. Stepmother of James Parker. Sister of Carl, Norbert and Louis Wolter, Evelyn Kiefer, Thelma Grossman. Grandmother of 15. Great grandmother of 13.

BOSCHERT, Kathryn, 97, Holy Family, Richmond, May 1. Aunt of several.

CATELLIER, Ann L. (Nagel), 69, St. Monica, Indianapolis, May 2. Wife of William J. Catellier. Mother of Nancy Wright, Bette Flueckiger, Annette Costello, Michael and Donald Catellier. Daughter of Dorothy (Ransdell) Corylier. Sister of Betty Hullett. Grandmother of six.

DIXON, Joseph R., 78, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, May 2. Husband of Helen M. Father of Joseph R. Jr., John P. Mark E. Timothy D. Dixon, Ann Marie Longo, Patricia Vustle. Brother of Marie Pegart. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of one.

GRIFFITH, Mary, 94, St. Mary, North Vernon, May 4. Sister of Ruth Harvey.

HANLEY, Sharon G., 48, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, April 25. Wife of Daniel Hanley. Mother of Amber and Kristen Hanley. Daughter of Talega Doolin. Sister of Sammy Doolin.

HOWE, Clara L., 86, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, April 29. Mother of Thomas Paul Howe. Grandmother of two.

LAND, Everett T., 64, Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick, April 29. Husband of Janice (Sanders) Land. Father of Yvette and Joseph Land, Angela Ragains, Maria Wright, Lisa Hackney. Brother of Frank and Roy Land. Brother of Helen Belcher, Agnes Sala, Edna Mae Slomski, Francis Hicks. Grandfather of 13.

LEDFORD, Ralph V., 88, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, May 2. Husband of Kathleen B. Uncle of several.

MATTHEWS, John Benedict "Ben," 79, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 3. Husband of Mary Catherine. Father of Janice C. Morris, Diane

Brunner, Pamela Karns, William R. and Daniel J. Brother of Joseph T., Julian "Jude," Patrick C. and Sarah Matthews, Hilda Day, Alberta Porter, Isabell Bradley and Florence Dant. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of five.

MAUER, Cora, 90, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 2. Aunt of one niece.

MILLER, Norma Irene, 80, St. Christopher, Speedway, May 5. Mother of Mary Jeannette Scotten, Theresa Miller. Stepmother of Monte Miller. Sister of Mary Flake. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of one.

MOORE, James E. Sr., 67, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, May 2. Husband of Phyllis. Father of Kathleen Smith, Donna Harlow, James E. Jr. and John P. Moore. Brother of Herman "Mick" and Mary Alice Moore.

Divine Word Father Jaworski dies two weeks after golden jubilee

Divine Word Father Sylvester Jaworski, 79, died of complications of Parkinson's disease May 6, almost two weeks after he celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination.

He served at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis from 1988 to 1991.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Techny's Divine Word International Chapel of the Holy Spirit May 10.

A native of Chicago, he attended St. Mary Seminary in Techny, Ill. and was ordained there in 1949.

He served for 10 years as a teacher and vocation director in England and Ireland, then taught English at the Divine

Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of three.

MORALEZ, Noe M., 72, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, April 29. Husband of Tomasa. Father of Noe A., Tomas and Miguel Moralez, Delores King. Brother of Elias Moralez and Eva Muniz.

MORGANROTH, Amelia L., 66, Holy Family, Richmond, May 1. Wife of Fred Morgenroth. Mother of Mary Ann Ramsey, Patricia Jane Murphy. Sister of Robert Limotta, Catherine Bane, Patty Paradiso. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of six.

PAYDO, Catherine C., 86, St. Mary, North Vernon, April 29. Mother of Mike, Thomas and Martin Paydo, Mary Ann Labuda. Sister of Tom, Paul and Bob Dziak, Mary Donohue, Ann Chernitsky, Marge McCarthy. Grandmother of

Word minor seminary in Girard, Pa. He was on the staff of the seminary in Epworth, Iowa, for 11 years before joining the faculty at the Divine Word seminary in Perrysburg, Ohio. There he gave mission appeals and youth retreats as a member of the staff of the Office for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

When he left St. Rita because of illness, he joined a group of semi-retired priests in a seminary in Wisconsin, where his avocation for photography was the subject of gallery shows.

Father Jaworski is survived by a sister, Servite Sister Paula Jaworski. †

nine. Great-grandmother of eight.

STEFFICK, Mary K., 61, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 2. Wife of Thomas L. Steffick. Mother of Thad and Monika Steffick. Daughter of Margaret Benda. Sister of David and Thomas Benda.

SUTHERLIN, Barbara, 64, St. John the Apostle, Bloomington, May 1. Mother of Thomas J. Sutherlin. Sister of Robert M. Sutherlin, Vivian Thrasher, Kay Stevens, Jean Kelley. Grandmother of two.

VAN AUSDAL, Betty J. (Shank), 65, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, April 23. Sister of Bob, Arvel, Jim, Inez and Nancy Shank.

WILLIAMS, John E., 84, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 20. Husband of Dorothy M. Williams. Father of Lynn Hurrle, Jan Mescall, John, David and Daniel Williams. Brother of Raymond J. Williams. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of two.

WERDELL, Stanley, 94, Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick, April 24. Father of James WerdeLL. Grandfather of two.

WOODWORTH, Rosa, 86, St. Michael, Greenfield, Feb. 18. Mother of Samuel, Norman, James, and Larry Woodworth, Dorothy Johnston, Arlene Rifner. Sister of Herbert Ferguson, Myra Harper, Naomi Rutkowski. Grandmother of 21.

ZOELLER, M. Juanita Uhl, 76, Holy Family, New Albany, May 3. Wife of Urban P. "Junie" Zoeller. Mother of Steven U., Robert J. and Mary Ann Zoeller. Sister of Steve A., Raymond E., Jude J. and John A. Uhl, Frances R. Sasse, Joan

T. Schickel and Roma A. Wolfe. **ZIMMERMAN, Melvin F.**, 84, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 19. Husband of Betty Zimmerman. Father of Michelle Feltman, Gwen Waldo, Mel, John and Tom Zimmerman. Brother of Daniel, Alvina Zimmerman. Grandfather of nine.

ZWICKL, Mary Jo, 47, St. Christopher, Speedway, May 2. Daughter of George and Patricia Zwickl. Sister of David, Paul and Teresa Zwickl, Suzanne Socker, Michelle Fitzgerald, Kathryn McCreary. †

Franciscan Sister Rose Teresa Schneider was principal at Lourdes

Franciscan Sister Rose Teresa Schneider died on May 5 at the age of 81.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the motherhouse chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg.

Born in Cincinnati, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1934 and professed final vows in 1940.

Sister Rose Teresa taught at St. Louis School in Batesville and Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis. She was principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis and schools in Ohio.

She is survived by two brothers, Charles and Cletus Schneider, and two sisters, Rita Amschler and Gloria Almond.

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The Church nurtures newborn Christians

Mystagogy, their continuing formation after baptism, occurs primarily during liturgies

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

When a couple experiences the birth of their first child, their common reaction is one of awe and joy and wonder.

Once they return home from the hospital, however, new parents sometimes find themselves a bit overwhelmed and bewildered by the challenges of caring for their tiny bundle of joy.

Most major life changes carry some sense of bewilderment. After the rush of excitement, the question looms: What do we do now? Now that things have changed, how do we live our lives in a new way?

Adult catechumens who are baptized in the Church at Easter face the same questions. During the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, these newly baptized people continue to be a special focus for the parish assembly.

Like new parents, the Church has a responsibility to continue to nurture these newborn Christians.

Their continuing formation after baptism, which is called by the ancient Greek term *mystagogy*, occurs primarily during the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. The Scripture readings for these Sundays were chosen to foster growth in faith for the newly baptized.

In all three cycles of the Scripture readings for Mass, the first reading on these Sundays is drawn from the Acts of the Apostles.

This New Testament book records the early history of the Church. It recounts the events and insights that followed the first Christians' experience of the resurrection of Christ.

After Christ rose from the dead, appeared to various disciples and ascended to the Father, his disciples had to answer the question: What do we do now? The Acts of the Apostles records how they began to answer that question.

The newly baptized also have just experienced the resurrection of Christ in their own lives through baptism, so hearing the accounts from the Acts gives them insights into how they are to live now.

Of course, the rest of the assembly hears the same readings. All baptized members of the community renewed their baptismal promises at Easter, so these readings invite us all to reflect on what baptism means.

Growing into our identity as baptized members of the body of Christ is a lifelong journey. Every year, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we return to the experiences of our ancestors to remind ourselves who we are and how we are called to live.

Consider some of the readings from Acts heard in 1999.

On the second Sunday of Easter, we heard a description of the early Church as a community that devoted itself "to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers."

These four marks of Christian life are still essential for all who wish to live as active members of the Church.

The next two weeks we listened to a sermon of St. Peter as he proclaimed the good news of the Resurrection, and we were reminded that "we are all witnesses" of this wondrous event.

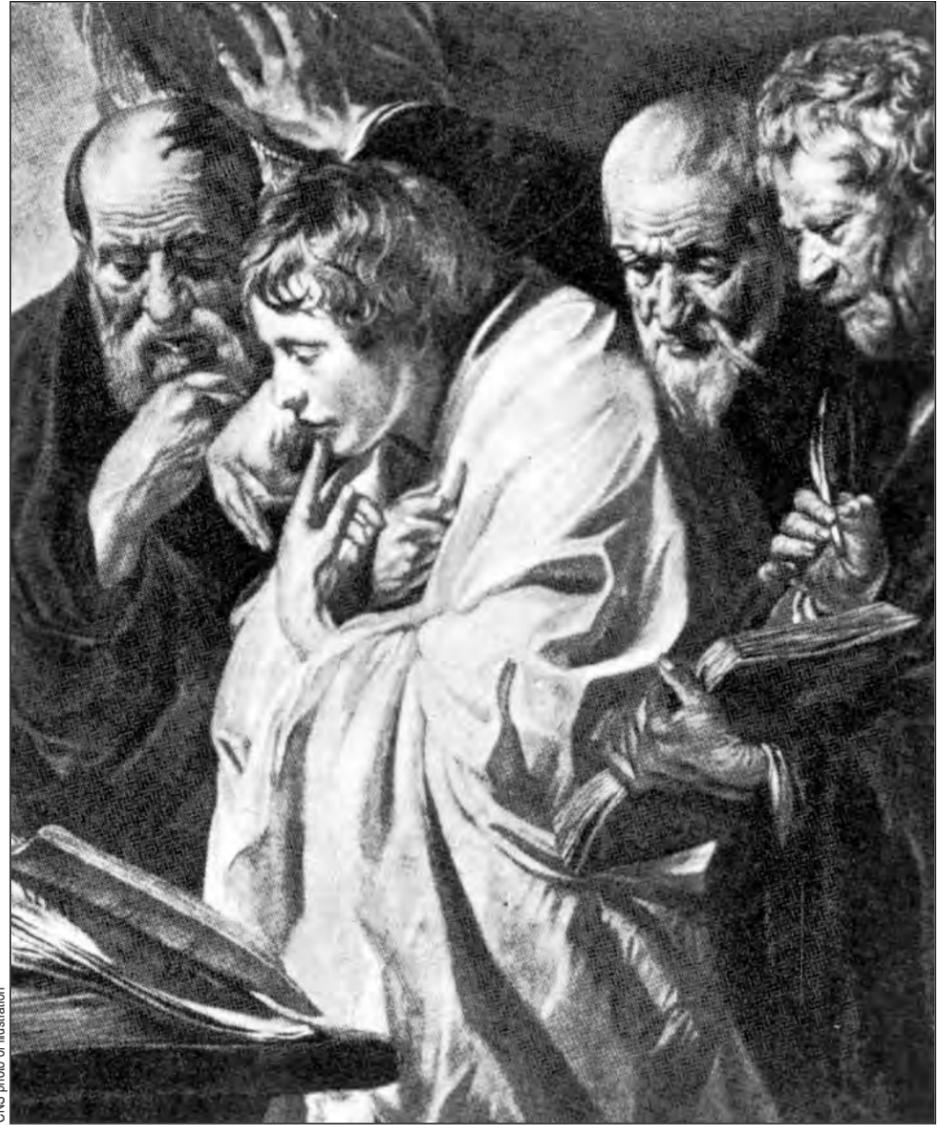
Like Peter, the baptized are called to proclaim the risen Lord.

A dispute in the early Church is recalled in the reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, reminding us that disagreements are part of life among the baptized.

The reading shows how the Church develops new ministries to meet needs as they arise, a process that continues today.

These stories of our ancestors in the faith—recalled by the Gospel writers and in the Acts of the Apostles—guide us and challenge us to live the faith we share with them. †

(Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)



Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote Gospels so that the faithful might become living Gospels. The stories of our ancestors in the faith—recalled in the Acts of the Apostles—guide us and challenge us to live the faith we share with them.

Church history is compelling reading

By David Gibson

The Church and its people are great storytellers.

Just look back in time to the Acts of the Apostles and its account of the Church shortly after the start of the first millennium.

It helps to have a map in hand as you read this New Testament book, since it tells about events in specific places as the Church moved outward into the Mediterranean regions and Christians

evangelized new peoples.

A long list of individuals and groups mentioned in Acts can be easily compiled.

This book tells a big story. It also tells many smaller stories.

To call them "stories" is not to suggest they're somehow inauthentic. It is to suggest that this story of faith makes for compelling, fascinating reading.

Which makes me wonder what stories will be recalled in the distant future about the Church at the start of the third

millennium.

Will these be stories about events in times of rapid growth in Africa or Asia?

Will they tell of people who charted pathways for the Church into 21st-century megalopolises?

Will our descendants 20 generations hence need a map in hand as they read our story?

I only hope they find it a compelling, fascinating story of faith. †

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Titus wrote about everyday life

This Week's Question

What somewhat "minor" figure of the New Testament captivates your imagination?

"Titus. His is a short, down-to-earth letter in the New Testament. What he said was concrete and directly applicable to everyday life. One phrase caught my attention: He talks about our transformation of life in Christ by such things as avoiding needless arguments." (Anne Stauffer, Stafford Springs, Conn.)

"The Samaritan woman. She wasn't anyone special, but the way Jesus treated her made clear that he thought of each person as someone special." (Diane Zawisalak, Pawley Island, S.C.)

"Lydia, the lady who made the purple cloth, who was a big help to Paul. She captivates my imagination

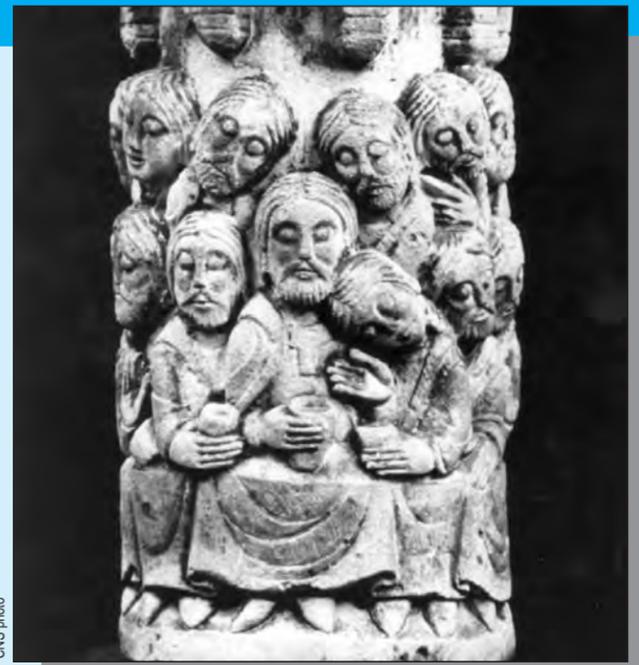
because of her generosity of spirit. To me she is a symbol of hospitality." (Sister Klara Laukotter, CPS, Holbrook, N.M.)

"Simon, who helped carry Jesus' cross. He was kind of reluctant at first, but in the end he did do it, maybe a little bit like many of us when we have to do something difficult to help Jesus." (Connie Voza, Ardsley, N.Y.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Tell of a custom or holiday ritual kept special by your family that reflects your culture.

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Still more about the Mass

Here are more answers to questions about the Mass:



Why do we have different eucharistic prayers now?

The Roman Canon, which dates at least from the beginning of the fifth century and has remained substantially unchanged since the

seventh century, was used exclusively until the Second Vatican Council approved the beginning of a liturgical renewal in the Church.

The Roman Canon is now the first Eucharistic Prayer. Additional eucharistic prayers, together with new prefaces, were gradually introduced by the Congregation of Divine Worship to give the presider a choice.

When can people other than the priest say things from the altar? What things can lay people do? What things can females do? What things can children do? Is it OK to have altar girls? Female lectors? A lay person giving the homily? A lay person making announcements or discussing some topic of importance?

Female lay people may do anything during Mass that male lay people may do. Lay people, including children, may serve as lectors, reading the first two readings, but not the Gospel. Only priests and deacons may read the Gospel and give the homily, but lay people or religious may make announcements or discuss important topics. Qualified lay men and women may serve as special ministers of the Eucharist. Boys and girls, men and

women may be altar servers.

Why does the priest wear the costume he wears? What are the parts called? How does he decide what color to wear?

In the early years of the Church, vestments were basically the same as the garments in ordinary daily use but they became distinctive when popular styles changed. Today the presiding priest wears an alb, a white body-length tunic; an amice, a rectangular piece of white cloth worn about the neck and falling over the shoulders (used when the alb doesn't completely cover ordinary clothing at the neck); a cincture, a cord which holds the alb close to the body; a stole, a long band-like vestment worn about the neck and falling to about the knees; and the chasuble, the outer vestment. The minimal vestments required by liturgical rules for a priest celebrating Mass are the alb, stole and chasuble.

The colors of chasubles and stoles are: green, for the season of Ordinary Time—symbolic of hope and the vitality of the life of faith; violet or purple, for Advent and Lent—symbolic of penance; red, for Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, feasts of apostles and martyrs—symbolic of the supreme sacrifice of life; rose, on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent—symbolic of anticipatory joy during a time of penance; and white, for the seasons of Christmas and Easter, feasts and commemorations of Our Lord except for the Passion, feasts of the Blessed Virgin, angles, saints who are not martyrs, several major feast days, and can be used for funerals and other Masses for the dead—symbolic of purity and integrity of the life of faith. †

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

Love demands the truth: how to interpret the Bible

The Bible was not written in 1999. It was not written in America, and it was not written in English. This seems blatantly obvious, yet we all have a natural tendency to read the Bible as if Americans living in the 20th century had composed it.



The Bible was composed centuries ago. As every parent of a teenager knows (and vice versa), a difference of even one generation often makes communication difficult.

Consider the following.

A newspaper headline that reads, "Reds eliminate Cardinals" refers to the result of a baseball game in which the team from Cincinnati defeated the team from St. Louis. It does not refer to the fact that members of the Communist Party executed certain Church leaders.

These terms and expressions are not meant to be taken literally. To do so, would be to miss the point completely.

The biblical authors and the people for whom they were writing also made use of the idioms of their day. Likewise, such expressions were never intended to be taken literally. What people in antiquity took for granted, people of our age must make an effort to learn.

The Bible was composed in a culture very different from our own. Scripture was authored by people with an "Eastern" mentality. We have a "Western" mentality. People from the Middle East think differently than people from the West.

If a person from the Middle East wanted to convey the notion that everyone should be concerned with the well-being of others, that person would be more apt to tell a story

(parable of the Good Samaritan) than to simply say, "Show concern for your neighbor."

In a similar fashion, if an individual from the West wanted to convey the notion that God created human beings good but of their own free accord, they sinned, that individual would simply state this in so many words.

An individual from the Middle East would convey the same message but in a different way. That individual would be more likely to tell a story (Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden).

When people with an Eastern mentality hear or read a story, their initial response is usually: "What does it mean?" When people with a Western mentality hear or read a story, their initial response is usually: "Did it really happen that way?"

One who approaches sacred Scripture, comes into contact with the Word of God. Whenever human beings come face to face with divine realities, there will be uncertainty, challenges and mistakes.

History bears witness to the countless people who have suffered injustice, pain and hardship because others have incorrectly interpreted the Bible.

Fortunately, we are not left to our own devices. The teachings of the Church are invaluable for providing us with divine guidance as we attempt to interpret Scripture accurately.

The purpose of acquiring more knowledge about the Bible is to make us better lovers. Let's hope that reading, reflecting upon, studying and praying the Scriptures will increase our love of God and neighbor. †

(Father John Buckel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is associate professor of Scripture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.)

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Removing self from righteousness

Not to be immodest or anything, but don't we all feel superior once in a while? Don't we know secretly, even if we don't say it, that we're morally, physically or intellectually at the top of the list?

When we see some moral degenerate on the TV news, aren't we convinced that, unlike us, he's scum? Don't we feel sorry for the homeless man wandering the streets, viewing him from our eminence as a big deal businessperson, master electrician, professor? Like Garrison Keillor, wouldn't we just naturally be put off by a person who gets elected governor of Minnesota simply because he developed hideous muscles?

In Scripture we read about the righteous. You know, the ones who are doing good, paying attention to business, punching the right tickets. And, to tell the truth, don't most of us number ourselves among them? After all, don't we go to Mass every Sunday? Don't we pray, observe holy days, and eat or don't eat whatever, whenever, as prescribed? We can't help but feel righteous when we know we're right.

The problem is, we have the righteous and then we have the self-righteous. And probably, in recent history, only Mother Teresa would qualify for the former distinction. At least, on most days.

For example, one of my former righteous opinions centered on appearance and self-control. I thought that fat people, excluding my close friends and relatives,

must be an undisciplined lot who stuffed their faces and didn't give a darn how they looked or felt. A few years, and 40 pounds later, I changed my mind.

Other people's kids were also a concern for my personal righteousness. Surely if these parents loved, disciplined, paid more attention to, or (you fill in the blank here) their children, these kids would be better students, better behaved, (fill in here, too).

Four or five of my own kids later, my standards adapted to reality. Now my tune changed to, "Well, at least he's not as naughty as John Doe Jr." or, "She'll do better next year when she gets a different teacher." It's amazing how, in regard to our own kids, rigid certainties may droop.

Then there's the righteousness of religious faith to consider. As a convert, it became clear to me that the Catholic faith was the true faith. On the other hand, I realized that (a) many good and (truly) righteous people are not Catholic, and (b) although I'd found what I considered to be the Church founded by Christ, it did not follow that everyone else must agree with me.

So, getting over this kind of "my Church is better than your Church" attitude, subtle as it was, has been another erosion of righteousness. (However, I still feel free to criticize crazy theology when I come across it.)

Heaven is where the righteous surround God, forever singing his praises. If only we can get rid of that "self-" part, we just might be among them! †

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

March for Jesus, Graham Crusade: opportunities for ecumenical prayer

Pope John Paul II has encouraged Catholics to make prayer with other Christians an important element of the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000.

During the next few weeks, members of the archdiocese will have two opportunities to engage in prayer with others who follow Christ.

On Saturday, May 22, the March for Jesus will take place in various locations around the archdiocese. Then the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham will preach a crusade at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis from June 3 through 6.

"Jesus said, 'Love one another.' So do it." That is the theme for this year's March for Jesus. Honoring Jesus is the sole focus of the march. Individual churches and denominations do not identify themselves. All posters, banners, and clothing designs simply proclaim Jesus. A special feature of this year's march will be a canned food collection to be donated to local pantries.

In Indianapolis, marchers will gather at Military Park at New York and West streets between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. After a brief period of prayer, they will start out at 10 a.m. The route will take them around the state government buildings, past the front of the capitol, and back to Military Park for a concluding praise rally. The whole program will be completed by noon.

Cities holding marches and the local coordinators are: Batesville, Rita Fritsch, 812-933-0422; Evansville, Jerry Preske, 812-867-6386; Frankfort, John Wontinger, 765-654-5575; Indianapolis; Jeanne Huiett, 317-898-9303; Lawrenceburg, Russell Davis, 812-637-0459; New Albany, Ted Stewart, 812-

945-0353; Perrysville, Suzie Kunkle, Fax 765-793-2375; Seymour, Howell Thomas, 800-652-1001; Scottsburg, David Ritchie, 812-794-2222; Vincennes, Sandra Ivers, 812-882-8872.

The Billy Graham Crusade will begin with a session in the RCA Dome from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 3. The same schedule applies for Friday night, June 4, and Sunday evening, June 6. All seats are free. Tickets are not required. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. A free-will offering for crusade expenses will be received.

Saturday, June 5, is devoted to young people. From 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. there will be a Kidz Gig at the RCA Dome featuring Psalty the Singing Songbook and a 2,000 voice Kidz Choir. That evening a Concert for the Next Generation will be held from 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m. in the dome. The concert will include a message for youth and young adults from Dr. Graham.

More information about the crusade can be obtained from the crusade office at 317-577-4242 or on the website at www.IndianaCrusade.org.

An important element of the crusade is follow-up. The crusade staff has graciously developed a way for us to receive the information about any individuals who come forward at the crusade and indicate a Catholic affiliation. A team of people will assist me in sorting these so we can mail them to parishes so someone can connect with the individuals involved.

At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that we may all be one. The Holy Father has called us to respond to that prayer during the jubilee celebration. The march and the crusade offer opportunities. †

(Jesuit Father Joseph Folzenlogen is coordinator of evangelization for the archdiocese.)

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 16, 1999

- Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
- 1 Peter 4:13-16
- John 17:1-11a

The Acts of the Apostles once more provides the first reading. In this reading, the apostles have just witnessed the Lord's ascension into heaven. They stand on the Mount of Olives, the large hillside directly east of old Jerusalem.



Across a pronounced valley, at the edge of the city, would have been the great temple. This temple, the site of the Lord's discussion as a boy with the scholars, and of later events, was the crown of the Holy Land. It was destroyed when the Jews rose against Rome two generations after Jesus.

The Romans suppressed this rebellion with fury. Not only the temple, but also Jerusalem itself, lay in ruins after the Roman troops had swept through the Holy City.

At the time of the ascension of Jesus, however, it was still a Jewish city, despite the Roman overlords, and very obvious were the great landmarks of the Scriptures.

The Ascension on the mountain linked the return of Jesus to heaven not only with the Crucifixion and Resurrection, but with the great personalities and events of salvation over the centuries.

Witnesses such as the apostles, all Jews by birth, heritage and practice, certainly connected the majestic rising of Jesus from the earth to God's heavenly kingdom with the great moments in salvation over the years.

The reading carefully lists the names of the apostles. It also reveals their faith and prayerfulness. Finally, it makes clear that Mary, the mother of the Lord, and his kinsmen were present. This testifies to their faith also.

For the second reading, the Church offers us the First Epistle to Peter. In the first century A.D., Christians experienced official governmental hostility on many occasions. Peter himself died after having been judged a traitor to the Roman system.

But, while the Roman leadership during this time certainly never embraced Christianity, official acts to destroy the new movement of the Gospel did not form until the last third of the century.

Nevertheless, Christians faced scorn and hostility from their neighbors. After all, the Christian message of love and justice with

regard for every person stood in stark contrast to the accepted custom and conventional wisdom of the day.

This epistle was addressed to followers of Jesus who well knew this scorn and contempt. The epistle encouraged them. Jesus suffered. However, in the end, Jesus triumphed.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. This reading does not come chronologically after the ascension of Jesus, but it traditionally has been used by the Church to convey to Christians a sense of confidence as they encounter life without the physical presence of the Lord known by the apostles.

The identity of Jesus is confirmed. He is one with God. His words are God's words. His life is the divine life.

Reflection

On Thursday, the Church in the United States celebrated the ascension of Jesus into heaven. While this celebration recalled an actual moment in the life of Jesus, the Church uses it to remind us symbolically that the Lord lives with us despite the Ascension so long ago.

Anxiety filled the hearts of the disciples who heard Jesus speak the words recorded in this chapter of John's Gospel. He warned of dark days ahead. The times were violent, especially for anyone thought to be challenging the established order. Any gesture, even an imagined gesture, of criticism of the Romans invited a sure and frightening rebuke.

The apostles knew that Jesus was in danger. And he knew their fears. Magnificently, firmly, the Lord reassured them.

In these readings, the Church reassures us. The Lord whom we love still is the Son of God, the victor over death, and the king of kings.

He did not leave us with the Ascension from the Mount of Olives. The long history of God's love, so often recalled in Jerusalem with its points of interest and its stories, did not then cease.

The Lord lives. He lives visibly and actively in the community of believers.

The believers cannot go their own way, however. They must link themselves with God. They must pray. They must imitate the holy, such as Mary, the mother of Jesus. They must stand with the apostles.

After all, the apostles saw and heard Jesus. He commissioned them to forgive sins and to call people to God. Their authority, power and memories live yet today in the Church. In the Church, we meet the risen, ascended Lord. There Jesus is with us in a most special way. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 17

Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-5ac, 6-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18

John I, pope and martyr
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19

Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36c
John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20

Bernardine of Siena, priest,
religious and missionary
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
John 17:20-26

Friday, May 21

Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11:4-5, 7
John 21:20-25
Vigil Mass of Pentecost
Genesis 11:1-9 or
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ezekiel 37:1-14 or
Joel 3:1-5
Psalm 104:1-2a, 24, 27-28,
29bc-30, 35c
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30,
31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Church teaching on death penalty is evolving

Q There is much discussion in our state about the death penalty. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (# 2266) repeats the "traditional teaching of the Church" that public authorities have the right to punish crimes with penalties commensurate with the crime, "not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty."



I'm really struggling with this issue. The pope and our own bishop seem to say the Church is totally against the death penalty. I cannot be the only one confused. Where do we stand? It would help me make an intelligent, convicted decision. (Massachusetts)

A Some confusion is understandable considering the movement in the Church's position, as reflected by Pope John Paul II and most bishops, over the past several years.

First, the catechism itself is now much more explicit. A new article (# 2267) in the revised edition repeats the traditional position, but then adds, "If nonlethal means are sufficient to protect and defend the security of persons, then public authorities must limit themselves to such means."

Today, it continues, the state has other ways to make a guilty person incapable of further harm, "without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself." Cases in which execution of the offender is necessary "are very rare, if not practically nonexistent."

In St. Louis this past January, Pope John Paul II repeated his appeal of last Christmas to build "a consensus to end the death penalty, which is cruel and unnecessary."

Anyone who has followed events of the past few years can understand why the pope, plus an endless stream of bishops and other Catholic leaders, have come to such a hard line about the evils of the death penalty.

The death penalty is applied with

gross inequity. For example, 12 percent of the prisoners on death row are in Texas, which has about 7 percent of the population and leads the country in number of executions. Everywhere in the United States, those on death row are predominantly the poor and racial minorities.

No evidence exists that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime. As the Texas bishops point out, states which have the death penalty have no lower rates of crime than states without it.

Many condemned to death have been later found innocent. At a recent conference at the Northwestern University Law School, reports showed that since 1976, when the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty, more than 500 persons have been executed. As of last year, of the 75 individuals scheduled for execution, one out of seven had their sentences reversed because of new evidence.

Based on this percentage, it is reasonable to assume that nearly 500 persons out of approximately 3,500 now on death row are innocent and may be found innocent before or after they are executed for the crimes for which they are convicted.

As the only developed nation in the world which has the death penalty, the United States is in the unenviable company of countries like Iraq, Iran and China.

Church leaders (Catholic and others) often point out, in their opposition, the simple dehumanization of a society that officially kills any of its members, for any reason.

Too often revenge is the real motive behind wanting the death of a perpetrator of a vicious crime. In the estimation of the pope, that is not a worthy Christian motive for any action.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, at the time of the Timothy McVeigh trial for the Oklahoma City bombing, said the death penalty accomplishes nothing but "closure through bloodletting, violence against violence." The hope of the pope and the bishops is that we can be, and are, better people than that. †

My Journey to God

His Favorites

Do not belittle
little ones who play
around your feet
in disarray,
with things
they shouldn't touch.

Guard them well,
kiss them
when they cry,
and try not to tease them
overmuch.

Never forget
they're ever in his sight,
their artless innocence
heaven's delight.

Endure their noise,
stumble over toys



with a good grace.
These are the days
their angels gaze—always—
upon the Father's face.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)

The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements for "The Active List" of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements can be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, "The Active List," 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

May 15
St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, Emerson Ave. and Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis, will host free skin cancer screenings 8 a.m.—noon. Information: 317-782-7983

May 16
St. Thomas Aquinas, 4600 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, will hold a 6 p.m. Taize service that includes Scripture, music, prayer and meditation. Information: 317-475-0722.

May 17
St. Louis Parish, Batesville, fund-raising breakfast, 7 a.m.—1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the youth mission trip to Appalachia. Free will offering.

May 18
St. Mary Rexville Schoenstatt, Schoenstatt Holy Hour followed by Mass at 2 p.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

May 19
Saint Meinrad Archabbey pilgrimages to honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino

Shrine begin at 2 p.m. (CDT). Benedictine Father Pius Klein will discuss "Behold Your Mother." Shrine located one mile east of the archabbey on State Road 62. Information: 812-357-6585.

May 20
St. Ambrose, Seymour, will host Natural Family Planning classes at the parish center. Instructors from the Couple to Couple League begin at 2 p.m. Information: 812-522-3809.

May 21
The choir of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, will present the music of John Bell, "Songs of Mary" and "Psalms of David," at 8 p.m. Free admission.

May 22
St. Luke Middle School, Indianapolis, school play "Fruit of the Sword" at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Admission is one unperishable food item for a charity that feeds the hungry.

Information: 317-844-7875.

May 22
Catholic Widowed Organization will hold a pitch-in at 4 p.m. in the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Meat is furnished.

Recurring

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

Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass. Times and other information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

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

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

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., prayer

group from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group from 3 p.m.—4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis (behind St. Michael Church). Information: 317-271-8016.

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

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

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

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Road West, eucharistic adoration for one hour after 8 a.m. Mass.

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

Monthly

First Sundays
St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays
The Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Benedictine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays
Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., north of St. Michael Church, Benediction of the Blessed



Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.
Confession, 6:45 p.m.

St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays
Holy Guardian Angels Church, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, eucharis-

tic adoration after
8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Church, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass, closing with noon communion service.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bedford, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. Sacrament of reconciliation, 4-6 p.m.

St. Joseph University Church, Terre Haute, eucharistic adoration after 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. Rosary at noon.

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Serra Club vocations essay

Religious life requires integrity, courage, respect

By Thomas McAninch

What will it take to be a priest, sister or brother in today's world? I wish this question could be easily answered; however, it is phrased "in today's world" for a reason. Today's world is full of immorality, anti-Christian principles and mistaken values.



One positive quality required is integrity. Growing up in today's society, one needs strong parents or a strong role model. One needs someone to show right from wrong, moral from immoral, in order to make correct choices.

Another positive quality required is courage. The religious life is not easy; one needs to possess courage to

defend the faith and the moxie to stand up for what is right.

One has to possess firm principles that are true to self and others. With these come security, guidance, wisdom and power. Anyone in religious life needs these principles, and with time and experience they will grow and develop.

A strong value system set up at home will help even more. Leadership in the religious life also helps because it shows personal freedom. This is the power to choose whom, when, where and how to handle any situation.

One must learn to manage one's feelings, so that one doesn't become reactive. To be "tough-minded and tender-hearted," as [the late Dr.] Martin Luther King said, is also important. This is explained in Matthew 10:16: "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

All these qualities combine to create proactive behavior. Priests, sisters and brothers in today's world are becoming scarce, not because of a lack of interest but

because of a lack of morals. Vocational life is demanding and only truly proactive people who can handle the forces in this world will thrive.

Respect for life, God and love will help this society turn around. Men and women should not deny the call to religious life, but fear, I believe, is holding most back. When they can face this fear and realize the beauty of God's grace, only then will they take up that cross like Jesus did. Faith in God will let the Church go on, and religious life will follow. It can happen. It will happen. †

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Second Thursdays

Focolare Movement at 7:30 p.m. at Indianapolis home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

St. Luke Church, Indianapolis, Holy Hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7-8 p.m.

Third Sundays

Mary's Rexville 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: 812-689-3551.

Third 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 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-784-1102.

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

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

Third Thursdays

Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass, 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.

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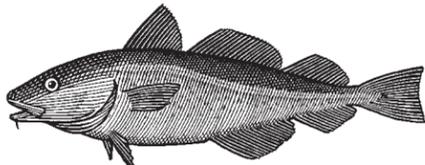
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CYO honors 43 Indianapolis-area volunteers

Parish, diocesan volunteers 'build up the Church, the body of Christ,' vicar general tells CYO gathering

By Mary Ann Wyand

Youth and adults who volunteer their time and talents to parish and diocesan ministries "build up the Church, the body of Christ," Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, told 43 Catholic Youth Organization award recipients and their guests during the Indianapolis-area CYO Awards Vesper Service on May 4 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

"The thousands of unselfish volunteers who are CYO through the years are not people who reject challenges," Msgr. Schaedel said. "They accept challenges. And our faith tells us that when we accept these things, these persons, we accept Christ himself. The first letter of Peter says that we are living stones, forming a spiritual priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

"In accepting the challenge to serve others through CYO, they serve the Son of God," he said. "That's the

kind of people we honor tonight. That's the kind of people we are all called to be."

During the vespers service, St. John Bosco Medallions, the highest honor bestowed on CYO volunteers for distinguished service, were presented to Jeff Dakin, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg; James McNulty, Holy Spirit Parish, Indianapolis; Phil Thoben, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Indianapolis; Geri Pearson, St. Simon Parish, Indianapolis; Michael Prestel, Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis; Joseph Breen, St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis; Kathy Keyler, St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis; and Mike Joseph, St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis.

Msgr. Albert Busald Awards, given in recognition of dedicated service to CYO by volunteers, were presented to Pam Matthews and Ed Knoop, St. Simon Parish, Indianapolis; Mary Schmoll and Kathleen Rozens, St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis; Becky Mathauer, St. Philip Neri Parish, Indianapolis; Larry Lee, St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield; Tim Barnett and Jim Norton, St. Pius X Parish,

Indianapolis; Sherry Pappas, St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis; Eric Hofmeister, Holy Spirit Parish, Indianapolis; Jennifer Flickner and Andy Flickner, St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis; and Jerry Murrell, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Indianapolis.

Busald Awards also were presented to Tom Spalding and Bill Hurrell, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Indianapolis; Larry Schembra and Carol Pitzer, St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis; Bob Hasty, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, Indianapolis; Jennifer Daily, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis; Joan Bartley and Mary Kay Schafer, St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis; Patricia Abbot and John Strauss, St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis; and Larry Gates, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg.

Spirit of Youth Awards were presented to Karen Kavanaugh, St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis; Megan Miller, St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis; Jana Kleiber and Alicia Weisenbach, St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis; Andrea Smith and Lisa Rosenfeld, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, Indianapolis; Lauren Friedmeyer, St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis; Josh Holden and Ben Allen, St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis; Brittany Hizer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Indianapolis; and Todd Jordan, Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis. †

News briefs

World

Patriarch says papal visit shows serious quest for unity

BUCHAREST, Romania (CNS)—Pope John Paul II's visit to Romania is a sign of how seriously he and Romania's Orthodox majority take the quest for Christian unity, said Orthodox Patriarch Teoctist. Speaking May 7 to journalists traveling with the pope, the 84-year-old patriarch said the ecumenical gesture of the papal visit is just one of many efforts the churches are making. But, the white-robed patriarch added, "This is easier than theological efforts, because theologians always complicate things."

U.S.

Public responding quickly to pleas for Kosovo refugee sponsors

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Public response has been overwhelming to requests for sponsors for refugees from Kosovo, representatives of Catholic refugee agencies said May 5. Since the administration announced April 21 that 20,000 Kosovo refugees would be admitted to the United States instead of housed in temporary quarters outside the U.S. mainland, Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Catholic Conference has been soliciting sponsors for the Kosovars. Patricia Maloof, director of refugee programs for MRS, told reporters May 5 that calls have been almost continual to refugee assistance programs run by Catholic dioceses and the MRS main office in Washington.

More than 70 percent of Americans want abortion limits, poll finds

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Nearly three-quarters of Americans think access to abortion should be limited in some circumstances, according to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll made public May 5. The latest poll, based on telephone interviews with 1,014 adults conducted April 30-May 2, found that 16 percent of Americans think abortions should be illegal in all circumstances and 55 percent said it should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Another 27 percent said abortions should be permitted in all circumstances. The margin of error for the poll was plus or minus 3 percentage points. †

(These briefs were compiled from reports by Catholic News Service.)

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