Four to be ordained to order of priests on June 5

By Margaret Nelson

This year’s ordination celebrates the largest number of new diocesan priests since 1993

On June 5, four men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral—the largest number of ordinands since 1993.

They are William Joseph “Joe” Brown, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis; William L. Ehalt, from St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis; Richard W. “Rick” Eldred, a member of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute; and Darvin E. Winters Jr. from St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at the 11 a.m. liturgy. The priests of the presbytery will concelebrate, along with clergy from the seminaries the ordinands attended.

The men—two in their 20s and two in their 40s—took different paths to the priesthood. One man is an adult convert to the Catholic faith; another followed the tradition of starting out in the seminary right out of college; one man worked for Dow Chemical for 23 years; and the fourth ordinand involved in hands-on ministry—I realized I was not being ordained for myself, but [for] the people of God.”

When friends ask him why he doesn’t want to get married, Brown explains that he fell in love with the Church.

“I finally gave my life away, committing myself fully to Christ and serving his people,” Brown said. “That’s the only way I can explain it. If I had my choice, I wouldn’t be a priest. But I feel God calling. I know I won’t be the most perfect

SKODER, Albania (CNS)—A baby, one of nearly 1 million Kosovar refugees who have flooded into Albania, rests in his cradle at a refugee camp set up in the Dynamo Sports Center in Tirana, Albania. Some 10,000 refugees from Kosovo are living in a tent city at the center.

Albania, about the size of Maryland, is barely able to care for its own 3.3 million people. Hundreds of refugee camps are proliferating in the country, with more to come.

In one of the more established camps in Tirana, the capital, refugees live on 4-foot by 8-foot foam mattresses spread out on a basketball court in the city’s sports arena. Volunteer from local churches work round the clock to feed the refugees bread, cheese and eggs. Most refugees have been there for five weeks.

(Donations to help Catholic Relief Services provide aid in Yugoslavia and Albania may be mailed to the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206-1410.) †
A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis on May 28 for James W. Magee, who died May 22 at the age of 55.

Upon learning of Mr. Magee’s death, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said, “The Roman Catholic Church and the Greater Indianapolis community have lost a fine leader in Jim Magee. Rarely have I met a man more generous with his time, his advice and his professional expertise.”

“I’ve had an ill for a number of years,” said the archbishop, “and yet he was always willing—even up until just the last few months—to continue to volunteer for the work of the Church.

“Once, from his hospital bed, he asked me what he could do to help further our preparation for the celebration of the third millennium, our Journey of Hope 2001,” said Archbishop Buechlein.

“There is little doubt why, in 1998, Pope John Paul II recognized Jim’s contributions to the Church with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (for Church and the Pontiff) Award. We will all miss Jim Magee very much,” the archbishop said. Magee received the papal honor, he said, “I have received other awards, but that probably was the highlight of my life. You don’t receive something from the pope and not hold it in the highest regard. The Church is a big part of our family.”

A native of St. Mary Parish in Martinsville, Magee said he always believed that he should try to help the priests, but definitely do what the archbishop asks.

“That’s what keeps me busy,” Magee said last year. “I’m not afraid to refuse; I want to do those things.

One thing he did—which he called his “greatest success”—was lead the archdiocese in making a Difference campaign, in which he and others raised nearly $1.5 million to fund financial aid programs to help students of center-city Catholic schools.

“The schools were highly regarded; they produced good students and most went on to college,” Magee said then. “It is very important to business leaders to keep these schools going—and going financially.”

A graduate of the University of Indianapolis, he served on its board of trustees and received an honorary doctorate of humanities in 1997. He was a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of Harvard University.

Magee began his career in the insurance business. When his company was sold to a bank, he started to work in the financial area, rising to the rank of president of Merchants National Bank of Indianapolis. After the bank changed ownership in 1991, he became chairman of the board of his own company, Educational Financial Services, Inc.—a provider of student loans.

A charter member of the Catholic Community Foundation—which promotes the use of endowments and planned giving to fund archdiocesan parishes, schools, etc.—he served as vice chair, a member of the board and chair of development.

Magee was chair of the United Catholic Appeal for his parish. He was a member of the Msgr. James M. Downey Council of the Knights of Columbus. He also served as chair of St. Francis Hospital’s building campaign, and coordinated fund-raising efforts for the American Cancer Society.

Magee was a long-time friend of Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedi, vicar general of the archdiocese. When he didn’t feel well, Magee liked to get “a shot of Schaedi” from his spiritual director.

“His faith was very, very important to him,” Msgr. Schaedi said this week. He said that Magee had discussed funeral details more than a year ago. “He was well-prepared. He had a deep, deep faith.”

Magee is survived by his wife, Peggy (Moore) Magee; a son, Patrick Magee; and two daughters, Shallon and Tracy Magee. His brother, Robert Magee, and sister, Rose Ann Sink, also survive, as do two grandsons.

Memorial contributions my be made to the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Social Services or the American Cancer Society.
people will be an asset in his priestly challenges and meet- ings in the parish.

Ehalt enjoys sports. He recently participated in a Saint Meinrad tennis tournament, and he ran in the Indianapolis 500 Mini-Marathon last year.

His family consists of his father and a brother and a sister, both of whom are married and have children.

Eight years ago, Ehalt was working.

“I just thought if I got in the seminary and found it wasn’t right, I could move on,” he said. “I trusted God that I could live a productive life. Finally, I had to take a leap of faith and trust God that I should pursue this calling.”

Richard W. Eldred

Eldred, at 49, will begin a “second career” with his ordina- tion to the priesthood and move from working for a local business to the work of his vocation as a priest.

“I grew up in a family of priests,” he said. “My parents worked in the Church. I graduated from St. Patrick School and Schulte High School. I had a business degree at Sacred Heart, a ‘second career’ theology degree at Stritch University in Milwaukee and his master of divin- ity degree at Sacred Heart, a ‘second career’ theology school where the youngest of the 105 seminarians is 27 and the oldest is 76.

He was president of the student council and a member of the board of trustees of the school he feels “blessed to have as his home.”

Eldred had made three trips to Medjugorje in the late ‘80s. “That probably started the prayer end of it,” he said. His attendance at daily Mass and the opportunity to pray the rosary and other prayers began—began in the early 1990s.

Eldred spent summers between seminary studies at St. Mary Parish in North Vernon and in Indianapolis at St. Jude and St. Luke parishes, St. Vincent Hospital (for CPE, clinical pastoral experience), and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

“Each summer I experienced actually being with the people of a community,” said Eldred. “That helps you discern whether the life is for you, and it helps you get a handle on what life in the community will be like.”

The hospital CPE involved “10 weeks of walking with people from the womb to the tomb,” he said. “That also helps you have an insight on your own self.”

While at school in Wisconsin, Eldred spent five years working with a local parish, preparing students for confirmation and teaching catechism to fifth-graders.

His early education by the Sisters of Providence brought him the honor of serving as one of three deacons for Pope John Paul II during the beatification of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin last October at the Vatican.

Through seminary programs, he traveled to Israel last fall and made a retreat on St. Theresa in Avila, Spain, during the recent Holy Week.

Darvin E. Winters Jr.

Winters, 26, said, “I was always a server at Little Flower as a kid. I remember looking at priests and thinking, ‘I want to be a leader, but also try to achieve holiness myself.’”

“Father Fred Schmitt, the pastor, always seemed happy with what he was doing. All the priests seemed happy. That planted the seed,” Winters said.

“Also both of my parents were very generous with people,” he said. “They instilled that same generosity in me—the idea of being kind to people and to go out of the way to help when you can.”

Winters said his high school Christian Awakening retreat had a lot of influence on him.

When he was in college—on his own for the first time—he saw the focus on theInner Circle striving to excel.

“It opened my eyes about what I was going to do with my life,” said Winters. Most of his experiences in jobs and school made him realize that being kind and courteous helped—and that he wanted to work with people.

While he was in seminary, he served with Father Vincent Lampert at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Danville.

He lived at St. Patrick Parish in Kokomo for his CPE work at Howard Community Hospital. He served at St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis one summer.

It helped Winters to see in Father Lampert “a young, vibrant, orthodox priest who loves the Church. It was really great to work with him, because he suggested things I should be involved in.

“As a grade-school kid, I probably would have been called the least likely to succeed,” said Winters. He likes 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31, paraphrasing: “God uses the absurd to be his mouthpiece.”

He looks at the Old Testament—when God chose people like King David and Moses—to observe, “God’s ways are not our ways.”

“I often fought with whether I was called, thinking, ‘I’m not good at this,’” he said. “But I would encourage any young man who has any interest to just try it. He might find that God will work with him.”

Winters said Msgr. Kenneth W. Roeltgen, former rector of Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmisburg, Md., stressed prudence in today’s Church. He impressed the future priest with the thought that parishioners can forgive a priest for anything—except being rude to them.

“I want people to remember I cared,” Winters said. “I might not always show it, but I care.”

First Masses scheduled for new priests in two cities

Father William Joseph Brown

Father William Joseph “Joe” Brown will celebrate his First Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. Msgr. Richard Stika, vicar general and chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be the homilist.

Thomas Murphy and Charles Chesebrough will con-celebrate. (Georgia Street will be reserved for the ordi-nand’s guests during this part of the Billy Graham Crusade.) After the Mass, a reception will be held at Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.

Father William L. Ehalt

The First Mass for Father William L. Ehalt will be at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis on Sunday, June 6, at 11:30 a.m. Father Anthony Voie will be the homilist. Fathers Paul Koetter and Patrick Beidelman will be among the concelebrants. A reception will follow the Mass in the church hall.

Father Richard W. Eldred

Father Richard “Rick” W. Eldred will celebrate his First Mass at St. Patrick Church in Terre Haute on Sunday, June 6, at 1:30 p.m. His homilist will be Msgr. Larry Moran, pastor. Father James Brackin, president rector of Sacred Heart School of Theology, and Franciscan Father Kent Biernagel, will be among the concelebrants. Rev. Bill Cosgrove will be deacon and class-mates Revs. Robert Guerra and Eugene Schmitt will serve as masters of ceremonies. There will be a reception at the Parish Life Center after the liturgy.

Father Darvin E. Winters Jr.

The First Mass for Father Darvin E. Winters, Jr., will be at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church in Indianapolis at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 6. Benedicetine Father Guerric De Bonu, rector at Mount St. Mary Seminary, will offer the homily. A reception will follow at Scecina Memorial High School.

“I think I have a Eucharistic-centered notion of the priest-hood—to nourish the people and to nourish myself,” he said.

Winters sees the priest as mediator, listener and friend.

“All of us need to be listened to, especially when we have problems.”

“Ultimately, it’s about bringing people to a better understanding of Christ and how Christ should be present in their lives,” he said. “If you know Christ, you know the Father.”

He sees preaching as countercultural, as truth and love—mirroring Jesus. “The message of Jesus, on occasion, ruffled some feathers.”

“Some people set priests on a pedestal,” said Winters. “In a sense, we’re all sinners—only Jesus was perfect. But Pope John Paul II said we are all called to holiness. A priest has to be a leader, but also try to achieve holiness himself.” †

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The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, the mother of God. Although May is almost over, perhaps it’s not too late to reflect a bit on why Catholics honor Mary. Most people, Catholics as well as non-Catholics, are troubled by the amount of attention focused on Mary. They believe that it detracts from devotion to Jesus. They believe, in fact, that at least borders on idolatry. Uninformed people believe that Catholics worship Mary—which would be idolatry.

Even some well-informed people, who understand that Catholics do not worship Mary, still believe that our Church honors her too much. When asked why he didn’t become a Catholic since it seemed that most of his friends were Catholic, the great Christian apologist C. S. Lewis replied that he couldn’t agree with two aspects of Catholicism: the place given to Mary and the doctrine of papal infallibility.

But just exactly how much attention should rightly be focused on Mary? Some of the people who criticize Catholics for honoring her too much seem to honor her at all. And these frequently are good “Bible-believing” Christians. Mary herself says in her Magnificat, "From now on all generations will call me blessed" (Lk 1:48). Many people, Catholics as well as non-Catholics, are troubled by the amount of attention focused on Mary. They believe when they recite the Hail Mary, because "Mary is the mother of God, is honored as the greatest of saints and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, of grace, the Lord is with thee" (Lk 1:28), "blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" (Lk 1:42). In the second half of the prayer, we pray, “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.” We confess our faith that Mary is indeed the mother of God because Jesus is God and she is his mother. Since Jesus is only one person, with both a human and a divine nature, Mary is the mother of that one person. Through the ages, most Christians have held the belief that Mary was the mother of God, as recorded in the Scriptures, though, occur narratives, through her sorrows as she stood under the cross, to her prayers, with the apostles in the upper room at the time of Pentecost. Her final words recorded in the Scriptures, though, occur during the wedding feast of Cana. Referring to Jesus, she said, "Do what ever he tells you" (Jn 2.5). That is still what Mary is telling us 20th century Christians.

The reason is why the Catholic Church honors Mary. (John F. Funk

About a month ago, I received an unusual letter from a group signing themselves as “The men of ‘Biking for Jesus’” (See page 24). They wrote that during the next week 12 seminarians will bike 1,000 miles to promote vocations. Two of those bikers are South Bend seminarians, Jon Meyer and Bill Williams. The letter stated that about one year ago, two seminarians from St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., thought it would be a great challenge to bike home following graduation. They figured that a bike ride home would be an unforgettable experience to cap off four years of college. As time went on, the vision of this trip began to shift. What was originally a two-man venture is now a 12-man challenge. What was originally a 400-mile ride is now 1,000 miles. What was originally just a challenging bike ride home has become a crusade to spread the Gospel message. This graduation journey home has blossomed into a great opportunity to promote vocations to the priesthood and the religious life within the Church. Because of its goal, this mission has been named “Biking for Jesus.”

“Biking for Jesus” began May 23, 1999, in St. Paul. The bikers plan to travel 60 to 90 miles per day through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana, stopping at parishes along the way, until they reach their ultimate destination, Evansville, on June 8. The seminarians have told me that they want the focus of their trip to be the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, not the actual cycling. They want to encourage and help young people along the way discern their vocation in life through various presentations at the parishes, whether they be vocation talks, Masses offered for vocations, euchre competitions or simple conversation. The seminarians also said that they want “Biking for Jesus,” as they envision it, to shed new light on the promotion of vocations. “We pray that Catholic youth of America will see a more realistic side of vocations through our effort. Today’s society labels men and women considering priesthood or religious life as being lonely, dull, and abnormal. Because of this, the youth of today are unwilling to give vocations a chance. It is our desire that they will see in us average, healthy young adults who are striving to live the Lord in each of our daily lives.”

The letter goes on to ask if I would help promote “Biking for Jesus.” No one had ever been so enthusiastic. As I thought about this venture with enthusiasm because vocation promotion is one of my highest personal priorities. I am delighted and proud that our seminarians are providing the leadership for this venture. They describe themselves as “average and healthy.” I like that kind of average and healthy.

The seminarians assure me that they have raised the funds needed to carry off this ambitious venture. They also assure me that they have good bikes and that they have been training and are in shape to make the trek.

The bikers will arrive in Indianapolis in time for a Mass and gathering at St. Barnabas Parish on the south side on Friday evening, June 4. A short program will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a Mass for vocations that I plan to celebrate. The inspiration is great because it is the eve of the ordination to the priesthood of Deacons Joe Brown, Bill Ehalt, Rick Eldred and Darwin Winters. The bikers will be with us for the ordination. They plan to ride on to Bloomington in order to be at St. Charles Borromeo Parish on Sunday, June 6, for a program (no Mass) on “The Schooling and spiritual formation with them. The faculties of the seminary where they are enrolled speak highly of them. God is blessing us, and for this we should be most grateful. It’s especially show our gratitude by encouraging and supporting our seminarians in prayer, word and deed. It’s the least we can do!"
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High school murders—another view

The nation has so little respect for life that it blesses the killing of 4,500 babies per day through abortion. It should not be surprised at mass murder in a Colorado school.

It is difficult to explain that it is bad to kill big people after we tell kids it is all right to kill little people.

Floyd Coates
Lexington

Liturgical history

I was delighted to see John Fink devote some of his columns to questions about the Mass in an attempt to explain its history and theology. I know of too many people who...not under it.

Mr. Fink was correct to point out that this pattern has existed temporally unchanged since the first century, but he did not explain the origin of the Liturgy of the Word and, to a lesser extent, the Liturgy of the Eucharist in Jewish worship of the time.

We Christians now know as the Liturgy of the Word was taken in part from the synagogal service of first century Judaism, which included readings for the Torah and the Prophets and a homily on the readings.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist also has some connection to the ritual meal that every Jewish family celebrated on the eve of the Sabbath. At this meal, broken bread and wine are eaten, thanks and praise are given to God, and the bread and wine are shared.

The Jewish synagogue service at Sabbath meal today are similar to those of the first century. Obviously, modifi-
cations were made to these services by the early Christians, but it is important to note that Christian worship is an offshoot of Jewish worship.

All Christians must recognize the intimate connection between Judaism and Christianity as sib-
lings religions with many similar religious beliefs and practices.

Eric M. Augstein
Indianapolis

Thanks for pro-life workshop

Thank you to everyone who made it possible for Father Frank Pavone, national-
director of Priests for Life, to hold the pro-life workshop at the Catholic Center.

Father Pavone’s message was inspiring and challenging to all who heard it. As the pro-life committee chairman of my parish, I am grateful for Father’s opportunity to discuss the issues of the day with someone as dedicated as Father Pavone.

I hope there will be many more pro-life workshops such as this one in the future.

Arthur Little III
Bright

A recent national study indicates that about 10 percent of American Catholics are converts. It also shows that converts are more religiously active and have more traditional beliefs than cradle Catholics. They are more likely to say their parishes are an important part of their lives. They are more likely to say their parishes are an important part of their lives. They are more likely to stress the importance of believ-
ing that the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

Conversos also are more informed about religious matters. For example, they are more likely to have heard of Vatican II from the pulpit (76 percent vs. 54 percent), read books or articles about it (47 percent vs. 34 percent), and talked with others about it (41 percent vs. 29 percent).

Conversos are somewhat more tradi-
tional than Catholic. For example, they are more likely to say that people who don’t observe the Sabbath should be punished (35 percent vs. 44 percent). They are also more likely to be members of a pro-life workshop than cradle Catholics. They believe there is something special about being Catholic (see box).

Conversos also are more likely to be registered parishioners (87 percent vs. 65 percent of cradle Catholics). They are more inclined to say that their parishes are an important part of their lives. They are more likely to stress the importance of believ-
ing that the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

Fifty-two percent of converts say you can be a good Catholic without going to Mass compared to 64 percent of cradle Catholics.

There is little or no difference between converts and craddle Catholics in other areas of faith and morals. For example, the two groups have similar views about the importance of Treating abortion, Resurrection, and Mary as the Mother of God.

Converts and cradle Catholics also are similar in the frequency with which they attend Mass, pray privately, and attend holy days of obligation. Finally, they are similar in providing devotions to Mary, praying the rosary, beginning and ending each day with prayer, and going to private confession.

James D. Davidson is professor of soci-
ology at Purdue University.
Anatomy of the Spirit: The Seven Stages of Power and Healing and Why People Don’t Heal and How They Can, will present a one-day seminar on June 12 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Entitled “Spirituality and Health: Healing Our Body, Our Relationships, Our Creative Soul,” the seminar is an exploration of the power of the Spirit and its capacity to enhance the healing of the body. Tickets to the event will be sold by advance registration only. The fee is $125 per person. To register, call 317-329-8445. All proceeds from the seminar will benefit the Woods Day Care/Pre-School at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, which is conducting a building campaign for the construction of a new center.

“Building God’s Kingdom,” a retreat for youth with special needs, is being offered June 12 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The day begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m. The retreat is open to teen-age youth of all denominations, and is sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities and funded by the WHAS Crusade for Children. The retreat is free. The registration deadline is May 29. Information: Jan Weyer at 812-256-5888.

Glenmary Father Richard Kreimer of Glenmary Home Missions in Cincinnati, Ohio, will address parishioners of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis during weekend Masses on June 5-6. Mass times are: Saturday–5:30 p.m.; Sunday–7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. Father Kreimer will explain his society’s ministry throughout Appalachia, the rural South and Southwest.

A Corpus Christi celebration with Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and moderator of the curia, presiding will be at 2 p.m. on June 6 at Mt. St. Luke Parish, 7575 Holiday Drive East, in Indianapolis. The celebration will feature a homily on the feast of Corpus Christi and eucharistic devotion followed by a traditional outdoor procession. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the St. Luke Adoration Chapel from June 1 to June 6. All are welcome and are also invited to spend additional time before the Blessed Sacrament prior to or following the celebration. Information: 317-259-4373.

Little Red Door Cancer Agency and the St. Vincent Breast Care Program will offer a free mammography screening for low-income women on June 9. The St. Vincent Mobile Mammography Unit will be at People’s Health Center, 2340 East 10th St., in Indianapolis. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The deadline to register is June 2. Information: 317-925-5595. This community service is funded by monies received from the annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Indianapolis Race for the Cure, presented by the Breast Health Awareness League.

The Mass schedule at St. Gabriel Parish, 600 W. 34th St., in Indianapolis, during the Indianapolis 500 race weekend is: May 29, 4 p.m.; May 30, noon. The Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Services, in cooperation with St. Francis Education Center, is offering parenting classes. The St. Francis STEP parent classes will meet six Mondays, June 7–July 19, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Education Center, 8111 S. Emerson, in Indianapolis. A $20 refundable book deposit is required. To pre-register, call Diana Dass at 317-236-1526.

A six-week Divorce and Beyond program has been scheduled beginning June 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The peer ministry program includes the following topics for discussion: the process of divorce, self image, stress, anger, blame, guilt and loneliness. The cost is $25. Pre-registration is required. Information: 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836.

Marian College in Indianapolis will host the National Youth Sports Program from June 21 through July 24. Registration is June 12 from 9 a.m. to noon in Marian Hall, room 008, at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road. The National Youth Sports Program is for inner-city youth ages 10-16. Information: Kelly Gatto at 317-955-6046.

Anti-Hate Crimes Week will be declared in Louisville, Ky., and Jefferson County June 6-12. A candlelight vigil will be held on June 6 at 8:15 p.m. in Jefferson Square in downtown Louisville, Ky. The event is sponsored by the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community and Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission. Information: 502-587-6265.
Medal of Honor recipient speaks at St. Jude

By Mary Jungemann

"What was one of the lessons in the movie Forrest Gump?" asked Vietnam veteran Sammy Davis, 52, in a recent speech to fifth graders at St. Jude School in Indianapolis.

“You don’t lose until you quit trying," Davis told the spellbound students. "Forrest could’ve given up when he had polo as a youth, but he didn’t. And neither should you, whether it’s in your schoolwork, sports, doing chores at home—or in combat.”

A Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Davis visited St. Jude School to speak to the students about his military service and to congratulate Tracey Horan.

Tracey, 11 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horan, was one of 10 essay winners in a recent contest sponsored by Indianapolis Power and Light Co. (IPL). Tracey was the only winner enrolled in an Archdiocese of Indianapolis school.

Davis is reticent to accept the label “hero.” “I just did my job as a soldier,” he said. "I do enjoy meeting the grandchildren of my buddies because I know if I hadn’t done my job, they wouldn’t be here. I never regret going to Vietnam because it made me a better person. We joined, not to die, but because our daddies served, because we were helping others gain their freedom, and because we loved our country."†

(Mary Jungemann is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.)

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TERRE HAUTE—The new Calvary Chapel Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute will be dedicated during an 11 a.m. ceremony on Memorial Day.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites guests to join Mgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, for the May 31 dedication of the granite mausoleum located in the 60-year-old cemetery at 4227 Wabash Ave.

“When the Catholic Cemeteries Association took over the management and upkeep of Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute in March 1997, one of the first decisions was to start an ongoing pre-need program with the introduction of the Calvary Chapel Mausoleum for above-ground burial,” Catholic Cemeteries sales manager Phil Corr of Indianapolis explained. “The original plans to build a 240-crypt building were expanded to include 330 crypts.”

The mausoleum chapel will be open every day for visitors, Corr said, and will be used for committal services.

“The mausoleum chapel will be open every day for visitors, Corr said, and will be used for committal services.

“The mausoleum has granite crypts along the interior and exterior.”

“Catholics living in the Terre Haute area originally requested a mausoleum in 1970,” he said, “and it has now come to fruition.”

Catholic Cemeteries to dedicate Calvary Chapel Mausoleum at Terre Haute

By Mary Jungemann

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Holy Rosary Parish hosts Tridentine Mass Apostolate

By Mary Ann Wyand

Holy Rosary parishioners express their love and reverence for God during both English and traditional Latin Masses at the historic Indianapolis South Deanery parish. The Marian parish was founded 90 years ago, on May 2, 1909, by an Italian priest, Father Marino Priori, who later was named a monsignor.

“The church is the temple of the Lord, the gate of heaven,” Father Priori wrote in 1909. “Come after a week of earthly cares. Rejoice your spirit at the sources of grace. Raise your mind to God; thank him for the benefits received through his creation and in daily life…”

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, Holy Rosary’s current pastor, also serves the archdiocese as vicar general and moderator of the curia. He is assisted at Holy Rosary by Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Paul S. Petko, associate pastor and chaplain of the Tridentine (Latin) Mass Apostolate, who was assigned to the archdiocese last July.

“Father Petko’s main ministry is to those who wish to celebrate the traditional Latin Mass,” Msgr. Schaedel explained. “Pope John Paul II gave permission for the celebration of the sacraments according to the Ritual of 1962 in the papal document Ecclesia Dei just over 10 years ago. It was at that same time that the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Father Petko’s religious order, was established.”

Two years ago, the vicar general said, the archdiocese invited the order to send a priest to serve Catholics in central and southern Indiana who prefer the traditional Latin Mass.

“Father Petko has been a blessing to us all,” Msgr. Schaedel said. “His apostolate here brings about much good. Many people who live outside of the Indianapolis area are also asking for his assistance.”

The fraternity is “grateful to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein for allowing us to come in and minister to the Catholic faithful in the archdiocese,” Father Petko said.

“We’re a new order, only 10 years old. We were founded by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, and we are of pontifical right—the pope is our bishop.”

The traditional Latin Mass is a very formal manner of worship, he said, and requires greater effort and attention because the Low Mass and High Mass are said in Latin.

“The formality is necessary because we’re worshiping God,” Father Petko said. “That requires a certain protocol in our relationship to God and the Church. The Latin liturgy, with its beauty, reverence and style, is very different from what most Catholics experience [during Masses said in English].”

The Tridentine Mass dates back to the Council of Trent (1545–1563), he said, when this Latin form of the eucharistic liturgy was accepted by the Roman Catholic Church for universal use.

“The charism of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter is specifically to cater to those who have felt alienated or disenfranchised by the reforms of the Second Vatican Council,” Father Petko said. “to let them know that the Church is the same as she was before the council and, if they have strayed, that the Church wants them back.”

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Parish Secretary: Maggie Greene
Parish Council Chair: Maggie Greene

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Father Paul S. Petrok blesses a floral wreath during a May crowning ceremony at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis. The Marian devotion was held in honor of Holy Rosary’s patroness, Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, on May 2, the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Italian parish. Assisting Father Petrok are server Christopher Ritter and master of ceremonies Armin Gallanasa.

Kathleen Ritter, coordinator of religious education, said she was drawn to Holy Rosary Parish because of the traditional Latin Mass, the devotions and the friendliness of parishioners.

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“Holy Rosary has always been an Italian parish, and as such it has no physical borders as a territorial parish would have,” he said. “It’s a very welcoming parish. The Italian heritage in this area is very rich, and parishioners celebrate that during the festival.”

Holy Rosary’s 16th annual Italian Street Festival on June 11–12 features Italian foods, a band and dancing from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. both nights.

Bernie Green, the administrative assistant and business manager, said three generations of families in the parish enthusiastically support the festival, which benefits Central Catholic School and Roncalli High School.

The fund raiser attracts thousands of visitors to the brick church with twin bell towers, which is adjacent to the Catholic Youth Organization headquarters—the former Latin School building—on Stevens Street. And on the weekend of June 11–12, that street will be a very crowded and festive place in as previous years.

Attendances has grown about 35 percent, editor, explained, “and an average of 160 liturgies, the marble altar is carefully moved said. To accommodate the two types of Mass Apostolate to the parish, Father Petko enthusiastically welcomed the Tridentine Mass.

“About 100 families are members of the Tridentine Mass Apostolate,” David Walden, the parish secretary and bulletin editor, explained, “and an average of 160 people attend this Sunday (Latin) Mass. Attendance has grown about 35 percent since the apostolate was moved from St. Patrick Parish to Holy Rosary last July.”

Holy Rosary’s roster lists 204 househholds plus the members of the Tridentine Mass Apostolate, who may drive from other cities for liturgies. Many apostolate members also are registered at a second parish closer to home.

Parishioners blend the old and the new in unique ways, mixing long-time Church traditions with state-of-the-art technological innovations like a parish web site.

“We do have the 1962 [Latin] liturgy, we’re still subject to the present-day canon law,” Walden said. “It’s the same Church, just a different liturgy. We’re big on traditions with state-of-the-art technology.”

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Discover the wonders of the forest

By Susan M. Bierman

Leave the insect repellent behind—you won’t need it inside this southern Indiana forest. “We’ve had suggestions that we should have bugs and bats and things flying around in here, but we opted not to do that,” laughed Tom Koetter, owner of Koetter Woodworking Inc.

You won’t see any bugs or bats flying around inside this indoor forest diorama, but you’ll hear the natural sounds of singing birds and hooting owls.

The indoor forest diorama is located inside The Forest Discovery Center at Koetter Woodworking Inc., a manufacturing plant in Starlight that produces high quality moulding, trim and other wood products. The center, housed in a six-acre building large enough to contain 13 football fields, opened to the public last September.

Koetter said the center was created with an educational objective. “We just wanted to educate people on the positive side of the wood industry,” he said.

The Forest Discovery Center received the 1999 National Arbor Day Foundation Good Steward Award.

Koetter Woodworking Inc. owns and manages about 700 acres of forest in Starlight and another 3,000 acres in various counties in Kentucky.

Koetter explained that managing a forest is not much different than managing a garden.

Forest management includes cutting out a lot of grape vines and ivy—which thrive on the trees—to so the good trees can grow. It also includes removing mature trees to leave room for new ones.

“We try to get through our forests every two to five years—not only to take out the mature trees but also to take out a lot of the undesirable plants that would prevent the good trees from growing,” said Koetter, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight.

The information panels inside the forest (photo at far left) describe everything from sustainable forestry, a forest’s composition, tree parts and wildlife.

The squirrel (at left) is one of many taxidermic animals to be found in the forest.

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**SUMMERTIME Festivals**

The following is a list of summer festivals and activities as submitted to The Criterion for May 28 to Sept. 2.

**May 28**

*Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis,* will host the 500 Festival and Raffle starting at 5 p.m. The event features carnival rides, horseback rides, and a food court. Information: Carol Douglas at 317-236-1572.

**May 29–30**

St. John the Baptist, 8310 St. Johns Road, Indianapolis, will host the 16th annual Italian Street Festival from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. A large variety of Italian foods, live music, and dancing is featured. Information: Bernie Greene at 317-636-4478.

June 11–13

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis, will host a festival featuring fish dinners on June 11, chicken dinners on June 12, and spaghetti and meatballs on June 13. Festival hours are 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. nightly. Games, rides, and nightly entertainment will also be available. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 3.

**June 19–23**

Our Lady of Providence High School, 707 W. Hwy. 151, Clarksville, will host the 16th annual Italian Street Festival featuring Ronnie Milsap in concert on June 11; Monte Carlo, Kid’s World on June 12; and chicken dinners on June 13. Festival hours are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 11, noon to midnight on June 12; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 13. The cost for the Ronnie Milsap concert is $15. Chicken dinners are $6 each. Information: 312-845-3550.

**June 12**

St. Paul Parish, 814 Jefferson St., Tell City, will host its picnic from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring games, crafts, booths, kiddie land, raffles, auction, bake sale and food. Information: 812-547-7999.

**June 17–19**

Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove, will host SummerFest ‘99 featuring raffle, Monte Carlo, amusement rides, games, food, and entertainment. Festival hours are June 17, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 18, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and June 19, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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June 18–19
St. Mary School, 415 E. Spring St., New Albany, will host the St. Mary’s Summer Festival. June 18 is family night from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. On June 19, a street dance will feature The Monarchs and The Marlins from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission to the street dance is $7.50. Information: Joyce Schindler at 812-944-0888.

June 18–20
Prince of Peace Catholic Schools in Madison will sponsor the Prince of Peace Schools Festival featuring gaming tent, midway, and entertainment at Pope John XXIII School, 221 W. State St., Madison. Festival hours are: June 18, 5 p.m. to midnight; June 19, noon to midnight; June 20, noon to 6 p.m. Information: Larry Truax at 812-273-5835.

June 19
St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis, will host its festival featuring food, rides, and Monte Carlo from 5 p.m. to midnight. Information: Father Gerald Kirkoff at 317-786-4371 or 317-780-7588.

June 24–26
St. Paul Parish, 218 Scheller Ave., Sellersburg, will host its 50th annual picnic featuring chicken dinners served family style from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Booths will be open at 2 p.m. The cost is $6 for adults; $4.50 for children 12 and under; children 5 years and under are free. Information: David Duggins at 812-246-4473.

June 25
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 13 1/2 Street, Terre Haute, will host “Festival Madness” featuring rides, haunted house, live entertainment, bingo, beer garden, raffles and dinners. Festival hours are: June 24–25, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 26, noon to 10 p.m. Information: Arlene Manwaring at 812-466-1231.

June 26–27
Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will host a Reverse Raffle from 7 p.m. to midnight in the multi-purpose room at Central Catholic School, 1155 E. Cameron St., Indianapolis. The event features a $1,000 prize. Monte Carlo and spaghetti dinner. The cost is $30 per couple. Information: Terri at 317-638-5551.

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The indoor forest diorama

Visitors can “experience” the forest as well as learn more about wood and the importance of responsible forest management as they wander through the indoor forest diorama.

Carol Lewis, director of The Forest Discovery Center, said, “We wanted to create an area that would make visitors feel like they had been transported into a real forest.”

She said the special sounds inside the forest come from an original soundtrack of forest wildlife. Everything inside the forest, including the trees, the animals and the sound, carefully reproduces what one would find if he or she were in an actual forest in the central hardwood region—Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Special lighting mimics the light and shadows of an actual forest.

A combination of mammal and harvested trees can be found in this forest. The mammal trees are true to scale. Nine species of trees are represented: white oak, red oak, shagbark hickory, beech, hard maple, black cherry, poplar, hackberry and walnut.

A self-guided tour of the forest begins with a brief welcome video. Located throughout the forest are information panels that describe everything from sustainable forestry, a forest’s composition, tree parts and forest wildlife.

A life-like mural surrounding the 1,000-square-foot area blends with the trees and foliage to create the effect of a never-ending forest. The entire mural was painted by airbrush by Arizona artist Dave Rock.

Various types of wildlife exist inside the forest, including raccoon, squirrels, red fox and bobwhite quail. These animals are taxidermic specimens that died from natural causes, Lewis said.

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The second floor exhibit area

After a walk through the diorama, visitors can venture to the second-floor exhibit area to discover more about forest management.

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June 27 ● St. Nicholas Parish, 4681 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, will host its festival featuring chicken dinners, turtle soup, homemade quilts, entertainment, raffles and games. Festival hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information: Kenneth Houste at 812-623-2894.

July 4 ● St. Maurice Parish, 1963 N. Saint John St., St. Maurice, will host its festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival features fried chicken and roast beef dinners, games, prizes and raffles. Adult dinners are $6 and children’s dinners, ages 3 to 12, are $3.

Information: 812-663-6737.

July 8–10 Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, will host its festival. Festival hours are July 8, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; July 9, 9 p.m. to midnight; July 10, 1 p.m. to midnight. Information: 317-353-0474.

July 10–11 St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg, will host its festival featuring quilts, crafts, gambling, beer garden and a German band. Festival hours are July 10 from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Information: Cindy Macke at 812-537-3992.

July 11 ● St. Joseph Parish, 312 E. High St., Corydon, will have its picnic/chicken dinner from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrison County Fairgrounds. The event features homemade quilts, a $5,000 raffle and chicken dinners. Information: Ed Hoehn at 812-968-3242.

July 11–15 St. Andrew of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., Charlestown, will host its picnic on July 23–24.

July 19 St. Mary Parish, 7500 Navilton Road, Floyds Knobs, will host its parish picnic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The picnic features craft booths and an old-fashioned buffet chicken dinners. Dinners are $6 for adults; $5.50 for senior citizens; and $3 for children, ages 6 to 12. Information: 812-923-7811.

July 20–21 St. John the Baptist Parish, 25743 State Road 1, Dyer, will host its festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (DST). Chicken dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost per adult dinner is $7. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 23–24 St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., Charlestown, will host its picnic on July 23–24.
Paul Trossman at 812-623-2591 or Elizabeth is $7 for adults and $4 for children under 12.

The picnic features country-style chicken dinners from 5 p.m. to midnight; and July 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring international food cuisine. The event features chicken and ham dinners, homemade turtle soup, homemade quilts and games. Information: Barry Geswein at 812-952-2336 or Richard Geswein at 812-692-2358.

August 9
St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, New Alsace, will hold its picnic/festival from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (IEDST). The event features chicken dinner, games and country store. Information: Father Ray Schaefer at 812-623-2198.

August 15
St. Finn Parish, County Road 500 E. and 800 N., Sunman, will host its picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The picnic features chicken dinners, games and country store. Information: Franciscan Brother Ambrose Eschens at 812-923-8817.

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Pope invites people to ‘open door to Christ’

By H. Richard McCord Jr.

Close the door! How often does that plea echo through your house? And how often is there a good reason to shut doors. But now as the new millennium approaches, we hear the opposite message: Open doors! We are talking about many doors: the door to our hearts, the door to our homes, the door to the Church. In short, all the doors of our lives, particularly those we tend to slam shut or keep locked because of fear, anger, and inability to forgive and be reconciled.

Every person and every family has a few such doors. Do you know what yours are?

Among the first public words Pope John Paul II spoke when he began his papacy 21 years ago were: “Do not be afraid! Open, indeed, open wide the doors to Christ!”

Every 25 years since 1300, the Catholic Church has celebrated special times of reconciliation and redemp- tion called holy years. The year 2000—the last of the present millennium—is one of these, and more. It is also called a jubilee year to reflect a practice known among the people of Israel and recorded in Scripture (Leviticus 25, Isaiah 61, Luke 4, Hebrews 13).

Jubilee was to be observed in biblical times every 50 years as an opportunity for renewal and drawing closer to God by forgiving debts, letting the land lie fallow, and liberating captives and oppressed people.

Jesus began his public ministry (Luke 4) by pro- claiming just such a “year of favor from the Lord” in which the blind would recover sight, prisoners go free and the poor hear the Good News.

Notice that all these situations produce healing and reconciliation. All require that some door be opened.

The jubilee year officially begins in Rome on Christmas Eve 1999 with an act that has been part of past holy years. Pope John Paul II will break a plaster seal and open a large door at the entrance of St. Peter’s Basilica. He will be the first to pass through this door, which then remains open for millions of pilgrims visiting Rome in the year 2000.

Walking through this door—whether physically or in spirit—is a richly symbolic act.

We profess our faith in Jesus Christ, who is himself the door to salvation (Jn 10:7) and who stands and knocks at the door of our hearts.

We also signal the desire to make a new beginning, to enter upon a new stage in our relationship with God and neighbor.

To cross a threshold requires the willingness to encounter what lies on the other side as well as a deci- sion to leave something behind.

As we look ahead to the year 2000, how can we envision it not just as the Church’s official holy year but as also as a year of holiness for us personally and our families?

I suggest focusing on the image of the open door and translating that image into at least one significant act of reconciliation.

Start with questions like these: To whom should I open a door of welcome and trust? What door of my life should be pried loose so I can get rid of the dust and mildew of remorse, of bearing a grudge, of some unresolved matter weighing me down?

Resolve to take action—and do so before the end of the year 2000.

Acts of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation may not seem as glamorous as toasting the new year with crystal flutes of champagne aboard a cruise ship, but they’re infinitely more valuable and necessary in our spiritual journey to holiness.

It may take a while to acknowledge and open that door in our lives that remains most stubbornly closed.

Fortunately, we have some time, and dioceses and parishes are offering ideas and resources for our task.

Among suggestions contained in publications from the U.S. bishops’ Office for the Jubilee Year are these:

• Slow down, and identify a time each day for prayer and reflection.

Jubilee days can be connected to the liturgy through the General Intercessions, during the Preparation of the Gifts, and through a blessing at the conclusion of Mass. A day of recollection or evening retreat/discussion is another option.

A parish may designate the feast of its patron saint as a jubilee day, or if the parish is multicultural to set a jubilee day for the cultural communities within the parish. This could be combined with a Christian art/music festival.

The Parish Guide to the Jubilee Year is a resource highlighting eight ways a parish can celebrate the year 2000, including the jubilee days, and it contains a list of resources parishes can use. For additional information, contact the Secretariat for the Third Millennium and the Jubilee Year, 3211 Fourth Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017 or e-mail the office at jubilee@ncbucc.org or www.ncbucc.org/jubilee.†

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Guide helps parishes celebrate jubilee year

By Paul Henderson

Throughout the year 2000, special celebrations will take place in Rome. Many of them are known as “jubilee days,” occasions to honor and celebrate particu- lar groups.

The jubilee days have a twofold purpose: to honor and remember a particular group of people for what they have contributed to the life of the Church and society, and to offer an opportunity for reflection on the challenges faced in living the Gospel in society.

The pope has asked local churches to participate in jubilee-year observances by celebrating some or all of the jubilee days. The U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee on the Third Millennium invites parishes, schools, associations and families to celebrate with the Church in Rome.

A list of the jubilee days appears in a national activities calendar found in the Parish Guide to the Jubilee Year (United States Catholic Conference, 800-235-8722, Publication No. 5-316/English and No. 5-817/Spanish, $4.95 plus shipping and handling).

Jubilee Guide helps parishes celebrate jubilee year and it has been planning yearly diocesan events. We’ve sent resources to each parish to help plan reconcilia- tion services, prayers and special Masses. We’ve had a huge returning-Catholics program that has been a wonderful success with a hotline call-in and response. That program will be ongoing in the year 2000.”

(Linda Hulten, Diocese of Phoenix, Ariz.)

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Dioceses plan jubilee year events

This Week’s Question

What is your parish planning in observance of the year 2000?

“At the cathedral, which serves the downtown work- ing community, there will be homilies incorporating the theme of the jubilee. Other activities include lectures throughout the year on the spirituality of the jubilee, which includes a forgiveness of debts, both spiritual and physical, reconciliation and a releasing of each other from different kinds of bondage.”

(Sister Mary Francis Epplian, F.S.P., Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio)

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Matters Liturgical/Charles R. Gardner

In the past four issues of The Criterion, John Fink has responded to a number of questions about the Mass. As usual, Mr. Fink has offered a wealth of information, illumination, and I commend him for doing this with much attention to a very important issue. I fully agree with him. I am convinced that one of the main reasons that the renewal of the liturgy seems to have fallen on hard times is that too little is being done with reverence and care.

To carry on where Mr. Fink left off in his last column, I offer some further reflection on the topics, American series of articles, among other things, the importance of liturgical action.

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The role of the listener is not to praise or criticize, but instead to listen and express themselves more readily when they feel at ease.

The importance of trust and confidence cannot be overstressed. When speaking of personal matters, both parties should realize that the conversation will not be repeated. An unbroken confidence will always be remembered; a broken confidence will never be forgotten.

The failure to listen results in deafness.

As in the case of the physically deaf, those who fail to listen often isolate themselves. Everyone is capable of listening.

The key to successful listening is to develop the qualities necessary for good listening. Christians rely not only on their own feeble attempts but also on help from outside. Ultimately the art of listening is a gift from God that comes to us through his Son. "He makes the deaf hear." (Father John Buckel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is associate professor of Scripture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.)

The importance of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the此前 issues of The Criterion, Mr. Fink mentioned is the reception of the Eucharist.

The term Offertory. Mr. Fink referred to one of the questions, Mr. Fink referred several times to the "Offertory." The portion of the Mass that immediately precedes the Eucharistic Prayer is officially called the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts. "Offertory" is much quicker and easier to say than to the longer term, and the missal still curiously refers to the song that may be sung during this time as the "offertory song." But the official title reminds us that this simple rite is preparing for something more important. Music is not new to the Eucharistic Prayer nor should there be any distinction between "the people’s offering" and the "Eucharistic Prayer."

According to St. Luke’s Gospel, the night before he died, Jesus took a loaf of bread and broke it and gave it to them. After he performed similar actions with the cup of wine, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

When we do what Jesus commanded us, we do the liturgy of the Eucharist. It's four main parts correspond to these four actions of Jesus: the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts (Jesus took the bread), the Eucharistic Prayer (Jesus gave the people thanks, the break of the Bread "he broke it"); and the Communion ("he gave it to them").

Even though “offering” is involved with all of these actions, it is especially focused in the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest proclaims in the name of all of us: “In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup” (Eucharistic Prayer III, emphasis added).

Legitimate use of options. As Mr. Fink noted, most of the specific ritual actions and words of the Mass are fixed, but not all of them have the same importance. There are a number of different options to choose from, and quite often the missal calls for the priest to address the rest of the assembly “in these or similar words.” Occasionally, he is even expected to formulate a prayer in his own words as for the conclusion of the general intercessions.

At times, some priests and other liturgical leaders may have carried this flexibility too far and even weakened the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They have considered the importance of the liturgy not only from the “experts” but also by reflecting on our own experience of worship—especially when it has been done with reverence and care.

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Action of Christ and people. The “celebration of Mass, the action of Christ and of the people, hierarchical, is the center of the whole Christian life.” These words from the opening sentence of the Instruction of the Roman Missal remind us of two very important things. First, the Mass is an action given to and shared by God and the people of God, the members of his body joined together through baptism. I understand why many people tend to think of the Mass as something the priest does for us so that we can then receive Communion. Even our language implies this idea: the priest “precedes the people as priest as “saying Mass” while the rest of us “attend” or “go to Mass.” Under the leadership of the priest, we are all invited to join ourselves to this eternal sacrifice of Christ as we and we are broken and poured out for each other and for the life of the world. It is a mystery of which we are not only the spiritual activity, passive in nature. Little concentration or energy is needed simply to follow along with the actions of the litanies and the “Offertory.”

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This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity. The Book of Exodus provides the first reading. Exodus is second in the current sequence of the Bible. As its name indicates, it centers upon the long journey of the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery to the land God had promised them.

The route of this escape led across the Sinai Peninsula. A considerable mass of land, lying between the Red Sea on the west, the Mediterranean Sea on the north, and the Gulf of Aqaba on the east, the Sinai even now is a formidable area to cross. At the time of the Exodus, it was all the more difficult.

Moses was the leader of the expedition. He had been sent by God to secure from the Egyptian pharaoh the release of the Hebrews, and then to see that they reached the Promised Land safe and sound.

As might be expected, Moses appears prominently throughout this book. In this weekend’s reading, Moses climbs Mount Sinai at God’s command. A cloud or mist envelops the summit. Within the cloud, which the book notes is from heaven, is God.

God spoke to Moses and gives Moses his name. It is “LORD.” God further identifies himself as the good and merciful.

In response, Moses falls upon the ground, worshipping God, overwhelmed at the experience.

The reading is especially meaningful in that it reveals that God is present in time and space, not in a pantheistic way, but in a personal sense. Also, God clearly identifies himself and his attributes.

For the ancient Jews, for the Jewish community of Jesus, this was an overpowering and greatly compelling experience. To know a person’s name was to know something of the person’s very essence. When a person gave her or his name to another, it was to share an overpowering and greatly compelling utes.

Within the cloud, which the book notes is from heaven, is God. The Lord made clear that God’s great love for people sent the very Son of God into the world. The Son came not to condemn, but to save. Death is never the object. Rather, it is everlasting life.

Reflection

This weekend the Church celebrates the marvelous feast of the Holy Trinity. At times, this feast is dismissed as a gesture to the philosophical concept that in one God are three perfectly equal, perfect, eternal persons. Indeed, this concept is one of the most fundamental and solemn doctrines of the Church. In the name of the Son and the Father, anyone who claims to be a Catholic and deny this concept is from Christ. No mere mortals realized this concept. It is more than philosophy. It is revelation.

These readings this year, however, reveal not only this profound reality about the deity. The readings reveal God as the source and fountain of an eternal, life-giving, lasting love. God is a person, not just an inanimate, albeit benign or persistent, force in nature and in existence. God loves us. God is with us and among us. For long centuries, God has been with us. God revealed to us his name, his identity, and his attributes. It was God’s great outreach to us. In God’s love is an intense yearning to draw us closer, to share with us life itself.

It is the God of love, forgiveness and life that we acclaim this weekend in this great feast. ☩

Q Your column is always helpful, and we hope you can assist us in a family problem. My eldest brother is seriously ill with lung cancer. Although he was raised a Catholic, he hasn’t practiced his faith since childhood. He wishes to be cremated, with no religious service whatever. His brothers and sisters don’t know what to do and are upset over this situation. Do you have any suggestions on how we can handle it? (New York)

A Normally, we all want to respect the wishes of a loved one who is dying or has died. The Church always tries to do this. Obviously you and the rest of your family do also. There may not be a great deal you can do.

I don’t know how close you are to him, of course. But how would he react to your telling him that, while a Catholic funeral of some sort (prayers, Scripture and so on) may mean nothing to him, it would be very important and spiritually valuable for the rest of you?

Perhaps he would change his mind for your sakes. At least it would give him something to think about concerning his faith and yours.

If not possible, if the rest of you may arrange a memorial Mass after his death, not to challenge his wishes, but to give yourselves an opportunity to express your own faith, to pray for him and to thank God for his life.

Q The Bible often quotes the phrase “the order of Melchizedek.” I’ll all I can find out about this man is that he was a pagan priest. Who was he, and why is he so important? (Indiana)

A The book of Genesis (Chapter 14) tells us that once when Abraham was returning victorious from battle he encountered “Melchizedek, king of Salem” and “priest of God most high.”

Melchizedek blessed Abraham, who in turn gave the priest a 10th of his spoils or possessions.

Centuries later, Psalm 110 named King David “a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Understanding Salem to mean Jerusalem, the city David conquered and made his capital, the psalm apparently intended to Infer that David united in himself both kingly and priestly dignity and power.

For Christians, the most significant references to Melchizedek (the only ones in the New Testament) are in the Letter to the Hebrews. They maintain that Jesus himself is “priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” spoken of in the psalm.

If Abraham, the venerable patriarch of the Jews, was blessed by Melchizedek and paid him tithes, then Melchizedek must be the superior of the two. The inferior person is always the one who is blessed by the greater.

Thus, argues the author of Hebrews, since the priesthood of Jesus is in the “order of Melchizedek,” then Jesus, too, must be greater than Abraham (Chapters 5-7).

These are the three books in our Bible that mention Melchizedek.

One of the Books of Enoch, however, which may go back to early Christian times and were often considered revered writings among the Jews, tells that Melchizedek was conceived without sexual intercourse, and was born from his dead mother’s body. He was taken to paradise where he awaits a new Melchizedek, who will be greater than all former priests and kings (2 Enoch).

The question about the relationship between the Menahem to this Ennoch, the father of Methuselah, as one of the faithful warriors of the past (Heb 11:5), it is conceivable that this leg-end had some influence on what the author of Hebrews teaches about the priesthood of Christ. ☩

A (A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 124, Peoria, IL 61615. Questions for this column may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail to jdietzen@wst.com.)
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Dr., East, Indianapolis, will host
a Corpus Christi celebration and
outdoor procession at 2 p.m.
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First Mondays
The Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center Benedectine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays
Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., north of St. Michael Church, Benedect of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m. Confession, 6:45 p.m.

St. Joseph Hill Church, Indianapolis, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, 8:30 a.m. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benedect and exposition of the 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, 533 E. Washington St., adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Union, Indianapolis, 150 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, 4:30–6 p.m.

St. Joseph University Church, Middletown and Bosart, Indianapolis.

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

Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sts., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.–noon.

Second Thursdays
Faithcore Music Ministry, 7:30 p.m. at Indianapolis home of Mike and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

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

Third Sundays
Marysville Richmond Annual Mass, located at 925 South, 8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles. Information: 812-689-3551.

Third Mondays
Young Women Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, 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, Sellersburg, support group for widowed persons, 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 425 W. Troy Ave., Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays
Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass, 2 p.m.

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Deadline
All announcements with photos must be received by Wednesday, July 7, 2000, 10 a.m. (No photos will be accepted after this date). All announcements without photos must be received by the same date.
Seminarians bike for Jesus

By Margaret Nelson

Two archdiocesan seminarians will be in the assembly for the June 5 ordination of four priests—but they probably won’t be wearing their bright yellow “Biking for Jesus” shirts.

Jonathan Meyer and William “Bill” Williams are among 12 young men who are ending their four years at St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., by bicycling home together through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. (See archbishop’s column Pages 4 and 5.)

The real motivation behind the 1,000-mile trek has become the chance to talk to thousands of people along the way—about vocations.

“They’re ‘Biking for Jesus,’ ” Meyer said, “to put a brand new look on vocations. We’re not scary guys who don’t have fun. ... We are average, fun college guys seeing if we have a calling to the priesthood.”

Arriving in Indianapolis on Friday night, June 4—the eve of ordination—the men will talk to those who gather at 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas for a Mass for vocations.

On Sunday, June 6, they will head south to St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington for a 6 p.m. presentation.

Along the way, the seminarians hope that lots of people—especially the youth—will come to hear them talk. They will make 18 stops, staying at parish rectories in the 10 different dioceses they pass through between May 23 and June 8. The trip will end in Evansville, the home diocese for three of the men.

They plan to talk at Masses and prayer services and with interested individuals, encouraging others to “give God a chance,” said Meyer. He said the seminarians will include talk about married life.

“We are all called to be holy,” he said. “The main emphasis isn’t on priesthood and religious life, but getting people to pray about what God wants them to do.

“People need to pray about the options besides making big bucks,” said Meyer. “We hope they see that average, healthy young guys who like to enjoy life can choose priesthood.

“There are so many negative stereotypes,” he said. “We had the idea of priesthood and shoved it off, thinking, ‘They are losers or dorks.’ But here we are.”

Since two of the Michigan seminarians thought of the bicycle trip a year ago, the group has grown and so has the mission.

The men financed the trip by sending 300 letters to family members, friends, parishioners and businesses to ask for prayers and donations toward the $1,200 each man needed for bikes, food, materials and their “Biking for Jesus” T-shirts.

For a year, the 12 seminarians have spent their Sundays praying and planning the trip—and their Saturdays training for the rigorous ride.

The men believe that only God can measure the success of their cycling crusade. But Williams said that, if one person considers a vocation because of their efforts, they will consider it successful.

Meyer and Williams won’t be bicycling home from school next year. They will complete their theology studies in Rome.
Acheson earns state K of C lay award

LAWRENCEBURG—Allan Acheson, a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg, received the Knights of Columbus state Catholic Layman of the Year Award at his parish on May 16.

The chair of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Council, Acheson provided leadership during remodeling of the church and a $70,000 remodeling of the school.

Acheson participated in the Christ Renews His Parish process, then formed a team with other men to present later weekends for St. Lawrence Parish and St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

A financial controller for nursing homes in several states, Acheson served as director of the St. Lawrence Parish Legacy of Hope campaign, which exceeded its goal of $450,000. He urged support of the archdiocesan Church by telling fellow parishioners at Masses about his own family’s experience of faith.

Acheson, with parishioner Joe Kasor, teaches the eighth-grade religious education program each Sunday.

With wife Patty, Acheson participated in the parenting program “Growing Kids God’s Way” offered at the parish. The couple has three sons.

With informed of the award, Acheson said, “My parents had always hoped I would become a priest. Maybe this is as close as I can come to fulfilling their hopes.”  

May and June are the time of year marked by high school graduations with traditional "pomp and circumstance" as culmination to 12 years spent in the classroom.

A group of students whose educational experience is uniquely different than the established norm will also be graduating in June. These students are home schooled.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass for Indiana Catholic Home School graduates at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The Mass will be concelebrated by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, and various priests from the Indianapolis and Lafayette dioceses invited by the graduates.

A reception for the graduates, sponsored by the Indianapolis Catholic Home School Apostolate, will follow at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center.

Nationally, home schooling is a growing trend, said Peter Luisi, president of the Indianapolis Catholic Home School Apostolate.

A member of the Tridentine Mass Apostolate at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, Luisi said the reasons Catholic families are choosing home schooling are as diverse as the families involved. For some parents, it’s geography; there is no Catholic school available nearby. For others, the parish school is full. Home schooling also benefits children with special needs who aren’t able to be adequately accommodated in a Catholic school. For others, home school is an alternative to Catholic education and a means to maintain or restore family unity.

Despite this diversity, the families are united in their strong sense of mission to educate their children in the arts, music, literature, science and mathematics, he said, and in the Catholic faith by providing Church teaching to the next generation of Catholics.

While some parents might be intimidated at the thought of educating their children and question where to begin, Marie Ford said, most Catholic home educators don’t see their efforts as extraordinary, but only as their God-given responsibility based on Church teaching. The home-schooling mother of a 1999 graduate, Ford and her husband, Mark, are members of St. Mary Parish in Frankfort, in the Lafayette Diocese, and members of the Tridentine Mass Apostolate at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis.

The “Gravissium educationis” (“Declaration on Christian Education”) of Vatican Council II affirms this educational choice. “As it is parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of education,” the declaration notes. “They must therefore be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their education. The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute.”

Pope John Paul II reaffirmed the right and responsibility of parents in educating their children in his apostolic exhortation Familiaris Consortio.

The late philosopher, theologian and home school pioneer William Marrs outlined a four-step plan that has helped many Catholic home educators avoid feeling overwhelmed or intimidated by their task: “Do no harm, live the faith—create Catholic culture in the home, teach the child how to read, and teach the child something!”

As the Catholic home school trend has continued to grow, more Catholic educational resources have been published. Luisi said Catholic home educators no longer need to modify Protestant or secular materials to meet their needs. Parents can select materials from Catholic home school curriculum providers or develop their own curriculum. Cooperative education arrangements and partnering with retired university professors have created additional opportunities for Catholic home school students.

The achievements of Catholic home school graduates are becoming increasingly well recognized. Luisi said. Nationally, many graduates go on to attend leading Catholic liberal arts colleges.

The Indianapolis Catholic Home School Apostolate (ICHSA) began with eight to 10 families in December of 1992 under the leadership of Gordon and Mary Ann Smith, members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, in the Lafayette Diocese, who had been home schooling for eight years at that time. The apostolate has grown to more than 70 registered families in central Indiana. ICHSA exists to assist Catholic families who choose to home school their children by providing a Catholic support group with a wide variety of activities and service opportunities. There are about 10 Catholic home school support groups in Indiana.

(For additional information or to make a reservation for the reception following the Baccalaureate Mass on June 14, call ICHSA at 317-849-1504. June Latz is a member of St. Luke Parish and the Tridentine Mass Apostolate at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis.)

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ANDREWS, Martha O., 82, St. Mary, Mitchell, May 7. Mother of Roy Simmons and Marilyn Elliott.


HEID, Alma Louise, 72, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, April 29. Mother of Patty Curtis and Gary Herd. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of two.


HUNT, Gertrude Dean, 82, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, May 15. Sister of Rose Marie Breen and Anna Catherine Dillon.


LESSHAFF, OTT, Sr., 93, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, April 26. Father of Ann Louise Powell and Ott Leshafft, Jr. Brother of Angela Williams. Grandfather of eight.


Snyder, Joseph, Richard and Robert Rossier. Grandfather of one.


SP McCormick died in July 13. Mother of Stephanie Mellinger and Great-grandfather of two.


WHITE, Opal, 71, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 29. Sister of Brian and Barbara White.


Francis Sister Mary Patrick O’Connell served at Marian College

Francis Sister Mary Patrick O’Connell died on May 11 at the age of 77. A funeral Mass was cele- brated in the chapel of the Indiana University of Notre Dame. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she entered the Franciscan community in 1949 and pro- fessed final vows in 1946. Sister Mary Patrick had also served as an assistant campus ministry coor- dinator at Marian College. She was a professor in the education department at the school.

Sister Mary Patrick had also served as teacher or principal at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, St. Louis School in Batesville, and the Evansville Academy in Missouri. She was survived by her brother, Joseph O’Connell. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036-7.
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