Four dedicate their lives as priests

‘Prayer is our first duty as priests,’ Archbishop Buechlein tells ordinands

By Margaret Nelson

Fathers William Joseph Brown, William L. Ehalt, Richard W. Eldred and Darvin E. Winters Jr., have begun a challenging journey.

The four men were ordained Saturday at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis in a celebration before family, friends and teachers, but Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein didn’t downplay the difficult work that awaits the new priests as he talked about the “awesome act of faith” they have undertaken.

The life of a priest is hard, Archbishop Buechlein said, “not so much because of celibacy, as many think,” he said, but because of the aloneness of being spiritual leaders when the work is tiring and thankless.

Priests “must be pure in a world that mocks purity,” he said.

“Prayer is the key to happiness in ministry, because it is the key to fidelity,” said Archbishop Buechlein. It “allows the Spirit to lead us so that we are not leading ourselves.

“A priest is a witness to mystery and so his identity is divinely rooted in faith,” said the archbishop. “We and our ministry depend entirely on Jesus Christ.”

“A priest is a servant of communion in the Church and in the charity of Christ,” he said. “We cannot short-circuit it by trying to sidestep the Cross.

“No matter how compassionate we may want to be, we cannot preach an easy Gospel,” said the archbishop. He also told the new priests, “Obedience is not easy. Without faith it is impossible.

“Because faith and prayer are so inseparable, I say that prayer is our first and most important pastoral duty,” said Archbishop Buechlein.

The Rite of Ordination began with the calling and presentation of the candidates. After the election by the Archbishop, the assembly demonstrated their consent to the ordination of the four men by applauding.

After the archbishop’s examination of the candidates and their promise of obedience, the men lay prostrate on the cathedral floor while the assembly chanted the Litany of the Saints.

With the laying on of hands and prayer of consecration by Archbishop Buechlein, the four men went from the ordinands to the priests.

Pope tells Poles to focus on spiritual development

GDANSK, Poland (CNS)—At the start of a 13-day pilgrimage to his Polish homeland, Pope John Paul II returned to the birthplace of Solidarity and called for a new phase of spiritual development to match the political and economic progress of the last decade.

In the Baltic seaport of Gdansk, where he once delighted Solidarity supporters by publicly defending their human and political rights, the pope said this time he was here as “a fellow Pole who comes among you to fulfill the need of his own heart and who brings the blessing of God, who is love.”

Marveling at how much has changed on a material level since the fall of communism, the pontiff said Poland today needs “great-hearted men who serve with humility and love,” modeled on the saints of the past.

It was the start of his longest visit to Poland, a marathon trip touching 21 cities, and the 79-year-old pontiff looked and sounded good as he presided over Masses and prayer services in the seaside suburb of Sopot on June 5 and in the nearby towns of Pelplin and Elblag on June 6.

“He looks much older, but so full of life and the light shines—Is that the word?—like the sun,” Angelika Dunal remarked in English at the Sopot Mass. She had seen the pontiff as a young girl in Gdansk 12 years earlier and has heard much about the Solidarity activism that surrounded that visit.

This time it was different—no Solidarity flags, no political chants during the liturgies—but no less significant for those who participated.

“The pope is very important for me. He’s the first person who showed me how to really live, and what to believe in,” said Dunal.

From the moment his plane landed, the pope saw evidence of a remarkable transformation in the Gdansk region, where the economy has boomed despite a crisis in the ship building industry. Streets were lined with foreign businesses like McDonald’s and Pizza Hut, cell phones sometimes rang during outdoor Masses, and the banners welcoming the pope were often hung from satellite dishes that adorned nearly every apartment building.

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former communist who now embraces.
Deacons to priests of the Church. The priests of the archdiocese—the presbytery—and other participating priests filed past the ordinands for the laying on of hands. Clergy who had helped the new priests during their discernment helped them now to vest in stoles and chasubles.

Each man went forward alone for Archbishop Buechlein to anoint his hands. Later, they received the chalice and paten from the archbishop.

Archbishop Buechlein gave each new priest the Kiss of Peace. The other priests followed his lead as the assembly sang, “Unless a grain of wheat falls upon the ground and dies, it remains but a single grain with no life.”

Family members brought the gifts to the archbishop for the preparation of the altar.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist began with the four new priests standing by their archbishop to concelebrate.

After the Mass, a reception was held at the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center to honor the four newly ordained men.

“Rick” Eldred’s mother, Beatrice, said she had mixed emotions. “I’m very, very happy for him. It is wonderful that he has accepted the call to the priesthood.” She said that she knew she would still see her son often, but maybe not as much now that he has different responsibilities.

“Bill” Ehalt’s sister, Ann, said she was very happy. Asked if she thought he would become a priest when they were children, she said, “No, although when I think about it now, it doesn’t surprise me. He is a down-to-earth, genuine person. He will be a wonderful priest because of that.”

She explained that she listened to her brother as he discerned his vocation the past few years. “I know what he went through.”

“It was an exciting five years,” said James Ehalt, Bill’s father. “He had his ups and downs. ‘It was wonderful that this [ordination] is the conclusion.’” James Ehalt said that the process helped him feel surer of his own faith.

Mary Winters, mother of Darvin Winters said, “It has been a long eight years, but it went fast at the end.”

Winters’ father, Darvin Sr. said, “This is the greatest day of my life. I’m a convert, so my wife and son probably had something to do with that.”

He explained that, in 1993, Father William Munshower at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis gave him the rites of initiation.

Linda Brown, a recent convert herself, called the ordination day of her son, Joe “unbelievable.” Bill Brown echoed his wife’s thoughts: “We were a non-Catholic family. Joe has come a long way.”

In left photo, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein watches as Father Richard Ginther performs the ritual laying on of hands for Father Joseph Brown as do other priests for the other three ordinands at the June 5 Ordination Mass. Below, the ordinands and their families process along Meridian Street in front of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to begin the liturgy.

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**Official Appointments**

**Effective July 7, 1999**

Rev. William Joseph Brown, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis and part-time chaplain at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

Rev. William L. Ehalt, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and Most Sorrowful Mother of God in Vevay. Ehalt also was appointed part-time chaplain at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison.

Rev. Richard W. Eldred, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes in Richmond.


Rev. Richard M. Ginther, reappointed pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis.


**Effective July 21**

Rev. John B. Schoettelkotte, from pastor of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon and administrator of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County, to pastor of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish in Bristow and Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix.

Rev. Herman G. Lutz, from pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, to pastor of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon.

Rev. Carlton J. Beever, appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, while continuing special ministry serving those with HIV/AIDS in the archdiocese.

**Effective July 22**

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

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

These appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.
Seminarians ‘Bike for Jesus’ from Minnesota

By Margaret Nelson

Some 75 people gathered at St. Barnabas Church Friday, June 4, to hear what seven seminarians had to say about vocations.

The 20- to 22-year-old men were part of a 12-member “Biking for Jesus” group of graduating seniors from St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., who decided to head home together on bicycles. Their plan evolved into giving vocations talks at the parishes where they stopped to rest.

Two of the seminarians are from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—William “Bill” Williams and Jonathan Meyer.

Sean Costello said that the men soon realized that none of them had bikes and that they were not in shape for such a trek. They wrote letters explaining their plan to family and friends, asking for donations for the cause.

“By baptism, we are all called to holiness,” he said. “What has God planned for each of us, and how can we do our part to help fulfill his plan?”

Zenthoefer explained that it is not easy to find out—that God doesn’t give us a phone call or put out a sign along the road. “It takes being open,” he said.

Taking on the subject of how they got to the seminary, Williams and Meyer pretended that they were trying to outdo each other on the number of prayers and holy readings they had studied.

“That’s not how we are,” said Williams. “We’re pretty much normal guys… who decided to give God a chance.”

Meyer said that he came from a typical American Roman Catholic family. He went to a public high school near St. Barnabas. He went to the University of Southern Indiana, running cross country on the track team. He planned to marry his girlfriend of three-and-a-half years.

“I centered my life on athletics, my god was athletics,” he said. Then something happened in his sophomore year of college.

“I had a really bad knee injury,” said Meyer. “I didn’t know what to do with the rest of my life.”

One day, a member of a revival group asked him, “Do you love Jesus Christ?” Meyer answered, “I go to Mass.”

When they started singing, he stood by some friends and joined them in the song. Before he knew it he was crying.

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Strengthening Catholic higher education

It has been nearly 10 years since Pope John Paul II issued his apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education, “Ex Corde Ecclesiae” (“From the Heart of the Church”). During the past decade, there have been many conversations, in public and in private, about the meaning and purpose of this papal teaching—especially in light of Canon 812, which requires the carrying out of the pastoral mission. During the past decade, there have been many conversations, in public and in private, about the meaning and purpose of this papal teaching—especially in light of Canon 812, which requires the carrying out of the pastoral mission. One of these conversations has itself become a source of conflict and controversy. Unfortunately, the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education has not been satisfied with this attempt at compromise. As a result, the American bishops have been unable to create a plan that will faithfully implement the papal teaching without driving a wedge between the Church and the campuses. So, at their annual meeting in November 1999, the bishops of the United States will once again vote on a plan to implement “Ex Corde Ecclesiae.” According to Cardinal Francis George, the bishops’ primary objective in developing this new plan is not to exercise control over Catholic colleges and universities, but to promote communication between Catholic higher education and the teaching mission of the Church.

Recognizing the many obstacles these face, we hope that the American bishops will be successful in finding ways to address the freedom and independence of Catholic colleges and universities, while at the same time strengthening their identity as vibrant centers of Catholic learning and culture. We do not believe that these two goals are mutually exclusive. We believe, on the contrary, that they share a common ground in the hope of creating a truly Catholic higher education. Here in the United States, we are blessed with outstanding Catholic colleges and universities. These excellent institutions deserve to be supported, as well as challenged, in their efforts to maintain a vibrant and authentic Catholic identity. —Daniel Conway

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Four accept call to Church leadership as ordained priests

By God’s grace and their generosity, last Saturday four fine deacons were ordained to the priesthood. These men accepted the call from Jesus Christ, through the Church, to give their lives in service to God and the people of God in southern and central Indiana. Thanks be to God! We also thank these new priests for accepting the call with generous and courageous spirit. We thank their families and friends who encouraged and supported them through their priestly formation. We thank the administrators and teachers of their respective seminaries for guiding them to the priesthood. I also thank our new priests because they have accepted challenging pastoral assignments. I know from my own experience that that is not always easy. We sometimes underestimate the challenge of the pastoral obedience asked of our priests. It is important to reflect on the meaning of last week’s ordinations. As baptized Christians, all of us are called by God through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to the priesthood of a holy life. None of us do it perfectly, yet all of us are united as members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Jesus Christ also calls some of his followers to be priests in order to proclaim the Gospel and administer the sacraments. All of us do it perfectly, yet all of us are united as members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Jesus Christ also calls some of his followers to be priests in order to proclaim the Gospel and administer the sacraments.

And Christ chose the Twelve who in their turn designated successors, bishops, who were appointed to carry on and oversee the visible ministry of Jesus in the Church. In the earliest days when the Church was small, the bishops as successor to the apostles, were able to be local pastors. But as the Church grew quickly to great numbers (more than a billion Catholics now), the successor to the apostle could no longer be pastor in every place. And so co-workers called presbyters or priests were ordained to serve the local community of faith in the name of the bishop. And so our priests and I share a close relationship in the ministry of the parishes and the shared mission of the archdiocese.

In an age of shattered dreams in almost every walk of life, at ordination your priests said yes to a most unusual call to serve in the Church. Priestly ministry is both joyful and profound. A priest gives his very life to God and the Church and the People of God. We live alone in the celebration of the Eucharist. Our vocation is to be a public witness to the love of God in every human person. We are called to be the visible sign of Jesus’ presence to the world. Our bathing in the light of Christ must bring the understanding of many people and it is counted foolish by some. Should we celebrate such a gift? Should we pray that the four more fine men answered the call of Christ and the Church? Of course we should. What a great blessing it is to be a priest!

Like you, we priests believe that God is love, and yet we know God’s own Son died a tortured victim—betrayed by friends. We know that no disciple escapes the cross of Jesus without loss of integrity, and we value integrity. And we are all too aware of our limits. Blessed are you who are not scandalized by the humanity of us priests. I am sometimes appalled at the hypercritical attitude of some folks toward my co-worker priests. I am sometimes dismayed by the exaggerated expectations placed upon them. Of course, we priests expect to be held accountable for whom we profess to be, but some folks go overboard in their criticism. Over and over again I ask for your prayer and love and support for us priests.

We know that our first duty as priests and pastors is to be men of prayer. As teachers, our first duty is to pray the words we want to preach and to teach. As priests, our first duty is to personally know the Lord whom we worship. As pastors, our first duty is to know our sisters and brothers in prayer. In personal prayer we remember, and keep on wanting to remember, to seek the face of Jesus in every human person. Faithful prayer may be the greatest personal gift we bring to ministry even as the demands of ministry test our fidelity to prayer. After all is said and done, prayer is the key to happiness in ministry because personal prayer is the key to fidelity and the desire to serve. We are blessed because of the powerful and encouraging prayer of so many of you. In the name of all of us, thank you! —Daniel Conway

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

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Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for June

Religious Women: that their love of God and the religious charism may be widely appreciated and encouraged.
Cuatro aceptan el llamado al liderazgo en la iglesia como sacerdotes ordenados

En el sabático pasado cuatro buenos decanos fueron ordenados en el sacerdocio por su generosidad y la gracia de Dios.

Aquéllos hombres aceptaron el llamado de Jesucristo, por medio de la iglesia, a dedicar sus vidas sirviendo a Dios y a las almas del pueblo de Dios en las zonas centrales y del sur de Indiana.

¡Gracias a Dios!

Agradecemos a los nuevos sacerdotes que aceptaron el llamado de Dios con un espíritu generoso y valiente. Les damos las gracias a sus familias y amigos quienes les animaron y apoyaron durante su instrucción sacerdotal. Damos gracias a los administradores y profesores de sus seminarios respectivos por guiarlos al sacerdocio, y a los residentes de nuestras nuevas sedes ya que aceptaron tareas pastorales desafiantes. Por experiencia sabemos que las tareas no son siempre fáciles. Subestimamos a veces el desafío de la obediencia pastoral requerida de los sacerdotes.

Es importante reflexionar sobre el significativo de la ordenación en la sema pasada. Como cristianos bautizados, todos somos llamados al sacerdocio de una vida santa por Dios a través de Jesucristo y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Nadie lo hace perfectamente, pero todos somos invitados a actuar como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, que es la iglesia. Jesucristo también llamó a algunos de sus seguidores para realizar su ministerio sacerdotal en su nombre y que lo representen como la cabeza del cuerpo—el sacerdote, como padre y padrino de la Iglesia. Nadie hace eso perfectamente—tampoco Dios.

Cristo escogió a los Doce

Discípulos quienes sucesivamente nombraron a sus sucesores—obispos en la Iglesia. En principio cuando la iglesia era pequeña, los obispos en sus posiciones como sucesores a los apóstoles, eran pastores locales. Pero a medida que el número de católicos crecía (más de un millón de católicos ahora), el sacerdote al apóstol ya no podría ser pastor en cada lugar. Por lo tanto los compañeros de trabajo, llamados presbíteros o sacerdotes fueron ordenados en el sacerdocio para trabajar en su estudio. Todas sus ventanas, incluyendo la cara de Jesús en el centro de la obra de arte, fueron grabadas en vidrio. Los encargados de pintar en vidrio eran conocidos como vitrales, y el uso de vitrales es importante para preservar la historia de la iglesia.

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Como pastores, nuestro primer deber es orar por las familias y profesionales. A veces me asombra lo que supo recordar buscar la cara de Jesús en cada ser humano. La oración fiel puede ser el don mayor que llevamos en nuestro ministerio. Al momento en que seamos capaces de hacer nuestras decisiones al sacerdote, a pesar de nuestras limitaciones, siempre recordaremos que Jehová nos ama y apoya para nosotros los sacerdotes.

Como sacerdote, nuestro primer deber es conocer personalmente al Señor a quien adoramos. Como estudiantes, nuestro primer deber es conocer a nuestros hermanos y hermanas por oración. Por oración personal recordamos, y continuamos queriendo recordar buscar la cara de Jesús en cada ser humano. La oración fiel puede ser el don mayor que llevamos en este ministerio. Cuando las exigencias del ministerio ponen nuestra fealdad a la oración a prueba. A fin de cuentas, la oración es la clave para la felicidad en el ministerio, razón por la cual la oración personal es la clave para la fealdad y al amén de servir.

Estamos bendecidos por la oración poderosa y alentadora de muchos de ustedes. En el nombre de todos nosotros, ¡gracias!

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio.

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The Cathedral High School Alumni Association will host Father’s Day with the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field on June 20. All proceeds benefit the Cathedral High School Alumni Association Endowment Fund. The cost is $16 per person. Price includes lunch and game ticket package. Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Game time is at 2 p.m. Information: call Susan Lord at 317-543-4942, ext. 310.

YouthFest will be on June 26 at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. Featured artists include Third Day, Insyderz, The Waiting and Jennifer Knapp. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $15 each or $12 each for groups of six or more. Receive one free ticket for every six tickets purchased.

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Playground duty
Holy Cross School fourth-grader Nicole McDaniel of Indianapolis recently served her East Deanery elementary school as “Principal for the Day.”

Kentucky’s Religious Heritage
Since 1808 when Bishop Flaget followed a small band of French Catholics to the frontier, Bardstown, Kentucky, has developed a rich religious heritage.

St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral
The first Catholic Cathedral west of the Alleghenies.

St. Thomas Church
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and actively in the eucharistic celebration optional. However, the way one regards the significance of elements such as these reveals the extent of one’s understanding and appreciation of an authentic notion of the Eucharist itself. This notion was recovered by the scholarship reflected in the conclusions of Vatican II concerning liturgy and expressed in the “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” and succeeding documents. This authentic notion of Eucharist was clearly and accurately reflected in Gardner’s commentary.

Incidentally, in this same vein, I do not believe I would agree with the assertion in Eric M. Augenstein’s recent letter that Judaism and Christianity are “sibling religions.” It would seem to me that Judaism’s relation to Christianity is more paternal than sibling since Judaism is much older and has developed “a worldly permissive spirit” at odds with Catholic doctrine and morality. Father believes it’s not love to allow your neighbor to skip and dance his way to Hell. The three pillars of Father’s preaching are the Eucharist, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and “uncompromising fidelity to the Holy Father and the magisterium.” The results of his preaching are many conversions, full churches, and he typically spends 8 to 18 hours in the confessional after preaching.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Gault, Austin honored for youth ministry

By Mary Ann Wyand

Two veteran parish youth ministry coordinators were honored May 18 for distinguished service by the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Family Ministries.

Named Youth Ministry Leaders of the Year for 1999 were St. Pius X Parish youth ministry coordinator Mary Gault of Indianapolis and Conventional Franciscan Brother Michael Austin from St. Mary Parish in Navilleton.

Marlene Stammeman, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, presented the awards during a spring youth ministry gathering at Columbus.

Both award recipients have been active in youth ministry on the parish, deanery and diocesan levels for a number of years.

Mary Gault “continually impresses me with her faith and her ability to share it with young people,” Stammeman said. “I am amazed at her energy and dedication for youth ministry. She is a true advocate for young people.”

Gault recognizes the gifts and talents in others. Stammeman said, and challenges them to help make the world a better place.

Janet Roth, youth ministry coordinator for St. Ann, St. Benedict and Sacred Heart parishes in Terre Haute, cited Gault’s “deep concern for others,” especially for people in need.

“Mary can motivate young people to recognize and serve the needs of the poor,” Roth said. “She puts God first and serves as a good example to the rest of us in striving to do the same.”

St. Monica Parish youth ministry coordinator Nancy Singleton of Indianapolis praised Gault for her service as a mentor and coordinator of the archdiocesan New Administrators Program for youth ministers.

“Mary is a people person,” Singleton said. “She empowers and affirms others.”

As a “mother, wife and youth minister,” Singleton said, Gault “models Christian ethics and represents the best in all of us. She loves God and sees the positive in everything.”

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish youth ministry coordinator Elaine Gaither of Indianapolis recalled Gault’s “high moral and professional standards” for youth ministry and her mentoring role with peers in the Indianapolis North Deanery and other deaneries.

“Mary has been a stellar role model for all youth ministers,” Gaither said. “She is tireless in her dedication and concern for her ministry. She truly has a gift for inviting people into the ministry and keeping them there by maintaining good friendships and sharing her faith and spirit.”

As both a Conventual Franciscan and a youth minister, “Brother Mike is a very faith-filled servant,” Stammeman said.

“He has a deep love for God and shares himself and his faith with others. Involved in parish youth ministry for many years, he has truly made an impact in the lives of the young people of his parish.”

Brother Mike “is a team player and is dedicated to helping youth ministry grow in his parish, in the New Albany Deanery and in the archdiocese,” Stammeman said. “He works hard to motivate and empower others, especially the young people he ministers with.”

He also serves as vocations director for the Conventual Franciscans at Mount St. Francis in southern Indiana.

The Church needs “more role models such as Brother Mike, who are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to be involved in the lives of young people,” Roth said. “He brings out the best in others. In his quiet and gentle way, he has the gift of making each person feel that they are important and unconditionally loved by God.”

Brother Mike “is quiet and reflective and yet willing to share his passion for our Lord and for youth ministry,” Singleton said. “He is kind, helpful and willing to share, to offer ideas and to lend a hand.”

He also serves the Youth Ministry Association as secretary/treasurer. Gaither is network coordinator for the association, which enables the spiritual and professional development of youth ministers in the archdiocese and other dioceses.

Shawe teacher to study in Japan in June

Shawe Memorial Junior-Senior High School teacher Carole Williams of Madison is among 12 Indiana high school teachers chosen to visit Japan this month on a 12-day Toyota-sponsored study program designed to give them an in-depth look at the country—from its schools and factories to its palaces and sacred shrines.

Williams has taught journalism and art classes at Shawe for 18 years.

The Indiana educators are among 50 teachers from four states who earned the all-expense-paid educational and cultural trip offered through the new $440,000 Toyota International Teacher Program sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and administered by the Institute of International Education, the nation’s largest non-profit educational exchange organization.

“We believe they will bring back a deeper understanding of Japan and the global issues facing both our countries,” said Yale Giesel, TMS executive vice president.

“We commend the teachers’ plans to incorporate what they learn abroad into their teaching at home.”

During the study program June 18–30, the teachers will tour factories and learn about the evolution of Japan’s technology and industrial development.

They also will visit schools and discuss educational issues with their counterparts, meet with a Japanese Parent-Teacher Association group, dine in the homes of Japanese families, and visit a town that conserves water by recycling rain.

Their travels also will take them to cultural and historical sites in Tokyo, Toyota City, Nagoya and Kyoto, Japan’s ancient capital.
**Bishops urge action against pornography, violence**

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In a newly released 12-minute video, the U.S. bishops urge people to take action against pornography and violence on the Internet, on television and in other media.

The video, "Renewing the Mind of the Media: Overcoming the Exploitation of Sex and Violence in Communications," is a companion piece to the document of the same name approved by the bishops last year at their June meeting.

"Clearly, this is an area of concern, not only for Congress but for the White House," said Henry Hers, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"One hopes that the studies realize our society has an obligation to protect the young," Hers said. "I hope it becomes not just a political act, but an act of social responsibility."

"It will be up to the FTC to determine if the market- ing of violent entertainment is akin to "Fire!" in a crowded theater."

The study idea is "a stroke of genius," declared Msgr. Tom Hartman, half of ABC's "Good Morning America" God Squad and president of TLicare, the cable TV arm of the Diocese of Rochester, Centre, N.Y.

The FTC will have the power to subpoena documents from movie studios and advertising agencies and learn whether marketing practices subvert the industry's own ratings guidelines for films and games.

The TV industry will not be part of the study. The Federal Communications Commission can examine, if limited, control over TV, which has its own ratings system in place.

"The industry is TV is less violent than a generation ago. And the commercial broadcast network showing the most violence, CBS, has by far the oldest audience of any network. Yet the TV industry took the bull by the horns with aJune 4-5 "prime-time summit" in Hollywood, with U.S. Surgeon Gen. Anthony Herx, who spoke about the Columbine school shootings. TV programmers, producers and writers were expected to attend."

When Clinton announced the FTC study June 1, 9-year-old Arthur Sawe of Seattle was at his side. Arthur talked about buying a video game magazine at a movie rental store.

"I wanted to buy it because the first few pages had fun games, airplanes and car-racing games," he said. "When I got home, I flipped through the pages. I came across an ad that said, 'More fun than shooting your neighbor's cat.' Also, the ad said: 'Bang! meow! Bang, meow!'"

A TV ad on another video game features a spoof of fabric softener commercials with a teddy-bear spokesman, who gets chased, shot at and maimed by the video game's tanks.

Sister Angela Am Zukowski, the president of Undia- International, the organization of Catholic communica- tors, sounded the theme of responsibility, as Herx had. Media is not the only means by which violence is transmitted within society, but is "one of the most visible means—and they market themselves so strongly," said Sister Zukowski, a Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart.

The debate will continue to rage over whether media reflects the culture or vice versa, but media "has a major responsibility to consider the issue of violence today," she said.

Sister Zukowski said the media "has some responsi- bility" for the Columbine shootings, "but not the only responsibility."

After the shootings at the Littleton, Colo., high school, many people said the attire worn by the killers, and their manner of attack, seemed to mimic a fantasy sequence in the movie The Basketball Diaries.

Herx, who was interviewed by Catholic News Service all mentioned the role of the family in rejecting a vio- lent culture. "The norm within American culture, too stressed to have lots of material goods, drives people to work all the time," Sister Zukowski said. In so doing, she added, Americans are also at risk of being "programmed for violence" or "programmed for another." As a result, their children are too often left to their own devices.

"Iederal legislation is "another part of the qualt," said Sister Elizabeth Thomas, a member of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, who runs the Center for Moral Media.

"We all have a piece of the responsibility. Children don't grow up by themselves," she said. The study, she said, can give the government "guidelines that we can agree on how children should be raised to be happy, healthy adults."

Roberto Gutierrez, president of the Hispanic Telecommunications Network in San Antonio, was dis- missive of the FTC study as "political positioning," but pointed toward parents. "Ultimately, parents are the buyers of this stuff," he said.

"Unfortunately, I have to spend a lot of time in front of the TV with my 14-year-old daughter right now because I can't let her watch a lot of that stuff," said Gutierrez, whose complaint was TV's depiction of sex- uality rather than violence.

"Parents are the ones who know most about the problems of the way in which the entertainment indus- try is able to get to their children," Hers said.

"The FTC study may prove helpful, but will it be the cure-all?"

"There were an easy solution, I'm sure somebody would come up with an easy solution," Sister Zukowski said. "It's all our responsibility, and we're all going to have to work on it together."

(See guest editorial about parenting roles on Page 4.)
Pope affirms sanctity of marriage, parenting

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Relationships between nonmarried pairs never should have the legal status of matrimony, and calling homosexual couples “married” distorts the concept of the family, Pope John Paul II said.

“It is possible to imagine other forms of relationships and co-existence among the sexes,” the pope noted, “but none of these constitutes—contrary to others’ opinions—an authentic juridical alternative to matrimony.”

In a June 4 address to a plenary session of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Pope John Paul spoke about a trend—expressed in new local laws in several European countries—toward giving homosexual and heterosexual nonmarried pairs the same rights as married priests regarding taxes, benefits and child-raising.

Seeking legal recognition for “false alternatives” to heterosexual marriage has an “alarming capacity” to destroy society, he added.

Pope John Paul singled out homosexual “marriages” under law as “a deplorable distortion of that which should be the communion of love and of life between a woman and a man, in a reciprocal exchange which is open to life.”

He said parenthood does not end with the birth of a child, but is a lifelong process requiring close attention to the child’s needs.

“The education of children is a sacred obligation and a shared duty of the parents, the father as well as the mother,” Pope John Paul said. “It takes warmth, closeness, dialogue, setting an example.”

The pontiff said “attacks against the family institution have been reiterated for some time,” and have become “more dangerous and insidious in that they refuse to recognize the irreplaceable value of the family founded on matrimony.”

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Young adults walk for life, give speeches

Franciscan University of Steubenville students begin fifth pro-life walk across America

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS)—Giving up one’s summer to walk across the nation with a pro-life message “can make an incredible difference and help change people’s hearts,” said Mark DeYoung, one of nine walkers taking part in a Crossroads pilgrimage.

“We’re out here to witness to the sacredness of human life and to let everyone know that they have an obligation to end abortion in America,” he told The Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Sacramento Diocese.

This is the fifth annual cross-country walk sponsored by Crossroads, a student group at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. This year, they have two groups walking across the United States that hope to reach their final destination, Washington, D.C., by August.

DeYoung was leading a group that was taking a central route through the United States. They started out May 17 from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and planned to stop in 28 cities and 21 states.

The second group is taking a more southern route, having started out from Los Angeles.

In previous years, the Crossroads walkers stopped in Indianapolis and spoke to pro-life supporters at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center.

Along the route, Crossroads participants plan to deliver pro-life talks in parishes, schools, and community venues and give interviews to national and local media. The walkers, who wear T-shirts emblazoned with the words “Pro Life,” usually cover 18–25 miles per day.

“Our focus is on the youth of this country,” said DeYoung. A 1998 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, he works for the youth division of the American Life League based in Stafford, Va.

He said that on past pilgrimages walkers have been able to successfully encourage some young women who were going to have abortions to keep their babies. “We see our work as awareness, education and evangelization,” added DeYoung.

While in Sacramento, Crossroads walkers spoke to a diocesan meeting of Catholics for Life, met with assembly staff at the state Capitol and prayed outside a Planned Parenthood clinic.

Members of the group were invited by Bishop William K. Weigand of Sacramento to speak at a noon Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Following the Mass, about 40 teens from various parish youth groups in the diocese gathered at the cathedral to listen to the pro-life message of the Crossroads walkers.

DeYoung said one of the greatest surprises of the walk so far was “discovering that Americans for the most part are really pro-life, especially grassroots America. People are positive and listen to us. We meet with only slight negativity.”

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—The millennium glitch known as Y2K is upsetting to many people because they feel out of control, and that distressing feeling can be swept away by realizing something they can do about Y2K and that the action they take need not be of a technical nature, said Father Charles F. Chmielowski, O.S.B., who heads the Catholic University of America in Washington.

“Ordinary citizens are then somehow seen to have a臣 sway over this problem, that they are fate to mete out a type of chance, a technical roulette,” he said.

Father Theodore suggested that citizens could do something to calm and practical aspects of Y2K.

“Citizens have to realize they can do something about Y2K in the coming months. "Rumors are spread most actively when people are anxious or uncertain about an uncertain outcome," he said.

He said there was often a downright disregard or feared ignorance among many software companies about what consequences of Y2K were going to be. Bryant predicted more rumors about Y2K, such as supplies, service providers, financial institutions and medical groups. He said it was often a downright disregard or feared ignorance among many software companies about what consequences of Y2K were going to be. Bryant predicted more rumors about Y2K, such as suppliers, service providers, financial institutions and medical groups. He said it was often a downright disregard or feared ignorance among many software companies about what consequences of Y2K were going to be. Bryant predicted more rumors about Y2K, such as suppliers, service providers, financial institutions and medical groups.

As the year 2000 approaches, it will be an inexorable kind of way, like a time bomb about to explode, Bryant said.

"Psychologists know that one of the most powerful motives humans have is the need for control, or at least the need to perceive they have control, over what happens to them," he said.

One of the keys to dealing with Y2K, Bryant said, is that ordinary citizens can put control in their own hands, and that control is rewarding and beneficial, and that control is something they can do about Y2K and that the action they take need not be of a technical nature. In an inexorable kind of way, like a time bomb about to explode, Bryant said.

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Y2K Prep

About 65 percent of Americans believe there will be major or minor problems associated with the Y2K computer glitch. Percent who said they will do the following as Jan. 1, 2000 approaches...

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- Update personal computer 4
- Have more cash on hand 11
- Withdraw cash from accounts 4
- Keep records and monitor closely financial transactions 9
- No air travel Jan. 1 1
- Make sure everything is Y2K compliant 1
- Stock up on household supplies 6
- Stock up on gas 5
- Plan to take no steps 44

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Service plants seeds for religious vocations

By Eva Stitt

Television commercials and billboard advertisements ask, “Do you have what it takes?”

Most of these ads refer to being a football star or a basketball M.V.P. [most valuable player]. Who would ever associate this question with becoming a priest, brother or sister?

In today’s world, we are surrounded by technology—the comforts of heating and air conditioning, the luxuries of television and video games, even just having a warm meal set before us each night.

But do we thank God for each and every moment that we experience these amenities? Do we think about the homeless, the starving, the suffering—all those who are not fortunate enough to experience that which we, each and every day, take for granted?

For the most part, students see community service as somewhat of a hassle. To some teenagers, community service is nothing more than fulfilling a religious education requirement, and when those five hours of “slave labor” are completed, they rejoice that this “burden” is lifted.

However, others take those five hours and plant them like a seed. These are the people who are the true contributors to our society. These are the people who take pride in serving, who help just for the sake of helping. These are the people in our world doing God’s will.

Some of these people will be our future priests, sisters and brothers.

What will it take, in our selfish, over-comforted world, to become workers in a religious occupation?

First and foremost, it takes courage and faith—courage to stand up in front of a world of critics to say, “Hey, I want to be something different. I want to help the poor, sick and starving without expecting anything material in return.”

That is courage above all; to be willing to do something for someone and not worry about yourself. That also takes an unimaginable amount of faith—faith in yourself and, above all, faith in God. It requires faith that God will be with you and provide for you even when tasks seem impossible.

We are so accustomed to living in luxury in our world today that, in our busy work and social schedules, we forget to take time out to do God’s will by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Perhaps we do not all have the faith in ourselves and in God that it takes to pursue a religious vocation, but some people do have the faith to help others by living for Christ.

So ask yourself, do you have what it takes?†

(Eva Stitt is a junior at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. She is the recipient of the first-place award for the 11th-grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s essay contest to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.)

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Mentors honored

Kathy Dansker, representing Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, presents a plaque to Douglass Johnston for his service as a mentor and role model for three students at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis. Robert Treadwell was honored with the same award during the May 21 Mass. Also thanked for serving as mentors were Kathleen Maupin, John Borel, Anthony Chapman, Jerry Hoagland, William Malone, Kathleen Maupin and R.J. Miles. Father Clarence Waldon, pastor, told the students, “Your mentors have shown you that God loves you simply because you are you.”

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Complexities of war bring people together

By John Borelli

"Recourse to force is always a defeat for humanity," a Vatican spokesman said March 25 as the fighting and bombing in Kosovo and Yugoslavia unfolded.

The Vatican’s spokesman said, “One cannot help but think of the eventual victors and sentiments of hatred that will inevitably arise.”

The Dharmapada, an ancient Buddhist collection of verses, begins with this: “All that we are the result of what we have thought ... If one speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows that person as a wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws the cart.”

A few verses later, an important lesson is stated: “Hatred does not cease by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love.”

Christians have similar scriptural passages. We read that when Jesus was arrested in the garden there was an act of resistance by one of his companions who struck or cut off the ear of one in the arresting party.

In Matthew’s account, Jesus admonishes his companion: “Put your sword back in its sheath, for all who take the sword perish with the sword” (26:52).

A few of us had been present in July of 1996 at the Trappist Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky when Catholic and Buddhist monks lived together for a week, following a modified monastic schedule and discussing contemporary monastic life.

Today those in monastic life sometimes must bear witness to peace in violent situations.

The chief Buddhist monk from Cambodia, who survived one of this century’s worst slaughters, urged compassion, sympathy and loving kindness even in the worst conditions.

Also present were Trappists, still bearing the pain of the beheading of seven of their brothers in Algeria the previous May.

Soon after the monks’ bodies were found in Algeria, a letter by one, Father Christian-Marie de Cherge, was released to the press. Father Cherge wrote it in 1993, anticipating his own violent death: “If it should happen one day ... that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to engulf all the for- eigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, my family to remember that my life was given to God and to this country.”

He also wrote: “I have lived long enough to recognize that I am caught up as an accomplice in the evil which, alas, seems to prevail in the world, even in the evil which might strike me blindly.”

Then, addressing his unknown assas- sin, he said: “And you, too, my last-minute friend, you who know not what you do. Yes, for you, too, I wish this thank-you, and this adieu which is of your planning. May we meet each other again, happy thieves, in paradise, should it please God, the Father of us all. Amen! Inshallah! (God willing).”

Is acceptance of a martyr’s mentality the only way to end cycles of hatred and violence?

Elle Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, recently challenged us with strong words: “Faced with [Yugoslavian president] Milosevic’s stubborn policy of ethnic cleansing, no self-respecting government or nation could knowingly violate the bib- lical injunction, ‘Thou shall not stand idly by’” (Newsweek, April 12, 1999).

We notice how emphatically Jews especially have reacted to scenes and accounts of refugees fleeing Kosovo. Jews, Christians and Muslims can and have discussed together the use of war as a last resort to violence.

Just before the Gulf War, prayer ser- vices and public programs for Christians, Muslims and Jews took place in the United States. The complexities of war bring us together.

In January of 1991, just after the air war began against Iraq, Christian scholars met with Jewish and Islamic scholars to discuss their views on the so-called “just-war tradition.”

Initiated by Catholics who felt that the Christian just-war tradition should be compared and tested with traditions of the two other religious communities repre- sented in the Gulf and Middle East, the discussion was hosted by Washington University in St. Louis.

Two years later, the same university held a follow-up conference on the peace and pacifist traditions in each of the three religions.

The story of war and peace is never complete, and the opportunities for inter- religious dialogue on this topic seem never-ending.

The role of religious groups together is enormous, not only to respond to the needs of those suffering from warfare but also to offer medication for broken souls. The relief organizations of these religions work together in the camps on a common mission to help the refugees.

The dilemma for interreligious groups is to find time during these terrible preoccu- pations to explore possibilities for true human harmony.

We can look at the marvelous witness of forgiveness and compassion by con- temporary monastics and pacifists, but we also need to ask how the rest of us should respond as we leave behind a century of cruel wars and inhuman treatment of whole populations.

(De John Borelli is the associate director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.)

Interreligious dialogue is critical

By David Gibson

Interreligious encounters are a reality of today’s world, but dialogue between world religions often is impeded by obstacles, said Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, an official of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prejudices and half-truths regarding another religion “make it difficult to appreciate the religious values” of its members, he said, and a “spirit of self- sufficiency” also is problematic. Then there is the “burden of history”—quarrels and dissension between religions.

“Dialogue will have to be preceded or accompanied by a healing of memories, by a process of reconciliation,” he said.

Situations exist where interreligious dialogue is nearly impossible, he said, because religious liberty isn’t respected, human rights are not observed, and political, economic, racial or religious factors give rise to intolerance and discrimina- tion.

But there are the signs of hope, he said. “People of different religions are standing together to fight for human rights. There is a desire to pray together, especially at times of crisis.”

Many people also “are eager to learn about other religions.”

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

The story of war and peace is never complete, and the dilemma for interreligious groups is to find time during these terrible preoccupations to explore possibilities for true human harmony. United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan (center) and Kierin Prendegast, U.N. under-secretary for political affairs, meet with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican on June 3 to discuss peace plans for the Balkans. The pope told Annan that the United Nations should oversee an end to hostilities in Yugoslavia.


Discussion Point

Many know only one religion

This Week’s Question

What question do you have about another world reli- gion such as Buddhism or Islam?

“Do they believe in the same God we believe in?” (Rosalind Jarema, Indian River, Mich.)

“I don’t know much about any of them. I might want to know more about what each of them believes in and what beliefs we share and what we believe different- ly.” (Milca Sanchez, Camden, N.J.)

“The first question I would have is how did they get started?” (Sharon Foster, Alexander City, Ala.)

“I wonder how our Church calendar year and religious celebrations correspond to the celebrations of the other world religions.” (Jack Jones, Des Moines, Iowa)

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An upcoming edition asks: How has your image of God the Father expanded, changed, or grown over time?

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From the Editor Emeritus/John E. Fink
Second ecumenical council reaffirms work of the First

Last week, I wrote about the Church’s first ecumenical council at Nicaea in 325. That council fought over Arianism, and the bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius, taught that Christ was not divine because he was created by God the Father. The bishops at Nicaea thought they had won the battle when they condemned Athanasius, but he continued to defend Athanasius. Pope Liberius asked Emperor Constantius II to call another council. Liberius thought he had already condemned Arianism, but the emperor asked the council to do it one in 355. This time, Pope Liberius was brought to Milan by force and brainwashed. Athanasius was re-assumed his role as champion of Nicaean orthodoxy.

Arianism died in 373 and the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell on Basil, known as Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea, and to Gregory Nazianzen, bishop of Constantinople. All three are honored as fathers and doctors of the Church.

After Constantius’ death, Emperor Theodosius I convened another council, the First Council of Constantinople, in 381—counted as the second ecumenical council. It was held in the city where the empire had lived. Constantinople, present-day Istanbul, Turkey. It was attended by 500 bishops under the presidency of Melitius, bishop of Antioch. The council ratified the work of the Council of Nicaea and made appropriate modifications to the Nicene Creed. Besides condemning opponents of Arianism, it also condemned another heresy, Macedonism, which taught that there exists a hierarchy (instead of an equality) of Persons.

Finally, the council declared that the See of Rome in honor and dignity.†

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel
Father Jean Leclercq: a man in love

“I’m responsible for Thomas Merton’s death in Bangkok,” says Father Jean Leclercq. “In 1968, an international ecumenical doctrine group was sponsoring a conference of Asian monastic leaders. It was my idea to hold this conference in Bangkok to invite Thomas Merton to deliver the principal public address. On Dec. 10, 1968, a few hours after speaking to the monastic leaders, Thomas Merton was accidentally electrocuted. He was not in Bangkok.

Well past 80, Father Leclercq is one of the ‘youngest’ people I have ever met. I have a young heart and a young brain, and that’s what is important.”

Father Leclercq is a Benedictine monk residing in a monastery in Clairvaux, Luxembourg. After 57 years of monastic life, he comes across as a man with a deep sense of joy and purpose, except perhaps about life and his perpetual smile are extremely contagious and reflect the presence of God. A specialist in Church history and spirituality, Father Leclercq has written numerous books and enough articles to fill 53 volumes. In spite of his great learning, he remains a simple man. He makes others feel important.

Father Jean Leclercq has traveled throughout the world giving lectures and retreats. “I have been sent to monasteries all over the world. The most important thing that I bring to people throughout the world is the message of love. The most important thing that I think the world needs to hear is beautiful. I am happy a person, and more than anything, the world needs to see a happy Christian, he said.”

Living through two world wars has taught Father Leclercq a great deal. “You need courage to get through life or you will be discouraged. You also need a sense of humor.”

Doug Brummel
Everything matters: Looking back at the Littleton massacre

Over a month ago, our city of Littleton, Colo.—our suburb, our home—changed forever. With shots, screams, and tears, the air was transformed—evolved. Thousands were impacted. The reality of what happened here still is breaking through for many.

After the tragedy in Littleton, that song again rang through my brain. I thought all the louder … what a lied! Everything matters!

I believe very strongly that we all need to wake up and admit it. We have lived a “no really matters” society. No one really matters. While one thing is to blame for this tragedy, we must remember that everything was at stake. It was about each of us and our children and our society. When all these factors are combined together, Littleton is the result.

One comment I heard after the killings was, “When you mix together all the ingredients to make a cake, you get a cake!” Sometimes, when you mix together all the ills of today—society, family life and many influences and power of this media—you get a horrid result: Littleton!

We as Catholics are called to preach the Gospel and to live the Gospel. We are reminded of over and over of the near occasion of sin; that is, the settings, influences and attitudes that make us more vulnerable to sin.

In our modern culture, we often refuse to believe that what we watch on TV or listen to on the radio matter; that what we look at and read in the latest magazine matters, and that how we treat our parents, our kids and our neighbors. We often live that song’s motto of “nothing really matters.”

I say, “Think again!” It does matter. As a television major in college, I studied the many influences and power of this media and how it has so absorbed our lives. Some argue that it has no influence on us. I would say that argument, “You better call Coke,” because they are wasting millions of dollars a year on advertising … somebody better tell them the truth.

What we listen to on the radio matters. In this sarcastic, shock-drenched world of radio, we need to defend the old adage. “Garbage in equals garbage out!”

Be aware, young and old listeners, that all thoughts are shaping us in very subtle ways. Be aware, for what you may listen to is what you may become. You cannot be a mere coincidence that all the killers in the school shootings over the last few years have one thing in common: their music group was Marilyn Manson. Be aware! Family matters do matter! We live in a culture where many people have bought into the pop-psychological attitudes of “Don’t be their parent, be their buddy,” or “Tell your children that whatever they feel is right, is right.” Many parents believe that, “It’s better that we get divorced, because our kids will be happier,” or “I won’t go in your room because it’s your personal space.”

I say, “Think again!” Parents, I think it may be time for us to wake up! Get involved! Practice what you preach. Know what activates your kids are “into.” Love them enough to live the message of love and peace for them.

Standing for what is right, not for what just feels right. We are in desperate need of parents who not only want to have kids, but who are willing to put in the time, effort and endless faith to raise them. It is a full time job to raise the next generation; we must treasure this vocation!

How we treat each other matters. How touching it was to see people from around the world reach out to the families of Littleton. It mattered. So did it show that we are not just a bunch of people, but family who prays and supports each other. It was a family. All people matter, and are out of the hospital!

Families realized their faith in the Lord was the only thing that mattered during this time. Their faith mattered!

When we will wake up from our apathetic, sarcastic, “I’m-in-control, nothing will ever happen to me, I should-be-able-to-do-whatever-I-feel-like, nothing matters” world, and seek the light of Christ instead?

May we all pray to the Holy Spirit to take away any of the things in our lives that is for what is right. May we all pray that our sar-casm will be turned into sincerity. May we all pray that we are not in control of everything, but that God is. May we all pray that we realize things can happen to us at any time. We can face our futures. And may we all pray that one day both old and young will accept the fact that everything is for what is right.†

(Doug Brummel is a Catholic entertainer and speaker from Littleton, Colo. He was the keynote speaker for the Archdiocesan Youth Conference last March in Indianapolis.)
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 13, 1999

• Exodus 19:2-6a
• Romans 5:6-11
• Matthew 9:36-10:8

My Journey to God

A Reality Check

At a recent dinner with family members, we started talking about the Y2K (Year 2000) problem. My family members and I were all concerned about it. We wondered if our computer systems would be able to handle the upcoming millennium without fail. As we continued talking, I was amazed that my family was seriously concerned about a problem that awaited them at the end of the year.

A few days passed, and I began thinking about the many anxieties we must deal with today. There is so much to worry about. For instance, my family members were worried about identity theft. They were concerned about the security of their personal information. They were also concerned about the privacy of their online activities. My family members were worried about the safety of their personal information. They were also concerned about the privacy of their online activities.

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**The Active List**

**June 11**
Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, fifth annual all-night vigil for priests and vocations at Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 32nd St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-356-5407.

**June 11 and 12**
Holy Rosary 16th Annual Indian Street Festival, 520 Stevens Street, 5 p.m.–11 p.m., food, live music, dancing, kids’ games and rides.

**June 11, 12 and 13**
St. Louis School Rummage Sale, 17 St. Louis Place, St. Louis School Rummage Sale, 17 St. Louis Place, St. Louis, Ind. Information: 317-223-3333.

**June 13**
Couple to Couple League, Natural Family Planning classes, St. Ambrose Parish Center in Seymour. Information: 812-522-3809.

**June 14**
Baccalaureate Mass for Indiana Catholic Home School Graduates at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 7 p.m. Reception to follow in Assembly Hall. Respond by June 1. Information: 317-849-1504.

**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., Trinitine (Latina) Mass. Times and other information: 317-636-4478.

**Weekly**
**Sundays**
Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Trinitine (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. Warren, Indianapolis, rosary and Benediction for votaries, 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 prayer following 7 p.m. Mass.**
- **St. Louis Church Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., perpetual adoration, Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Benediction and Mass.**
- **St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.**

**First Tuesdays**
Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 50th St., north of St. Michael Church, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m. Confession, 6:45 p.m. Information: 317-288-3354.

**Saturdays**
Holy Guardian Angels Church, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass.

**Promotional Items**
- **Luggage • Leather Goods • China • Gifts • Crystal**
- **Bridal Registry**
- **Fun for All!**
- **Italian Street Festival**
- **Italian Dinner Fish Fry Dinner Pork Chop Fried Chicken**
- **For Information Call:** 317-784-5454
- **2nd PRIZE: Trip for four to Disneyworld or Disneyland—includes airfare, accommodations, Disney passes and $500.00 spending money.**
- **3rd PRIZE: $2.00/Ticket or 3 for $5.00**

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- **Italian Street Festival**
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- **DINNERS SERVED NIGHTLY**
- **BOOTHS • ITALIAN SAUSAGE**
- **ALL THIS AND MORE:**
  - **ATTRACTIONS**
  - **MONTE CARLO STARTS 8 PM**
  - **Booty • Leather Goods • China • Gifts • Crystal**
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  - **ALL THIS AND MORE:**
- **DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY EVENING BEFORE CLOSING**
- **2nd PRIZE:** Trip for four to Disneyworld or Disneyland—includes airfare, accommodations, Disney passes and $500.00 spending money.
- **3rd PRIZE:** Handsprayed 3-seat wood glider, delivered to your back porch—New Whiteland.

**The Active List** contains 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 may 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 delivery or mail to: “The Active List,” 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

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14th Annual
**SUMMERFEST ’99 & MONTE CARLO**
June 17, Thursday, June 18, Friday, June 19, Saturday, June 20, Sunday
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3rd PRIZE: $1,000 Savings Bond or $500 cash

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ALL THIS AND MORE
- **CODE NAMES: CHERRY PICKER PIZZA**
- **BEECH GROVE, IN**
- **7 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.**
- **St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in chapel, 7 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.**
- **St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., State of the Cross Academy, 2605 St. Joe West, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass.**
- **Saturdays**
  - **a pro-life rosary at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women’s Services, 2215 W., holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and Mass.**
- **St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd 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**
- **The Guardian Angel Council, 379 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.**
- **First Tuesdays**
  - **Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 50th 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 the Greenwood, Indianapolis, 3333 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.**
- **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 p.m.–6 p.m.**
- **St. Joseph University Church, Terre Haute, eucharistic adoration after 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. at 8 a.m.**
- **St. Mary Church, New Albany, Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 9 p.m. Mass follows Benediction at noon.**
- **First Saturdays**
  - **St. Nicholas Church, Sumnan, 8 a.m. Mass, prayer and worship music followed by the Fatima rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering in the parish school after Mass.**
- **Apostolate of Fatima holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Church, 15th and Bosart, Indianapolis.**
- **Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., first Sunday devotions and sacrament of reconciliation after 8 a.m. Mass.**
- **Holy Angels Church, Indianapolis, 2603 St. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.–noon.**
- **St. Mary Church, New Albany, Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 9 p.m. Mass follows Benediction at noon.**
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lows Benediction at noon.
Second Mondays
Mount St. Francis, Holy Hour, 7 p.m.–8 p.m. for vocations to
priesthood and religious life.
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.
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Third Sundays
Mary Rexville Schoenstatt has
holy hour at 2:30 p.m. fol-
lowed 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, spon-
sored by the archdiocesan
Office for Y outh and Family
Ministries, St. Matthew Parish,
4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis,
at 7:30 p.m. Child care avail-
able. 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: 317-764-1102.
Holy Family Parish, Olden-
burg, support group for wid-
owed 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 ser-
vice at the chapel in St. Francis
Hall, Marian College, 3200
Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis.
Third Saturdays
The archdiocesan Office of
Pro-Life Activities and St.
Andrew Church, 3922 E. 38th
St., Indianapolis, Mass for
Life, 8:30 a.m.; walk to Clinic
for Women, 2951 E. 38th St.,
for rosary; return to St. Andrew
for Benediction.

Around the archdiocese
BEDFORD—Ruth
Padgett, a five-year teacher
at St. Vincent de Paul
School in Bedford, received
the Bedford Rotary Club’s
Teacher of the Year Award
for 1999.
Kathy Sleva, principal,
said Padgett didn’t choose
teaching as a profession;
rather, she received a call.
One of Padgett’s projects
involved arranging for her
third-grade students to work
with children with special
challenges. The class
formed a cheering section at
the Special Olympics and
sang for the children at the
Hospitality House.
Padgett received a plaque
and a check for $300, which
she said she plans to use for
a new class computer.

COLUMBUS—Fifty
adult volunteers and 30
teen-agers helped 150 first-
second- and third-grade stu-
dents at St. Bartholomew
School in Columbus experi-
ence a hands-on Science
Fun Day on May 21.

INDIANAPOLIS—The
St. Philip Neri Walk-Run-
Pray-a-Thon on April 18
brought in $32,000 at last
count. The school has spon-
sored the fund-raising event
for nine years.

ST. MARY-OF-THE-
WOODS—During an 11-
day tour of Germany and
Austria May 10-21, the
Madrigals of Saint Mary-of-
the-Woods College per-
formed five concerts featur-
ing a repertoire of American
spirituals and folk songs.
Following an audition,
the Madrigals were selected
to perform during a Sunday
Mass at the Salzburg
Cathedral in Germany.

Sacred Heart
School of Theology
congratulates alumnus
Rev. Richard W. Eldred
on his ordination to the priesthood
June 5, 1999

LIVE BANDS NIGHTLY:
Friday: Doug Lawson
Middle of the Road Band
Saturday: Roadhouse
Sunday: Dave & Rae Band

MEALS: Jugs Catering
$6.50 Adults, Children $4.50
Friday: Fried Fish
Saturday: Fried Chicken
Sunday: Spaghetti & Meatballs

FESTIVAL HOURS:
Fri. 6-11 p.m.
Sat. 3-11 p.m.
Sun. 1-7 p.m

VESGAS ROOM
Fri. Sat. & Sun.
7 p.m.- 1 a.m.

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Golf: a hole in one $1,000 cash
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Parish office.
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the free market, told the pope that today Poland is a nation where “sovereignty, security and dynamic economic growth are regarded as something normal and obvious.”

The pope said he was proud of the great material progress, but in his ser-
mon in Sopot he reminded his listeners that it was a mistake to seek ultimate happiness in “pleasures, in material things and in what is earthly and tran-
sient.”

Sin must never be a way to happi-
ness, he said, and the love of the Gospel is never selfish or insensitive to the mis-
fortunes of others. It was a message that seemed to connect with many in his audience who said they were not entirely comfortable with the “new” Poland.

“Perhaps some people need to remind themselves about God. I think many
have forgotten,” said Patrycja Ryta, a 19-year-old student from the small town of Kartury.

The pope’s visit was designed as a
spiritual preparation for the year 2000, and at every event he evoked key chap-
ers of the Church’s past as inspiration for the future.

In Gdansk, he reminisced about his 1987 visit under communism, saying:
“How different those times were!” Back in 1987, he said, “I was a great optimist.”

In front of half a million people in Sopot, from an altar decorated with
carved wooden crucifixes and images of saints, the pope recalled St. Adalbert, a
Czech bishop who evangelized the Gdansk region and was martyred there
in 997, and said his missionary commit-
ment was the start of a tradition of hol-
iness that needs to be carried forward
into the third millennium.

The pope linked St. Adalbert to other
chapters of Church heroism in Poland.

Gdansk: ‘There is no freedom without
the German occupation in World War II.
Workers were slain by Nazis in 1939,
and at least one place was eventually
martyred during the occupation.

Celebrating Mass on a grassy hillside
in 1987, instead, they followed the pope’s words in silence and with deep attention.

“The least chant was ‘Welcome
home!’ when his popemobile arrived at the open-air sites in northern Poland.

“The pope is in good form and fine
spirits. He’s very happy to be home,”
said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-
Valls.

The Mass was in the seaside village of Sopot.

POPE

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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 else- where. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

**BERTAND, Leo R., 83, St. Mary-Goshen, Father of Susan DeWitt and Tom Bertrand. Grandfather of three.**

**RITTNER, Edith R., 96, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, June 1. Mother of Viola Bruce, Doris Jackson and Raymond L. Bittner. Grandmother of 45. Great-grandmother of nine.**

**BOOK, Helen, 86, Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, May 28. Mother of Mary Rose Thompson, Martha Davis, Marie Vontzuhne, David and Thomas Book. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of three.**


**GETTLFINGER, R. J., 64, St. Michael, Bradford, May 28. Husband of Phyllis (Senn) Gettlfinger. Father of Brenda Beach, Janice Wagner, Rudy Rae Wagoner, Jeff and Roger Gettlfinger. Brother of Benedictine Sister Mary Andre. Rita Weiser, Loretta Robertson, Martha Oakes, Marget Baylot, George and Celest Gettlfinger. Grandfather of eight.**


**GOTH, Helen M., 90, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, May 17. Mother of Anne Kunduz. Sister of Anna Bonish. Grandmother of one.**


**MACKE, Anthony J., 81, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville, May 29. Father of Raymond Macke. Brother of Anna Macke. Grandfather of one.**


**Meyer, Joseph C., 77, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 24. Husband of Martha (Diefenbach) Meyer. Father of Margaret and for Meyer III. Brother of Mary Katherine Burd. Grandfather of five.**


**PEA, Mary Jo (Fredrick), 44, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, May 30. Wife of James J. Pena. Mother of Dorothy Joan Grabara, Paula Jo Fite and Jamie Jo Pena. Sister of Linda, Patrick, Donald, Charles E. and Michael Fredrick.**


**SLOAN, Ann E., 81, Little Flower, Indianapolis, May 27. Sister of Margaret V. Nekov and great-aunt of several.**


**WILLIAMS, Joseph, S.J., St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, May 31. Husband of Mary Williams. Father of Cara Underwood and Eric Williams.**

**ROBERT T. KLEENE, Jr., Father of Jenny and Kenneth Kleene. Great-grandmother of three.**
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Vocalist or Vocalist/Guitarist

St. Michael Church in Indianapolis is in need of an experienced vocalist or vocalist/guitarist to work with the regular keyboardist at the Sunday noon Mass. Pay is negotiable. Call the parish office at 317-926-7359.

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Little Sisters of the Poor seek qualified applicants to join our employee family for the following positions:

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Glennery Sisters, a Catholic religious institution, seeks a Catholic lay woman who would be willing to work as a team member in recruitment and administration of Glennery Sister Lay Missioner Association, as well as develop mission programs for youth and young adults in the rural South and Appalachia. Some travel and weekend meetings/programs involved. Salary and benefits are provided. Accepting résumés through July 1, 1999.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis is seeking an executive director for St. Elizabeth's Home, which provides support to women experiencing unintended pregnancies including counseling, health care, and residential services, as well as supports to families and programs for parent and child development. This position is responsible for overseeing the human, financial, and physical resources of the agency and providing high quality services and programs in consultation with the advisory board.

Qualified applicants must be practicing Catholics who are committed to the mission and values of St. Elizabeth’s and Catholic Charities. A minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required (a master’s degree is preferred) in a related field. A minimum of five years of experience in management or supervision is required, preferably in the human services field. Position available July 1, 1999.

Please send résumé and salary history, in confidence, to: Ed Isakeen, Director, Human Resources, The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Executive Director

 Choir Director/Music Minister

St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington, Indiana, is seeking a choir director/music minister. Competitive salary. For further information, contact Fr. Dan Donohoo, 812-876-1974.

Catholic Elementary Principal

Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville, IN, is seeking a practicing Catholic with strong leadership skills for the position of Catholic elementary principal. The school will open in the fall of 2000. The position will begin in August of 1999 and will be integral in the start-up process of this school, K-4. Qualified applicants will have a master’s degree, and either an administrator’s license or eligibility for Indiana certification in administration. The applicant must be an experienced elementary principal.

Application deadline is June 25, 1999. Send a résumé and cover letter to: Principal Search Committee, Our Lady of Grace Church, 9900 E. 191st Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 or fax to 317-737-9344.

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Armenian Orthodox leader ailing; Pope's trip reportedly canceled

VA TICAN CITY (CNS)—The likelihood of Pope John Paul II’s 7-24-99 pastoral visit to Armenia was cast into doubt in early June with reports that the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church would be too ill to participate.

Doctors monitoring Catholicos Karekin of Echmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, advised the Orthodox leader not to attend the pope’s planned visit, according to a June 7 news release from the Church’s headquarters in Echmiadzin, near the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

The statement said the papal trip was to be “postponed until further instruction,” and that the office of Armenian President Robert Kocharyan had been notified.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The more students at a school who take a pledge of virginity, the less effective it is to pledge, a researcher said at a June 3 program on adolescent health conducted at the U.S. Capitol. “When a few kids in a school take the pledge, it’s protective,” said Clea Suctoff, a research associate with the University of Minnesota School of Medicine’s Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health. “Those kids who take the pledge tend to remain virgins and delay entry into sexual activity. (The pledge) protects their values,” Suctoff said. “When a large number of kids in a school take it, the effect disappears.”

Prayer service rallies support for 350,000 in immigration limbo

HOUSTON (CNS)—Hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the United States are living in an “unfair limbo,” the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops said at a prayer service for people who are seeking legal U.S. residency. Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston was one of several speakers at a June 4 prayer service at Houston’s Holy Ghost Church for the 350,000 people nationwide whose applications for asylum were deemed unacceptable because they returned to their home countries for visits between 1982 and 1986. Although courts later ruled those disqualifications were invalid, a law change in the interim effectively left those people without a process for appealing, and without the legal right to work in this country.

Frassex committed to serving poor established as religious community

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal—founded in 1987 by Capuchin Franciscans from New York and New Jersey who wanted to live religious life closer to the vision of St. Francis—has been formally established as a religious community. Following Vatican approval, New York Cardinal John J. O’Connor issued the decree May 28 at a Mass in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. After 12 years as a “public association of the faithful” under his sponsorship, the community is now a diocesan religious institute. “It is God who has given life to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal,” the cardinal said in his homily. “Nobody is prepared to give up literally everything … unless he is given the grace and is personally called by Jesus.”

PEOPLE

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (CNS)—Pennsylvania authorities found the bodies June 5 of two students from the Franciscan University of Steubenville who were kidnapped from their apartment on Memorial Day. The bodies of Brian Muhu, 18, a sophomore biology major from the Columbus, Ohio, area, and Aaron Lund, 20, a sophomore biology major from Evergreen, Colo., were found in a wooded area of Washington County, Pa., about 12 miles east of Steubenville. Hundreds of people packed Christ the King Chapel at the university for a memorial Mass on June 6. After the Mass, more than 150 people walked more than a mile in a procession to the house from which the two students had been kidnapped. A prayer service was held at the house. ▲

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