Priests celebrate Mass on Sea of Galilee

SEA OF GALILEE, Israel (CNS)—The heat of the day had not yet hit as two local fishermen cast out their lines from among the rushes on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Further down the shore, a group of 520 visiting priests made their way onto six boats to celebrate Mass June 25 as part of the fourth international priests’ conference, held in the Holy Land June 22-27.

“It is very emotional to come into contact with this world that Jesus knew. All of these images will feed our faith,” said Father Jose Antonio Rarbulu of the Callao Archdiocese of Peru.

Watching as an Arab woman prepared dough to bake the morning bread for campers on the shore, he said, “This is the type of breakfast Jesus would have eaten.” As the boats pushed off from the shore and floated to the middle of the lake, the priests began to sing hymns from their native countries, first in English, then in French.

“This gives us a sense of the universality of the Church and its service around the world,” said Father Jerome Thompson of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who is currently working in Cyprus with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. “It gives you a sense of the commonality and yet the great diversity within the Church. Any priest will automatically feel the bond and will feel at home, even in the midst of a very different situation.”

Though all on board shared in the brotherhood of the priesthood, their liturgical vestments made up a rainbow of individuality.

Some priests from hot climates such as India wore chasubles made of thin, airy material. Others wore white chasubles finely embroidered—some with colorful proclamations of love for Jesus, others with an outline of Africa and still others with golden threads.

The stoles were equally diverse, some embroidered with exotic patterns, others with gold threads.

This series of dramatic photographs captures the disastrous fire of 1930 that nearly destroyed St. Benedict Church in Terre Haute. Smoke was spotted coming from the dome of the church at noon on July 30. Painters had been working in the dome, but an official cause of the fire was never determined.

About 6,000 people rushed to the church and watched as flames consumed the dome and toppled a bronze statue of St. Michael. When the firefighters arrived, they found that they were unable to quench the flames. Streams of water fell far short of the dome.

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St. Benedict Parish was founded in 1865 for German Catholics. Until 1872, the parish was served by diocesan priests, but in that year, faced with a declining number of priests, Bishop de St. Palais, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes (as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was then known), asked the Conventional Franciscan friars for help. They have served the parish ever since.

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**New ‘old’ feature begins with this issue**

Beginning with this issue and continuing with each issue until the last one of the millennium (which will be dated Dec. 21, 2001), The Criterion will feature a glimpse of our past as an archdiocesan Church through a series of photographs and information “from the archives.”

We hope to bring readers interesting snapshots of the people and events that have filled the 165-year history of our Church family. Not every photo will necessarily mark an important historic event; many photos will capture just an interesting slice of life—the winners of a Catholic Youth Organization play contest, a first Communion celebration, a wedding, the parish kickball champions of 1945—that will help some of us remember (and others see for the first time) our life together in earlier times.

Special thanks to Janet Newland, associate archivist for the archdiocese, for her research assistance which brought this idea to reality.

We hope you enjoy this new feature. Let us know what you think. †

—William R. Bruns
Executive Editor
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PRIESTS
An explosion of colors and geographical designs, while others were pure white with two simple crosses at their ends. The Mass on the lake where Jesus praticed much of his ministry was the culmina-
tion of three days the priests spent with each other in Nazareth. They later were to travel to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

From the boats they could see the outlines of the holy sites of Capernaum, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and Tabgha, where the multi-
plification of the loaves and fishes took place and where Jesus conferred the plication of the loaves and fishes took place and, with all the problems, we are always in the middle between the Muslims and the Jews, with the Muslims calling us 'Christians' and the Jews calling us 'Arabs.' So over there we are not wanted, and over here we are not wanted, and so we look to Jesus. It helps when you see people who are with you and people who know you are here and want to help you—not with money but spiritually.

In his homily, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem, who presided at the Mass, reminded the priests that it was on these shores that three times Jesus ques-
tioned Peter about his love for him. The patriarch urged the priests to respond in the same way as Peter, who repeatedly profes-
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Officiating at the Mass were Father Sabastian Alackapally, an Indian who just finished his doctorate in Rome, said: "Saying Mass in this way, all of us on different boats coming together in one united body, is a good symbol of one united Church. This enriches my experience and my call to be a priest. It revitalizes my mission."

A budsload of local Christians also accompanied the priests at their Mass and the strains of the lone oud, a traditional Arabic string instrument, floated out over the calm water as a choir of young people sang: "It is important for Christians here to be able to celebrate in this way," said the oud player, Nahil Abu Nicola, 32, after Mass. "The Christians here are not so large in numbers and, with all the problems, we remain with him and with Jesus."

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Boats carrying priests embark in the early morning sunlight across the Sea of Galilee June 25. Catholic priests, in the Holy Land for an inter-
national meeting, celebrated Mass on the sea.

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Sister Jane Ann Breen appointed principal in Madison

By Margaret Nelson

Madison—Benedictine Sister Jane Ann Breen of Ferdinand has been appointed principal of Shawe High School in Madison. She begins her administrative position there in mid-July.

Sister Jane Ann is a member of the Benedictine sisters at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand since 1995, she has served as principal of Marian Heights Academy, the private Benedictine girls’ school in Ferdinand. She is a native of Indianapolis.

Her appointment was announced by Larry Traux, president of the Prince of Peace Catholic Schools, and Julie Buechlein, chair of the Prince of Peace Commission for School Ministry.

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Benedictine Sister Jane Ann Breen

Knights and Ladies mark 50 years

By Margaret Nelson

Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis, presided last Sunday at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver in Indianapolis. In his homily, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said, “I come to congratulate the Sisters of Peter Claver in Indianapolis. Since 1995, she has served as principal of Marian Heights Academy, the private Benedictine sister in Ferdinand. She is a native of Indianapolis. Her appointment was announced by Larry Traux, president of the Prince of Peace Catholic Schools, and Julie Buechlein, chair of the Prince of Peace Commission for School Ministry.

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speculation is increasing in the Church that the year 2000 may well see the beatification of Pope John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli).

In late April, medical consultants to the Congregation for Saints Cause said that they could find no scientific explanation for the cure of an Italian nun’s bleeding ulcer and severe peritonitis (a inflammation of the walls of the abdominal cavity). The nun had asked the late pope’s intercession for her healing. The doctors noted that while the proof of a miracle is usually the most difficult step on the road to beatification and canonization, the medical board’s finding comes early in the cause of John XXIII. Theologians must still rule out not only the unexplained cure but also on the existence of “heroic virtue” in the life of the Church’s 26th pope. Evidence of heroic virtue would result in the beatification of the title venerable. If Vatican theologians decide that the cure was indeed miraculous, Pope John Paul II could then proclaim John XXIII “blessed.”

Such a series of events would be warmly welcomed by members of the Church who recognized during his lifetime a high degree of holiness in “good Pope John.”

Well before his election to the papacy, for instance, Angelo Roncalli demonstrated his ability to look to the heart of a matter where the spirit dwells. During World War II, from 1935–1944, he served as apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece and administrator of the Latin vicariate apostolic of Istanbul. It was here that he kept a small printing press busy in the basement of his head- quarters—printing fake baptismal certi- ficates for Europe’s Jews as they fled the advancing Nazis.

As pope, he became known for his ability to look to the heart of a matter where the spirit dwells. In his work, Our Words Communicate Our Inner Thoughts and Attitudes, Dr. William F. May wrote:

“God is to be feared, not because he is far above men, but because he is begotten Son merely seems to alienate the Lord’ s name.

The incomparable “weightiness” of the name in any public kind of way. If, for example, one hopes to win Jesus and with him a Christian and even to those who were not Catholic and even to those who were not Christian. The election of Angelo Roncalli in 1958 certainly caught the church and the world by surprise. He did not enter the 1958 conclave as a possible successor to Pope Pius XII. A Vatican diplo- mat who had been posted to relatively unimportant posts in the Balkans, he was not well-known to the larger Church. Chosen by the cardinal electors as a compromise candidate during a deeply blocked conclave, most understood his election at age 76 as a decision by the cardinals to put a caretaker pope in the chair of St. Peter.

But John XXIII—and, many believe, the Holy Spirit—had surprises for the Church. Three months into his papacy, in January 1959, Pope John shocked the Church and the world by announcing his intention of calling an ecumenical council of the Church—the 21st such council in the Church’s history and the first one convoked in modern times.

That council became known as the Second Council of the Vatican. And nothing in the Church has been quite the same since.

But Angelo Roncalli is probably best remembered as “good Pope John” because of the human touch he brought to the papacy. Whether he was welcoming U.S. President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy or the Communist son-in-law of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the Vatican or former neighbors from his village of Sotte 1 Monte, he did so with much humility and equanimity.

We hope that the cause of Pope John XXIII advances quickly so that we may enter the third millennium with another of God’s special friends offi- cially recognized by the Church as a holy person, a Christian hero, and a model for all of us to emulate. 

—William R. Bruns

Respect for another name is respect for their dignity, truth

(Tied in a series)

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

The very name of the Lord is holy and wisdom invests a serious quality of majesty, awe and reverence for the things of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “The second commandment prescribes respect for the Lord’s name. Like the first commandment, it belongs to the virtue of reverence for the name of God. In his work, A Catalogue of Christian Conscience, 1967, by William F. May, is published by Heyl, Rinheart and Winston, New York.)
El respeto del nombre de otra persona es respeto a su dignidad y verdad

(Secciona en una serie)

"No tomarás en falso el nombre del Señor ni lo profanarás."

El mismo nombre del Señor es santo y la sabiduría implica un sentido de majestad y tener respeto a las cosas de Dios. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica declara: "El segundo mandamiento es respetar el nombre del Señor. Pertenece, como el primer mandamiento, a la virtud de la religión y regula más particularmente el uso de nuestra palabra en las cosas santas" (2142).

El respeto del nombre de una persona es la manera más significativa de respeto a la dignidad y verdad de los demás. Sólo nos falta pensar en como sentimos cuando alguien nos nombraba equivocadamente o cuando una persona que debemos conocer nuestro nombre, no lo conoce.

Por analogía, el conocer y honrar el nombre de Dios es mostrar tanto indicada nuestra estima de Dios quien nos ama y nos llama por el nombre. Por medio de nuestras palabras comunicamos nuestros pensamientos y actitudes internas. Las palabras, es decir el lenguaje que usamos, afectan también nuestros pensamientos y actitudes internas.

El segundo mandamiento habla de mucho más que el mal de la blasfemia. Este indica la profundidad de nuestra fe, o superioridad de nuestra fe, y nos muestra la esperanza en Dios si tenemos vergüenza o temor de decir el nombre de Dios y su sacramento más sagrado. Si aceptamos el nombre cristiano como discípulo de Cristo, vivimos y pronunciamos su nombre como un dios y no como lo que realmente es. Como creyentes, tomamos a Dios en serio y tenemos un respeto santo de lo santo. El temor del Señor es el principio de la sabiduría y coraje. El respeto reverencial de lo santo habla de nuestras raíces en la vida de Dios. En su obra, A Catalogue of Sins (Un catálogo de pecados), el Dr. William F. May escribió: "Hay que tener temor de Dios, no por que Él es el Señor transcendente como nuestro padre que tiene poder absoluto, sino que Él es más importante y más substanzial que todos los demás. El temor falso igualmente es la negación de aceptar a Dios como lo más importante de la vida de una persona... el coraje cristiano hace la pregunta: ¿de qué tienes miedo?" (p. 46).

El respeto reverencial de lo santo es la participación en la vida del amor de Dios, la vida de Cristo. "No tomarás en falso el nombre del Señor ni lo profanarás."

El respeto tanto del nombre del Señor como del nombre de Dios, son virtudes que deben ser adquiridas y practicadas por todos los fieles. El respeto reverencial de lo santo nos hace ser más serios en nuestras palabras y acciones, y nos hace ser más Santos en nuestras vidas.

Welfare reform success?

The decline in numbers of people on welfare roles does not mean that welfare reform has been successful. What is really happening to people when they leave welfare? Are they finding good jobs that pay them a living wage? Are they finding jobs at all? Nervona, a national Catholic social justice lobby, just released a report that provides answers to some of these questions. The report found that while the number of people leaving the welfare rolls continues to increase, the number of working poor has not increased as you may expect. In fact, there has been a large rise in the "disconnected" poor—people without either jobs or government assistance. This means that despite the goal of moving people from welfare to work, a great number of people dropping off the welfare rolls are not finding jobs. Instead, they are becoming part of a rapidly growing number of disconnected people in poverty.

Equally alarming is the working poor who are also suffering. Forty-one percent of the survey respondents with jobs experience hunger along with their children, as well as a lack of adequate health care. (The entire report is available at www.networklobby.org.)

These situations are unacceptable in our country. We must provide opportunity for economic security for every household by shifting our focus from reducing welfare rolls to reducing poverty and implementing programs that achieve that goal. Programs that include access to transportation, child care, education, safe and affordable housing, and a living wage. It is only when we have eliminated poverty that we can correctly applaud the success of welfare reform.

Charles Gardiner Indianapolis

Harm of abortion

I am still amazed at the Catholics I talk to who don’t understand the harm of legalized abortion. They say they wouldn’t have one or want their children to have one, but it isn’t any of their business to tell other people they can’t have an abortion. It is a sad misconception to believe other people’s abortions have no impact on your life. Legalized abortion eroded society’s sense of the sacredness of human life. The same people who say it isn’t their place to tell others don’t have an adequate complaint that it seems like the world is going to hell in a hand-basket. I believe, though, that Satan has always had some influence in the world; legalizing abortion gave him a foothold, and since then, his influence has continued to increase like a snowball rolling downhill. God only knows how far it will go.

What respect for human life, we also lost respect for the human person. People have less respect for each other as well as less self-respect. People have become nastier, more vulgar, more belligerent and aggressive. We are living in less loving.

Crime in general has gone down because of low unemployment; violent crime, however, has continued to increase. There are still more murders, assaults and rape. There is still more road rage, child abuse and domestic violence. More schools use metal detectors and armed guards. You can take away all the guns, turn off all TV, movies and music, but nothing will change until we change our attitude toward human life and the human person.

We need to elevate our view of our selves back up to what it was before. We need to recover the respect of the sacredness of all human life and every human person. To speak out against things that are beneath the dignity of people creates in the image and likeness of God is not being judged. For the sake of social order, any society has every right to set standards of right and wrong. When Jesus said not to be judgedmen, I think he was saying we shouldn’t hate sinners, which is a category we all fall into. I don’t think he meant we should all walk around with blinders on and our mouths shut about issues of right and wrong. That has led our society down the tragic path of relativism. Right and wrong has become a matter of opinion. There is no absolute truth. Pilot looked absolute truth in the face and asked, “What is truth?” He believed in relativism, so he couldn’t recognize truth. If we know the truth we not only know how far it will go.

Sandra Dudley

Letters to the Editor

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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- Stock up on gasoline 6%
- Stock up on food 5%

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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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Precious Blood Sister Maureen Mangen, co-director of the Pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City, will present a workshop on “Enneagrams: Know Thyself” from 6:15–9:15 p.m., Aug. 9–11 at St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., in Indianapolis. Information: Kathy Barlow at 317-549-2480.

A grade school reunion for St. Michael School in Bradford will be held Sept. 11 at St. Michael Parish hall in Bradford. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet at 7 p.m. The cost is $9.50 per person. The deadline for reservations is Aug. 15. Information: Margaret Fessel Smith at 812-364-6301 or Brenda Geltmaker Baylor at 812-923-5406.

The Carmelite Monastery in Indianapolis will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 9 a.m. on July 18. Jesuit Father Al Bischoff will preside. Information: 317-926-5654.

The 16th annual CYO Kings Island Day is scheduled for July 28. All families are invited to attend. Tickets can be purchased through CYO for $22 per adult or $4.50 per child under 12. Tickets must be purchased by sending a check for the number of tickets needed to: Catholic Dove, 722 E. 65th St., in Indianapolis. A book signing will be held from 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. on July 15 at Village Dove, 722 E. 65th St., in Indianapolis.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods have announced the publication of a new biography of their foundress, Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin. “Mother Theodore Guérin: A Woman of Our Time” was written by Penny Blaker Mitchell of Terre Haute. The 175-page book contains 16 pages of photographs and drawings. The cost for the book is $10. A book signing will be held from 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. on July 15 at Village Dove, 722 E. 65th St., in Indianapolis.

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Dan and Judy Hoyt of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis are seeking to form a group of people whose close relatives are members of religious orders or congregations or are lay missionaries. They envision the group gathering a couple times each year to pray for each other and the religious in their families, to tell stories, to celebrate and to support each other. If you are interested, call Dan Hoyt at 317-263-4832 or contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490.

St. Lawrence Parish Festival, Hwy. 50 and Walnut Street in Lawrenceburg, will be held July 10–11. Beginning at 5 p.m. on July 10, the festival will feature a German dinner, an 18-piece German band and a beer garden from 6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. On July 11, home-style chicken and roast beef dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.; day bingo and drawing. Both days offer a huge children’s play area. The cost for adults, with reservations, is $4.50 per adult and $4.50 per child under 12. Carry-outs are $6.50. Information: 812-537-3690.

Little Red Door Cancer Agency is offering free prostate cancer screenings on July 10 from 8:30 a.m.–noon. This free prostate cancer screening will be held at Citizens Health Care Clinic, 1650 N. College Ave., in Indianapolis. Males 40 years of age, or older, are invited to benefit from this screening. Because African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the world, they are especially encouraged to attend. Free hemoccult test that screens for colon cancer will also be conducted at the screening. Appointments for tests are required and may be scheduled by calling Little Red Door Cancer Agency at 317-925-5595.

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Indianapolis, Indiana
On July 1, St. Susanna parishioners in Plainfield bid goodbye to their long-time pastor, Father Richard I. Zore, and welcomed their new pastor, Father Kevin Morris, to his first pastorate.

Father Zore retired this week after serving 25 years at the parish and 42 years as a priest. During his quarter-century of service at Plainfield, the parish more than doubled in size and the school was rescued from pending closure due to low enrollment. Today both the parish and school are thriving, with 704 households and 246 students.

Established in 1953 on U.S. 40, the old National Road, in a predominantly Quaker town, St. Susanna Parish continues to grow as a result of increasing residential construction in the area. St. Susanna’s new pastor was ordained in 1997 and formerly served the Church in central and southern Indiana as associate pastor of Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes in Richmond. Following visits to the Plainfield parish in June, Father Morris said he is looking forward to getting to know the parishioners.

“The parish has been running very well under Father Zore’s leadership,” Father Morris said. “I’m sure I will have a lot of parish support.”

When he visited the parish rummage sale in Zore Hall last month, Father Morris said, he was amazed by all the people helping with the fundraiser.

St. Susanna’s new pastor also said he was impressed by the immaculate condition of the parish buildings and grounds, as well as the volunteer work under way to renovate a parish house for use as the rectory.

“They told me they were just going to paint a few walls and clean the carpet,” he said, “but it looked like they were remodeling the entire place for me!”

Two St. Susanna parishioners who are former Cathedral High School classmates called last month to welcome him to the parish, Father Morris said. “I also got a card signed by all the members of the early-morning Mass crowd. It was wonderful. I feel so welcomed and included already.”

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Father Zore said he isn’t surprised by the parishioners’ enthusiastic welcome for their new pastor because he was the recipient of the same love and support when he began his first pastorate at Plainfield more than two decades ago.

“I think all you have to do is look at the beautiful grounds and you can see that there is something special about the parish,” the long-time pastor said. “The people have a lot of love for God and for their parish. They’re terrific people and are very dedicated to the Church.”

St. Susanna parishioners practiced stewardship “before the Church even talked about stewardship,” he said. “I am very grateful for the talents of the parishioners. Their volunteer work saves the parish about $40,000 a year.”

When school enrollment dropped to 49 students during the 1980s, he said, St. Susanna parishioners refused to give up and worked hard to keep the parish school open.

“There are no more rumors of it closing,” he said. “We have waiting lists in some classes. I think we’re seeing people grow more interested in the background of faith and morals that they can only find in the Catholic schools.”

Father Zore has been “an important link” between St. Susanna Parish and School for many years, Principal Virginia Kappner said. “He never stopped believing in the school and in the importance of Catholic education.”

Looking back on his years as pastor, Father Zore said he has baptized the children of parents he baptized as children when he began his ministry at St. Susanna Parish.

Highlights of the past 25 years include retiring the debt on the church, which was built in 1971, he said, and completing the “Operation Parish Center” campaign to expand the church and school in 1995.

“Operation Parish Center” added a gathering space to the church, office space for the parish and school, a conference room, six classrooms, a gymnasium/cafeteria/multipurpose room with a kitchen and additional parking space in the resurfaced lot.

That parish capital improvement project was completed “by the grace of God and through the help of Mary,” he said.

“We started ‘Operation Parish Center’ by saying the Memorare after every daily and Sunday Mass, and we have continued the prayer in thanksgiving,” Father Zore said.

“I have asked them to make the Memorare their daily prayer and to keep Mary in their hearts. We also pray the parish prayer for the archdiocesan Legacy of Hope 2001 campaign and the vocation prayer after all the Masses.”

Father Richard Zore reads farewell messages written on a long prayer chain made by St. Susanna School students.

St. Susanna, Plainfield (1953)

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Knights of Columbus celebrate centennial

By Mary Ann Wyand

June 27 was Knights of Columbus Mater Dei Council #437 Day in both Indiana and Indianapolis in recognition of the council’s 100th anniversary and the Knights’ long-time service to the Church and community.

Mater Dei Council #437 received its charter on June 25, 1899, and was the first Knights of Columbus council in the state. Later, 142 other K of C councils were founded in Indiana.

Gov. Frank O’Bannon issued a proclamation for the centennial celebration. The proclamation noted “the Knights of Columbus strive to help all people in need, regardless of race, religion or creed.”

Mater Dei Council #437 was a major supporter of the Industrial School for Boys in Plainfield during the 1920s and helped start the Gibain Home for Boys in Terre Haute, the proclamation explained. Among many other projects, members of the council support the archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Crisis Center, where Hoosiers in need can receive food, clothing and other assistance. The council also contributes annually to the Salvation Army, United Christmas Fund and Riley Hospital for Children.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and the Indianapolis City-County Council also sent proclamations, which praised the council for its “valuable service to the Indianapolis community throughout its distinguished history.”

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, represented Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at the anniversary dinner.

Virgil C. Dechant, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, sent his congratulations on behalf of the national order.

“These are exciting times to be a Knight,” Dechant wrote. “The many programs conducted in Indiana and throughout the United States provide ample opportunity for each of us to apply our talents, energies and initiatives.

“Anniversaries are a time for looking back to our origins and recognizing accomplishments,” Dechant noted. “May I ask each of you, reflecting on past successes on this special occasion, to continue your support for Columbianism with enthusiasm and spirit and “rededicate yourself to those ideals on which our order rests: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.”

“The Knights of Columbus was founded by a priest in Connecticut in late 1881 and formally organized early the next year. Members are Catholic men 18 and older who are active in their faith. Since its founding, the K of C has grown to more than 1.6 million members in more than 11,000 local councils in the United States.

In 1973, when abortion was legalized by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Knights began supporting pro-life efforts on the local, state and national levels. K of C members also work to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. †

Lowe’s gives St. Andrew School complete paint job

By Margaret Nelson

It was the students’ way of thanking Lowe’s Home Improvement Center company and its employees for their plans to improve their school during summer break.

Last week, 20 employees of Lowe’s volunteered three days of their time and energy to paint the center-city school from stem to stern.

And all the paint they used was supplied by their employer.

They painted doors, door frames, window sills, lockers and railings, as well as all the ceilings of classrooms, halls and the gymnasium.

At a school rally on June 3, Joseph Peters, associate executive director for Catholic education, added his thanks to that of Principal Connie Merski and the students.

In the gymnasium for the rally, St. Andrew’s parish life coordinator, Providence Sister Marilyn Herber, echoed the principal’s words, “This is very, very nice. How lucky we are!”

Glenn Rossier, Lowe’s store manager, said they wanted to do a community service project.

They called the archdiocese for possible schools and selected St. Andrew after a visit to the site, where they met some of the students.

Lowe’s district manager, Celeste Orr said, “The company’s very excited to be able to do it.”

While employees were there for the assembly, they gave the children a summer safety lesson—as well as caps with the Lowe’s logo.

Employees gave all of the students baseball caps as they filed into the school assembly.

Each child politely said, “Thank you.”

Lowe’s employees looked at each St. Andrew student and answered, “You’re welcome.” †
Daily activities for residents of the St. Augustine Home in Indianapolis include picking flowers and gardening in the St. Joseph Garden. Little Sister of the Poor Katherine Ann Fairbairn (center) discusses the botanical names of flowers with residents Betty Higgins (left) and Ruth Cunningham.

While waiting for the start of Mass (above) on a recent weekday, St. Augustine Home residents Jesse Profit (left) and Hortense Rowlette talk in the chapel balcony.

St. Augustine Home resident Ruth Denk (left) shares a laugh with Little Sister of the Poor Lourdes Marie Miranda during a break from reading on a recent summer afternoon.
Good nutrition is critical in staying healthy

By Jo Carol Chezem and April C. Mason

In the United States today, about 11 percent of the population is over 65 years of age; by the year 2030, this number will increase to 20 percent. As the number of senior citizens grows, so does the interest in finding out more about the process of aging, and how aging affects nutritional needs.

Many changes take place as the body ages. These changes are a normal part of aging and not a sign of illness or disease.

Changes in the mouth are common as people get older. A lowered sense of taste and smell may make food less appealing. Less saliva is made as well. This can cause problems with chewing and swallowing. Having tooth loss or poorly fitted dentures also can cause trouble with chewing.

People who have trouble chewing should first have a thorough dental checkup. Until dental problems are corrected, they should first have a thorough dental checkup. Drinking at least six to eight cups of fluid each day is important in guarding against dehydration.

Some foods may interfere with the body’s uptake of medicine. For example, tetracycline, an antibiotic, can interfere with the body’s uptake of the antibiotic.

Flavor foods with strong flavored sea-soning such as onion, garlic, oregano or mint.

Use tart seasonings such as pickles, vinegar, and lemon juice to enhance flava-vers.

Marinate meats in fruit juices, wines, Italian dressing, and sweet-and-sour sauce for extra zest.

Use colorful garnishes to make food more appetizing.

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With aging, the muscles that move food through the digestive tract become weaker; often this slows the passage of food through the intestines. Reduced muscle action and drinking too little fluid play a part in causing constipation. Choosing high-fiber foods (fruits, dried peas and beans, vegetables, and whole grains) and drinking plenty of fluids usually take care of constipation. Laxatives should not be used to treat constipation unless recommended by a doctor.

Food is essential for life, and medica-tions are important, too. But when mixed together, foods and medicines may com-bine in a way that can keep important nutrients in foods from being used by the body or make drugs less effective.

Because older people are the major users of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, food and drug interactions are a big problem for senior citizens.

Some drugs interfere with the body’s uptake of important nutrients. For exam-ple, antacids that contain magnesium and aluminum hydroxide may lower uptake of vitamin A in the body.

Mineral oil, sometimes used as a lax-a-tive, prevents the body from absorbing the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. For this reason, mineral oil should not be used as a laxative.

Some foods may interfere with the body’s uptake of medicine.

Dairy products interfere with the absorption of tetracycline, an antibiotic.

Some foods may increase the body’s uptake of medicine. Taking an iron

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supplement along with a food rich in vitamin C (such as orange juice) will help the body absorb more iron. This is one of the few good food-drug interactions.

Some drugs may decrease appetite. Insulin, steroids, and certain antihistamines can cause a person to feel hungrier than normal.

Alcohol should be avoided when taking any type of prescription or over-the-counter medication.

To avoid food-drug interactions, take the following precautions:
• Make sure your doctor knows about the drugs you take regularly or occasionally.
• Read the labels and package inserts of over-the-counter drugs.
• Follow directions. Take drugs as prescribed.
• Don’t be afraid to ask your doctor or pharmacist how drugs might interact with your favorite foods.
• Be sure to tell your doctor of any unusual symptoms that you notice after eating a particular food.

The importance of food and drug interaction cannot be emphasized enough. Use the doctor and pharmacist and label instructions to get the full benefit from medicine while avoiding food and drug interactions.

Often, older people have problems getting the vitamins and minerals needed for good health. Below are some vitamins and minerals that are of special concern to seniors.

Vitamin D is found in liver, fish and dairy products. Also, the body can make vitamin D when the skin is exposed to sunlight. This nutrient is needed to keep bones healthy. When the body is low in vitamin D, osteomalacia, a disease that causes softening of the bones, may occur. Because some elderly people don’t go outside much, or only go out-of-doors with skin covered, their bodies do not make vitamin D.

Vitamin B-6 is another vitamin that may be low in the bodies of older people. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, the elderly may not eat enough of the foods that contain vitamin B-6, such as liver, beef, pork, chicken, and fish. Second, some drugs, including alcohol, interfere with the body’s ability to use the vitamin B-6 in food. To make sure their bodies are getting plenty of vitamin B-6, older people should eat foods rich in vitamin B-6 and talk with their doctor about food and drug interactions.

Folic acid, a nutrient needed to make red blood cells, is the vitamin most commonly found to be low in the elderly. Seniors often avoid foods rich in folic acid such as liver and green leafy vegetables. Also, certain drugs and diseases may interfere with the uptake and use of folic acid by the body. Because low folic acid is so common, older people should make a special effort to eat plenty of foods containing this vitamin.

Seniors also should drink milk and eat other dairy products to get enough calcium, which is needed for healthy bones. †

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There are lots of things to do in retirement

Whether it's starting a new hobby or volunteering, the key is staying busy

By Cynthia Dewes

Paul Simon used to sing about the "50 ways to leave your lover." Personally, I'd rather think about 50 ways to live as your lover, especially after retirement. Even if there's no lover on the scene, there are creative ways to enjoy retirement. Some of them can be implemented alone, some with that lover, and some with groups of friends or strangers. Some require a small investment of money or wheels or stamina, but they all require time. And that's something that almost everyone has plenty of at this age.

Of course, don't want to fill our time with simple-minded busyness, but when the lonely-poor-me bug strikes, it's comforting to have an alternative strategy ready. Consider the following, not necessarily in this order.

1. Hobbies—Not that some klutzy retiree should fill his garage with expensive woodworking tools he can't and won't operate. No, hobbies are for folks who are already interested in model railroading, gourmet cooking and the like, who've "never had time" to pursue their heart's delight. Now they do.

2. Sports/fitness—Those lucky retirees who are still frisky can enjoy anything from walking and swimming to playing softball and belly dancing. We're encouraged by examples such as our 70-year-old friend who recently finished third in his age class in the Chicago Marathon!

3. Reading—Cheap, available and adjustable to all tastes and interests. Put your tax dollars to work (at last!) and visit the public library. Even the sight-impaired can enjoy borrowing large-print books and audio books and musical selections on tape and CD.

4. Learning—You might think you've had enough of that by this age, but believe me, only God knows everything. If you've always wondered about architectural styles or philosophy or the Lewis and Clark expedition, now's your chance to find out about them. Keep those brains cells cracking.

5. Traveling—This may or may not be possible, but most of us can ride a bus or walk even if we don't drive or can't afford to fly. Every place on this earth holds something interesting to look at, to taste or touch or admire. Go while you can.

6. Visiting—Assuming that there are relatives and friends who'd be happy to see you, why not visit them now? We tend to tell people we'll drop by someday, or we invite them to stop in when they're nearby, but how often do we actually do this? This is the time to do it.

7. Praying—Oh-oh, here's a last-ditch attempt to sneak ourselves into heaven, with God; there's always time left for that.

8. Volunteering—There are more needs in this world than there are people available to meet them: providing nourishment and mentoring for kids, promoting education, protecting the earth, to name a very few. Now's our chance to help.

9. Entertaining—This simply means inviting people over for some fun time together. "Life is short and then we die," the saying goes. So make "life" the operative word in this equation, enjoy a meal, ice cream, a game of cards or just conversation with some pals.

10. Advising—By retirement age, most of us have learned a few solutions or methods or insights we can share with others. They call it "consulting" in the world of work. We call it using our experience to make the world user-friendly.

Having dwelt on a few of the major ways to make retirement a truly golden age, here are some variations on those themes:

11. Meet your neighbors. Go over and introduce yourself.

12. Make your own Christmas cards this year.

13. Hold a dress-up tea party for available kids.

14. Teach someone to knit. Or learn it yourself.

15. Practice good handwriting, a lost skill. Rent every Bette Davis movie there is.

16. Rent a half-mile a day, then later, a mile a day.

17. Trim your lawn, trees, shrubs.


19. Pray a novena all by yourself.

20. Make a budget and actually use it.

21. Visit the public library. Even the sight-impaired can enjoy borrowing large-print books and audio books and music for the impaired.

22. Rearrange the furniture (with help).

23. Read a book. Ice cream, a game of cards or just conversation with some pals.

24. Operate a croquet game in your yard.

25. Set up a picnic lunch to the park.

26. Take a picnic lunch to the park.

27. Learn to cook coq au vin.

28. Make your own beer.

29. Write a letter to someone once a week.

30. Organize your photographs.

31. Write down a few memories for each grandchild.

32. Make a pot of chili and invite the neighbors in.

33. Pretend you are Jesus for a day, and try to act like him.

34. Learn to play bridge or poker.

35. Challenge the grandkids to a Monopoly tournament.

36. Plan a family talent show.

37. Visit your pastor to lunch.

38. Take a hike in an Indiana state park.

39. Visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and learn more about the Indianapolis 500.

40. Patronize rummage sales in your area once a weekend.

41. Go to see Gene Stratton Porter's Limberlost.

42. Stay overnight in an Indiana bed and breakfast inn.

43. Learn to swim, or at least float.

44. Visit Indiana college campuses.

45. Pray a novena all by yourself.

46. Teach the grandkids all the old songs.

47. Go on a retreat or attend a day of recollection.

48. Offer to clean the church once a month.

49. Drive around rural Indiana and visit small towns.

50. Telephone an old friend and be prepared to visit. These are just a few of the possible ways to enjoy retirement. You take it from here.

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

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There are lots of things to do in retirement. You take it from here.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)
Marquette Manor has weekday Masses in chapel

Marquette Manor, in the northwest corner of Indianapolis, is home to a number of retired Catholics. To a couple of dozen residents, the chapel under their same Marquette Manor roof is important. They can attend Mass at 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, thanks to Father Joseph Dooley, who resides. On Saturdays, the chapel is crowded with 50 or 60 residents who come for the 7 p.m. Sunday anticipation Mass. Each Tuesday and Thursday, residents gather for communion services. And they can use their apartment keys to visit the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, day or night.

About 10 of the faithful take care of the chapel and liturgical needs.

The chapel services are available for all Catholic residents, whether they live in Marquette Manor’s apartments, the assisted living area or the health care center. †
Indianapolis educator is busy in retirement

By Margaret Nelson

Patricia “Pat” Mayer started what was to become her 35-year ministry at St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis by tutoring the junior high school children in math, phonics and reading.

She “retired” June 30 as director of religious education.

When Father James Wilmoth became pastor two years ago, she became director of religious education programs at St. Roch, at the same time doing the work of pastoral associate.

In the interim, she and her husband, Raymond, raised their eight children—two of whom were the preschoolers she brought when she started assisting at St. Roch School.

In between, Mayer also co-founded a learning center and taught seventh- and eighth-grade science. To avoid having her own children in class, she moved to the third grade. Then, because she loved teaching sacramental preparation, she asked to move down a grade when those instructions became part of the second grade curriculum.

In 1981 the pastor, Franciscan Father John Sullivan, asked her to direct religious education programs at St. Roch, at the same time doing the work of pastoral associate.

When Father James Wilmuth became pastor two years ago, she became director of religious education.

For 15 years, Mayer has also made weekly visits to some 16 parishioners confined to their homes and another 24 or so in nursing care facilities. She hopes to continue that ministry because “I hate to leave them.”

Her daughter, Dr. Mary Lou Mayer, an oncologist, asked her mother to work for her after she retired. So Pat Mayer plans to start by helping in the office. She hopes to complete a hospice training course so that she will be qualified to provide pastoral care to some of her daughter’s patients.

Pat’s husband may have something to say about that. The couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 4, 2000.

“Ray’s excited about me retiring,” said Pat. She said that her husband retired 11 years ago and spends time helping at the St. Vincent de Paul distribution center.

“My husband said the thing he will enjoy most is the weekends,” said Pat. Even though she always finished her work by noon on Sunday, “that kind of cut into the weekend. We never got to do a lot.”

They plan to travel in their recreational vehicle. “When we had eight children, that was the only way to have a vacation,” she said.

Their daughter, Kathy Delpha, teaches at St. Barnabas School. Son Richard owns a computer business and teaches at Texas A & M University. One son, Stephen, died in 1992. The graphic artist daughter, Margaret Mayer-Odland, owns a horse farm. Ann Marie Mayer has worked with the Indians in Arizona and now in Alaska. A son, Paul Joseph, has a local business rebuilding printing equipment. The youngest, Patty Ralston, is an intensive care nurse at the Indiana University Medical Center.

The Mayers have 13 grandchildren. She said that the family has always been blessed with relatively good health.

The couple may not travel extensively this summer because they have already planted a big garden, from which they typically can and freeze the vegetables.

“We’ll go to Texas and Alaska, that’s for sure,” she said. “It seems like we’ve always had to make short, weekend trips before.”

Mayer sees differences in the students since she began teaching. “Young people don’t seem to have enough time for their families. They think they have to have two jobs to provide for them—and things are very expensive now.

“But I think the thing kids miss the most is the quiet time,” she said. “I remember our kids just sitting in the back yard looking at the clouds and telling each other what they saw in them.

“Today, everything is so organized for the kids. Even school starts in August now. When our kids were growing up, school always started the Tuesday after Labor Day. I think St. Roch Parish can’t be beat as far as cooperating and working together,” said Mayer. “They had a pitch-in reception [after Saturday night Mass] for my retirement. It was a way we could all come together and share.

“I’m glad this is my parish,” said Mayer. “I would miss my work more if I were leaving the parish. I will miss religious education. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) was my love. I have enjoyed doing presentations at other parishes.”

Mayer said, “I will miss getting the

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The Next Best Thing to Home

After 35 years of service to St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, Patricia Mayer (center) “retired” last month as director of religious education. She will continue to bring Communion to Ruth (seated, left) and Wilbur Stout and three dozen other parishioners in their homes or nursing care facilities.
Serving God was the focus of teacher’s career

Alexa O’Neil retires after 37 years of working in Catholic education in Indianapolis

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Work for the Lord. The pay isn’t much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!”

Long-time St. Luke School teacher Alexa O’Neil of Indianapolis laughed as she looked at the framed needlepoint gift. Years ago, she had given it to the late Father Paul Courtney, former pastor of St. Luke Parish, and when he retired he gave it back and told her to “keep up the good work.”

She displays the needlepoint in her home along with a treasured collection of gifts and mementos from friends, co-workers and former students.

“I’ve kept them all,” O’Neil said of the gifts. “They remind me of the kids.”

After 37 years working in Catholic education and 36 years teaching at St. Luke, O’Neil retired in June but still plans to help her parish as an occasional substitute teacher.

She played the organ for Masses at St. Luke Church every weekend for 32 years, with only two weeks off each summer. Before Vatican Council II, she played for the Latin Masses every week. She plans to become more involved in liturgical music.

“God wants us to lead the children forward,” O’Neil said. “It’s a tremendous job to teach. I highly respect any educator. After all, we are preparing tomorrow’s citizens for the Church and the state.”

During nearly four decades in the classroom, O’Neil taught thousands of children—mostly second-graders—how to be better students, Christians and citizens.

“God wants us to lead the children and set good examples for them,” she said. “It’s a tremendous job to teach. I highly respect any educator. After all, we are preparing tomorrow’s citizens for the Church and the state.”

O’Neil said she was especially pleased when St. Luke sixth-grader Laura Stephan of Indianapolis organized four school fund raisers this spring to help the Kosovar refugees. Students collected $2,263.19, which was given to the archdiocesan Mission Office to be forwarded to Europe for emergency relief assistance.

During her years at St. Luke, O’Neil taught sixth-, fifth-, third- and second-grade classes and helped start recess, gym classes, economics lessons, two school choirs and two parish choirs.

O’Neil said she always emphasized memory work as a way to teach children phonics and increase their vocabulary and retention skills. Each second-grader memorized a poem every week and learned to recite the 50 states and the state capitals, as well as the U.S. presidents in order of their term of service. She also taught her students how to use the Bible and the dictionary.

“Children are like little sponges,” she said. “If they want to, they can learn how to do most anything. If you give them an incentive, they’ll work hard. I would tell the children that we don’t want to use the word can’t in second grade. I taught them that they don’t know what they can do until they try, and I always encouraged them to try new things. I believe that you shouldn’t put a lid on a kid.”

O’Neil loves to collect sayings and slogans. Mementos from her years in Catholic education include framed pic-
How to cope when caring for the elderly

By Vicki L. Schmall and Ruth E. Stiehl

When you experience an unusual level of stress, certain warning signals occur. Answering the following questions will increase your awareness of these signs:

1. Do you feel a loss of energy or zest for life?
2. Do you feel out of control, exhibiting uncharacteristic emotions or actions?
3. Do you lack interest in people or things that were formerly pleasurable?
4. Are you becoming increasingly isolated?
5. Are you consuming an increased amount of sleeping pills, medications, alcohol, caffeine or cigarettes?
6. Are you having increased health problems; for example, high blood pressure, ulcers or other difficulties?
7. Do you have difficulty falling asleep at night, awakening early or sleeping excessively?
8. Are you experiencing appetite changes?
9. Do you have problems with concentration or memory?
10. Are you increasingly irritable or impatient with others?
11. Do you have thoughts of suicide?
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24. Do you have difficulty falling asleep at night, awakening early or sleeping excessively?

When challenges and demands are too great, they drain your physical energy, time, health and money. Becoming aware of how stress takes hold is the first step toward coping with it.

When you experience off the scale of stress, certain warning signals occur. Answering the following questions will increase your awareness of these signs:

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By Fr. David K. O’Rourke, O.P.
Catholic News Service

With so much focus on the coming of a new millennium, we could get the impression that year 2000-observances are going to be all about time—the passing of calendar time. But while this celebration does focus on time, it is not time as we usually envision it.

The jubilee year calls us to look at time—the time of our lives—through a very different lens, a Christian lens. Talk about time and most of us look at time through the lens of mechanical time. We take “clock” time for granted and count on it to regulate our watches. We take “clock” time for granted and count on it to regulate our watches. We take “clock” time for granted and count on it to regulate our watches.

But that doesn't mean keeping track of the calendar or looking at our watches. The measure is in our heads and hearts. Our heads can tell us if our lives are good. And our hearts can tell us if our lives are fulfilling and happy. Developing a new sense of time can be a useful way to get ready for the millennium. It requires a change in attitude. That change can mean thinking more about the quality of our lives, and listening better to the signals our bodies and spirits send us regarding the quality of care we give ourselves.

The new millennium can be an opportunity to focus on our future and to assess it—not in terms of the passing of calendar time, but in terms of the opportunity we’re offered to live as redeemed and forgiven people, and not to worry about the past.†

(Dominican Father David K. O’Rourke lives in Oakland, Calif.)

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Preplanning funeral eases burden for loved ones

By Dixie Porter Johnson and Linda McFarland

Most people die without any funeral plans. Loved ones are left with the task of making final arrangements. They may be unsure of the preferences of the deceased and find themselves making unfamilial decisions in a short period of time.

Preplanning of a funeral can ease some of the burden of death for loved ones. In planning your own funeral, you are able to take time and make arrangements that satisfy you. Your family is spared making those decisions during a time of stress and grief.

Preplanning also allows you to have some control over the cost of the funeral. Funeral costs can range from a few hundred to thousands of dollars. In the Midwest the average probably falls between $2,300 to $3,000, not including cemetery expenses.

Costs can be cut by taking time to learn what products and services are available and purchasing only what you desire. Whether you prefer an elaborate funeral or a modest memorial, preplanning can help ensure that your wishes are met.

Advanced planning (funeral directors call this “pre-need planning”) can be accomplished by prearranging a funeral service with a funeral home, joining a memorial society or leaving funeral burial instructions.

Each of these ways can help control expenses and simplify the work of survivors. No matter what form of advanced planning is done, however, the law generally allows survivors to disregard a decedent’s wishes if they so choose. It is, therefore, always a good idea to discuss these matters with family members to reach an agreement on what will be done.

Prearrangement may be done without prepayment through a funeral home. You simply select the funeral home of your choice and record with them the type of service, products, and burial that you wish. Some funeral homes, however, may charge a small consultation fee for this service. This type of preplanning is not legally binding; you may change funeral homes, services and products.

Indiana law permits prefinanced funeral contracts. This law allows you to make arrangements with the funeral home of your choice and to pay for the service by placing the money in trust with an Indiana bank authorized to hold the trusts.

Once the money is placed into trust, it cannot be withdrawn, removed or taken out for the remainder of your life. You may, however, change the funeral home or merchandise and services desired.

This money is not counted as part of your probate estate and is not taxed, nor is it considered an asset for welfare eligibility consideration. At the time of death, the money is paid to the funeral director with whom you had the prearranged service contract.

Prefinanced contracts assure you that the money will be there to cover the costs of the type of service you desire. But you also lose flexibility and control over the trust fund. Consider this commitment carefully before signing a prefinanced contract, and read the contract and the trust agreement closely.

Preplanning may be done without prepayment through a funeral or memorial society. These societies assist members in planning simple, dignified, and economical funeral services. They are staffed by volunteers who can provide information about legal requirements and alternatives available in that location.

They will also provide literature about low-cost funeral plans, cremation, donor programs, and other pertinent information relating to death arrangements.

Membership in a memorial or funeral society is open to anyone for a lifetime fee of between $10 and $30. Most societies are listed in the telephone directory, or you can obtain a list of those in your area by writing to: Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, 2001 S St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

A funeral and burial may also be preplanned though the completion of a simple document in which you describe your wishes about funeral and burial arrangements. Its purpose is to make the information readily available to your survivors.

Leave a copy with a family member or whoever is expected to handle the arrangements. Do not make the document a part of your formal will, which is often not read until the funeral is over.

The document should give any special instructions about how and where you wish to be buried and whether you have already made any arrangements with a funeral home or memorial society. You may also want to include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of special friends or relatives whom you want notified of your death. Your nearest of kin may not be aware of all of your dear friends or not know how to contact them quickly.

As you preplan a funeral, you need to know the basics of Indiana law regarding death and funerals. You should know that:

- A death certificate must be signed by a physician or coroner.
- Burial services must be supervised by a licensed See PLAIN, page 22
funeral director.

• The body must be buried in an established cemetery within a reasonable time.

• The body cannot be cremated within 48 hours after death.

Following cremation, the remains may be deposited in a mausoleum or columbarium or deposited in the earth.

Ashes may be scattered on "uninhabited public lands or waterways" without permission; no form needs to be filed.

To bury or scatter ashes on private land or on inhabited public land, contact the county recorder in that county because there are forms which must be completed.

There are no state laws requiring burial vaults, but many cemeteries have regulations concerning the type of receptacle in which the casket can be placed.

Embalming is only required when death was caused by a communicable disease or if the body is to be transported across state lines. However, embalming may be a practical necessity if you select an open casket ceremony.

Whether preplanning your own funeral or making arrangements when a relative dies, you will be selecting items that are both desired and affordable.

The goods and services offered by the typical funeral home generally include: removal of the body to the funeral home, services of the funeral director, embalming, cosmetic restoration, casket or alternative container, vault, use of the funeral home facilities including chapel, use of the funeral hearse, insurance for the family, scheduling church services, grave or mausoleum crypt, burial permit and death certificate, notices to newspapers, clothing for the deceased, receiving and displaying flowers and visitors’ register.

If a cemetery burial is desired, it will generally include the purchase of a vault, burial plot, marker or monument, and fees to open and close the grave. The total cost of these cemetery expenses typically is between $1,400 and $2,000. Above-ground burial in a mausoleum is an alternative to an earth burial, but it is usually more costly.

Most cemeteries require a vault or grave liner. These are containers which enclose the casket when it is placed in the ground. They are sold by funeral homes and some cemeteries and range in price from $200 to $1,500. The more expensive vaults are usually waterproof and claim to protect the remains, although there is no proof of this.

The cost of a grave marker or monument depends on its size, material, design, and craftsmanship. Since there is no need to have the marker at the time of the funeral, it is possible for survivors to compare options and make the purchase at their convenience.

American attitudes about funerals are changing. There is a trend toward cutting funeral costs. One way to reduce costs is to choose an alternative to the traditional funeral. Some alternatives are cremation, direct burial and donation of one’s body to a medical school.

Cremation has been gaining wider acceptance in the United States, and it is typically chosen when a substitute for earth burial is sought. In those cases, a traditional funeral service may be held, with the body then cremated rather than buried in a cemetery.

Direct burial and direct cremation are quick, simple and less costly than traditional funeral and burial. The funeral director removes the body from the place of death and handles the entire disposition of remains. Memorial services are usually held at a later date.

People who donate their bodies for use in research or teaching may eliminate almost all funeral costs and also benefit humanity. However, donating your body is uncertain since the need for bodies has decreased and your body may not be acceptable at death. No institution can be required to accept your remains; therefore, it is necessary to have an advance plan.

Death benefits are often available to the survivors to help defray funeral and burial expenses. They may include life insurance, burial or funeral expense payments, money from fraternal organizations, and Social Security and Veterans Administration benefits. Most such benefits are not automatically sent but must be requested. This rule allows the consumers to obtain the information they need to make more informed purchasing decisions and to save money, if they wish, in arranging funerals.

The rule provides protection in the following three major areas:

Price disclosures—Consumers must be provided with itemized price lists at the funeral home before any discussions about particular services or merchandise. They must also be given a written statement which lists the charges for services and merchandise they select. Itemized price information must be provided over the telephone upon request.

Misrepresentations—the rule prohibits funeral providers from misstating legal, crematory, or cemetery requirements. Funeral directors are prohibited from suggesting that embalming, caskets or burial vaults can preserve the body for extended periods of time.

Unfair practices—Embalming for a fee without permission from family members is prohibited, except in certain specified circumstances. Funeral providers are also prohibited from requiring a casket for direct cremation or conditioning the purchase of any funeral services or goods on the purchase of any other funeral goods or services.

The FTC passed this rule to make it easier for consumers desiring traditional funerals to control costs by declining the use of facilities or services they do not want. Consumers wanting less traditional services should find it easier to arrange alternatives, such as immediate cremation or immediate burial, that may cost significantly less than a traditional funeral.

The funeral industry has established ThanaCap, a consumer complaint organization. ThanaCap will act as mediator in funeral disputes and provide independent panels to analyze unresolved cases. They also notify state licensing authorities of any practices they consider illegal. For more information on ThanaCap contact ThanaCap, 11121 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53227 or call at 414-541-2500.

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A short trip recalls time of French settlers

By Cynthia Dewes

Sometimes moseying around the region closer to home fits the constraints of money and vacation time for retirees better than 10-day cruises or flights to Hawaii. Just such a trip, suitable for a few days or even a weekend, is a drive out I-70 west through Illinois to the Mississippi River at Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

In case you want to bring along the grandchildren or the family, this trip offers something for all ages, including visits to historical sites, great food and lodging, and beautiful scenery. There are plenty of places to get out and sightsee, or to stretch their legs if the kids get antsy, and camping is available if budgets are tight.

After crossing the prairie of central Illinois along I-70, follow I-255 south to Cahokia Mounds, where you can see the results of excavations at sacred Indian sites. The town of Cahokia was established by French missionaries in 1699, and this entire area of the central Mississippi River valley has Gallic roots which are still present in the names, customs and food.

The oldest church in Illinois, the historic Church of the Holy Family, is located in Cahokia. It’s been an operating parish for three centuries and is well worth a visit.

Driving on, you come to Fort de Chartres, a reconstructed fort of the 18th century which happened to be under flood waters the last time we saw it. Annual public events there include a Rendezvous in the summer and a Bastille Celebration in July.

We cross the river and go up to Ste. Genevieve, the onetime capital of Illinois. The impressive Church of Ste. Genevieve dominates the skyline and our boys, especially, loved it. We heard that the town fathers have been trying to get rid of it.

Our kids’ favorite attraction in Ste. Genevieve has always been a gigantic junkyard situated near the river side of town. Apparently an eccentric resident began to park his old cars and trucks around his house as they died, from the 1930s until the early 1980s. It was another kind of historic site and our boys, especially, loved it. We heard that the place to be when the French singers go caroling from house to tavern to restaurant on New Year’s Eve, followed later by the annual Twelfth Night Ball.

The little town of Mocod on the river features a small ferryboat service across to Ste. Genevieve, Mo. The locals call it the “French connection.”

Near Chester, the early 19th century French Colonial home of Pierre Menard still stands and is open for viewing. It’s a lovely house and truly gives the feel of early French times. Menard, born in Canada, was a prominent fur trader and entrepreneur who was also the first lieutenant governor of Illinois.

Adjacent to the Menard house is a park where the log Fort Kaskaskia once stood on the bluffs overlooking the river. Across the river from here is Kaskaskia Island, the only community in Illinois west of the Mississippi.

Once the capital of Illinois, Kaskaskia was abandoned because it was too close to the river, which shifted its course. Now the island holds only a large bell from the original church, which cracked the first time it rang. It’s called “The Liberty Bell of the West.”

At Chester, a bridge spans the river between the two states. At the Illinois end stands a large statue of—you’d never guess who—Popeye! It seems he was the creation of native son Elzie Segar, who was born in Chester in 1894. We cross the river and go up to Ste. Genevieve, the pièce de résistance of this trip and the oldest town in Missouri. There we often stay at the Southern Hotel, a historic building always used as a hotel and now renovated beautifully as a bed and breakfast inn. There are several other less expensive hotels and inns in town, as well.

Ste. Genevieve, located 60 miles south of St. Louis, boasts many interesting sites, including a museum of local and historical memorabilia. There are several 18th and 19th century houses, most of which are open for viewing. Many were built in the early French post and sill construction similar to that of the Menard house.

My favorite building to visit is the Green Tree Inn, built in 1789 by a friend of George Rogers Clark. Two houses, the Bolduc house and the Amoureux, were built as early as 1770. The Bolduc-LeMeilleur House, built in 1820, is accurately restored and its yard contains a fine herb garden.

The impressive Church of Ste. Genevieve dominates the main square of the town, and the atmosphere of the entire place is definitely French Catholic. Ste. Genevieve also supports a band of French singers at the New Year, and hosts an annual Bastille Celebration in July.

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A quick drive home, perhaps up to St. Louis and then straight over to Terre Haute, completes this short trip. Short on time and cost, perhaps, but certainly long on fun and history. †

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Year of Older Persons celebrates gifts of the elderly

“Towards a Society for All Ages” is the theme for the International Year of Older Persons.

Festivities began at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Oct. 1, 1998, and will continue throughout the world until this October.

To commemorate the special observance, United Nations officials commissioned the creation of a circular logo to express the “vitality, movement, diversity and interdependence” of older persons.

The one-year observance recognizes the diversity of experiences and the abilities of mind and spirit of older persons, which are made possible by healthy lifestyles, as well as the independence and interdependence of the generations.

The elderly are “sources of wisdom and witnesses of hope and love,” Pope John Paul II wrote in “Evangelium Vitae” (n. 94). “Brothers and sisters of the older generation, you are a treasure for the Church, a blessing for the world!” the pontiff said.

“A society for all ages” respects the rights and needs of all people, the pope said, and fosters a sharing of gifts and experiences between generations for the good of all. †

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Retirement years can mean a time for travel

This coast-to-coast trip by automobile covers 19 states in eight weeks with time to relax

By John F. Fink

One of the advantages of being retired is the opportunity to travel. This past winter my wife, Marie, and I combined travel with a desire to escape the Indiana weather. We drove our 1994 Dodge Intrepid through 19 states. We went from coast to coast and walked the beaches on Hilton Head and Ormond Beach along the Atlantic Ocean and Santa Monica Beach on the Pacific coast. We traveled at a leisurely pace, taking eight weeks to complete the trip. We spent a full 10 days with our daughter in Santa Monica and three or four days in various other places: Hilton Head, Sun City Center in Florida; with another daughter in St. Louis, with a son in Dallas; in Santa Fe, Phoenix, Death Valley and Las Vegas.

We never overdid the driving. We usually stopped before it got dark at about 6 p.m., and the next day saw the things that place had to offer before continuing our drive in the afternoon. I did all the driving and Marie did all the navigating. We've long known that we make a good team.

Audio books help make the driving time seem shorter. (For those who don't know, it's possible to get audio books at Cracker Barrel restaurants, buying them at one stop and returning them at another.)

We made it a practice to stop at the Visitors Welcome Center as we entered each state. The stuff we picked up there, and the advice we received there, usually helped us decide where to stop for the night and what attractions we made sure we saw. There were always coupons for discounts at motels.

Motorists should definitely belong to the AAA auto club. Their services are invaluable if you should ever run into trouble which, fortunately, we didn't on this trip. Their tour books for each state are well worth the membership.

We left Indianapolis in terrible weather on Jan. 12, and it was a relief to get away from the ice and snow. The first part of our trip was at Hilton Head and several places in Florida. Last year we spent six weeks in Naples, but this year we didn't go that far south. We stayed overnight in St. Augustine and Ormond Beach on the east coast before going to the Tampa area for five nights. We had time to explore the west coast of Florida from Clearwater to Sarasota.

We returned north, to St. Louis, for several days at the end of January for the baptism of our latest grandchild (the See TRAVEL, page 26).
100th, David Francis Meyerhoff. Then, on Feb. 1, we began our trip south and west. Here are just a few highlights:

Texas, we learned what they mean when they say that Dallas is the end of the East and Fort Worth is the beginning of the West. The neighboring cities are vastly different. We enjoyed Fort Worth more. We saw a rodeo and visited four museums there.

The Palo Duro Canyon, outside Amarillo, is the largest canyon in Texas. Although it pales in comparison with the Grand Canyon in Arizona, it was interesting to see how the canyon was formed over a period of about 380 million years. Nearby is the city of Canyon and the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, the largest history museum in Texas. It's surprising that such an excellent museum would be located in a small town like Canyon instead of in a major city.

Santa Fe, N.M., is a fascinating city, one of my favorites. It is both historical and the modern home of more than 200 artists (including our guide). The state capitol is filled with paintings and sculptures. San Miguel Mission is the oldest church in continuous use in what is now the United States. The church was built on a central support post and, it turned out, nobody knows where the wood came from since it's not native to New Mexico. The church was built without a staircase to the loft and one needed a ladder to get there. One night, after the Sisters of Loretto finished a novena to St. Joseph, a carpenter showed up who volunteered to build a circular staircase. He spent six months doing it. It consists of 33 steps with two complete 360-degree turns. It has no nails or bolts. It is the Miracle Staircase. It was built without a staircase to the loft and one needed a ladder to get there. After the Sisters of Loretto finished a novena to St. Joseph, a carpenter showed up who volunteered to build a circular staircase. He spent six months doing it. It consists of 33 steps with two complete 360-degree turns. It has no nails or bolts. It is the Miracle Staircase.

The Loretto Chapel is famous for its “miraculous staircase.” The church was built without a staircase to the choir loft and one needed a ladder to get there. Our next major stop was Death Valley, a wonderful place to be in February but not in the summer, when temperatures are often above 120 degrees. I think the mountains, buttes, mesas, deep canyons, steep cliffs and strange formations thrusting upward are simply magnificent. And Colorado’s National Monument, 23 miles of massive sandstone cliffs and ramparts, sheer-walled canyons and sculptural spires, are fantastic.

Then it was back to more gorgeous scenery as we drove through Nevada and southern Utah into Colorado. Utah’s mountains, buttes, mesas, deep canyons, steep cliffs and strange formations thrusting upward are simply magnificent. And Colorado’s National Monument, 23 miles of massive sandstone cliffs and ramparts, sheer-walled canyons and sculptural spires, are fantastic.

The Palo Alto River Mountains, outside Santa Fe, are fantastic. Their red, yellow, white and gray stripes show different geological ages. Then we continued north on Highway 1 to Carmel through El Sur Grande, the Big Sur, arguably the most beautiful drive in the country. It is flanked on one side by the majestic Santa Lucia Mountains and on the other by the Pacific Ocean pounding on the rocky coastline. At Carmel we visited the Carmel Mission, where Blessed Juniper Serra was buried, and then took the scenic 17-mile drive around Pebble Beach.

Our next major stop was Death Valley, a wonderful place to be in February but not in the summer, when temperatures are often above 120 degrees. I think the mountains in Death Valley are more beautiful than those in the Painted Desert in Arizona. Their red, yellow, white and gray stripes show different geological ages.

After seeing so much natural scenery, we took in man-made scenery—the fantastic hotels of Las Vegas.
The Church contributes to modern culture and receives something in return. This is a two-way relationship that is accompanied by great possibilities as well as pitfalls. Vatican Council II offered us a positive assessment of the relationship between the Church and modern culture.

In the “Constitution on the Church in the Modern World,” the council described this as a mutual relationship. The council said: “Just as it is in the world’s interest to acknowledge the Church as a historical reality and to recognize its good intentions, so the Church itself knows how richly it has profited by the history and development of humanity” (44).

The two-way interaction that this relationship entails is only to be expected. After all, the Church is part of culture. Its members are members of society, engaged in the world’s activities, problems and accomplishments.

And the Church has a mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus to culture. To do this, it must share people’s experience of the modern world, understand their concerns and communicate the Gospel in ways that make sense to them.

The Church’s relationship to culture may be seen more concretely by considering what the Church gives and what the Church gets.

The Holy Spirit helps Christians discern good and bad in culture

By Fr. Paul J. Schmidt

A culture is constituted by beliefs, social forms and material traits of a racial, religious or social group.

Often cultures clash. American culture promotes values of freedom and individual opportunity that support worship and the development of conscience, but America’s focus on consumerism and individualism conflict with Gospel teachings.

Some dimensions of culture foster human life; others oppose and destroy it.

Technology enables medical experts to save life and to bring encyclopedic knowledge, drama and music into homes. Technology also enables selective elimination of unborn life and access to Internet pornography and violence.

Pope John Paul II refers to a culture of death—an attitude that human life has little value and can be eliminated when disabled or inconvenient—which threatens civilization. He contrasts this with a culture of life: reverence for life from conception to death.

The 20th century has been plagued by genocide, torture, ethnic cleansing, war, abortion, euthanasia and a concentration of wealth in the hands of a privileged class.

People need to evaluate their culture in order to choose the good and reject the evil. This capacity to discern our culture is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who brings light and warmth, wisdom and love, to the task. (Father Paul Schmidt is the director of priests personnel for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.)

The Church also gives to society by living what the Church gives and what the Church receives from society both a body of knowledge and a set of methods. The knowledge gained through many forms of research and discovery helps the Church to penetrate God’s revealed truth more deeply, understand it better and present it more suitably (“Church in the Modern World,” 44).

Of course, knowledge gained in one’s culture about different age groups—and their special needs and interests—helps Church educators emphasize those aspects of the Gospel message most relevant to a particular group of learners.

The Church also gives to society by offering support, care and healing to people who are ill or in crisis. Much of this work is done through Catholic hospitals and social agencies.

On a day-to-day basis, Catholic parishes and schools also provide pastoral counseling and support for people with problems ranging from marriage and family crises to drug dependency, grief and divorce.

To make these contributions, the Church receives from society a vast knowledge about human beings as well as methods of counseling.

The more the Church knows about human nature and behavior, the better it is able to help people deal with their problems and integrate their lives with God’s grace.

Likewise, tested methods of counseling, and the theories behind them, enablepastoral counselors to identify a person’s difficulty more accurately and to respond effectively and helpfully.

Of course, the relationship between the Church and culture has not always been harmonious, as Vatican II also acknowledged. Sometimes cultural values and trends that are incompatible with the Gospel exert a great influence on Church members without their even being aware of it.

Pastoral theologian Michael Warren, who teaches at St. John’s University in New York, drew attention to this fact in his recent book, At This Time, In This Place, published by Trinity International Press. As in any relationship, nothing is automatic.

That’s why the positive interplay between Church and culture must be cultivated constantly, with an awareness of the pitfalls and confidence in the possibilities.

Discussion Point
Parishes need to expand outreach

This Week’s Question
What need of your society would you like more Church members to address?

“I would say outreach. That is, developing a welcoming spirit. More personalized invitations to join the activities of the parish would be a good thing.” (Mark Chariboga, Houston, Texas)

“Adult day care, expanded elder care, is one thing I think Church members can and should address. It is a growing need and will continue to be a need that many of us face.” (Christina Chiriboga, Buffalo, N.Y.)

“I think there should be a better connection between the Church’s everyday functions and local issues. For example, local environmental issues such as expanding or taking care of green spaces in the inner city, or local beautification efforts like sponsoring community flower or vegetable gardens.” (Scott Billman, Buffalo, N.Y.)

Lend Us Your Voice
An upcoming edition asks: Do you have what you call a philosophy of life? What is it?

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Emperor, pope clash at council

The term love is probably the most misunderstood word in the English language. Consider the following statements: "I love ice-cream," "I love my friends," "I love you," "I love God." "God loves me." Even though the word love appears in all of these statements, it has a different meaning in each one of them. According to Brueggemann's theory, there are different ways that the term love is used in conversation can be reduced to three general categories:

First, there is "carnal love." This type of love is concerned with one's desire to enjoy something or someone "for one's own pleasure." Such love is associated with the Greek word eros. To love ice-cream is to say that it makes you feel good.

Second, there is "friendly love," a higher kind of love in which comradeship or affection is offered to other persons. This type of love is associated with the Greek word philos. Love understood in connection with friendship involves aspects of both giving and receiving.

Third, there is "divine love." This, the highest form of love, is exemplified by the Greek word agape. It is primarily concerned with promoting the well-being of the beloved.

When two people begin their married life together, they are said to be in "love." They experience a special kind of knowledge. Their hearts are together. As time passes and children are born, love in the marital context changes. The thrill is gone. "The honeymoon is over." Some married couples mistakenly believe that at this stage of the relationship, their love for one another is dead. This, in fact, is not the case. On the contrary, spouses now have the opportunity to significantly deepen their love for one another.

Such love makes life worth living.

When one remarks, "I love ice-cream," one does not intend to convey the notion of selfless love but rather the idea that it gives one physical pleasure. However, when a person says, "I love you," one would hope that this person has in mind the love that is associated with genuine friendship and unconditional love.

The love that Christians have for God should be the love that is naturally experienced without realizing it, some people are motivated to pray and to perform good deeds for a "spiritual reward" of a sort. If the love that Christians have for God is deep, it must become more other-centered.

The love that we have for God is not something that we can control, but rather an attitude of God towards us. "I love you." "I love you." "I love you." God loves us. The question is not whether God loves us or not, but rather how we live in response to this love.

How well is Vatican II known?

For the better part of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) I lived with approximately 15 U.S. bishops and priests in a Rome hospice known as Villanova. Recently, going through some of the council, I discovered to my pleasant surprise that there are couples today who have shared with us Villanova’s hospitality have gone to their reward.

The same is true of the vast majority of the approximately 2,500 bishops and theologians from the world’s four corners who took part in the council in St. Peter’s Basilica. This means that of all the living U.S. bishops, only a few attended the council. One era has given way to another. The honeymoon is over. "I love you." A number of married couples mistakenly believe that at this stage of the relationship, their love for one another is dead. This, in fact, is not the case. On the contrary, spouses now have the opportunity to significantly deepen their love for one another.

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The festival hours are July 10 from 8 a.m.–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: 812-663-6727.

July 8–10  
Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, will host its festival. Festival hours are July 8 from 6 p.m.–midnight; July 9, 6 p.m.–midnight; July 10, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Information: 317-635-2021.

St. John Parish, 126 W. 10th St., Indianapolis, will host its festival. Festival hours are July 9, 6 p.m.–midnight; July 10, 1 p.m.–midnight. Information in the parish center.


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

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Taking refuge
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Holy Family Parish, Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis.
Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, support group for widowed persons, 7 p.m.–8 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/ Mauseleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass, 2 p.m.

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

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 Mass; 4:30 p.m. return to St. Andrew for Benediction.

Bingos
TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1:00 N. Delaware, 11 p.m. St. Michael Parish, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3435, 6 p.m. K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.–noon WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony Parish, 6:30 p.m.; St. Roch Parish at St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; Holy Family K of C American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY: St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m. Holy Name Parish, Berch Groce, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose Parish, Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m.; Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month.
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KOSCO, Leona M., 73, Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville. High School for girls, 1931. Great-grandmother of one. GAVIN, James J., Jr., 76, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, June 14. Father of Helen Parker and James J. Gavin III. Brother of Mary Catherine Stone and Dr. Donald Gavin. Grandfather of one.


STARRATT, Mary

Joseph F. Morris was father of Father Kevin Morris

Joseph F. Morris, father of Father Kevin Morris, died June 24. He was 68.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis on June 29. Interment at the Church of the Holy Cross in Indianapolis. Effective July 1, Father Kevin Morris is pastor of the Parish of Saint Barnabas in Plainfield.

Joseph Morris is survived by his wife, JoAnn Morris Morris; children, Father Kevin J., Laure A., Angela P., Patrick D., Michael J. Morris and Teresa Morris Downes; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Meinrad School of Theology.


Providence Sister Ernestine Waschides had served as a Providence Sister since 1922, professing her perpetual vows at the Providence Conception on June 23.

Mary Ernestine Waschides was the third of 12 children. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1922, professing her perpetual vows in 1926, and final vows in 1930. She was vice president of the Sisters of Providence in Indiana and was employed in various capacities.
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Pope supports the beatification of two Fatima children

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has approved the last document needed for the beatification of two Portuguese children who saw the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima in 1917. The June 28 decree marked the Vatican’s acceptance of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two shepherd children who were with their cousin, Lucia dos Santos—a Carmelite nun still living—when they saw Mary appear at Fatima, Portugal.

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Knights post highs in charitable giving, service

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS)—The Knights of Columbus fraternal service organization announced new records for charitable giving in 1998: nearly $111 million in donations and more than 55 million hours in volunteer services. The figures are based on reports from 73 percent of the group’s councils and other jurisdictional entities such as Fourth Degree patriotic assemblies and Columbian Squires youth groups. Of the $111 million figure, $90 million was raised by state councils and local units for charities of their own choosing, while the remaining $21 million was given by the Supreme Council and the Knights’ designated funds. Donations were divided among: Church entities, $33.3 million; community programs, $43.2 million; and youth activities, $13.5 million. There are 1.6 million Knights throughout North America and the Philippines.

Supreme Court ruling lauded by Catholic Charities official

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Self-determina-

tion for people with disabilities is at the core of a Supreme Court ruling in June testing the limits of the Americans with Disabilities Act, said a Catholic Charities USA official. “They have said the mentally impaired are entitled to the care which best suits them,” Sharon Daly, Catholic Charities vice president for social policy, said of the high court. Daly added that the court’s position holds true for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill. In the court’s June 22 ruling in Olmstead vs. L.C., the court ruled that Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson had the right to seek placement in a group home facility. †

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