Faith helps athlete beat cancer

Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood prayed for Mike Kaufman to recover

By Susan M. Bierman

When Mike Kaufman learned last November that he had testicular cancer he was sure he was going to die.

The 21-year-old Indiana University athlete has taken a lot of hard knocks playing rugby over the years, but he didn’t know if he was strong enough to beat cancer.

Despite his doubts, Kaufman says he never lost his faith in God.

“When this happened it was like another cross for me to bear in my life. It was something that I was ready to take, because I knew that God was going to be with me during this whole time,” he said.

Jackie Brames, a registered nurse who works with Kaufman’s oncologist, Dr. Lawrence H. Einhorn, at the IU Cancer Center in Indianapolis, said one of every 500 men in the world are stricken with this disease each year.

Brames said the type of cancer Kaufman was diagnosed with is a rare form that is most prevalent among men ages 17-35. She said it is highly curable depending on the stage in which it is diagnosed.

“Mike’s was diagnosed at a fairly early stage,” she said.

Kaufman, a junior majoring in business, said when he was first diagnosed he believed he was supposed to die.

“I thought there was going to be a lot of stuff going on in the future and God was giving me a way out,” he said.

Learning he had cancer was particularly crushing because Kaufman and his girlfriend, Bridget McCarthy, had begun talking about marriage.

Kaufman, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, said he knelt down and began praying for his soul. He told God it was all up to him.

“But I want to stay here and suffer on earth some more. I want to suffer longer on earth because I know that all the pains that I have like simple back pains wouldn’t happen in heaven,” Kaufman said.

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“I always remained positive. I never gave up hope and we never lost faith in God,” he said.

“St. Catherine’s intercession was very influential in my journey,” he said.

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Heaven is an intimate relationship with God

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Heaven is not a place, but an intimate relationship with God that can be experienced partially on earth, Pope John Paul II said.

Heaven “is not an abstraction nor a physical place amid the clouds, but a living and personal relationship with the Holy Trinity,” the pope said at his July 21 general audience.

The pope’s talk focused on God’s judgment and mercy, which, he said, is so great that the only people who will be condemned to hell are those who actively turn away from God.

“When this world has passed away, those who accepted God in their lives and were sincerely open to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human existence,” the pope said.

It is possible to get a taste of heaven on earth, he said.

Through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and through acts of self-giving in charity, the pope said, one can experience some of the happiness and peace which will reach its culmination in final, complete communion with God.

“If we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day of our earthly lives, then we have begun to experience the joy which will be completely ours in the next life,” the pope said.

Pope John Paul said the idea of heaven as a place in the sky came from “metaphorical biblical language contrasting the dwelling place of humanity and the dwelling place of God.

But the Old Testament makes it clear that God “cannot be enclosed in heaven,” that he hears human prayers, intervenes in human history and that, “through grace, believers can ascend” to God’s presence, the pope said.

The New Testament teaches that Jesus is the way to heaven for all men and women. Through his death and resurrection, all who believe in him were made “citizens of heaven,” he said.

Therefore, after the journey of our earthly life, participation in complete intimacy with the Father passes through the Pascal mystery of Christ,” the pope said.

Pope John Paul told visitors at the audience that care must be taken when trying to describe heaven because what ever descriptions people come up with “always remain inadequate.”

Generation X thirsts for spirituality, author says

By Mary Ann Wyand

Generation X researcher and author Tom Beaudoin of Boston studies the cross-over influences of faith and popular culture on young adults.

Beaudoin earned national recognition with his book Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X and now is in demand on the speaker’s circuit as well as a recruit- ment consultant to groups as diverse as religious orders and the U.S. military.

As a member of Generation X—the 20-some thing and 30-something Americans who are the primary pool for religious vocations and military service—Beaudoin talks easily about the challenges of growing up in an ever-changing world saturated by sophisticated media and state-of-the-art technology.

During a keynote presentation at the Benedictine Vocation Directors’ Conference July 16 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove, Beaudoin shared insights gained from sociological research and personal experiences with “my generation.”

Currently a Ph.D. candidate in religion and education at Boston College, Beaudoin completed a master of theological studies degree at Harvard Divinity School and co-founded Xarios, a Christian Gen X ministry based at the Paulist Center in Boston.

Between speaking engagements, he is writing a book with a post-Vatican II theme and playing in a rock band. In August, Beaudoin and his wife, Jennifer, are moving to Atlanta so she can pursue a doctorate at Emory University.

Like many Gen Xers, Beaudoin likes relaxing with music and video games. He admits to being “a product of popular culture” and enjoys discussing both positive and negative aspects of American society.
under investigation following a miracle in Canada. It is believed that through Mother Catherine’s intercession, a woman was healed of an incurable disease. Sister Joan said if the incident in Canada is approved by the Church, then Mother Catherine will become Venerable Mother Catherine. At this point, Mother Catherine is considered a servant of God. Kaufman and the others started praying to her because they realized miracles must be performed through Mother Cath-

erie’s intercession for her to become a saint.

“I told God I am just a vessel and if he wanted a healing miracle to be performed through me that’s fine with me,” Kaufman said.

During this time, Kaufman prayed to God only through Mother Catherine because if there were a miracle, he would know that it was because of her. Kaufman’s father-in-law, Kevin McCarthy, made a call to The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood in Lafayette. McCarthy told them about Kaufman’s illness and that his family and friends were praying to Mother Catherine for a miracle.

After McCarthy’s call, the Sisters of Adorers of the Precious Blood in Lafayette, in their home base in Canada and all over the world, began praying to Mother Catherine for a miracle for Kaufman.

“If nothing else, all those prayers were working on my soul the whole time,” Kaufman said.

Brannon said patients who have a strong belief or faith tend to do a little better.

“There is a strong connection between faith and medicine,” she said.

Following the initial surgery in November, Kaufman has had monthly check-ups and so far there has been no indication that the cancer has returned or spread anywhere else in his body. If cancer is found during a check-up, Kaufman will receive chemotherapy at that time.

Kaufman said there’s only a 15 percent chance that the cancer will reoccur and, with each month that passes, the likeli-

hood it will that return decreases.

“I think there’s a better chance that I will die in a car accident than getting cancer again,” he said.

Mark Erdosy, pastoral associate at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, said Kaufman has a strong survivor instinct as well as complete faith and trust that God would heal him.

“When he [Kaufman] would talk about his faith and trust in God you could hear the depth and conviction in his voice that with God’s grace he would beat this cancer,” Erdosy said.

Kaufman added that his faith in God was strong before his cancer diagnosis and that his relationship with God has grown stronger since.

“This illness has given me an abundant trust in God,” he said.

The 6-foot-2, 305-pound Indiana University student isn’t your stereotypical rugby player.

Whenever the team goes on tours, I try to find a church, said Kaufman, a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

The Indiana University junior is a virtual leader for his peers, organizes a group that prays the rosary, and believes strongly in eucharistic adoration. Kaufman attends daily Mass prior to rugby practice at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

Sometimes his teammates tease Kaufman about his spiritual side.

“They can’t believe I go to church before rugby practice. I just come from Mass and these guys at practice are cursing and using a foul mouth and I’m like, ‘guys, better stop this or I’m going to stop playing,'” Kaufman said, laughing.

WASHING
tion to capital punishment, Archbishop

In a letter to Gov. Don Siegelman, Mike Kaufman’s father-in-law, Kevin McCarthy, ordered her to leave gay and lesbian min-

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affecting the lives of young adults.

“I work with young adult ministries around the country and am immersed in the symbol system that moves Generation Xers,” Beaudoin told Benedicente voca-
tion directors attending the “Membership for the New Millennium” conference hosted by the Benedicente sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery July 15–19 in Beech Grove.

“However we define the relationship between the young Christian and contem-
porary culture, interpreting the texture of this culture is critical to our Christian issue,” Beaudoin explained. “Gen X culture is nothing if not a set of ambigu-
ous symbols.”

One person cannot definitively speak for “this pluralistic, much-maligned and often misunderstood generation,” he said, but extensive research has identified sig-
nificant generational trends for people in this age group.

The constellation of symbols, experi-
ences, events and ideas found in the mid-
dle-class America of Generation Xers can be divided into cultural, religious and cross-over phenomena. Beaudoin said. Common themes range from an emphasis on tolerance and inclusiveness to mobi-
tility, technological literacy and dis-
posable income that provides Gen Xers with access to expensive and mate-
rialism of popular culture.

Regarding spirituality and religion, he said, many Generation Xers describe them-selves as spiritual but not religious.

“Within the American Catholic Church, many of our divisions are not only gender divisions or racial divisions,” he said, “but generational divisions before and after Vatican II. My generation doesn’t understand Vatican II and doesn’t know much about the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. This is a major new situation in the American Catholic Church that calls for reformulation of Catholic identity. It also poses tremen-
dous challenges for recruiting religious vocations.”

While studying the spiritual quest of Generation X, Beaudoin said he found that “my generation came to adolescence in the 1960s.” Adult religious education for Gen Xers needs to develop “so directly to young people keeps it out of the eyes of parents and teachers,” Beaudoin said, “and has been the story of my generation. The youth culture has become very autonomous, and parents often have very little clue what’s going on with young people today. Popular culture is increasingly targeted to young people, and public schools do not challenge any of this.”

Generation Xers also face unique eco-
nomic challenges, he said, because they spend freely, use credit casually and often fail to save money. Many are working in temporary jobs, known as temping, and don’t have health insurance.

“We are an indebted generation and are the first generation that will not do as well financially as our parents,” Beaudoin said. “Within the next few years, one out of every six people in my generation and the millennial generation will be temping for a significant part of their career” or accepting positions below their educa-
tional qualifications.

Many Gen Xers live far from their rel-
tives, he said, rely on a network of friends, marry at a later age and engage in premarital sexual activity.

Generation Xers focus on materialism but also thirst for spirituality, Beaudoin said. “People want the CD collection and they also want inner peace. I think this paradox is linked to the increasing indi-
vidualism of U.S. culture.”

Churches need to foster materialism-
resistant attitudes, he said. “The issue of stewardship and ministry becomes more important than ever. Yet statistics indicate that volunteerism on many college cam-
puses today is at its highest rate since the 1960s.”

Adult religious education for Gen Xers also is critically important, Beaudoin said, due to widespread “religious illiteracy” stemming from the fact that “Generation X is largely uncatechized.”

In the early 1990s, he said, about 48 percent of young Catholics were bap-
tized but not served by the catechetical mission of the Church.

“At least half of Generation Xers never got any exposure to Catholic education,” he said, “and those who did often focus on ‘God loves me and that’s all that mat-
ters.’ What I have found in Gen X min-
istries is that you cannot be too basic with regard to religious concepts. You must start with foundational issues such as [the Gospel messages of] Jesus and the mean-
ing of the sacraments.”

This religious illiteracy and confusion about Catholic beliefs can lead Gen X Catho-
lics to choose another religion, he said, or focus on personal spirituality and practice mysticism.

“Generation Xers need to develop moral values other than just tolerance and inclusiveness,” Beaudoin said, to combat the powerful influence of popular culture which is ambiguous and casually violent.

“Pope John Paul II, the only pope that Generation Xers have ever known as a public symbol of the Catholic Church, has been able to present himself as a spiritual media icon,” Beaudoin said. 

“He understands young people and makes extraordinarily effective use of the media.”

“I think the attraction of Pope John Paul II across denominations is that he represents a spiritual permanence in a cul-
ture of radical flux,” Beaudoin said. “Young people admire him because he actually does what he says and practices what he believes, even though they may disagree with the Church’s stance on issues like sexual morality.”

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Defending teaching about homosexuality

H omosexuality has been back in the news again. As reported in The Criterion’s July 16 issue, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the personal approval of Pope John Paul II, on July 13 permanently banned Salvatorian Father Robert Nugent and School Sister of Notre Dame Jeanine Gramick from any pastoral work involving homosexual persons.

Father Nugent and Sister Gramick had been engaged in ministry to homosexuals for more than 25 years and founded New Ways Ministry in 1977. Already by 1983, though, it was clear, at least to Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, that they were distorting the Church’s teachings about homosexuality. The cardinal forbade them from conducting workshops in the Archdiocese of Washington. The Vatican became involved in investigating the pair’s teachings as early as 1977 and, in 1988, appointed Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit to head a three-member commission to study their writings.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith began reviewing the matter in 1994. The action by the Vatican, therefore, can hardly be considered sudden or sur- prising. There were numerous attempts to resolve the problems and to get Father Nugent and Sister Gramick to teach what the Church teaches about homosexual acts. Finally, though, when those attempts failed, the congregation determined that it “is obliged to declare for the good of the Catholic faithful that the positions advanced by Sister Jeanne Gramick and Father Robert Nugent regarding the intrinsic evil of homosexual acts and the objective disorder of the homosexual inclination are doctrinally unacceptable because they do not faithfully convey the clear and constant teaching of the Catholic Church in this area.”

Despite the long process, many American Catholics, especially the younger generations, are certain to think the Vatican is being unreasonable and harsh. This is mainly because those Catholics believe that sexual acts of any kind, except adultery, should be entirely up to the individual to decide. Research by James Davidson, whose column “Research for the Church” appears on page 5 twice a month, has shown that 46 percent of Catholic parishioners say the decision to engage in homosexual acts is entirely up to the individual while only 41 percent of parishioners agree with the Church’s teaching that such acts are always wrong. Three percent say such acts are wrong except under certain circumstances.

The Church is not holding homosexual acts to a higher standard than heterosexuals. The Church’s teaching about human sexuality is really quite awesome. Sexual activity is a special sacred gift from God ordered to the loving and potentially life-giving union of a man and woman in marriage. Sexual activity outside of marriage is wrong because it is not in accord with the purposes for which God created human sexuality, that is, to cooperate in the creation of children who will be born to the gift of love. Homo- sexual acts are “intrinsically disor- dered” because they close the sexual act to the gift of the life.

Unfortunately, that argument often falls on deaf ears. It does no good to explain that sexual activity is wrong for both hetero- sexuals and homosexuals outside of marriage because so many Catholics have rejected the Church’s teachings about sexual activity outside of marriage.

Davidson’s statistics show that 58 percent of parishioners now believe that it is up to the individual to decide whether premarital sexual activity is right or wrong. Only 33 percent still accept the Church’s teachings that it is always wrong and 9 percent say it is usually wrong but might be acceptable under certain circumstances.

Given these statistics, what is the Church to do? Despite the rejection of its teachings by a good percentage of Catholics, the Church must continue to teach the moral precepts that are taught in Scripture and the constant tradition of the Church. When people who are supposedly representing the Church water down its teachings to make them more acceptable, Church officials would be neglecting their responsibilities if they didn’t take steps to stop them.

— John F. Fink
Buscando la Cara del Señor

Atrayente de la lujuria de la pornografía en revistas pornográficas, y la fácil disponibilidad de los medios de comunicación es demoníaco, un hijo. Porque la declaración física hecha no cor- roto la conexión esencial de la actividad recreacional sin consecuencias serias. Se ha causado que prevalezca la noción anticonceptivos y del aborto ha desencade- para establecer vínculos de comunión con el alma. Concierne particularmente a la afec- sexualidad amor y de la comunión. Cis- cínicamente lo que amenaza la vocación del mentalidad “anticoncepcional” son pre- alismo y del secularismo que nutren una humanidad del hombre y de la mujer la su imagen. … Dios inscribe en la amar y vive en sí mismo un misterio de decir, especialmente sobre el sexto man- al mismo tiempo conceso y claro! ¡Hay que decir, sino estoy descubriendo lo con- uno está pillado con las manos en la masa, entre mis lectores que ha llegado primera- nombre más atractivo: el sexo. Denis de

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Bíblica, “La lujuria tiene su origen en una pasión sexual en la que el objeto de pasión no es el compañero sexual, sino el placer o los servicios que el compañero o la propia pasión puede proporcionar” (p. 125). El mal de la lujuria y el causal sexual para propósitos exclusivos de recreación es egoísta y es la antítesis del amor. El Padre Demetrios Dumm, O.S.B. escribió en su libro sobre la espiritualidad Bíblica del “Desert de Egipto”. “El man- damiento aprovecha cualquier ataque en la relación delicada y muy vulnerable del amor. El amor quita la más preciosa y misteriosos de todas las experiencias humanas. El mismo se escapa a la defini- ción y análisis…” Uno puede leer un montón de libros acerca del amor sin saber tanto como es posible en cinco minutos del amor real Saber esto, dicho amor es: también muy vulnerable y puede ser daña- do o destruido fácilmente por la seducción, engaño o deshonra. Este mandamiento prohíbe dicha conducta destructiva y así se esfuerza por proteger el misterio precioso que hizo posible el Éxodo” (p. 17). Enfrentamos un gran desafío en nuestra cultura si queremos restaurar un entorno propicio para la verdadera belleza y dignidad de la sexualidad humana. En un tiempo cuando somos inundados con las imágenes sexuales nega- tivas en los medios de comunicación y la industria de entretenimiento, esto puede ser nuestro valor más contratual. Creemos que Dios creó la sexualidad humana para unir al hombre con la mujer a través del amor en sanidad y salud para traer una nueva vida en la existencia y armonía de la vida familiar. Dentro de este contexto, no hay nada más maravillo- so o jubiloso que el amor sexual. Pero sabemos también que el sexo separado del matrimonio y de la familia puede ser peligro- so y destructivo. Todos nosotros los padres, pastores y maestros tenemos el desafío de enseñar, predicar y dar énfasis en la abstención, castidad y una verdadera apreciación para este precioso don de Dios, no solamente a nuestra juventud y los adultos jóvenes, sino también a nosotros. La castidad no es simplemente para los clérigos célibes y religiosos, sino también para los legos solteros y casados. El amor auténtico, el futuro de la vida familiar y de nuestros hijos está en peligro—y mucho más! (Flowers in the Desert: A Spirituality of the Bible ISBN 0-87970-291-0 por Donaterra Dumm, O.S.B., es publicado por St Bede’s Publications, P.O. Box 545, Peterborough, Mass.)


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Research for the Church

Most Catholics not sure about Vatican II

Two months after being elected pope in 1958, Pope John XXIII expressed an inter- est in updating the Church and its role in the modern world. He wanted to open Church meeting to all the people, and he asked for some fresh air. You know, air the place out a bit. So, he called a meeting with Catholic bishops from all over the world. These Church leaders met in Rome four times between 1962 and 1965. Their meetings are known as the Second Vatican Council, or Vatican II.

Pope John, the cardinals, and the bishops explored a wide variety of issues inter- nal to the Church, such as modernizing the Mass; increasing the Church’s emphasis on Scripture; placing more emphasis on the Church as “the people of God;” and increasing the laity’s role in liturgy and parish decisions. They also considered a number of external issues, such as a more ecumenical attitude toward the other religious tra- ditions; the importance of pursuing peace and social justice; and the Church’s need to adapt to the language and culture of the people living in different parts of the world.

Background documents were prepared on each topic. They were made known to the public, discussed, revised, and voted on. The 16 docu- ments that were approved by the council are published in a variety of places.

Most Church leaders believe that Vatican II is the most important event in the last 100 years of Church history. They agree that Vatican II produced enormous changes in the Church and in its role in society.

Some of the most visible changes flow- ing from the council include turning the altar around so the priest faces the people at Mass and celebrating the Mass in English instead of Latin.

Others include giving attention to Bible reading and Bible study; greater emphasis on the importance of the individual’s conscience; lay people’s increased participation in parish and diocesan decisions; and increased attention to social and economic justice. The Church also has a more open attitude toward other Christian faiths, sci- ence, and the arts.

Given the importance of Vatican II and its impact on today’s Church, it is some- thing surprising—some would say a bit dis- heartening—to find that American Catholics are largely unaware of the coun- cil and the changes resulting from it.

When asked how often they have ever heard priests discuss Vatican II from the pulpit, 41 percent of lay people say “never” or “almost never.” Twenty-four percent say “a few times.” Only 15 percent say “many times.”

When asked how often they have talked with other people about Vatican II, 63 per- cent say “never” or “almost never.” Twenty-two percent say “a few times.” Only 8 percent say “many times.”

When asked if they have read books or articles about Vatican II, 63 per- cent say “never” or “almost never.” Twenty-four percent say “a few times.” Only 6 percent say “many times.”

When asked to evaluate the council’s impact on the Church, 67 percent say they don’t know enough about it to say whether it has had positive or negative effects. Fifteen percent say Vatican II has helped the Church more than it has hurt it. Ten percent say its positive and negative effects are about equal. Five percent say the council has hurt the Church more than it has helped it.

As we approach the millennium, we might want to reflect on the enormous changes that have taken place in the Church since Vatican II. As we do, we will discover—or rediscover—Pope John XXIII, his dream of updating the Church. Vatican II has helped us, after all, to find our way.

Laughter is big business. Moviegoers pay as much as nine dollars for an evening of chuckles. Yet laughter is as free as air, and as unpremeditated as a sneeze. In fact, studies show that spontaneous laughter reduces pain and increases alertness, endurance, and sense of well-being.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who laced his television talks with a cheerful dose of humor back in the 1950s, often worried about the modern world’s “inclination to see itself seriously.” “A person has a sense of humor if he can see through things and he loses it entirely when he begins to see things as revelations, or symbols, or reminders of God, and begins to regard things as ends in themselves,” Sheen said.

“Archbishop Sheen’s observation struck me home recently when I came across a con- densed Dictionary of the World as Used in Church. Here’s a sampling from that tongue-in-cheek list.

Amén. The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Bulletin: Your receipt for attending services.

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lift their Divine justice: When kids have kids of their own.

Hymn: A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the Gregorian chants.

Recessional hymn: The last song in a service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

Incense: Holy Smoke! An order of priests known for their ability to found colleges with good basketball teams.

Jesuits: An order of priests known for their ability to speak Latin. The original “Jaws” story. Pew: A medieval torture device still found in many churches.

Conscience: The formation at the beginning of a service, consisting of the clergy and lay participants as well as the congregation.

Recessional: The ceremonial proces- sion at the conclusion of a service led by clergy and lay participants as they leave the church.

Ushers: The only people in the parish who do not know the seating capacity of a pew.

I am convinced that the ability to laugh—especially at ourselves—is a divine gift.
Sister of The Most Precious Blood Maureen Mangen, will present a workshop on “Enneagrams: Know Thyself!” at St. Lawrence Church in Indianapolis Aug. 9–11 from 6:15 p.m.–9:15 p.m. Sister Maureen is co-director of the Pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City, in the Lafayette Diocese. For more information, call Kathy Barlow at St. Lawrence Parish at 317-549-2440.

The fourth annual Father Bob Golf Outing in memory of Father Robert Borcherdtmeyer, will be held at Links Golf Club in New Palestine on Aug. 13. Special events include a putting contest, hole-in-one contests, an awards banquet with numerous prizes, and more. To register, call David Burkhart at 317-357-8352. Proceeds go to the Little Flower School Tuition Assistance Fund.

The annual Church Teaches Forum will be Aug. 7 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. The event begins at 9 a.m. Speakers include Jesuit Father John A. Hardon, an author, lecturer, philosopher and theologian, and Father Edmund F. McCaffrey, Ph.D., political scientist, scholar, and writer. Tickets are $10 each. A sit-down meal will be served at 6 p.m. The cost for the meal is $10. A reception and dinner will be held Aug. 6. The cost for the reception and dinner is $25. For tickets, call 800-842-2871 or 317-894-4134.

Mike Pence, a former youth minister and a media personality, will speak about faith and career at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4440 A. Hardon, an author, lecturer, philosopher and theologian, and Father Edmund F. McCaffrey, Ph.D., political scientist, scholar, and writer. Tickets are $10 each. A sit-down meal will be served at 6 p.m. The cost for the meal is $10. A reception and dinner will be held Aug. 6. The cost for the reception and dinner is $25. For tickets, call 800-842-2871 or 317-894-4134.

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Peace Corps volunteer enjoys year in Bulgaria

By John Bordenkecher

BANSKO, Bulgaria—Gorgeous Black Sea beaches that attract tourists during the summer, beautiful snow-capped mountains that beckon skiers of all skill levels, ancient monasteries and much more all describe the southeastern European country of Bulgaria.

Although an immediate neighbor of both Serbia and Macedonia, Bulgaria is working hard to maintain its reputation as “the most stable country in the Balkans.”

It is here in Bansko, a small town of 10,000 people in southern Bulgaria, that I work and live as a Peace Corps volunteer. My assignment is to teach English.

Despite being located in a historically unstable region, Bulgaria continually strives to improve its political and economic situation in the hope that one day those efforts will bring the country up to par with other European democracies and into the European Union.

After the fall of communism in 1991, Bulgaria faced many problems as it began to move from a state-run, centralized economy to a free-market, democratic economy. High inflation, unemployment and a poor infrastructure are concerns.

The Peace Corps began working in Bulgaria in 1991. Although it has many different programs for the roughly 90 countries in which volunteers are located, Peace Corps Bulgaria has only three types of volunteers: business people, ecologists and technicians in which volunteers are located, Peace Corps Bulgaria has only three types of volunteers: business people, ecologists and technicians.

Teen-agers dressed in the latest European styles, with trendy haircuts, walk arm-in-arm with elderly relatives who wear homemade wool clothes and rubber shoes bought at the open-air markets.

While the elders speak in the regional dialect, teen-agers practice foreign language skills with school friends. Although many languages are taught in Bulgarian schools, English is the most popular choice for the younger generation.

Radio stations play Bulgarian folk music and “chouga,” a type of Bulgarian dance music, mixed in with the latest popular music hits from elsewhere in Europe and the United States.

After finishing the eighth grade, students can choose from a variety of high schools. They can opt for specialized schools for languages, math, science or economics. Or they can attend vocational schools, known as technicums, to study business, tourism, catering, woodworking or electronics.

I teach at a school specializing in electronics, although for the first two years the students study core subjects like math, literature, history and chemistry. Their later years are spent concentrating on television, radio or refrigerator repair or specializing in electrical circuits and other technical areas. The equipment is terribly outdated, but the teachers and students make do with what they have and the young people receive as good an education as possible.

High schools are divided into four levels like a typical high school in America. In my school, I have one English class of each level. I start by teaching the alphabet to the “freshmen,” as almost all of the students had not studied English.

Because this is an electrotechnicum school, where students specialize in electronics, the students only have four hours of English class each week. In comparison, students attending a school specializing in languages would have close to 25 hours of foreign language instruction every week.

Despite this time limitation, I can see a marked improvement in my students since the beginning of the school year based on their willingness to speak English in class.

Foreign language study is vital to a Bulgarian high school student’s education, as almost all universities have a foreign language proficiency test as part of their entrance examinations.

Summer is a fabulous time in Bulgaria, especially in Bansko. After a long, snowy winter, people work in their fields and bring home ripe fruits and vegetables in addition to what they buy at the markets.

May was busy with different holidays, which were sometimes celebrated with small concerts in the town. Friends often gather for conversation and food at the many cafes. It is during these outings that visitors truly experience Bulgaria. Anything and everything is open for discussion. It is possible to get a true sense of how Bulgarians see the world and how they see themselves in the world. Learning their views, which are very different from American viewpoints, has been my most important experience this first year.

(John Bordenkecher has volunteered for the Peace Corps in Bulgaria for a year. He is a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis.)

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Franciscans to honor 15 women jubilarians

July 26 was Jubilee Day at the motherhouse, when the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg honored 15 women who have ministered in the archdiocese during 50 and 60 years with the community.

The day began with a special morning prayer, festive dinner, continuous slide show of the jubilarians and Mass at 2 p.m. in the convent chapel, followed by a reception.

Franciscan Sisters Terese Adele Blum, Wilhelmina Burkemper, Mary Catherine Eschenbach, Veronica Frederic, Mary Louis Murer, Frances Jean Sandschulte, Mildred Speed, Virginia Ann Streit and Charlyne Wolff marked 60 years in the community.

Celebrating 50 years as Franciscans are Sisters Patricia Connor, Gloria Kellerman, Mary Kuhl, Mary Martin McHugh, Rosemary Stewart and Stephanie Zimmer.

Sister Terese Adele Blum ministered at St. Mary Academy, St. Rita and St. Francis de Sales and the Veteran’s Hospital in Indianapolis, and an orphanage in Vincennes.

Sister Wilhelmina Burkerumper is currently archivist for the community at Oldenburg.

Sister Mary Catherine Eschenbach (formerly Sister Clarence Cecile), a native of Indianapolis, ministered at St. Louis in Batesville, St. Francis de Sales and St. Michael in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg and St. Vincent in Bedford.

She served 15 years in Papua New Guinea, serving both the motherhouse and as religious education in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sister Mary Louis Murer ministered at St. Louis in Batesville and is now in retirement at the motherhouse.

Sister Frances Jean Sandschulte served at Little Flower in Indianapolis, Holy Family in Richmond, St. Gabriel in Connersville and at a school in Evansville. She is currently in family ministry in Hamilton, Ohio.

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Sister Frances Jean Sandschulte served at Little Flower, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Lourdes in Indianapolis and St. Mary in New Albany. She is currently teaching music in the Cincinnati area.

Sister Mildred Speed (formerly Sister Charles Helene) ministered at St. Louis in Batesville, St. Mary in Greensburg, St. Joseph in Shelbyville, St. Mary in Aurora.

She is currently coordinator of a center in Tohatchi, N.M.

Sister Virginia Ann Streit, a native of North Vernon, served at St. Mary in Greensburg, St. John in Enochsburg, St. Joseph in Shelbyville, St. Mary and St. Rita in Indianapolis, and as director of aspirants and postulants at the motherhouse.

She served 25 years in Papua New Guinea, returning to community service at the motherhouse in 1995.

Golden jubilarians Sister Patricia Connor (formerly Sister Caparet) served in Princeton and St. Paul in New Alsace. She is now assistant librarian at Marian College in Indianapolis, where she has ministered for 25 years.

Sister Gloria Kellerman (formerly Sister Frances Cecile) ministered at Holy Name in Beech Grove, St. Michael in Charlestown, St. Lawrence in Indianapolis, St. Mary in Greensburg and in an Evansville parish. She now teaches adult education in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sister Mary Kuhl served at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Lawrence in Indianapolis, St. Mary in Greensburg, Holy Family in Richmond, St. Mary in Aurora and Holy Family in Oldenburg. She has been teaching at an Ohio kindergarten for 23 years.

Sister Mary Martin McHugh ministered at Little Flower in Indianapolis and at a Vincennes orphanage. She is now doing hospital ministry in Cincinnati.

Sister Rosemary Stewart (formerly Sister Martha Clare) served at Our Lady of Lourdes and Marian College in Indianapolis, St. Gabriel in Connersville, St. Louis in Batesville, St. Joseph in St. Leon, St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg and St. Joseph in West Harrison. She is currently director of religious education at St. Peter, Ind.

Sister Stephanie Zimmer ministered at St. Michael in Brookville, St. Mary in Greensburg, Sacred Heart in Clinton, St. Michael, St. Lawrence and Marian College in Indianapolis. Now she ministers to retired sisters at the motherhouse.

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Bishop Ziemann resigns, admits sexual relationship with priest

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (CNS)—Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann, 57, who resigned July 22 as head of the Santa Rosa Diocese, has admitted to having a sexual relationship with a priest who was using him and the diocese, according to his attorney, Joseph Piasta.

However, Bishop Ziemann denies sexually assaulting the priest, Father Jorge Hume Salas, as the lawsuit alleges, Piasta said.

The lawsuit, Salas vs. Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann et. al., also accuses the bishop of “defamation and other violations,” which he also denies, Piasta said.

“The bishop did regretfully have a personal consensual relationship with Father Salas that was inappropriate for both of them as priests,” the attorney said in a statement sent by fax July 23 to Catholic News Service. “It is unfortunate that Father Salas and his attorneys are now using this consensual relationship as a weapon against Bishop Ziemann and the diocese.

Bishop Ziemann’s resignation was announced at the Vatican July 22. Archbishop William J. Levada of San Francisco was named apostolic administrator of the diocese.

The Vatican said Bishop Ziemann’s resignation was accepted under provisions of canon law regarding health or other serious reasons.

The priest’s civil suit, filed in Sonoma County Superior Court, is asking for $8 million in damages. It charges Bishop Ziemann with sexual battery, alleging that the bishop coerced sex from the priest in return for keeping silent about the reasons for the priest’s dismissal from St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Ukiah, Calif. The suit also says Bishop Ziemann defamed the priest.

“The choice of letting the suit be filed or the payment of money to purchase silence,” Gaspari said. “The bishop made it clear he was not going to expose the diocese to that.”

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Married couple invites God into their relationship

By Susan M. Bierman

If this love story were published in paperback, it probably would become a best seller.

It includes friendship, love, and even a life-threatening illness.

But Bridget and Mike Kaufman’s love story has a different twist from many of today’s romances. Here is a young man and a young woman who know the importance of inviting God into their marriage.

“Our relationship always has to be centered on God,” the former Bridget McCarthy said.

The couple was married July 2 at Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis.

“The wedding Mass was a reflection of how they wanted their family and friends to pray with them on their special day, as well as what they wanted to say about their love for God and for one another,” said Mike Erdosy, pastoral associate at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

The wedding was at 3:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Holy hour began at 2:15 p.m. for eucharistic adoration and concluded with Benediction.

Both Bridget and Mike believe this was the perfect way to begin their marriage.

“God is the focus of the sacrament,” Mike said.

Bridget added this also gave their friends who had never been introduced to eucharistic adoration an opportunity to experience it.

“Most of our friends are quite spiritual themselves. But all of them who aren’t know that it’s no secret that we are always trying to help them grow in their faith—and we want them to grow in their faith,” Bridget said.

Mike and Bridget have always allowed God to be the pilot of their relationship.

The couple’s relationship began nearly seven years ago when they were both juniors at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Bridget and Mike, both now 21 years old, recall that their relationship began as a friendship.

The two went on double dates with one another.

Mike said he would fix her up with one of his close friends—mainly so he could keep an eye on her.

“The whole time I wished I was on the date with her,” he said.

Mike recalls driving away from her house after these double dates praying to God.

“I was like, ‘God, I love her so much. I can’t tell her, but someday I want to marry her—please help me,’” he said.

Little did Mike know, at the time, Bridget was saying the same prayer as she watched him drive away.

“I was always in love with him and I prayed that some day he would be my husband. But I never knew whether or not it was God’s will. Then I kept praying and praying,” Bridget said.

It wasn’t until a few years down the road, when the two were freshmen in college, that they finally admitted their love for one another. Neither wanted to admit this to the other, because they were afraid it would harm their friendship.

“Keep thinking that he’s my best friend in the world and I don’t want to lose that,” Bridget said.

She continued to pray every night.

“I really just trusted in God that if Mike was supposed to be my husband then he would be,” she said.

Both Bridget and Mike remember it was Jan. 10, 1997, when he first told her his true feelings.

“It was perfect timing, because we had a lot of maturing to do separately on our own before we could start dating and growing together,” she said.

It wasn’t too long after that the couple started talking and praying about marriage.

“I think one of the things that I love most about being best friends—and then falling in love with Michael—is that we can always pray together,” Bridget said.

Although a lot of times couples feel they have to be financially set at the time of marriage, Mike and Bridget agreed to separate their relationship from the money issue.

“We realized that nowhere in the Bible does it say you must be rich to get married,” Bridget said.

Mike, a junior majoring in business at Indiana University, is a member of the college’s rugby team. Bridget is a 1999 graduate of University of Notre Dame.

At a point in the couple’s lives when their relationship was going in the direction in which they had prayed years for, Mike was diagnosed with testicular cancer on Nov. 4, 1998.

Here again, the couple placed everything in God’s trust.

“I just realized that there’s no sense in me constantly being upset about this, because with God’s will, everything will work out perfectly,” Bridget said.

Mike underwent surgery for the cancer soon after his diagnosis and is in good health.

On Jan. 10, 1999, at midnight—two years after the couple had started officially dating—Mike proposed to Bridget at Our Lady of Lourdes grotto on the campus of Notre Dame, where Bridget was attending college.

She recalled the wind chill factor was 40 degrees below zero and snow was pouring down. The grotto was lit up with the flames of candles surrounding it.

“He said all this wonderful stuff, I can’t remember now because at the time I was just listening to him,” Bridget said.

Mike then kneeled down in the snow and asked for her hand in marriage.

“We stayed there a while longer, lit a candle and prayed for our marriage and for our children,” Bridget said.

Looking back, Bridget said it was wonderful to marry her best friend. Her advice to couples in relationships—aside from having God as the central focus—is “be patient.”

“Grow in your friendship as much as possible, because that’s the foundation on which you’ll build your life,” she said.

She added that once a couple has a foundation of friendship everything else falls into place.

“I would just recommend being patient and praying a lot. And when the time comes, you’ll be ready and God will prepare you,” Bridget said.
Adams – Hawkins
Michelle Lynn Adams and Eugene Anthony Hawkins were married July 3 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara Adams-Moore and Mortimer C. Adams. The groom is the son of Marion and Eugene Hawkins.

Andreani – Carr
Louise Marguerite Andreani and Gregory Brian Carr will be married Oct. 2 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andreani. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carr.

Attkisson – Heneghan
Dawn Michelle Attkisson and Kevin William Heneghan were married July 17 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Attkisson. The groom is the son of Connie Heneghan and the late John W. Heneghan.

Andrews – Christman
Mary Kathleen Andrews and Jamie Troy Christman will be married Nov. 20 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Therese Dever Andrews. The groom is the son of Penny and Joel Christman.

Bauerle – Lagler
Melissa J. Bauerle and Richard L. Lagler Jr. were married July 23 at Little Flower Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Charles and JoAnn Bauerle. The groom is the son of Janet Purdie Baugh and Richard Lagler Sr.

Billeman – Blumer
Amy Anne Billeman and Terry L. Blumer will be married Sept. 18 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Lujana and William Billeman. The groom is the son of Marrian and Raymond Bick and the late Howard Blumer.

Bingham – Burton
Nicole L. Bingham and Daniel Burton will be married Oct. 22 at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donna Fuss and Keith Bingham. The groom is the son of Jane and Mike Bryant.

Boone – Schaub
Kelley M. Boone and Paul M. Schaub were married July 17 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Skip Boone. The groom is the son of Peggy and Greg Schaub.

Broderick – Wood
Tricia Marie Broderick and Michael David Wood will be married Oct. 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Broderick. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Wood Jr.

Buer – Murray
Laura Lee Buer and Robert Elliott Murray will be married July 31 at St. Roch Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Edward Buer. The groom is the son of Rosemary and Leonard Murray.

Brumley – Hagedorn
Jenna L. Brumley and Jon M. Hagedorn will be married Oct. 30 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Mary Cris Pink and Larry Brumley. The groom is the son of Janice and Jack Hagedorn.

Butler – Schelonka
Marie Stephanie Butler and Stephen Paul Schelonka will be married Oct. 16 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary and Joseph Butler. The groom is the son of Donna and Anthony Schelonka.

Billerman – Magbanna
Shawn Renee Candler and Richard Erwin Magbanna will be married Oct. 9 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Candler. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glover.

Cerbone – Borgert
Liza Marie Cerbone and Jeffrey Joseph Borgert will be married Sept. 18 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dawn and Robert Cerbone. The groom is the son of Mary Evelyn and John Borgert.

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Jennie Marie Clifford and Jason Anthony Greer will be married Jan. 8, 2000, at Good Shepherd Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Michael Clifford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer.

Coffman – TenBarge

Barry Lee TenBarge will be married Stephanie Gerard Coffman – TenBarge

Coughlan – Sanders

Janice Mari Coughlan and Robert Todd Sanders will be married Aug. 28 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Judy and Nelson Coughlan. The groom is the son of Sherry Davenport and Al Sanders.

Crawford – DiSanto

Jessica Ruth Crawford and Michael James DiSanto will be married Oct. 30 at St. Luke Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell W. Crawford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. DiSanto.

Crozier – Murphy

Victoria Lynn Crozier and Daniel James Murphy will be married Sept. 4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlotteville, Va. The bride is the daughter of Jo Ellen and Gerald Crozier. The groom is the son of Agnes Murphy and the late Peter Murphy.

Davis – Freund

Erin Davis and Jay L. Freund will be married Dec. 18 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Sandra Clark and Sam Davis. The groom is the son of Johanna and Elmer Freund.

Dubin – Parr

Bridget Ruth Dubin and Timothy Ray Parr will be married Oct. 16 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ruth and Robert Dubin. The groom is the son of Virginia and Warren Parr.

Dwenger – Collins

Angela Dawn Dwenger and Roger Dale Collins, Jr. will be married Aug. 14 at St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Joan and Lloyd Dwenger. The groom is the son of Mary and Roger Collins Sr.

Dyer – Jonishan

Rebecca Marie Dyer and Edwins Jonishan will be married Sept. 18 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. James and Judith Dyer. The groom is the son of Alberts Jonishan and the late Antanina Drics Joniskan.

Faust – Brown

Tracy Jo Faust and James Christopher Brown will be married Sept. 18 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Bob and Bob Faust. The groom is the son of Linda and Birt Brown.

Fisher – Fernandez

Judy Marie Fisher and David Robert Fisher will be married Dec. 18 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Fred Gause Jr. The groom is the son of Amelia Fisher and the late Duncan Fisher.

Geddeon – Thomasson

Rebecca Erin Geddeon and Robert A. Thomasson will be married Sept. 11 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of W. Stewart Owsley and the late Vicki B. Owsley. The groom is the son of Carol and Robert Thomasson.

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Julie Anne Graf and Robert Allen Robinson will be married Nov. 12 at St. Joseph Hill Church in Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Jane and Elmer Graf. The groom is the son of Connie and Dennis Robinson.

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Shirley Ann Holder and Peter John McEvoy will be married Aug. 21 at St. Christopher Church in Speedway. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edward Holder. The groom is the son of Preston Hollow.

**Humphrey – Bolton**
Jocelyn Cologne Humphrey and Warren Philip Bolton will be married Oct. 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Evelyn and John Humphrey Sr. The groom is the son of Othella and Warren Bolton.

**Hutcheson – Wiley**
Sara Janssen Hutcheson and Craig Warner Wiley will be married Nov. 6 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Marty and Ralph Hutcheson. The groom is the son of Janet and J. Warner Wiley.

**Iverson – Felts**
Kimberly A. Iverson and Tony Felts will be married Oct. 30 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth M. Iverson and Dr. Robert Iverson. The groom is the son of Mary Jane and Mark Felts.

**Jeffers – Schreiber**
Kathleen Erin Jeffers and Benjamin Francis Schreiber were married July 2 at St. John Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jeffers. The groom is the son of Mrs. Patricia Schreiber and the late William M. Schreiber.

**Jones – Davis**
Lisa Anne Jones and Gary Scott Davis will be married Aug. 21 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Earline and William D. Jones. The groom is the son of John E. Davis.

**Kattau – Huggins**
Amy Louise Kattau and Scott Christopher Huggins will be married Sept. 18 at St. Catherine Church in Columbus, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Lois and Robert Kattau. The groom is the son of Nancy and Robert Huggins.

**King – Lam**
Judith Marie King and Carlos Federico Lam were married July 3 at St. Joseph Church in South Bend. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Gary King. The groom is the son of Ruth Lee and Carl Lam.

**King – Record**
Dolores J. King and Anthony J. Record will be married Sept. 11 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joseph W. King Jr. The groom is the son of Jane and Howard Record.

**Kane – Threlkeld**
Shannon Elizabeth Kane and Shannon Threlkeld will be married Aug. 14 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Frank Kane.

**Kappes – Miller**
Jennifer Lynn Kappes and Brian Miller will be married Dec. 18 at St. Xavier in Cincinnati, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Ted and Mary Kappes. The groom is the son of Ray and Ruth Miller.

**Kleaving – Ebert**
Theresa Ann Kleaving and Jeff Alan Ebert will be married Aug. 7 at St. Isidore Church in Bristow. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kleaving. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ebert.

**Kramer – Zeh**
Donna Jean Kramer and Jonathan Mark Zeh will be married Aug. 7 at St. Mary Church in Greenburg. The bride is the daughter of Helen and Norbert Kramer. The groom is the son of Mary Ellen and Brian Zeh.

**Lahue – Lohr**
Cinnamon Rae Lahue and Jeffrey Keith Lohr will be married Oct. 22 at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyle Lahue. The groom is the son of Fay Lohr and the late Edward N. Lohr.

**Lohr – Lohr**
Michelle Denise Lohr and Daniel Joseph Gandolph will be married July 5 at SS. Francis and Clare Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gandolph. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gandolph.

**Law – Petree**
Teresa Marie Law and Stephen David Petree will be married Sept. 11 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Janet and Robert Law. The groom is the son of Nita Killman and David Petree.

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Lichtenberg – Moore
Jackie Ann Lichtenberg and Randy Moore will be married Oct. 2 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Avax and Jack Lichtenberg. The groom is the son of Roberta and Richard Moore.

Loury – Chrisler
Tamera Elaine Loury and Thomas Edward Chrisler will be married Oct. 1 in Napperville, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Glenn Loury and Charlene Loury. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cronshaw and the late Joe L. Chrisler.

Lucpuling – Hale
Donna Jean Lutgring and Thomas Gerard Hale Jr. will be married Nov. 6 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Jean and Al Lutgring. The groom is the son of Thomas Gerard Hale Sr.

Lynch – DiGiusto
Julie Kathleen Lynch and Christopher Adam DiGiusto were married July 3 at Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Sue and James Lynch. The groom is the son of Dennis and Marcia DiGiusto.

Lyons – Snider
Amanda Marie Lyons and Steven Douglas Snider II will be married Oct. 23 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lyons. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Snider.

Marsh – Sherman
Tanya Dawn Marsh and Blake Robert Sherman will be married July 31 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donna and William Marsh. The groom is the son of Kathleen and Robert Sherman.

Mattingly – Skaggs
Dorothea Marie Mattingly and Donnie Exton Skaggs will be married July 24 at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville. The bride is the daughter of Janny and Jack Donoughue. The groom is the son of Dorothy Decker and Vernon Skaggs.

McCarthy – Haberthy
Kathleen M. McCarthy and Michael R. Haberthy were married July 10 at St. Patrick Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McCarthy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haberthy.

Mefford – Rowe
Amy L. Mefford and Michael T. Rowe will be married Oct. 29 at St. Mary Navilleton Church in Floyd’s Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Connor and Rocky Mefford. The groom is the son of Linda and Bill Rowe.

Meyer – Caufield
Katherina Renee Meyer and John Gregory Caufield will be married Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer. The groom is the son of Mary Lou and Jim Caufield.

Meyer – Dury
Amy Lynn Meyer and Chad Thomas Drury will be married Aug. 14 at St. Joseph Hill Church in Sellersburg.

Meyers – Kirkhoff
Teressa Marie Meyers and Mark Timothy Kirkhoff will be married Oct. 16 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Meyers. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkhoff.

Moore – Pruzin
Kristie Lynne Moore and John Michael Pruzin will be married Sept. 18 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patricia M. Scott and William T. Moore Jr. The groom is the son of Sharon and Jack Pruzin.


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Preparation is key to toast that sets positive tone

By Agostino Bono
Catholic News Service

So, you’ve been tapped as best man for a wedding. Naturally, your thoughts turn to throwing a bachelor party and getting the groom to the church on time. But wait! You also have to give the main toast at the wedding reception. Maybe you should spend some time attending to this, too, lest you show up speechless.

The job is easier than it may seem, according to experts in preparing words to dress up your ideas. A few basic rules are:

• Learn about the bride and groom, personalizing the toast as much as possible.
• The toast sets the tone for the reception, so it should be in good taste and respect the feelings of the newlyweds, their parents and the guests.
• Humor is good to lighten the atmosphere, but the toast should also reflect the seriousness of the day.
• Do some homework,” said Hal Garber, co-owner of Roasts & Toasts, Your Lyrical Ghosts. “The more you can personalize the toast, the better.”

This means learning about eccentricities, likes and dislikes, ambitions, nicknames and funny experiences, said the ghostwriter of toasts for more than 30 years. Garber and his partner, Joel Cohen, send out questionnaires before preparing their toasts. One aim is to find out how the couple met and to incorporate that information in the toast.

“Aim for the real person, but don’t make the comments so inside” that the guests will not enjoy them,” he added. Garber suggested quoting from the Bible or poetry to establish a serious tone and to toast to the sentiments of the couple. If the bride or groom has a favorite poem, emphasize things at which the bride and groom are ‘inside’ that the guests will not enjoy them,” she added.

One good approach is to “balance the knocks” by referencing readily available in libraries. It lists famous quotes by wise—is Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations, also a standard reference book found in most libraries, authors and topic. So, if the couple likes Shakespeare, let the Bard offer some handy advice.

Garber also suggested reading your toast rather than winging it and forgetting the right word to make a point or a joke. Garber and Cohen noted that wedding toasts are growing in popularity. It is fashionable now for the maid of honor, the parents, siblings and friends to also toast.

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Kathleen Mary Ortman and Timothy Joshua Roth will be married Oct. 16 at St. Cecilia Church in Oak Forest. The bride is the daughter of Constance and Edward Ortman. The groom is the son of Candy and Ron Yancik and Tam and Nancy Roth.

Owens – Patton
Carrie Michelle Owens and Anson Jay Patton will be married Oct. 30 at St. Joseph Church in Rockville. The bride is the daughter of Pat and Roy Owens. The groom is the son of Cindy and Jerry Patton.

Poynter – Thomas
Chris Lenetie Poynter and Bill Arthur Thomas will be married Oct. 23 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Annette Poynter. The groom is the son of Art and Bonnie Thomas.

Pribble – Davis
Patricia Lea Prible and Richard Patrick Davis were married July 2 at East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pible. The groom is the son of Mrs. John E. Davis and the late Linda J. Davis.

Quaickenbush – Bock
Tori Elaine Quaickenbush and Christopher Michael Bock will be married Oct. 2 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel. The bride is the daughter of Connie and Thomas Quaickenbush. The groom is the son of Linda Bredle and Michael Bock.

Reaver – Lives
Monica Louise Reaver and John Leonard Lives will be married Sept. 11 at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Anna Mae and Elmer Reaver. The groom is the son of Rita Livers and Ron Yancik and Tam and Nancy Roth.

Ripperger – Wethington
Hosh Joanne Ripperger and Jimmy Lee Wethington will be married July 31 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Kathy and Bob Ripperger. The groom is the son of Jimmy and Dewon Wethington.

Roth – Holdman
Cathy Jean Roth and Paul Alexander Holdman were married July 24 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Judith and Daryl Roth. The groom is the son of Sharon and Louie Leach.

Schmidt – Schepers
Dawn R. Schmidt and Jim C. Schepers will be married Aug. 28 at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight. The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Dan Schmidt. The groom is the son of Joyce Wilson and Jim Schepers.

Schneider – McIntosh
April Elizabeth Schneider and Aaron Michael McIntosh were married July 10 at St. Anthony Church in Clermont. The bride is the daughter of Cathie and Jim Schneider. The groom is the son of Sue and Bob Elliott.

Scheidt – O’Brien
Melissa Scheidt and John O’Brien will be married Sept. 11 at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Howard Scheidt. The groom is the son of Kay O’Brien and the late Bernie O’Brien.

Scott – Cooykendall
Laura Marie Scott and Robert Cooykendall will be married Oct. 16 at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Little Flower Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jo and Jim Scott. The groom is the son of Jeane Cooykendall.

Sharpe – Tokarek
Patricia L. Sharpe and Charles R. Tokarek will be married Oct. 16 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mary Jeanne and Ralph Sharpe. The groom is the son of Agnes and Charles Tokarek.

Sheehan – Holdcraft
Jennifer Anne Sheehan and Brian William Holdcraft will be married Dec. 18 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Barbara and William Sheehan. The groom is the son of Edith and William Holdcraft.

Suding – Schuemmel
Maureen T. Suding and Mark D. Schuemmel will be married Sept. 18 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Bonnie Suding. The groom is the son of Thomas W. and Helen Schuemmel.

Turley – Burns
Anne M. Turley and James P. Burns will be married Oct. 23 at Little Flower Church in South Bend. The bride is the daughter of James and Sharon Turley. The groom is the son of George and Margaret Burns Sr.

Vedder – Risch
Kimberly Ann Vedder and James Leland Risch will be married Aug. 14 at St. Alphonsus Church in Zionsville. The bride is the daughter of Sally Brongart and Jan Vedder. The groom is the son of Dr. John and Joanne Risch.

Vilardo – Thompson
Stephanie Vilardo and Steven Thompson were married July 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Frank Vilardo. The groom is the son of Frances and Charles Thompson.

Vols – Smith
Elizabeth Kay Vols and Kevin Michael Smith will be married Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Greenwood Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Kay and Jeff Vols. The groom is the son of Karen and Robert Smith.

Whitcell – Dawn
Kristen Michelle Whitcell and Jeffery Dwayne Dwan will be married Dec. 30 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Donna Whitcell. The groom is the son of Ethel Dawn and the late Curtis Dawn.

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Choose florist wisely, be sure to budget when selecting wedding flowers

By Julie Asher

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• At the reception, centerpieces for the head table and arrangements for the tables for guests, for buffet and cake tables.

• Thank-you arrangements for parents, honored guests and the bridal consultant.

“Flowers are a very important part of the setting. They should reflect the taste of the bride,” said Kay Wildt, who has been arranging flowers for weddings and other events for 15 years.

She advises that the couple find a florist who will really listen to them.

Usually the first appointment with the florist will involve having the couple look at that person’s previous work. That’s the time to tell the florist what has appeal and what doesn’t.

“What I like to do is find out what the bride wants,” said Wildt, a member of St. Mark Parish in Vienna, Va. “Most people have a vision,” she said. “I try to elicit little hints about what it is the bride wants so I can translate that into flowers.”

Wildt, who feels the bride’s personal flowers are the most important of all, suggested that a couple on a tight budget choose a more expensive focal flower and surround it with less expensive flowers.

Barillo offers some cost-cutting advice, too.

For example, she recommends the couple consider forgetting flowers for the pews and concentrate on the flowers for the altar, since it is the focal point of the ceremony. She also recommends choosing altar flowers that can double at the reception.

She also suggests the bride make her own hand-tied bouquet using homegrown flowers or buying blooms from a wholesale florist. In place of bouquets, she said, attendants could carry baskets decorated with ribbons and streamers or prayer books or fans.

Wildt noted that different flowers require different arrangements, and sometimes it can be a balancing act to have the couple’s choice in flowers correspond with the wedding date.

The couple might want to consider that certain flowers have traditional meaning, a fragrance that might be appealing or a color that might relate to the scheme of the ceremony and reception.
Marriage outside the Church
By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

Nothing brings religious differences to the forefront like wedding plans. The decision by a Catholic to marry someone of a different Christian denomination or a non-Christian faith can be especially complicated, requiring understanding of both partners and both families.

The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law permits marriage between Catholics and people who are baptized into different Christian churches—now described as “a church or ecclesial communion not in full communion with the Catholic Church”—with the permission of “competent authority.”

This represents a change from the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which prohibited marriage between a Catholic and someone who was baptized into “a heretical or schismatic church or ecclesial communion not in full communion with the Catholic Church”—with the permission of “competent authority.”

The Code of Canon Law states that a “Christian church” is “essentially any other Christian church.”

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “differences of confession (Christian denomination) between the spouses does not constitute an insurmountable obstacle for marriage.” But, it warns, not to underestimate the difficulties of mixed marriages lest “the tragedy of Christian disunity” affect the home.

Catholics still promise to do “all in my power” to raise their children as Catholic. But, since 1970, the non-Catholic spouse has not been obligated to make such a promise, and Church teaching acknowledges that parents should share the responsibility and decision-making of their children’s education.

Michael G. Lawler, director of the Center for Marriage and Family at Creighton University, is in the midst of a three-year study of “interchurch marriages”—the term for couples of different Christian faiths.

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Lisa Kole, a Catholic who was involved in the campus Catholic center, and Charles Scott, a Methodist who attended service only on Easter and Christmas, first dated as sophomores at the University of Maryland. They broke up once for a period of several years over issues including the long-term prospects of how their children would be raised.

As they prepared for an August 1997 wedding, Kole said when they got back together again she and Scott had both shifted their perspectives.

Now he’s comfortable with the idea of raising his chil-


dren as Catholics and she has been making an effort to learn about Methodism. Scott accompanies her to Mass most weeks.

“There’s a lot of this he’s going to convert,” she said.

“They’re more that he’s getting a feel for what I believe.”

About 40 percent of all Catholics who get married today marry someone of another Church, according to Hawxhurst, who said the biggest obstacle to interf atural weddings is rarely the objections of the Christian church involved.

“It is more likely the parents or grandparents who have a problem with it,” she said.

And increasingly, she said, rabbis of some Jewish sects are discouraging interfaith marriages.

Hawxhurst said more than half of all Jews who marry are married to non-Jews. That led Reform Jewish leaders recently to start to close the doors to interfaith marriages and to take steps such as discouraging families from enrolling their children in religious education at synagogues and in non-Jewish congregations at the same time, she said.

Aside from such examples of discouraging marriage outside the faith, Hawxhurst said the mainstream religions of the United States are generally understanding and cooperative in helping interfaith couples.

The Diocese of Dallas recently ordered copies of Dovetail’s book, Interfaith Wedding Ceremonies: Samples and Sources, for every parish in the diocese, she said.

As for couples who are planning an interchurch or interfaith wedding, Hawxhurst and Lawler agree on tips for planning a wedding and for a successful marriage. They include:

• Learn about your partner’s beliefs, as well as your own. “Get to appreciate why they do the things the way that they do,” Lawler said.

• Give it time. “Don’t make all the important decisions on the day of your engagement. It will change and so will you,” Lawler said.

• Try to find members of the clergy who are familiar with interfaith or interchurch marriages.

• Before you marry, talk through your plans for how your children will be educated about religion. “It’s easy to live side-by-side and practice independent faiths, but once children arrive on the scene, it’s very common for deep, emotional, gut-level responses: ‘I want this child to be like me,’ to sur-

face,” said Hawxhurst.

Tips for Planning an Interfaith Wedding

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Couples face challenges of making Catholic home

By Nancy Hartnagel

Newly married Catholic couples face the challenge of making and sustaining a home that reflects their Catholic values.

“This is the time to embed the faith in all you do,” said Ann Marie Sabath, founder of At-Ease Inc., in Cincinnati and author of “Business Etiquette in Brief.”

There is no excuse in the world, she said, that a thank-you should not go out in a prompt manner. Sabath, who advises sending notes within 48 hours of receiving the present.

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The notes can be changed to say something special or personal about each gift. Sabath said. For instance, the writer could say he or she is pleased the person was able to attend the wedding, Sabath said.

“Thank-you notes for wedding gifts should contain a personal touch, but—most importantly—should be sent promptly. From the moment the bride and groom open a gift, “a very short time should go by before they send out a thank-you,” said Ann Marie Sabath, founder of At-Ease Inc., in Cincinnati and author of “Business Etiquette in Brief.”

“Every day is a different world, short of death, that a thank-you should not go out in a prompt manner,” added Sabath, who advises sending notes within 48 hours of receiving the present.

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Pope says values concerning elderly should be reexamined

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Society should re-examine its values concerning the elderly and adjust its comportment toward them accordingly, Pope John Paul II said.

“In industrially and technologically developed societies, the condition of the elderly is ambivalent,” the pontiff said, explaining that old people are becoming less integrated into family and social life while “their role becomes ever more important, above all in the care and education of grandchildren.”

The 79-year-old pope made his observations on aging during his July 25 Sunday noon prayer with visitors outside the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo.

He noted that the next day’s liturgy was to commemorate St. Joachim and Anne, traditionally considered to have been Mary’s parents.

This occasion “induces me to say a word or two about old age and its value,” Pope John Paul said.

He pointed out that in the very countries where the elderly are moved out of mainstream life, “young couples, in fact, find grandparents an indispensable help.”

“On the one hand,” he said, “the elderly person is marginalized, while being sought after on the other.”

Pope John Paul II has called on society to reexamine its values concerning the elderly. “In all cultures, old age is synonymous with wisdom and equilibrium,” he said in his July 25 address at Castel Gandolfo, Italy.

The situation highlights “the characteristic imbalance of a social model dominated by the economy and by profit, which tends to penalize ‘nonproductive’ groups, assigning value to people ... for their utility.”

A long life has intrinsic value, the pope said, because life itself is a gift of God. Beyond that, he added, life experience is accompanied by “understanding (and) lessons of which the elderly person is the custodian.”

“For this reason,” the pope noted, “in all cultures, old age is synonymous with wisdom and equilibrium.”

Pope John Paul pointed to Biblical verses indicating respect for old age. He said a just person “does not ask to be relieved of old age and its burden” but prays to God not to abandon him.†

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Gelasius died after only one year as pope. Pope Callistus II died in 422, and the next pope was Nicholas I. He was succeeded by his brother, Gelasius II, in 492.

The practice of preparing for marriage by gathering treasures of hope continued into the early Middle Ages. The hope chest was a storage box for household goods and other items that were necessary for setting up a new household. It was often passed down through generations as an heirloom. The contents of the hope chest were selected by the bride and groom to reflect their hopes and dreams for their future lives together. The hope chest was a symbol of the couple's love and commitment to each other and to their future family. It was a way for them to express their hopes and dreams for their future lives together.
The Book of Isaiah supplies the first reading for this week's Liturgy of the Word. This selection is from the last section of Isaiah. The environment that surrounded its original composition was anything but pleasant or hopeful. God's people had been released from Babylon, and they had returned to their own land. It was a return that their prophets had promised, and for four generations they had yearned for the day when they could walk away from the wretched exile of Babylon and once more be in the place God had given them. However, their return from Babylon was bittersweet. They were home. It was indeed their land; but it was a bleak and harsh place. Decades of desolation and desertion by humans had left the land fallow and not at all forthcoming. Without doubt, many were tempted to accuse God of playing a cruel joke on the people. Perhaps they even denied God's mercy or God's existence. Prophets, such as the author of these verses in Third Isaiah, called the people to intense faith despite many hardships. The reading this weekend builds very vitally upon the experience familiar to the Jews of the time—and any time in the Holy Land for that matter. Water is precious. Even today, with the most modern and efficient of systems to retain water and to transport water for irrigation, drought is an everlast ing threat. In this circumstance, the invitation is to come to the water translated instantly and very clearly into a call to life itself. God is the source of this life. St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of the second reading. It is a brief but powerful reading. Important to recall is that Paul was writing to a community of people at best scorned and to a community of people at best scorned. Important to recall is that Paul was writing into a call to life itself. God is with us in Jesus. God is with us abundantly. Twelve baskets, not just 12 loaves or 12 pieces of food, were left after this great hillside feast. God, in Jesus, makes plenty in places where human ingenuity and fortune count for naught. Fourth, the apostles distributed the food. They are the Lord's messengers. They hear the great spiritual gifts of Jesus.

Reflection
In the first century A.D., when this selection was written, dark clouds, dangerous with the lightning bolts of persecution, hung over Christians. Paul, and the author of Matthew's Gospel, had to encourage people living in God's presence. The present era, in our country, may seem quite removed from the Rome of 1,900 years ago. Some respects, we live in a world very unlike the living conditions experienced by those who first heard the second and third readings today. In any profound sense, however, we are in no way different. Warmness, doubt, heartbreak and distress still haunt us all. To us, then, ecstatically repeating Third Isaiah, the Church calls us to life, to the water. It is imagery meaningful for us. After all, thirst also could bring each of us down. Jesus is the source of living water. We meet this water in our baptism. Most importantly, we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. He gives us divine nourishment, “moved with pity” prompted by divine love. In all our earthly abilities and answers, God is with us. God is with us abundantly. And once we are with Jesus truly in faith, a faithful seal in the water of baptism and in the Eucharist, as Paul still would assert, we cannot be separated from the Lord of Life.

Daily Readings
Monday, Aug. 2

Tuesday, Aug. 3
Numbers 1:12–14 Psalm 51:3–7, 12–13 Matthew 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday, Aug. 4

Thursday, Aug. 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Numbers 15:1–2, 6–9 Matthew 16:13–23

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Q I would like to know the bottom line on an ordination question. Does the Church lawfully and humanly ordain homosexual men to the priesthood? Some of my fellow parishioners say, “What’s the difference?” If priests do their job and remain celibate, they say, it’s not an issue for contention and debate. Others say it’s an issue because the person is not whole and has set aside God in this large part of his life, is not reconciled in this important physical part of his life and would be a negative example, blocking God’s grace to others. I would greatly appreciate your answer. (Pennsylvania)

A First, I need to say that your description and your judgment of homosexuality in men or women are highly questionable, to put it mildly, and certainly do not reflect the attitude and position of the Church in the matter. To say such persons have set aside God, are not reconciled in their religious make-up and block God’s grace to others is at best rash judgment and furthermore simply does not fit experience. In my 45 years as a priest, I personally have been acquainted with a good number of homosexual men and women, among them some priests. I’m not sure how many people may ministered to were aware of the fact, and as far as I know these priests were not sexually active. Nearly all of them have been good, highly effective, prayerful and dedicated in their ministry. To answer your question, nothing in Church law would automatically preclude a bishop from “knowingly” ordaining a homosexual. For ordination of orders, the only requirement is that the candidate be a baptized male (Canon 1024). Other requirements of course, must be fulfilled if the ordination is to be licit, or lawful. These include a period of probation, during which the necessary education and formation programs take place and adequate evaluation of the candidate’s qualities are completed. Also, there must be no impediment in the way (for example, according to the present general law of the Church a valid marriage is an impediment to ordination), and the individual must be considered useful for ministry in the Church. These are all spelled out in a number of canons. When these conditions are fulfilled, a bishop, in the Providence of God, may ordain an individual, whatever his sexual orientation was.

Recently I received an offer to learn more about the Catholic faith. My employer, who is not Catholic, received the same offer. Why would I be sent such a mailing since I am already Catholic? I am leery of unsolicited offers of this nature. The name of the program is Home Study Service. Can you tell me who sponsored it? Is it a legitimate Catholic publication? (North Carolina)

A The Catholic Home Study Service of CHSS is an evangelization program published by Liguori Press, for many years one of the outstanding Catholic publishers in the United States. The author of the series is Father Oscar Lukefahr, a Vincentian priest. CHSS has been a part of the ministry of the Vincentian community and the Missouri Knights of Columbus for many years. I have seen the fine primary books of the program and self-study tests dealing with all major aspects of Catholic faith. I would warmly recommend it to you, Mary and so on. They are excellent, well-balanced and thoroughly Catholic. The basic volume has an introduction by Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis. I would warmly recommend them to non-Catholics wanting to learn about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who wish to learn more about their religion. The address is Catholic Home Study Service, Box 363, Perryville, Mo. 63775, or call CHSS at 577-547-4084. (Send questions for this column to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill., 61635.)
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Statement asks industry to exercise self-restraint

HOLLYWOOD ( CNS)—A statement signed by, among others, former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, a few religious leaders, and entertainers Steve Allen, Naomi Judd and Joan Van Ark, asks the entertainment industry to practice “self-restraint” in its artistic endeavors.

“We are not advocating censorship or wholesale purges on artistic creativity. We are not demanding that all entertainment be geared to young children,” said the statement, issued July 21. “We are not asking government to police the media. Rather, we are urging that the entertainment industry to assume a decent minimum of responsibility and take modest steps of self-restraint.

“We are among some in the Hollywood creative community cautioned that censorship would not be an answer to the statement’s concerns over increased violent and sexual content; there are more nearly toxic popular culture.”

Director Thomas Schlamme, of ABC’s “Sports Night,” acknowledged there is some validity to what the statement says. “I think we should all be aware of what we’re putting out there in the airwaves,” he said.

“I have three kids, so I’m very concerned about it;” he added, noting he doesn’t direct that kind of fare in the first place, but feared the statement was “a knee-jerk reaction” to news events and the connection some have made between such events and violence portrayed in the media.

Schlamme said dialogue is the best route to tone down violent and sexual content.

David Carrera was transferred from the Dick Van Dyke mystery series “Diagnosis Murder” to the CBS action series “Martial Law” to make the show less violent.

Director Thomas Schlamme, of ABC’s “Sports Night,” said, “We’re all conscious of this new scrutiny with violence,” Walsh said. “There was too much shooting during the show’s first season. We have made a conscious effort to reduce the violence.”

The statement called for a new voluntary code of conduct for the television, film, music, video and electronic game industries modeled after the code of the National Association of Broadcasters. That code, which had been in use for 30 years, prescribed specific standards and outlined responsibilities to children, communities and society.

A new code of conduct suggested by the statement sets limits on the quantity and tone of “violent, sexual and degrading material,” provide more accurate content information to parents, a voluntary code of conduct for direct to media executives and advertisers with telephone calls, letters, faxes or e-mails, it said, as well as supervising their children’s media exposure.

A new code, the statement suggested, could set limits on such events and violence portrayed in the media.

Religious figures included Father Richard John Neuhaus, president of the Institute on Religious and Public Life; Bill Walsh; and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean and communications professor of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

From media education, signers included Temple University telecommunications professor George Gerbner; National Institute on Media and the Family president David Walsh; and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean and communications professor of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Other high-profile signatories include Holocaust survivor and educator Elie Wiesel; retired Gen. Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf; former Domino’s Pizza chairman Thomas Monaghan; actress Carol Lawrence; Emmerwirth America co-director William Bennett and Jack Kemp; and Stephen Covey, author of the best seller The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

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Jamey Lindgren, 17, a senior account executive. He worked the day before his death.

Always cheerful and support- ive, Lindgren was proud of his family, often showing friends and co-workers the latest photos.

He was a loyal graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and the University of Notre Dame. Lindgren was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Council, as well as the Notre Dame Monogram Club and the Notre Dame Dine Club of Indianapolis.

He is survived by a son, John A. Lindgren IV, two daughters, Elly and Susan Lindgren, two brothers, Robert J. and Christopher J. Lindgren, a sister, Mary Gardner, and three grandchildren.

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Today, the parish numbers about 1,500 persons.†

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Buffer-zone bill on pro-life activism being considered

BOSTON (CNS)—A measure being considered by the Massachusetts Senate calls for pro-life activists to be fined or jailed if they come within 25 feet of an abortion clinic—even if they want to stand outside and silently pray the rosary. The bill, filed by Democratic Sen. Susan Fargo, states that existing laws do not adequately offer enough “public safety” in the areas around clinics. The measure states that people who are trying to enter abortion facilities have been harassed and intimidated and that they are emotionally and physically vulnerable to the effects of such activity. The solution, say the supporters of the bill, is to create a 25-foot buffer zone around abortion clinics that would keep pro-life activists away from those needing to enter the facility.

Serb-Albanian reconciliation now paramount, says archbishop

NEW YORK (CNS)—Reconciliation between ethnic Albanians and Serbs is now the paramount concern in Kosovo, said Archbishop Rok K. Mirdita of Durres, Albania. But reconciliation “will be very hard because the scars are very deep,” he added. The archbishop made the comments in an interview with Catholic New York, the archdiocesan newspaper, during a visit to New York in mid-July. Archbishop Mirdita went to the Albanian Catholic community he served for 20 years, Our Lady of Skodra Church in Hartsdale, where he celebrated Mass for an overflow congregation of 800 persons July 18. He said that, just as in the Gospel parable about the grain of wheat that, just as in the Gospel parable about the grain of wheat, the Balkans.

Bishops prepare document on ‘the Mexico we long for’

MEXICO CITY (CNS)—As Mexicans prepare for national elections in July 2000, the country’s Catholic bishops are preparing a document that will outline their vision of “the Mexico we long for.” In January, the Mexican bishops’ conference will publish a document including formal proposals for “achieving unity, cohesion and dialogue among Mexicans, so as to overcome the crises and defeat the economic and political threats of the next millennium.”

The document will include reflections on evangelization, economic models, development, employment, education, politics, culture and human rights, a spokesman for the bishops’ conference announced July 20.†

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