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By Mary Ann Wyland

Pro-life speaker Molly Kelly of Philadelphia calls herself “the chastity lady.” The teen-agers she talks with about sexual abstinence call her the same.

These teens obviously appreciate her candid advice to postpone sexual activity until marriage, Kelly said, because they applaud frequently during her speeches.

Kelly speaks to more than 100,000 teen-agers each year in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom in her ambitious one-woman campaign to teach young people the importance of saving sexual relations for marriage.

She tells jokes, relates health information and delivers compelling religious messages during high-energy talks that keep teen-agers listening and laughing.

Kelly spoke at six Catholic high schools in Indianapolis last week.

Her chastity message is always positive, Kelly emphasized during an Oct. 6 speech to a near-capacity crowd of junior-high-age students and their parents at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall in Indianapolis.

“I think your generation is better than my generation,” Kelly told the youth, “but we’ve got problems because we have kids making bad decisions based on bad information. But I’ll never scold you. I simply challenge you to follow God’s plan.”

Human sexuality is a wonderful gift from God, she said, that is meant to be saved for the sacrament of marriage.

“I respect your ability to make good decisions about your sexuality,” Kelly said. Unfortunately, many media messages about sexuality confuse young people by glamorizing and desensitizing immoral behavior depicted in television programs, movies and music lyrics.

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By Mary T. Mancha

NOBLESVILLE—Lauty and clergy from around the state gathered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Noblesville on Oct. 3 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Haiti Parish Twinning Program.

St. Malachy parishioner Jack Yaggy of Brownsburg, a planning team member, said the twinning program acts as a liaison between the parishes, encouraging a relationship based on material assistance, prayer and cultural exchange.

Yaggy said he hopes to assist on a parish mission to Haiti in the near future.

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There are associated with parishes in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

She said the Haiti Parish Twinning Program, conducted the pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City, in helping her launch the initiative.

Patterson also announced the expansion of the twinning project to include outreach to parishes in Central America and South America. She said the Haiti arm will be overseen by the newly created Parish Twinning Program of the Americas.

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The archdiocesan parishes are St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg; St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis; St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus; and St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour.

Other parishes in the Lafayette Diocese contribute to Hopscue, St. Joseph in Port-au-Prince, which is co-sponsored by the diocese and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Tipton.

Patterson said 52 parishes and institutions in Indiana have been or currently are associated with parishes in Haiti, rivaling Tennessee as the most active state involved in the program.

Awaits with the brilliant hues of Haiti, the celebration was colored with Creole music, native flowers and food. Displays featured Haitian art as well as photographs and videos about Haiti.

Ten priests—four visiting from Haiti—concelebrated the anniversary Mass, which emphasized bonds of faith and friendship.

Father James Bates, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, was the principal celebrant.

Joe Zelenka, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, welcomed people to the liturgy with the prayerful mantra: “Desann sou nou, Leo me Bondye, desann sou nou,” which means, “Descend on us, O Spirit of God, descend on us.”

“We bring to this table the people of Haiti who struggle so hard to find the basics—drinkable water, daily bread, simple medical care and a job,” Zelenka said.

“We bring to this table our dream of one day experiencing a world where nobody goes hungry, thirsty, unemployed and without proper medical care.”

Zelenka said the people of Haiti have inspired Indiana’s missionaries to keep their dreams of shared life.

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By Susan M. Bieman

RUSHVILLE—When the local theater company began casting about for actors for Jesus Christ Superstar, the group got an eager response from the members of Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Parish.

Fourteen members of St. Mary’s, including their pastor, Father Roger Rudolf—were involved in the recent Rush County Player’s production.

The rock opera follows the last days of Jesus Christ and depicts his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas and his crucifixion.

The show caused a stir when it opened on Broadway in 1972 and, as the Rush County Players found out, is still unsettling to some people today.

“This is definitely not sacrilegious. It’s an absolutely beautiful performance of Christ’s last seven days on earth,” said Jeanne Lacy, a St. Mary parishioner who played the roles of the maid by the fire, a soul girl and a leper.

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Haiti by their faith, courage and love.

"It is Theresa Patterson who has worked joyfully, prayerfully and endlessly to make the Haiti Parish Twinning Program the gift from God that it is today," he said. "We celebrate this love relationship—this prayerful and grace-filled partnership—with our sisters and brothers in Haiti, and say 'Mesi, Bondy. Mesi. Thank you, Lord. Thank you.'"

The homilist was Father Valery Rebecia, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in L’Aisle, and the cousin of former Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Imprisoned in 1992 during the height of the military coup against the newly elected President Aristide, Father Rebecia continually called for a stop to the recurring violence. Despite threats to his life, he continued to speak out against injustice in his island homeland.

Father Rebecia said the twinning project helps the people of God build a more loving and just world while sharing the fruits of peace.

"The Haiti Parish Twinning Project helps us to accomplish the will of God in our daily lives," she said. "And so we must thank God for that grace and continue to pray for the success of this mission."

Joining Father Rebecia from Haiti were Father Michel Brunache, pastor of St. Louis du Sud, the sister parish of Our Lady of Grace; Father Joachim Anautana, pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Grande Riviere du Nord; and his brother, Father Jules Anautana, pastor of St. Anne in Limonade.

Other concelebrants were Father John Bates, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in L’Aisle, and Father Robert Klemme of the Lafayette Diocese; Father Clem Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus; and Father Dick Wildeman from the Diocese of Evansville.

Father Robert Klemme, of St. Mary Cathedral in Lafayette, read a letter from Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette, who was unable to attend the anniversary liturgy.

"Without question, the great blessing of the parish twinning program is the enrichment it brings to those of us who live in the United States," Bishop Higi wrote in his letter.

"We have come to know that if a person needs to learn how to smile in spite of hardship and tragedy, Haiti reveals a people who do so with dignity."

Father Patterson referred to Haiti as a magnet that keeps drawing people back. "Haiti is captivating," she said. "It’s a giving tree," she added, referring to a children’s book by Shel Silverstein.

Through the generous hearts of the Hoseys, Patterson said she was persuaded to help start the ministry 20 years ago. It has since fostered the faith of countless individuals while helping to alleviate the hardship of the Haitian people by bringing people to build small island nation of 7 million people.

She said the average life expectancy in Haiti is 51 years. Patterson thanked Bishop Higi, the people of the Diocese of Lafayette, and all those throughout the state who have supported the effort.

"You have given us a legacy of love," she said.

Patterson also announced the program’s newest mission in Haiti, the construction of a $3 million hospital in Petite Riviere de Nippes, four hours from Port-au-Prince. The twinning program is currently seeking donors for this project.

Estimated to take about five years to fund, build and equip, Visitation Hospital is expected to include 50 beds, three operating rooms, an emergency room and an outpatient clinic, as well as the usual hospital wards (obstetrics, pediatrics, intensive care, etc.).

Eric Adkins, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, will donate his skills as the project architect.

Father Bates presented Patterson with a check for $25,000 for the hospital, donated by T. P. Donovan, an Our Lady of Grace parishioner who had heard him preach on Haiti.

Our Lady of Grace parishioner Dave Cah, a member of the board of directors for the hospital project, said the work so many people are doing with Haiti is central to the faith.

"By being involved with Haiti, we come to understand our obligations," Kok said. "The blessing is how our lives have been enriched by them, how they serve us."

Through translator Christine Maass, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, Father Joachim Anautana referred to the twinning program as 20 years of grace—a marriage between parishes.

"He said the program is a weaning of needs that allows those involved to live the Gospel."

Sue Alexander, formerly of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis and now a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in West Lafayette, has spent extended periods in Haiti and said those involved in the ministry have learned from each other.

"We are Harlem Habeeb, a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, said the parish is deeply committed to its Haiti ministry. Father Jules Anautana is pastor of St. Bartholomew’s sister parish.

Father Davis said St. Bartholomew Parish has been committed to St. Anne Parish in Limonade, Haiti, for about seven years.

Parishioners have visited at least twice yearly, he said. Last January, parishioners and other Columbus area volunteers organized an optical mission to Haiti. The team saw 1,000 people in four days and outfitted 800 people with eyeglasses.

"This time we were down to dedicate a water well and a nutrition center that we helped to fund," Father Davis said. The Columbus parish recently decided to double its monetary involvement with its sister parish, tithing four percent of a $1.5 million budget this year.
Father Andrew S. Diezeman died on Oct. 9, two days after his 81st birthday. After serving southern Indiana parishes for most of his 44 years as a priest of the archdiocese, he retired in 1989. He was living in Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix. A funeral Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel at Father Diezeman’s home parish of St. Mary in Naváletton on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Father William Ernst, pastor of St. Mary in New Albany, gave the homily. Other members of the presbytery concelebrated. Father Diezeman was ordained on Feb. 2, 1945. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Leopold. In 1958, he became assistant at St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis. In 1960, he was named pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Frenchtown and its mission. In 1969, he became administrator of St. Paul Parish in Tell City. Father Diezeman became co-pastor of St. Paul and St. Michael in Cannelton and associate at St. Pius in Troy in 1973. In 1975, he became pastor of Holy Cross in St. Croix, adding the administration of St. Joseph in Crawford County the next year. In 1981, he added two more parishes to the above assignments: administrator of Our Lady of the Springs in French Lick and Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Mission in Paoli. Father Ernst said that Father Diezeman dearly loved Perry County, where he ministered most of his life. And he “took a great deal of pride” in the new St. Joseph Church in Crawford County, built on a new location after the 1974 tornado.

Father Diezeman had a brother who was also a archdiocesan priest—Father Albert N. Diezeman, who died in 1984. Because Albert had the initials A.N. on his luggage when he arrived at St. Meinrad Seminary, he was already nicknamed Andy by the time his younger brother, Andrew, enrolled. Fellow seminarians solved the problem by calling Andrew “little Andy” and Albert “big Andy.” The nicknames stayed with them throughout their lives. Father Diezeman is survived by a sister, Martha Schmitt.

Jim Craven, left, who played Jesus, rehearses with St. Mary parishioner William Craven, who plays the roles of an apostle, a buyer in the market and a leper. Being involved with a production about Christ’s life was awe-inspiring to some parishioners. “The hair on my arms would stand up many times during rehearsals when we’d be on the stage performing the numbers—it was just that kind of an experience,” said Guack, who plays the roles of an apostle, a buyer in the market and a leper. Father Rudolf said there is something about the musical that connects with some people in a spiritual way. He said he received a phone call from a woman who had seen the play the night before. “It was unbelievable. She said it was the most spiritual experience she had had in years,” Father Rudolf said. He said the caller was not a member of the parish. “I know it can touch the hearts of people and perhaps spark some faith in some others,” he said. Father Rudolf said he expects a few of the cast members will sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Mary Parish at the conclusion of the production. “I will not be surprised to see a person or two from the cast coming into the Church in the future,” he said.

The production of Jesus Christ Superstar in Rushville has done more than spark interest in the Catholic faith. It has allowed Father Rudolf to get to know more people in the community, while allowing others to get to know him a little better. He said during the first couple nights of rehearsal other cast members were frighte ning around him because he’s a priest. “And now they recognize that a priest is a normal person—an average Joe just like everybody else,” Father Rudolf said. Parishioner William Craven, who played the role of an apostle, said being in the play gave him the opportunity to get to know Father Rudolf better. Father Rudolf and the others rehearsed for the musical for six weeks. Practice was held three nights a week, two hours per night. At times, it was a little tough juggling schedules.

“It’s a big commitment for everyone to make,” Craven said. Lacy was an actress in the play and also sewed all 24 cast members’ costumes. She worked on them during her spare time for four weeks. Lacy also took two days off from Rush Memorial Hospital, where she’s a registered nurse, to work eight full hours a day on the costumes. The early October performances over two weekends brought in record numbers at the Laughlin Center in Rushville. The Oct. 2 performance brought in the largest attendance in the 24-year history of Rush County Players, said Father Rudolf.

Nancy J. Hartman

1999 Cathedral Teacher of the Year
Math Department
27-Year Master Instructor

All my life I have wanted to be a teacher. Being the oldest of six children close in age, perhaps I was primed for my future from the beginning. Teaching is not just a job for me, but a vocation. I can invocation it no other way. Teaching has been the one constant in my life. My parents, of course, were my first teachers, and they left an indelible mark on my soul. It has been a source of many of my memories and role models. Perhaps my personal love for geometry stems from the direct experience of my own high school teacher who challenged me to always achieve my daily best. Her enthusiasm and encouragement caught my spirit on fire. I wanted to do for others what she had done for me.

My connections with Cathedral High School are many. My father and brother are Cathedral graduates. My two daughters are also Cathedral graduates. In December of 1979, Brother Pedro Haering, CSC, contacted me and asked me to help out at Cathedral for the spring semester. I was an at-home parent for eleven years and was happy to give up that role for the heroic working world. I took a risk and returned to part-time teaching. Those few months rekindled that fire of long ago, and my passion for student interaction recalled me to the classroom. I worked in the Indianapolis Archdiocesan schools until 1996 when a position opened up at Cathedral that I knew was for me. Cathedral has been home base ever since.

During the past thirteen years, Cathedral adults have supported, trusted, encouraged, and put up with me. Among them are cherished friends who have enriched my life. Teaching has brought me blessings beyond assessment. The young people at Cathedral have gifted to me the heart of the church through the years. I receive so much satisfaction when I see eyes light up with understanding and hearts delight when a job is well done. Most of all, however, is the tremendous miracle of those priceless moment-meetings with a student who loves learning, travels near and far, and goes beyond the required limits.

Cathedral High School has given me the opportunity and the fertile soil whereby I could apply my own personal philosophy so aptly: “To teach the curriculum is the bare minimum, to touch a soul for all eternity, that’s awesome!”

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Reaching parents first

The Catholic Church has always stated that parents are the primary religious educators of their children. But what happens when the parents themselves don’t know the basics of their religion, or even understand why it’s important that they should know them? Perhaps these parents received their own religious education during an era when children’s experiences were stressed instead of the Church’s doctrine. The children were taught to be nice people, to love one another, but they didn’t learn much about the doctrines and history of the Church. The Sept. 10 issue of Commonweal magazine had an article titled “Catholicism: Life. Confessions of a Catechism Teacher.” The author, a professor of mathematics at the university level, and his wife were asked to teach religion to junior high school students in their parish. He related his experiences in trying to do that over a period of four years. First, he said, he found textbooks that could have been used “as part of character education in a public school” because there wasn’t much religious education in them. Next he found a text with a high Catholic content that was fine for a Catholic school but would be taught every day, but was too much for a class that met only once a week. Then they tried to get the cooperation of parents by sending them a list of chapters of a third text that would be covered during the school year, telling them that the children could expect a quiz every week on the material. That didn’t happen and the result was a disaster. The average grade on the quizzes was 40 percent.

Finally, they sent home a whole term’s worth of quizzes, the same quizzes that would be given except that the order of the questions would be changed. Grades still didn’t improve much.

The author concluded that many parents, perhaps because of the way they were taught, simply don’t think that their children should have to learn the teachings and history of the Church. What was good enough for them should be good enough for their children. Perhaps this is one explanation for the fact, as James Davidson’s research has shown, that most Catholic adults 40 years old and younger now think that one Christian religion is as good as another, that spirituality is more important than “institutional religion,” and that they could see themselves changing their religion. It also helps explain why interfaith marriages outside the Catholic Church are increasing. These parents simply don’t know enough about their religion to teach it to their children or even to recognize the importance of seeing to it that their children receive a more doctrinally-based religious education than they received.

All this doesn’t come as a complete surprise to Catholic Church leaders. It was a recognition of the fact that too many Catholics are ignorant of their faith that convinced the Vatican to publish the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been five years now since the catechism was released in the English language and there is every evidence that it is having a difference in the knowledge that Catholics have about their faith. In this archdiocese, parishes continue to teach the teachings of the Church, based on the new catechism.

In the Sept. 19 issue of Our Sunday Visitor, Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, head of the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, noted: “Each new generation poses the challenge of teaching and transmitting the entire deposit of our faith, and the catechism is a tool to do that in today’s world and for future generations.”

Every Catholic family should have a copy of the catechism in the home, if not to study it on a regular basis, at least to have it available when some question about their faith comes up. But before we can achieve that, we somehow have to convince parents that it’s important for them and their children to know the specific teachings of the Catholic Church. That must be done, and is being done, in our parishes.

John F. Fink

‘I have a problem,’ but ‘no complaints’

Well, as my mom would say, “I have a problem.” But, “Dad would say, I have no complaints.”

I am deeply grateful for the best medical care in the world, and we are on a path of discovery that began with my recent kidney stone episode. Since medical complications are causing notable interruptions in my pastoral ministry, and publicly so, I want to offer an explanation of what is happening as we know it at the present time.

In addressing my kidney stone episode, we cannot avoid that, despite the elimination of calcium oxalate crystals, a further complication remained. A second exploratory cystoscopy and urethroscopy revealed that the kidney remains obstructed, but not due to stone disease. There is no indication of a new or persistent kidney obstruction is indeed another kidney stone.—Editor)

Whatever needs to be done to maintain my health for the long run will be done.

Not surprisingly, my body is considerably “insulted” by the two extensively invasive procedures of the last week. I am advised to take some rest and to regain strength to prepare for further medical treatment.

Thankfully, we are blessed with a good vicar general and secretariat leaders who oversee most of the day-to-day activities of our shared ministries and mission of our archdiocese. For the most part, therefore, it will be ministry and service as usual while I take some time to recuperate.

Yet, I regret that my personal ministry must necessarily be interrupted. I am asking Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, the vicar general, and the deans to “stand in” for me when possible. I am embarrassed to add further burden to those already doing their colleagues are human per- son. I have nothing but the highest respect for the medical profession. I have yet to encounter a careless doctor or physician, and I marvel at their expertise as well as their commitment. In my experience, they merit our trust. So do their colleagues in health care. In my recent hospital experiences, I was treated with kindness and respect—and very few of those who helped me had any idea that I am the archbishop.

Like you, I am amazed at the advances in medical practice in the last few decades. But doctors and their colleagues are human persons, and, like you and like me, once in awhile, mistakes can and will happen—and I deeply appreciate your understanding and good will at this time.

In effect, I will be unavailable for appointments and scheduled events, as for the next two weeks or so. Arrangements have been made and will be made to accommodate these many events already on the archdiocesan calendar for that period. As for decisions that need to be made to carry on the ordinary ministry of the archdiocese, the vicar general is delegated to proceed with full authority. He will follow our ordinary policies, guidelines and procedures in accord with local and universal Church law. Should any extraordinary situations arise, he will consult me. He and the respective secretariat heads will handle my correspondence, excepting (truly) personal mail. I deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

After my previous column about the kidney stone extraction, someone left a voice message at the office thanking me for the column. The caller then asked that I write a column about what to do with one’s anger, and frustration when there has been a wrong diagnosis of an illness or when the doctor doesn’t provide a diagnosis. For the first time, I was not able to respond to the request, but after further thought, I have some advice.

First, I thought of what a friend of mine often says: “Look deeper—the issue is not the issue.” When things go wrong, when we suffer, when we find that we are not in control of our lives, we tend to look for someone to blame. We truly struggle when we face to face with our mortality and our limitations that become so apparent in illness and suffering. Anger is a natural reaction, but it usually has a companion, namely, fear. I am deeply disturbed about the limits of our own humanity and the unknown future? I believe that nothing but the highest respect for the medical profession. I have yet to encounter a careless doctor or physician, and I marvel at their expertise as well as their commitment. In my experience, they merit our trust. So do their colleagues in health care. In my recent hospital experiences, I was treated with kindness and respect—and very few of those who helped me had any idea that I am the archbishop.

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Most of all, let’s keep in mind that this life is but a journey in faith. It’s what we’re about.
Buscando la Cara del Señor
Arzobispo Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en octubre
Pastores juveniles: Que ellos siempre puedan animar a los jóvenes a considerar dando servicio a la iglesia, sobre todo como sacerdotes y religiosos.

Journey of Faith
Fr. John Buckel

The power of love

"When everything goes wrong and the whole world seems to be against me, do I have the strength to 'go on'?" The Book of Revelation was most likely composed for people who asked that very question. Many Christians in John’s day probably felt as if they had met and exceeded the limits of human endurance. Natural and human-made catastrophes wreaked havoc throughout the Roman Empire, including the area where the “seven churches in Asia” were located.

This particular area was notorious for its earthquakes. They were rather frequent in number and severe in intensity. Earthquakes in the eastern part of the Roman Empire took their toll in loss of life and monumental destruction. Whole cities were reduced to piles of rubble. Active volcanoes, often accompanied by avalanches, also caused massive destruction in the eastern part and even darkened large parts of the earth for several days. Entire cities came tumbling down in the wake of these active volcanoes.

Severe shortage of food was still another source of anxiety in the latter quarter of the first century. On more than one occasion, inhabitants of the Roman Empire suffered from famine.

Corrupt leadership was an ongoing problem. Even though those who live in a world that has been hardened by the likes of terrorism, death camps and world war, shudder at reading of the antics of first century emperors, such as Caligula, Nero and Domitian.

Military affairs were another source of anxiety. Roman legions traveled from one end of the empire to the other to crush armed rebellion. For all of its wealth and might, the legions were not always successful. In fact, Rome suffered a number of major setbacks on the battlefield.

To make matters worse, the Church at this time was in somewhat of a turmoil because of a crisis in leadership. By the time Revelation was composed, most, if not all, of the 12 apostles were dead. Christians pondered whether the Church could survive without its great leaders, most notably, Peter and Paul.

As if that were not enough, civil authorities were persecuting Christians for their allegiance to Christ. Rome’s response to the Christian movement was torture and death.

In the midst of their trials and tribulations, the author of Revelation strongly encouraged the members of the seven churches in Asia to be steadfast in their faith, trust in God and “go on” with their life in Christ. The million-dollar question was—and continues to be: “Do I have it within my power to be a faithful follower of Jesus, even when the going gets tough?” The answer of course is, “No, I do not.”

One cannot be a loyal disciple of Jesus or overcome great adversity on one’s own power. But one does not have to join. John took to grant that every Christian has an uncontestable power deep within. This inner power is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever the Spirit is present, divine love is there to energize, strengthen and encourage. This inner divine power enables Christians to get through difficult situations that, at first sight, might have appeared impossible.

Such is the power of divine love.

Questions for consideration:
1. What are people afraid of? Why?
2. What concerns do people have about themselves? Their families? Their Christian communities?
3. Do you see a connection between fear and sin? Fear and love?
4. What can a Christian do for a person who lives in fear?
5. What does fear and anxiety do to a person?
6. What role does faith play in regard to being afraid?
7. Is there a “cure” for anxiety?

For further study:
1. Read #1033-1063 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

(A more detailed investigation of the Book of Revelation appears in the booklet “The Apocalypse: Are You Ready?” by Father John Buckel, which is available for $15 at Krieg Bros. and Village Dove Stores in Indianapolis or directly from Father Buckel at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Saint Meinrad, Ind., 47577, or jbuckel@juno.com.)

Another Look at School Funding

Federal funding for Catholic schools will come before the Supreme Court again this fall in a case involving Chaparral 2, which pays for school supplies such as computer equipment. Title I was passed by the Supreme Court in 1977.

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El terror, como decía mi madre, “Tengo un problema”. Pero, como decía mi padre, “No tengo quejas”.

Estoy muy agradecido por la excelente atención médica en el mundo, estás en el centro del desarrollo que, a pesar de la eliminación de los crímenes de cabello cálcico, existe una complicación adicional. Una segunda cistoscopía exploratoria y uroterapia revelaron que el riñón todavía está obstruido, pero no es debido a cálculos renales. Aunque no había indicación alguna de malignidad, los médicos aconsejaron una exploración adicional para evaluar el estado del riñón. Se me informó que el riñón estaba obstruido.

Pero debo explicar lo que está sucediendo públicamente causando interrupciones en el desarrollo de mis planes para arreglar los varios problemas que ahora estoy enfrentando. Elles me aconsejan una exploración adicional a pesar de que el riñón está obstruido.

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Carmel of Terre Haute will host the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux on Nov. 4, and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is planning a one-day pilgrimage to Terre Haute for the special liturgy. Carolyn Noone, associate director of special events for the archdiocese, said only 20 places are left for the bus trip. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. on Nov. 4 from the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Pilgrims will arrive in Terre Haute in time for Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Benedict Church, 111 S. Ninth St. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein is scheduled to celebrate the liturgy, with Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, and priests from the Terre Haute area con-celebrating. Following Mass, the pilgrims will have lunch at a Terre Haute restaurant before returning to Indianapolis. The cost of the trip is $45 per person and includes transportation and lunch. Information: Carolyn Noone, 317-236-1428 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1428.

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HENRYVILLE—St. Francis Xavier Parish may be small in number but not in spirit. The New Albany Deanery parish has 94 households and is a mission of St. Michael Parish in Charlestown. Established in 1869, the parish has been served by priests from various parishes within the New Albany Deanery over the years. Included in the list are St. Joseph Hill Parish in Sellersburg, St. Mary Parish in New Albany, and Sacred Heart and St. Augustine parishes in Jeffersonville.

Because St. Francis Xavier does not have a resident pastor, it’s no secret that the parishioners have to take on a number of responsibilities. “The people in the parish want to see to it that they get things done—and they do,” said Father Stephen D. Donahue, administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville.

Father Donahue is also the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Charlestown.

When members describe the parish, the word “family” is used frequently—especially within the chil-
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In other sessions, Maria Tapia discussed Latin American radio and television, then Gerardo Dilrei, of the Indiana University Latin American Music Center, talked about instrumental music. "Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) was the topic of a presentation by Gayle Rhenberry.

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Cowpokes and other parishioners of St. John Parish in Enochsburg participate in a centennial program in this photo taken at the parish in 1958.

The parish dates from 1844 when Father Francis Joseph Rudolf, pastor at nearby Oldenburg, blessed a log church in Enochsburg. However, it wasn’t until 1858 that a stone church was scheduled to be completed. But while workmen were installing a truss frame for the roof, a scaffold board cracked. The frame fell through the scaffold, killing two men and injuring several others. One of the men who died was the son of Gerhard Bohman, one of the two parishioners who began petitioning as early as 1842 for the building of a church in Enochsburg. The church was finally completed in 1862. †

(This feature is based on information currently in the archdiocesan archives and as accurate as possible. The archives would appreciate receiving additional information or, if necessary, corrected information from readers. Also, the archives is attempting to expand its collection. If you have photographs or other materials, please send them to Associate Archivist Janet Newland, Archives, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1410. Newland may be reached at 317-236-1429 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1429, or by e-mail at archives@archindy.org.)
Money is one of the least talked about subjects in marriage, but the one that causes many couples the greatest problems.

In fact, recent surveys by Citibank and Roper Starch Worldwide indicate that money is a leading cause of divorce and the most common source of conflict for today’s married couples.

Here are 10 smart ways to avoid money conflicts and keep them from sabotaging your relationship:

• Discuss financial issues openly and honestly.

  Couples should make it a point to establish a common understanding about how money will be earned, spent and saved.

  In their book Getting Ready For Marriage, family therapists Jerry D. Hardin and Dianne C. Sloan recommend that couples answer a variety of money-related questions in order to gain a common understanding concerning their financial life.

  These questions include:
  - Will you both work after the marriage and after children are born?
  - Who will manage your money?
  - Do you plan to save money each month and, if so, how much?
  - Do you plan to buy a house and, if so, how soon and how much will be needed for a down payment?
  - Do you have enough insurance?
  - Are you and your mate spenders or savers?
  - How much do you both use credit cards?
  - How do you both define “fun” money?
  - Will you have separate or joint checking and savings accounts?
  - Know how much money comes into the household coffers and where it goes from month to month.

  Many conflicts can be avoided by simply taking the time to know the money facts in your family.

  “Both partners should know how much money the other has or owes, how assets are held, how much and what kinds of insurance,” according to Shelby White, author of What Every Woman Should Know About Her Husband’s Money.

  White also advises both partners to carefully review each year’s tax return, understand your entitlements under your partner’s retirement plan, and know where the house deed, insurance plans, credit card information and other important financial papers are kept.

  “The keys to a financially secure union are knowledge and participation,” White said, “not control and abdication.”

• Be fair.

  When there is an issue over money in your relationship, prayerfully consider the command of the apostle Paul, who advised, “Be devoted to one another. ... Honor one another above yourselves” (Rom 12:10).

• Keep money management a team effort.

  The optimal way to avoid money conflicts and to do important long-term planning is for spouses to make decisions together. Hold financial discussions at a time when both partners are rested and relaxed rather than, as

Money Matters

10 tips to keep money and marriage on track

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• Make money management a team effort.
• Deal sensitively with conflicts.
• Switch spending roles.
• Be reasonable with money—not too loose, not too tight.
• Learn about each other’s spending and saving habits.
• Practice compromise.
• Realize that old ideals of family finances may not work for your situation.
Parents teach children good spending habits

By Barb Fraze
Catholic News Service

If you don’t like how materialistic your children have become, try looking in the mirror, suggest authorities on children’s marketing and psychology.

“Often how children spend their money and what they want ... reflects their parents,” said Jim Fisher, associate professor of marketing and director of the Emerson Electric Center for Business Ethics at St. Louis University.

“Insofar as parents are fairly interested in material things and brand names, children might be as well,” said Fisher, who is the father of three children.

Audrey Guskey, associate professor of marketing at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, agreed.

“One thing is, be a good role model,” she said, “Guskey, who has two children. “If you aren’t consumption crazy ... that’s a start, because kids will, a lot of times, emulate their parents.”

Fisher said it is helpful to look at what parents buy, and also to consider what they do in their leisure time and what they value.

“We express our values in a lot of different ways,” he said. For instance, “Do we value friendship?”

Guskey agreed, noting that a family that goes shopping each Saturday afternoon says something about the parents’ values.

Both professors said parents have important roles in educating their children to be good consumers.

“It’s easier said than done because we have a very materialistic society,” Guskey said. “Kids are bombarded—that their whole environment is filled with advertisements.”

Fisher said a lot of marketing money is aimed at children “because children influence households and influence the consumption behavior of adults. It’s sort of a trickle-up theory.”

Dr. Honore Hughes, professor of psychology at St. Louis University, recommended educating children to be good consumers by using age-appropriate materials, such as the magazine Zillions, a type of “Consumer Reports for kids.”

Hughes agreed with Fisher and Guskey that when children begin to feel peer pressure to have certain brand-name items, parents should try to keep the lines of communication open.

“I would always try to acknowledge to the kids that it is OK to be like your friends,” Hughes said, “but to do it in moderation.”

Hughes said parents should try to communicate that they are aware of “the pull that the child feels, and not totally depriving the child.”

Guskey also noted the importance of setting limits. Children need to be given spending restrictions for doing back-to-school or Christmas shopping, she said, or for other purchases.

“You might want to splurge on one item,” she said, “but then on the rest of the things you are going to be more careful, get some bargains.”

It is hard to tell a teen-ager or preteen not to go to the mall with the rest of his or her friends, Guskey said. However, these outings give young people opportunities to learn how to spend their own money appropriately.

Fisher said peers have a great influence on each other “in part because they are going to provide a lot of information.”

He said that as children develop and mature, they find themselves taking on new challenges and new roles.

With new roles, he said, comes “a fair amount of uncertainty.”

Just as a young man or woman enters the business world might want to wear the right kind of suit or carry a briefcase, he said, children see that “these material props help us perform our roles” and they might seize on the material possessions that seem to play a part.

If a child suddenly becomes materialistic, Fisher said, a parent might want to determine what that is a symptom of in order to try to understand changes in the child’s behavior.

“It’s often a replacement for other, more important things,” he said, “like time with parents or worthwhile leisure activities, maybe too much time in front of the television set, [needing] a wider circle of friends.”

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A fixer-upper "... needs some tender loving care" ... "worn but worthy." These are some of the phrases used to describe a house that needs some work. Many home buyers fear houses that need help. They see them as big "money pits."

However, a real estate agent, a construction loan consultant and a buyer of old homes think there is a lot to be said for the character of older houses and a lot of savings to achieve when buying an older home.

Carl Heldmann, a construction loan consultant and author of Be Your Own Home Renovation Contractor, said finding and renovating a restorable old structure can bring huge savings for a home buyer. Heldmann advises buyers to shop around for a house that needs help, but not to jump at the first find.

A structural inspection should be done, he said, and the buyers should look at such factors as the neighborhood, zoning, fire-insurance rates, property taxes and security.

If a home buyer is handy and can do much of the work, that makes such a purchase more ideal, Heldmann said. However, home buyers who "can't lift a hammer" can save up to 30 percent of the cost by managing their own project.

More young adults are living with parents

CNS—There is a definite trend today for adult children to stay longer at home. Thomas Kraft, a psychologist from Warren, Ohio, said the cost of higher education and cost of living makes staying at home a popular choice for young adults.

Kraft said many young adults "are materialistic and want the same quality of life it took their parents years to achieve."

As a result of this stay-at-home trend, strains on the family budget prompt new questions on the financial responsibility of parents toward their adult children. Legal responsibility ends when the child reaches 18 years of age, but many parents believe their obligation lasts until a grown child marries and begins a new life.

Support depends on many variables, including the family's financial status, parents' health and the children's needs. Parents may decide not to charge room and board to help their children become financially stable so they are able to move out on their own.

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However, Witt cautioned that fixing up a home can be quite physical.

"You have to watch your time frame," he said. "If you take out a mortgage that costs you $700 a month and no one is living in the home for four months, then you have to consider that $2,800 as a cost of the house."

Dot Lortie, a realtor with Lortie Realty in Springfield, Mass., agreed that a fixer-upper can be a great buy.

However, Lortie cautioned that most purchasers should look for "cosmetic" fixer-uppers that just require paint, wallpaper and other finish work as opposed to houses that need a lot of repairs.

"For example, if a house needs a new roof it can add thousands to the cost of the home," she said. "A new roof often means ripping off the old layers, re-building the sub-roof and starting over. That can cost up to $10,000."

Lortie said heating units, plumbing and wiring and other major jobs should be considered "big ticket items" and factored into the cost of a home.

"You have to see if the neighborhood warrants the investment," Lortie said. "You don't want to over-improve a house for the neighborhood."

Jim Witt, a property owner who lives in Oak Creek, Wis., agreed. Witt said he looks at the neighborhood before he purchases a home. Witt owns his primary residence and two other investment homes. Both of those were fixer-uppers like his first home, which he later sold.

"You have to make sure the area you are looking at will be a place where you will get your money back when you sell," he said.

Witt recently considered buying another property but decided against the house because it had a sagging basement wall.

"I always look at the main structure," he said. "That's where the big money is involved. If I had to fix that wall, it might have cost $7,000 to $8,000. That kind of cost will take up a lot of your profits."

However, he said, if a house had holes in the walls of some rooms that would not be as big a problem because "you can drywall a whole house for a few hundred dollars."

Witt, who does a lot of his own work on his fixer-uppers, said that being handy can keep repair costs down. He said he enjoys working on an older home because "it's a great feeling when it is done."

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Lortie, Heldmann and Witt said there are many positive points about a fixer-upper, especially the savings. But they advise people to do extensive preliminary research and consult with a home inspector and realtor before buying a house.
Internet saves time and money when planning vacations

By Maureen Daly
Catholic News Service

While budget-minded travelers know to book ahead to get the best deals, most are unsure how the booked airfare or hotel price compares to other airlines and accommodations.

Yet today the Internet makes possible comparison shopping that the frequent or infrequent traveler could only dream of 10 years ago. And the planning process has never been so much fun, with video clips of locations to visit, accompanying pictures of hotel rooms inside and out, sophisticated background reading lists and detailed maps to help plot every step of the way.

In fact, a virtual vacation is available right on a computer screen without leaving home.

One helpful place to find comparison prices on airfares is the Preview Travel Web site, which can be accessed at http://www.previewtravel.com. Then click on “Farefinder.” It will show the lowest prices updated daily for any combination of departure and arrival airports. Prices quoted are per person, coach class, round trip in U.S. dollars. This site is a boon to travelers who have the option of varying their departure airport.

Another big-ticket item for travel is accommodations. Links from the Budget Travel site at http://www.budgettravel.com and from the search engine Yahoo at http://travel.yahoo.com can connect the browser to hotel and hostel information.

At the Preview Travel site’s “Destination Guides,” the savvy traveler can search possibilities for accommodations by price, location and services offered. For example, a hostel in Dublin costs the equivalent of $6.99 a night. Hotel descriptions include pictures of the rooms and the hotel facade, a description of nearby attractions and a map.

These guides are an experience in virtual traveling, the closest to a travel experience without leaving your desk. They include a map center, weather center, currency converter and, most entertaining, a video gallery.

Internet users simply click on any location in the world and then on a video gallery to choose from a selection of under-two-minute videos narrated by travel writers on tourist attractions both famous and obscure.

The diverse listing on this video guide site goes beyond the expected canals in Venice and tulip fields in Holland. One South Africa video clip is a tour of the island jail where Nelson Mandela was held for years.

Video-guide sites are then linked to information on hotels, which can be sorted by price, location or essential services.

When planning ahead for travel abroad, it is important to know country entry requirements and obtain information about the safety of your destination. The U.S. Department of State offers such information at http://travel.state.gov. These up-to-the-minute reports include details on highway conditions, public transportation, recent crime reports and safety conditions in the city and countryside.

Looking for books about a destination before traveling? Look to the recommended reading lists at the Yahoo site, which has teamed up with travel-guide publisher Lonely Planet Publications to provide a sophisticated list of history, literature and fiction.

Currency conversion is a question in planning expenses abroad. The OANDA site at http://www.oanda.com offers daily updated conversions to and from any currency in four languages.

Worried about what to pack? For the weather anywhere in the world, The Weather Channel site, accessed at http://www.weather.com, should be able to help.

For a thorough checklist of items to pack for the trip, consult the Budget Travel site again at http://www.budgettravel.com/acv/checklist.

With all of the information to travel economically just a few computer keystrokes away, the hardest decision to make may be just where to go for your next vacation.

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too many couples do, when tensions are high.

• Deal sensitively with conflicts.

In her book Sex, Money and Power, family therapist Linda Barbanel suggests couples maintain receptive body language, keeping arms unfolded, making non-threatening eye contact and not pointing in an accusing way.

Barbanel recommends that each partner try to describe feelings without using a loud, cold or sarcastic tone of voice; seek to understand, not just criticize, and approach conflicts with an open mind.

• Switch roles.

If one spouse is concerned about how much is spent by the other spouse on groceries, for instance, try taking on that responsibility for a period of time to test the validity of the concern. Role switching should be followed by discussions by the couple to resolve their concerns.

• Be reasonable.

If you’re too loose with money, make an effort to show some discipline and restraint. If you’re too tight with family funds, make a concerted effort to loosen up.

• Learn from each other.

For Susan, a New York writer, money symbolizes security. She likes to fatten the savings account regularly. However, for her husband, David, money symbolizes freedom. He is a freewheeling spender.

“We have fought for years over finances, but now are trying to understand and learn from each other,” she said. “There’s much less tension between David and myself.”

• Practice the art of compromise to smooth out friction caused by different approaches to money management.

• Don’t let old ideas get in the way.

Couples often operate the same way their parents did. Sound financial advice for one generation is not always smart for the next generation. Try to make decisions today based on the facts and on what is good for both of you now, not on what worked for your parents in the past.

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Faith Alive!

St. Edith Stein searched for truth in life, faith

By Theresa Sanders

Has it ever been suggested that you shouldn’t think about religion too much—that you should “just believe”? Sometimes Christians consider religion and human reason to be enemies rather than complements to one another.

One ancient theologian wrote, “What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?” In other words, what has philosophy to do with faith? The answer, at least according to the overwhelming majority of Catholic thinkers throughout history, is that philosophy and faith have very much to do with one another.

One of the most important insights of the Catholic tradition is that religious faith never contradicts reason. Faith never asks us to abandon our God-given intelligence; faith only asks us to recognize the limits of reason and to be open to the greater light of revelation.

This insight’s importance was stressed by Pope John Paul II in his 1998 encyclical titled, appropriately enough, Faith and Reason (Fides et Ratio). Deeply schooled in philosophy himself, the pope wrote his letter to remind Catholics of their intellectual heritage and to call them to a renewed study of the pressing philosophical questions of our day.

In Faith and Reason, the pope mentions several contemporary Christian thinkers who have explored the relationship between faith and reason, including Cardinal John Henry Newman, Jacques Maritain and the great Orthodox theologian Vladimir Lossky. One other name on the pope’s list may come as something of a surprise: St. Edith Stein.

Many Catholics do not think of her as a philosopher. After all, Edith Stein was canonized not as a doctor (teacher) of the Church but rather as a martyr for the faith. Arrested by the Nazis during World War II because she was born a Jew, she died at Auschwitz in the summer of 1942.

During her relatively short life, Edith Stein published several important philosophical works and lectured widely throughout Europe on topics ranging from education to the rights of women to the foundations of human knowledge.

A student of the famous philosopher Edmund Husserl, Edith Stein was a brilliant thinker whose writings hold an important place in Christian philosophy. One of the issues that most interested her was the question of how we come to know the objects in our world. Do things (for example, tables or crickets or even other people) exist in themselves, or do they exist only in our perceptions of them?

Her answer was that although our knowledge of the world in some sense depends on our perception of it, objects have a real, objective existence independent of our knowing them.

However, Edith Stein’s thinking penetrated more deeply than this, asking how people come to have a knowledge of God. By way of an answer, she began by considering our knowledge of ourselves.

Thus, even if we are not certain about the existence of other things in the world (after all, at any given moment we might be dreaming or hallucinating), we are utterly certain of our own existence. But what do we know when we know ourselves? Who are we? What is our essence?

Her answer was that human beings exist, yes, but are finite, limited. However, she continued, the only way that we could possibly know we are limited is if we also have knowledge of what is unlimited.

In other words, in the same moment that we come to know our own limited being, we become aware of a pure, eternal being. We become aware of God. In short, then, Edith Stein argued that philosophy is able to show that God exists.

Faith, however, goes beyond philosophy to tell us that God not only exists, but is compassionate and loves us. Edith Stein wrote, “Reason would become unreasonable if it wanted to stick obstinately to what it can discover by its own light and to close its eyes to what a higher light makes visible.”

In the light of faith, we encounter not just the God of the philosophers but the God of Abraham and Sarah and Mary and Jesus as well.

It is no coincidence that Edith Stein converted to Christianity after having read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Ávila, the 16th century mystic. St. Teresa, one of only three women saints who have been proclaimed doctors of the Church, was a profound thinker; her writings show a complex, nuanced grasp of Christian teachings.

In St. Teresa, Edith Stein must have found an intelligent woman like herself: a companion both for her intellectual and spiritual journeys. When she finished reading St. Teresa’s Life, Edith Stein put down the book and murmured to herself, “This is the truth.” St. Edith Stein’s writings affirm the intimate connection between divine revelation and human reason. God, says Catholic tradition, does not want us to turn off our brains when we come to matters of religion. Instead, we are called to think deeply about our faith. We are called to ask questions about God and to search for answers that will satisfy our God-given intellect.

What, then, has faith to do with philosophy? In the Catholic tradition, the answer is “quite a bit.”

(Theresa Sanders teaches theology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.)

Discussion Point

Stories of saints teach life lessons

This Week’s Question

Tell of a saint who has a special relevance to your life.

“As I am trying to adjust to some drastic changes which have occurred in my life, I am reminded of how St. Anthony struggled with his own vocation. While he had dreams of becoming a missionary in Africa, God had other plans for him. ‘Thank you, St. Anthony, for helping so many lost souls by your example of faithfulness to God.’” (Irina Clark, Schenectady, N.Y.)

“My mother Teresa is so relevant today because we were able to experience a living saint. I point out to my children that saints are like us with the same desires and wants, so they can really feed our souls. And St. Teresa of Avila—I was drawn to her humility. She also had an influence that was unusual for the time.” (Mary Jackson, Stillwater, Minn.)

“Joseph, as a father image. Since I lost my father, I think of Joseph as a father figure.” (Liz Effinger, Wadesville, Ind.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Do you have a special time of prayer during the day or week? During that time, what exactly do you do?

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The papacy of Pope Pius IX was the longest in history—32 years, from 1846 to 1878. He was a champion around the world called ultramontanism. Its adherents proclaimed the pope’s power and authority for the specific reason that they believed that the pope’s infallibility, that is, that he cannot err. Pius IX was a champion around the world called ultramontanism. Its adherents proclaimed the pope’s power and authority for the specific reason that they believed that the pope’s infallibility, that is, that he cannot err. Pius IX was a champion around the world called ultramontanism. Its adherents proclaimed the pope’s power and authority for the specific reason that they believed that the pope’s infallibility, that is, that he cannot err.

But not all the bishops were in favor of the definition of papal infallibility that the ultramontanists had in mind. About a third of them accepted the primacy of the pope but thought that he could make decisions binding on the whole Church only when he acted in agreement with the other bishops. Discussion of the issue was lengthy. Eventually both sides started thinking compromise. The ultramontanists began to see that there should be some limitations on papal infallibility while the other side could see that there was no sign of the idea of divine guidance for papal teachings. The compromise was offered by Cardinal Guilo, the superior-general of the Dominicans. He suggested that the debate should focus on the infallibility of the pope’s doctrinal teachings rather than on the infallibility of the pope himself. That’s what was done, although it infuriated Pius IX. He had really considered himself to be infallible. Before the vote took place, about 80 bishops left the council rather than vote against the pope. The vote was taken July 18, 1870, and passed 533–2. (One of the two who voted against was the bishop of Little Rock, Ark.) The Council decreed that the pope teaches infallibly when he teaches ex cathedra (“from the papal throne”) on matters of faith or morals. It made a subtle distinction between the pope himself and what he teaches. It said that under certain limited circumstances the pope teaches infallibly, but it was careful not to state that the pope is an infallible person. However, it definitely stated that the popes did not need the consent of the bishops in order to teach infallibly.

The bishops intended to define the role of bishops and others in the Church after it dealt with papal infallibility. However, the day after the vote, war broke out between France and Germany and many bishops left Rome. Two months later, Victor Emmanuel’s army entered Rome and the city was incorporated in the Italian state. The pope suspended the council. Those other matters would be dealt with by the Second Vatican Council 92 years later.

Meanwhile, the lone sister in the household, when not fighting for a place in the fort or the tank, was busy amassing a huge collection of dolls and stuffed animals. One day Kate decided to run away from home, so I helped her pack the doll assortments and other things she wanted to take in the big red wagon. Then I kissed her goodbye and watched through the kitchen window as she trudged out of sight. A light drizzle began, and after about 10 minutes Kate reappeared pulling the wagon. When she arrived at the door I asked, “Did you decide not to run away after all because of the rain?”

“No,” she said dutifully, “I had to turn around because we’re not allowed to cross Kessler.”

In the best years of our lives our kids’ lives are probably done down the road, when they can finally cross Kessler. But if we’re paying attention, the best years of our lives as parents surely come while we’re all at home together.

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The best years of our lives

It stood three stories high. The ground floor was for pets (neighbor kids, sister), the second floor was for brothers and sisters, and the top floor was reserved for our oldest son and God. The entire neighborhood hung out (sometimes literally) at this new piece of structure. Finally, one windy day, the fort collapsed despite the efforts of a neighbor kid who tried to shore it up. Then there was the wooden tank the kids made from scrap lumber. Because no proper tool was available, the wheels came out less than round, so the thing bumped and lurched down the street with trepidation, and the tank, and even damage to the passengers’ kidneys. Again the turret position was reserved for Will, the oldest son and architect of all these wonders. He would peer out and scan the street, shouting directions to little brothers and various neighborhood dogs who propelled the thing along by foot power. It was so popular that eventually it was sold to the highest bidder for $5.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

God made first the beast and bird…

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

The third section of the Book of Isaiah furnishes this weekend’s liturgy with its first reading. This passage was written in the last days of the long stay in Babylon of God’s people. Four generations earlier they had been driven to the capital of the great Babylonian empire, a city situated in what today is Iraq, virtually at swordpoint. Their homeland, the Holy Land, lay behind them in ruins. The Babylonians’ conquest had devastated the country, and many people had died.

For over three-quarters of a century, the Jews had languished in Babylon. It had been a miserable experience, most of all since they were compelled to live among pagans in a place where idolatry was the religious practice.

At long last, the Babylonians themselves saw defeat. The stronger Persians, from present-day Iran, overwhelmed Babylon and its empire. Not interested in the virtual hostages from the vanished land of Judah, the Persians set the Jews free.

The exiles greeted the news of their impending freedom with an excitement and joy rarely equaled in salvation history.

Fascinating in this development is the honor the Jews, including the prophet who wrote this Scripture, accorded the Persian king, Cyrus. It was, in a sense, understandable since Cyrus chose to give the Jews the liberty of returning home.

Nonetheless, Cyrus was a pagan. He was not a Jew. He was not of the Chosen People. He was not selected by God to reign. He had many strikes against him in the pious Jewish mind.

However, God still used Cyrus as the instrument to accomplish the divine will of rescuing God’s people.

The First Epistle to the Thessalonians is the source of the second reading. Thessalonica was an important city in Greece. Four generations later they had built a temple of the goddess Nike in the city.

Nonetheless, the city’s goddess Nike was a pagan. She was a goddess of war. The Thessalonians, who had been converted to Christianity from Judaism, were not allowed to worship her.

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To understand the Gospel story, it is necessary to understand above all else, the situation. The Pharisees hated the Romans. They especially despised the emperor, who was worshipped as a god.

Fiercely loyal to the ancient Jewish distaste for idolatry, the Pharisees especially found the Roman coinage abhorrent. It bore the emperor’s profile with an inscription declaring his divinity.

Jesus took the coin in hand, therefore, as a piece of evil. It was hardly an embrace of what the coin represented. Somewhere, somehow, the interpretation has arisen that in this passage the Lord called for a divin- tion between morality and religion on the one hand and law or political authority on the other.

To the contrary, Jesus said to return this evil to its source above all render to God what belongs to God.

Reflection

An especially strong, and damaging, characteristic of modern Western culture is that religion has been virtually silenced. As people seek no authority beyond themselves, and as they attempt to justify what ever they wish or are inclined to do, they often push religion into the shadows.

It is the great cultural value. No one judges the behavior of others. People are expected to tolerate activity in others that they find offensive lest they fail in giving “support” or tolerance.

This Gospel is quite clear. God is over all, even above the mighty emperor of Rome. Third Isaiah underscores the point. Even the powerful Cyrus is nothing more than God’s instrument.

Lilith stories are demon myths from Babylon

Q Our eighth-grade daughter told us recently that her teacher said Eve was not the first woman created by God. She said the first woman, named Lilith, was created at the same time as Adam. Things didn’t work out between them, so she went to the other side of the garden. When Adam complained to God that he was lonely, God created Eve.

This teacher attends certification classes to teach in our parish school. Is any of this story remotely true? Does it have any basis in the Bible? (Delaware)

A The name Lilith appears in Isaiah (34:14) apparently as something of a demon. It is the only time the name appears in our Scripture.

The Lilith stories developed apparently out of Babylonian demon myths. A medieval document called the Alphabet of Ben Sira expanded, generally along the lines you mention, on ancient legends that portrayed her as a destroyer of pregnant women and infants.

Some feminists now read these stories as describing the antithesis of Eve, who was supposedly more docile and depen- dent, more open to seeing herself as a nur- sery, than Lilith. In fact, a feminist organization exists today bearing the name of Lilith. Usually it pursues considerably radical policies and goals with which many other women who are laboring for sexual equality and justice quite strongly disagree.

Obviously, the Lilith tales have no place in Christian Scripture or teaching.

Before long, I decided to become Catholic.

We’ll soon be happily married for 23 years. Couples facing this situation could try what I did. It couldn’t hurt and might help.

The couple might start with a careful look at their common Christian baptism as a ground for good dialogue with one another. (New Jersey)

A I am grateful to you and the many other readers who wrote wise and helpful comments from their personal experiences. As a pastor and diocesan family life director for many years, I have worked closely with dozens of coup- les in happy and successful interdeno- minational marriages, and some which evolved as yours. You make an import- ant point.

I think you would agree, however, that a man and woman considering marrying, and coming from different faith back- grounds, should be able to talk about their religious differences and work out, at least in some ways, how they will deal with these differences for themselves and their children, as you did.

If those differences are irreconcilable before marriage, a man and woman are inviting spiritual tragedy in their family if they decide to marry anyway in a vague hope that “something will work out.” This apparently was the situation with the couple whose letter was published in an ear- lier column.

As one reader pointed out, sometimes a united Catholic (or Lutheran or Presbyterian) can be more of a mixed marriage than they are of different faiths entirely.

That is quite true. Their education, commit- ments and practice of the same faith may be worlds apart.

Obviously, they need the same honest dialogue if they wish to look forward to a stable, fruitful marriage.

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By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)
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The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, 7 p.m. Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, St. Francis College, Indianapolis, 3200 Cold Spring Rd.
Catholics and Disciples of Christ celebrate unity

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Celebrating Christ Who Has Called Us to Unity” was the theme for a joint Roman Catholic and Disciples of Christ worship service Sept. 21 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Dr. Robert Welsh, president of the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana, were the prayer leaders and homilists for the ecumenical liturgical service, which drew participants from central and southern Indiana and Kentucky.

“Lord, be with us tonight as your people gather in prayer,” Archbishop Buechlein said in an opening prayer. “By the power of the Holy Spirit, remove all that divides us ... and separates us from you.”

During the homily, Archbishop said “good things happen through human persons because of God’s Spirit working in us. We say by God’s grace anything is possible.”

Some of the apostles were “unlikely persons” to follow Jesus, he said, yet God calls “all kinds of people in all kinds of roles to serve Christ’s mission for unity in the world.”

The apostle “Paul spoke passionately of our shared vocation to preserve the unity of the Spirit,” Archbishop Buechlein said. “If we look at the college of ministers in the primitive Christian community, we get a very instructive portrait of collaboration for Christian unity.

“As we pray together this evening, let’s reflect on the hidden dimension of ministry,” he said. “[The apostles’] service made all the difference. And isn’t that how Jesus asks us to carry on the challenge of seeking Christian unity in our day?”

There are different ministries, roles and tasks in the ecumenical mission of our respective faith traditions, he said. “All are essential if we are to discover even more and to preserve the unity of the Spirit. With all the other collaborators of the apostolic Church, ours is the challenge to be open to God’s ministry in our lives.”

“Discussing ‘The Future of Dialogue,’” Dr. Welsh said, “It is an honor to participate in this special service of worship, celebration and witness. It is the challenge to us... to reflect on the role, place and promise of dialogue in the ecumenical movement. This evening we come together to celebrate Christ, who calls us to unity.”

“Quoting a passage from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians (4:1–7, 11–13), Dr. Welsh said it also is a message to God’s people in Indianapolis: There is one body and one Spirit. And there is also one hope spelled out in God’s call to each of you: ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.’ It is a litany of our oneness in Christ, oneness in unity, to life in the New Testament Church and to the Church today.”

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On bishops’ agenda: education norms, age, charity, jubilee

WASHINGTON (CNS)—When the U.S. Catholic bishops meet in Washington Nov. 15–18, they plan to vote on Catholic higher education norms, pastoral messages on charity and on the blessings of age, and a model bill on aging. They also plan to vote on a pastoral plan for adult faith formation and a series of proposals to restructure the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference and revise its statutes. The agenda calls for them to discuss—without voting—thehaus of the U.S. bishops’ Catholic Community Foundation, established in 1989 to educate youths to make responsible choices about sexual abstinence and social issues.

Nathanson warns against technological threats to life

NEW YORK (CNS)—Do Something, a national youth leadership organization, has named 23-year-old migrant farmworker Lucas Benitez as one of America’s 10 best young community leaders for his efforts on behalf of farmworker rights. Benitez was symbolically designated the 6 billionth person at the synod Oct. 9.

Pope sends condolences, urges aid to Mexico’s flood victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II expressed sadness at the deaths of more than 300 people in a Mexican flooding and urged relief efforts to help the stricken country. The pope’s remarks were sent Oct. 9 as authorities were still recovering bodies from hundreds of isolated communities. Mexican officials said the death toll could rise to 600, which would make it one of the worst natural disasters in Mexico in recent years.

U.S. archbishop optimistic about Russian tolerance, democracy

MOSCOW (CNS)—After meeting some of Russia’s leading politicians, a U.S. archbishop spoke optimistically about religious tolerance and the future of democracy in the country. The archbishop also said the elections will take place in December, “I forgave him because that’s what I had to do,” he said, referring to his decision to spare the life of the man who had attempted to assassinate him in 1981. Pope John Paul II said he was just following the simple teaching of Jesus Christ. The pope was responding to some questions posed by the younger members of the Rome parish of St. Catherine of Siena, where he made a morning visit Oct. 10.

At Muslim protest in Nazareth, anti-Vatican sentiments run high

NAZARETH, Israel (CNS)—Muslim demonstrators expressed anti-Vatican sentiments at a rally to protest the Vatican’s opposition to building a mosque next to the Basilica of the Annunciation. “Clearly there are tensions in the city, and this situation has been caused by the intervention of outside forces in the internal affairs of Nazareth,” said Ahmad Zoubi, a United Arab List party member of the Nazareth city council. “The Vatican has begun to intervene in the situation, and we are not under the rule of the Vatican.” Several thousand protesters took part in Friday prayers Oct. 8 at a protest tent put up on the site two years ago. The group spilled out onto the main street and blocked traffic leading to the basilica.

People

Pope explains to children why he forgave would-be assassin

ROME (CNS)—Asked by children to explain why he forgave the man who tried to kill him in 1981, Pope John Paul II said he was just following the simple teaching of Jesus Christ. The pope was responding to some questions posed by the younger members of the Rome parish of St. Catherine of Siena, where he made a morning visit Oct. 10. ‘I forgave him because that’s what Jesus teaches. Jesus teaches us to forgive,’ the pope replied.

Florida farmer honored by youth leadership group

NEW YORK (CNS)—Do Something, a national youth leadership organization, has named 23-year-old migrant farmer Lucas Benitez as one of America’s 10 best young community leaders for his efforts on behalf of farmworkers in South Florida. Last year, Benitez was the first winner of the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award sponsored by the U.S. bishops’ Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
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