Elsener told the teen-agers, who that chastity is still possible in college," at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Education’s sixth annual recognition luncheon for chastity peer mentors April 14 at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. “Dave and I are here today to tell you that chastity is still possible in college,” Elsener told the teen-agers, who responded with applause.

The event honored more than 300 central and southern Indiana high school students for their volunteer service as peer mentors in the A Promise to Keep: God’s Gift of Human Sexuality program—the Office of Catholic Education’s chastity program—and Peers Educating Peers about Positive Values, the program’s public school counterpart. Elsener is a 1997 graduate of Roncalli High School and a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. “You have remained abstinent through-out high school,” she said. “It’s important to make that decision again now, and realize why you believe what you do, because as you enter college and adult life you will be faced with many compromising situations, when it’s not so easy to make that decision.”

“The decision to wait to have sex until marriage is a decision to save your self-esteem,” Elsener said. “It’s a decision to save yourself from sexually transmitted diseases. It’s also the decision to be able to pursue your goals freely without the problems and the responsibilities of an unwanted pregnancy. “Most of all, the decision to wait is a decision to save yourself for one person, to build a relationship and a life with that person,” she said. “It’s a decision to be able to enter into the sacrament of marriage with the knowledge and the confidence that is based on true love and honesty and respect.”

Guarino is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and was recently elected president of the Marian College Student Association. “I want you all to know what an honor and a pleasure it is to stand before each of you and to enter into the sacrament of initiation throughout the archdiocese, see page 10.

Pope calls for new world order of peace

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Welcome new Catholics

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein anoints newly baptized Jeffery Phillips in confirmation during the Easter Vigil at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. At Phillips’ right, Dawn Chandler—also baptized moments earlier—waits to be anointed with chrism. Father Richard Ginther, pastor of the cathedral parish, can be seen to the left of the archbishop. At far right is Don Critchlow, Phillips’ sponsor.

For a list of those receiving the sacraments of initiation throughout the archdiocese, see page 10.

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As thousands of pilgrims waved olive branches and snapped photos, the silver-haired artist sketched swiftly on a wide tablet. Then, plucking a brush from inside a vest pocket, she carefully applied color to the page, occasionally dipping into a water-filled camel balanced on her makeshift easel. The ochre tint of the square materialized in broad strokes, then small ovals of pink appeared—soon to be the faces of cardinals. Red vestments stood out against deep green palm branches. By the time the pope and his entourage left the square a few minutes later, the scene on paper was already coming together: another liturgical moment captured in watercolors.

Working quickly is an occupational hardship for Herrenschmidt, who has been quietly documenting life inside the Vatican for the last two years. She recently published a book of watercolors with scenes from Vatican City, and is now working on a new book published by an explosion of springtime color and a multitude of jubilee year pilgrims, Pope John Paul II celebrated the holiest day of the Christian calendar with a call for a new world order.

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you, a keeper of the promise,” he said. “I stand behind what the Promise to Keep program represents to the high school community and especially as you enter the college scene.”

Sexual promiscuity is a serious problem on college campuses today, Guarino said. “It’s a sad reality of college life that many students choose to have sex, even with people they do not know. And a lot of times people like to make the excuse that alcohol was a factor in their decision to have sex. That’s not an acceptable excuse, yet people continue to use it again and again and again.

Many college students still choose to postpone sexual activity until marriage, Guarino said. And many counselors know other young adults who have learned the hard way that premarital sexual activity can result in pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

“It certainly isn’t worth the risk of living in fear,” he said, “wondering whether or not you have AIDS.”

“Remember this very moment [and yourpledge]. Lead your life as God would want you to.”

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Mayor Bari Peterson, thanked the high school students for promoting abstinence to middle school students. On behalf of the mayor, Harris also presented “key to the city” pins to the peer mentors from Indianapolis.

Eve Jackson, program coordinator, told the youth that “as positive role models you have done yourself a favor as well as helped thousands of middle school students in Indianapolis, Batesville, Nashville and the New Albany area.”

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Home missions, and the need to support a variety of these local and national Church missions, was the theme of a March 9 program at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.

The Church’s annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal is April 30. Providence Sister Mary Kay Duffy, who grew up in St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, told Cardinal Ritter students that her religious vocation took her to South America for 10 years. When she returned to the archdiocese she began to have a number of Hispanic people moving to Indianapolis. Sister MaryKay recalled. “He asked me if I would begin to work with the archdiocese [in Hispanic ministry],” so she worked at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis for a while. After that, she looked at the situation and decided the archdiocese needed to offer more than just pastoral entities. Hispanic people needed opportunities for education, so we founded the Hispanic Education Center in Indianapolis in 1987.”

The 1990 census reported 60,000 Hispanics living in Indianapolis and 12,000 Hispanics living in Marion County, she said, but the actual number was probably undercounted.

“We’re expecting the 2000 census to say that there are 80,000 Hispanics living in Marion County,” Sister MaryKay said. “They come from 21 Spanish speaking countries. Many of the people are uncomfortable here because they don’t speak English. They are trying to learn the language.”

High school students and adults can help with this important home mission, she said, by volunteering as tutors for Hispanics new to the city. Just as missionaries travel to foreign lands to bring the word of God to uncumbered people, she said, home missionaries share the word of God with people.

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Knights of Peter Claver hold conference in Indianapolis

By Charlene C. Duline

After four years of planning, the 62nd Northern District Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary was held in Indianapolis April 14-16. About 700 representatives of the Catholic organization from throughout the United States attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Indianapolis Central Committee. The Northern District includes Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The leaders of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, Supreme Knight Jackie Elly and Supreme Lady Leodla Gooch, attended the convention. Each of them is completing a six-year term and will turn over the offices to new leaders at the group’s national convention in July.

During the convention, Charles Jones and Shirley Hatfield were re-elected deputies for the Northern District. The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary focus on service to others, as did their patron, St. Peter Claver—a Jesuit priest who ministered to slaves in the early 1600s. St. Peter Claver worked in Cartagena, in what is today Colombia. At that time, Cartagena was the center of the slave trade. St. Peter Claver cared for and baptized more than 300,000 slaves during his 40-year ministry.

The Knights of Peter Claver seek to render service to the Church and society through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The organization awards scholarships and through its Claver Basket Project donates to worthy causes in the city hosting the annual district conference. This year more than $1,000 was given to the Martin Sickle Cell Program. Other projects supported by the Clavers include Penteas From Heaven, which raises money for AIDS and drug-addicted babies.

Indiana Congesswoman Julia Carson was the keynote speaker at the organization’s banquet. Indianaplisan vocalist Brenda Williams and her accompanist, David Meek, entertained the delegates. A representative of Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson’s office presented a proclamation from the mayor proclaiming the weekend “Peter Claver Weekend.”

The conference ended April 16 with a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Joseph Schaadell, vicar general of the archdiocese. Many people helped plan the conference over the past four years. The planning was overseen by Curtis J. Gynas and Wanda Barrett.

(Charlene C. Duline is a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis and is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary.)

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

July jubilee celebration for everyone: will launch major outreach

As the Easter season draws to a close, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is planning a jubilee celebration that will encompass the entire archdiocese. The jubilee celebration will take place during the year 2001 and will be centered around the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been working on plans for the jubilee celebration for several years. The planning process has involved input from parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations throughout the archdiocese.

The jubilee celebration will include a variety of events and activities. These will include prayer services, retreats, conferences, and other opportunities for people to reflect on their faith and their relationship with God.

The jubilee celebration will also be an opportunity for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to reach out to those who have left the faith or who are searching for a deeper relationship with God. The archdiocese hopes to invite people from throughout the archdiocese to participate in the jubilee celebration.

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Celebración del Jubileo es para todos: lanzará un programa de gran alcance

La cuarta razón tiene que ver con nuestro Viaje de Esperanza hacia el 2000. Ya hemos llegado al tercer tema de la celebración, es decir una nueva evangelización. En términos sencillos, amanecemos un nuevo sentido de misión para compartir las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo. En nuestra misión de evangelización, queremos ayudarles a aquellas personas que han salido de la iglesia o, por alguna razón, no están practicando la fe. También trataremos de llegar a aquellas personas entre nosotros que no tienen una iglesia hogar. Divulgaremos la llamada por todos lados, “Regresen a casa, paseen...”

Nuestra gran celebración del jubileo en el RCA Dome es cuando podremos lanzar este tercer tema de nuestro Viaje de Esperanza. Vamos a hacer esto usando la bendición de Dios en nuestra aventura hacia el futuro.

La quinta razón para nuestra celebración común viene de nuestra visión concerniente a esta observancia que sigue una vez más de nuestra iglesia, es decir, divulgar las buenas nuevas de esta “Celebración en el Espíritu de Esperanza,” que tendrá lugar en el RCA Dome enIndianápolis el 16 de septiembre para puedan visualizar que... (luego la fecha en sus calendarios para la celebración a las 2:30 p.m. 1997?) Durante la celebración, se dará el sacramento de confirmación a todo y cualquier candidato de la archidiócesis del año 2000. Outlaw sugiere que esto describa un poco más detalladamente nuestra visión concerniente a esta observancia que sigue una vez más de nuestra iglesia universal en este momento oportuno. Esta es una oportunidad de oponerse a una mentalidad asistencialista sobre nuestra iglesia de la archidiócesis y nuestro papel en la Iglesia universal.

Segundo, es una visión de nuestra iglesia universal para que nuestras 152 comunidades parroquiales en nuestros 39 condados puedan visualizar que somos parte de una comunidad de parroquias mayor. De vez en cuando necesitamos ver y experimentar de la manera que nuestra parroquia no son totalmente distintas. El segundo jubileo del 1950, un tiempo perfecto para hacerlo.

Hay una tercera razón para reunirnos como una comunidad para este jubileo. Es importante no sólo reunirnos para celebrar el aniversario de 2000 de nuestra salvación, sino también que nuestra archidiócesis ha sido tremendamente bendecida por Dios, sobre todo en los años recientes. Nos falta agradecer a Dios juntamente...

Buscando la Cara del Señor

El domingo de Resurrección se nos invitó a renovar nuestra profesión de fe y promesas bautismales. Una vez más somos descendientes de nuestra vocación cristiana. Se nos invitó a renovar nuestro compromiso de vivir según nos enseñó Cristo y a vivir lo mejor posible.

“¿Esto claro está que este es un desafío extraordinario para todos? No obstante, por la gracia del bautismo y la gracia del sacramento de la confirmación, podemos enfrentar este desafío si elegimos hacerlo. Cada vez más nuestra fe tiene que ver con un deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!...”

Letters to the Editor

Opening wedding gifts early

I wanted to thank Father Daniel Mahan for his thoughtful editorial (“Opening wedding gifts early,” April 14) on the Church’s present dilemma concerning couples who approach the sacrament of marriage while living together. It needed to be said.

I greatly admire how the Church has chosen to look through the eyes of Jesus in welcoming cohabitating couples who want to have a sacramental marriage. It must be painful and challenging for the priests to remain nonjudgmental and open in preparing these couples who have chosen to live together contrary to the will of God.

It is said that our society has seemingly come to accept cohabitating couples. However, we can continue to speak out as Father Mahan did in quoting the statistics that tell us that the failure rate of cohabitating couples far exceeds that of couples who married directly. Let’s face it, sex is the number-one reason why couples cohabit. The power of sex has chased many kinds, denominations and the freedom to make one of the most pro- found decisions they will ever make and will ever have the power to do so.

My husband and I have been working in various marriage preparation ministries for over 30 years. We cut it as 10 minutes, which is a relatively minute which couples are cohabitating. The excitement and anticipation, the joy, and the excitement of love are rarely there. Unfortunately, also missing See LETTERS, page 16

Research for the Church

What Catholics believe about the Real Presence

(Last in a series on the Eucharist)

In Part I of this series on the Eucharist, I showed that the percentage of American Catholics attending Mass in the years 1992 to 1994 of the Holy Community has declined since the 1950s, while the ratio of Catholics receiving Communion to Catholic attending Mass has risen from slightly more than half in the 1950s to just over 80 percent in the 1990s.

In Part II, I reported that, even though today’s Catholics don’t attend Mass and receive Communion as often as they might, most belief the Eucharist is an important component of their personal faith.

Now, in Part III, I show that most Catholics also agree with the Church’s teaching that in Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.

In 1994, colleagues and I did a statewide survey of Catholic parishioners in Indiana. In a series of questions about their understanding and practices, we asked Indiana Catholics whether they agreed with the statement: “In Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.” Eighty-seven percent agreed. Seven percent were uncertain. Only 6 percent disagreed.

In 1997, Dean Hoge, William Dinges, Mary Johnson and Juan Gonzalez used the same item in their national survey of American Catholics. This time, more than 80 percent of Catholics agreed. The researchers found no significant differences between age groups. As Hoge reported in a recent paper, “All age groups, including young adults...”

La intención de vocaciónes del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminarios: ¿Qué ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudian, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes.
Our Lady of Lourdes 10th annual Spring Benefit dinner is April 30 at the Eastside Marriott, 7202 E. 21st St., in Indianapolis. The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Father Joseph Brown, chaplain of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, is the speaker. The topic is “The Impact of a Catholic Education.” The cost for the dinner, which includes free baby-sitting, is $35 per person. Proceeds will help furnish the new addition to the school and will also contribute to the endowment, which will address future needs of students and the school. For reservations or more information, call Colleen Kenney at 317-353-9642 or the parish rectory at 317-356-7291 during regular business hours.

A weekly Mass in Spanish will be offered at St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., in Indianapolis, each Sunday beginning on April 30. Father Jim Rogers, a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville now living in Indianapolis, will celebrate the Mass. For more information, call the parish at 317-291-7014.

The Indianapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will host its 51st semi-annual convention on May 16-17 at the Ramada Inn in Columbus. Each day begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. The registration is $10 plus meals. The deadline to register is May 10. For more information, call Ruth Ann Hunt at 812-372-7543.

The Department of Nursing at Marian College in Indianapolis is offering free information sessions concerning parish nursing on May 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and on July 1 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The sessions will be held at Stokely Mansion on the campus of Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road. Parish nurses focus on health and disease prevention with their faith community, which could be located in a church, temple, synagogue or mosque. The focus is on the intertwining of mind, body and spirit with its influence on the health of the individual. Marian College will offer a parish nursing course over eight Saturdays beginning on Aug. 26. For more information, call 317-955-6132.

St. Mary School in North Vernon will hold an alumni celebration on April 29. All graduates and former students of the school are invited to attend. The event will begin with Mass at 6 p.m. A meal will follow in the parish center. An open house will be held in the newly renovated school. The alumni dance will begin at 9 p.m. in the parish center. The cost is $10 per person. For more information, call 812-346-3445.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is offering free anxiety screenings on May 3 from 3-7 p.m. in the Hamacheck Conference Room at the Beech Grove hospital location at 1600 Albany St. The free screening program will include an educational presentation, an anxiety questionnaire, a private meeting with a mental health professional and a referral, if appropriate. For more information, call 317-782-6689.

“The Gospel According to John,” an original one-man drama performed by actor Leonardo Defilippis, will be held June 10-11 at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Admission is $12 for adults and $8 for students. Content is suitable for ages 10 and up. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 317-823-8229.

TheMONY Group and the Indiana Osteopathic Association will sponsor the IOA/MONY Golf Classic on May 3 at the Plum Creek Golf course in Carmel. Tee-off is at noon. The cost to play is $100 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Riley Hospital for Children’s Sickle Cell Treatment Program. For more information, call Rod Reason at 317-913-3360, ext. 15.

A 12-Step Serenity Weekend will be held May 5-7 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The fee for a resident is $95/single or $85/double. The fee for a commuter is $70. A $25 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

The Following of Christ after Mid-Life, a retreat for women religious, will be held June 11-16 at Fatima Retreat House, 5333 E. 38th St., in Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman is the presenter. The registration fee is $230.

The deadline to register is May 26. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaudel, vicar general of the archdiocese, will preside at the dedication ceremony of the new Archdiocesan SPRED (Special Religious Education Program) Training and Observation Center for Special Religious Education on May 7 at 3 p.m. at the SPRED training center located in the St. Andrew Parish School, 4050 E. 38th St., in Indianapolis. For more information, call the SPRED office at 317-377-0592.

St. Michael Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, will host Divine Mercy Sunday on April 30. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflection on Divine Mercy, procession and Benediction will be from 3-4 p.m. Silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 4-4:30 p.m. †

Michael and Margaret Fedorchak of Bloomington will mark their 50th anniversary on April 29. The couple was married on April 29, 1950, at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in Jessup, Pa. They have one child, Paul Fedorchak, and one grandchild. The Fedorchaks are members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.

Michael Faulkner, an eighth-grader at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, served as a Senate page for State Sen. Lawrence Borst on Feb. 29. Faulkner spent a day at the Statehouse assisting senators and Senate staff members with a variety of legislative duties and learning about the structure of Indiana’s government.

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Faith Alive!

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By Lawrence S. Cunningham

In the 20th century, more people died for their faith than during the entire period of the Roman persecutions. That fact is part of what Pope John Paul II means when he talks about modernity fostering a “culture of death.”

Actually, it is possible to detect something like a “theology of martyrdom” in the recent activities and writings of Pope John Paul II. His hope is that people will recognize the reality of martyrdom today.


He said the Vatican would update the lists of martyrs (called “martyrologies”) “paying particular attention to the holiness of those who in our own time lived fully the truth of Christ.”

We can see that the pope has emphasized this initiative. In the jubilee year he will name a number of martyrs coming from different times and places. On May 7, he presided over a ceremony in Rome’s Colosseum honoring those who died for their faith in the 20th century.

The 1994 papal letter explicitly noted that “the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants.”

The pope also asked local Churches, insofar as possible, to collect the stories of martyrs in their area and preserve them.

Judging from the pope’s own remarks and from the reflections of theologians, one could advance three important reasons for this emphasis by the pope on martyrdom.

First, to recall the martyrs, especially modern and contemporary martyrs, is to remind the Church that martyrdom is not a phenomenon only of the distant past. If we were to create stained-glass windows today with the symbols of martyrs, we would not use palm branches, or Catherine’s wheel, or Laurence’s gridiron. Rather, we would depict electric prods, bullets in the back of the neck and gas chambers.

There is also the sad fact that many contemporary martyrs died at the hands of those who claimed to kill in defense of “Christian civilization,” as the story of many martyrs in Central and Latin America attests.

Second, the example of the martyrs reminds us that because certain values and certain truths are so fundamental, they can and must be defended even to the death when they are challenged.

In other words, martyrdom is the ultimate testimony to truth. The link between martyrdom and truth played an important part of Pope John Paul’s encyclical The Splendor of Truth, where the pope argued that certain moral truths were always to be observed.

One sign of the Church’s belief that fundamental truths cannot be compromised is the honor it pays to those who give up their lives for those truths. The witness of the martyrs both testifies to the truth of the Gospel and is an instrument of evangelization.

Third, the pope’s jubilee-year emphasis on martyrs is linked to his constant preaching about the universal call to holiness.

Vatican Council II in the 1960s insisted that everyone is called to holiness. The council also noted that some few are given the grace of martyrdom—the highest expression of holiness. After all, to die for Christ is to die in imitation of Christ.

In order to underscore the fact that holiness is found in all places and under quite different circumstances, the pope has beatified martyrs from very different places.

Recently, in Rome, he beatified martyrs who had suffered and died in the Philippines, Brazil and Vietnam, as well as 10 religious sisters shot by the Nazis in 1943 in the Belarus.

Within the past few years, the pope has beatified martyrs who suffered in Africa, Korea, Japan, China, Poland, Spain and many other parts of Europe and the Americas.

By emphasizing the geographical diversity of martyrdom in the modern age, the local Church’s vigor also is underscored. The places where martyrs suffered were specific, and the circumstances under which they died were different.

At the same time, all martyrs had something in common: a firm grasp of the Gospel truth and the grace (martyrdom, after all, is a grace) to witness unto death.

So the martyrs also testify to the universality of the Gospel.

Finally, as the pope said in his 1994 letter, when we honor the martyrs we do so conscious of the fact that many who died in the name of Christ were not Roman Catholics. The communion of the saints “speaks louder than the things that divide us,” he wrote.

Martyrdom, then, is a complex sign that reflects the imitation of Christ, the value of truth, the vigor of the local Church and the struggle against sin and evil. As such, martyrdom today, as it was in the earliest centuries, is the seed from which the Church grows in vigor.

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Pope to honor witnesses of faith

By David Gibson

There is a distinction between “martyr” in a “broad” sense and in a “strict” sense, the Vatican Congregation for Saints Causes said in January.

The pope’s beatification in Rome’s Colosseum, and local celebrations, honor the memory of the “new martyrs,” whose deaths have not yet been recognized by the Church as true martyrdom and are called simply “witnesses of the faith.”

The celebrations are reserved to those who shed their blood for Christ and the Gospel, and not for any other ideal.

On this day, Christians will be asked to remember “the universal vocation to holiness,” their “baptismal commitment” and Christ’s call to “bear heroic witness.”

In Notre Dame, Ind.)

Discussion Point

This Week’s Question

How—under what circumstances—can ordinary people resemble the martyrs in “giving their lives” today?

“Generally, I think that people are too materialistic today. There are some people who are willing to give their lives totally to their children and to their families, but I would say that they are in the minority.” (David Earls, Erie, Pa.)

“When I teach, I ask the same question. Who can we think of today who go out on a limb to free the oppressed? Often people respond with teachers, doctors, lay ministers. Sometimes the common acts of faith, hope and love are not recognized on the scale of Mother Teresa, Gandhi or Martin Luther King Jr., yet I know that the Lord recognizes all such acts of liberation.” (Deborah Harris, Fairbanks, Alaska)

“‘When we remember departed souls in the eucharistic prayers, the priest says, ‘In baptism he/she died in Christ.’ Anyone who truly tries to be a follower of Jesus sacrifices his/her life; it is not easy to be a Christian in today’s world.” (Irma Clark, Schenectady, N.Y.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe a time when the meaning of a sacrament, the meaning of God, the meaning of commitment or the meaning of justice was illuminated for you.

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Why I’m a Catholic: the free gift of faith

Early in January of this year, I was asked to speak to the group of women participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It was at this point that I realized how little I knew about why I’m a Catholic. I appreciated the invitation, but not because it made me consider what my own faith meant to me. During this and the next couple weeks, I’ll write some of what I told that group.

First of all, I’m a Catholic because I’m a Christian. I’ve never been through anything I’ve done to deserve it, God has given me the free gift of faith. Perhaps this is the answer to the question, “Why are you a Catholic?” Nobody is a Catholic without the free gift of faith. There are millions of good people in the world who have never received that gift of faith, and I thank God for giving it to me.

I received that gift shortly after I was born when my Catholic parents had me baptized. I was then fortunate to be given a good Catholic education in elementary school, high school and at the University of Notre Dame. Even during most of the two years I was in the Air Force, my office as Information Services Officer was across the hall from a Catholic chapel, and I was able to go to my daily Masses. Then, after my Air Force service, I’ve continued my professional life to work in the Catholic press. I married a graduate of a Catholic women’s college, and our seven children were educated in Catholic schools. Therefore, all my life has been devoted in one way or another to the Catholic Church.

Nevertheless, everyone at one time or another must make his or her own acceptance of the truths of the faith, which usually happens during adolescence or shortly thereafter—when young men and women do quite a bit of thinking about religion and themselves. Sometimes the process includes a period of rebellion although, in my case, any rebellion was pretty slight.

I’m a Catholic today because I’ve learned through the years that the Catholic Church is what it claims to be: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. That’s what we believe when we recite the Nicene Creed on Sunday morning. I’ve discovered it is one Church in its teachings—always the same whether you are in Brazil, in South America, or Asia, or anywhere else in the world that I’ve visited. Every Catholic Church is ultimately under the jurisdiction of the pope.

Naturally, since people have been given a variety of gifts and they do come from different cultures, there is great diversity within the Church. But that diversity does not destroy its unity. I’ve found that Churches in India, for example, have much different traditions than those in Germany or India. Eastern Rite Catholic Churches have their own distinctive liturgies. As a journalist, I also recognize that he has his own set of religious rules in the Catholic Church and disagreements, sometimes heated, over various issues.

Nevertheless, all Catholics profess one faith, agree on all the essentials, and celebrate the same seven sacraments. 

How to respond when faith is challenged

Most of us know life presents great challenges. This month I spent time with a couple, Marie and Artie Peligrini, whose son, Joe, was gunned down in his car on a city street. He had a stroke and is paralyzed on the left side of his body. While the couple have a faith in God, in their hearts of hearts I know they ask, “Haven’t we had enough?” Yet, as they face many new adjustments, they accept the fact that there are no satisfactory answers to why they are being hit again with such pain. They are trusting in God to help them get through this. He has been with them through the death of their beloved son.

This same month I had a call from Michael Barrett, a writer and musician who had played the cello at the wedding of Stuart and Laura Brush. They’ve lost another child, a daughter, whose son, Joe, was also gunned down in his car. The Barrett’s had another, a son, who refused to be destroyed by the shameful conduct of this confused gathering of men.

Laura Brush, a musician, and her husband, a Methodist minister, never could have dreamed of such a tragedy. God has the last word in their life. And in both cases, the Barrett’s and the Brush’s, it is true that sometimes one event redounds to another, that the presence of God and the discovery of his own brightness.

The brightness of a day has little to do with whether or not the sun shines, or whether or not we have an electric lamp handy. No, our brightness is a measure of how we comport ourselves in the divine light whose rays consist of grace and peace beyond our understanding.

Bonaventura told us in his reflections in writing so that people, devastated by paths, “could find a voice that speaks to them.” Indeed, “nobody is out there waltzing through the park,” he said. You can understand the truth about how we can find the light that gets us out of darkness, as Barrett has, and as the Barrett’s, because you’ve been “devastated by paths,” Barrett said, “you have to find a voice that talks to you.” His book (Serenity Press, Plainfield, Conn.) “is a gift given back,” he said, explaining that “when you have gained some kind of healing, you go to help those still in the darkness.”

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It is difficult to get the news from poets, yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there.

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Calling all poetry lovers to Fatima Retreat House

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Holy Child
Child of the sunrise, Wading the dew of the promising day, Child of the noontime, carrying a lamb, Wading the dew of the promising day.

Child of the evening, counting the stars, Asking their names and why they are there.

All of this heritage your Father guards carefully, Not for your keeping, Your throne won’t be here.

Mary’s Crucifixion
Against a lowery sky be hung in death, A thirty-three-year-old man, the son of God, Yet my blessed infant, my beautiful blessed infant,

(Myriad Higgins is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)
Welcome!

The new Catholic Church has been full of changes since the last Easter Vigil. Most of the people listed here have received initiation sacraments during the Easter Vigil last Saturday. The names listed here were provided by religious education leaders to local parishes. Those listed as catechumens are people who received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation. Those listed as candidates include people who have been baptized as Catholics who completed their Christian initiation by being confirmed during the past year. And those who were confirmed in previous Christian traditions were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church with a profession of faith, commitment, and first Eucharist during the past year.

The majority of people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation.

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St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Batesville

- Mary W. Brown, Mary White, Mary Ziegler, Sue Smith (catechumens); Leslie Loehr, Patricia Kripal, Janice Wiltse,6000 Collins, Rebecca 1112 Thompson, Therese Dume

- St. Rose of Lima, Batesville

- Our Lady of the Assumption, Batesville

- Sacred Heart, Batesville

- St. Pius X, Batesville

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Mark Coffey, Carrie Daley, Hanna Hunt, Kyle Murphy, Jennifer Tripier (candidates); Laura Bierlein, Terry Murphy, Cindy Snyder (candidates)

Holy Family, New Albany
Debbie Autry, Dakoda Cornille, Mike Ford, Terry Swareingen, Lindsey Kiser (candidates); Jerry Baker, Jon Bartley, Dan Burns, Justin Cornille, Judy Cypert, Jennifer Hough, Brandi Kennedy, Tammy Koval, Robert Moore, Dave Quinn, Tami Swareingen (candidates)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany
Tony Byrd, Jeff Fields, Ben Haws, Suzanne Perron (candidates); Alyson Anderson, Mark Bliss, Rhonda DeLuca, Beth Foco, Rick Haws, Lindsey Lawrence, Dave Phillips, Jennifer Primavera, Jayne Ryan, Ryan Sparks, Lila Voeller, Jennifer Zoll (candidates)

St. Mary, New Albany
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Fr. Daniel M. Buechlein confirms Anita Oakley as Nora Cummings serves as sponsor at the Easter Vigil at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Uko Udodong assists the archbishop.

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Father Concetti said scholars at a Vatican-sponsored symposium on the Inquisition concluded that “the category of homosexual persons was not a particular target of Inquisition tribunals.” However, he said, “this certainly does not justify” the actions of anyone at any time who attacked or unjustly discriminated against homosexuals.†

From the Archives

First Communion at St. Rita

These youngsters made up a first Communion class at St. Rita Parish in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

Society of the Divine Word Father Vincent Smith is in the rear on the left. To his left is Father Raymond Gates, assistant pastor, and Father Bernard Strange can be seen in the rear on the right. Father Strange was administrator of the parish from 1935-1947 and pastor from 1947-1973.

St. Rita, which was organized in 1918, is the mother church of African-Americans in the archdiocese.†

(From the Archives feature is based on information currently in the archdiocesan archives and is 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, Ind. 46206-1410. Newland may be reached at 317-236-1429 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1429, or by e-mail at archives@archindy.org.)

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Father Concetti said scholars at a Vatican-sponsored symposium on the Inquisition concluded that “the category of homosexual persons was not a particular target of Inquisition tribunals.” However, he said, “this certainly does not justify” the actions of anyone at any time who attacked or unjustly discriminated against homosexuals.†

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POPE
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St. Peter’s Square for the urbi et orbi message, Latin for “to the city and to the world.”

The pope expressed his wish for a resolution to conflicts in Africa and Latin America and an end to “the persistent tensions affecting the Middle East, vast areas of Asia, and some parts of Europe.”

He made an impassioned appeal that the Easter message of life’s victory over death would lead to cross-cultural dialogue, the acknowledgment of the value of human life and “effective responses to the increasingly felt demand for justice and equal opportunity in all areas of society.”

Despite a grueling Holy Week schedule, the 79-year-old pope sounded energetic amid the veritable garden of 50,000 flowers and bulbs from the Netherlands that adorned the altar.

That same day, the pope blessed Easter in the joy of Jesus Christ, during the Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica. At the Colosseum, he washed the feet of 12 priests, the traditional act of service for the pope at Mass.

On Good Friday, the pope donned a purple stole and encircled St. Peter’s Basilica to hear the confessions of 10 people, a personal tradition he began in 1980.

The pope, who celebrates his 80th birthday on April 19, will deliver the Easter vigil homily by the papal household preacher, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa.

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Mary Ann Seufert, Indianapolis

Which values does Bush share?
In a letter to the editor (The Critieron, March 17), Bob Thompson warned that the actions of certain professors at Bob Jones University, a private school making speeches supporting this president making speeches supporting this values. It would also then make sense for him to seek its support.

The accusations against Bush are based on the assumption that he agrees with a relatively minor teaching at Bob Jones University simply because he indicated that he agrees with its values in general. This isn’t evidence, and it could lead to penalizing him for believing things that he does not. He says he opposes Bob Jones University’s teaching, and I have no reason not to believe him.

Assuming that a Catholic was rejected for the position of House chaplain because the Speaker of the House doesn’t like Catholics runs the same risk, just because there is no other “apparent reason” doesn’t mean no other reason exists. Thompson and others should continue to look out for people who bring the Church “new threats and renewed persecution,” but they should make certain that they don’t like Catholics runs the same risk, just because there is no other “apparent reason” doesn’t mean no other reason exists. Thompson and others should continue to look out for people who bring the Church “new threats and renewed persecution,” but they should make certain that they don’t like Catholics runs the same risk, just because there is no other “apparent reason” doesn’t mean no other reason exists. Thompson and others should continue to look out for people who bring the Church “new threats and renewed persecution,” but they should make certain that they don’t like Catholics runs the same risk, just because there is no other “apparent reason” doesn’t mean no other reason exists.
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JOHNSTON, Ray E., 64, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 13. Son of Ben Johnston Jr. of Sister Jones, Nancy, David, Ben III and Gregory Johnston. Uncle of several.


LIEBOLD, Mary Jane, 74, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 11. Sister of James, John, Joseph and Oscar Larson. Aunt of several.


YOUNG, Richard, 64, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 3. Father of Shawn and Thomas Reardon. Brother of Barbara Salata and James Reardon. Great-grandfather of 10.


YOUNG, Richard, 64, St. Mary, Richmond, March 28. Husband of Patricia (Wright) Young. Father of Brett Lemen, Christina McGlocklin, Mary Wilson, Adam, Joseph and Peter Young. Stephen H., Beth Hamilton, Bane Wendy, Cindy Kopp, Debbie Runkin, Davey and Mark and Duncan Johnson. Great-grandfather of several.


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sary of the Byzantine Catholic Church in the area—St. Athanasius the Great.
Located at 1117 S. Blaine Ave. in Indianapolis, the Byzantine Parish will host a 10 a.m. Mass on April 30, with Bishop Basil Schott, O.F.M., eparch of Parma (Ohio), as principal and homilist. 

Bishop John Paul II encouraged atten-
dance at Eastern rite liturgies in his 1995 letter (“Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father”). His name is mention during the Divine Liturgy, because he is pope for this rite, too.

Those from the archdiocese who attend will be fulfilling their Sunday obligation.

The first Byzantine-rite liturgy was celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on April 30. The Byzantine community moved from church to church for the first five years, then renovated a far-eastside house to include a chapel.

After the first pastor was assigned in 1992, the parish outgrew the remodel-
ded house and looked for a new church home.

The April 30 liturgy will also mark the fifth anniversary of the parish in its pre-

sent location.

Bishop Andrew Pataki and Archbishop Daniel M. Beichlein agreed to the sale of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Church, rectory and parish hall, which was closed in early 1995. Northern Indiana Byzantine parishes offered finan-
cial assistance and religious articles.

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