Parish survey finds lay ministry staff outnumber priests

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Lay ministers now outnumber priests on the staffs of most U.S. Catholic parishes, said the author of a new history.

“Never before had American Catholics rallied for one such cause,” said Gregory W. Tucker, who wrote America’s Church — The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In the 20th century, the shrine became “a statement that Catholics had arrived in this country, and were in fact gaining acceptance and leaving an indelible imprint,” he said.

The Church’s growth through immigration is reflected in the shrine’s more than 65 chapels representing different cultures, rites and devotions, and in the countless donor names inscribed in Memorial Hall, he said.

“Perhaps it’s of a style of Catholicism that we’d roll our eyes at and say, ‘Oh superstitions,’” he added, “but it all comes together under this great dome as a monumental expression of Catholicism in this country.”

Tucker’s pictorial narrative was published by Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, Ind. A former shrine communications director, he currently directs public relations and community affairs for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Speaking with Catholic News Service by phone, Tucker said the initial plan was for a university chapel to accommodate growing needs at The Catholic University of America, begun in 1887.

As early as 1895, he said, the priest considered the shrine’s founder, Father Thomas J. Shahan, “looked upon the sprawling campus and envisioned this monumental tribute to Mary.” A Church history professor, he became university rector in 1909 and a bishop in 1914.

“He sent out the first appeal just to Catholic women in 1911,” said Tucker. “He saw them as his soldiers in the task.”

At a 1913 Vatican meeting, then-Msgr. Shahan got “all usable responses.”

By Mary Ann Wyand

St. Athanasius celebrates 20 years in Indianapolis

By Margaret Nelson

When members of St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church celebrated its 20th anniversary in Indianapolis April 30, Bishop Basil M. Schott came from Ohio to preside at the Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Rachel and Jacob Handwork, children of the parish, greeted the bishop at the door with the traditional salt and bread.

Concelebrating were the administrator, Franciscan Father John Kaptan Jr.; a previous pastor, Father Edward Wojciechowski; and Franciscan Father Thomas Luczak, provincial of Father John’s community.

The first Divine Liturgy for St. Athanasius was celebrated on April 27, 1980, in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, beginning what a parish history called a “nomad” journey from church to church during its first five years.

St. Athanasius follows the Byzantine-Ruthenian tradition, which is part of the Eastern Catholic Church that recognizes the Holy Father in Rome.

Though the order of parts of the Mass is different, members of the Roman Catholic archdiocese would notice similarities, like the readings, the music, the vestments and prayers for the Holy Mass.

By Margaret Nelson

Bishop Schott greets Rachel Handwork during individual blessings at the end of the 20th anniversary Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church in Indianapolis.
Sister Michelle to head schools for Archdiocese of Omaha

An Office of Catholic Education staff member, Christian Community Sister Michelle Fallus, has been named superintendent of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb. Sister Michelle, who has been associate director of schools, curriculum and assessment for the archdiocese for six years, will report to her new assignment in Omaha in July, in time for the 2000-2001 school year.

The Omaha Archdiocese has 70 elementary schools and 11 high schools, with more than 22,000 students. The archdiocese spreads over 23 counties in the Omaha area and northeastern Nebraska.

"We are grateful for her contributions and wish her God’s blessing on her new ministry," he said.

Sister Michelle began the Archdiocesan Council for Excellence in Education (ACEE). Working with committees of principals and teachers, she has overseen the introduction of curriculum guides for every subject taught in the Catholic schools from kindergarten through grade 12.

Of the curriculum system, Sister Michelle said she is pleased that the educators are "owning it and using it." She also started the Faith 2000 religious education assessment program and worked with accreditation of the schools here.

"All our schools are accredited for five years now," said Sister Michelle. She said that some school leaders had to work very hard to accomplish that.

"This is an excellent diocese. The Catholic school system is really strong. It is a real pleasure to work in a diocese like this," said Sister Michelle.

"To leave was a bittersweet decision," she said.

Sister Michelle said the Omaha Archdiocese also has an excellent educational system that she hopes to "take a step further. It is not only a challenge, but an opportunity.

One "bonus" of Sister Michelle’s work in Omaha will be the proximity of one of her four sisters. Sister for Christian Community Jean Marie Fallus lives there, serving as an educational consultant who writes curriculum and provides staff development on a national level.

Sister is a former teacher and principal in four western states, spent 12 years as superintendent of the Kansas City Archdiocese before coming to Indianapolis.

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Theological College, administered by the Society of St. Sulpace, has trained more than 1,500 priests in its 83-year history — 20 of them for the archdiocese.

McCarthy ordained deacon

St. Lawrence parishioner C. Ryan McCarthy of Indianapolis, a seminarian studying for the priesthood at Theological College in Washington, D.C., was ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

C. Ryan McCarthy

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Celebrating the jubilee in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee

The major event of the archdiocese’s Jubilee Year celebration will take place Sept. 16 in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis with Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee. Everyone in the archdiocese is invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate 2,000 years of Jesus Christ and the carrying forward of the faith into the new millennium.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and at least 20 other bishops and several archdiocesan priests will concelebrate Mass and confirm more than 2,500 people from the archdiocese. The Mass is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.

Jubilee Masses for senior citizens and young adults

Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee will be the highlight of the Jubilee Year, but several other special Masses will be celebrated throughout the year. These Masses will focus on senior citizens and young adults, but are open to all. Archbishop Buechlein said the Masses will be celebrated in parishes and diocesan churches for times of Masses and young adults.

The designated indulgence churches are:
- SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis
- Immaculate Conception Church, New Albany
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington
- St. Mary Church, New Albany
- St. Anthony Church, Morris
- Monte Cassino Chapel, St. Meinrad
- Holy Trinity Church, Edinburgh.

Readers should check with the individual churches for times of Masses and when confessions will be heard.†
May 6 will be a busy day at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and Marian College. The seminary and colleges have scheduled commencement exercises for this Saturday.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will hold its 29th graduation convocation at 2 p.m. in the St. Rede Theatre on the Saint Meinrad campus in southern Indiana.

Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, chairman of Saint Meinrad’s board of trustees, will confer degrees on 15 Master of Arts (Catholic Thought and Life) graduates, 10 Master of Theological Studies graduates and 12 Master of Divinity graduates.

Bishop John J. Leibrecht, of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in Missouri, will be the oration speaker. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has scheduled a baccalaureate Mass for seniors and their families at 10 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the motherhouse church for the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who operate the nation’s oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women.

Commencement exercises will follow at 2 p.m. in Cecilin Auditorium in the college’s Conservatory of Music. Nearly 120 students will receive degrees from the campus, Women’s External Degree (WED) and Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology (MAPT) programs.

Poet Naomi Shihab Nye, a Palestinian-American who has published four full-length collections of poems, will be the commencement speaker and will accept an honorary degree. The Academy of American Poets and International Poetry Forum have honored Nye for her work.

Cardeneto St. Joseph Sister Joan Lesnici- ski, president, will confer degrees during the college’s 159th commencement ceremony.

Degree recipients include Lindsay Soule-Hinds of North Berwick, Maine, a mathematics major who began the WED program in 1996 at the age of 14. She will receive a bachelor of science degree at the age of 19, making her the youngest gradu- ate in the WED program’s history.

Weather permitting, Marian College will hold its 62nd commencement outdoors at 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Colonnade on the north side of the Franciscan college campus.

In case of rain, the graduation ceremony will be moved to Marian’s Physical Education Center.

Marian’s 199 graduates will receive their degrees from Dr. Robert Abele, president, and hear a commencement address by Anne Ryder, a co-anchor and reporter for WTHR Channel 13, the NBC network affiliate in Indianapolis. Ryder will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

John M. Mutz, a former lieutenant govern- or of Indiana, during Gov. Robert Orr’s eight-year office, and a former president of PSI Energy, will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree.

Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin, the founder and president of Martin University in Indianapolis, will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

The trophy—which once announced “National Shrine” in neon letters—was completed in 1924.

Then it sat until 1954, said Tucker, “looking more like an overgrown turn-of-the-century prison” than the largest Catholic church in the Western Hemisphere. “Bishops even talked about maybe demolishing it,” he said.

The project had been slowed by Depression and war economies, as well as debts already incurred. Tucker said control diocesan quotas to complete the build- ing.

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The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments last week on the constitutionality of a state ban on partial-birth abortion. It’s the first major abortion case to be before the court in eight years and there is considerable question about the outcome.

In a partial-abortion, all of the baby is delivered from the mother except the top part of its head, thus the term “partial-birth.” A hole is then drilled in the head and the baby’s brains are suctioned out. After the skull has collapsed, the delivery is completed. The procedure resembles infanticide more than abortion.

This particular form of abortion is so abhorrent that even normally pro-choice adherents oppose it. That is clear from the fact that both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives have three times passed legislation banning it—in 1996, 1997 and again this year. President Clinton vetoed the legislation in 1996 and 1997, and he will undoubtedly do so again this year. There are enough votes in favor of the legislation in the House to override the veto, and the Senate has failed to do so—but only by a couple votes.

This year’s legislation hasn’t yet gone to the president, but after his expected veto, the Republican congressmen, leaders and senators will undoubtedly schedule override votes close enough to this year’s election to try to affect the election as much as possible. But that is not the only issue that most people favor the legislation.

The only people who oppose the legislation are pro-choice feminists and abortionists who believe that a woman has an absolute right to abortion that must be defended at all costs. They believe that legislation that would ban any form of abortion must be opposed. That is the president’s view and that of just over a third of the members of the Senate.

When it proved impossible to enact a federal law banning partial-birth abortions, the legislatures of 31 states passed their own legislation making the procedure illegal in their states. In 20 of those states, courts or attorneys general have declared it unconstitutional. The Supreme Court will undoubtedly announce its decision in just a few weeks. The decision could go either way and a close vote is expected. As usual, it is expected that Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Anthony Kennedy will determine the outcome. Both voted with the pro-choice justices in the last abortion case eight years ago.

If the Supreme Court declares the Nebraska law unconstitutional, it will be another blow to the pro-life movement. Pro-life leaders have encouraged the passage of this legislation from the beginning, believing that it would be a relatively easy pro-life victory. They were mistaken.

Since this is a presidential election year, both pro-life and pro-choice leaders will be emphasizing the importance of electing a president who will appoint future justices of the Supreme Court who agree with their particular viewpoint. Considering the ages of the present justices, the next president will name two new justices who could determine the court’s direction on abortion cases as well as many other life issues.

Vice President Al Gore has made it clear that, if elected and Supreme Court vacancies occur, he will nominate only those who would keep abortion legal. George W. Bush, considered pro-life, says that, while not making the abortion issue a litmus test, he would nominate strict constitutional constructionists who would question recent court decisions on abortion. Patrick Buchanan, the probable Reform Party candidate, has long been an abortion opponent and would, if he had the chance, nominate those who would try to reverse recent abortion decisions. Of course, Buchanan has no chance of being elected, but on this issue he might take votes away from Bush.

—John F. Fink

Abortion issue again before Supreme Court

A couple of weeks ago, I continued the annual tradition of praying the rosary with students of Bishop Chatard High School at 7:15 a.m. on Holy Thursday. The tradition was student-initiated six or seven years ago. I couldn’t believe the turnout this year! The chapel overflowed as girls and guys occupied two flights of the stairs outside the chapel. Most of them had to roll out of bed a lot earlier than usual to make it in time for the rosary, which we pray before classes begin.

This year, after the rosary, I took a few minutes to validate a junior virgin reli- gion class and fielded questions from the students. The quality of questions was good. The most amazing question came from a young man who asked, straight out: “How do I become holy?” I am repeatedly reminded of the seriousness of many young people concerning their faith. (Parents and teachers take note.) They are looking for meaning in their lives and trying to look in the right places. It is also obvious that prayer and devotion speak to them in their search.

May is a good time to consider the place and value of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally, May and October are devoted to Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Mary of Nazareth played an essential role in Jesus’ conception and human birth. Did you also notice during our recent Holy Week that she also played a crucial part in Christ’s passion? Just as she was there with her son in the cave in Bethlehem and on the flight into Egypt and at home again on Nazareth, so at the end she was with Jesus in his passion and death. Mary suffered through the passion with Jesus because no one should be without a companion or friend in suffering. She was family, she was her mother as her son hung on the cross between two criminals.

Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar once wrote: “Jesus needed the presence of the sinless woman, of the Virgin Mother, whom he would make the mother of his mystical body, the Church. To accomplish this, she must be with her Son to the very end of his passion: only from Jesus’ exhausted body flow water and blood, the sacraments of the Church and from her spiritually pierced heart does Mary become the mother and prototype of her Son’s bride, the Church. Jesus entrusts to his sorrowful Mother his beloved disciple, John, who would be spiritually united with Peter, the representive of the Church’s full unity. Thus, Mary the Immaculate becomes the Mother of the Petrine Church where—on behalf of all believers—she could bear the sins of the world. Nonetheless she has a part to play in this suffering that is beyond all human reckoning, and we are asked not to rebel against it, but to accept it to the bitter end. Such a sacrifice cannot be asked of any one nor of any mother nor of any mother” (The Way of the Cross, St. Paul Publications, Middleburg, Slough SL3 6BT, England, pp. 20-22).

Mary was in a way more than Mother of Jesus, she became the mother of the Church. Mary was in a way more than motherhood a second time as she walked with Jesus on the way to Golgotha. She stood at the foot of the cross as blood and water poured from the pierced side of Christ, signifying the birth of the Church. Among other things, Mary’s motherly presence helped envelope (the ignominious of a criminal’s cross! And, as Von Balthasar maintains, we are partly indebted to Mary for our being Christians. He mentions that the teachers of the Church from earliest times taught that Christians have God for Father and the Marian Church for Mother.

Our Catholic devotion to the Blessed Virgin and Mother Mary is based on a solid theological foundation. No, we do not idolize Mary as if she were divine as some non-Catholics want to maintain. But as a human person, she played an essential role in the Incarnation of Jesus and at his passion and death. Because of her faithful “yes” to her twice-over-motherhood, in our name, Mary could receive the Son of God and her son in her lap as he was taken down from the cross. We Catholics gratefully admire Mary and we ask a lot of confidence in her interces- sory prayer for us at the throne of God.

As the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the rosary trace the redemptive life and mission of Jesus, they also shed light on Mary’s presence and participation in that mission alongside her son. Our devotion is well-founded.
Buscando la Cara del Señor

Madre y el prototipo de la novia de

Hace un par de semanas, continuó la tradición anual de orar el rosario con los estudiantes de Bishop Chatard High School a las 7:15 a.m. el Jueves Santo. La tradición fue empezada por los estudiantes hace seis o siete años. ¿No podría creer el número de estudiantes que vino este año? La capilla estaba a rebotar de muchachos y muchachas que ocupaban dos escaleras fuera de la capilla. La mayoría de ellos tenían que levantarse mucho más temprano de lo usual para llegar a tiempo para el rosario, el que oramos antes de que empiecen las clases.

Este año, tras el rosario, pasó un rato visitando a una clase de religión del grado 11 y respondí a las preguntas de los estudiantes. La calidez de las preguntas estaba bien fundada. La pregunta más asombrosa hizo un joven que me preguntó directamente, “¿Cómo me hago santo?” Se me recuerda frecuentemente, “¿Cómo me hago santo?” Al aceptar el llamado, se me recuerda “¿Cómo me hago santo?” de la compañía en la Iglesia, y sólo del corazón, el cual, “se lo pide que no se rebelara, sino que lo aceptara hasta el fin. No se puede pedirle tal sacrificio a nadie, ni a ninguna mujer o madre” (The Way of the Cross, St. Paul Publications, Middlegreen, Slough SL3 6BT, Inglaterra, pp. 20-22). Y por lo tanto María dijo “sí” a ser madre una segunda vez al acompañar a Jesús en el camino a Golgota. Estaba al pie de la cruz cuando sangre y agua salían del lado penetrado de Cristo, señalando el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Entre otras cosas, “la presencia maternal de María ayudó a ennoblecer la vergüenza de la cruz criminal” y como sostiene Von Balthasar, somos parcialmente en deudor con María por ser cristianos. Mencionaba que desde los tiempos tempranos los grandes maestros de la Iglesia enseñaban que los cristianos tienen dos padres como Padre y la Iglesia Mariana como Madre (p. 22).

Nuestra devoción católica a la Santísima Virgen y a la Madre María se basa en una sólida fundación teológica. No, no idiotizamos a María como si fuera divina como sostienen algunas personas no católicas. Pero como un ser humano, hizo un papel esencial en la Encarnación de Jesús y en su pasión y muerte. Debido a su respuesta fiel de “sí” a la pregunta de ser madre una segunda vez, en nombre de nosotros, la Iglesia, en el trono de Dios y si hijo en su falda cuando se le pidió que no se rebelara, sino que lo aceptara hasta el fin. No se puede pedirle tal sacrificio a nadie, ni a ninguna mujer o madre” (The Way of the Cross, St. Paul Publications, Middlegreen, Slough SL3 6BT, Inglaterra, pp. 20-22). Y por lo tanto María dijo “sí” a ser madre una segunda vez al acompañar a Jesús en el camino a Golgota. Estaba al pie de la cruz cuando sangre y agua salían del lado penetrado de Cristo, señalando el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Entre otras cosas, “la presencia maternal de María ayudó a ennoblecer la vergüenza de la cruz criminal” y como sostiene Von Balthasar, somos parcialmente en deudor con María por ser cristianos. Mencionaba que desde los tiempos tempranos los grandes maestros de la Iglesia enseñaban que los cristianos tienen dos padres como Padre y la Iglesia Mariana como Madre (p. 22).

La devoción a María bien fundada

La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminarios: Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes.

Torture and murder

Did anyone get mad at Steven Spielberg when he put the results of humans being brutally tortured and murdered by the German Nazis on the movie screen and prime time television? So, why does anyone get mad at Michael Bailey when he puts the results of humans being brutally tortured and murdered by American abortionists on television?

Shawn Loy, Austin

Purpose of prisons

During Indiana history class, many sixth graders ask, like Diane Jones (The Criterion, April 21), “What is the primary purpose of the prison system?” Students learn that the Constitution of the State of Indiana mandates that “The penal code shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice” (Sec. 18). Yes, parents want to teach their children there are consequences to choices. Every parent knows punishment does no good if it doesn’t stop repeated bad choices. Also every parent knows that if they educate children to what is good there are more chances they will make good choices. The State Constitution seems to be based on wisdom something like this:

Father Anthony Prosen, Muncie

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Belief in Jesus

Those who think Jesus actually lived on Earth

Christians: 93%

Non-Christians: 68%

All: 90%

Those who believe Jesus rose from the dead after dying on the cross

Christians: 88%

Non-Christians: 32%

All: 79%

“Six percent of Christians responded that they didn’t know if Christ ever actually lived.”

From December 1998 random telephone survey of 806 adult nation-wide.

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

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Jubilee celebration for everyone: will launch major outreach

On Easter Sunday, we were invited to renew our profession of faith and make new promises. Once more we owned our Christian vocation. We were invited to renew our commitment to live as Jesus taught and to live as Jesus lived as best we can. Of course, this is an extraordinary challenge for all of us! Yet by the grace of baptism and the grace of the sacrament of confirmation, we can meet the challenges of life as it is meant to be lived. Our choice is further strengthened over and over again by our regular participation in the Eucharist and in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

During this year of jubilee, we have an extra reason to laud this new energy and strength to live our Christian vocation. This is in mind, I want to say a little bit more about our archdiocesan jubilee observance, “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope,” which will take place at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on Sept. 16, 2000. It is for everyone, so please mark your calendars now for the 2:30 p.m. (EST) celebration! During the celebration, the sacrament of confirmation will be administered to any and all archdiocesan candidates of this year 2000. It might be helpful if I describe a little more in depth our vision concerning this once-in-a-millennium jubilee observance.

First of all, the Great Jubilee in itself calls for an archdiocesan-wide observance of the first 500 years of our redemption. Why? Because we are the Church in central and southern Indiana, and we need to see ourselves in communion with the observance of the universal Church at this propitious time. This is an opportunity to counter an isolationist mentality among our archdiocesan Church and our role in the universal Church.

Secondly, we also gather as an archdiocese so that our 152 parish communities in our 39 counties can visualize that we are all part of a larger communion of parishes. Once in awhile we need to actually see and experience that our parishes are not islands unto themselves. The success of this jubilee is a wonderful opportunity to find new energy and strength to live our Christian vocation. With this in mind, new energy and strength to live our Christian vocation. With this in mind, new energy and strength to live our Christian vocation.

The fifth reason for our common celebration flows from our vocation as Catholics. By virtue of our baptism and confirmation, every Catholic is called to participate in our Church’s mission of evangelization, that is, to tell the good news of our salvation. For this reason, it is eminently appropriate and a great opportunity for our new grace of confirmation should be part of our Great Jubilee celebration as we gather to pray for our future and for God’s blessing on our shared venture for the future.

The fourth reason has to do with our special observance of 2001. We have now arrived at the third theme of celebration, namely a new evangelization. Simply put, we long for a new sense of mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ. In our mission of evangelization, we want to reach out to those of our faith who have left us or who, for whatever reason, are not practicing the faith. We will also reach out to those who have no Church home. We will spread wide the call, “Come home, come in.” Our Great Jubilee celebration in the RCA Dome is the occasion on which we launch this third theme of our Journey of Hope. We will do so by inviting God’s blessing on our shared venture for the future.

Some 300 people are expected to attend the “Catholic and Proud of It” conference on May 13 at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. The Catholic Young Adult Network (CYAN) is sponsoring the event that will begin at 10 a.m. Jason Evert, Catholic Answers staff apostologist, will lead the program. Catholic Answers is one of the largest lay organizations for apologists and evangelization in the world. Evert has a master’s degree from Franciscan University at Steubenville and is a host of monthly radio shows on “Catholic Answers Live.” Evert will present a three-hour mini-course, Topics will include “Defending the Eucharist,” “Using the Bible to Answer Fundamentalists,” “Top 10 Misconceptions about the Catholic Faith” and “Relating the Faith to:¥ Victory Time will be available for questions and answers.

The pre-registration fee is $20 per person. The registration fee at the door is $25 per person. To pre-register, leave a message for Colleen Johnson at 317-208-0941.†

Catholic and Proud of It conference planned May 13

The St. Francis Family Festival will be held May 13 at St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis South Campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. Entertainment and information for the entire family will be available from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-782-7992.

St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services, the American Cancer Society and the American College of Dermatology will offer free skin cancer screenings during the first three Saturdays in May. Screenings will take place on May 6 and May 20 at St. Vincent Hospital, 2001 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. On May 13 screenings will be held at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital, 13500 N. Meridian St. in Carmel. Patients are required to make appointments, scheduled between 8 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 317-338-2273.†

Greenwood will mark their 40th anniversary on May 7. They will celebrate on that date with a 9 a.m. Mass with renewal of vows at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood. The celebration was moved on May 7, 1960, at St. Ambrose Church in Anderson. They have three children: Michelle Tester, Kathryn Maker and Todd Harris. The couple also has four grandchildren.

Joseph T. and Kathleen Dant of Indianapolis will mark their 50th anniversary on May 7. The couple will celebrate with a Mass on May 21 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. The couple was married on May 7, 1950, at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis. They have 12 children: Kathy Henderson, Beth Derwin, Father J. Nicholas, Jerry, Gary, Fred, Tom, Tim, Greg, George, Harold, and Chris Dant. The Dants also have 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.†

Larry D. and Dianna K. Harris of Greenwood will mark their 50th anniversary on May 7. They have seven children: Donna Stockham, Triss Boldrey, Tony, Holly, Tom, Jim and Tim Bruns. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

The fifth reason for our common celebration should be part of our Great Jubilee celebration as we gather to pray for our future and for God’s blessing on our evangelization mission. It will be a privilege, and undoubtedly a memorable occasion, for the confirmation recipients.

A great deal of planning and work has already gone into making this “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope” an exciting jubilee experience for our Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It will be an awesome experience of prayer and a heart-warming expression of solidarity and pride in our common faith. More details will be forthcoming as the time draws nearer. Meanwhile, again, I remind you to mark your calendars.

Join us in preparing for this historic opportunity of new grace for our archdiocese with your prayers.

Let’s get ready by special prayer so that we will truly offer special thanks to God for our redemption in Jesus Christ. Let’s prepare our minds and hearts to invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit for our mission of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.†

Two Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries programs, sponsored by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, have received a $112,000 state grant to apply toward adult education. The grant will be split over a two-year period between Educational/Family Services, located at the motherhouse grounds on U.S. 150, and a similar program in New Albany, which is part of the Sisters of Providence ministry in that community. The Indiana Department of Education awarded the grant.

The Wal-Mart store located at 71st Street and Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis donated $3,000 to St. Matthew School in Indianapolis to enhance their outdoor lab and new playground.†

VIPs . . . .

Dale and Teresa Brus of Millhousen will mark their 50th anniversary on May 10. The couple was married at St. Mary Church in North Vernon on May 10, 1950. They have seven children: Donna Stockham, Triss Boldrey, Tony, Holly, Tom, Jim and Tim Bruns. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.
they are not part of the staff.

The researchers predicted that with declining numbers of priests and religious, the number and importance of lay ministers in parish staffing and parish life will only grow in coming years.

The number of permanent deacons has been growing significantly, but the parish ministry of most deacons is voluntary. According to the bishops’ national office for the permanent diaconate, less than 10 percent of the nation’s 13,000 permanent deacons hold full- or part-time jobs in parishes or other Church institutions.

Not surprisingly, the study found that suburban parishes tend to be the largest in membership, staff, programs and budget, with urban churches next and rural churches lowest.

“Two-thirds of the parishes with fewer than 500 members are rural; two thirds of parishes with 5,000 or more members are suburban,” the report said.

It said about two-fifths of the pastors reported that their parishes use e-mail or have a Web site or both. Thirty-one percent reported having their own Web sites, 27 percent said they e-mail parishioner Karen Burkhart of Davenport, Iowa.

The report said the new survey indicated a “diffusion of ethnic identity” since 1982 “in U.S. parishes. In the Notre Dame study, the Irish were described as the predominant ethnic group in 33 percent of the parishes; in the new survey only 8.4 percent fit that category. In both studies, Hispanics were described as the predominant ethnic group in about 8 percent of the parishes. The third most frequently named predominant group, at 7.1 percent, was German.

Overall, only 38 percent of the pastors surveyed said there was a predominant ethnic group in the parish, and some 40 different ethnic groups were listed, including Luxembourgian, Dutch and “Cajun white American” were among the groups named.

The new survey found significant increases in some parish programs since 1982.

The report said that 81 percent of parishes now have a Rite of Christian Initiation process, up from double the 32 percent reported in 1982. It found that 46 percent of parishes now have evangelization programs, up from 20 percent in 1982. Eighty-two percent have social action/advocacy programs, up from 22 percent. Seventy-six percent have a Web site or both.

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Roman Catholics would also notice differences beyond members of the congregation blessing themselves from right to left. In the case of this hierarchical liturgy, Bishop Schott offered prayers and blessings in each direction—east, west, south and north.

The Byzantine priests, representing the congregation, celebrate Mass facing away from the people. Screens with icons separate the nave from the sanctuary as heaven is separated from earth. Most parts of the liturgy are sung by the priests or by the assembly, led by cantors. A small spoon is used for the distribution of Communion in the form of consecrated leavened bread dipped in the consecrated wine.

For his homily, Bishop Schott told a story about two men reading the 23rd Psalm—one so well that people clapped and another so humbly that people cried. He said that people cannot buy faith in a store—but that we all received it as a gift at baptism. “Our task is to open it up to others.”

Bishop Schott said to tell loved ones how they feel about them and add: “ ‘Please give Jesus a chance.’ Then let it go; pray that the Lord will come into their lives and make real, dynamic relationships. ‘We as a Christian community have to welcome back—not judge,’ he said. Bishop Schott told how to recognize people of faith: Does what we do lead us to Jesus Christ? Does whatever we think, act and do build up community? Does our faith take us out of ourselves and allow us to be of service to others?”

He said, “The whole reason for any Church is to bring people to Jesus Christ. He is our savior. It is a lifelong task,” he said. “The Church is here to help in the journey. The goal is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”

After the liturgy, Bishop Schott expressed appreciation to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein for his “constant concern.” And he noted that the Holy Father has always expressed his care for the Byzantine tradition.

In 1995, Archbishop Buechlein worked with then-Bishop Andrew Pataki of the Byzantine Church when they purchased the vacant facilities of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Indianapolis. The St. Athanasius parishioners moved from a converted house to celebrate their first liturgy in the church on Palm Sunday that year.

Bishop Schott said he hopes that people of the Eastern Catholic Church will come to St. Athanasius. It is one of 40 parishes that are part of the Eparchy of the (Diocese) of Parma, Ohio, which includes 14 Midwest states.†
Pursuit of truth relies on faith and science

By John F. Haught

Can science be reconciled with Christian faith in a loving, powerful, creative and redemptive God? Some would say no, others would be doubtful. But most of us have a hunch that science and religion can live together. Still, it is not always clear how to make the science-faith connection, and much confusion comes from not doing it thoughtfully.

Superficial liaisons are worse in the long run than an indefinite standoff. However, a standoff is hardly ideal. But won’t exposure to new scientific information undermine my faith? Isn’t it simpler to keep the timeless truths of faith carefully quarantined, sealed off from contact with the transitory views of scientists? Can the most interesting scientific ideas, especially those having to do with evolution, ever be reconciled with religious belief?

Finally, what does the evolution of life, or of the whole Big-Bang universe, possibly have to do with my trust in God? Actually, when carefully separated from the materialist ideology in which some scientists package it, evolution may prove to be not so much a “danger” as a great gift to theology.

No matter how difficult the pursuit of truth is—and often it is difficult—believers can trust that it always will lead back to God. Embrace the truth, no matter how initially shocking it might be, and—as the French writer Simone Weil put it—you will fall into the arms of Christ.

In the past, prominent leaders in the Church at times resisted genuine encounters with new scientific ideas. We need only recall the reactions by some to Copernicus, Galileo and Darwin. Even today, many religious people turn away from the idea of evolution. What fundamentally is at issue in the case of evolution is whether we any longer picture the universe as a purposeful creation of God. At first sight, the meandering, apparently blind and experimental character of life’s lumbering terrestrial journey, along with the Immensity of time it took for life and humans to emerge on this planet, might make us wonder what is going on in such a strange world.

Would an intelligent God have “fooled around” for 3.8 billion years after the first appearance of life before creating intelligent beings? And why so much cruelty and suffering, wasteful extinctions, discarding of the ill-adapted and survival of the reproductively “fit” along the way?

Evolution, we know today, is not unambiguously cruel and heartless. It also could be said to involve a wonderful cooperation of life with life; and Earth’s lifestory, viewed in its entirety, exhibits a breathtaking “grandeur” that enraptured Darwin himself. Still, evolution is not always benign, and a sound Christian theology must face the harsh facts along with all of the marvelous beauty that nature has brought forth.

What I believe a theology of evolution will find is that the notion of God can be deepened and expanded by its encounter with biological evolution.

The understanding of nature implied in Darwinian evolution demands that people abandon any view of God that ignores the self-giving and self-effacing character of the divine mystery. This understanding affirms that all of the struggle and suffering in life’s evolution is God’s struggle and suffering too. Nature itself is cruciform.

According to this understanding, the God whose image radiates from the humble, self-giving, suffering love of Jesus is not one who overpowers the world, forcefully cramming it into a prefabricated frame. Instead, the Creator wants a world that will flourish in a way that renders it distinct from God. Only such a world can enter into loving relationship with an infinite love.

Divine power, therefore, includes a measure of loving self-restraint in which the world is permitted to emerge over the course of time as something other than God. A world truly loved by God must have room to wander about, experimenting with various possibilities.

Love allows the universe to remain unfinished for now. If God had completed creation in such a way that the world was frozen into a deadness with no future, it would have been an extension of God’s being rather than an independent creation.

Evolution, therefore, seems to me to be essential to a world truly loved by God. And this means that the life-story is permitted to be experimental. To be alive at all, life must have room to wander as it finds its way into God.

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By David Gibson

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**FRESH STARTS AND NEW BEGINNINGS**

Fresh starts and new beginnings are always inspiring. There's something soothing about the way that certain phrases make us feel as though change has always been part of the human experience. It's the same feeling we get when we see signs for a new bread course and shed 30 pounds in our imaginations just thinking about it. Or, the lifting of our winter spirits when the travel brochures and seed catalogs start to appear in the mail.

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The sad fact is that a large number of people have seldom, if ever, had the wonderful experience of eating delicious, nutritious, fresh bread especially when it's right out of the oven. There is nothing in the world that can compare to the aroma of freshly baked bread (it makes me hungry just thinking about it).
**Third Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion**

### The Sunday Readings

**Sunday, May 7, 2000**

- **1 John 2:1-5a**
- **Luke 24:35-48**

The Acts of the Apostles once again provides the first reading in this joyful season, with special attention to the reception of Communion. As the modern audience—as my little ones—It is as if the love of God, the passion of Scripture, is speaking to children. All people are God's children. Moreover, all people experience the limitations in knowledge and judgment that render us all childlike in our vulnerability and poor perception of reality and truth. Belief is more than “lip service.” It is an absolute commitment. If we truly believe, there is no place to stay in the order or vision revealed in the Gospel.

#### Daily Readings

**Monday, May 8**  
Acts 6:8-15  
Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
John 6:22-29

**Tuesday, May 9**  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab  
John 6:30-35

**Wednesday, May 10**  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-7a  
John 6:35-40

**Thursday, May 11**  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  
John 6:44-51

**Friday, May 12**  
Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs  
Pancras, martyr  
Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 117:1-2  
John 6:52-59

**Saturday, May 13**  
Acts 9:31-42  
Psalm 116:12-17  
John 6:60-69

**Sunday, May 14**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:12-16  
Psalm 181:1-8, 9-21, 23, 26, 29  
1 John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

### Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

#### Celiac disease restricts reception of Communion

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I read your two recent columns in our Catholic paper about eucharistic bread. In some ways I feel that so much attention is given to the form of the bread. As someone with celiac disease, who can eat nothing made of wheat, I realize people should be grateful just to receive Communion.  

It is apparent from our support group that celiacs are finally managing to get diagnosed. When there are enough of us, maybe some way will be found for us to be among those called to the supper of the Lamb.  

I feel better at least having unbekoned myself about the plight of celiac “second-class citizens” in the Church. Is anything being done to help? (New York)

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As one who is blissfully spared from this disease, I had no idea how many celiacs there are, or that they exist. My Orthodox friends among the Catholics with the same dilemma you have. The disease is now more carefully diagnosed. Even a tiny bit of wheat (or rye, oats, barley and other grains) can, in many cases, be dangerous for those who have this disease.  

Obviously, for them the Eucharist is but one of many daily challenges, but that one is a major spiritual concern for any Catholic, since bread must be made of wheat flour to be valid for celebration of the Eucharist.  

Some efforts are under way to find a solution. A possible alternative presently being worked on is spelt flour. Spelt (tritium spelta) is a grain related to wheat, but digests differently from other forms of wheat that it doesn’t stay in the digestive tract as long. For some this may eventually be a solution, if it meets the conditions.

A group of Benedicte sisters in Missouri, who bake Communion hosts, are working with specialists to produce a low-gluten or gluten-free wheat flour.

In a letter on this subject to the American bishops (June 19, 1995), Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, again affirmed that bread from which all gluten is removed is not valid for the Eucharist.

If enough gluten remains to permit the making of bread, however, such flour could be used for Communion. Low-gluten hosts, containing only about 13 percent of normal gluten, are available now. Again, since sensitivity to gluten can differ, this may answer the problem for some people.

I return, however, to what I’ve said on this subject before. The most obvious solution is to receive Communion only under the form of wine. A lot of people are still under the impression that unless one receives the host, one does not receive the body of Christ. That is wrong.

It is Catholic doctrine, and always has been, that Jesus is no more or less present under the form of bread. I have heard even priests occasionally speak of ministering the “cup” with the precious blood, and then of ministering “Communion” with the host. Both are equally holy Communion, whether received separately or together. Perhaps this confusion is behind some of the reluctance to give or receive Communion only from the cup.

Whatever the reason, a large number of Catholics who cannot tolerate wheat are consistently missing the opportunity to share in the Eucharist by choosing not to receive (or, as in the case of your friend, not having the option to receive) under the form of wine only.

There are two sources of information on what is being done to deal with this problem. For more information, contact the Benedictine Sisters of Clyde, Mo., at 800-223-2772, or the Instituto Vooz Dowen in the Netherlands, who supply Catholic distributors in the United States. The telenumber for their host bakery is 011-31-733-588434. Both are willing to discuss their research.

I will appreciate receiving from readers any further information to share with others who write to me on this issue.

(Questions for this column may be sent to Will J. John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651 or by e-mail in care of jdietzen@aol.com.)

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**My Journey to God**

### Viewing the Dead Sea Scrolls

The Field Museum in Chicago is hosting, until June 18, a traveling exhibit of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls, fascinating archaeological discoveries that have contributed so much to our increased understanding of Scripture.

When I viewed the exhibit in March, security was tight and access was controlled, but walking into that darkened room that contained copies of various Scripture texts dating back to 67 A.D., and before, gave me an overwhelming feeling of both the human awe and God’s continuing presence in the Word.

I peered at the Hebrew text on each fragment, carefully reading the translations that were posted, and eagerly sought the historical commentary that accompanied each fragment.

Somehow, I had a much better understanding of the meaning of the famous “Living Word.” That these careful hand-copied translations were so very familiar spoke to me in volumes of the faith of God’s people.

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Educators urged to make Catholic social teaching come alive

BALTIMORE (CNS)—The parting challenge for Catholic educators at the annual National Catholic Educational Association convention was the charge to make Catholic social teaching come alive for today’s students.

“Social justice is at the heart of who we are and it must be communicated by educators and catechists,” said Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity College in Washington, during the closing keynote address April 28 at the NCEA convention.

McGuire acknowledged that the task would not be easy, but she also outlined ways it could be done, focusing on major themes of the U.S. bishops’ 1996 pastoral letter, “In All Things Charity: A Pastoral Challenge for the New Millennium.”

The document urges Catholics to learn more about the Church’s social teaching and to dedicate themselves to service to the poor and advocacy for human life and dignity.

In teaching about the dignity of human life, she said Catholic educators have a “profound obligation” to teach about respecting human dignity from abortion to the death penalty and showing their students how they can take a stand on these issues.

“It’s not enough to teach what these teachings are,” she said, urging educators to instruct their students about how to be “effective advocates” for these issues.

She pointed out that service opportunities are one way for students to learn more about their responsibility to care for the poor and vulnerable, and added that volunteer work “often stops short.”

If students volunteer at soup kitchens, they should also discuss the root causes of poverty and ways to alleviate it, and then go a step further by contacting their legislators about their experience and what they think could be done to help the poor.

Students also need to learn thathelping others does not just involve making donations or handing out sandwiches, she said, but requires times of “personal sacrifice.”

McGuire said teachers who are “role models of service” can impart to their students the importance of careers in social service agencies or at least to “take the option for the poor instead of the stock option.”

She also urged them to impart the notion of solidarity with their students, today’s society’s “solidarity challenged” particularly with its ongoing debate about guns in the hands of children.

Referring to the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado last year, McGuire said the two killers felt the extremes of isolation and alienation.

“Where were the people of faith in the lives of these young men?” she asked.

Another aspect of Catholic social teaching that she said sometimes surprises people is care for God’s creation.

You are privileged to be teachers at a time when many Catholics do not embrace this part of their faith, either because they don’t know enough about it or they dismiss it as a “soft retreat from human life issues.”

But you can’t be ardently pro-life and be passive about guns, the death penalty or the poor, she said.

Or, to put it another way, she said: “Catholics don’t have an option package. We have to buy the whole car.”

For the next generation of Catholics to “get it” regarding Catholic social teaching, she said, today’s teachers need to “remake their institutions as models of social justice.

“You are privileged to be teachers at this critical juncture,” she told them.
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TERRE HAUTE—Several members of St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute spent their spring break last month in Honduras building houses and providing medical care for Hondurans.

Fifteen parishioners went to Honduras to help members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Comayaguela. St. Joseph Parish has been financially helping the Honduran parish for 10 years.

The mission was led by Franciscan Father Martin Day, pastor of St. Joseph Parish. The St. Joseph parishioners were divided into two groups—one for medical care and the other focusing on housing.

The medical group, under the direction of Dr. Jim Cristee and Dr. Eugene Epplin, brought 12 suitcases filled with various medicines. During the March 3-10 visit, the medical group attended to 1,164 people.

“We were overwhelmed at how poor the people were,” said Carlos Montanez, a St. Joseph parishioner.

His wife, Carmen, who also went on the trip, said, “The children were not looking for toys, but for toothpaste.”

Carlos Montanez said many of the people they saw suffered from malnutrition. Despite the hardships they face in Honduras, he said the people were in

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Honduras archbishop speaks for debt relief

Archbishop Oscar Andres Rodriguez of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, calls for international debt relief during the Jubilee 2000 rally in Washington April 9. Thousands gathered near the U.S. Capitol urging support for debt relief for struggling countries.

“We got a lot of hugs and kisses from the kids,” Carlos Montanse said. He said medical supplies that weren’t dispensed directly during the visit were given to a clinic in Honduras.

Father Day said the construction group spent their time building houses.

“We went there to work,” Father Day said. “That was the focus of it.” He said the mission gave the people from Terre Haute and the people from Honduras the opportunity to experience how strong their faith is.

St. Joseph parishioners hope to return to Honduras next year to do more work.

(David Delaney is a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute.)

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U.S. nun wins World Triathlon Championship

PERTH, Australia (CNS)—“If music be
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Replace “music” with “sport” and you
should stop,” she said.
Yet Sister Buder, who began competing
at age 48, said the athletes she associates
with need her as much as she needs them.
“Athletes draw strength from me: I can’t
understand it,” she said. “They ask me,
‘When’s Mass?’—like I’m supposed to
know the Mass timetables of the local
church in every city we visit all over the
world.”
“Give them spiritual guidance and
give help to those who need someone to
talk to,” she said.
As she is globe-trotting, she does God’s
work by ministering to those who are
lucky enough to cross her path—even if
it’s on the triathlon track.
“I don’t know how people get along
without faith,” Sister Buder said. “An event
like this literally brings people to their
knees. It is a time when faith is needed.”
Her additional role as a guardian ad
litem—an advocate for troubled youths in
law courts—requires her to do the work of
“the FBI, lawyer and confidant, all rolled
into one,” she said.
“They need someone to talk to, to share
their hard times with,” she said. “To the lit-
tle ones, you just say ‘I’m your friend.’
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Along with being an athlete, confidant
and spiritual guide, she is also a published
poet and author and has won awards for
black-and-white nature photography.†

Sister Buder, a member of the Sisters
for Christian Community from Spokane,
Wash., has devoted her competition in
the food of love, play on,” said Shake-
peare in
Twelfth Night

She dedicated three legs of the race to
her three brothers and dedicated the whole
triathlon to her late parents.

She said her mother was devoutly reli-
gious, dedicating each of her children to
God while still in the hospital where Sister
Buder’s father, a non-Catholic, was hesi-
tant to baptize them. The sporting genes
came from her father, a champion oarsman
who also played handball at a high level
until age 70, she said.
“I’m starting to wonder whether this
(triathlon) is such a good idea any more,
as I’m nearly that age,” she said. “But I keep
saying to God, ‘You’ll let me know when
[to give up] won’t you?’
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Sister Buder is the current record holder
of the iron-man event in Hawaii and
Canada for her age group.
“As long as God has given me the
strength and skill, I see no reason why I
should stop,” she said.

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From the Archives

Softball champs

Here are the 1937 city champions in the Knights of Columbus softball league—the Cathedral “B” team. Members are (kneeling, from left) Frank Keating, Bob Finch, John Hanrahan, Joe Hanrahan and Bob McManus. Standing, from left: Tom Connolly, manager; Bill Keating, Jack Thomas, Joe Gillespie, George Hanrahan, Leroy Siler, Bud McManus, Dr. John Courtney, John Routte, Bob Krueger and Tom Gillespie. Special thanks to Thomas T. Connolly for the photo and the identifications.

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Camden Diocese to forgive $12 million in debts

CAMDEN, N.J. (CNS)—Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio of Camden has announced a program to forgive $12 million in debt owed to the diocese by 41 parishes and schools.

The southern New Jersey diocese has a total of 126 parishes and 58 diocesan or parish grade schools and high schools.

Details of the plan, announced April 30, were to be released to parishes and schools soon.

In a letter to pastors and parish and finance councils, Bishop DiMarzio said the debt forgiveness, totaling $12,045,752, was only possible because of “the generosity of our parish communities and responsible stewardship at all levels in the diocese.”

He added, “This forgiveness of debt will put our parishes and schools on a firm fiscal foundation so that they may freshly recommit themselves to the urgent task of evangelization and service to God’s people, particularly those most in need.”

Bishop DiMarzio had consulted with advisers from the diocese’s finance office and its debt forgiveness committee before announcing his gesture in observance of the jubilee year.

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Pope’s Fatima trip to accent family of children, Marian devotion

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In the only papal trip in 2000 not related directly to the jubilee, Pope John Paul II will combine two of his priorities: children and Marian devotion.

Although Holy Year pilgrimages to the Middle East were supposed to be the only papal travel in 2000, the pope will go to Fatima, Portugal, May 12-13 to beatify Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

The children, along with their cousin, were tending sheep May 13, 1917, when they had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917.

The children said Mary asked them to promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart and to pray the rosary daily. They also said she told them that Jacinta, who was then 7 years old, and Francisco, who was 9, would die very young, but that their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, who was 10, would live long.

Francisco was almost 11 and Jacinta was almost 10 when they died during a flu epidemic. Their cousin, now a 93-year-old cloistered Carmelite nun, is scheduled to meet Pope John Paul before the May 13 beatification and pray with him at the children’s tombs at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The pope’s Portuguese schedule is almost exclusively focused on the children and the Marian shrine. He is expected to meet briefly with Portugal’s president May 12 at Lisbon’s airport, then fly by helicopter to Fatima for a prayer vigil.

After the beatification Mass May 13, he is scheduled to have lunch with Portugal’s bishops, then fly back to Rome. Pope John Paul, who has a deep devotion to Mary, already has made two trips to the Fatima shrine during his pontificate.

He believes that Our Lady of Fatima saved his life on her May 13, 1981, feast day, when Mehmet Ali Agca tried to assassinate him in St. Peter’s Square.

In thanksgiving for his recovery, Pope John Paul visited the shrine on the first and 10th anniversaries of the attack.

One of the Turkish gunman’s bullets has been embedded in a crown of a statue of Mary at the shrine.

Jacinta and Francisco will be the youngest non-martyrs beatified since the modern Vatican beatification process.

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School starts August 21, 2000

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**The Active List**

The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan church and parish open-to-the-public activities for “The Active List”! Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost, and time. Include a phone number for verification.

No announcements will be taken by telephone.

Notice must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday of the week of publication. The Criterion: The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand delivery), P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail), 317-236-1593 (fax), mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

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May 5

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., Indianapolis.

Catholic Charismatic renewal of central Indiana, teaching 7 p.m., praise 7:30 p.m., Mass and healing service 8 p.m.

Information day 317-637-6000 or evening 317-846-2245.


May 6

St. John Parish, 126 W. Georgia, St. Indianapolis.


St. Andrew Parish, 4050 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. Spring rummage sale, 8 a.m.-noon, church basement: 1 bag day. Information: 317-545-8671 or 317-546-1571.

May 7

St. Andrew School, 4050 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. SPRED (Special Religious Education) training center dedication, 3 p.m. Information: 317-377-0592.

St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Sumner.

Sausage and pancake breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-noon (s into time), freewill offering.

May 9

St. John Parish rectory, 126 W. Georgia, St. Indianapolis.

Mass. Rosary Lecture series, “Eccumenical Opportunities: Now is the Time,” by Father Thomas Murphy, archdiocesan director of ecumenism, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-635-2021.

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Ave Maria Guild meeting, 12:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas School, 46th and Illinois, Indianapolis. Sixth annual art show, speech contest, 7-9 p.m.

May 10

Marian College Stokely Mansion, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Department of nursing, parish nursing information session, 6:30-8:30 p.m. RSVP: 317-955-6132.

May 13

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. 125th anniversary Mass, 5 p.m.; dinner, August, 5134 E. Thompson Rd. Information: 317-638-5551.

Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. “Close and Closed Off of It” young adult conference, 10 a.m., pre-registration by May 7; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: 317-298-0941.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Steven St., Indianapolis. Tridium (Latin) Mass, Mon., Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-4748.

Recurring

Daily

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Perpetual adoration

May 16-17

Ramada Inn, 165 and Hwy 46 West, Columbus. Indianapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, 51st semi-annual convention, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. $10 registration, plus meals. Deadline May 10 Information: 317-643-4787.

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Sunday

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Steven St., Indianapolis. Tridium Mass, 7 p.m., praise 7:30 p.m., Mass.

Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th St., Beech Grove Parish group. 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.


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St. Paul Church, Sellersburg
Prayer group: 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.

First Fridays
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany
Adoration, concluding with confessions at 6 p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Bedford
Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
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Much of what is known about the children, their reaction to the apparitions and their spirituality comes from Sister Lucia’s published and unpublished descriptions of the events. While the children had an unusual experience which made their lives unusual in many ways, they still were children, and it is as holy children that they will be beatified. In fact, the postulator of the children’s cause said cardinals who are members of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints issued a decree in 1984 to discuss how to determine the sanctity of young children.

In an interview with the Italian magazine 30 Giorni, Jesus Father Paolo Molinari, the postulator, said the cardinals agreed that children’s holiness of life should not be judged as if they were adults. The cardinals also agreed that once children reach the age of 7—traditionally “the age of reason”—they are capable of making choices that demonstrate an extraordinary openness to God, and goodness to others.

Father Molinari said the apparitions of Mary were not taken as proof of the holiness of Jacinta and Francisco. He pointed to other extraordinary phenomena—such as the sick who were healed and the miracle at Fatima—whereby God can grant to some people are graces freely given which, as such, do not make those who received them holy,” he said.

Sister Lucia’s memoirs are filled with examples of the children’s prayers, their charity and their spirit of making sacrifices for the salvation of sinners. For example, the children often gave their lunches to poorer children they met on the road as they were taking their sheep out to pasture. On hot days, they would delay drinking water and offer their sacrifice for the salvation of sinners. In addition, they endured repeated questionings from the curious, interrogations from Church and civil authorities, and even the suspicions of their parents that they invented the whole thing.

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The church declared in 1930 that the apparitions were worthy of belief.

Marist Father Johann G. Roten, director of the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton, Ohio, said one point of the beatification is “to honor the faith of children.”
**Rest in peace**

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.


**BRICKENS, Margaret K. (Brochhausen),** 80, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 11. She was the mother of Kathy Elmore, Karla Kaufman and Dewey. Grandfather of four. Great-grandmother of six.


**KELLER, Margaret K. (Brochhausen),** 80, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 11. She was the mother of Kathy Elmore, Karla Kaufman and Dewey. Great-grandfather of six. Great-grandmother of three.


On the faculty of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Virginian Sisters of Providence from 1965-69. She is survived by nieces and nephews. †

**Munshower and Anne Delaney,** 90, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 11. She was the mother of William Munshower and Anne Delaney; and niece of Father William Munshower and Anne Delaney; and niece of Father William Munshower. Great-grandmother of 14.


**Knoy, David, Donald, Michael and Robert Brown.**


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**News Briefs**

**U.S.**

**Vermont same-sex union law undercuts, Bishop Angell says**

BURLINGTON, Vt. (CNS)—Bishop Kenneth A. Angell of Burlington said Vermont’s new law giving marriage benefits to same-sex unions undercuts “centuries of cultural and religious respect for traditional marriage between a man and a woman. History was not made today—it was undone,” Bishop Angell said April 25 after the Vermont House of Representatives gave final approval to the state’s controversial “civil unions” bill. The next dayVermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the bill into law.

**WORLD**

**Freed Sudanese priests consecrate Mass with Pope John Paul II**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Two Sudanese priests who were imprisoned, then freed by the government 14 months later, consecrated Mass in late April with Pope John Paul II. “We wanted to thank the pope personally for his efforts in trying to release us and for praying,” Father Hilary Boma told Catholic News Service May 1. Father Boma, the 58-year-old chancellor of the Archdiocese of Khartoum, and Father Lino Sebit, a 32-year-old assistant pastor, celebrated Mass with the pope April 29 in the pope’s private chapel. The priests were arrested in 1998 on charges that they were involved in bombing military sites in Khartoum.

At Jubilee for Workers, Pope John Paul II urges globalization of solidarity

ROME (CNS)—Celebrating one of the biggest events of Holy Year 2000, Pope John Paul II appealed for globalization that extends beyond the economy to encompass worldwide solidarity. At the Jubilee for Workers May 1—on the Tor Vergata University campus on the outskirts of Rome—attended by about 200,000 people, the pope called for a resolution to labor inequality and injustice throughout the world. Despite technological progress, he said, “realities such as unemployment, exploitation of minors and low wages persist.” He warned that “the organization of labor does not always respect the dignity of the human person, and the universal destination of resources is not always given due consideration.”

In Australia, U.S. bishop urges families to become missionaries

MELBOURNE, Australia (CNS)—Catholics should ponder whether they are called to be missionaries in the poor in Australia or abroad, said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver. Although it might sound drastic for married couples to start living as missionaries, he said, some are called to that life. “I’d wager my [air] ticket home that God is calling at least half a dozen of you to be active missionary families, either here in Australia or the poor, or in some other country,” he said April 29.

**PEOPLE**

**Supporters of feds’ action in Elian case hold own demonstration**

SOUTH MIAMI, Fla. (CNS)—Joel and Anne Marie Rosado were headed to the Florida Keys when they drove smack into something unexpected: Thousands demonstrating support for Attorney General Janet Reno’s decision to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father. “We were driving down here to go snorkeling when we were thrilled to see so many people waving the American flag instead of beating it,” said Anne Marie Rosado, a California native and member of St. Lawrence Parish in North Miami Beach. She said she and her husband skipped the snorkeling to join an estimated 2,500 people April 29 at a hastily organized anti-government rally on U.S. Highway 1 near Homestead.

(These news briefs were compiled by Catholic News Service.)

Workers’ Jubilee in Rome

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