Cardinal O’Connor laid to rest

NEW YORK (CNS) — The pro-life witness of Cardinal John J. O’Connor of New York continued to resound at his funeral, celebrated at St. Patrick’s Cathedral May 8 by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state and personal representative of Pope John Paul II.

A dramatic demonstration arose spontaneously when the homilist, Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, said Cardinal O’Connor’s “great legacy” was “his constant reminder that the Church must always be unambiguously pro-life.”

Some in the cathedral began applauding, others joined them and, as the applause went on and on, growing in volume, it seemed evident much of the congregation wanted to send a message to public officials and candidates for office in the front pew.

They included President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, as well as the two main candidates for the presidency, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Also attending were former President Bush, who sat in a pew with Cardinal O’Connor’s family, New York Gov. George E. Pataki, New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, and the state’s two U.S. senators, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Charles E. Schumer.

Giuliani has been planning to run against Mrs. Clinton to succeed Moynihan, who died of cancer May 3, may have brought more personal reflections for the mayor, whose father died of prostate cancer and whose mother died of cancer.

Funeral recalls Cardinal O’Connor’s pro-life witness

Video explains the Church’s opposition to death penalty

By Mary Ann Wyand

Catholics are called to be unconditionally pro-life, Pope John Paul II has said, and Church teaching about respect for the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death must include opposition to capital punishment.

When the Holy Father spoke in St. Louis in January 1999, Fred Everett said, the pope emphasized that opposition to the death penalty is part of the Church’s pro-life ethic.

Everett, who is director of the Pro-Life and Family Life offices in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, wrote the script for “Talking About the Death Penalty,” a 10-minute educational video authorized by Indiana’s six bishops and produced by the Indiana Catholic Conference with Golden Dome Productions in South Bend.

Everett said the video is intended to encourage Catholics to “look at the death penalty as a pro-life issue of great importance.”

Funded by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor Foundation, Indiana’s bishops have asked that the video be shown at Masses in every parish throughout the state on July 8-9 in connection with the Church’s Jubilee Day for Prisoners on July 9.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, general chairman of the Indiana Catholic Conference and a member of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said May 2, “The bishops of Indiana thought it would be appropriate if the entire Church in Indiana would spend part of that day reflecting on capital punishment and on the Church’s teaching about the death penalty.”

The video examines this Church teaching, Archbishop Buechlein said, “especially in light of recent statements of our Holy Father that have been incorporated into the new edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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Symphony to present special program

In honor of Celebrating the Spirit of Hope and the confirmandi, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is offering a special 20 percent group discount for its Sept. 15 and 16 performances of The Dream of Gerontius by Sir Edward Elgar.

This inspirational composition is set to the 19th century poem by John Henry Cardinal Newman. It is the story of a soul’s journey from death through the judgment, purgatory and finally to God. The oratorio is said to be one of the greatest choral masterworks in classical music.

The performance at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in downtown Indianapolis will feature the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and the university choirs from Ball State, Indiana, Indiana State, Purdue and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Call Sara Brook at 317-231-6788 or e-mail her at isggroups@juno.com for more information and to make reservations. Specify Code #CG2000 to receive the discount.

Make a weekend of it!

Participants in Celebrating the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee may want to consider spending the weekend in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association has established a free number through which jubilee event participants can make hotel reservations and receive other information of interest. The number is:

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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 celebrate the contributions of those who have shouldered the faith through the past century and the younger generation that is being asked to carry it forward.

Young Adult Masses (Ages 18-39)

Aug. 15 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Albany, 7 p.m.

Nov. 1 St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizen Masses

May 31 St. Andrew Church, Richmond, 2 p.m.

Aug. 13 St. Aloysius Church, Terre Haute, 2 p.m.

Oct. 22 St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington, 3 p.m.

Nov. 19 St. Joseph Church, St. Leon, 2 p.m.

Archdiocesan indulgence churches

The faithful can receive an indulgence—an amnesty of any temporal punishments accrued because of past sins—by making a pilgrimage to an indulgence church during the Jubilee Year. It is recommended that a sacramental confession and Eucharist be administered at the pilgrimage site to receive the indulgence. Pilgrims should also pray for the intentions of Pope John Paul II.

The designated indulgence churches are:

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

Immaculate Conception Church, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

St. Andrew Church, Richmond

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.

The Great Jubilee Masses will be celebrated on the following dates and times at the locations indicated.

The designated indulgence churches will be listed below.

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Four volunteers receive Spirit of Service awards

By Margaret Nelson

Catholic Social Services honored five people May 2 for their service to the community.

Christel DeHaan, Indianapolis business and community leader, spoke to those who gathered about her concern for the less fortunate. Later she received the Community Service Award from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

DeHaan was introduced by Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, who served as master of ceremonies, noting she had ‘‘demonstrated the grace of giving back’’ by caring, sharing and making a difference.

She talked about ‘‘Why are we here?’’ ‘‘What are we supposed to be doing?’’ and ‘‘What is the purpose of life?’’

DeHaan said that members of her audience had something in common—especially ‘‘being instrumental as caretakers of the community.’’

‘‘We have the power to inspire others to become more caring people,’’ she said. ‘‘Keep your mind full of things worthwhile doing and you won’t have time to feel sorry for yourself,’’ DeHaan said, quoting Eleanor Roosevelt.

She said her own giving, in recent years, focuses on ‘‘hands ups’’ rather than ‘‘hands outs.’’ Once the fundamental needs are addressed, we can focus more on helping people achieve self-sufficiency.

‘‘I think that is what Catholic Social Services is doing,’’ said DeHaan. ‘‘It is our caring for others that strengthens our purpose in life.’’

‘‘Service to others is what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is all about,’’ said Archbishop Buechlein.

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Archdiocese signs exclusive agreement with Coca-Cola

By Greg Otolski

The archdiocese has signed a group purchasing contract with Coca-Cola that could provide a substantial financial windfall for parishes, schools and agencies.

Under the seven-year agreement, archdiocesan organizations taking part in the group purchasing program will receive a 40 percent commission on all Coca-Cola beverages they sell, plus a portion of an up-front payment from Coca-Cola. It’s estimated that the up-front payment will be at least $31,900 each of the seven years.

In addition to the financial incentives, Coca-Cola will provide free education software and sporting equipment such as coolers, clipboards and squeeze bottles to schools and parishes.

Although each parish and school operates financially independent of the archdiocese’s central office, Stephen James, director of the archdiocese’s purchasing office, said he hopes that at least 75 percent of the parishes and schools will be participating in the program, the better the deal, James said.

‘‘Even if a school or a parish has a contract in place with another soft drink company, they should contact us because Coca-Cola can probably work something out,’’ James said.

James said the purchasing program covers the sale of drinks from vending machines, concession stands, festivals and cafeterias.

‘‘A parish doesn’t have to have a school to benefit from this,’’ James said. ‘‘If all they have are a few parish festivals or events where soft drinks are sold each year or they just have a vending machine in a parish hall, they can still benefit from this program.’’

James said Coca-Cola will supply all the vending equipment, maintain it and manage the inventory. Each group participating in the program will set up an individual sales account with Coca-Cola and will maintain control over funds from sales at their site.

For more information about the group purchasing program, call Stephen James at 317-236-1451 or 800-382-9836 ext. 1451.
Negative view of Catholicism

Perhaps you saw the article that we published on the front page of your April 14 issue reporting that a Gallup Poll has found that roughly one-fourth of Americans have a negative view of the Catholic religion. That is a lot of Americans who view us negatively.

What the poll really discovered, though, is something that shouldn’t come as a big surprise: We are living in an extremely secular society where a high percentage of people said that religion is not important in their lives. It is mainly those people who said that their opinion of Catholicism is unfavorable.

The poll found that 44 percent of Americans—half of men and 39 percent of women—are “unchurched,” this is, they do not belong to a Church or haven’t attended regular religious services in the past six months. Of those who never attend church, 54 percent viewed Catholicism unfavorably.

It seems safe to say that, perhaps with some exceptions, the more religious a person is and the more they know about the Catholic Church, the more favorable is their view of Catholicism.

One of the interesting statistics reported is that 12 percent of Catholics said that their opinion of Catholicism was unfavorable. We would be interested to know if this reflected a personal bad experience these people had or was it the attitude toward Catholicism, is it their fault or ours?

In another context, St. Paul had something to say about that. Speaking to the Romans, he asked, “How can they call on him whom they do not believe? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?” Paul was speaking about the Jews, but it applies to the unchurched Americans, too.

Assuredly, it is hard—perhaps impossible—to reach someone who is so determined to keep religion out of his or her life and he or she has put up barriers against anyone who might broach the subject. Faith remains a closed book to him and she.

Nevertheless, with 44 percent of Americans unchurched, there remains a great opportunity for Catholics to invite at least some of them to learn more about Catholicism. The more they learn about the faith the more favorable will they feel toward it, and they might decide to join us.

—John F. Fink, Editor Emeritus

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

You need our prayer, concern and presence

This Sunday is Mothers’ Day and, in the calendar of the Church, it is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In my mind, the coincidence is good and natural. To celebrate the wonder of our mothers and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life is easy for me because my mom and my vocation were interconnected.

My first thought: celebrate your mother while she is with you! Mom has been gone since July 1982. I still miss her, but not a day goes by that I don’t sense her spiritual presence. Mothers’ Day is a different poignancy since she died. I wish I had shown even more appreciation for her while she was still with us.

In my experience, Mothers’ Day and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations are a natural fit. Once in awhile, one of you mothers asks me how you should relate to your children about a possible religious vocation.

I tend to respond by thinking about how Mom related to my vocation. Actually what influenced me the most was largely unspeakable. Mom and Dad provided a no-nonsense example of living as faithful and involved Catholics. I don’t remember how I was called to enter the seminary. I knew that if I found it wasn’t my vocation, it was OK. I also knew they sacrificed a lot to help with my expenses.

I still have most of the letters my Mom wrote to me during my 12 years in the seminary and monastery, and during my two years of study in Rome. During all of those years (1952-1966) she wrote every single week. Talk about support! She never failed to mention that she and Dad were praying for me. The letters were not always long, but they said a lot—which pretty well describes Mom. I wasn’t the only person to think she was a kind, easy-going and wise woman.

She kept up the correspondence during all those years of my formation even though she was teaching grade school in my home parish in Jasper. Often she wrote about her school work and about her and Dad’s preoccupations. She updated me about my brother and, after his marriage, about his family. There were weekly reports about our extended family relatives, too.

Some years before Mom died, she and Dad worked on a project for my brother and me. Dad made a wooden box for each of us, which we were to receive when both were deceased. In our respective boxes, Mom had placed personal items from our childhood and young years. For me, she was delighted to find my baby book, my First Communion booklet and prayer book. She included an autobiography that I had written as an exercise in grade school. And there were many of my seminary letters to her and Dad. Like the letters from Mom, mine were mostly factual records of what was going on in my day-to-day seminary experience.

Among my letters is the careful letter I wrote when I decided God was calling me to enter the monastery at Saint Meinrad rather than to be a diocesan priest. I knew this would come as a surprise to her and Dad. The next Sunday, Mom drove to Saint Meinrad to talk over my decision. (Dad was on a retreat.) She wanted to be sure I had thought things through, and then she was fine.

So how did my mom relate to my vocation? Perhaps as well as there for me. If I had questions, she had answers that I learned to trust. Yet she was never intrusive. And Dad made it comfortable for me to talk about my progress or worries in the seminary. I always looked forward to the permitted monthly visits, partly I admit, because they would bring fried chicken and homemade German chocolate cakes.

An incident about my mom on my ordination day was telling. I had ordered a corsage for her. Apparently the florist found a huge orchid and really did it up, not realizing that mom was simple in her tastes. Not wanting to be ostentatious, she trimmed the corsage considerably with her scissors. Her simplicity was consistent.

Recently I found the last letter Mom wrote three months before she died. In a shaky hand she told how pleased she and Dad were about my priestly ministry. And she added, “But you don’t always have to be extraordinary. We love you as you are.” Prayer, concern without strings and “being there” is what our youth need. I pray for some of Mom’s wisdom and simplicity.
E ligencia es buena y natural. Para mi es fácil celebrar las maravillas de nues- tras madres y orar por vocaciones al sacerdócio y por la vida religiosa porque mi mamá y mi vocación se vinculan.

Mi primer pensamiento es: celebre con su madre mientras esté con usted! Mamá murió en julio de 1982. Todavía la extraño, pero no pasa un día que no sienta su presencia espiri- tual. El Día de las Madres tiene una diferente profundidad desde su muerte. Deseo haber agradecido aún más mientras todavía estaba con nosotros.

Por mi experiencia, el Día de las Madres y el Día Mundial de la Oración por Vocaciones van juntos perfectamente. De vez en cuando, una de ustedes las madres me pregunta cómo decírles a sus hijos acerca de una posible vocación religiosa.

Tengo la tendencia de responder pensando en cómo mi mamá se rela- cionó a mi vocación. Realmente lo que más me influyó fue en gran parte ésta. Mi mamá era una persona huma- nista, empática y sabia. Continuó enseñando en la primaria en mi parro- die...
Jim and Jean Weaver of Seymour marked their 60th anniversary on May 16. The couple celebrated with their family during a private dinner. They have six children: Joe, Jim, Jerry Weaver, Jeanine Fisher, Judy Prince and the late Joan Beineke. The couple also has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Weavers are members of St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour. †

Holy Cross Health Ministries and St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers will sponsor their fourth annual...
Prison ministry brings God’s love to incarcerated people

By Mary Ann Wyand

Prison ministry requires people to look beyond the prisoner’s crime and see the person created in the image and likeness of God. That isn’t easy, but God calls people to do it anyway, said Father Lawrence Voelker, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis.

Pope John Paul II has asked Catholics to respond to Christ’s call to help the imprisoned—“I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt 25:36)—and July 9 has been designated as the Jubilee Day in Prisons.

This day is a reminder of the need to take the word of God and Christ’s healing love to people incarcerated inside the razor-wire fences and multiple locked doors of high-security correctional facilities.

The Indiana Women’s Prison is located within the Holy Cross Parish boundaries, and Father Voelker also serves as the Catholic chaplain there.

A few years ago, Father Voelker read a newspaper story about a woman who committed a violent crime. As he thought about her actions, he felt shock and anger, and wondered how she could have done such a terrible thing.

Some time later, while talking with women at the prison about forgiveness and love, a prisoner asked him if he really believes in forgiveness.

“I try to,” he told her. Then he realized he was talking to the woman whose crime had shocked him. Therein lies the paradox of prison ministry: Hate the sin but love the sinner.

“I never see the prisoner, but I talk about her crime,” Father Voelker said. “If she wants to tell me about it, I listen. But I never ask.”

Prison ministry is bittersweet, Holy Cross pastoral associate Linda Hirsch of Indianapolis explained, because a prisoner’s loss of freedom, family, friends and other priceless aspects of life are cause for grief as well as conversion.

During an interfaith Bible study session at the Indiana Women’s Prison, Hirsch said, a prisoner talked about missing simple pleasures in life like holding a seasHELL or petting a dog. She hadn’t touched an animal in 22 years.

Concerned about the woman’s grief, Hirsch got permission to bring seashells to a Bible study and obtained permits for volunteers who train Canine Companions for Independence to bring seashells to a Bible study and obtained permits for volunteers who train Canine Companions for Independence to bring seashells to a Bible study and obtained permits for volunteers who train Canine Companions for Independence to bring seashells to a Bible study and obtained permits for volunteers who train Canine Companions for Independence to bring seashells to a Bible study.

“Before her first visit, Sister Denise said, “I thought prison was about rehabilitation. But it isn’t. It’s about incarceration and punishment. Words like ‘freedom,’ ‘forgiveness’ and ‘power’ have new meanings for me. Every other week I am made to think about that again, but prayer and conversation with others gives me support and insight. Prison ministry is one of the most sure ways to transformation and conversion.”

St. Paul the Apostle parishioner Teresa Batto of Greencastle volunteers at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute as a member of the Prisoner Visitation and Support Group, a national secular organization.

Batto also volunteers as an assistant chaplain at the Putnamville Correctional Facility, where she coordinates a weekly interfaith Bible study group and a Communion service for Catholics.

“This ministry is so dear to me,” she said. “We read Scripture and pray together.” Batto said she isn’t afraid to volunteer in prisons because the men treat her with respect and enjoy talking about God.

“I see the Holy Spirit working,” she said. “So many transformations happen in this group. These men know they have to change their lives and turn toward God. However, prisoners who find God need prayers and support after parole too. Parishes could become much more involved in prison ministry.”

Providence Sister Rita Clare Gerard of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods visits a dead row inmate at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute twice a month.

“When I look in his eyes, I see a man who is fully alive,” Sister Rita Clare said. “It is life-giving for me to visit him because he has turned his life around. He prays, and has experienced a conversion. He is truly sorry for the evil deeds he did in the past. He admits to them, knows they were wrong and takes responsibility for his actions. He said it is God’s place to judge. And he knows that, even if his sentence is commuted, he will still die in prison.”

(Mary Ann Wyand is an assistant editor for Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Prison ministry focuses on prayer

This Week’s Question

Tell of the ministry in prisons and jails conducted in your diocese.

“I work in the Saginaw County Jail. I do one-to-one counseling. We offer four Catholic Church services each Sunday. We also offer anger- and stress-management classes, self-esteem and healing-the-inner-child workshops, and spiritual counseling.” (Sister Mary Ruth Raffi, D.C., Diocese of Saginaw, Mich.)

“We have three major prisons in our diocese, and we carry out ministry at each location. That ministry—conducted by local priests or deacons—involves visitation, Mass and Scripture study.” (Father Eric Berns, director of the Office of Ministries, Diocese of La Crosse, Wis.)

“We have priest-chaplains who minister to prisoners in the correctional facilities in our diocese. They are sometimes assisted by lay ministers. Mass is celebrated on a regular basis, and there is ministry directly to individuals as well.” (Kathleen Sass, director of communications, Diocese of Springfield, Ill.)

“I coordinate the religious Catholic services at the regional detention center. We have a Word and Eucharist service three weekends each month led by volunteer lay people, and liturgy one weekend per month celebrated by one of the local pastors.” (Father Anthony Gregori, coordinator of Catholic Services at the Cascade County Regional Detention Center, Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Mont.)

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Capital punishment further perpetuates cycle of violence

By David Gibson

Crime introduces unwelcome loss and pain into victims’ lives. How, then, should they react to men and women convicted of crimes, including those sentenced to death?

The U.S. Catholic Conference Administrative Board reflected on questions like that in an April 1999 statement on the death penalty. The bishops recognized the plight of crime victims and their families.

“Our family of faith must stand with them as they struggle to overcome their terrible loss and find some sense of peace,” the bishops said. They encouraged compassionate responses to “the terrible pain and anguish” those affected experienced.

The bishops said they were “challenged by the evolution in Catholic teaching” on the death penalty and hoped those supporting it would “come to see, as we have, that more violence is not the answer.”

Why oppose capital punishment? Because, the bishops said, it perpetuates “a cycle of violence and [promotes] a sense of vengeance,” it definitively denies criminals the chance to reform, and its increased use “is a sign of growing disrespect for human life. The death penalty offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life.”

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Faith Alive!

Why I’m a Catholic Church is catholic and apostolic (Third in a series)

In this series about “why I’m a Catholic,” I’ve written about two of the marks of the Catholic Church: that it is one and holy. This week I’ll examine its claim that it is catholic and apostolic.

We’ve discovered, though, that the Church is universal, that the Church is universal, and everywhere in the world. I’ve gone to the same Mass in China, India, Russia, the UK, Brazil, and throughout Europe. The Catholic Church has both great diversity and unity in its universality.

I’ve also discovered the different rites of the Catholic Church, especially during the three months I studied in Jerusalem in 1997. There are numerous Eastern Churches that are just as Catholic as the Roman Catholic Church. That’s because the Church originated in Palestine and from there spread out to other regions of the world with centers in Jerusalem, Alexandria, Antioch and Constantinople in the East, and Rome in the West. They all introduced their own rites, and they have kept them intact, but they all recognize the pope as their head. They differ from the Orthodox Churches in that the Orthodox Churches do not recognize the pope as supreme head. But the Eastern Catholic Churches are part of the same Church one and universal.

The Catholic Church is apostolic. It also race into existence. Many converts to Catholicism have been brought mainly for that reason. One of the most famous is John Henry Newman, who was a leader in the Anglican Church’s Oxford Movement in the 19th century. In a book showing that the Anglican Church was the via media—the middle way—between Catholicism and Protestantism. But as he studied the Church’s history, he had to acknowledge that Catholicism was indeed the same Church founded by Christ and spread by the apostles. Newman went on to become the greatest theologian in the 19th century and eventually was named a cardinal.

I’ve studied the Church’s history, too, and wrote the book Catholic History. The Church has had a checkered history, to say the least. During the 15th century it survived two and then plotted to murder their opponents. It has not always lived up to the Christian principles and espoused in the persecution of the Jews and the slaughter of Muslims and Jews during the crusades. There have been 37 apostates, men who claimed or exercised the papal office in an canonically manner. During one period of history, 1378–1417, there were two and sometimes three men claiming to be pope, each with followers who thought that their man was the legitimate pope. My feeling is that, if the Church could survive all of that and more, it must be divinely protected in order to last all these centuries.†

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)
The Sunday Readings
Sunday, May 14, 2000

- Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
- John 10:11-18

The Acts of the Apostles again is the source of an Eastertime Scriptural reading. This material is interesting. Acts gives a clear description of events that occurred. Acts has been continually the case, and as is reported throughout Acts, Peter is the spokesman. Acts here is careful to state that Peter is “filled with the Holy Spirit.” It is God speaking through him.

At some point, a cripple has been healed. It was neither accident nor coincidence. It occurred because the apostles brought healing into reality by invoking the Lord’s name.

Once again, the resurrection is most revealing. Of course, Jesus, the Son of God, has the power to heal. But not all who use the Lord’s name will find healing. Healing testifies to the Lord’s great, divine power. It also testifies to the validity of the person accomplishing these marvelous acts.

Peter impresses again upon the people that Jesus is the gift of God’s love, the fulfillment of God’s promise. Over the many years, people have erred, and they have brought misery into their lives. But God has not forgotten them. Perfectly, completely and forever, God has redeemed them in and through Jesus.

Jesus lives very visibly in the community alive in its faith and love, and in its connection with the apostles, who speak for the Lord.

As was the case in the preceding weeks of the Easter season, the Church this week presents a reading from the First Epistle of St. John.

Characteristic of this Scripture is its gentle, loving care for the people whom the Lord has redeemed and who love God. It addresses them, and us, as “beloved.” It reminds us of who we are. God’s children. It is reassuring. In our needs, in the many difficulties and indeed perils that may confront us, God is with us. He is more than a protector or a guide. He is our almighty and all-loving Father.

In short, we shall see God. We shall live with God. St. John’s Gospel once more furnishes the Gospel reading.

The subject of the message is Jesus. The imagery used to define for us the person and mission of the Lord is that of the Good Shepherd. It was an image that the Lord treasured and often employed.

For the contemporaries of Jesus, for those who first heard these Scriptures, the model of a good and self-sacrificing shepherd was both familiar and admired. Sheep herding was a popular livelihood at the time, as it still is in the Middle East.

In this case, the Gospel continues, for some verses, beautifully defining what the Good Shepherd does to protect the flock. It is an action prompted by love. A bond exists. The shepherd knows the flock. The flock knows and trusts the shepherd.

At the close, the Lord says that there be one flock and one shepherd. It is not a profession for conquest, to overcome and control. It is the expression of an intense love, a love that causes a wish to be one with the beloved.

The love with which the Lord holds us in compassion and grace. It is the bulwark of safety and of life for all people.

Reflection

The Church has stressed for these weeks following Easter that the Lord lives, and that the Lord lives visibly and actually throughout the Church, specifically bound together in and by the Twelve.

Still the Lord gives life, but life now is through the sacraments and teaching of the Church. Still Peter speaks. Still the Lord verifies the holy role of Peter and the apostles by giving life through them.

Having once more established for us the reassurance that the Lord lives very visibly, and that the Lord acts among us, the Church returns to its joyful Easter refrain, The Risen Lord is the Savior. He redeems! He lives! He loves! He leads us away from danger and from eternal death, and cares for us.

We are never alone. With Jesus, we are never in peril. 

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Daily Readings

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Isaiah the Forner
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3, 43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 16
Acts 11:19-26
Psalms 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 17
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 18
John 1, pope and martyr
Acts 13:13-25
Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, May 19
Acts 13:26-33
Psalms 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 20
Bernardine of Siena, priest
Acts 13:44-52
Psalms 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 21
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-2
John 15:1-8

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Woman grieves the loss of her child in abortion

Q I hope you can help me. A close friend sent me one of your columns about excommunica-

tion because of an abortion. More than a year ago, I had an abortion. I’ve never forgiven myself for it. Honestly, I don’t think I can.

No one in my family knows, and my friends who do know have no idea what pain I feel every time I hear a baby cry. I haven’t gone to confession and sometimes don’t want to be forgiven because then I might forget, and I won’t let myself off that easily.

I want more than anything to have the baby, but I knew my mother would kick me out, and the baby’s father wouldn’t be there physically or emotionally. I’m now in a new relationship with someone I believe truly cares for me, but I find myself holding back. Maybe it’s the anger I have toward myself. I want to be happy again, but I still want to remember that awful mistake I made.

A I’m very sorry for you. A lot of painful healing will be needed in your heart as you move, as you say, toward happiness again. It will be helpful, I believe, to reflect prayerfully on a few truths as you move in that direction.

First, there is no pain you will ever forget your experience, no matter what you do. It has had too great an impact on your feelings and memories. But that has little connection with forgiveness, either your forgiveness of yourself or God’s forgive-

ness of you.

Genuine forgiveness, which can occur gradually, and which will be part of your return to happiness, happens at another level than remembering.

Forgiveness means letting go, especially of anger and resentment, and of the desire for revenge. For you, this means the anger and resentment, and perhaps even the need for punishment you feel toward yourself.

You have done a serious wrong. We admit that. But it is past, part of history, and there’s nothing you, or even God, can do to change that. The important present concern of God is where you go from here.

God knows you (as well as all of us) are a long way from perfect. You are not the first person to make a big-time mistake, and you will not be the last. What is needed now is the humility to acknowl-

edge that, and to calmly and peacefully go home to God’s love, and believe in his faith in you.

What else is this a big order, but with prayer and patience, and the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist—and modest and advisable work through it with a counselor or a friend you can trust—it can happen more peacefully and gracefully than you think.

Don’t be intimidated by how you feel at the moment. As the Bible says, God is bigger than our hearts, so don’t be afraid to move on. Good luck!

Q A friend and I have a disagreement about the Polish National Catholic Church. Is this a Roman Catholic Church? May priests (Canon 844 n. 2) receive the sacraments at PNCC Masses? Can they receive Communion in our churches?

A An agreement seven years ago between the Vatican and the Polish National Catholic Church of America ruled that PNCC members may receive the sacraments of penance, Eucharist and anointing of the sick from Roman Catholic priests if they make the request on their own initiative.

Likewise, Roman Catholics may receive these sacraments from PNCC clergy whenever necessity or spiritual advantage suggests and it is physically or morally not possible to receive these sacraments from a Roman Catholic Church? May priests (Canon 844 n. 2). The PNCC is neither Roman Catholic nor Orthodox, but its sacraments are now formally recognized as valid by the Vatican.

It was founded in 1897 after a series of disputes between Polish immigrants to North America and local bishops. There are approximately 160 PNCC parishes in the United States, mainly in the Northeast.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish outlining marriage regulations in the Catholic Church, and explaining the promises in an interfaith marriage, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dorczak, Box 235, Peoria, IL 61613. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jfdietzen@aol.com.)

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Msgt. Owen E. Campion

My Journey to God

To Mom

Dear Mom, I’ll write this little note, ‘cause I cannot seem to say the words to you, the things I think, that just won’t come today.

I’ll just start with “I love you and it’s good to have you near, life would be so dry without you, for you’ve always been so dear!”

I think back now of yesterday, of things you did and said, your loving arms around me, as you tucked me in my bed.

You saw that I was fed and clothed, consoled me when I cried—no matter what the problem was, my tears you always dried.

(Jean Cox is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin.)

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Despite appearances, grasses do not grow on trees.
Saint Meinrad founder born in England

Benedictine Father Bede O’Connor, a monk of Our Lady of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland, was chosen in 1852 by his abbot, Henry IV, to be a missionary to the Diocese of Vincennes and to found a school for the training of native clergy.

Born in London in 1826, he entered the monastery school at Einsiedeln in 1840. He is described by the late Providence Sister Mary Borromeo Brown in her 1949 History of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, as “eloquent, resourceful and highly gifted.”

Father Bede and a companion, Benedictine Father Ulrich Christen, also of Einsiedeln, arrived in Indiana in 1853 and purchased 160 acres near the Ohio River in Spencer County. A school for boys was soon opened.

Father Bede was fluent in English and French, as well as German. In fact, his German was said to be so good that the German-American farmers of southern Indiana “could hardly be convinced that ‘Vater Beda’ was not one of them.”

He served parishes in southern Indiana and was named pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute in 1859. His fluency in French made him invaluable to Bishop Jacques M. Maurice de Saint-Palais, who appointed him chancellor in 1866 and later vicar general (1870-1875).

He died in 1875 in Terre Haute and is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery there.

This photograph dates from about 1870 and is found in the personal photo album of Father Hippolyte Du Pontau, later vicar general (1870-1875).
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May 13
Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, 125th Anniversary Mass, 5 p.m., dinner, Atium, 3134 E. Thompson Rd., $25. Information: 317-638-5551.

May 14
Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand delivery): P.O. Box 1717; Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail), 317-236-1593 (fax): mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

May 15
St. Luke Church, 7525 Holiday Dr. East, Indianapolis. Catholic and Proud Of It youth adult conference, 10 a.m., pre-registration by May 7, $20, at door $25. Information: 317-298-0941.

May 16
St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis, Ryan Hall, usher party, $3 per person.

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: 317-663-4661.

May 20

May 21
St. Jude, Spencer. New church dedication, 5 p.m. Information: 812-549-2400.

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30th St., Indianapolis
Confession, 6-45 p.m.; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m. 

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

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 S. S. 2nd, Cedar Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass. 

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 533 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m. 

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass-Noon communion service. 

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bedford. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, after 8:30 a.m. Mass-9 p.m.; reconciliation, 4-6 p.m. 

St. Joseph University Church, Terre Haute. Eucharistic adoration, after 9 a.m. Mass-5 p.m.; rosary, noon. 

St. Mary Church, New Albany. Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, after 9 a.m. Mass-midnight. 

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Mass. Benediction and service. 

First Saturdays
St. Nicholas Church, Sunman. Mass, praise and worship. 

8 a.m.; then SACRED gathering in the school. 

Little Flower Church, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis. Eucharistic adoration, next Friday, 2 p.m. 

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Devotions and sacrament of reconciliation, after 8 a.m. Mass. 

Holy Angels Church, 28th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon. 

St. Mary Church, New Albany. Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 8 p.m. Mass. 

Second Mondays
Church at Mount St. Francis. Holy hour plus adoration to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m. 

Second Tuesdays
St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis. Separated and Divorced Catholics support group, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-578-8254. 

Second Thursdays

St. Luke Church, Indianapolis. Holy hour for priests and religious vocations, 7 p.m. 

Third Sundays
Mary’s Schoenstatt, Revivile (located on 925 South, 5 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), Holy Hour, 2:30 p.m. Mass. 

Father Elmer Burwinkel, Information: 812-689-3551. E-mail: burwinkel@redicom.net. 

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. (Monday), rosary. 

8 p.m. Open until midnight. 

Third Mondays
St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group (by archdiocese of Youth and Family Ministries), 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586. 

Third Wednesdays
St. Jude Church, 5531 McFarland Rd., Indianapolis. Rosey, 6:15 p.m. Information: 783-1445. 

Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102. 

Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg. Support group for the widowed, 7 p.m. Information: 317-934-2524. 

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m. 

Third Thursdays
Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Havestock Rd., Indianapolis, Mass, 2 p.m. 

Third Fridays
Blessed Sacrament Chapel, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Mass for Civitas Divi, Catholic business group. 6:30 a.m. Indianapolis Athletic Club, breakfast, talk, 7:15-8:30 a.m. 320 Information: Shawna Conway, 317-264-9400, ext. 35; or David Gugino, 317-875-8211. 

St. Francis Hall Chapel, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass and healing service, 7 p.m. 

Third Saturdays
St. Andrew Church, 4052 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. Mass for Life by archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m.; walk to Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St., rosary, return to church for Benediction. 

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To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart, Dr. James J. Divita, Professor of History at Marian College, has written a history of this landmark parish. The book features numerous color photographs of the church’s beautiful interior as well as over 75 historic pictures from the parish’s 125-year legacy. Sacred Heart High School will be featured as well as the Franciscans and Sisters of Saint Joseph who served at the parish. The book will be nearly 150 pages in length. A keepsake book for anyone who has a connection to Sacred Heart.

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capital punishment is difficult for many people—including many Catholics—to accept,” the archbishop said. “We hope that this video and the discussions that will take place because of it will help people understand why the Church opposes capital punishment and what individuals can do to see that the death penalty is abolished.”

Auxiliary Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is the principal narrator.

M. Desmond Ryan of Indianapolis, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, said each Indiana bishop taped a personal introduction to the video “so the parishioners will recognize their own bishop.”

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same feeling and values she had found in West Virginia. Now married and with a house in Asheville, she found the ideal place to practice family medicine that was in concert with her values.

Marshall-Walnut Medical Center is part of the Hot Springs Medical Center: fee-for-service, community owned, private, nonprofit. It comprises four centers, with nurse practitioners and 11 doctors, of which Daly is one. While there are charges for services, Daly said, “We have never turned anyone away.”

“I feel I’ve built really strong relationships with the patients that might not be possible somewhere else,” she said. “It keeps me going. It is not a materialistic society. People are committed to taking care of the elderly.”

A member of St. Andrew Parish in Mars Hill, she did not grow up Catholic. In college, she found herself drawn to the Church and at one time was attending Mass three times a week.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps experience was also important.

“It [the Church] was where I found myself most comfortable,” she said. She stressed the universality and the ritual elements of the faith. “I was once overwhelmed by Communion—this one action being done by millions of people in the world,” she said. “When you walk up there [to receive Communion], you’re all one.” She was confirmed in 1987.

Her faith in Christ permeates the medical office as well. When appropriate, with a patient signals, Daly shares her faith and sometimes prays with patients.

“What you do with your life is all tied in with your faith. It’s about using your God-given talents—serving others,” she said.

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It’s important for Catholics to realize that retribution and deterrence can’t be used to justify the death penalty.

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same feeling and values she had found in West Virginia. Now married and with a house in Asheville, she found the ideal place to practice family medicine that was in concert with her values.

Marshall-Walnut Medical Center is part of the Hot Springs Medical Center: fee-for-service, community owned, private, nonprofit. It comprises four centers, with nurse practitioners and 11 doctors, of which Daly is one. While there are charges for services, Daly said, “We have never turned anyone away.”

“I feel I’ve built really strong relationships with the patients that might not be possible somewhere else,” she said. “It keeps me going. It is not a materialistic society. People are committed to taking care of the elderly.”

A member of St. Andrew Parish in Mars Hill, she did not grow up Catholic. In college, she found herself drawn to the Church and at one time was attending Mass three times a week.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps experience was also important.

“It [the Church] was where I found myself most comfortable,” she said. She stressed the universality and the ritual elements of the faith. “I was once overwhelmed by Communion—this one action being done by millions of people in the world,” she said. “When you walk up there [to receive Communion], you’re all one.” She was confirmed in 1987.

Her faith in Christ permeates the medical office as well. When appropriate, with a patient signals, Daly shares her faith and sometimes prays with patients.

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the Internal Revenue Service. On the last page (unfortunately it is not numbered, but faces the inside back cover) is a breakdown of federal expenditures:

National Defense—$233 thousand million dollars

Hmm, that’s a lot of money—maybe Mr. Gardner has something here.

Social Security, Medicare, etc.—$650 thousand million dollars

Uh oh, twice as much as military expenses—is there more?

Social Programs—$303 thousand million dollars

That’s almost as much as the entire national defense budget by itself!

Now if I remember my arithmetic facts right, social spending (that is, income redistribution) is 953 thousand million dollars, more than 2.9 times that of defense spending. If there is no difference in administrative practices, there is nearly three times as much waste to find in the social welfare programs, as in the military. However, I recall reports in The Criterion, as well as the secular press, that for each dollar budgeted, nearly 78 cents of social welfare money stays in Washington for “administrative costs.”

If Mr. Gardner wants to reduce federal waste, here’s $743 thousand million dollars of waste to go after, more than twice the yearly military budget, or enough to build half-a-dozen space stations and reopen Tranquility Base permanently.

(Oh, I almost forgot, if you review your W-2 forms, you’ll wonder where the “7 9/10” figure comes from. Our family sent nearly 28 percent to Washington, and we do not gross much more than the $54 thousand cited.)

Steve Non, Southport
Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state parish, date of death. Obligations of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters and brothers in the 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.


CRAIG, Mary Irene, 92, St. Mary, New Albany, April 28. Grandmother of five.


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“We’re not going to ask anyone to sell their house tonight to give proceeds to Catholic Social Services,” he said, “although we wouldn’t discourage anyone if they did.”

Archbishop Buechlein reminded the group of the priorities of Catholic Social Services: family support, care for the elderly, crisis assistance and shelter for families with children.

“Let’s be united in our commitment to be for others as Jesus was,” he said.

Four other Indianapolis residents received the Spirit of Service Award. Linda Hinch has worked with a food pantry program, refugee housing and prisoner Bible study. Robert McKinney used business practices that helped neighborhood housing and minority businesses. Olga Villa Parra has promoted social justice by empowering women, farm workers and youth. And Father Lawrence Voolker has actively supported civic and community organizations that provide better conditions for the poor.

A hundred people attended the dinner, which raised more than $100,000, after expenses, for Catholic Social Services.

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