Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In just two weeks, the Church in southern and central Indiana will gather for our major celebration of this Jubilee Year, “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee.” Excitement is building throughout the archdiocese. Join us for this historic event.

Our celebration will take place at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The dome is the largest facility available in our archdiocese, and we wanted to have room for everyone who wants to attend. During our gathering, we will celebrate the Eucharist, the sacrament of confirmation will be administered to more than 3,000 young people and adults, a nuptial blessing will be given to all married couples present, and we will all pray to the Holy Spirit to give us all the grace to carry out the evangelizing mission of the Church.

The Great Jubilee Year, which marks the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, is a perfect time for us to gather as the Church in central and southern Indiana and to experience the unity we share as sisters and brothers in the Lord. It is also a graced time, a time for us to witness to the larger community how the Good News of Jesus Christ has changed our lives and made us a hope-filled people.

Please make plans now to join me, some 20 bishops from across the country and priests from our archdiocese who will be assisting in celebrating confirmation, and the religious and laity of our local Church as we gather as one family to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, let us thank God for the extraordinary blessings our archdiocese has received in recent years and invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to help us reach out to inactive Catholics and to those who have no church home.

I look forward to being with you on Sept. 16.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

A guide to The Great Jubilee

Thousands of Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will gather Sept. 16 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

The event called “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee” is the highlight of the archdiocese’s year-long celebration of the Jubilee Year, which began Christmas Eve with the opening of the special Holy Year doors at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Following are some questions and answers about the celebration.

Who are we celebrating?

The Great Jubilee celebrates 2,000 years of Christianity. As the U.S. Catholic bishops said in their Jubilee message, it is a time “in which we turn to Jesus and ask for the grace to convert our hearts and minds to look forward in hope.”

Our celebration at the RCA Dome is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all Catholics in the archdiocese to celebrate the Eucharist together. More than 3,000 young people and adults will receive the sacrament of confirmation and all married couples present will receive a special blessing. This celebration also is a time for all Catholics in the archdiocese to experience their connection to the universal Church and to bear their call in the Holy Spirit to participate in the Church’s mission to evangelize and to spread the good news of our salvation.

Where will “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee” be held?

It will take place at 2:30 p.m. (EST) on Sept. 16 in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Who is invited?

All Catholics in the archdiocese. We also welcome all Catholics from outside the archdiocese and any non-Catholics who want to celebrate with us.

How many people are expected to attend?

As many as 25,000 to 30,000 people.

Do I need a ticket to get in and are there assigned seats?

No one needs a ticket to enter. The confirmation candidates and their sponsors will be seated by parish on the floor. There also will be seating for persons with disabilities on the floor. All others may sit where they wish in the stands, although parishes have been given suggested areas to sit to be close to their confirmation candidates.

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For Volunteers: Park in lots 3 and 4, off of South Street, south of the RCA Dome. Walk up Senate Avenue and enter Gate 3 before the training session and check in at the registration tables. Registration tables open at 5 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

For the General Public: People who use wheelchairs or who have difficulty walking can enter the Capitol Avenue or Senate Avenue entrances. They will not have to use stairs or elevators. Ushers will help guide them to the east side of the RCA Dome. Seating for the hearing impaired is located between aisles 139 and 140 at the north side of the dome. Parking for buses is on Senate Avenue, south of the Dome. This is the only bus parking area. Please park the bus there and unload the passengers. Passengers then will know the location of the bus. Please be aware that there is a fee for parking. Parking for cars is available for a fee in nearby garages and in lots south of the Dome.

Please leave early and be patient in traveling to the RCA Dome. Expect to encounter some delay because of road construction on area interstates.
How early can I enter the RCA Dome?
The doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

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How long will the Mass last?
Approximately two hours.

How will the RCA Dome be decorated?
The choir will perform at the “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope” on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Program information: 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483, or by e-mail at worship@archindy.org.

Volunteers are needed for jubilee celebration

The Steering Committee for “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee” is seeking volunteers for the Sept. 16 event at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Communion guides: will lead the eucharistic ministers to their places. Training session: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.
- Chrism bearers: will assist bishops and priests conferring chrisms. Training session: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.
- Hospitality ministers and ushers: greatest at the main entrance; hand out worship aids; ushers will help people find seats and will assist the movement of people for communion. Training session: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

If you are interested in serving the assembly in one of these positions and have a driver’s license, please contact your parish jubilee coordinator, send your name, parish and telephone number to Steve Scholz, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410.

If you have already submitted your name, you will be notified of the position you are filling.

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Choir members need to attend two rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held in Indianapolis in the RCA Dome at 12:30 p.m. before the Sept. 16 Mass.

The choir director is the Rev. Robert Scholz, associate pastor at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, and the assistant director is the Rev. Peter Fox, O.S.B., a Benedictine priest from Saint Meinrad.

Choir members will be seated in family groups, with people of the same faith from the same place and the political arena.

Live justly in family life, school, work, the marketplace and the public arena.

Serve those who are poor and vulnerable, sharing more time and talent.

Give more generously to those in need at home and abroad.

Advocate for public policies that protect human dignity, preserve God’s creation and build peace.

Encourage others to work for greater charity, justice and peace.

How to carry out the jubilee pledge:

Prayerfully reflect on the pledge and keep it where it will remind you of your commitment to act. Consider how you are already serving the poor and working for justice and peace in each of the areas noted on the pledge. Identify one or more areas that are weak links for you and then work to strengthen them.

Pray—When you pray, reflect on how you have succeeded and failed to serve the poor and work for justice and peace in your daily life. Include people who are poor and vulnerable in daily prayers. Make a commitment to choose each day a specific region of the world, or those adversely affected by a recent event, to include in personal prayer and during family prayer.

Learn—Catholic social teaching is a rich resource for building a just society and living lives of justice amidst the challenges of modern society. Periodically read about some aspect of Catholic social teaching.

Reach—Build bridges across boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, gender and disabling condition. In your parish, neighborhood, school, civic group and workplace, make a special effort to respect and to include those who are different from you. If you are in a decision-making position, affecting others, examine whether you treat those who are different fairly and equally.

Live—The most important opportunities to work for justice and peace do not come through special programs, but in the choices we make and the way we treat others every day.

Seize opportunities to promote justice and peace at home, through your financial decisions, in your parish, at school, at work and in community activities.

Serve—Volunteer regularly in your parish, with Catholic Charities, or with other organizations that serve the poor and vulnerable, defend life, care for the earth and work for peace. For example, help at a local shelter, join the Vincentian Family, Great Society or Ladies of Charity, help clean up a river, or collect food at work for those in need.

Give—The Church’s collections for the poor are excellent opportunities to share what you have. You can work for greater justice and peace at home and around the world by supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Initiatives for Public Policy, Catholic Relief Services, Propagation of the Faith, efforts to aid the Church in Latin America and in Eastern Europe and the work of other organizations promoting justice and peace.

Advocate—Join a diocesan legislative network, pro-life group, or another peace and advocacy group. Join a community organizing effort. Register and vote in light of a conscience formed by Catholic social teaching. Write or call elected representatives on issues of life, justice and peace. Contact your parish or diocesan social ministry leaders for information.

Encourage—The great jubilee and the new millennium are a time to strengthen our participation in building God’s kingdom. We can do this not only by renewing our commitment to charity, justice and peace but by encouraging others to do so. Make a copy of this pledge and sign it as a family or share it with a friend. As you act on this pledge, ask a friend or family member to join you, or share with them information on what you are learning or doing.

Is the archdiocese doing anything special for the jubilee candidates in this Jubilee Year?
In addition to bringing all the confirmation candidates together for this celebration, each candidate will receive a medallion. The pewter medallions will have the Jubilee logo on one side. The date and Archbishop Buechlein’s name will be engraved on the other side.

Will I be able to see what’s going on if I’m sitting in the stands?
A large stage will be set up to place the altar on. Giant screens will be placed on each side of the stage and the Mass will be shown on the screens.

How will the RCA Dome be decorated?
The largest decoration will be the backdrop for the stage—a 19-foot-high tapestry that is nearly 50 feet wide.

The tapestry, titled “The Family of Christ,” consists of pieces of art by artists from about 200 people placed in family groups with Christ at the heart of the cross. The colorful piece of art represents all people. It was commissioned by the Archdiocese of New York and was used as the backdrop for Pope John Paul II’s Mass in Indianapolis in Central Park in New York in 1995.

How will the diversity of the archdiocese be reflected in the celebration?
Some readings and music will be proclaimed and sung in English, Latin and Spanish. Also, members of the Hispanic Ministry Team at St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis plan to process from the parish to the RCA Dome in native clothing. Confirmation candidates from the Korean, Vietnamese and Hispanic Catholic communities will be sitting together.

What will the music be like?
Music for the celebration will feature a wide variety of styles and instruments reflecting the 2,000-year history of Christian worship as well as the growing diversity in the Church in central and southern Indiana.
A Jubilee Choir made up of hundreds of people from parishes throughout the archdiocese will lead the singing. The choir will be accompanied by organ, piano, timpani and the Monument City Brass Quartet. Music before the Mass and during the confirmation anointing will be performed by contemporary music ensembles, Assembly Required and Just Friends. Gospel-style music will be performed during Communion by the St. Rita Music Ensemble from Indianapolis.

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Can I receive a Jubilee Indulgence by attending this Mass?
Yes. Attending this Mass constitutes making a pilgrimage, which is one of the requirements for receiving the indulgence.

The jubilee of our Lord’s birth calls us “to bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18). As disciples of Jesus in the new millennium, I pledge to:

Pray regularly for greater justice and peace.

Learn more about Catholic social teaching and its call to protect human life, stand with the poor and care for creation.

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Balancing act: Popes to be beatified were very different

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A new chapter in saint-making history will be written Sept. 3 when Popes John XXIII and Pius IX are beatified in a single ceremony.

The joint beatification marks an intersection in the lives of two very different figures, and the event was approved in Rome prepared to host hundreds of thousands for the outdoor liturgy.

At religious shops near the Vatican, photos and prayer cards of John XXIII were being snapped up, and bookstores filled whole display tables with new volumes and videos on “Papa Giovanni,” the pontiff who convened the Second Vatican Council and set in motion a series of modern Church reforms.

“Everybody knows him. He’s the most popular pope of all,” said Amelia Astrologo, who runs a religious souvenir store in the shadow of St. Peter’s Square.

Two Italian TV specials were being prepared to honor Pope John, highlighting his humble beginnings, his sense of humor and his social conscience.

Pius IX, on the other hand, remained uncatechized in Italy, despite his impediment step toward sainthood. Best known for trying to hold on to temporal power, for overseeing the proclamation of papal infallibility and for casting modern thinking with his “Syllabas of Error,” he has not enjoyed widespread popular devotion.

Several shop owners said they’ve never carried prayer cards of him and that no one’s ever asked for one, either. At the tomb of John XXIII on the lower level of St. Peter’s Basilica, a crowd of about 40 people waited in line to kneel and pray.

Flowers had been laid before his tomb, a practice that has been gone since his death in 1964.

On the other side of Rome, at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, the tomb of Pius IX was prepared to be blessed in August, as workmen tried to solve a mildew problem.

The cardinal said immigrant workers “leaves behind.”

The responsibility of Catholic voters on economic globalization, especially in the United States, illegal as well.

Vatican and U.S. Catholic leaders emphasized that the Church has no moral objection to stem-cell research using adult cells, which they said was a valid and overlooked alternative to the use of embryos.

In the United States Aug. 23, the National Institutes of Health issued guidelines that lifted a moratorium on embryonic stem-cell research. In England, the country’s chief medical officer recommended in mid-August that scientists be allowed to obtain stem cells by cloning human embryos.

Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that replicate repeatedly, producing cells that can form various body tissues. Scientists believe they hold promise in treating a variety of diseases, especially the degenerative diseases of age.

In a seven-page document issued Aug. 24, the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life said the production and use of human embryos to harvest stem cells amounts to viewing a human life—as “a simple accumulation of cells” rather than a subject with rights.

“As a ‘human individual,’ it has a right to its own life; and, therefore, any intervention which is not for the good of that embryo is a detrimental act to that right,” the statement said.

Removal of stem cells irreparably damages the embryo, making the process a “seriously immoral act and, therefore, gravely prohibited.”

The Vatican said it was immoral for scientists to use embryonic stem cells even if they were obtained from embryos who removed the cells from the embryo, because “a close material cooperation in the production and manipulation of human embryos” was involved.

In an interview with Vatican Radio Aug. 24, Bishop Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the pontifical academy, said "a serious immoral act and, therefore, gravely prohibited."
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The major event of the archdiocese’s Jubilee Year celebration will take place Sept. 16 in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The 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 3,000 people from the archdiocese. The Mass is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.  

Archdiocesan indulgence churches

The faithful can receive an indulgence—an amnesty of any temporal punishment 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. Pilgrimage 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 and confessions will be heard.  

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 toll-free number through Brook at 317-253-6788 or e-mail her at isogroups@juno.com for more information and to make reservations. Specify Code #CG2000 to receive the discount.  

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Suggested approach:

- Remind yourself of the presence of God. Make the sign of the cross.
- Slowly read one of the Scripture passages. Spend at least five minutes reflecting on it and praying with it.
- Reread the passage and then read the reflection. Spend a few moments paying attention to any connections between them.
- Bring your prayer to a close by praying the suggested prayer.
- Spend two days on each Scripture passage. On the final day, return to the passage that you were moved by.

Reflection: The Spirit’s gift of fear of the Lord is not a cringing attitude that makes us want to hide from God. It is awe and reverence in the presence of the mystery of the life God has created. It feels the importance and urgency of life. It is living life in a relationship with God that is open and vulnerable.

Prayer: Jesus, awesome is a word that is used a lot today. In your case, it is true. Help us live with a sense of wonder. Deepen our reverence and respect for everything and everyone you have created. Enlarge our appreciation of the beauty and fragility of all life. We, too, are fearfully and wonderfully made. You have done so little less than the angels. Help us notice and develop the gifts you gave us. Amen.

Novena al Espíritu Santo

Recúrdete de la presencia de Dios. Haga la señal de la cruz.
- Lea despacio un pasaje de las Escrituras. Pase al menos cinco minutos meditando sobre ello y orando con ello mismo.
- Vuelva a leer el pasaje y luego lea la reflexión. Pase unos momentos pensando atención a cualquiera conexión entre ellos.
- Concluya su oración diciendo la oración sugerida.
- Pase dos días en cada pasaje de la Escritura. El último día, vuelva al pasaje que más le conmovió a Ud.

Octava Semana, 3-9 de septiembre: Temor a Dios

Escritura: Salmos 8, Salmos 110, Proverbios 14:26-27

Reflexión: El don del temor del Espíritu no es una actitud servil que nos hace querer escobones de Dios. Es temor y reverencia ante la presencia del misterio de la vida que Dios ha creado. Siente la importancia y urgencia de la vida. Es el vivir la vida en una relación con Dios que es abierta y vulnerable.

Oración: Jesús, imponente es una palabra que se usa con mucha frecuencia hoy en día. En tu caso, es cierto. Ayúdanos a vivir con un sentido de maravilla. Profundiza nuestra reverencia y respeto a cada cosa y cada persona que has creado. Amplía nuestra apreciación de la belleza y la fragilidad de toda la vida. Estamos hechos temerosos y maravillados también. Nos has hecho casi ángeles. Ayúdanos a observar y desarrollar los dones que nos has dado. Amén.

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Choir members need to attend two rehearsals—at a parish and in Indianapolis in the RCA Dome at 12:30 p.m. before the Sept. 16 Mass.

The choir rehearsal schedule is:

- New Albany, Sept. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. (EST), St. Mary-of-the-Kaubs.
- Batesville, Sept. 7, 6-8:45 p.m. (EST), St. Mary, Greensburg.
- Indianapolis, Sept. 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (EST), SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.
- Terre Haute, Sept. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (EST), St. Joseph, Terre Haute.
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Msgr. Charles E. Ross, a priest of the archdiocese who was the founding pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, died Aug. 25 at St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis. He was 87.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided at the funeral Mass celebrated at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis on Aug. 29. Other priests of the presbyterate concelebrated. Burial was at the Priests’ Circle at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Ross was a graduate of Saint Meinrad and completed graduate work in Canon Law at The Catholic University of America.

By Margaret Nelson

The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), representing all five dioceses in the state, held a meeting Aug. 24 at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis to discuss its newly released document about the stewardship of God’s creation: “Care for the Earth.”

The booklet was written by ICC representatives, farmers, environmentalists and priests. The document draws on two major resources—Pope John Paul II’s “The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility” (1989) and The United States Catholic Conference of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ “Renewing the Earth” (1992).

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein addressed the group, which included two Indiana legislators and the assistant to a U.S. senator, farmers and environmentalists, Catholic Charities leaders, as well as members of the writing committee.

Dr. John Nichols, St. Joseph’s College and ICC board member, is chair of the writing committee. He said, “It’s something we’ve all involved in. We all eat,” adding that the writers tried to show our responsibilities as trustees of God’s creation. He noted that the Earth is important to the strong sense of sacra-

ment in the Catholic faith.

“We use bread the Earth has given and wine that is fruit of the Earth. They are changed into the eucharistic pres-
ence,” said Nichols.

He considers the main focus of “Care for the Earth” to be a quote from “Renewing the Earth.”

“The web of life is one. Our mistreat-
ment of the material world diminishes our own dignity and sacredness, not only because we are destroying resources that future generations of humans need, but because we are engag-
ing in actions that contradict what it means to be human.”

The document begins with “Urgency of the Message,” which points out that our environment is in crisis—and that the current rate of extinction is due to human activity.

The booklet continues by discussing the moral situation, moral theology and ecology, principals for a Catholic contri-
bution to ecological debates, our role in creation and an ethics of care for the Earth.

“Specific concerns” affecting all of us in this and future generations are the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land and seas that produce our food, the document states.

The document points out that the U.S. food supply is in crisis because the fam-
ily farm is being condemned to financial failure through increasing debt, lack of equity, lowering market prices and increasing operating expenses.

Archbishop Buechlein, general chair of the ICC, congratulated the writing committee for the document. He said the pastor of his hometown parish in Jasper (Holy Family, Evansville Diocese), Father John Boeglin, “has a great con-
cern for rural America.”

The archbishop sees this ministry as related to the total culture of life—nature, environment, Earth—all part of God’s divine creation.

“We’re stewards of that. We must try to do our part,” he said.

Ralph said that Native Americans

“held the Earth in great esteem because it was the source of life. It is our source of life. This report brings this to the forefront.”

Lytle, chair of Indiana’s Interim Study Committee on Rural and Agricultural Issues, said, “I’m impressed with this booklet. It’s something I can work from.

“We’re all in this together,” he said, calling for combined efforts of those interested in agricultural, natural resources and rural development issues. See EARTH, page 18

Indiana dioceses release document on environmental stewardship
Difficult decisions

Now that the 2000 political conventions are history, our nation enters a period of discernment. Who among the many candidates for local, state and federal offices are best suited to provide leadership for the beginning years of the new millennium? Catholics are being courted by all of the major political parties. Democrats, Republicans and Reform Party members all claim that their candidates (and their platforms) are more closely in line with Catholic teaching than their opponents. In fact, there are no “Catholic candidates.” For one thing, the Church does not endorse candidates for political office. What’s more, a careful look at the agendas and voting records of today’s political parties and their candidates would reveal few (if any) who are tightly aligned with the Church on all major issues. This means that Catholics, like most voters today, must examine candidates’ views about which candidates and parties are most closely aligned (or least “out of sync”) with their vision of the world.

There is no easy way to instantly identify the candidates as “consistent with the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church,” but there are some questions that we Catholics should ask concerning each candidate and his or her political agenda. Here are some (but by no means all) of these questions:

Where does the candidate stand on the full range of life issues, including abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, health care and sexuality? Does the candidate respect the spiritual and moral values that are central to our American way of life?

How will he or she contribute (by words and example) to the building up of a just and humane society?

These and many other questions can help Catholics assess how well candidates for political office “fit” with our Church’s vision of what’s most important in life. As the U.S. bishops have pointed out in their document Faithful Citizenship, “In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation” (p. 9).

Nowhere in the document do they claim that participation is easy or simple. It is not. Simple checklists can take the place of attentive listening, discussion and prayer; but using these (and other) questions as guides, it is possible to make honest choices. That’s what freedom and honest choices. That’s what freedom and responsible citizenship are about. For all of us.

—Daniel Conway

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

We have role in coming of the kingdom

(Last in a series)

Last week, I concluded my commentary on the Our Father, saying that when we pray “deliver us from evil” we pray for God’s dominion in our world. And that petition brings us full circle, since at the beginning of the Lord’s Prayer we pray, “thy kingdom come.” When we pray, we appreciate the importance of the petition as we see that our society seems to be anything but the kingdom of God. On the surface at least, secular values appear to eclipse any notion of God among us. Witness how respect for human life has plummeted. Clearly care for our planet seems subservient to the profit motive. Is God’s kingdom and the news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ message just a dream?

More than enough lessons of history prove that if the vision of God’s kingdom does not prevail in human society, and if people are left with a purely secular vision, things go awry. If the human family is left to believe that it can create a utopia that is a “Godless” kingdom leads to a culture of terror. Just looking back on the violent wars that resulted from the Holocaust of the last century, we must ask how much evidence do we need to be convinced that a “Godless” kingdom leads to a culture of death?

In addition to being the fundamental Christian way of praying, the prayer that Jesus taught us is the prayer Jesus taught us is instructive about life. The order of the petitions is not arbitrary. If “hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done” fall by the wayside, so do “give us this day our daily bread …” and the rest. The human experiments of “wanting to have our eyes opened so that we can be like gods” first chosen in the Garden of Eden resulted in the fundamental importance of God’s first commandment and the Lord’s Prayer as well.

We must never be pessimistic, indeed the Christian vision of reality is anything but that. The point to be made is that we have something to say about whether or not God’s kingdom comes alive among us. We cannot simply be passive about the state of our world, vis-à-vis the kingdom of God. Yes, we depend on God, but we are also gifted by God to help make a difference in our world.

When we were baptized and received the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity, we were empowered, and we were called to tell the story of “God with us” as we journey along the pathways of life. It is not just a euphemism to say that by virtue of our baptism (and each of us) are called to be evangelizers wherever our life’s journey leads us.

As we continue our archdiocesan journey of Hope 2001, we are looking for ways to awaken in us the call “to live and tell” the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to discover a new sense of mission among us. Of all that God has given us, he does not ask a whole lot of us. But our baptismal call is just that—God asking us to do our part to make our world and the human family better, that his kingdom may come.

We do not do this independently and we do not have to do this on our own. We participate in the mission of the larger Church. We—religious, clergy and laity—together are the local Church in southern and central Indiana.

By now I hope you have learned of our archdiocesan jubilee, “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope,” which will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. We are all invited to come together for this great celebration of the Enchursh and the sacrament of confirmation and to pray gratefully for all the blessings God has given our archdioceese over the years.

We especially gather to pray for the Holy Spirit’s blessing and guidance for the new sense of mission that we desire. This jubilee event is a unique opportunity for new grace for all of us as we live our Christian vocation in the new millennium. Please do not be intimidated by the seemingly large task of evangelizing the world, asking us to do our part to make our world and the human family better, that his kingdom may come.

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Letting’s look forward to Jubilee celebration

Fellow Catholics:
I get chills up and down my spine when I think of Sept. 16, 2000. People, young and old alike, will be gathered in one huge dome, renewing their baptismal promises and making the commitment to carry the faith into the new millenium. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein is giv- ing each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis a wonderful opportunity to testify to their belief in the Catholic Church and to celebrate 2,000 years of Jesus Christ. It is a once in-a-lifetime occasion for all of us to commemorate the Jubilee Year. I am proud and delighted to be Catholic, and this ceremony will put me in the company of people who are of like mind. I urge you to participate! There was the “Million Man March” in Washington, D.C. Let there be the “100,000 Catholics March” in Indianapolis. See you there. Mary Margaret Lynch, OsBud

Why Lieberman story?
I was appalled when I saw the front page headline “Lieberman seen as good pick for Gore Ticket” (The Criterion, Aug. 11, 2000). The senator is pro-abor- tion, which is recognized in the middle of the story. The early text applauds his stand as a backer of private school vouchers or tax credit legislation. It also states that Catholic officials took a mixed view (of Lieberman), because of these two issues. What Catholic official would approve abortions in trade for money? Why would The Criterion print such a story? This position seriously impairs your previous pro-life argu-

Compensation gap

Here’s a comparison of hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing jobs in three countries. Compensation costs include wages, overtime, insurance and vacation and other benefits.

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Arzobispo Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
David and Joan Koors of Greensburg will mark their 50th anniversary on Sept. 4. The couple was married on that date in 1950 at Immaculate Conception Church in Millhousen. They will celebrate with a Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 4 at St. Mary Church in Greensburg. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Greensburg. The couple has a daughter, Mary Kay Dinn, and two granddaughters. They are members of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

Max E. and Geraldine Miller of Indianapolis will mark their 50th anniversary on Sept. 2. The couple was married on that date in 1950 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. The couple will celebrate with renewal of vows on Sept. 2 at St. Jude Church in Indianapolis. A reception will follow at Valle Vista Country Club. They have four children: Mary H. Bomar, Edward W., James A. and Donald Miller. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and WTHI Television and Radio will host the 10th annual Fall Classic horse competition on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2-3, at the Mari Hueman George School of Equine Studies. For more information, call 712-535-5239.

“Reading Poetry for Spiritual Growth” will be offered Sept. 22-24 at Fatima Retreat House, 5333 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The registration fee is $125 for individual and $225 for married couple. The deadline to register is Sept. 8. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

Msgr. Ralph Beiting, director of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), will be present at a reception on Sept. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., in Indianapolis. A brief explanation of CAP’s work and how it has helped the needy in Appalachia will be offered. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

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St. Simon the Apostle Parish breaks ground for new church

St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis broke ground for its new church building on Aug. 20. Father J. Peter Gallagher, priest in residence (at right), and parishioners applaud as Father Robert Sims, pastor, shovels ground. The new church building will have a 1,500 person capacity and is expected to be completed by Easter 2001.

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The Diocese of Rockford in Illinois will offer “Walk the Talk,” the 6th annual Great Lakes Catholic Men’s Conference, on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the MetroCentre in Rockford, Ill. The conference will focus on apostolic action. For more information, call 815-282-8870.

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis will host “Back to School Night” on Sept. 7. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to attend an abbreviated version of their child’s daily schedule at the high school. For more information, call 317-787-8277.

Glenmary Father Dominic Duggins will address parishioners at Masses on Sept. 2-3 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Greenscastle. He will speak of the Glenmary Home Missioners ministry throughout Appalachia, the rural South and Southwest.
From the Archives

School days at St. Catherine

These youngsters formed the second and third grades at St. Catherine of Siena School in Indianapolis in 1930-31. Anna Zimmer, now a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, donated the photograph to the archives and identified the following children:

First row, left to right: Bonnie Maude Sauer. The last girl in the front row is not identified.
Second row, left to right: Edward Rohrman, Anna Zimmer, Virginia Armbruster, Marie McMahon and Miss Salmon. The next two children are not identified. Florence Wodtke, the next child is not identified, and the last child’s first name is Lucille.
Third row, left to right: Cecile Elliott and Charles Mattingly. The next child’s last name is unknown, but his first name is Roland. The last boy in this row is Elmer Flick.
St. Catherine of Siena Parish was founded in 1909, and its first pastor was Father Cornelius Bosler. In 1917, Father James M. Downey was named pastor and he served in that position for the next 31 years. (Msgr. James M. Downey Council 3660 of the Knights of Columbus is named after him.)

Father Downey liked to tell a story on himself, a story that emphasized his complete lack of talent in singing and preaching.

One Saturday, a man, obviously having had too much to drink, entered Father Downey’s confessional.

“My good man,” Father Downey said, “I can’t give you absolution when you’re like this!”

The man shot back, “You can’t sing; you can’t preach; you can’t give absolution. What the heck can you do?”

In 1993, St. Catherine was consolidated with neighboring St. James the Greater Parish, and a new parish was formed and named Good Shepherd Parish.

Good Shepherd has about 1,200 people living in 500 households.

Correction

In the “From the Archives” feature in the Aug. 11 issue, we incorrectly added Providence Sister Regina (Regina Therese) Shaughnessy, who currently works at Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, to the family of the late Father John Shaughnessy. Sister Regina, who is not related to Father John Shaughnessy, had four brothers, one of whom is still living: Edward L. Shaughnessy, a retired Butler University professor. It was Providence Sister Mary (Bridget Therese) Shaughnessy, who died in 1993, who was Father Shaughnessy’s sister. Our apologies for the error and our thanks to Sister Regina for the correct information. —WRB

Remembering Mother Teresa

Sister Nirmala, superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, speaks to reporters on what would have been the 100th birthday of Mother Teresa.

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overcrowded subways and buses by shutting down public transportation during some of the peak World Youth Days. At the start of the opening ceremony on Aug. 15 in St. Peter’s Square, archdioce- san pilgrims cheered the pope’s arrival alongside youth and young adults from Spain, Vietnam, Malaysia, Syria, Belgium and scores of other countries.

When Pope John Paul read the roll call of nations, enthusiastic cheers erupted from the capacity crowd of pilgrims who sat on the warm cobblestones for hours waiting for the pope to arrive. There were seats for the Rite of Welcome with the Holy Father.

The busy World Youth Day schedule included daily eucharistic liturgies in host parishes and catechetical sessions at basilicas on the themes of “Emmanuel—God With Us,” “Christ Has Given Himself For Us” and “Saints of the New Millennium.” Measurable increase in attendance was seen up to the Aug. 19 World Youth Day vigil and Aug. 20 Mass at Tor Vergata outside of Rome included the Pilgrim’s Walk along city streets and through the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter; the sacrament of reconciliation and eucharistic liturgies at the Circus Maximus, an ancient Roman racetrack, and the Statio of the Cross on Aug. 18 from the Piazza Venezia to the Colosseum.

The vigil and Mass with the Holy Father at Tor Vergata were incredible trib- utes to 2,000 years of Christianity as a sea of pilgrims filled the 800-acre university field. The pontiff’s arrival by helicopter and popemobile generated waves of cheers from more than 1.5 million pilgrims crowding on the temporary campgrounds.

Particularly memorable were the experi- ences of seeing so many Christians stand- ing en masse for the Gospel reading, hear- ing the pilgrims cheer the pope’s pro-life message and watching the happy faces of faithful waiting to receive Communion con-secrated by the Holy Father. Also of note was the pope’s joyful connection with the young pilgrims as well as the elaborate fireworks display that concluded the “All-night vigil.”

Confirmation candidates from St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis were among the archdiocesan pilgrims attending World Youth Day events. Bishop Chadrat High School sophomore Donovan Price of Indianapolis said it was “a once-in-a-lifetime experience” to see Pope John Paul II and camp out with youth from all over the world at Tor Vergata.

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“I was surprised about how many peo- ple were there,” she said. “I really don’t think anybody could imagine how big it was without being there.”

Lawrence North sophomore Sean Abbott of Indianapolis said he visited Assisi with the St. Lawrence pilgrims the weekend before the start of World Youth Day events. In Rome, Sean said he was impressed by the opportunity to attend Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, visit the Sistine Chapel and see “all of the beautiful paintings” in the Vatican Museum.

Nine young adults from parishes in cen- tral and southern Indiana said their faith was renewed by the jubilee year pilgrim- age.

St. Mark parishioner Carol Pitzer of Indianapolis said she liked attending Mass celebrated in Italian at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls shortly after the pilgrims arrived in Rome on Aug. 15.

“It was an awesome experience to get to see such a neat place, and then to find everyone going on in Italian was an interesting experience,” she said. “They had a pro- gram for us to follow along on, and when you looked at the words you could under- stand a little bit of it. The fact that Catholic Masses are pretty much all the same everywhere—helps, too. No matter what language you’re hearing it in, you still know what’s going on.”

Pitzer also liked walking through the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Paul. “It really made a point that we were at a special place and not just a tourist attraction,” she said. “It made you stop and think about that.”

St. Paul Parish youth ministry coordina- tor Amy Halus of Sellersburg said she enjoyed praying with people from all over...
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While visiting St. Peter’s Square and other holy sites, Julius said, “I stopped to think about how many people have visited and proclaimed their faith [through the centuries] in the very spots I stood on, and I gave thanks …for my faith and the vital role faith has in making the world a beautiful place, where miraculous things happen in the most unexpected ways.”

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St. Christopher parishioner Trina Trusty of Indianapolis said she enjoyed "seeing all the people from all the different cultures cheering for the Holy Father in their own languages. We all speak different languages, and we all understand the liturgy. It’s truly a Catholic Church when you see all these different cultures together.

“I also liked hearing the pope’s wonderful message about bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, and how we’re supposed to go back to our homes and proclaim the Gospel,” she said. “I pray that everyone will take that message to heart and do that.”

Above, St. Mark parishioner Jeff Spychalski of Indianapolis and tour guide Cristina Bonifazi of Rome wait for the arrival of Pope John Paul II before the Aug. 19 vigil at Tor Vergata.

Right, Msgr. Mark Svarczkopf, former pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, guides a group of parishioners through St. Peter’s Square.

Roman ruins dominate the skyline above Circus Maximus, an ancient Roman racetrack that was used for World Youth Day liturgies and concerts.

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criticized the U.S. decision on stem-cell research and said it represented a "yielding to the pressures of the industries that want to commercialize human material."

The NIH guidelines stated that only "excess" frozen embryos created for fertility treatment can be used, and that no monetary or other inducements were allowed to donors. It said donors must be informed that the embryos will not survive the stem-cell derivation process.

President Bill Clinton praised the NIH decision and said research on stem cells, obtained from frozen embryos slated for destruction at fertility clinics, offers "potentially staggering benefits."

But Richard Doerflinger, associate director for policy development in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, said that under the guidelines, the U.S. government "for the first time in history ... will promote research in which developing human embryos are destroyed."

"The Clinton administration has ignored the moral objections submitted by tens of thousands of Americans during the NIH's public comment period, compounding the problem by forcing conscientiously opposed taxpayers to support this immoral research," he said.

Disputing the legality of the research, Doerflinger argued that funding of a program in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed is prohibited by federal law.

"No new guidelines seem to circumvent the law, by telling researchers how to obtain and destroy live human embryos if they wish to receive a stem-cell research grant. This bookkeeping trick is, to say the least, an exercise in hypocrisy," he said.

Doerflinger also disputed the claim that embryonic stem-cell research is needed for new medical advances. He said such a claim has been disputed by numerous breakthroughs in adult stem-cell research and other alternatives.

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U.S. priest murdered in Kenya was advocate for human rights

ROME (CNS)—A U.S. missionary in Kenya whose outspoken advocacy for human rights nearly led to his expulsion from the country last year was found shot dead, his order said.

Mill Hill Missionary Father John A. Kaiser’s body was found Aug. 24 close to his car near the town of Naivasha, about 50 miles northwest of the capital, Nairobi.

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“Father Kaiser had drawn the ire of some members of government after testifying against two Cabinet ministers in an inquiry on tribal clashes. ‘He was a hard-working priest’ who fought to obtain justice ‘for the ordinary people who have no voice and live in remote areas,’” said Father Hans Stampler, Rome-based procurator general of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

“He was a sincere, good fellow, but a bit hard-headed at times,” Father Stampler told Catholic News Service, adding that those who knew Father Kaiser were “not too surprised” he was murdered.

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forced off the road, they said. The Kenya Episcopal Conference has demanded a full government investigation into the murder. The Kenyan chapter of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, a group which worked closely with Father Kaiser on several human rights campaigns, expressed shock at the killing.

“We call upon President Daniel arap Moi and the government to wake up to their responsibility and safeguard and protect the rights of all Kenyans, especially human rights activists,” the group said. Father Stamper said that as of Aug. 25 the Mill Hill Missionaries had not yet set a date for the funeral and did not know whether Father Kaiser’s body would be buried in Kenya or in the United States. John A. Kaiser was born Nov. 29, 1932, in Perham, Minn. He entered the Mill Hill Missionaries in 1960, was ordained a priest four years later and was immediately sent to work in Kenya. He served the Diocese of Kisii until 1993, when he was transferred to Ngong.†
There are 137 American saints and blesseds

(First in a series)

With this column I’m starting a new series—about American saints. After a few couple introductory columns with some facts about the Early Christian Church, the Americas—-the 13 countries people who have been canonized, beatified, or who are on the path to being canonized who five who have been beatified. This summer I fin-ished writing the manuscript for a book on American saints. It’s my fourth book about American saints, and then I wrote two volumes of The Doctors of the Church, one about doctors of the first millennium, and the other about those of the second millennium. By my count, 137 people who have lived on the American continents have been beatified or canonized. As of Oct. 1, when Katharine Drexl will be canonized, 60 will have been canonized and 67 more will have been beatified. I say “by my count” because there doesn’t seem to be an official list. When Archbishop José Saraiva Martins, the prefect of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints, wrote me a list of “Saints and Blesseds of the American Continents,” he said in his letter that it was an “unofficial list.” Did indeed discover other saints and blesseds that I thought should be included. Despite the 137 saints and blesseds lived in 15 countries of the Americas. Fifty were from Mexico and 35 were from Brazil. Both these saints and blesseds can claim eight North American martyrs. Twelve more saints or blesseds were from Canada and nine more were from the United States. Since one of my previous books was Married Saints, I really enjoyed the number of American saints and blesseds who were married. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of the United States, St. Marie Marguerite d’Youville and Blessed Marie of the Incarnation of Canada, and Blessed Jean-Baptiste Vianney are included. As I matured, I became aware of how many of the saints and blesseds who have been made in God’s image, it’s up to us to dis-cern our interests and gifts with the inten-tion of making our lives a reflection of God’s work in creating something good. In short, we should love our work.

While I can’t really say, to hear me say, I can hear some readers saying. What if you have a boring job, a base subservience-job, the thought of it makes you want to move? We can’t all be TV anchors, rocket scientists or even stockbrokers.

But one thing I know, from experience, is that there’s always something about any job to commend it. You can find congeal-ling moments, a pleasant workplace, even a flattering uniform that you can appreci-ate. There may be unexpected perks such as knowing that you’re helping others, making contacts that can be valuable later or learning new skills. While we’re waiting for a better deal, we should ask God to help us do a good job, no matter what we’re doing. Because, as we can see all around us, God approves of good work.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist with The Criterion.)
The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of this weekend’s first biblical reading. "Upon God’s command, Moses relays the voice of God. This ancient book is among the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. For Jews, these are the holiest of books, indeed the holiest of the Scriptures. They contain the Law of Moses, a law not invented by Moses but given him by Almighty God. Altogether, these books comprise the Torah."

In today’s reading, Moses himself speaks. He is the representative of God. He actually did communicate with God. Upon God’s command, Moses relays the divine law to the people. The message is clear and sound. Since the law proceeds from God, no human can add to it or subtract from it. The law is sublime, beyond the right or ability of anyone on earth to amend, expand or reduce. Moses also reminds the people that they are most privileged, God has protected and guided them. God will provide for them. The Epistle of James supplies the second reading. This epistle only occasionally appears in the liturgy. It does not enjoy the popularity accorded the writings of Paul and, of course, it stands alone. The Pauline epistles are many.

Nevertheless, the Church regards it to be in the deposit of revelation. In this reading, two points emerge. The first is that every useful and helpful gift enjoyed by human beings proceeds from God. God is the merciful and powerful author of everything that is good and holy. He is the giver of life itself.

Secondly, God has reached out to people. His word, voiced by Jesus, is a gift to humanity. When this word, with its explanation of life and of the meaning of life, takes root in a person’s heart, it is because God has extended the gift and healed the person so that the possibility of receiving God is present. People do not merit salvation. Eternal life with God is God’s gift, but people must elect to receive it. St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. The Torah is specific in its demands upon Jews in a wide range of matters. Over the centuries, scholars and the devout pondered these demands. They seek to understand them. The result was that even by the time of Jesus, 2,000 years ago, Jewish life very considerably was governed by the Torah and its extension. Pharisees were part of one group in Judaism that called for the strictest interpretation of these laws. Apparently, Jesus at times interpreted the law differently. Other Pharisees questioned Christ. It is obvious that the responses did not always please them. In this moment, the Lord calls not for robotic actions, but for a religion prompted by deep faith and devotion.

Reflection
In these readings, the Church, first of all, with joy and assurance proclaims that God is the source of life and salvation. He gives the blueprint without which no happy and truly rewarding human life can be constructed. Lip service and motion do not display truer dedication to God. Only the sincere feelings of the heart worthily move religious acts.

Important also in this reading, although at times overlooked, is the fact that Jesus defines and on some occasions even offers new interpretations of the Law of Moses. It is not an affront to Moses, since the law did not initially proceed from Moses. He was not the lawgiver. God gave the law. Moses was God’s messenger. To define the Law of Moses, as did Jesus, therefore established Jesus as greater than Moses, and indeed as the voice of God.

We have four grown children, all raised Catholic with a Catholic education, and we enjoy a good, loving relationship with all of them. Today, the two are, and have been, the most gentle, caring and spiritual, self-proclaimed homosexuals. Both of them, one son and one daughter, claim to have known from an early age that they were different. As their mother, I believe this is true.

I don’t know the details of their personal lives, but does my Church tell me that if these two are not able to abstain they are going to hell? How can God, who gave them such beautiful gifts and strong human urges, reject them? I have always sought and loved a God who is compassionate and merciful, a God we cannot understand or know everything about. Have I been wrong? (Kansas)

No, you are not wrong. You are thinking and hoping and fearing in the same way as many thousands of other parents in the same circumstances, including Catholics like yourself. One of the most caring and helpful documents ever issued by the bishops of the United States is titled “Always Our Children.” First published in September 1997 and intended primarily for parents of homosexuals, it considers, as gently and as honestly as possible, many crucial points for families of homosexuals.

It is impossible to go into great detail in this column, but their opening summary of what they desire to offer mothers and fathers is itself constructive. Their message, the bishops affirm, speaks of “accepting yourself, your beliefs, values, your questions and all you may be struggling with at the moment; of accepting and loving your child, a gift of God; and accepting the full truth of God’s revelation about the dignity of the human person and the meaning of human sexuality.” Within the Catholic moral vision there is no contradiction among these levels of acceptance, for truth and love are not opposed. They are inseparably joined and rooted in one person, Jesus Christ!”

God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual, says the letter, and that love is always and everywhere offered to those who are open to receiving it. St. Paul’s well-known passage is quoted that nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is shown to us in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:39).

The bishops repeat the Church’s teaching that even for the individual involved, let alone for anyone else.

As the bishops significantly note, our sexual orientation, heterosexual or homosexual, is only one component of our self-identity. “Our total personhood,” they note, “is more encompassing than sexual orientation. Human beings see the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart. Sometimes, according to the letter, the best approach may be a ‘wait and see’ attitude, while you try to maintain a true relationship and provide various kinds of support, information and encouragement.”

The bishops’ message includes numerous suggestions and insights that, in my experience, have proven helpful to parents of homosexual children. The document is available from the U.S. Catholic Conference Publications and Promotion Service. To order a copy, call 800-235-8722 and ask for “Always Our Children,” Publication 5-131.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Il 61601. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail to gjdietzen@aol.com)
The Active List

September 2-3
Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.
• Fall classic horse competition, Sat. p.m., Sun. noon, entry fees $25-$35, admission and parking free. Information: 317-536-5239.

September 6
Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center, 755 E. Main St., Indianapolis.
• Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1945 reunion. Information: 317-788-2815, 317-786-0193 or 317-786-0144.

September 8
Little Flower Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis.
• “Abortion and the Horrors of Morals,” Dr. Mark Ginter. 7 p.m.
• St. Michael Parish Life Center, 3354 W. 50th St., Indianapolis.
  • SPRED, introduction to Archdiocesan Special Religious Education Program for persons with developmental disabilities, 7 p.m. Information: 317-925-4775 or 317-377-5259.

September 9
St. Luke Parish, 7750 Holiday Dr., Indianapolis.
• Indianapolis. Couplé to Couplé League, Natural family planning. Registration: 317-258-4373.

September 10
St. Pius Parish, Hwy. 66, Trov.
• Fall festival, yard sale, chicken and roast beef dinners, hamburgers and ice cream. Information: 812-547-3471.

September 12
Our Lady of Grace Montastery, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove.
• Family night: Our Lady of Grace Montastery, 2 p.m. Information: 317-786-7581 (daytime) or 317-787-3287 (evenings).

September 14
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

September 15
• Ave Maria Guild business meeting, 12:30 p.m.

September 17
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
• Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post St., Indianapolis.
  • Prizes: Quilts, Variety Stands, Games, Music, Country Store
  • Serving starts 11 AM (EST)
  • First Fridays
• First Mondays
  • Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
  • Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.
  • Catholic Social Services program.
  • Information: 317-236-1588.

September 18
St. Lawrence Church, 301 W. Southern Ave., Indianapolis.
• Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-10 p.m. Information: 317-832-3195.

September 21
St. Pius Parish, Hwy. 66,Trovel.
• St. Pius Parish Fall Festival, yard sale, chicken and roast beef dinners, hamburgers and ice cream.

September 22
St. Rita Church, 520 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
• Mass in Vietnamese, 2 p.m.
• St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville.
• “Be Not Afraid” holy hour, 6 p.m.

September 24
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
• Holy Hour for religious vocations, 7 p.m.

September 25
St. Joseph Church, 2605 S. Joe Rd. W., Sellersburg.
• Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.

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

St. Aune Parish, Hamburg.
• “The Faith Explained,” by Father Greg Branlagen.
• 8:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-2554.

September 26
Divine Mercy Chapel, 335 W. 38th St. (behind St. Michael Church).
• Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
• Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.

September 27
Affiliated Women’s Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.
• Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.
• Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis.
• Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

September 28
St. Rita Parish, 520 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
• Mass in English, 4 p.m.

October
First Sundays
St. Paul Church, Sellersburg.
• Prayer group, 7:15-8 p.m.

Information: 812-246-4555.

Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis.
• Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

First Mondays
Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Center, Indianapolis.
• Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays
Divine Mercy Chapel, 335 W. 30th St., Indianapolis.
• Confession, 6:45 p.m.
• Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 S. Joe Rd. W., Sellersburg.
• Holy hour for religious vocations.

Benediction and exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m.

First Fridays
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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. Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of (Friday) 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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