Pope names 37 cardinals from 22 countries, including U.S.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II named a record-high 37 new cardinals from 22 countries Jan. 21, including three from the United States.

Cardinal-designate Edward M. Egan of New York, Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington and Avery Dulles, an 82-year-old Jesuit theologian from Belmont, Mass., will be the first U.S. cardinals to Hispanic origin.

By Mary Ann Wyand

The new cardinals, who will formally accept their position at a consistory at the Vatican Feb. 21, include 12 Vatican administrators and nine residential archbishops from Latin America—by far the largest such group from any continent.

The biggest surprise was the size of the pope's list. Once again, the pope waived the Church's technical limit of 120 cardinals who are under age 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a papal conclave. He named 33 new voting-age cardinals, which means that barring any deaths, the total will be 128 by the time of the Feb. 21 consistory.

With the new appointments, Pope John Paul will have left an even stronger personal mark on the College of Cardinals, having named 118 of the 128 elector cardinals and 154 of the 178 cardinals overall. The 178 total was a record-high for the college, which has grown rapidly in recent decades.

Additionally, the pope said he planned to divulge soon the names of two cardinals he created in secret or in secret in 1998. Speculation has focused on prelates working in Russia and China.

Announcing the list at his Sunday blessing above St. Peter’s Square, the pope said many of the new cardinals were pastors who spend their time and energy “in direct contact with the faithful.”

“These new prelates come from various parts of the world. Their ranks will reflect the Church’s universality and multiplicity of ministries,” he said.

The pope said many others might have merited the appointment and that he hoped he could name them in the future—an oblique response to those who have suggested that, having set a full

By Jennifer Del Vechio

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Optimism ran high at the kickoff rally for the annual March for Life Jan. 22, where dozens of speakers praised the two-day-old Bush administration and spoke of upcoming changes to abortion policy.

And toward the end of the two-hour rally held this year on the mud-covered grounds of the Washington Monument, participants cheered an announcement from the White House saying the Bush administration was going to “sever the relationship with those who promote abortions.”

And Baltimore Cardinal William H. Keeler, one of 29 prelates on the stand at the rally, said the restored policy would be a “tremendous step forward” for the new administration.

Throughout the rally, where tens of thousands gathered under a sunny blue sky but cold temperatures, several

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Blessed in our heritage, challenged by the future, we venture on” was the theme for the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis at Oldenburg.

Nearly 300 Franciscan sisters attended the congregation’s sesquicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving on Jan. 6 at the motherhouse chapel or watched the eucharistic liturgy on closed-circuit television in the health care center.

In honor of their century and a half of distinction service, Gov. Frank O’Bannon designated Jan. 6 as “Sisters of St. Francis Day” in Indiana.

The Sisters of St. Francis were founded at Oldenburg in 1851 by Franciscan Sister Theresa Hackelmeier, who traveled from Austria to establish educational and humanitarian ministries. Sister Theresa came at the request of Father Francis Rudolf of Oldenburg to educate area children and care for orphans of the 1849 cholera epidemic. Shortly after her arrival, these congregations welcomed her into a saintly life.

Reflecting on the congregation’s unique history, Franciscan Sister Mary Ann Stoffregen, councilor, told the gathering at the sesquicentennial liturgy that, “Mother Theresa Hackelmeier arrived on the eve of the feast of the Epiphany. I like to imagine

Oldenburg Franciscan sisters celebrate 150 years of service

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speak the spoke of the end of what they termed “the long eight years” of the Clinton administration.

Nellie Gray, who organized the March for Life since the first one in 1974 protesting the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, told the crowd they were there to “help President Bush in his effort to stop abortion and ultimately to overturn Roe v. Wade.”

“We will ultimately win the battle for life,” said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, a Catholic, who pointed out that during last year’s rally he had emphasized how Congress was trying to pass legislation banning partial-birth abortion, which ended up being “thwarted by President Clinton.”

The crowd resoundingly booed the mention of the former president.

“Those folks in that house are gone,” said Chabot, pointing in the direction of the White House. “We have a new president that shares our belief that human life is sacred. We’ll work hard to craft legislation that will aim to and will outlaw partial-birth abortion in this country.”

President Bush, who was invited to attend the rally, did not participate. Smith, a Catholic who chairs the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, instead read the president’s statement, which commended the rally participants for their conviction, idealism and courage.

In his statement, Bush told rally participants that they had shared a common goal “to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected by law.”

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Lena Criss, a junior at Cannelton High School and a member of St. Michael Parish in Cannelton, gave her homecoming festivities to travel to Washington, D.C.

Lena said the trip helped her get more information on how to combat the idea of pro-choice.

“In child development class [in high school] abortion is a big thing and it comes up all the time,” Lena said. “There are arguments, but I say pro-choice just isn’t right.”

The trip also let students know they weren’t the only teens-agers standing up for life.

“This is really awesome,” said Courtney Bolles, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. “I never expected this many people in my age range.”

 Courtney, a senior at North Central High School, also said knowing that other people were important as she prepares to leave for college.

“I think this showed me that there are people behind me and helping me and I know I have support in my decisions. Others may not agree with [my pro-life stance], but this gives me hope,” she said.

Students walked with more than 100,000 people down Constitution Avenue, holding signs with pro-life messages, singing songs and praying the rosary.

They watched other students carrying small coffins symbolizing the babies that have died.

Pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe were numerous, and two woman stood with posters proclaiming a wrong choice.

“I killed my baby, ask me how it feels,” the signs read. Then it listed the baby’s name.

All of it was a powerful witness, the students said. While the majority of the spoke as the event of the Mass and Cardinal Keeler’s words weren’t forgotten.

Cardinal Keeler lambasted the legislation John Ashcroft, the nominee for attorney general, received for his pro-life stance.

He also spoke of disavow a court that allows partial-birth abortion.

“How can we say we the people govern ourselves when the federal judiciary continues to deny us the right,” Cardinal Keeler said.

He also asked Catholics to come in fasting from meat and between meals on Fridays as a “sign of our solidarity to Jesus, who chose to die on a Friday, and a conversion of heart to us as individuals and a nation.”

The cardinal explained that some evils can only be driven out that way.

“Jesus spoke that only some devils can be cast out by prayer and fasting,” the cardinal said. “Fasting opens the hearts to God’s instruments to fix what is wrong.”

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Indianapolis parishioners nearly caught in earthquake

By Mary Ann Wyand

Eleven St. Pius X parishioners and one Holy Cross parishioner from Indianapolis were on a flight to El Salvador that was diverted to Honduras on Jan. 13 shortly after a massive earthquake destroyed parts of San Salvador and the surrounding countryside.

Both Reitz, pastoral associate at St. Pius X Parish, said the plane was just minutes from arriving at the San Salvador airport when the pilot announced that an earthquake would prevent their landing.

“Our flight was delayed a half hour in Houston,” Reitz said. “If it had left on time, we would have been on the ground about 15 minutes when the earthquake took place. The pilot was preparing to descend when he suddenly told us that our plane was being diverted to Honduras because El Salvador was experiencing an earthquake.

Three-fourths of the people on board were Salvadorans, and they were in agony concerning the fate of their families,” Reitz said.

Reitz said the Indianapolis Catholics were traveling to El Salvador for an eight-day mission trip to the community of Portillo, where they had planned to provide medical and dental care, and deliver medicines, craft materials and school supplies.

“Dr. Stafford Pile and his wife, Clara, who were on the trip, are the primary organizers of our parish mission at Portillo,” Reitz said. “We had 17 duffle bags full of medicines, dental equipment, school supplies, craft items and embroidery materials to help with the women’s cottage industry.”

Holy Cross parishioner Jan Erlenbaugh, who serves that center-city Indianapolis faith community as a parish nurse, was traveling to El Salvador for the second time. Erlenbaugh first visited the Central American country on a mission trip with students and faculty from Marian College in Indianapolis.

Reitz said the Indianapolis group was scheduled to meet John Guanahlo, a pastoral worker living in Portillo, at the San Salvador airport, and they were to relieve him to learn much later that he was not injured in the earthquake.

“Our disappointment in not being able to land was minimal in comparison to the anguish of the Salvadorans,” she said. “We stayed at the airport in Honduras, which is about 10 hours from the border of El Salvador, for five or six hours, then ended up flying back to Houston. About 10 Salvadorans got off the plane in Honduras without their luggage, so they could get home as quickly as possible.”

In spite of their distress, Reitz said the Salvadorans on board the flight thanked Americans for helping the people of El Salvador.

You could tell that all of the people were praying [during the flight to Honduras],” she said. “The most moving thing to me was that, in the midst of their agony of wondering about their families, they continued to thank us for caring so much about their people, for befriending their people and coming to El Salvador to help them. They said it gave them a real sense of hope. We said to them, ‘You are inspirations of hope to us after enduring so many years of civil war and rebuilding your lives.’

Reitz said St. Pius parishioners hope to return to Portillo in June.

“People have asked us how they can help,” she said. “We are directing any donations to Catholic Relief Services, and are requesting continued prayers for our Salvadoran brothers and sisters.”

Providence Sister Jenny Howard, a general officer for the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, traveled to El Salvador late last year as part of a delegation of 70 women religious from the United States.

The delegation’s trip to El Salvador from Nov. 30 to Dec. 8 was coordinated by the SHARE Foundation of San Francisco, a non-profit organization with two decades of work in El Salvador.

Sister Jenny said SHARE strives to empower impoverished Salvadorans to work together in creating equitable rural policies so small farmers can survive in today’s global market.

After learning of the disaster, Sister Jenny said she was saddened by yet another major setback for the beleaguered Salvadoran people, who endured a decade-long civil war during the 1980s and a massive hurricane two years ago.

“The demolishing earthquake that struck El Salvador has affected all the population,” she said. “Some of the areas that our delegation visited received some of the greatest damage. Many of the rural communities along El Salvador’s central coast were still trying to recover from the terrible effects of Hurricane Mitch in 1998 and were heavily damaged again—in particular, the regions of Usulutan, San Vincente and La Paz.

“From my visit there last month, I already know the difficult conditions and the challenges of the Salvadoran people,” Jenny said. “I can’t imagine what their lives must be like dealing with this terrible disaster. I know they are a people of deep faith and have a willingness to work together. It just seems like they have had more than their share of challenges. It seems like the poor, who already suffer, are being asked to suffer more. I know they can use our prayers, and also our financial support.”

(Donations for earthquake relief efforts should be designated for El Salvador and sent to the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. The funds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services for humanitarian aid in El Salvador.)

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The essays should be a minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words.

Essays that are typed or printed from a computer should be double-spaced. Handwritten essays should be written in pen and be single-spaced on lined paper. Each essay must be signed and labeled with the name of the student, the student’s address and telephone number, grade level, name of the sponsoring teacher or catechist, school, parish and city. Religion teachers and catechists at each grade level are asked to submit the top two essays for each eligible grade. If the school or religious education program has more than one class per grade level, then two essays per grade level may be entered.

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World debt relief

Bono is credited with securing the support of U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, the North Carolina conservative who heads the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Helms is reported to have wept when Bono described conditions in African nations and talked about the origin of the idea of a Jubilee Year in the biblical Book of Leviticus. Other conservative congressmen who supported reduction of debt included Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and former Representative John Kasich (R-Ohio).

One of the chief supporters of the initiative in the House of Representatives was Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-Ala.), chairman of the International Subcommittee of the House Banking Committee. Bachus, a Southern Baptist, held up a statement by Pope John Paul II and said: “I haven’t read much by Catholics before, but I don’t know how any Christian could read what the pope is saying here and not agree that we need to do something about the debt of these countries.”

Although the moral argument in favor of helping the poor is persuasive, so are economic arguments. Reducing debt payments should stimulate debtor nations’ economic growth and make those countries more attractive to foreign investors. It will encourage greater trade with those countries.

In order to receive debt relief, countries must sign agreements that guarantee the savings will be earmarked for health, education, and other human needs.

The campaign is not yet over. Congress must still appropriate another $375 million to fulfill the commitment Clinton made of $920 million.

At the end of 2000, Pope John Paul II was still thinking about debt relief. He told a gathering on Dec. 4, “Debt relief is part of a broader effort to achieve changed relationships between peoples and to establish a true sense of solidarity and sharing among all the children of God, among all people. We cannot per- mit fatigue or inertia to weaken our com- mitment, when the lives of the poorest of the world are at stake.”

We agree, and hence this third editorial in our religion book! By!”

Youth Adults

Sharing more letters from the kids

I got another packet of notes from fourth-grade children at St. Nicholas School in Summan. They are as delightful as ever and full of questions. Needless to say, all of them ask me to come for a visit and I truly hope I can do so one of these days soon. I sent a note of thanks for the letters some- time back, but I thought I might do a more complete response in this week’s column.

“Dear Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, I hope you had a great time at the Jubilee 2000 because I did. I thought of you a lot at because well I was there and that my name is Daniel.”

“Daniel, like your name! I did have a good time at the Great Jubilee 2000 at the RCA Dome, and I still think about it a lot. Wasn’t it great to see so many of our Catholic sisters and brothers come together from all around the arch- diocese? I think the Jubilee brought many blessings to our Church, not only in Indiana but also around the world. “Dear Archbishop Daniel, I think you are the best bishop. I bet there will never be a better bishop.”

Thank you for your kind words. I am trying to be a good bishop. Whether or not we can be good at what God calls us to do for him and the Church and our neighbors all depends on God’s help. That means we need to ask for God’s blessings on our life and work and we must accept what he asks of us. I believe, and I often say, that if we pray every day, everything will be OK. “Bishop Buechlein! I never saw you before [sic] but I know when we meet we will be best friends. I hope you come to visit some day.”

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marina duvall, anna wells, margaret bodenreder, eileen fowler and donna stahlhut. they also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

and johnanne morphy of st. vincent de paul parish in bloomfield will celebrate their 50th anniversary on feb. 3. a special mass is planned on nov. 27 at st. vincent de paul church. they have eight children: susan moster, karen wronowicz and mike, kevin, tom, rick, dan and tim morphy. they also have 16 grandchildren.

william curran, the new vice president, has had a long and successful career in financial business and operations at marian college in indianapolis. curran is a certified public accountant and was a former chief of staff officer of the indianapolis-based law firm icm. he is a member of st. luke parish in indianapolis.

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The pope continued the recent tradition of naming elderly theologians cardinals as a sign of gratitude and prestige. Cardinal-designate Dulles, the son of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, is considered by many the dean of American theologians and in recent years has been a strong defender of the papacy.

The pope also named three other 80-year-old cardinals: a German monsignor-theologian, Leo Schelfczyk; Jean Homone, retired archbishop of Tours, France; and Stephano II Ghattas, Coptic patriarch in Egypt. Two of the new cardinals were clearly chosen with future positions in mind:

- Cardinal-designate Walter Kasper, 67, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, who is widely expected to head the council after the retirement of Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy, now 76.
- Cardinal-designate Crescenzio Sepe, 77, secretary-general of the now-dissolved Committee for the Great Jubilee, who is said to be lined up for an important Vatican post.

In designating as cardinal-to-be Vietnamese Archbishop Francois N. Nguyen Van Thuan, 72, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the pope rewarded a prelate who once served 13 years in communist prisons in his native country. Perhaps the pope’s most unusual nomination was that of Cardinal-designate Roberto Tucci, a priest and Vatican Radio director who has carried out the detailed planning for all of Pope John Paul’s foreign trips. He turns 80 in April.

Cardinal-designate Avery Dulles
Cardinal-designate Theodore E. McCarrick

Perhaps the pope’s most important Oscar Andres Rodriguez and Honduran Cardinal-designate of the now-dissolved Committee for the Great Jubilee, who is said to be lined up for an important Vatican post.

The pope did not explain the discrepancy between the ceiling of 120 voting cardinals in a conclave—which he confirmed in his own document on conclave rules in 1996—and the fact that the new appointments will clearly leave more than that.

Leaving aside the possibility of deaths, it would be May 2002 before the aging process would reduce the number of potential conclavist cardinals to 120.
her first morning in Indiana. Did she... catch her breath at the expanse of field and forest that stretched before her? Did she feel wonder and awe at the vision that met her eyes?

Following in the spirit of St. Francis, Mother Theresa and the other founding sisters worked hard to build a strong foundation for the new congregation. Because of their faith-filled vision, Sister Mary Ann explained, “a multitude of women have come to this Village of Spires desiring to live the Franciscan life. And our lives and service have touched and continue to touch those of many nations. From Mother Theresa, through these 150 years,” she said, “we all have come—

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as seekers, to find the Christ incarnate and do him homage.” The governor’s proclamation noted that, during their 150-year history, the sisters founded and/or operated 64 elementary schools and five secondary schools in Indiana as well as Marian College in Indianapolis. During that time, the Franciscans have ministered to countless persons in need—including African-Americans, Hispanics and Latinos, rural farmers and migrant labor communities in Indiana—and supported a number of other charitable works. Highlights of their years in ministry include mission work in China, Korea, Africa, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, New Mexico and at Native American reservations in Montana. Their special sesquicentennial outreach projects include providing funds for a house in Haiti; sending dolls and other assistance to El Salvador; supporting the Heifer Project, which offers farm animals and training for impoverished people; sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home in Beattyville, Ky.; and helping at the Grace Place Catholic Worker House in Cincinnati, Ohio. Like many religious orders, the congregation is challenged by declining membership and income, but the sisters are filled with hope for the future and are happy that nine women are in various stages of formation.

Currently, 345 Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg live at the motherhouse or minister in 16 states, Korea and Papua New Guinea.

The congregation’s six-year directional statement focuses on “calling one another to vibrant Franciscan living of the Gospel with special concern for peacemaking and justice for the poor so that our very lives speak a word of hope.”

Looking to the future and to the new millennium, Sister Mary Ann told the sisters on Jan. 6 that, “The sacred work we are about this sesquicentennial year is the work of remembering—recalling the visions that have directed us personally, that have directed us as Franciscans of Oldenburg, as a community born on the Epiphany. Remembering that will guide us into the future—our future. Together let us discover this route. And let us do it in wonder and awe!”

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Catholic Schools are something to celebrate

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This week, the Church in the United States sets aside time to celebrate Catholic schools. And we have much to celebrate! In a very real way, our Catholic schools owe their existence to Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, a widow with five children who founded the American Sisters of Charity and in 1808 opened a school for girls in Baltimore. This was the beginning of what would become the Catholic school “system” in the U.S. It is interesting to note that Mother Seton’s educational philosophy was based on the belief that one must educate the whole child—mind, heart, soul and body.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Dear Readers,

The word celebrate is one of my favorite words in the English language. Why? Because it implies happiness, good times, rejoicing and enjoying life.

During this special week, known for years as “Catholic Schools Week,” we have much to celebrate: our special calling, our mission, the power of the Gospel in our world today, living as a community of faith.

• We celebrate administrators and teachers who realize the importance of their ministry in spreading God’s Word to their students. We owe them our deep gratitude. Few other groups work harder and receive less recognition.

• We celebrate the leadership of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and the support of our pastoral leaders. Their leadership and support ensure a firm foundation for our Catholic schools.

• We celebrate our benefactors, without whose financial support we could not exist.

• We also celebrate the community of parents, parishioners and friends who share in the commitment to sustain our schools.

Recently, we celebrated the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a true pioneer in what has become the Catholic school network in our country. She gave tirelessly of herself so that others might have a firm foundation in Catholic education. We have many “Elizabeth Setons” in our archdiocese. It is due to their generous giving of themselves through their teaching and administration that brings our faith alive and allows our schools to be a vibrant and true treasure for both the Church and the larger society.

Together let us ensure that this celebration of our Catholic schools will last a lifetime, and let us enter wholeheartedly into this event so that God’s Word permeates our lives and takes an even deeper root in our hearts.

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Secretary/Executive Director
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It is interesting to note that Mother Seton’s educational philosophy was based on the belief that one must educate the whole child—mind, heart, soul and body. In her schools, she insisted on six simple but required points:

• the need of a practical plan for Christian education
• a sense of order and discipline
• responsibility and accountability
• respect for learning itself
• professionalism
• a commitment to the students that extends beyond the classroom.

This is certainly an educational approach that we immediately recognize as distinctive of Catholic education today.

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God calls couple back to food service in school

Tim and Patty Kegley find blessings and challenges in cafeteria ministry

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

When students at St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis tell Patty Kegley they "hate school," she knows exactly what to say.

"I tell them I hated school too," said Kegley, the cafeteria manager. "But then I tell them to be careful because I hated school and God put me back in school every day."

Kegley said the reply always gets a laugh and it’s those smiles that she likes to see because she wants their eating experience to be "relaxed and enjoyable."

For Kegley and her husband, Tim, running the cafeteria at St. Barnabas was a surprise blessing.

The Kegleys thought they were done with the food business four years ago.

After owning Heiskell’s Restaurant in Franklin for 12 years, the Kegleys decided it was time to sell it. Selling the restaurant came at a time when Patty wasn’t able to spend a lot of time there due to an accident and Tim had a religious experience that brought him closer to God.

For a year, the couple enjoyed volunteering at St. Barnabas, bringing the Eucharist to a local nursing home and enjoying family life.

Then they were asked to manage the cafeteria at St. Barnabas when Rosemary Cox was ready to retire after her 30-year tenure.

"I wasn’t interested in the cafeteria," Tim said. "I thought I had 20-plus years in the restaurant business and that we had closed that book."

He found out God had other plans.

Tim went to his wife and said, "I’m not doing this without you.”

Patty was content staying at home with their children, but she decided to follow her husband, and they began the endeavor.

They started adding choices to the menu, finding new ways to get students interested in eating well, such as a Mardi Gras Day that was complete with jugglers and party favors, and letting students plan their own menu for one day.

Their four children, ranging in age from 9 to 16, would help with preparing food or doing paperwork.

The Kegleys are often asked how they can work so closely together as husband and wife.

"People say, ‘How can you do that?’" Tim said. "I say, ‘I can’t stand not to.’"

Indeed, working together as husband and wife has been a witness to others.

"The nurse here told me we are a witness to these children by showing them how you can work together," Patty said. "It's just something we don’t think about.

For the Kegleys it makes sense. It was the restaurant business that brought them together. They were both working at Steak and Ale when they met.

Just as the Kegleys were settling in with managing the cafeteria, another change came their way.

This year, Tim started teaching religion classes at St. Barnabas for the sixth through eighth grades. It's an adjustment for them both. While Patty said she knows where to find her husband when she needs help, it still has been a strain as she takes over most of the cafeteria management.

Tim is adjusting to being a teacher and still helping with reports and menus.

"It’s been so challenging for me this year," Tim said. "I feel much closer to my Maker and I need Him more than ever. I feel it’s been a journey in these last few months.”

There’s even a new challenge as the couple’s former restaurant has been brought into their lives again.

Unfortunately, the people who bought it declared bankruptcy so the Kegleys have to figure out what to do with it again.

While they aren’t leaving St. Barnabas, the changes have made them realize their total dependence on God, they said.

Although they have always lived with God in their lives, Tim said the recent changes have made him "crank up the faith."

They also appreciate the traditions they began with their children even more now, such as praying on the way to school and having prayer intentions in the morning.

Patty also has a statue of Mary on her nightstand and Tim has a statue of Joseph on his to help them remember their role models, Patty said.

In the end, it comes down to seeing the blessings in their life as they continue their cafeteria ministry.

That means taking time out with the stuff to pray for a co-worker undergoing surgery or simply telling one another they will pray for each other’s intentions.

They also realize that they are being allowed to serve children and touch their lives with a simple smile, a word of encouragement or a good dining experience.

"The children make the job every-thing that it is,” Patty said. ¶

Tim and Patty Kegley work together every day as husband and wife to manage the cafeteria at St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis. They both said they wouldn’t have it any other way.

Patty Kegley helps Mary Jo Soller, a kindergarten student at St. Barnabas, count her lunch money.

Kegley said it’s the kids that make the job a true blessing.
New schools are testimony to belief in Catholic education

By G. Joseph Peters

Two new schools will open in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in the fall of 2001. One is a high school, the other an elementary school, and archdiocesan officials believe both are testimonies to the vision of pastors, parents and parishioners who believe in Catholic schools and want them for their communities.

Seton Catholic High School will open in Richmond in August with its first freshman class. It will be the first new high school since the archdiocesan parochial high schools were opened in the 1960s. St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, the second start-up elementary school within the archdiocese in the last six years, will open with its first kindergarten class. The parish plans to educate students through sixth grade.

The high school project included nearly seven years of planning from the Richmond Catholic Community that includes Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes.

The parish leadership allocated parish Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation funds to renovate the former St. Andrew School—the present Religious Education Center—for the tri-parish community for the high school.

The 1912 building is in excellent shape structurally and was re-configured for use as a modern high school. The ground floor renovations are complete and represent a state-of-the-art classroom and meeting facility.

The Legacy of Hope was the first phase of fund raising and was supplemented by a capital gift from the archdiocese.

The second phase was community fund raising, and the third phase is a parish capital phase. The building construction is also being completed in phases as the school grows.

Father Todd Riehe and steering committee chair Peter Bartel have spearheaded the effort from the beginning.

The other new school, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyds Knobs, located in the hills overlooking the Ohio River and Louisville, Ky., had a public school on the parish property for nearly 30 years.

This was not an unusual arrangement in southern Indiana, and at one time many religious sisters taught in the local public schools. The new school was vacated in 1994 when a new parochial elementary school was built.

Soon after the closing, a feasibility committee was formed to study the prospect of a new Catholic school on the site. A study completed in 1997 gave preliminary indication that the parish would support the project.

It also showed excellent support for a parish preschool program for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds that was established in the 1997-98 school year. It enrolls 60 preschool students and will serve as a feeder program for the new elementary school.

Opening the new elementary school was delayed a few years due to low baptism rates, but in 1999-2000 a school feasibility committee was reconstituted and an informational campaign was begun to help the parish once again consider the prospect of an elementary school.

Surveys were positive, and in November of 2000 the St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish Council voted to open an elementary school if enough students were enrolled.

That quota has been reached. A steering committee has been formed and is now considering everything from tuition rates to school uniforms. Father John Geis and parishioner Patrick Byrne head the efforts.

The two new schools show an increase in the demand for Catholic schools. In the early 1980s, many people inside and outside of the Church predicted the imminent demise of Catholic schools, but parental demand for education infused with religious values, along with good academics, discipline, order and safety have driven an enrollment boom in Catholic schools that has lasted into the new century.

There are more than 6,000 additional students in the Catholic schools of the archdiocese compared to 1990, the year a long-term enrollment decline was first reversed.

These two schools will grow by adding one grade per year.

(G. Joseph Peters is associate executive director of Catholic education.)

School building projects to cost $20 million

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

More than $20 million is being spent on school renovations or additions across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The archdiocese has been spending that amount for the past three years, said David Hodde, director of management services.

The largest project is Holy Cross School, 125 N. Oriental St., in Indianapolis. The $3 million project consists of a 29,000-square-foot building that utilizes an extensively renovated and historic existing structure—Providence Place—and joins 17,000 square feet of new classroom space.

Holy Cross is the oldest parochial school in Indianapolis still operating out of its original building and on its original site.

It is the second center-city Catholic school the archdiocese has built as a result of its Building Communities of Hope campaign. Holy Angels, at 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., was the first.

Other major building projects include:

• A $1.9 million project at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis that includes a new classrooms, cafeteria and gym space and an art room.
• Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis has a $1.5 million building project that includes a new fine arts addition with classrooms, library and band and choir rooms.
• An estimated $2 million project will add a new science lab and a new gym at St. Louis School in Batesville.
• A $2 million project at St. Monica School in Indianapolis includes new classrooms and a common area for both the school and parish.
• An estimated $1 million project at St. Luke School in Indianapolis will include a planned addition.
• A new $900,000 parish hall, used as a gym for St. Roch School in Indianapolis, was completed in November.
• An $800,000 project for new heating and air conditioning at St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis.
• St. Andrew School in Indianapolis recently completed a $200,000 project for new doors, a fire alarm system and a security system.
• The completion of a $250,000 renovation project that includes new classrooms at St. Michael School in Brookville.
• Nativity School in Indianapolis will add four new classrooms. No cost estimate was available.

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Sales of the Criterion Thursday, January 18, 2001 Catholic Schools Week Supplement
Before students can attend Holy Angels School, there’s a required course for their parents.

For Frances Williams, a Baptist, the classes explained why Catholics pray to the Blessed Mother.

For Denise Butler-McDaniel, formerly a Methodist, it meant no more perplexing stares when her son came home and made the sign of the cross.

The class gives parents an overview of the Catholic faith, and if they want their child at Holy Angels it’s mandatory.

St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Kathleen Karbowski, the school’s religion teacher and “evangelizer,” teaches parents what their children will learn at Holy Angels.

“We found out that the school is a tool of evangelization,” said Sister Kathleen. “We say we are a Catholic school and we can proclaim the Good News and teach. We want them to know story. That girl now sends her children to Holy Angels.

Williams, who has custody of two grandchildren, said the classes helped congregation how Catholics don’t worship the Blessed Mother, but honor her. Sister Kathleen knows it’s true because the girl’s mother told her the story. That girl now sends her children to Holy Angels. Williams, who has custody of two grandchildren, said the classes helped
her understand the Church.

"It cleared up a lot of things," Williams said. "[Sister Kathleen] went in-depth and the first day had us write out all the things we’d ever heard about the Catholic Church and wanted to ask. She answered all our questions very openly."

Williams even finds herself answering questions from her Baptist community about the Catholic faith.

Parents also found a new insight into the African-American culture. Some of the classes discuss African-Americans’ role in the Bible and black saints.

While the goal of the classes are to help parents understand what their children are being taught, some parents end up embracing the Catholic faith as their own.

Butler-Daniels, whose son attends the school, entered the Church last May. Formerly, she attended the Methodist Church, but began feeling drawn to the Catholic Church.

"At Holy Angels, I felt so fulfilled," Butler-Daniels said. "What I felt here, I didn’t feel in any other church. It wasn’t that deep [elsewhere]."

Still, it took time before Butler-Daniels became Catholic.

"I’d had thoughts about it and I prayed over it," Butler-Daniels said. "I still have questions. It’s a complex religion, but I like being Catholic because it’s the connection with God. It’s so well connected, and every Sunday I am able to learn."

Sister Kathleen said that many times it takes years before someone will enter the Church officially.

"We found that 90 percent of those in RCIA are going through because they had some contact with the school," she said.

While Holy Angels Parish welcomes everyone to attend their Masses and events, Sister Kathleen said if they don’t, the school still wants to show how important God is in their everyday lives.

"We don’t expect you to go to the Catholic Church, but we do expect you to attend church," she said.

That means students are required to bring in cards that show they have attended church on Sunday. The ministers of the various churches sign them.

“Our kids have sweatshirts that say, ‘Holy Angels School where God is No. 1,’’” Sister Kathleen said.

“If we say it, how do we prove it?” Church attendance is also one criteria to enter fourth grade. That’s because the class sizes are decreased, leaving room for less students.

“We want to show how important church attendance is,” Sister Kathleen said.

Sister Kathleen believes every Catholic school should have an evangelizer position, even if the majority of students are Catholic.

“If you are Catholic and you have an opinion on a certain issue and you are teaching in a Catholic school, you have an obligation to teach what the Church teaches,” Sister Kathleen said.

An evangelizer position would help explain and clarify what the Church teaches, she said.

Her role is also about ecumenism. She’s attended services with her students and visits parents and grandparents of students regardless of their faith.

One boy’s grandfather is a pastor and she walked to his church one day.

“It was so hot and I closed my eyes for a moment," she said. "He nudged me and said, ‘Sister, if you fall asleep here they make you stand up.’"

In the end, Sister Kathleen said the best compliment she’s ever gotten about the classes that explain the Catholic faith is from a father.

“He said, ‘I enjoyed the classes and I found out that Catholics aren’t as weird as I thought they were.’” †

Above, Andrece Morphis, a fourth grader, answers a question in religion class with St. Joseph of Carondelet Kathleen Karbowski. Sister Kathleen teaches students every day, and also holds the "evangelizer position" to teach parents about the Catholic faith.

Left, St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Kathleen Karbowski prays with fourth-grade students Ryan Pettigrew and Justin Butler at Holy Angels School during religion class. The students were learning the Ten Commandments. Sister Kathleen also teaches the students’ parents about the Catholic faith.
**St. Simon School creates ministry in technology**

By Margaret Nelson

When members of the staff at St. Simon the Apostle School in Indianapolis realized they were unusu-
ally blessed with technological resources, they decided they needed to share their gifts.

The team selected two schools in the Indianapolis East Deanery—Holy Cross Central and St. Rita—that could use more in the way of equipment, training and curriculum integration. These schools were selected to be involved in a pilot program.

Since the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress is given to grades 3, 6, 8 and 10, the school targeted the prior year classes—such as second and fifth grades—so that students could be better prepared.

The innovative program is one of the reasons St. Simon School will receive a technology award from a national educational magazine in March.

St. Simon will evaluate the program by documenting its results and doing parent, teacher, student and principal surveys before and about 90 days after its Jan. 12 inception. The assessment will determine whether the technology ministry should be expanded to other classrooms and other schools.

Kim Shurig, St. Simon technology chair and project manager of the pilot program, said the technology team has spent many hours preparing for the pilot.

“When we installed the computers, they were really excited,” she said. “The older students helped install the computers and the younger students were using the computers as fast as we put them together.”

The St. Simon teachers trained the faculty at St. Rita and Holy Cross at their own schools. On Jan. 25, St. Simon hosted a training session for the principals, and second and fifth-grade teachers from the two center-city schools.

“It’s a way the East Deanery schools are working together to share ideas and collaborative efforts,” said Kathy Saum, principal of St. Simon.

She said that the program would not have been possible without the generosity of an anonymous donor, who pro-
vided 80 percent of the financial resources, along with a second donor, who came forward to give the ministry a generous donation, and the efforts of the school families to raise funds.

Besides the center-city program, St. Simon’s national award was for innovations in integrating technology into the school curriculum; creative achievements in teacher and administra-

tor training; involvement of the total community in support of the school’s technology use; and accomplishments in integrating technology into the religious education curriculum.

The two St. Simon teachers in the pilot program—Jennifer Hicks and Julie Barthel—had “schedules that allowed them to do it,” said Saum.

“We hope to use more teachers in training and mentoring when we expand it,” she said.

St. Simon now has three IBM com-
puters and a laser printer in every class-
room that are all networked. They have 27-inch monitors in every class, permit-
ting them to connect computers to tele-
visions for presentations. St. Simon also has scanners, microscopes and hand-
held terminals so classes can download data to computers. They have two full labs with 26 computers and a large list of software that integrates with their curriculum.

“Although we are fortunate, we believe that we shouldn’t stop there—
but give to others,” said Saum.

The technology program “should pre-
pare children for high school and beyond,” she said, noting the concern of the state and the archdiocese about rais-
ing ISTEP scores.

Shurig said that St. Simon has learned through the experience of train-

ing and supporting teachers.

“For just to put computers in the class-
room is not enough if you don’t train and support them,” she said.

At St. Simon, 90 percent of the teachers attended a two-day computer training session offered last summer.

“They challenge themselves,” said Saum. She explained that the teachers are at different levels of training, but all are interested in training programs, like the “Web Site Wednesdays,” when

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—Modern technology can open up new worlds for schools, but for that to happen, schools not only need equipment but teachers who know how to use it.

So, for some Catholic schools that means sending staff members to training programs, while other schools have teamed up with programs that provide a variety of services.

For St. Andrew School in Chicago, getting up to technological speed has meant doing away with a lab of antiquated computers and a 60-year-old intercom system.

Recently, the elementary school equipped each class with a telephone and new computers. The staff also hooked up with a Web-based computer company that provides the school with its own Web page and updated “bulletin boards” for each class to post pictures and teachers to list long-term homework assignments.

With the program, called Edventions, every student, parent and teacher are also given an e-mail address. The school also received teacher training and gets continual service support.

Jack Percival, St. Andrew’s principal, said that even if all the classes are not yet weaving the Internet into their class assignments, technology has enabled the school to completely update its communication system between parents and teachers, which school administrators see as a big plus.

Percival touted the benefits of Edventions, a Chicago-based company, at a press conference held Sept. 25 at the National Education Association headquarters in Washington, where the computer company became part of the NEA’s ongoing technology exhibit.

Integrating the services of Edventions has not cost St. Andrew School any money because it is paid for by the corporate sponsorship of a local bank, whose banner advertisement runs on the top of the school’s Web page whenever an adult logs on.

Irv Shapiro, chief executive officer of Edventions, which is not even two years old, said many private schools have signed up for his program, because they do not have to go through as much bureaucratic red tape as public schools do in order to try it.

Part of the benefit of programs like his, he said, is that they enable teachers to make use of available technology. Citing a survey conducted last August at the School Technology Expo in Chicago, Shapiro said that while 92 percent of schools surveyed said they had fast Internet connections, only half of those schools lacked the teacher training and support services to effectively integrate technology into the classroom.

Which is precisely why Sister Jean Patrick Cody, a Sister of St. Joseph and librarian at Holy Name School in Brooklyn, N.Y., attended a computer training session this summer at the National Teacher Training Institute in New York.

Sister Jean Patrick told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview while she was at the seminar that she “didn’t want to be the last one” to know how to use the new equipment her school was purchasing.

“Young people have this as part of their bloodstream,” she said of her video and computer savvy students. But specialized programs like the teacher-training institute, sponsored by Thirteen/WNET in New York, helped her to get over the hurdle of fearing the unknown.

“You can tend to get overwhelmed by it all,” she said.

Any Boddin Bowllan, a math and computer teacher at the new St. Brigid School in New York City, spent a portion of her summer showing teachers how to incorporate videos in their classroom settings.

During the teacher training institute, the former TV journalist showed teachers how students could film a documentary of their school neighborhood, for example, by interviewing residents and incorporating historic background.

That kind of training, she said, goes way beyond “telling teachers to put in a tape and dim the lights.”

Catholic schools look for ways to keep up with technology
Archdiocese pursues major grant from Lilly Endowment

By Jennifer Del Vechio

The offer to improve education with $40 million has been made.

Now, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is working on its plan to receive part of the $40 million that Lilly Endowment Inc., is offering for schools that can implement bold and distinctive programs to boost student achievement. Lilly Endowment is offering the grant money to Marion County private schools. A total of 15 grants will be awarded.

It’s also offering the same amount to public schools. More than 50 accredited private schools are eligible for the grant.

While there’s no guarantee that the archdiocese will receive the grants, the Office of Catholic Education and the Office of Stewardship and Development are talking to priests, administrators, parents, civic and business leaders and consulting education experts to make the grant application successful.

“We want to find projects that cover a lot of schools and truly make a difference,” said G. Joseph Peters, associate executive director of Catholic education. If awarded, 29 elementary schools and four inter-parochial high schools could benefit from up to $10 million to start new programs. The archdiocese would have to raise matching funds to receive the grant, bringing the total to a possible $15 million for the programs.

While the grant money is only available for Catholic schools within Marion County, Peters said the goal is “to replicate the programs in other areas of the archdiocese and sustain the programs once they are started.”

Already, a proposal is being developed that identifies five areas where new programs could be formed.

• Professional staff development, which is the largest part of the proposal. This would be a “career ladder” offering training that would identify teachers as “master teachers,” and involve them in outreach to other teachers and reward them for their efforts.

• Urban students. There are eight center-city schools, and six schools that surround the center-city schools, that would benefit from the programs, which include forming partnerships with universities and other urban-based schools, training and rewarding urban Catholic school administrators to be effective leaders and training educators to work better with urban parents.

• Special needs students. This would restructure the learning process for these students with training and ongoing support for building level educators.

• Hispanic students. It would include language immersion programs for Hispanic students and outreach initiatives to their community.

As the archdiocese sees the Hispanic population increase, Peters said, “We want to welcome them to the community through the Catholic schools.”

• Instructional tools. This would include more equal access among schools for technology resources, such as computers and distance learning. It also would involve integration of technology into the curriculum.

The main thread through all the proposals is intense training of staff, Peters said.

If awarded the grant, the money wouldn’t be available until Dec. 31, 2002. A feasibility study is also being done to determine how to raise the $5 million in matching funds.

St. Vincent program offers incentives for good grades

By Jennifer Del Vechio

A new incentive program for Catholic schools ended with 5,928 students participating.

St. Vincent Children’s Specialty Hospital began A Champion Effort, or ACE, to reward students who earn an A in any academic area.

Students who earned A’s received vouchers for free pizza from Papa John’s and admission to the Indianapolis Zoo and The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.

It’s a good way for the kids to learn how to keep track of their own grades. They have to figure out if they are an A student, and that makes them take responsibility.”

While the level of participation varied at each school, organizers said the program “exceeded their expectations.”

Tara Green, who teaches mathematics and history at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, said the program made students realize the others care about their grades.

“The students were excited that someone else took an interest in their academic excellence, and surprised someone would offer prizes for doing well in school,” Green said.

Kelly Schenher, a fourth-grade teacher at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis, said the program has helped teach students responsibility.

“It’s a good way for the kids to learn how to keep track of their own grades,” Schenher said. “They have to figure out if they are an A student, and that makes them take responsibility.”

At least 36 schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Lafayette Diocese participated in ACE.

St. Vincent Hospital hopes to continue the program and expand it, said Emile Godfrey, director of corporate communications.

“I think this put emphasis on something that was unique in some ways,” he said. “There are a lot of programs around attendance, but not much lately around shooting higher for achievement.”

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Pro-life curriculum is taught all year at St. Bartholomew

By Mary Ann Wyand

COLUMBUS—St. Bartholomew Parish pro-life ministry would like to share the curriculum for kindergartners through eighth-graders with families interested in pro-life issues.

St. Bartholomew Parish pro-life ministry members have revised the curriculum several times to update or expand the lessons plans, which originally were written by St. Luke parishioner Margie Schmitz of Indianapolis for use at St. Luke School in the Indianapolis North Deanery.

At the request of Father Clem Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, ministry members made sure that the pro-life curriculum preserves the innocence of younger children by withholding information about conception and abortion until the middle school grades, when the topics are carefully presented to older students about Church teachings.

When the students have had opportunities to put their pro-life concerns into art forms, they’ve been very expressive,” Father Davis said. “The opportunities to write letters to elected officials have taught the students that the individual voice matters, and that the individual voice matters, and that a voiced objection to policies is going to be heard if it is repeated often enough.”

Encouraged by the students’ enthusiastic responses at all grade levels, St. Bartholomew Parish pro-life ministry would like to share the curriculum for kindergartners through eighth-graders with other schools in the archdiocese.

“The pro-life curriculum is incorporated into all of the subject areas and is appropriately geared for each grade level,” explained pro-life ministry member Mary Parks.

“We’ve augmented it with new materials to make it really come alive for the students because it’s about life.”

Parks said ministry members followed guidelines from the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Catechism of the Catholic Church to update and expand the original curriculum.

“Activities reinforce the message that children are loved by God and are so precious that God respects each of them,” Parks said. “The children learn that we become Christ for each other by showing that respect for God, for ourselves and for others. This prepares them to learn about chastity.”

“Children learn that ‘there are ways where life is not respected, and the sadness that brings in our hearts,’” Parks said. “They also learn what they can do to respect life, which empowers the children to feel that they can do something positive to help others.”

Ministry members agreed with “Father Davis’ decision not to bring abortion in as a topic before the sixth grade in order to protect, promote and develop the children’s sense of innocence,” Parks said. “The older children learn about the horror of abortion and various things they can do to support life issues.”

The curriculum is based on prayer, ministry member Eileen Hartman said, and teaches respect for the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly.

Hartman said the project has been a “labor of love” and the curriculum will continue to evolve with the help of the Holy Spirit.

“We did not want to open the children’s eyes to abortion too soon,” ministry member Louise Padilla explained. “For kindergartners, the activities are about how babies need love, care and protection. They learn how to take care of babies.”

Kindergartners also learn the song “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” Padilla said, which reinforces the message that “we are all God’s children.”

First-graders learn about the importance of showing respect for people, she said, and that “the person is a person no matter how small [he or she].”

Second-graders participate in activities that affirm how “we are unique, special and valuable because God made us,” Padilla said. (Class songs are “You Are Special” and “This Little Light of Mine.”)

The third-grade curriculum introduces the children to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, she said, without mentioning the Aztec culture of death.

Activities include a cartoon narrative about the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Blessed Juan Diego at Tepeyac, Mexico, in 1531 and a puzzle to solve about the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fourth-graders study fetal development and learn what “I could do before I was born,” Padilla said. “There’s nothing mentioned about conception, just information about how babies grow.”

Fifth-graders are taught more about the humanity and growth of the unborn child, she said, and sixth-graders learn that “abortion kills a living human being.”

A handout for sixth-graders explains the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973, Padilla said, and discusses “all of the consequences,” again in accordance with Church teachings.

Seventh-graders learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe and her mission to stop the Aztec culture of death, she said, and how prayers to God and Mary can help end abortion and the current culture of death present in modern society.

Eighth-graders learn “the truth and meaning of human sexuality. God’s gift of love,” she said, and the importance of chastity.

“The chastity curriculum was written in a positive way, about how God wants us to respect our bodies,” Padilla said. “Chastity is presented as something you want to do.”

Although the pro-life curriculum was originally intended for use during one month of the school year, Hartman said, school principal Colleen Coleman decided that “every month is pro-life month” so the teachers “work it into the regular curriculum in different ways throughout the year. Through Colleen’s leadership and the teachers’ inspiration, the pro-life curriculum comes alive for the students.”

Monthly days of eucharistic adoration and prayers for life “are really the basis for this pro-life curriculum and its success,” Hartman said. “The children’s interest in pro-life issues has helped improve their faith life. Many students give up their recess time once a month to go in the church and sing songs to Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.”

(For information about St. Bartholomew’s pro-life curriculum, contact the school office at 812-572-8030.)
Facts about the Archdiocese of Indianapolis schools, 2000-2001

Percent Grads. Entering College 94.00%
High School Graduation Rate 98.77%

NOTE: Figures for 8 Indianapolis center-city schools are: 65 percent minority, 69 percent Catholic Parishioners, 82.16 percent Caucasian, 88.16 percent Caucasian.

Enrollment 2000-2001 1990-1991 % Growth
Total Pre-School – 12 25,249 19,298 30.8%
Pre-School 1,869 626 198.6%
Elementary (K-8) 18,119 14,436 25.5%
High School* (9-12) 5,261 4,227 24.5%

Professional Staff 1,694 (full-time equivalent, 1999)

Extended Care Programs 51
Pre-School Programs 36
High Schools 9
Elementary Schools 62

Average Tuition Rates, First Catholic Child, 2000-2001 (est)
Elementary Schools $1,990
Parochial High Schools $3,435

NOTE: Elementary tuitions are set at the parish level and vary greatly. Schools receive parish subsidies except for private high schools.

Total Cost of Catholic Schools, 1998-1999 (est)
Pre-School $1,4 million aggregate school cost per pupil ($1,057)
NOTE: Excludes private high schools and capital costs.

Annual Saving to Indiana Tax-Payers, 1998-1999 (est)
$125.3 million aggregate public school cost per pupil ($4,095, including private high schools)

Archdiocesan Administration
The Office of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, oversees the Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs for 151 parishes and missions in 11 deaneries throughout a 39-county area of central and southern Indiana comprising some 13,757 square miles and serving nearly 200 Catholic Schools. The Office of Catholic Education was founded in 1974 when the former school office and office of religious education were formed into one of the first offices of “Total Catholic Education” in the nation. Under Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and in consultation with the Archdiocesan Education Commission, the office utilizes a team management approach in support of the teaching mission of the Church and the strategic goal—“learning, teaching and sharing our faith.” Support for site-based programs is provided through educational and faith-formation resources, consultation, training, community-building and collaboration with constituents in the parishes and schools in conjunction with the archdiocesan agencies. Major constituencies include: pastors, principals, parish administrators of religious education and members of school and parish school boards. Constituents are involved collaboratively in projects to write curriculum, provide inservice training, review manuals and to participate in professional training.

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New report predicts decade of Catholic school growth

The growing demand for Catholic schools will continue throughout the next decade.

That’s the conclusion of a new report released by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). The report—“Catholic School Growth, 1985 to 1999”—by John Augenstine, Ph.D. and Neil Meitler, documents the resurgence of Catholic school enrollment and school openings nationwide in the last 15 years.

“Increased demand for Catholic education, climbing enrollment and longer waiting lists have fueled the school openings,” said Leonard DeFiore, NCEA president. “We expect this trend to continue throughout the next decade.”

This demand has already resulted in the opening of nearly 250 Catholic schools in the last decade, providing slots to more than 87,000 students. Nearly 100 schools are currently in the planning or building stages. The study concludes that following a period of consolidation and closures in the 1960s and 1970s, the boom in new Catholic schools is making an impact in many areas of the country.

Among the significant findings of the study:
* Since 1992, Catholic schools have opened at a rate of 21 a year.
* Elementary schools increased by 204, with 26 new secondary school openings.
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Brownsburg parish works with urban school

By Margaret Nelson

Mary Ann O’Callaghan of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg spends every week-day morning at St. Andrew the Apostle School in Indianapolis. The volunteer ministry by the teacher’s aide grew from a partnership between the two parishes.

Father Daniel Staats, pastor of St. Malachy, said his parish decided to work with St. Andrew as part of the archdiocesan Journey of Hope’s emphasis on home missions.

Already twinning with a parish in Haiti, the Brownsburg parish decided to share a regular, additional part of their tithing with a center-city parish and school.

Since he knew Providence Sister Marilyn Herber, parish life coordinator at St. Andrew, Father Staats asked her if St. Andrew Parish would be interested.

Last fall, she talked with St. Malachy parishioners at all Masses during their stewardship week.

“This is the second year that the two parishes have worked together,” said Sister Merski, principal at St. Andrew School. “It is an ongoing collaboration. The money is used for tuition assistance when parents cannot make their monthly bill.

“All of our parents are paying parents,” she said, “but sometimes they have struggled and cannot pay their portion. This money is used in those cases.

“The biggest help is when parents work two jobs to support their family, so we do not have a lot of parent volunteers during the school day as some schools do.”

“Our parents are supportive and very involved with their children,” said Merski. “They want them to succeed, but don’t have that time available to be in the school.

“Having Mrs. O’Callaghan [help] is a tremendous benefit to us,” she said.

O’Callaghan comes to St. Andrew every morning—8:30 a.m. to noon—as a volunteer second-grade teacher’s aide.

“She said, “Catholic education can always use a little boost, an extra pair of hands.”

O’Callaghan and her husband had 16 years of Catholic education—including college.

“Our six children had the benefit of going through Catholic schools,” she said. Their youngest child attends St. Malachy School.

“This is an opportunity to give back,” said O’Callaghan.

This is why she decided that, rather than taking a paying job, she would help as a volunteer at St. Andrew.

Her work involves taking groups of students aside, looking at papers and, during language arts time, helping them with grammar and spelling.

“I help them get rolling on stories,” she said. “I’m an extra set of eyes. I stay outside on the fridges; I keep them on task.”

The second-grade teacher, Jennifer Downey, said O’Callaghan is really a help with those few students who need extra attention.

“O’Callaghan said she has gained much from her relationship with the kids.

“They’re such sweethearts! It’s fun to see that little light go on after you explain something—their eyes just light up!” she said.

“I am really grateful that I can do something like this,” said O’Callaghan.

“St. Malachy is blessed with lots of volunteers.”

After talking with Merski, she realized that St. Andrew parents can only help after school.

“It’s been a long time since one of my children was in the second grade,” said O’Callaghan with a smile.

Last year, third-grade students from St. Andrew School exchanged visits with third-graders at St. Malachy.

Merski said that some St. Malachy families are working with St. Andrew families.

There are other ways that parishioners are helping the center-city parish. Paul Burns, a St. Malachy parishioner, has started a Web page for St. Andrew. And chairs that have been replaced at St. Malachy are now being used in St. Andrew’s cafeteria.

(Margaret Nelson is a correspondent for The Criterion and is a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.)

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“Where Wonder and Wisdom Bloom”
New partnership links teachers, understaffed Catholic schools

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS)—A partnership between Providence College and the Diocese of Providence, aimed at providing inner-city Catholic schools with a supply of teachers, was unveiled Jan. 16 at Holy Name School.

The new Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers, or PACT, is the result of Providence College’s Alliance for Catholic Education program, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

“This is money in the bank, insurance,” said Bishop Robert E. Mulvey of Providence. “This is an attempt to really fire up young people. The best is out there and it needs development.”

Holy Cross Brother William Dygert, diocesan superintendent of schools, said the joint effort “serves to unite the mission of Catholic elementary and secondary education in the diocese with the mission of Catholic higher education at Providence College, a situation that can only benefit all whom we serve.”

Dominican Father Philip A. Smith, Providence College president, stressed the college’s commitment in providing quality teachers to local Catholic schools.

“Providence College is preparing to dedicate major resources to PACT because we believe this new program can help suppor—assist the need for well-trained and committed Catholic teachers continues to grow over time,” said Father Smith.

“Just as Providence College has entered into a five-year partnership with Notre Dame to plan and implement PACT,” he said, “so too have we extended an invitation to the Diocese of Providence to play a lead role among other New England Catholic dioceses to partner with Providence College.”

PACT offers recent college graduates the opportunity to earn teaching certification and a master’s degree while serving as full-time faculty members at under-staffed rural and inner-city Catholic diocesan middle schools, grades five through eight, and high schools throughout New England.

Participants in the two-year program receive a moderate monthly salary and medical insurance and live in small faith communities with fellow PACT teachers during the academic year. Graduate degree tuition and summer room and board at Providence College also are waived.

Liberal arts majors can follow a master’s degree program to initial certification in secondary education in a specific content area—for example, math or science.

Education majors already eligible for a teaching license can pursue a master’s degree for certification in special education or a middle-level educator’s certificate of endorsement.

Participants also attend retreats developed by the college chaplain’s office for the social and spiritual skills needed to live in community and to strengthen their commitment to Catholic social teaching.

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Private schools contribute greatly to public good, say educators

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Just over 11 percent of U.S. children—nearly 6 million—are educated in private schools at an average per pupil cost nationally of $6,195, said Jesuit Father Joseph O’Keefe at a Washington conference.

Washington Post Education writer Steve Lopez reported that private school students learn more than those in public schools.

Private school students have made a huge difference, he said, especially in the lives of at-risk children, “children that this society for the last part years has written off as uneducable, under-educable, learning disabled and a host of other labels.”

He said private schools are especially effective in helping children whose environment has deprived them of cultural capital, quality schools and economic resources, and who are victims of poverty.

The final panelist on private school contributions was Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., and professor of education at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky.

Sister Mary Angela noted the research findings of James Coleman indicated that private schools contribute greatly to public good.

“Private school students learn more than those in public schools,” he said. “Private school students are a safer, more disciplined, more ordered environment than public schools.

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An attorney and expert in educational legal issues, the attorney “serves the need for well-trained and committed Catholic teachers continues to grow over time,” said Father Smith.

“Just as Providence College has entered into a five-year partnership with Notre Dame to plan and implement PACT,” he said, “so too have we extended an invitation to the Diocese of Providence to play a lead role among other New England Catholic dioceses to partner with Providence College.”

PACT offers recent college graduates the opportunity to earn teaching certification and a master’s degree while serving as full-time faculty members at under-staffed rural and inner-city Catholic diocesan middle schools, grades five through eight, and high schools throughout New England.

Participants in the two-year program receive a moderate monthly salary and medical insurance and live in small faith communities with fellow PACT teachers during the academic year. Graduate degree tuition and summer room and board at Providence College also are waived.

Liberal arts majors can follow a master’s degree program to initial certification in secondary education in a specific content area—for example, math or science.

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Guests who attended the Catholic School Values Dinner in Indianapolis last Nov. 20 were entertained by a chorus of more than 40 music students from Terre Haute Deanery schools.

The fifth-grade class of St. Patrick School and the fourth-grade class at Sacred Heart of Jesus School, both in Terre Haute, were directed during the well-attended event by St. Patrick's music teacher, Betty Meyer. Fourth-grade students from Sacred Heart School in Clinton also planned to sing, but were prevented from doing so by weather and time constraints.

The Catholic School Values Dinner honors Catholic school graduates who have gone on to provide exemplary Christian witness in community service. The children were invited to sing in order to celebrate the achievements of an honoree from their own area, Paul Pfister, who was recognized for lifetime contributions to Catholic education.

The children sang two songs illustrating the evening's theme of working together toward common goals. They were “Shine, Children, Shine” and “With One Heart and One Voice.” Students from the two Terre Haute schools and the Clinton school will come together again to sing as part of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. On Wednesday, Jan. 31, they will provide music during the liturgy at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Terre Haute.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)
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Families share the Church’s life and mission

By Sheila Garcia

A majority of respondents in one national survey listed family life as their greatest source of pleasure. Providing for a family was their chief source of worry.

Young adults, who have experienced widespread family breakthrough, still idealize family life. In a USA Today poll of Americans aged 18 to 34, 83 percent identified a “close-knit family” as their highest priority in life.

Each family is unique, as I realized at a recent gathering of my own extended family. One cousin, happily married for 15 years, brought his twin sons. Another cousin, a divorced father, arrived with his teen-aged. A third cousin came with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, whom they had adopted from China.

Today’s families may be two-parent, single-parent, blended or multigenerational, each with its distinct culture, traditions, strengths and weaknesses.

Despite their differences, families share certain characteristics. Pope John Paul II said in his 1981 letter “On the Family” that all families are called to be a community of life and love. But how can families know if they are moving toward this goal?

“On the Family” identifies four tasks for the Christian family. While no family accomplishes all these tasks perfectly, a family that can identify signs of progress with them is surely on the right track.

1. The family forms a community of life and love.

Drawn together by bonds of love and mutual respect, all members, including the very young and the old, the sick and those with disabilities, play a vital role. Two virtues in particular help to build up this community: self-sacrifice and recognition. The parent who drives a child to an endless round of soccer practices and the teen-ager who baby-sits for younger siblings sacrifice their own interests for the good of the family.

Flexibility, compromise and a willingness to put others’ needs first characterize the family that is becoming a community of love and life.

Forming a community also means extending and accepting forgiveness. In doing so, we can discover something about our relationship with God and others.

Several years ago, my son inherited his late grandfather’s pride and joy: a red pick-up truck. A month later, while driving carelessly one night, he totaled it. When I arrived at the hospital, grateful that he was alive, I realized that I had never seen anyone more miserable. As tears flowed, he repeated how sorry he was to have let us down. At that moment, I realized I was unable to keep him in my arms and comfort him. In an instant, the parable of the Prodigal Son and God’s overwhelming love for his errant children became real for me.

2. The family serves life.

The family welcomes new members by birth or adoption, cares for sick and older members, and witnesses to society by opposing abortion, euthanasia and all threats to human life.

Within the family, parents pass on their own wisdom and the Church’s way of looking at such issues as sexuality, racial justice and material goods.

A family that serves life can inspire and encourage other families. When Jim and Kathy’s third son was born, they learned almost immediately that he would never walk, talk, feed or dress himself. For 10 years, Jim and Kathy cared for Joe. They found appropriate schools and stood vigil at the hospital during his many seizures. Often they gathered Joe and his equipment, and headed out to soccer games, picnics and summer vacations.

Jim and Kathy made sure that Joe lived his brief life as fully as possible. When Joe died, mourners reflected on the witness that his parents gave to the immeasurable value of one human life.

3. The family participates in society.

Far from being closed in on itself, the family contributes to the larger community’s development. The family is the first school of the social virtues on which a strong society depends, such as justice, respect and dialogue. Families can take an active role in the political process.

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Families can also undertake some form of service to others, especially the poor. Parents who donate time and money to others can influence their children to do likewise, especially if the parents take time to explain what motivates their actions.

4. The family’s fourth task is sharing in the Church’s life and mission.

The family, the domestic Church, is intimately linked with the whole Church. The family announces and welcomes the word of the Lord, evangelizes and prays.

The family is sacred space. It is holy. Within its togetherness and messiness, joys and sorrows, God abides. He speaks to us in birthday and anniversary commemorations, in separations and homecomings, in daily routines and special celebrations.

Depression hurts family life

By Dr. Frederic Flach

There are many reasons why members of a family may be unhappy. One of the most serious reasons is clinical depression, which casts a pall over family life. Yet it often is unrecognized.

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(Sheila Garcia is the assistant director of the U.S. Bishops’ Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.)

Discussion Point

Family is domestic Church

This Week’s Question

What important purpose of the family would you underline?

“To carry on the legacy and faith traditions from generation to generation.” (Connie Hall, Oil City, Pa.)

“I think it would be the aspect of community: the giving, the taking, the sharing. And in my own circumstances, I believe it is comforting to know that there are people who share in my pride and joy.” (Connie Hall, Oil City, Pa.)

“Providing for stability and support in a world that is constantly changing.” (Father Tim Schroeder, Fargo, N.D.)

“Medically trained respondents in that they are the most important, because this is what keeps us together. All other relationships and activities are secondary to this one.” (Sheila Garcia, USA Today)

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“With a sincere, inner faith are in a position to make difficult decisions.” (Connie Hall, Oil City, Pa.)

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Seventeen Church doctors lived in first millennium

(Second in a series)

Seventeen of the 33 men and women who have been declared doctors of the Church lived in the first millennium. Of these, 13 lived and taught in the fourth or fifth centuries: Athanasius, Epiphem, Hilary, Cyril of Jerusalem, Basil, Gregory Nazianzen, Gregory ofNazianzus, John Chrysostom, Leo the Great, Cyril of Alexandria, Peter Chrysologus and Leo the Great. The other four lived and taught in the sixth to eighth centuries: Gregory the Great, Isidore, Bede and John Damascene.

The earliest doctors of the Church were writing at the same time as the Church began holding ecumenical councils to decide what were true doctrines and what were heresies. The dogmas that the Catholic Church holds today were determined and defined by these councils, and the writings of the doctors were largely responsible for the reasoning behind the councils’ decisions. The early Christians had a tough time trying to understand who Jesus was. Until he appeared on earth, no one had any idea that God was more than one person—no news travels better in one God and one person while the pagan gentiles believed in many gods, each of a separate group. On the other hand, Christians believed that both are one God and that one is more than one person—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And that Jesus, one of those persons, was both divine and human.

At times the Catholic Church has about 750 years to combat the heresies that kept coming up when certain individuals tried to understand how Jesus could be both God and man, and in the process, to come to wrong conclusions. It’s not that there weren’t Christian teachers prior to the fourth century. There were some very good teachers, starting with the evangelists who wrote the Gospels, St. Paul who wrote his epistles, and other authors who belonged to the New Testament. Other important writers prior to the fourth century include Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Tertullian, Hippolytus and Cyprian. All of these men are scary to the Catholic Church, but were never declared doctors. There were also heresies prior to the fourth century. Blaise Pascal, author of the classic essay on the effect on Church history that Arianism did. It taught that God the Son was created by God the Father, which is more than one person— the earliest doctors of the Church had to combat.

Of the 17 doctors during the first millennium, eight came from the Eastern Church while nine were from the West. (All 16 of the doctors during the second millennium were from the West, in fact, from Europe.)

From the Editor Emeritus

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Robert Fink

The Bottom Line/Antoniette Bosco

The execution of an innocent person

I just read yet another story about a man on death row possibly being innocent.

Robert E. Lee Elmore has spent 18 years on Death Row in Texas for the rape and brutal murder of a 7-year-old boy. The DNA test results were recently released, reportedly lost for years, surprisingly revealing that the DNA test results were close 100 percent. Now in the DNA testing proves, say his lawyers, that Dorothy Edwards was killed by someone else, not by Elmore.

A case like this underscores the concern many now have about the question of innocence when the death penalty is in the picture. My concern escalated back in 1985 when the American Civil Liberties Union circulated a study showing that an average of four entirely innocent people have been convicted of murder each year since 1900. 25 of these innocent people were executed.

The Judicial Process Commission in Reston, Va., reported that nationally 88 innocent people have been released from Death Row since 1972. Since 1977, for every seven people executed, one was released from Death Row.

Just a year ago, Illinois Gov. George Ryan confronted the fact that 13 Death Row inmates in his state had been found to be innocent since 1977. The Republican governor declared that he would not renew the death penalty in Illinois, saying that there is reform legislation that can fix the vol- umes of errors that accompany convictions in capital cases. He added that he does not want it on his conscience that he had been a party to “the ultimate nightmare—the ultimate outrage.”

As for why some innocent people are put on Death Row, Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) suggested that the problem of inadequate representation, lack of access to DNA testing, police misconduct, random juries, lack of access to psychologists and lack of uniform standards are the main reasons. In Texas, there is no legislation that can fix the problem of inadequate representation, lack of access to DNA testing, police misconduct, random juries, lack of psychologists and lack of uniform standards. There is no one who wants to fix the problem as quickly as the newdeath penalty opponents will not be successful unless they can bring the issue of the death penalty to the public. Recognizing how important it is for prisoners to have access to DNA testing, Sen. Feingold has introduced the Innocence Protection Act, legislation aimed at reducing the risk of executing innocent persons by ensuring that state and federal prisoners have access to DNA testing. REP., he will reintroduce this bill in the coming session.

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The Book of Jeremiah is the source of the first reading.

As were all the ancient Hebrew prophets, Jeremiah had a deep respect for the very fact of God that had called him to the role of prophet. But he also knew that, no matter how he may now say exactly how this occurred, that Jeremiah himself said he realized God’s will for him in the time of Josiah. This reference to Josiah, the king of Judah (the southern kingdom), dates back to the last half of the century, 600 years before Christ.

Like the other prophets, Jeremiah also was very familiar with the opposition mounted by one, indeed by many, to the word of God. The prophet faced this opposition and survived because of his strong faith in the divine character of his vocation. The reading is interesting in that among the opponents of Jeremiah are named the kings and rulers of the civil society. In modern understanding, the hostility of a political figure would be regarded as a handicap, great or small, to the arising circumstances, for an effort or individual.

Ancient Jews had another view. Kings and rulers held office for the solitary purpose of making real God’s justice in their midst. Thus, they were the agents of God among us and as the Redeemer able to reconcile us sinners with God.

This position resulted partially from a theoretical or philosophical, although it is practical, view of prophetic efficacy. It was more than polite disagreement. Fury was so great among many that they would have violated law on the Lord.

Reflection

The Church has presented to us, with great drama and color, the reality of Jesus as man of mercy, and before human, as God among us and as the Redeemer able to reconcile us sinners with God.

These were its messages at Christmas, the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We are in the liturgical season following prophecies of these events. In these readings, the Church repeats the message. There is no doubt about the Lord’s identity in the passage from Luke’s Gospel. Jesus is the Savor, the Son of God, and the bearer of eternal, perfect truth.

New Catholic should not be rebaptized

Q Please discuss in your column if when baptism in another church is recognized by the Catholic Church. If it is recognized, has it always been?

A Since as long ago as l949, the Catholic Church has explicitly assumed the validity of baptism in most Protestant denominations. Several of these churches were listed by name, but the ruling applied to any others if basically necessary rituals and intentions were present (Reply from the Holy Office, Dec. 28, 1949).

This position resulted partially from a better awareness by the Catholic Church of baptism in these other congregations, but also, at least to some extent, from a more developed theology and practice concerning baptism on the Protestant side.

Since then, of course, the understanding of the meaning and significance of baptism has developed significantly, making conditional baptism (or, as it is sometimes erroneously called, “re baptism”) of converts to our faith quite rare. Most times today, if a convert has been baptized in a major Protestant denomination, conditional baptism may be ministered only if the fact of the previous baptism is uncertain or if the individual has serious and specific doubts about the validity of the former baptism. You should not be receiving varying responses about this from priests. Present Catholic regulations explicitly forbid automatic or routine baptism of people already baptized in another Christian denomination.

The “Rite for Receiving Baptized Christians Into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church” (480) says repetition of the sacrament of baptism “is not permitted unless there is a prudent doubt about the fact or validity of the baptism already received.” If “after serious investigation” it seems necessary to confer baptism again conditionally, “the minister should explain beforehand the reasons for this action.

These same regulations are repeated in the Code of Canon Law (845) and the “1993 Vatican Directory on Ecumenism” (Nos. 94-95).

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Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

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

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

Second Tuesdays St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis. Separated and Divorced Catholics’ support group, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-578-8254.


St. Luke Church, 7575 Holiday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Holy hour for priests and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Second Saturdays Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Center, Holy Family Chapel, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, 1-2 p.m., faith sharing and Scripture reflection, 2-3 p.m. Information: Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Cassillo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9363, ext. 1521.

Third Sundays Mary’s Schoenstatt. Rexville (located on 925 South, 8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles). Holy Hour, 2:30 p.m.; Mass, 3:30 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551. E-mail: eburerin@erudita.com.

Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., New Albany. Eucharistic adoration and confessions after 9 p.m. Mass.

St. Joseph Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m.; Holy hour for priests, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Benediction and service.

St. Peter Church, 1207 East Rd., Brookville. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Communion service; 1 p.m.

First Saturdays St. Nicholas Church, 4645 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m.; then SACRED gathering in the school.

Little Flower Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. Apostolate of Fatima holy hour, 2 p.m.

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

Holy Landscapes with Sr. Norma Rocklage and Fr. Larry Voelker
New Beginnings Spiritual Retreats with Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M.
Four Stops on the Journey to God with Fr. Jeff Godecker
Sacred Landscapes with Sr. Norma Rocklage and Fr. Larry Voelker
Four Stops on the Journey to God with Fr. William Simmons, C.S.C.
First Fridays Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Center, Holy Family Chapel, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Benediction and service.

St. Andrew Church, 5353 McFarland Rd., Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Holy Family Parish, Main St., Oldenburg. Support group for the widowed, 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

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

Fourth Sundays Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

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

Third Wednesdays St. Jude Church, 5353 Mcelrath Rd., Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Holy Family Parish, Main St., Oldenburg. Support group for the widowed, 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

St. Luke’s Catholic Church, 415 St. Luke’s Dr. E., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m. (Monday), rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

Indianapolis Athletic Club, breakfast talk, 7:15-8:30 a.m. (202), Information: Mike Fox, 317-250-6000.

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.; walks to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic, 2951 E. 38th St.; rosary; return to church for Benediction.)
Rest in peace

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


CHRISTY, Helen L., 82, St. Mary Mitchell, Jan. 7.


LEOK, James Comella. Sister of Agnes (Munson), Laura (Hickey), Buehler, Rosemarie (Hickey), Mary Lou (Munson), Helen M., Christine (Prettz) and Frances (Prettz). Great-grandmother of six.

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore decreed a “litmus test” to which government appointees are being subjected. “It is arrogant and unacceptable to make unsparing allegiance to Roe v. Wade a litmus test for high public office in the United States,” Cardinal Keeler said during his homily at a Jan. 21 vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, prior to the Jan. 22 March for Life. His remarks brought a standing ovation of the Immaculate Conception, prior to the Jan. 22

Two new Washingtonians exchange sign of peace at prayer service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The new archbishop of Washington exchanged the sign of peace with the new resident of the White House Jan. 21 at the Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral in Washington. Cardinal-designate Theodore E. McCarrick, who took over as head of the Catholic Church in Washington on Jan. 5, greeted President George W. Bush at the prayer service the day after Bush’s inauguration as the 43rd U.S. president. The prayer service at the Episcopal cathedral took place the same day as Pope John Paul II’s announcement in Vatican City that the Washington archbishop had been named to the College of Cardinals. He will be formally installed in late February.

WORLD

Pope says dialogue with Muslims lessens misunderstandings

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II hailed ongoing cultural and religious dialogue with Muslim countries, saying it would lessen misunderstandings and help protect the religious rights of minority Christians. Speaking Jan. 22 to Iran’s new ambassador to the Holy See, the pope said countries which adopt a nationalism—like the Islamic Republic of Iran—must nonetheless ensure religious freedom for its minorities. “Even in cases where the state grants a special juridical position to a particular religion, there is a duty to ensure that the right to freedom of conscience is legally recognized and effectively respected for all citizens and for foreigners residing in the country,” he said.

Pope John XXIII’s body to be transferred from grotto

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II, recognizing the extent of popular devotion to Blessed John XXIII, has decided his body should be transferred from Peter’s Basilica rather than in the grotto under the church. The Vatican press office confirmed Jan. 22 that the body of Pope John, who convoked the Second Vatican Council, had been removed from the grotto Jan. 16 after a solemn and formal opening of the tomb and recognition of the body. The body will be placed in the basilica to make it easier for people to visit it before the press office said. A recognition ceremony usually takes place before a person is beatified, but Vatican officials did not want to disturb the tomb during the Holy Year, when so many visitors wanted to pray there, said an official at the basilica.

Pope: Everyone has right to hear Gospel, experience Christ’s love

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Every person, regardless of race or culture, has a right to hear the Gospel and experience the love of Christ, Pope John Paul II said. If everyone has a right to know the Gospel, then every Christian has an obligation to share its message through direct proclamation or through the example of their lives and service to others, the pope said. “From the beginning of my pontificate I have invited every person and every people to open the doors to Christ,” he said Jan. 20, ending a two-day international symposium marking the 10th anniversary of his encyclical on missionary activity, Redemptor misit.
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