Following Christ is a constant challenge, says Cardinal George

VATICAN CITY (ZENIT)—Christian life is simply the response to God who first loved us. This response, especially in the consumerist era, exacts detachment from everything that does not lead us to him.

That is a summary of the first two meditations given this week by Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago to Pope John Paul II and members of the Roman Curia—the Church’s central administrative office—at the beginning of their Lenten spiritual exercises. During this week, the pontiff has put aside all official business to dedicate himself to his annual retreat.

Last Sunday, Cardinal George set out the objective of the 22 meditations, which make up the spiritual exercises, delving into the next common theme: “A Faith for All Peoples: Conversion, Freedom and Communion with Christ.”

The cardinal beseeched man’s freedom to choose God, to have a personal faith lived in full awareness. To live this experience means “a conversion of heart,” and to be converted presupposes “detachment.”

Cardinal George gave the example of Peter, the first pope, who after a bad night of fishing, agreed to trust in Jesus, who he did not know, and to throw his nets into the lake again. Henceforth, Peter “lived in detachment. That is, he agreed to leave everything: family, customs, the consolation of daily things, including his own language, the way he expressed himself.”

Detachment is, in fact, “the price of the Christian,” something felt especially by the one whose role is to lead the universal community of believers.

Many of you, while serving the Church in the context of the Curia, know by personal experience what the cost is, you feel the pain that follows from detachment of so many things that can be considered legitimate and natural attachments,” Cardinal George explained.

“It is neither easy nor simple to remove ourselves from all that is so close and dear,” he said. “It was like this for Peter, and so it is for us. To give up other strong and natural ties to follow the Lord continues to be a constant challenge,”

Franciscans will leave Batesville after 130 years

By Jennifer Del Vechio

After more than 130 years of serving the people of Batesville, the Franciscan friars are leaving the southeastern Indiana city.

Parishioners were told at Mass on March 4 about the Order of Friars Minor’s decision to return the pastoral care of St. Louis Parish to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis next July.

The Franciscans cited dwindling numbers and aging friars as major reasons for the decision.

“It’s been a struggle,” said Father William Farris, the pastor of St. Louis Parish.

The friars of St. John the Baptist Province, which is based in Cincinnati, have had just five men join their order since 1990. Out of those, one is an ordained priest, one will be ordained this summer and the other three are brothers, said Father Cashmell, a staff member of the communications office for the Franciscan friars.

Currently, there are six men in their temporary novitiate and six men are scheduled to enter the order as candidates. Since 1990, 59 friars have died. Cashmell said as we were looking around, we realized a difficult decision would have to be made.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said he would do his best to send the parish of St. Louis families a “good pastor” by the time the Franciscans leave.

“I am disappointed to see them go, too,” the archbishop said in a letter to the parish.

However, let us thank the Lord for the gift of St. Louis Parish to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis next July.

Minor’s decision to return the pastoral care to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

By Jennifer Del Vechio

“Dear young people, the future and to cal-vary”

For more stories about youth, see The Criterion’s Youth Supplement beginning on page 15.
always requires conversion, the liberating grace of God.”

However, when Peter returns with his nets full to the brim, he feels unworthy. “He returns weighed down by his sinful-ness; he is a man who needs God’s grace,” Cardinal George said.

Therefore, detachment from things is not enough to guarantee man’s full com- munion with God. Man’s action is pre- ceded by a preventive and free act of love on God’s part, because “conversion is always a gift.”

The abundance of grace always pre- cedes man in his history, the Chicago

cardinal said. By way of example, he referred to Africa over the past 100 years. The extraordinary spiritual growth in the continent is a clear example of God’s action, as such a work cannot be attributed to human effort.

“Conversion, therefore, is something extremely dynamic; it moves between man’s choice and God’s grace,” the cardi- nal said.

Christians “are called to discover and rediscover and never tire of discovering that we are loved and forgiven by God,” he said. “This means to listen, reflect and pray over the Word that proclaims the Good News. It means to make the firm decision, with God’s grace, to affect those changes that are the logical consequence of our response to such great love.”

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of the Franciscan charism that they have made so prevalent in Batesville and the sur- rounding area. That is their legacy to us all.”

It’s a legacy that parishioners aren’t ready to give up.

“This is a real blow,” said Margaret Strange, who has been a member of the parish all of her life. She grew up in the parish and attended the school that her grandchildren now attend.

“I know we will do it, but it just seems difficult,” she said. “I grew up with them, and they make you think more about our faith,” Strange said.

While vocations are dwindling, the Batesville parish was a source of vocations for the Franciscans by giving 18 sons of the parish to the priesthood.

Strange’s brother, Father Jovian Wegel, is one of them. He said the example of the Franciscans set the will and the willingness of parents “to give up” their sons helped make vocations grow in the parish.

“The Franciscans are very dedicated, holy and consistent people. It’s a very per- vasive, peaceful sort of thing,” Strange said.

Franciscan Father Jack Wintz was one of the men who joined the order from the Batesville parish.

“It is truthfully sad,” said Father Wintz, who is the editor of the St. Anthony Messenger magazine in Cincinnati. “The realism is upon us and now there is a loss of tradition. It’s also a wake-up call for realism is upon us and now there is a loss of tradition.”

St. Louis Parish is not the only parish that the Franciscans are relinquishing. This summer, they will leave the dioceses of Marquette, Mich., and Peoria, Ill., and next vocation amid those Taliban rulers said they will destroy. The Taliban order for the destruction of statues and shrines made deen-islamic was met with protest from countries around the world.

Buddhist statues marked for destruction
This 175-foot-tall ancient statue of Buddha in the town of Bamyan in central Afghanistan is among those Taliban rulers said they will destroy. The Taliban order for the destruction of statues and shrines made deen-islamic was met with protest from countries around the world.

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that of the families you will form is in your hands. Be well aware of this. The Church expects much from you, from your enthusiasm, from your capacity to look ahead and from your desire to make radical choices in life,” the pope said.

The pope also asked young people to help increase dialogue in their own fami- lies, especially during Lent. He said fami- lies should place of “serenity and peace, of listening and dialogue, of shar- ing and respect for everyone.”

In families that are true to the Gospel, he added, young people will find the courage and trust needed to look to the

future with responsibility.

In his sermon, the pope noted that the parish was made up largely of immigrants from Eastern Europe and Third World countries. He said that represented a chal- lenge for parish unity.

“In the Church, no one is a foreigner. For that reason, it is important to create occasions of dialogue and promote mutual understanding. Above all, every- one should feel involved in pastoral activi- ties that respond to the real needs of the people,” he said.

The pope moved slowly and carefully around the altar as he celebrated Mass. He skipped his traditional encounter with parish groups and young people after- ward, instead he sat and greeted a line-up of selected parish members.

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Beech Grove Benedictines elect new prioress

By Mary Ann Wyand

Benedictine Sister Carol Falkner was elected the sixth prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove during a March 5 chapter meeting.

Sister Carol will be installed on June 17 and will serve a four-year term. She succeeds Benedictine Sister Rachel Best, who has served the 88-member monastic community as prioress since 1993.

During Sister Rachel’s tenure as prioress, the Beech Grove Benedictines expanded St. Paul Hermitage, their monastery as the elderly, and added programming at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center.

“...It is a spiritual hunger that is more and more evident in our society,” Sister Carol said. “People are turning to monasteries to satisfy that hunger. Our role as monastic women is to teach the basic tenets of prayer and to invite people to join us in the contemplation of seeking God. The sisters of Our Lady of Grace are committed to sharing Benedictine values of prayer, work, hospitality and community with the people of the world.”

The canonical election followed more than a year’s discernment by Benedictine sisters who have professed final vows in the Beech Grove community. According to norms established by the community, a consensus was reached before the vote.

The monastery was founded in 1955 by the Fernandez Benedictine Community. As president of the order’s federation, Benedictine Sister Katherine Huber, from the Monastery Immediate in Ferdinand presided during the election.

“The sisters began the discernment process more than a year ago,” Sister Rachel said, “asking the Holy Spirit’s guidance upon our election of a prioress.”

“I couldn’t be happier. Sister Carol has proven herself to be a true monastic woman and will ably lead the community as we continue to deepen our Benedictine roots and move with the times.”

Sister Carol entered the Benedictine community in 1963. Since 1995, she has served as a member of the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center.

She is a, retreat presenter and a spiritual director, and is a member of Retreats International and the Beech Grove Business Association.

Sister Carol taught for seven years and served as a principal for seven years before her appointment as the first assistant administrator of the Benedict Inn in 1981. From 1985 until 1993, she served as sub-provincial of the community.

A graduate of the former Our Lady of Grace Academy, she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from St. Benedict College in Ferdinand and a master’s degree in educational administration, with a concentration in administration, from Ball State University in Muncie.

Fathers of murdered children will speak at Terre Haute program

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Two Fathers’ Stories: Rage, Reconciliation and the Death Penalty” is the topic of pro-life programs featuring a nationally known speaker on March 15-18 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center.

Welch, one of the keynote speakers, gained national prominence as an opponent of the death penalty after his daughter’s murder and eventually moved his family to Kentucky to escape the pain.

Stevens said he struggled with the pain of his daughter’s murder and eventually moved his family to Kentucky to escape the pain.

Since his retirement in 1986, Stevens has ministered to men on Death Row at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville and has been instrumental in the healing of family members of victims.

Once a supporter of the death penalty, Stevens now believes that it perpetuates the cycle of violence in society.

The public is invited to the program, which is open to the public without charge.

Welch will meet with the Sisters of Providence and the Great Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. He will also address the Kentucky Board of Parole at the auditorium in the student union building at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

For more information and a complete program, contact Father Vincent Cristofferson at 812-639-2260 or write: 4100 N. Illinois St., Belleville, IL 62226.
New tax on Church proposed

W illiam Shakespeare pointed out that “a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” So, what’s in a name after all?

An anonymous wag used a somewhat less poetic approach to make the same point: “If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you can pretty much assume that it’s a duck.”

Proponents of House Bill 1574, which recently passed the Indiana House of Representatives by a vote of 54-42 and is now before the Indiana Senate, would like us to believe that a “user fee” is really a user fee. The problem is that this user fee not only smells like a new property tax, it also looks, walks and quacks like one.

The bill allows local municipalities to assess an as-yet-to-be-determined “fee” on all property to cover the cost of police and firefighter pensions.

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While we are sympathetic to the funding of police and firefighter pensions, the men and women who serve the community and that would require the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to pay taxes to a city based on property would have a severe impact on the thousands of people—both Catholic and non-Catholic—currently being served by the Church.

This bill should never have been put forward. The city of Indianapolis and other cities facing budgetary problems because of their own lack of planning or because of campaign promises not to raise taxes need to find a truly creative and sensible solution to their funding problems. This bill isn’t it. †

—William R. Bruns
Buscando la Cara del Señor

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**Letras a la redacción**

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**Bogged down in trivia**

Cardinal George of Chicago in a recent interview said, “We haven’t received Vatican II yet. We have gotten distracted by all kinds of piddling stuff!”

Some have tried to tell us that moving around states is great religious reform. We would have been bogged down in trivia. We lack the vision of the saints. The saints said the first thing for reform is prayer, great prayer. The soldiers of the reform is to reform ourselves, not running around trying to change everyone else. The first business of the Army is to save the souls, not debating Communism rails, up or down.

Father Raylee Myers, Colorado Springs

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Check It Out . . .

“Spirituality and Spaghetti,” an adult religious educa-
tion program with a simple Lenten pasta meal, will be
held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday evening from March 7 to
April 11 at Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., in
Indianapolis. The topic is “How the Catholic Church Is
the Same and How It Is Different from Other Churches.”
Sessions will be led by Msgr. Joseph Schaeckel, pastor, or
Father Dennis Dovelas, associate pastor. There is no
charge, but a free-will offering for food will be accepted.
For information or reservations, call 317-636-4478.

An information session, “Disciples in Mission: An
African American Perspective,” will be held from
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 15 in the Assembly Hall at the
Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian
St., in Indianapolis. Participants will look at evangeliza-
tion in the light of the National Black Catholic Pastoral
Plan, engage in reflection and sharing on local black
Catholic issues, and learn about Disciples in Mission as a
potential resource. There will be music and prayer through-
out the session. For information or to register, call
Jesus Father Joe Folzenlogen at 317-236-1489.

A Lenten prayer opportunity incorporating the Taize
tradition will be held at 7 1/2 p.m. on March 15 at
St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road, in
Indianapolis. The evening will include prayer, music,
reflection and meditation. Taize, a multi-denominational
Christian prayer community in France, is noteworthy for
its style of music. Taize music is characterized by chant-
like refrains which are repeated many times while specific
prayers are sung by a cantor.

Creative Christian Living workshops with School
Sister of Notre Dame Therese Even will be held at 7 p.m.
each evening on March 18-21 at St. Anthony of Padua
Church, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., in Clarksville. Four ses-
tions are offered, one on each night, beginning with “A
Call to Conversion and Change” followed by “Renewing
Family Life,” “Dealing with Stress and Anxiety,” and
“Wholeness and Inner Healing.” For information, call
812-282-2290.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to participate in the
annual Catholic Scout Retreat, sponsored by the
Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Archdiocese of
Indianapolis. The retreat will be held on April 7 at Camp
Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road, in Indianapolis. All scouts
will participate in activities and religious programs that
reflect upon the events of the Easter season. Check-in is
from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The day concludes with Mass at
4 p.m. The cost is $4 per person, which includes a patch,
activities and lunch. Troop leaders must bring adequate
adult leadership to supervise their troop for the entire day.
To register, call Sheen Jones at 317-578-8451 by
March 30.

A silent retreat for men and women, “Listening
Through the ‘Little Way’ of St. Thérèse of Lisieux,”
will be held March 23-25 at Fatima Retreat House in
Indianapolis. Franciscan Father Ted Haag will help partic-
ipants listen to God’s whispers through the writings and
poetry of St. Thérèse. The schedule includes five presenta-
tions, morning and evening prayer and Mass on Saturday
and Sunday. The cost is $125 per person or $225 for mar-
rried couples. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

A marriage encounter will be held March 16-18 at
the Pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City. The weekend
is designed to give spouses a renewed understanding of each
other. Spouses will learn important methods of listening
and communicating lovingly with each other in order to
make a good marriage even better. Father Keith Hoesy and
Sister Maureen Mangen will present the weekend. The
cost is $225 per couple. For more information, call 765-
348-4008.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology’s “Exploring Our
Catholic Faith” workshops will offer “Savior on the
Silver Screen.” The workshop begins at 7 p.m. on
March 16 and continues from 9 a.m. to noon and from
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 17. Participants will view
selections of films portraying the life of Jesus and exam-
ine cinematic, cultural and religious issues. The cost is
$50. There is a discount for senior citizens. For more
information, call 317-955-6451.

An information session on acquiring a nursing
degree will be held at 6 p.m. on March 21 in the Ruth
Lilly Student Center on the campus of Marian College,
3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. There are sev-
eral programs available. For more information, call 317-
955-6130.

The Conventual Franciscans are offering a vocation
retreat for men on March 23-25 at Mount Saint Francis
Retreat Center in Mount St. Francis. The center is located
near Louisville. The retreat is for single men ages 17-40
who are interested in finding out more about the priest-
hood and brotherhood. The retreat will allow participants
to experience the Franciscans’ fraternity, prayer life and
mission. For more information, call 800-424-9955.

A Triduum in honor of St. Joseph will be held at
1:30 p.m. on March 11 and March 18 at Holy Rosary
Church, 520 Stevens St., in Indianapolis. There will be
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a sermon on
the virtues of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph chaplet and litany
of St. Joseph will also be prayed. For information, call
317-636-4478.

VIPS . . .

Joseph and Ruth Harris Knue, members of St. Andrew the Apostle
Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary
Jan. 27. They were married on that date in 1951 at Christ the King
Church in Indianapolis. They cele-
brate with a family dinner. They have
four children: Joseph and
Patrick Knue, Anne Franz and Kerry Eusey. They also
have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John D. Short, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish in Indianapolis, has been appointed by Indianapolis
Mayor Bart Peterson to the Capital Improvement Board of
Managers in Marion County. The board oversees such
projects as Concourse Fieldhouse, Victory Field, the RCA
Dome and Indiana Convention Center. Short, UPI/PT exec-
utive director of conference and sport facilities, is also on
the board of Marian College, Cathedral High School and the
St. Augustine Home for the Aged.†
**Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following is a list of services that have been reported to *The Criterion.***

**Batesville Deanery**
- March 12, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
- March 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
- March 13, 7 p.m. for St. John, Osgood, and St. Magdalen, New Marion, at St. John, Osgood
- March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
- March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Mary–of-the-Rock, St. Mary–of-the-Rocks, and St. Andrew the Apostle, New Albany
- March 27, 7 p.m. for St. Martin, Yorkville, and St. Paul, New Alscace, at St. Paul, New Alscace
- March 27, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin County
  - April 1, 2 p.m. at St. Denis, Millhousen
  - April 1, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
  - April 5, 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg
- April 6, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg

**Bloomington Deanery**
- March 12, 7 p.m. at St. Agnes, Nashville
- March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Jude, Spencer
- March 15, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Springs, Osko, and St. John, Osko

**Indianapolis East Deanery**
- March 14, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit
- March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Greenfield
- March 22, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
- March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Simon the Apostle
- March 27, 7 p.m. for Holy Cross, SS. Peter and Paul, and St. Mary at St. Mary
  - March 29, 1 p.m. at St. Philip Neri
  - March 29, 7 p.m. at Little Flower
  - April 1, 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette
  - Saturdays during Lent, 4-5 p.m. at St. Rita

**Indianapolis North Deanery**
- March 18, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc
- March 20, 7 p.m. at Christ the King
- March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X
- March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle
- March 27, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X
- March 27, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke
- March 28, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas
  - April 9, 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence

**Indianapolis South Deanery**
- March 13, 7 p.m. at Nativity
- March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
- March 25, 3 p.m. for Good Shepherd, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart and St. Patrick at Sacred Heart
- March 26, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark
- March 27, 7 p.m. at Holy Name, Beech Grove
- March 29, 7 p.m. at SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood
- April 8, 4 p.m. at St. Jude

**Indianapolis West Deanery**
- March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel
- March 21, 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica
- March 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher
- March 26, 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel
- March 28, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
- March 29, 7 p.m. for Malachy, Brownburg, St. Susanna, Plainfield, and Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville
- March 30, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville
- April 1, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity
- April 5, 7 p.m. at Holy Angels
- April 8, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony

**New Albany Deanery**
- March 11, 4 p.m. at St. Mary, New Albany
- March 12, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine, Jeffersonville
- March 17, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary–of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs

**Seymour Deanery**
- March 16, 7 p.m. at American Martyrs, Scottsburg
- March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Patrick, Salem
- March 22, 7 p.m. for Most Sorrows Mother of God, Vevay, and Prince of Peace, Madison, at Prince of Peace, Madison
- March 25, 7 p.m. for St. Ambrose, Seymour, and Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, at St. Ambrose, Seymour
- March 25, 2 p.m. for St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh
- March 29, 7:30 p.m. at St. Ann, Jennings County
- April 3, 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings County
- April 5, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus

**Terre Haute Deanery**
- March 14, 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Clinton
- March 21, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Village, St. Mary–of-the-Woods
- March 22, 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary, Seelyville
- March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rockville
- April 3, 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Terre Haute
- April 5, 7:30 p.m. at St. Benedict, Terre Haute
- April 8, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Terre Haute
- April 9, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

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Cardinal George urges Catholics to oppose McVeigh's execution

By Mary Ann Wyand

EVANSTON—Federal Death Row inmate Timothy McVeigh’s decision to waive his appeals process in January is “an act of despair” and “a request for suicide,” Cardinal Francis George said in Chicago on Feb. 26 at The Centre in Evanston.

Cardinal George urged Catholics to oppose McVeigh’s execution in prayer and to work for the sort of justice that replaces vengeance with forgiveness and dialogue. “We need to move to forgiveness,” he said.

Cardinal George said during the Terre Haute NAACP branch on Saturday, March 17, at the First Congregational Church, 630 Ohio St., in Terre Haute. They will spend Saturday evening in a private meeting with victims’ families.

On Sunday, March 18, Welch and Stevens will participate in a program with the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Terre Haute and also will present a program at St. George Orthodox Church in Terre Haute.

They also plan to meet with groups of high school students at St. Margaret Mary Church on Sunday evening. All of the programs except their meeting with victims’ families will be open to the public. Reservations for the NAACP workshop should be made by calling 812-234-1972. A light lunch will be served free of charge.

Cardinal George said during the Terre Haute NAACP branch, the Terre Haute Abolition Network, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, United Campus Ministries, First Congregational Church and St. George Orthodox Church.

“Violence is not adequately done away with by recourse to more violence,” Cardinal George said during the program sponsored by the Evansville Diocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests.

The McVeigh execution here in your state will be very challenging,” he said. “But as we as a faith community hold up always the possibility of repentance, even for someone such as he.”

Four people are being honored for their four-year history. Welch and Stevens also will participate in programs in Madison.

Welch and Stevens will join the Terre Haute NAACP branch, the Terre Haute Abolition Network, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, United Campus Ministries, First Congregational Church and St. George Orthodox Church.

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(For more information about program times and locations, call Providence Sister Mary Beth Klingel at St. Margaret Mary Parish at 812-232-5512.)

Catholic schools in Madison honor longtime volunteers

By Jennifer Del Vechio

Four people are being honored for their commitment and dedication to Catholic schools in Madison. Jack Dwyer, Dr. Ralph Pratt and Bernard and Helen Schafer are the recipients of the Golden Shamrock Award.

The award, established in 1993, is a way to recognize volunteers in the Madison Catholic school community.

Jack Dwyer began teaching at Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in 1953 after graduating from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer.

His coaching skills and his record of wins for the boys’ basketball team soon had people calling the high school gym “The House that Jack Built.”

Dwyer still holds the most successful basketball coaching record in the school’s 48-year history.

During his 13 years as the basketball coach, he had a combined 162-117 record.

“I really enjoyed my time there,” Dwyer said. “It was the ideal place to coach and teach. Parental support was great. The players were good and I worked hard at it.”

Dwyer, the father of seven children, later became a counselor with the public school system, but he never forgot to help the Catholic schools.

He was on the Catholic Board of Education and has been active in community service, serving a number of years as a city councilman.
God speaks to each of us in prayer

By Fr. Frederic Maples, S.J.

Even a brief visit to the religion section of the local bookstore or a casual Internet search quickly reveals widespread interest in prayer and religious experience. Why do we pray? I believe that deep down we all know that God speaks to us individually. Carl Jung, the depth psychologist, taught that there is a natural religious function of the human soul. To put it in other words, it is natural for God to address each of us from within our souls and natural for us to hear God’s Word.

God begins the conscious dialogue that is the essence of prayer. Formal prayer, those times we choose to be very explicitly with God, is like the “quality time” that every good relationship needs. During this quality time, we can express our needs and feelings, reflect on our relationship or simply and wordlessly enjoy being together. Most of us, we need to listen to the Other.

My friends in Alcoholics Anonymous speak of this as “conscious contact” with God. Through this dialogue, God draws us into an intimate relationship. That is why people attempt to pray! God is drawing us into intimacy.

Now here’s the rub: Intimate relationship with God can and will transform our lives, just as it is always like the story of ancient Israel’s liberation from slavery in Egypt. The journey toward the Promised Land is a story of starts and stops, of going forward and then backward a little way.

Though the faint vision of the Promised Land fascinates us, we desire relationship with God, we also can resist it in the very same breath—just like the Israelites. Why? Because transformation is challenging and stressful!

Even among believing Christians who practice prayer faithfully and seek awareness of God’s presence, resistance will be a continuing struggle. Often when a person new to spiritual direction describes his or her lack of discipline about keeping a regular practice of prayer and meditation, we find that the underlying problem is an emotional resistance to greater intimacy with God.

The resistance might be based on some unacknowledged fear. I clearly remember coming to grips with some previously unacknowledged fear the night before my first vows in the Society of Jesus. I feared what God might ask me to do once I gave my life to him.

Another person’s resistance might be based in a poor self-image, an inability to believe that God would like him or her enough to come close. Oh, we all believe that God loves us. But ask yourself, “Does God ‘like’ me?”

At this juncture, a little doubt is not so uncommon. We easily tend to believe that God will only like us when we finally “get it all together!”

But please notice that “resistance” does not name something bad. Working through resistance is a normal aspect of the human journey. Fear and self-doubt are universal. If perfect love casts out fear, it is still the journey of a lifetime for most of us to become perfectly loving and to experience ourselves as lovable. That is why we need a community to support us in learning to pray. We need the experience, reflection and support of others on the same journey. We need to reflect on our own experience and to support others.

St. Peter is a perfect example of a person who could “talk the talk” at the Last Supper but who could not “walk the walk” in the courtyard of the high priest. He talked bravely, but then he was seized by fear. In fact, don’t both moments make Peter so recognizable and even lovable? He acknowledged his weakness in tears of grief. He also did not make quick progress in overcoming all fear.

Years later, St. Paul took him to task in public for fearfully talking out of both sides of his mouth. Wars and all, Peter was stretched as he listened to the Word of God and sought to follow where that voice led. His life ended bravely.

Peter’s story helps answer the question: Why pray?

God addresses each of us from within. And it is a natural experience for us to hear, to discern, God’s Word through faith.

“God’s action within us is a powerful magnet that draws us toward him. At the heart of it, we pray in order to enter into relationship with God. Like Peter, we will be greatly stretched in this encounter. We will experience our smallness and fears. We will endure failures and need help, community and forgiveness. The path before us, largely shrouded in darkness as we begin, evokes dread. We frequently will need to hear the good words, ‘Don’t be afraid!’

So there is desire and fear at the same time, and striving and resistance at the same time. And it is always ongoing, endlessly fascinating, never ending.” (Jesus Father Frederic Maples is a spiritual director with Loyola, a spiritual renewal resource in St. Paul, Minn.)

Circumstances often prove that God answers prayers

By David Gibson

“Should we bring our petitions to God?”

It might be nice to have a set of clearly reasoned proofs that this kind of prayer is important, sort of like the proofs for God’s existence. We could call upon them whenever an all-too-clear argument against prayer asserts itself, such as, “God already knows what you need, so you don’t need to tell him.”

There is a saying that we should “pray as if everything depends on God, but act as if everything depends on us.” Feeling stretched for time, however, how often do we choose simply to act as if everything depends on us?

Circumstances often serve as the “proof” that we need it when we come to prayer petitions, especially with upsetting circumstances that we cannot control no matter how enlightened and courageous our actions. It helps to remember stories in Scripture about people who prayed for help. Those examples argue well in favor of prayer.

David Gibson edits Faith Alive!†
St. Ambrose is the first of the original four doctors of the Church, the others being SS. Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great. Ambrose is known for his leadership, courage and his activism. He is also known as the man who baptized St. Augustine.

Ambrose was born about the year 340 in the ancient German town of Trier. He was educated in Rome, became a lawyer and began proselytizing for Christianity in Milan, then the administrative capital of the Western Empire. In 374, after Ambrose had been governor for four years, Bishop Auxentius of Milan (who happened to be an Arian) died. The people were torn over the election of his successor, some demanding another Arian and others a Catholic. Ambrose went to the church where the people were meet-
**The Sunday Readings**

**Sunday, March 11, 2001**

**Genesis 15:12-17, 18-19**

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

*Luke 9:28-36*

Supplying the first reading for this Sunday Second of Lent is the book of Genesis. As might be assumed from its same, Genesis presents the religious message about the origin of the human relationship with the one true God.

In this reading, the story is about God and the first male human, Adam. It is important to note that Adam was not only the first human in this story at this point, but he was the only male, so he was the primary sense—as well as literally—an "Everyman." What he did and experienced also was the experience of humankind as a whole.

The story echoes last week's story from the book of Genesis about the Creation. He is the source of all good.

An ongoing, immediate relationship with God also is part of the story. It is the ideal for humans. This relationship is in the proper mode. Abram recognizes God as supreme, God receives Abram's offerings.

Important to note is the fact that God defines what is perfection, and what is the perfect offering. God instructs Abram to sacrifice a specific animal. It is more than trivial. Humans are limited in their knowledge. They certainly know nothing of the ways of God. God is sublime. They certainly are aware of the things of God. God is subtle.

Paul's Epistle to the Philippians provides the second reading. Paul's great contribution to Christianity is his impressive insight into the reality of Jesus. This insight shines in the verses of Philippians as well as in those of other epistles.

**My Journey to God**

Four and a half years ago, my father's mother had a stroke. It affected her ability to walk (she couldn't maintain balance) and her cognitive abilities, and it caused her not to know where she was, who her family was, etc. As a result, about three years ago, after attempting to care for her in her own home, we placed her in a nursing home, where she could get proper care.

During this time, her recognition of the sacraments of or any prayers was non-existent. On Jan. 31, she had a mini-stroke and we all made the effort to visit her, and sit with her. She had had regular visits from us the whole time she lived there, but an extra effort was made by everyone in the family to go, visit, and sit with her. She wanted to go with us on visits. Knowing it would be an emotional time, I was glad she wanted to go with us.

On the second visit, Feb. 4, it was possible for us to have some prayer time with Grandma. I began by saying a prayer for my grandfa- ther's rosary with me, and I placed it in her hands. She immediately became calmer and gripped it tightly, and we started praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, my grandmother made the sign of the Cross. We then said a couple of other prayers (to St. Jude and St. Joseph) and began the rosary. Her lips started moving along with us, they prayed the rosary with us for the first time in four and half years. When I faltered, because it was so emotional, my roommate kept pray- ing, and so did my grandmother. As we finished, she made the sign of the Cross again.

In the two weeks following the mini-stroke, and most especially that day, she recognized me and other members of my family who came to visit. When asked by my sister if there was anything that she could do for her, Grandma answered, "Pray for me." You have to understand that her speech had been slurred by the stroke, but this was very clear.

The peace that came to her as she lay there, while we prayed, and the peace that came to my family, because we knew she was able to pray, is priceless to me. I had never before wit- nessed such a powerful demonstration of what truly heartfelt prayer could do. One day, my grandfather, her other son and our Lord. I will always remember the beauty of that moment in time. May we all be blessed on our journeys to God.

By K. L. Krider

(K. L. Krider is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.)

**Daily Readings**

**Monday, March 12**

Daniel 9:8-10

Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13

Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, March 13**

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday, March 14**

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 15**

Romans 1:17-5

Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Luke 16:19-31

in many instances, echoes last week's Scripture readings.

We as humans are finite, vulnerable and imperfect. Our sin breaks apart our relationship with God. It is a relation- ship essential to God’s will. God created us in love, to be loved and to love. Our selfishness upsets this holy plan.

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**Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen**

**Alzheimer’s patients may receive Eucharist**

Q: I am the major caregiver for an Alzheimer’s patient in our family and need to know whether he can receive Communion. I receive faithfully. One priest is reluc- tant to bring him the sacrament because “he doesn’t really know what is going on.” My brother is, as they say, in the later mid-stages of the disease, and of course is re- gressing regularly. But I am convinced he is sometimes more aware of “what is going on” than we think.

Is there a rule about this? I think that, even in his condition, receiving Com- munion would be a big help. (Wisconsin)

A: Your instincts and experience agree exactly with all that is known about Alzheimer’s sufferers, especially in their latter and final stages. The loss of memory and of cognitive abilities, which so dis- tresses and frustrates caregivers like your- self, is not the whole story of what can be going on inside.

Even when they cannot speak intelligi- bly or rationally, or grasp verbal commu- nications, many, perhaps most, of these patients can experience through other means that seem to open up parts of their lives that seemed to be lost in per- manent darkness.

Just before this past Christmas, a group of 60 Alzheimer’s patients attended a church service in California. Many of them could not say their own names, but from somewhere inside they found the words to sing “Silent Night” and “Joy to the World.”

Experiences that reach the senses of hearing and touch sometimes seem es- pecially able to surface memories long lost to consciousness. In my own experience, Catholics in the later stages of the disease may unexpectedly remember the Sign of the Cross. I have even seen many someone praying the Our Father or Hail Mary with them.

Visiting familiar places like their church, hearing stories of how they have been and what they have done, is often a big help.

In all of this, it would seem pre- sumptuous to refuse Communion to Alzheimer’s patients, as long as they are physically able to receive. There is no way one could legitimately presume that the patient is incapable of receiving the Eucharist with sufficient awareness and spiritual benefit.

The Church’s position is and has been that when it comes to the sacraments, we always give people the benefit of any doubt and leave it to God to sort out. We are ignorant of too many factors to take that judgment on ourselves.

Finally, I hope you are taking advan- tage of every opportunity to keep yourself fed, spiritually and emotionally. Caring for an Alzheimer’s patient is a draining and exhausting task for one person, and it cannot be done without a lot of continu- ing help and support.

Fortunately, a large variety of printed and other resources are available for such assistance. Most larger communities today have an Alzheimer’s Association chapter in the telephone book. The national headquarters is located at 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-1676. The telephone number is 1-800-272-3900 and the Web site is www.alz.org.

(A free brochure answering questions that Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jdietzen@axl.com.)

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Medical researcher says abortion and breast cancer are linked

By Mary Ann Wyand

Dr. Joel Brind’s Web site address explains the scope of his medical research: www.abortioncancer.com.

The internationally known medical researcher from New York wants people to know about the proven link between abortion and breast cancer. He also teaches biology and endocrinology at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

Brind decided to study the link between breast cancer and abortion in 1992 after reviewing studies published in medical journals dating back 35 years. As a result of his work, he began publishing the Abortion-Breast Cancer Quarterly Update in 1997 and established the non-profit Breast Cancer Prevention Institute in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Research about the correlation between induced abortion and breast cancer is disturbing, he said, but the fact that abortion activists try to downplay these findings is equally alarming.

The public has a right to know about the single most avoidable risk factor for breast cancer among American women who chose abortion. Those statistics are supported by 27 out of 33 similar studies worldwide.

Brind also campaigns for passage of state parental notification laws that restrict abortion for minors, and has served as an expert witness on the topic of abortion and cancer risks during legislative hearings.

“Teen-agers who get abortions can have very invasive, aggressive, life-threatening breast cancers during their 30s and 40s,” he said, “which grow fast because they’re in their fertile years and their hormone levels are high.”

“An abortion before the age of 18, with a family history of breast cancer, is a death sentence,” Brind said. “A girl who has an abortion will have a higher risk of breast cancer later in life than a girl who has a baby.”

Adolescent use of oral contraceptives also increases the likelihood of breast cancer later in life, he said, because the birth control pill stimulates cell growth in the breasts.

Teen-age girls who use oral contraceptives are ingesting a higher amount of estrogen than their adolescent bodies produce naturally, Brind said, and this over-dose can stimulate the growth of both normal and abnormal cells in the breasts.

Doctors often prescribe oral contraceptives for girls as a way to regulate the menstrual cycle or improve acne in addition to preventing pregnancy, he said, and girls like to take “The Pill” because it makes their breasts larger. It’s normal for teen-age girls to have irregular menstrual cycles as their bodies continue to grow and mature over a course of years, he said, so medication to correct this irregularity isn’t necessary, Brind said. “The bottom line on the birth control pill is that it definitely does increase the risk for breast cancer for women who take it for an extended period of time before their first full-term pregnancy.”
Evangelization brings others closer to God

By Casey Slattery
Special to The Criterion

Despite Pope John Paul’s repeated call for greater evangelization, many Christians still cringe at the thought of—and even the word—evangelist. It brings to mind images of television preachers and door-to-door missionaries who exude overpowering personal charisma.

Many people do not know what evangelization is. When asked to explain evangelization during the Archdiocesan Youth Conference in February, several teen-agers said that evangelization is yelling at people on the street and forcing people to be baptized. This is the image that many people, including young people, have of evangelism.

However, there are kinder, gentler forms of evangelization. When parishioners mail out church bulletins, take the Eucharist to the sick and organize youth picnics, they are sharing the faith and that is what evangelization is all about. Evangelization is spreading the Word and love of God to others. This is not an easy task. Anyone can stand on a corner and recite Scripture, but to evangelize one must know who Christ really is.

Finding God is a daily job that is not always easy. Just as soon as one thinks that he or she finally has a grasp of who God is and what God wants of people, new thoughts and ideas will enter the mind. This is not surprising, but it makes evangelization a daily job.

“Relational ministry is the cornerstone of effective youth ministry, which is all about relationships and discovering God within those relationships,” said the Rev. David Cleary, pastor at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, who was the keynote speaker at the conference.

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Youth endowment helps teen-agers attend Church programs

By Petula Fernandes
Special To The Criterion

Many teen-agers ask their parents, “Hey, can I have money for Senior Retreat?” or tell them, “I want to go to the Archdiocesan Youth Conference.”

Often, teens don’t even stop to think if their parents can afford the numerous youth conferences and retreats offered by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The experiences gained from attending these conferences and retreats are numerous. I know that I have always come away from these Church programs with a greater sense of spirituality, feeling cleansed and revivied and ready to tackle new challenges. Retreats and conferences help to build leadership skills and spirituality, but they are very expensive for teen-agers. Because of the cost, many high school youth in our archdiocese cannot enjoy these benefits. They only attend Mass and perform the other obligations of the Catholic Church without really getting involved in the various Church opportunities for youth to grow in their faith.

Now there’s an answer to this dilemma. A Generation of Hope Youth Endowment Fund was created by the Archdiocesan Youth Council in 1996 to provide a way for less-privileged Catholic youth to attend religious events. It is a scholarship fund that will financially enable our youth to attend the Archdiocesan Youth Conferences and retreats organized by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The youth endowment was established with a principal of $5,000, and the interest earned from $5,000 is not continuously. Much, and more money needs to be raised because there are less chances of dis-appearing. It is better to know that you are making a change, and we can make the world a better place.

The Archdiocesan Youth Council is providing a resource packet that informs youth ministers about the A Generation of Hope Youth Endowment Fund and fundraising ideas to benefit the endowment. The New Albany Deanery has already donated $600 to the fund from money it earned through a Dip-N-Dots fund raiser held last October.

If everyone helps a little bit, a lot of money can be raised for those in need of financial assistance. The Office for Youth and Family Ministries is planning to award the first two scholarships this year.

So the next time you ask or are asked to attend a youth group activity, think of the high school youth in your parish that are unable to attend this event, and donate some money in their name to the fund. This appeal is not addressed only to the youth, but to all members of the archdiocese. We can make a difference, we can make a change, and we can make the world a better place.

(Petula Fernandes is a member of the 2000 Archdiocesan Youth Council. Donations for the youth endowment may be sent to the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.)

Chastity is a promise that is worth keeping

By Kerry Woelfel
Special To The Criterion

Recently, teen-agers at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Fortville were asked, “If you had to make a promise to remain chaste until marriage, what would your promise be?”

Their responses—and promises—reflect their commitment to chastity. “I will wait until I am married and I love the person a lot,” a St. Thomas youth group member said. “They have to be very special to me.”

Sophomore Justin Kornmann said, “I choose being chaste because of the respect I have for myself, the partner I choose and my parents, who have tried their hardest to teach me the right things. My promise to myself would be, ‘I will save myself until marriage for the love and respect for myself and my family.’”

My own promise is to wait until I am married for myself and for my husband, and I’m not going to let the media or any-thing else change my mind.

The teen-agers at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish believe that chastity is a promise that is worth keeping. What do you believe?

(Kerry Woelfel is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Fortville and is a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.)
By Tonja Grant

“No matter what age a person is, he or she is always an example of God. This Scripture passage helps many youth speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your love for youth. "If adults are proper leaders, they provide inspiration to those around them, including us, through their actions and words," said Gabe Geis, a member of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. Earning respect as a teen-ager is difficult, and that is discouraging for many teens. It is always reported in the news the bad things that teen-agers are doing, such as "Teen-age Birth Rate on the Rise." “Two Teen-agers Face Charges of Murder” or “Local Teens Arrested For Robbery.” Teens also are noted for playing loud music and acting irresponsibility, even though all teen-agers don’t behave that way. Trying to erase this image of “teens gone out of control” are youth groups and young individuals in the Church. Teen-agers also want opportunities to share their gifts and talents with the Church and their community, and to show others that they can help to make a difference in the world. “We look for people who will see us for who we are and not expect us to be something we are not.” Holy Spirit parishioner Kristin Fife of Indianapolis said. “We want people to think of us as people, not just insignificant bodies taking up space. We want to know that we have a mind and a spirit and knowledge. We want to know that they have trust in us. We want guidance through hard times as well as help finding our faith. We want them to see us as equals.”

A sense of belonging in the Catholic Church is important to teen-agers who take their faith seriously. “We want to start growing in our faith now!” said Melissa Harbeson, a member of St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville. "We want to be taken seriously, and to be important spiritual aspects, such as learning more about God on their journey, becoming an example of Christ through imitating others’ actions, earning respect and feeling a sense of belonging to the Church. “I think parents should establish God early in a child’s life and keep Him an open subject to converse on,” said Allison Keiffer, a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg. Teaching teen-agers about God opens the door for their spiritual growth on the long journey to heaven. Keeping the door open and letting discussions of God take place within the family unit increases the knowledge of Christ’s love for youth. Ashley Bokelman, also a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, said she wants her parents “to teach me along my journey through faith.”

Joseph Reeves of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield said he believes that parents “should be an example of what our journey through faith.” Teens look beyond the basic necessities of life and to the more important spiritual aspects, such as learning more about God through example.”

Parents should “spread the Word of God, live the Word of God and be the Word of God,” Joseph said, by demonstrating “everything they tell us about being nice to others [and] reaching out to those who need a hand. We learn best through example.” Young people are always searching for someone to look up to and follow. Being an example for youth means to try living a life like Christ. Leading teen-agers to Christ should include inspiring them. “If adults are proper leaders, they provide inspiration to those around them, including us, through their actions and words,” said Gabe Geis, a member of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. Earning respect as a teen-ager is difficult, and that is discouraging for many teens.

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Parents and friends must encourage youth to consider vocations

By Maureen Hurrle
Special to The Criterion

“Hey, man, what’s up?” Joe asked.
“Nothing,” Matthew replied.
“You seem like you have something on your mind, Matt. What’s going on?” Joe asked again.
“Well, I’ve been praying and thinking a lot recently about a big decision I am making,” Matthew explained.
“What decision?” Joe asked.
“Well, I’m considering becoming a priest,” Matthew said.
“Are you serious?” Joe asked. “You’ve got to be kidding!”

This conversation shows a typical teen-ager’s response to a peer’s choice of a religious vocation.

Many teen-agers of our generation are making important decisions about a big future. Although God does not call everyone to the priesthood or religious life, in the past when a person was called to this life he or she was encouraged more by family members and friends to follow this vocation. Many teen-agers of our generation are not urged to choose religious vocations by adults. Being religious or “holy” is often reacted to by other teens in negative ways.

While it is true that religious vocations areOverride commonly discouraged in popular culture, they can be happy. The shortage of priests and religious sisters and brothers in the last century is mainly due to society’s discouragement toward religious life.

To change this attitude, adults have an obligation to promote holiness and spirituality in young people. Encouragement can come from parents by demonstrating the importance of faith. Youth ministers also can play a major role in increasing religious vocations. Talking to teen-agers about the importance and realities of becoming a priest, sister or brother can help clear up misunderstandings about religious life.

The more opportunities that youth have to learn about the option of priesthood or religious life as a vocation, the more real it will seem to them.

Prayer also is an important element in solving the problem of declining vocations. Jesus would not let His Church go astray, so who better to ask for help than Him?

(Maureen Hurrle is a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.)
By Amy Stephens and Abbey Conner

When students graduate from high school and head off to college, a whole new world opens up to them. Suddenly, parents, family and teachers are left behind, and all the decisions are up to the student.

What college freshmen may not realize is that the decisions they make during their first few weeks of school will affect what path they take for the rest of their time in college, and possibly for the rest of their lives.

Some of these decisions include who to hang out with, what organizations to join and whether or not to go to church.

One of the best decisions that I made as a college freshman was to join the St. Joseph Parish Campus Center for Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. It has helped me grow as a person, change my perspectives about God and the people around me, and make truly great friends.

Students who join a Catholic group on campus are surrounded with friends in the same situation who provide positive peer influence.

“Everyone here is from different high schools,” said Kim Knoblock, an Indiana State University graduate and member of the St. Joseph Parish Campus Center. “They have left their homes and are living together. They are facing the same decisions, such as whether or not to pursue graduate work, marriage and jobs.”

Something that many campus ministry members have said makes being part of a Catholic campus group different from high school is that no one there is being made to go by their parents.

“Campus ministry provides a strong support structure,” Knoblock said. “You are able to rely more and are able to explore your faith more with people who are in the group because it is important to them, and not because they are being made to go.”

Students who join a Catholic campus group will become part of a small parish of peers. Being part of this group might mean acting as a liturgical minister or leading a Bible study session or faith discussion group.

“Being part of campus ministry gives you a chance to explore your faith with people with similar beliefs,” said John Beebower, a junior at Indiana State and member of the St. Joseph Campus Center. “It gives you a good foundation.”

Mass and Bible studies aren’t the only part of Catholic campus ministry. Just a few of the activities offered by the St. Joseph Campus Center are canoe trips, retreats, volunteer opportunities, trips to other places for ice skating or rock climbing, dinner after Mass, Christian rock concerts, and service trips to Honduras and Cincinnati.

Service trips are a great alternative for spring break or quarter break.

“Mission trips are good because they make you focus on what is important,” said Kristy Schultz, an Indiana State senior and member of the St. Joseph Campus Center. “They make you feel good even though you know that you can’t fix everything.”

Schultz has worked as a translator for a group of doctors from a parish in Honduras.

Christian Community Sister Carmen Gillick, pastoral associate for college students at St. Joseph Parish, has worked with Catholic campus groups at several different schools. Sister Carmen said that she enjoys working with college students because it is a time of transition.

“It is a time where people are making important decisions, asking big questions, finding God, themselves and others in new ways that were not possible before,” Sister Carmen said. “I can see the action of the Spirit work dramatically in people’s lives. No two days are the same.”

(Amy Stephens and Abbey Conner are members of St. Paul Parish in Tell City and are members of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.)

By Sarah Lipps

Easy access to the Internet causes problems

Web pages, e-mail and chat rooms—there is no way to avoid these technological advancements. Everyone uses them, and it’s all perfectly safe, right?

Wrong! Children now are only a click away from nudity, pornography and sexual conversations on the Internet.

The number of Internet pornography sites has increased dramatically in recent years, and some of these sites have switched their focus to children.

While few sites show actual pictures of children, many find inventive ways to lure children to the site. Many site owners put common search words in their site description so their site will show up during routine searches for other topics, and many unsuspecting children can accidentally look at nude photographs.

Chat rooms are another problem involving children and the Internet. More and more people today are spending time “surfing” on the Internet and talking to people from around the world in chat rooms.

The main problem with chat rooms is that one person does not have to tell the other person the truth about how old he or she really is or where he or she lives.

For instance, it is possible to log onto a chat room and tell a person that you are a 17-year-old female, live in Rhode Island and have long red hair, when you are actually 13 years old, live in Indiana and have short brown hair. In a few minutes, several men of any age may be talking to this teen-age girl.

Men who use the Internet to meet teen-agers don’t care how old the boy or girl is, and it is likely that they will begin a sexual conversation if the chat room is not regularly monitored for inappropriate use.

While doing research for this article, we logged into a regular chat room and in less than three minutes a 41-year-old man asked us to come to Maryland to visit him.

If this doesn’t scare you, it should. While most children know they are not supposed to reveal their address or telephone number to strangers, many young people don’t realize just how harmful little bits of information can be when shared in a chat room. Serious pedophiles have the expertise to find out where a child lives from very little information.

Many parents still are not acquainted with the Internet and let their children “surf” it without supervision.

Obviously, this is a bad idea for a number of reasons. Parents, just because you think that your child is doing research on the Internet for a homework assignment, that doesn’t mean that he or she isn’t accidentally stumbling onto sexual material that no parents want their children to see.

Therefore, it is crucial that children have the necessary supervision while using the computer, whether it be parental attention or Web service software that restricts access to inappropriate sites.

Explicit material on the Internet is something that is not just going to go away, so we as responsible teen-agers, as well as parents, need to learn about the dangers of Internet use and how to deal with them.

Sarah Lipps is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute and is a sophomore at Indiana State University. Her home parish is St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.
Archdiocese to host national youth conference

By Chad Naville
Special to The Criterion

Imagine walking into a large stadium with thousands of teen-agers talking and walking around.

Then, in the middle of all these youth, a man walks onto the stage and shouts, “God is good!”

All of the teens in the stadium turn to the man on stage and in unison yell, “All the time!”

Welcome to the 1999 National Catholic Youth Conference held in St. Louis. More than 22,000 youth and adults came to the national conference two years ago to celebrate being Catholic, and the energy pumping out of everybody was evident in the arena.

Conventual Franciscan Brother Mike Austin, the youth ministry coordinator at St. Mary Parish in Navilleton, attended the biennial national youth conference in St. Louis and said he felt “energized seeing such life in all of the youth that were there, and with this energy they were enjoying their faith and praising God.”

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Now, with the 1999 “NCYC” behind us, it is time to look to the future.

The 2001 National Catholic Youth Conference will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on Dec. 6-9 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Staff members of the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries are expecting more than 26,000 youth and adults to attend the conference.

“Hope at the Crossroads” is this year’s theme, and it is projected to be the largest National Catholic Youth Conference.

During the 1999 youth conference, the teens participated in a service project that was organized to collect school supplies for the less fortunate.

For the 2001 National Catholic Youth Conference, organizers are focusing on literacy. Each conference participant will be asked to bring a children’s book, or several children’s books, to donate to children in need.

All of the plans have been set in motion for the first National Catholic Youth Conference of the new millennium, and conference organizers are recruiting volunteers to help with a variety of activities during the four-day event in downtown Indianapolis.

With a record number of youth and adults from throughout the United States expected to come to Indianapolis for the conference this December, and with so many special conference events scheduled, “Hope at the Crossroads” is going to be best NCYC ever!

God bless, and I hope to see you there!

(Chad Naville is a member of St. Mary Parish in Navilleton and is a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council. For information about attending the conference or a variety of volunteer opportunities during the conference, call the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 317-536-1439 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1439.)

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- Saint Christopher School
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- Immaculate Heart of Mary School

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Brebeuf Preparatory School earned 7,333.73
Saint Elizabeth Seton Church School earned 4,937.92
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Saint Andrew Apostle Grade School earned 3,120.62
St. Maria Goretti earned 2,277.07
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Other Catholic schools and churches on “Joe Cares” are: Bishop Chatard High School, Saint Thomas Aquinas School, Our Lady of Grace Church, Sacred Heart Catholic, Saint John’s Church, Cardinal Ritter High School, Xavier University Scholarships, Saint Lawrence School, Seecina Memorial High School, and Saint Roch’s Catholic School.

For more information, call 317-573-8088 and ask for Sharon Pettygrove. It’s your chance to join the 300 charities already on board for “Joe Cares.”
Helping priests change is called key formation tool

SAN ANTONIO (CNS)—Key continuing formation tools for priests will involve helping them embrace diversity and ongoing change, Father Stephen J. Rossetti, a psychologist, said at a national meeting on continuing education of priests. Father Rossetti, president of St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md., a treatment center for Church ministry personnel with substance addictions or other disorders, was the keynote speaker at the Feb. 19-22 convention in San Antonio of the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy.

More than 200 people participated in the meeting, which had as its theme, “Multiple Faces and Millennial Learning.”

Cardinal Egan says his aims is not to get in God’s way

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cardinal Edward M. Egan told participants at services in New York March 3 that his prayer on becoming cardinal was not to get in God’s way. Morning and afternoon prayer services were held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral to allow more representatives of the New York archdiocesan community and friends to join him for worship on his return from the consistory where Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal Feb. 21.

Officials were invited to the duplicate afternoon service. Especially invited guests at the morning service. Public officials, Muslim representatives and members of the American Baptist Churches, were among the special guests at the morning service. Public officials were invited to the duplicate afternoon service.

Law professor criticizes Supreme Court’s partial-birth ruling

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The common good took a back seat to unrestricted individual autonomy in last year’s Supreme Court ruling overturning a Nebraska law banning partial-birth abortion, said a Jesuit law professor. The decision “essentially places the interests of one person over the interests of all,” said Father Robert Araujo, law professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. The Constitution establishes that liberty is for everyone and must serve the common good, he said. “The interest of a few cannot trump those of the rest of society,” he said at a March 2-4 conference on “Catholic Perspectives on American Law” at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Pope accepts resignation of Anchorage Archbishop Hurley

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska. The resignation means that Coadjutor Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, appointed last March, automatically becomes archbishop of Anchorage. The changes were announced March 3 in Washington by Archbishop Gabriel Montalto, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Hurley, who turned 74 on Jan. 12, has been a bishop in Alaska for more than 30 years, first serving as auxiliary bishop of Juneau from 1970 to 1971, and then its ordinary from 1971 to 1976, when he was appointed archbishop of Anchorage.

In Iran, top Vatican official begins series of meetings

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A top Vatican official traveled to Iran for a round of meetings with government officials, Muslim representatives and members of the tiny Catholic population. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, an assistant secretary of state, was the highest Vatican official to visit Iran since the 1979 revolution that brought an Islamic regime to power. He said his talks would cover regional tensions, Christian-Muslim dialogue and religious freedom. Announcing the five-day visit March 3, the Vatican press office said Archbishop Tauran had been invited by the Iranian government and by local Church leaders. He was accompanied by Msgr. Giovanni d’Aniello, a Vatican expert in Middle East affairs.

Vatican officials hail U.N. efforts to protect Buddha statues

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Vatican officials welcomed U.N. diplomatic efforts to prevent the destruction of two massive historic Buddha statues by Afghanistan’s Islamic Taliban leadership. “I’m happy that UNESCO and the United Nations have intervened. Let’s hope they prevail,” said Archbishop Francesco Marchisano, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Goods of the Church. Mullah Mohammad Omar, the Taliban’s supreme leader, issued a decree in late February ordering the destruction of all statues and shrines in the country that the Taliban deems un-Islamic and idolatrous. Among the statues marked for demolition are two 1,500-year-old Buddhas in central Bamyan, which stand 175 feet and 120 feet high in sandstone cliff-side niches.

Pope names Cardinal Kasper head of Christian unity council

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has named German Cardinal Walter Kasper, an internationally known theologian and ecumenist, to be president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Cardinal Kasper, who had been secretary of the council since 1999, celebrated his 68th birthday March 5. The German cardinal succeeds 76-year-old Australian Cardinal Edward J. Cassidy, who had been president of the council since 1989. Along with the March 3 announcement of Cardinal Kasper’s new post, the Vatican announced that Sulpician Father Marc Ouellet, a Canadian professor at Rome’s Lataner University, had been named a bishop and secretary of the council.

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Foot-and-mouth virus prompts cancellation of some Masses

Dublin (CNS)—Catholics along the Louth-Armagh border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland were excused from the obligation to celebrate Sunday Mass on March 4 following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease since 1941 and emergency measures are in place to prevent its spread.

Masses were canceled for that day in 13 parishes at the request of Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, after it was confirmed March 1 that foot-and-mouth disease had been detected on a South Armagh farm among sheep illegally imported into Northern Ireland from Britain.

The disease, which rarely infects humans, affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer. The virus can be carried for miles by the wind, people or cars, and can survive long periods of time on boots and clothing. It may also be spread through contaminated hay, water and manure.

In Britain and Northern Ireland, about 45,000 animals have been destroyed to stop the disease from spreading. Ireland has not had an outbreak of the disease since 1934 and emergency measures are in place to prevent its spread. Agriculture is of crucial importance to Ireland’s economy, with livestock and meat exports worth 18 billion Irish punts (US$21 billion) a year.

Dublin Cardinal Desmond Connell’s first public Mass in Ireland since becoming a cardinal on Feb. 21 went ahead on March 4 at Dublin’s cathedral. But, on the advice of the Department of Agriculture, the cardinal requested that people from... continued on page 23
rural areas who were invited to “kindly refrain from traveling to Dublin.”

As an additional safety precaution, carpets soaked in disinfectant were placed in front of all entrances to the cathedral and similar mats were placed at the entrances of all Irish churches. Disinfectant-soaked mats were placed at the entrances of all public buildings, including all police stations, all post office and all licensed bars in rural areas. Mail was not being delivered to farms where disinfectant mats were not in place.

As a result of the outbreak in Northern Ireland, all major public events in the Republic of Ireland were canceled to reduce the chances of the disease being spread. The Wales-Ireland rugby international tournament, due to have been held on March 3, was canceled. National parks were closed to hikers, and all fishing and hunting has been banned.

Among the canceled events are St. Patrick’s Day parades, which traditionally take place on March 17 in every major town and city in the Republic of Ireland. The celebrations mark the feast day of Ireland’s patron saint and the country’s national holiday.

The Dublin Tourist Office estimates that the loss of its four-day-long St. Patrick’s Day festival will cost the capital city alone 15 million Irish punts (US$18 million) in lost revenue.

While extra Irish troops and police have been sent to the border with Northern Ireland to prevent livestock smuggling, no extra British troops were deployed north of the border—a move strongly criticized by the Irish government, which says the British government is not taking the foot-and-mouth outbreak seriously enough.

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Sheep graze near a racetrack in County Kildare, Ireland, March 5. The fear of the spread of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in the United Kingdom caused the cancellation of public events including Sunday Mass at some parishes in Northern Ireland. The virus can be easily carried on shoes and clothing but does not affect humans.
The Active List

The Criteria welcomes announcements of archdiocesan Church and parish open-to-the-public activities for the “Active List.” Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone. Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday, the week of publication. The Criteria: The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand delivery), P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail), 317-236-1593 (fax), mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).


March 9 Little Flower School, basement, 1401 N. Rosser St., Indianapolis. Fish fry, 4:30-8 p.m., dinner $5, children’s menu. Mass 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-357-8352.

Holy Trinity Parish, Buckhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis. Fish and shrimp dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., carry-out available. Information: 317-637-3379.

March 10 Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Indianapolis. Adult education series, “Church of the Catholic Church,” 7:45-9 p.m., no pre-registration required. Information: 317-291-7014.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Holy Hour, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-371-1507.

St. Anthony Parish, Ryan Hall, 379 N. Waver Ave., Indianapolis. Eucharist prayer, 1:30 p.m., $3 per person. refreshments.

March 11 SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Fish and shrimp evening, each Sunday through Easter, 5-8 p.m. Information: 317-291-7014.


March 16 Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. Clai St., Indianapolis. Fish and shrimp dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m., carry-out available. Information: 317-637-3379.

March 17 Cardinal Ritter High School, 3560 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Stations of the Cross. “Exploring Our Catholic Faith” workshop. Fri., 7-9:30 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m. -9:30 p.m. -4 p.m., $15, $5 youth; for more information, call 317-955-6451.

March 18 Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Holy Rosary Prayer, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-637-4478.

March 19 Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Indianapolis. St. Francis prayer program, 7-9 p.m., no registration, free-will offering. Information: 317-823-8817.

March 23 Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers Catechism of the Catholic Church class. 9 a.m., St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. 7:30-9 p.m., call Holy Rosary Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Holy Rosary Prayer, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-955-6451.

March 24 Holy Rosary Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Holy Rosary Prayer, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-955-6451.

March 25 Holy Cross Parish, 500 N. 176 Ave., Beech Grove Ave Maria Guild business meeting, 12:30 p.m.

March 26 Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Holy rosary prayer, 7:30 a.m. Information: 317-371-1507.


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March 30 Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Indianapolis. St. Francis prayer program, 7-9 p.m., no registration, free-will offering. Information: 317-823-8817.

March 31 Indianapolis Archdiocese, fundraising dinner, 5-7 p.m., carry-out available. Information: 317-637-3379.

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GAY, Maurice, 76, St. Mary, Rushville, Feb. 25. Husband of Janet. Father of Ed, Mike and Sue. 


HARRISON, John T., 80, St. Thomas More, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Husband of Mary. 

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis is seeking a full-time accounting clerk. Responsibilities include G/L maintenance, invoice prep, grant tracking, and general support to the accounting and payroll staff. Candidates must have previous accounting/bookkeeping experience, proficiency with Microsoft Office and Excel, and excellent communication and organizational skills. We offer dedicated employees the opportunity to develop their skills in an environment that respects the dignity of each individual. We provide competitive compensation and excellent benefits. Please send resume and salary history, in confidence to: Ed Isakson, Human Resources Administrator, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. E-mail: eisakson@archindy.org. Fax: (317) 201-3389. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Elementary School Principal
St. Gabriel Elementary School in Connorsville, Indiana invites qualified practicing Catholics to apply for the position of principal. Responsibilities include supervision and support of a dedicated staff and 154 students. Experience and knowledge of educational administration are required. The candidate must have excellent administrative and communications skills, the leadership and creativity to facilitate growth in this preschool through grade six environment, and the ability to convey high expectations for students and staff. The candidate must hold or be eligible for a valid Indiana School Administrative License, and possess qualifications specified by the Search Committee. Please respond to: Mickey Lenta, Executive Committee, OCE. Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1140 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46206

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For application Write or Call
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Social Ministry Director
The Catholic Church in the King, located in a neighborhood area in Lexington, Kentucky, seeks a qualified individual for the newly created position of Social Responsibility Director. As part of a 10 member staff serving a parish of 2600 families and a parish elementary school, this individual will be responsible for coordination and evaluation of the Cathedral’s developing parish social responsibility programs. Applicant must be a Roman Catholic in good standing and have experience in parish or community social action work, strong communication, organizational, and pastoral skills, and knowledge of Catholic social teachings and programs. Applicant must be a Roman Catholic in good standing and have experience in parish or community social action work, strong communication, organizational, and pastoral skills, and knowledge of Catholic social teachings and programs. The Cathedral’s developing parish social responsibility programs. Applicant must be a Roman Catholic in good standing and have experience in parish or community social action work, strong communication, organizational, and pastoral skills, and knowledge of Catholic social teachings and programs. The applicant must also be able to work with other staff members concerned with their responsibilities.

Positions Available

Case Manager
Holy Family Shelter, an emergency shelter for homeless families, is seeking a full-time case manager to complete intake meetings with new residents, assess residents’ needs, help find appropriate resources and provide referrals to other agencies. The position requires a bachelor’s degree in a related field and a willingness to work with other staff members as a team in providing quality service. Please fax resume to Amy Moellman, Director, at (317) 684-4702. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Director of Office of Religious Education
Diocese of Joliet, Illinois

DESCRIPTION: Serve as leader and facilitator of the entire Diocesan Religious Education Office, its mission and work to articulate that mission, goals and objectives of the Religious Education Office. Take an active role in determining the ministry of the Diocese and when needed to assist the local church in realizing these goals.

QUALIFICATIONS: Masters in Religious Education or equivalent, experience in parish religious education leadership, wide variety of familiarity with Religious Education Office Mission.

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