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Pope urges humanity to accept Christ's peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Celebrating the first Easter of the new millennium, Pope John Paul II urged humanity to find in Christ the power to achieve peace and to break cycles of violence and conflict.

"Men and women of the third millennium, the Easter gift of light that scatters the darkness of fear and sadness is meant for everyone," he said in an Easter blessing to the world April 15. "All are offered the gift of peace of the risen Christ, who breaks the chains of violence and hatred."

Often appearing frail and fatigued, the pontiff, a month away from his 81st birth-

day, led four intense days of ceremonies at the Vatican and in Rome, commemorating Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

For the first time, the pope did not walk the traditional Good Friday Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum, but watched it instead from the hilltop where the procession ends.

On Holy Thursday, the pope celebrated Mass in a Rome church and washed and kissed the feet of 12 priests, imitating Jesus' gesture at the Last Supper. He also presided at a Good Friday Passion cere-

mony and at a lengthy Easter Vigil, and spent more than an hour hearing confessions in St. Peter's Basilica.

Celebrating Easter Mass amid a sea of flowers in wintry sunshine, the pope radiated purposeful intent as he proclaimed Christ's victory over death.

"Rediscover today with joy and wonder that the world is no longer a slave to the inevitable. This world of ours can change," he told more than 70,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, before delivering greetings in 61 languages. The

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Pope John Paul II sprinkles holy water at the beginning of the Easter Sunday open-air Mass at St. Peter's Square April 15.

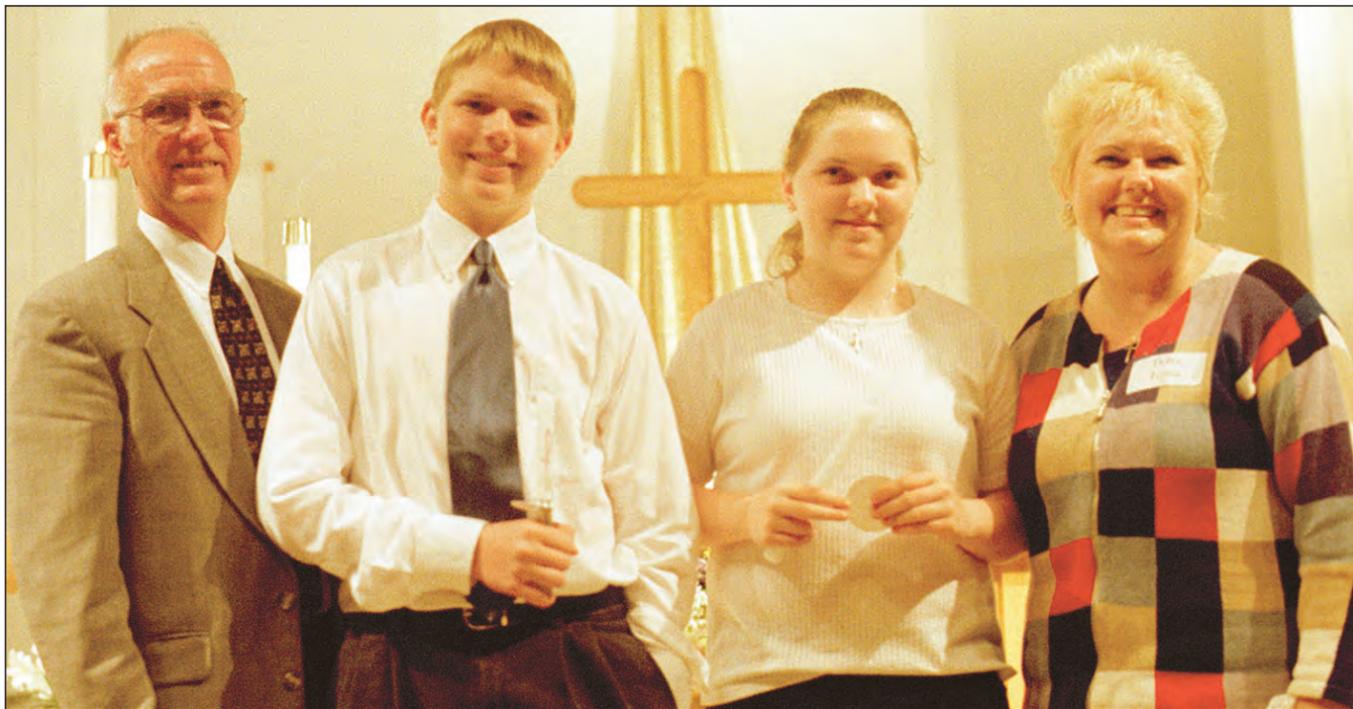


Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

After joining the Catholic Church at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis on April 14, Kenneth Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Cynthia Gordon and Debra Gordon of Carmel pose for a family photograph in front of the altar. They decided to become Catholic after Joe and Cindy began attending Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.

A family's Easter faith story

By Mary Ann Wyand

"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

More than 1,200 youth and adults in the archdiocese repeated the memorial acclamation, received Communion for the first time and embraced new life in Christ as Catholics during Holy Saturday Vigil Masses on April 14 at parishes in central and southern Indiana.

They began their faith journeys during the Jubilee Year with Rite of Christian

A list of names of new members who joined the Church this Easter begins on Page 10.

Initiation of Adults or Order of Christian Initiation of Children classes that started last fall.

Many families were among the catechumens, who were baptized at the Vigil Masses, and the candidates, who were already baptized in another Christian faith tradition.

At St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, Kenneth and Debra Gordon and their teenage children, Joseph and Cynthia, joined the Catholic Church as a family last Saturday.

Their faith journey to Catholicism began two years ago, when Ken and Debra decided to enroll their son, Joe, at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis. Their daughter, Cindy, started school at Cardinal Ritter last August.

The Gordons are Realtors and live in Carmel, in the Lafayette Diocese, but wanted their children to attend a smaller high school with Christian values and dedicated faculty members. They found those attributes at Cardinal Ritter High School in the Indianapolis West Deanery, not far from Marian College, where Ken and Debra met two decades ago.

Joe and Cindy liked attending school Masses and began talking about the Catholic faith with their parents. Last summer, Debra accepted a part-time job as a school nurse at Cardinal Ritter. She also liked learning more about Catholicism from faculty members.

The Gordons were Lutheran some
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Awareness of Divine Mercy Sunday growing in archdiocese

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

A Polish nun, who had visions of Jesus more than 60 years ago, is touching the hearts of people throughout the archdiocese.

St. Faustina Kowalska's accounts of Jesus asking for souls to understand his "Divine Mercy" have taken on a special importance for Dorothy Barry.

Barry, a member of St. Gabriel Parish in Indianapolis, said her husband suddenly decided to become a Catholic when she began a devotion to St. Faustina and what is now known as Divine Mercy—the name of the devotion that relays Jesus' messages to the saint and his requests.

A few months later, Barry's sister came back to the Church, along with two other siblings with "no prodding from me," she said.

"It was unbelievable, it happened so fast," Barry said.

Steve Dlugoz, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, relates the story of his dying father-in-law. His wife's family is not Catholic, but they prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet—a chaplet given by Jesus to St. Faustina to call down his mercy upon the dying. Dlugoz said reciting the chaplet helped bring the family closer together and helped his father-in-law die a peaceful death.

He also remembers being on vacation in the Grand Cayman Islands in the early
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Navajo Indians in New Mexico receiving help from archdiocese

St. Mary Parish in Greensburg has adopted Navajo parish

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

Traveling the roads of New Mexico gives Bob Ketelsen a lot of time to think.

But the one thought that stays in his mind as he drives more than 600 miles each month to pick up supplies for the

Navajo Indians is the need for a new truck.

Ketelsen will be in Indianapolis from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 23 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24 to sell Navajo jewelry and crafts at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Items can be viewed on the mission's Web site at www.navajoworld.com/mission.

He's driving to Indianapolis in a 12-year-old beige box truck—it looks like a U-Haul truck—that is rusting and has more than 170,000 miles on the odometer

and has a top speed of 55 mph.

"In this truck it will take me days to get there," Ketelsen said from a pay phone at a truck stop.

It's the same truck Ketelsen drives into the nearest towns of Gallup or Albuquerque, N. M. The drive to Albuquerque is 340 miles round trip.

His trip to Indianapolis is a way to help the Navajo people earn money from their jewelry and show people the needs of the Navajo people.

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years ago, and more recently Methodist, but family conversations led them to begin inquiry classes at St. Monica Parish during the Jubilee Year and to embrace the Catholic faith.

"It was a joyous evening," Father Paul Koetter, St. Monica's pastor, said of the Easter Vigil Mass, when the Gordon family joined the Church with 38 other adults and 14 other children.

"It's a very affirming experience for my faith, personally, and I think for the community, too," Father Koetter said. "When so many people say yes to Christ and the Church, it cannot help but enrich all of us in the process."

During a late-night reception after the Vigil Mass, Debra Gordon said she was "very, very happy" about joining the Church with her husband and children.

"I felt really spiritual and very, very happy," she said. "It was so fulfilling and joyous. It was wonderful. There are no words to express exactly how I feel."

"Last year, Joe started talking about how he really wanted to become Catholic," Debra said. "We asked him to think about it. When Cindy started attending Cardinal

Ritter last fall, she told us she really liked the Mass, too. I talked to Father Pat [Beidelman, part-time chaplain at the school and associate pastor of St. Monica Parish], who told me who to call about inquiry classes at the parish."

Before the Vigil Mass, St. Monica's catechumens and candidates gathered around an Easter fire in front of the church and placed personal letters to God in the flames as they prayed, "Father, I place my life in your hands."

"That's exactly how I felt," Debra said. "It was almost overpowering."

Joe and Cindy had just returned from a spring break trip to Rome with about 25 classmates. The youth pilgrimage was led by Conventual Franciscan Father Troy Overton, a religion teacher at Cardinal Ritter.

"It was pretty cool," Cindy said of the educational trip. "Italy is very Catholic, and it was cool to see that influence. I liked the Vatican, especially the architecture and the paintings."

The pilgrimage was "a lot of fun," Joe said. "I liked the Sistine Chapel."

Joe, who plays baseball and football at Cardinal Ritter, said Father Troy and Franciscan Sister Rita Vukovic, who teaches English, have been "good role models."

That's exactly why Ken Gordon believes that he and Debra made the right choice

when they enrolled their children at the West Deanery interparochial high school.

"After considering every small school in the Indianapolis area, we selected Ritter because it felt best," he said. "I have always believed that you have to make the important decisions in life based on how they feel. That certainly was an important decision, and it felt right to all of us."

"What we have found, and what the kids have found, is that not only has Ritter been a tremendous experience for them for all the reasons that we thought it would be—the small size, the friendliness, the dedication of the faculty and staff, and the general feel of the school—but the religious aspect of it really connected with the kids and caught their attention," Ken said. "They take religion pretty seriously, and it opened up the possibility of switching from our Lutheran and Methodist traditions to the Catholic tradition. Those two traditions have served us well to give us a good foundation in Christianity."

"It's been an easy step to take," he said. "It seemed to all of us that, from a philosophical and theological standpoint, the Catholic Church would fit in with who we already were. Of course, we have always been connected to the Catholic Church to a degree through my years of teaching at Marian College, and from Debra attending Marian, back in the 1980s."

"One of the most important statements ever made is 'The family that prays together stays together,'" he said. "With the kids being interested, and Debra and I also were interested, it just seemed to be a natural decision to join the Catholic Church. I think this has reawakened a religious spirit within each of us."

"The priests at St. Monica are fantastic," Ken said. "I think they project the Catholic faith in such a great way, as do the people at Cardinal Ritter, and people are attracted to the Catholic faith partly because of the way it's exemplified by these great leaders."

For Father Patrick Beidelman, principal



Debra Gordon holds a candle after lighting it from the Easter fire at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis before the start of the Easter Vigil Mass on April 14.

celebrant at St. Monica's Easter Vigil Mass, the celebration of the Lord's resurrection is "so reaffirming" as a priest.

"As a spiritual leader in the Church, it is such a strong witness to the hope that faith in Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition brings to people," Father Beidelman said. "As we were celebrating all of the different rites of the Easter Vigil, it brought me such joy. It is such an honor to be a priest." †

Official Appointment

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Chrism Mass unites parishes from throughout archdiocese

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

More than 120 priests, dressed in white and gold vestments, processed two-by-two into SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

A few people carried yellow banners as the priests made their way down the center aisle among a standing-room-only crowd of faithful—many of whom traveled halfway across the state for the annual Chrism Mass on April 10.

"This is a wonderful time to celebrate our solidarity," said Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

The archbishop, who carried a golden shepherd's hook called a crozier, was the last to enter the cathedral. His crozier was a gift when he was ordained bishop of Memphis in 1987, before becoming bishop of the Indianapolis archdiocese nine years ago.

He walked past three silver urns that were set on pedestals in the center of the main aisle. Boxes filled with bottles of perfumed oil were stacked beside them.

The crowd stood awaiting the special Mass, when the archbishop blessed the oils that are used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and priestly ordination.

Indeed, the Mass and the blessing of the oils—that can only be done by the bishop—brings hundreds of people from across the archdiocese. It's when priests renew their priestly commitments and representatives from each parish collect the oils to take back to their churches.

The oils are the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens and the sacred chrism oil that is used throughout one's life and in many of the Church's ceremonies.

Chrism oil is used at baptism, confirmation and ordination. It is also used in the consecration of churches, chalices, patens, altars and altar stones and in the

solemn blessing of bells and baptismal water, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*.

Significant is the meaning behind the oils. In the Old Testament, priests, prophets and kings were anointed with consecrated oil. The ritual prefigured Christ, the Anointed One, and Christian's share in the kingly, prophetic and priestly ministry of Christ by their baptism.

The Chrism Mass is full of symbolism and ceremony that includes the archbishop incensing the altar and special processions for the Gospel reading and the blessing of the oils.

The voices of choir members filled the vast cathedral, singing, "Glory to God in the Highest." The readings, from Isaiah and Luke's Gospel, centered on Jesus as the Anointed One.

Archbishop Buechlein said the Chrism Mass is important for all Catholics and "empowers us for the mission of evangelization."

He also encouraged the priests in their ministry.

"These days, more than ever, we appreciate your generosity and the energy it takes for you to serve," the archbishop said. "The laborers are few and the expectations are high, and that's difficult."

Afterward, the priests renewed their commitment to priestly service and the Mass continued as the archbishop processed down the aisle to bless the oils, leading to the celebration of the Eucharist.

When the Mass ended, people commented on its beauty, its power and the crowd.

And they remembered some of the archbishop's words that "being anointed, being made Christian, is not empty symbolism," but makes us "partners in the priestly mission of Christ." †



Photo by Jennifer Del Vecchio

Deacon Rob Hausladen, who will be ordained June 2, hands out the oils that were blessed by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at the annual Chrism Mass on April 10. Afterward, hundreds of parishioners attended a reception held at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. M & J Catering of Danville provided refreshments for the reception on behalf of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Stephen Kempinger to be ordained a Holy Cross priest

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

A son of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis will be ordained as a Holy Cross priest on April 21.

Stephen J. Kempinger, 33, will be ordained for the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the University of Notre Dame campus. Three other men will be ordained with him.

He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Barnabas Parish at noon on April 29. He will be assigned to Christ the King Parish in South Bend.

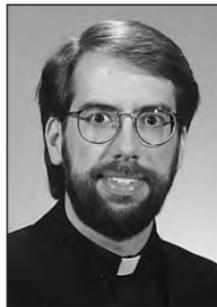
The son of Gilbert and Kathleen

Kempinger, he was educated in Perry Township schools and attended religious education classes at St. Barnabas Parish. He graduated from Park Tudor High School in 1986. He continued his studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, graduating with teaching degrees in geology and science education.

It wasn't until his senior year of college that he began thinking of the priesthood, his mother said.

"The dorm rector popped the question," said Kathleen Kempinger. "[My son] said he didn't think he was holy enough, but he thought about it for one year and then went."

Before entering the candidacy, he taught for one year at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis. He received his master of divinity degree from the Oblate of Mary Immaculate in San Antonio. His studies for the priesthood have taken him to Italy, Israel, Canada and throughout the U.S. †



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Editorials

Alleluia!

St. Augustine, the fourth-century bishop of Hippo in North Africa, urged his people to sing alleluia while they were still on earth so that they could one day sing alleluia in heaven. "Let us sing now," he said, "to lighten our labors. ... Sing to make your journey more enjoyable. Sing, but continue on your journey. ... Sing, but keep going."

If ever there is a season of the year in which to sing alleluia, it is now during this wonderful season of the Resurrection.

During the last year (but mostly last weekend):

- 592 people in our midst were baptized and 788 others professed the faith and were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Alleluia!
- 1,380 new Catholics were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. Alleluia!
- 1,380 new Catholics joined us for the first time at the Lord's eucharistic table. Alleluia!

We welcome these new Catholics,

and we look forward to worshipping, working, ministering, and living in a parish community with them as together we help each other complete our pilgrimage, our journey of hope, our return to the Father. Alleluia!

We also thank our new Catholics for the faith they have shared with us and the witness they have given to us during their sometimes long, sometimes difficult process of entering the Catholic Church. Alleluia!

In a play on words, the great preacher St. John Chrysostom, a contemporary of St. Augustine and bishop of Constantinople, called the new Catholics in his Church not neophytes (new plants, seedlings) but *neophotos* (new lights) because they let the light of Jesus Christ shine forth for everyone to see. Our new Catholics do that for us today, too. Alleluia!

Others have referred to new Catholics as the most visible of the Easter sacraments because they clearly reflect the image of Jesus for those with "eyes to see." Alleluia!

Welcome! God bless you! Alleluia! †

— William R. Bruns

Celebrating our blessings

As we welcome the new Catholics in our archdiocese (see editorial above), we can't help but observe that they are evidence that the Catholic Church is alive and well here in central and southern Indiana. Annually our archdiocese is among the leaders when it comes to the numbers received into the Church on Holy Saturday. (We placed fourth last year.)

Another sign that the Church is alive and well here is the amount of construction that is going on around our churches. Thanks to the success of the capital and endowment campaign, our parishes are able to make the repairs, improvements and renovations that had to be put off for a time.

Furthermore, our parishes are busy places. Not just on Sundays either. There seems to be something going on constantly. And this couldn't happen

without involved and dedicated lay men and women who take their religion seriously. They give willingly of their time and talent, as well as their treasure, to further the goals of their parishes.

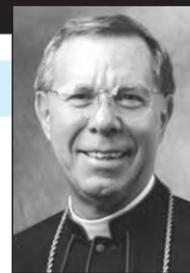
It's not just our archdiocese that is alive and well. Despite its problems, and they are considerable, we should note that Catholics in the United States practice their faith to a greater extent than anyplace else in the world. The local churches in Europe, South America, and most places in Africa and Asia wish they had the weekend Mass attendance figures that we have in the United States.

Too often we tend to look only at the problems within the Church. At least for this week, we thought we should acknowledge and celebrate our blessings.

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



New Albany youth love their school

In January, students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany wrote letters testifying to their love for their school. It is inspiring to read what they say.

"I am a sixth-grader at O.L.P.H. School. ... I enjoy going to school here because we can share in our experiencing with Christ. We share our faith with each other and Father Paul. Our school encourages us to help out in not just the church but the community. ... P.S. Please pray for everyone at my school."

If I were looking for a way to encapsulate the participation of youth in our mission of evangelization, this young woman's words would be a good start.

"I am a seventh-grade student I love Our Lady because of the opportunity you get to have religious education. Our Lady is special because the teachers are allowed to teach morals. Right now in religion class we are studying (sic) morality. 'Being moral brings us happiness,' our religion teacher says. I think I am lucky because she is allowed to teach us that."

This student affirms our conviction that our youth want to know the truth about morality at a confusing age and in confusing times.

Another sixth-grader wrote: "I am not a Catholic... I love this school because when I wake up I am glad to know that I can go to school knowing that teachers at my school are teaching to love and fun (sic) and there (sic) not doing it for money. I also love the Christian atmosphere of this place, I know Jesus is present in this place."

This student wants to seek and, indeed, finds Christ in our school and also appreciates sacrifices made by our teachers.

"I am a seventh-grader... This is my first year at O.L.P.H. and my second time in a Catholic school. I have moved 13 different times in my life that I can remember and I know I will always remember this school. This school has a wonderful nurturing environment and it pushes you to be all that you can be."

These days because of the mobility of society and other family circumstances, our schools play an ever increasing role in nurturing our youth.

Another seventh-grader writes about prayer: "I love this school because we get to go to church and

we have time to pray in religion class and other classes. I am not a very religious person, but I'm glad we get to pray."

Who knows the lifelong impact this formation in prayer will have for this student who describes herself as "not very religious"?

Here is an even more specific testimony: "This school has captured some of my best memories like first Communion or serving Mass for the first time. When I'm in this Christian atmosphere, I can truly feel the presence of the Lord. ... Also, my concerns to you, Archbishop Buechlein. Pray for me and all people who know Christ, so that all will see the path lead (sic) by Jesus and fulfil (sic) our mission on Earth (sic)."

Sounds to me like this young man might well have a vocation to the priesthood.

A down-to-earth believer writes: "The reason I love my school so much is because every day if I don't think I will have a good day my friends will make it better. Also the teachers here try to teach us the way to treat each other in a good-hearted way. Like Jesus and God said, if a door closes another will open. So that's how I think of it being, if something bad happens in some way something good happens and it all happens for a reason. It happens because that's the way God intended it to happen. That's the way I think of it."

And lest you wondered, boys will be boys: "I love my school because all of my friends are here and the basketball squade (sic). But the only thing (well one of the things) I wish my school had was a baseball team, I have a great passion for baseball. This past season I hit 13 home runs."

The whole person is our concern; physical education is important.

"I love my school in every way, but one thing that stands out is the teachers" writes a seventh-grader. "You see my grandfather died last week on Jan. 26, 2001, and I was having a very hard time, well don't get me wrong I'm still having a hard time. But, anyway the teachers and Fr. Paul cared so much about me and comforted me. And that is why I love my school."

This touching testimony shows how vulnerable, sensitive and appreciative young adolescents are. Our schools are important places of ministry. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for April

Priests: that they may joyfully and faithfully live out their priestly promises and encourage other men to embrace God's call to the priesthood.



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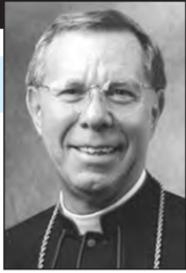
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Los jóvenes de New Albany aman a su escuela

En enero, los estudiantes de la Escuela Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, o O.L.P.H. por sus siglas en inglés) en New Albany escribieron cartas que dan testimonio de su amor por su escuela. Leer lo que ellos dicen es inspirador.

“Soy un alumno del sexto grado en la escuela de O.L.P.H. ... Yo disfruto el asistir a la escuela ahí porque podemos compartir nuestra experiencia con Cristo. Compartimos nuestra fe entre nosotros y con el Padre Paul. Nuestra escuela nos anima a ayudar no sólo dentro de nuestra iglesia, sino también en la comunidad. ... PD. . Por favor rece por todos en mi escuela”.

Si yo estuviera buscando una manera de resumir la participación de los jóvenes en nuestra misión evangelizadora, las palabras de esta jovencita serían un buen comienzo.

“Soy una alumna del séptimo grado.... Yo amo a Nuestra Señora ya que nos da la oportunidad de obtener una educación religiosa. Nuestra Señora es especial porque a los maestros se les permiten enseñar la moral. Ahora mismo en la clase de religión estamos estudiando la moralidad. Nuestros maestros de religión dicen que ‘Tener moral nos trae felicidad’. Yo pienso que tengo suerte porque a ellos les permiten enseñarnos eso”.

Esta estudiante confirma nuestra convicción que nuestros jóvenes quieren conocer la verdad sobre la moralidad a una edad y tiempos confusos.

Otro alumno del sexto grado escribió: “yo no soy católico.... Yo amo esta escuela porque cuando yo me despierto, me alegro al saber que yo puedo ir a la escuela sabiendo los maestros de mi escuela están enseñando a amar y divertirnos y no lo están haciendo sólo por el dinero. También amo la atmósfera cristiana de este lugar, yo sé que Jesús está presente en este lugar”.

Este estudiante quiere buscar y, de hecho, encuentra a Cristo en nuestra escuela y también aprecia los sacrificios hechos por nuestros maestros.

“Soy un alumno del séptimo grado.... Este es mi primer año en la O.L.P.H. y la segunda vez en una escuela católica. Me he mudado en 13 veces en mi vida, que yo pueda recordar y yo sé que siempre recordaré esta escuela. Esta escuela tiene un maravilloso ambiente de crianza y te empuja ser todo lo que puedas ser”.

Estos días debido a la movilidad de la sociedad y otras circunstancias familiares, nuestras escuelas juegan un creciente papel en la crianza de nuestros jóvenes.

Otro alumno del séptimo grado escribe sobre la oración: “yo amo esta escuela porque podemos ir a la iglesia y tenemos tiempo para rezar en la clase

de religión y otras clases. Yo no soy una persona muy religiosa, pero yo me alegro podamos rezar”.

¿Quién sabe el impacto de por vida que esta formación de oración tendrá para este estudiante quien se describe a sí mismo como “no muy religioso?”

Aquí está un testimonio aun más específico: “Esta escuela ha capturado algunos de mis mejores recuerdos tales como mi Primera Comunión o ayudar en la misa por primera vez. Cuando yo estoy en esta atmósfera Cristiana, puedo sentir verdaderamente la presencia del Señor. ... También, mis preocupaciones para usted, Arzobispo Buechlein. Rece por mí y por todas las personas que conocen a Cristo, para que vean el camino que lleva a Jesús y cumplamos nuestra misión en la Tierra”.

Me parece que este joven puede llegar a tener vocación para el sacerdocio.

Un creyente con los pies en la tierra escribe: “La razón por la cual yo amo tanto a mi escuela es porque todos los días si yo pienso que no tendré un buen día, mis amigos lo harán mejor.

También aquí los maestros intentan enseñarnos la manera de tratarnos los unos a los otros con buen corazón. Así como Jesús y Dios dijeron, si una puerta se cierra otra se abrirá. Así que eso es cómo yo pienso, si algo malo nos pasa, de alguna manera algo bueno pasa y todo pasa por alguna razón. Pasa porque esa es la manera en que Dios lo pensó para que pasara. Ésa es la manera yo pienso de eso”.

Y para que no tengan que preguntarse, los niños siempre serán niños: “yo amo mi escuela porque todos mis amigos están aquí y el equipo de baloncesto. Pero la única cosa (bueno, una de las cosas) yo desearía que mi escuela tuviese es un equipo del béisbol, yo tengo una gran pasión por el béisbol. La temporada pasada pegué 13 home runs”.

Nuestra preocupación es por la persona completa, la educación física es importante.

“Yo amo mi escuela en todos los sentidos, pero una cosa que resalta son los maestros,” escribe un alumno del séptimo grado. “Bueno, mi abuelo se murió la semana pasada, el 26 de enero del 2001, y yo estaba pasando unos momentos muy duros, bueno no se equivoque, todavía estoy pasando por momentos muy duros. Pero, de todos modos, los maestros y el Fraile Paul se han preocupado mucho por mí y me confortaron. Y eso es la razón que yo amo mi escuela”.

Este testimonio conmovedor muestra lo vulnerables, sensibles y apreciativos que son nuestros jóvenes adolescentes. Nuestras escuelas son lugares importantes para el ministerio. †

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Letters to the Editor

Abortion and cloning

Why are we in a controversy about cloning people when at the same time we allow human lives to be snuffed out of existence every day?

It's ridiculous to want the same people recreated while not allowing these unique souls to be born.

Carol Graves, Indianapolis

Vitale misses the point

Mr. [Joseph] Vitale misses the point [“Editorial Simplistic,” “Letters to the Editor,” April 6]. It is not that we—Mr. [Daniel] Conway, and [New York Mayor] Rudolph Guiliani, and I, and the Muslim fellow who handles maintenance on the floor where my office is—are offended by feces spread over a representation of the Blessed Virgin. (Although we all are.)

The point is that we are forced under threat of prison to pay for it.

Steve Noe, Indianapolis

School scores' comparisons are misleading, unfair

I was very pleased to read in the March 30 issue of *The Criterion* how successful the Catholic schools have been in this archdiocese. However, comparisons of ISTEP and GQE scores with those of the public schools are misleading and will continue to be so until all Catholic schools will enroll and continue to teach all students, no matter how extremely disruptive their behaviors, how severe their learning problems, how disinterested their parents, or how many days they are absent from school. Then and only then will comparisons that purportedly show the superiority of Catholic to public schools be fair.

Dr. Phillip L. Vandivier, Indianapolis

Response:

We would agree with part of Dr. Vandivier's response (re: test scores, March 30 issue) that comparison of testing results tells us little about student performance unless you want to play the game of whether “my students are better than yours.” But this is what is done constantly, and it is always counterproductive.

Dr. Vandivier's letter, however, helps perpetuate the myth of elitism in the Catholic schools. Our parochial and inter-parochial schools are not elite or selective; they do not take the “cream of the crop” anywhere. Our students' overall ability scores on the cognitive skills test that accompanies ISTEP indicate that our students overall abilities are average—similar to the general population.

Research has also shown that Catholic schools are *less likely* to expel their problem students than other schools, preferring rather to work with them in “the family.” There is new accountability legislation in Indiana, Public Law 221, requiring schools accredited by the state of Indiana to show improvement in student performance from one year to the next. As all our Catholic schools are state-accredited, we both welcome and are encouraged by this higher expectation that *all students* will show improvement; not just a few. Then, we will be able to judge whether a school is truly making a difference or not.

G. Joseph Peters

(Peters is archdiocesan associate executive director for Catholic education.)

More on infertility

I am writing in response to the recent letters to the editor concerning infertility. I missed the article that prompted these letters, but I feel the need to add something that it seems everyone is missing.

It appears that cases of infertility are on the rise. More and more people are waiting longer to marry and start families. I would be willing to say that these people are not practicing abstinence and go so far as to say many are probably using artificial contraception. When God said be fruitful and multiply, he did not mean after you have the perfect job, beautiful house and fancy car. What he was telling us was to procreate. If we use artificial means to prevent pregnancy because it is not the “right time,” then we are playing God with our bodies. When the time becomes right, the damage has already been done. If we would allow God to control our procreation and not try to decide for ourselves when the time is right, perhaps we wouldn't have so much infertility.

Unfortunately, with infertility comes *artificial conception*. People are going against what the Church teaches to conceive children. The Church is very clear on these matters, yet people go against Church teachings every day. We have methods of conception that result in babies being frozen until the time is right to have another one. This problem just keeps going and going like the proverbial Energizer bunny.

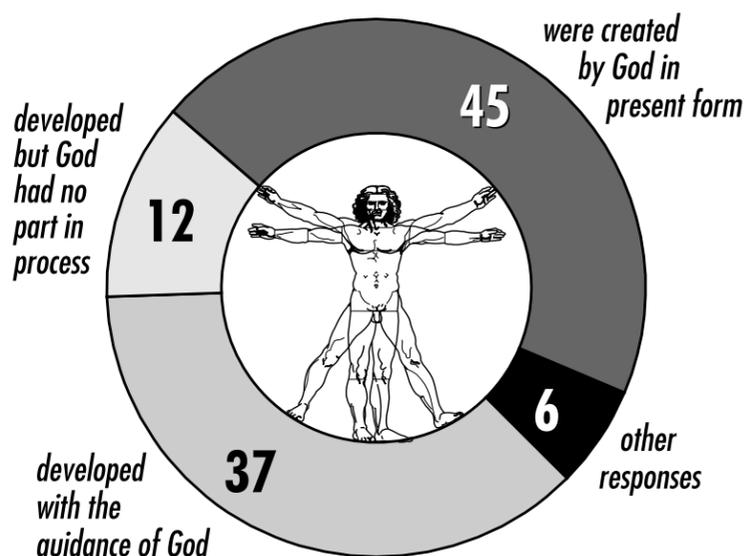
If we would go back to what the Church teaches and quit controlling our bodies like we do everything else, the cases of infertility would most likely decrease.

Please note, I am not saying that everyone who has ever had fertility problems has used artificial contraception.

Debra Krulik, Paragon

Human Divide

Percent of Americans who believe humans....



Source: Gallup poll, February 2001

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Americans are divided in their views on the origin and development of humans. But just more than 80 percent believe God had the primary or guiding role.

La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en abril

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Check It Out . . .

A 12-step serenity weekend, **"Living Out Our Spirituality—At all Times, In All Places,"** will be held May 4-6 at the Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Mount Saint Francis. The cost is \$70 for commuters, \$85 for double rooms and \$95 for single rooms. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

The Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove will give four public information sessions on **giving spiritual direction.** Sessions are at 7:30 p.m. April 17 in the Ruth Lilly Student Center at Marian College; 7 p.m. April 23 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington; 7 p.m. April 25 in the Donovan Center of Our Lady of Grace Church in Noblesville; and 7 p.m. May 3 at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis will present **"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** from April 19-22. The popular musical by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice will be presented at

Cathedral's Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center, 5225 E. 56th St., at 7:30 p.m. on April 19, April 20, April 21 and April 22 and at 3 p.m. on April 22. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$10 for reserved seats. To order tickets, call Cathedral's theater ticket line at 317-543-4942, extension 380. Reservations are recommended.

In an effort to help save more lives that are lost as a result of sudden cardiac arrest, the American Heart Association has declared April 28-29 as **"National CPR Weekend."** In Indianapolis, a special CPR Weekend kick-off will be held at Monument Circle on April 27. Free blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat index and diabetes screenings are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On April 28, two-hour classes will begin every half-hour at the RCA Dome from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free cardiovascular and stroke screenings will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The classes are free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call 317-876-4850.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will present its annual spring concert, **"The Mass Through the Millennia,"** at 7:30 p.m. April 27 and 3 p.m. April 29 at St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. East, in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by calling Bill Hasbrook at 317-634-4356 during the week or at 317-255-3953 during the weekend.

A St. Vincent de Paul Society benefit, **"Jamming with the Jump Cats,"** will begin at 7 p.m. April 21 at the Woodruff Place Town Hall, 735 Woodruff Place, East Drive, in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call 317-972-9788.

A retreat on **"Lectio Divina: Praying With Scripture"** will be held May 18-20 at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Benedictine Brother Brendan Moss will introduce retreatants to holy reading. For more information, call 812-357-6585 or 800-581-6906.

Vocation discernment weekends are being offered to single women between the ages of 18 and 45 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, 8300 Roy Road, in Indianapolis. The weekends will consist of daily Mass, eucharistic adoration, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, private prayer, conferences on vocation discernment and an introduction to the charism and spirituality of the Servants of the Gospel of Life. For more information, call 317-899-2376.

St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis will

offer **Old Testament classes** presented by Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday nights. For more information, call the parish office at 317-543-4921.

Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis will offer academic and sports **summer camps.** The academic camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18-22 and the sports camps will take place during most of June and part of July. Students must be recommended by their principal to attend the academic camp. It will cover English, language arts, science and social studies. The sports camps will include eight different sessions that meet four times a week for the one-time fee of \$50. The sports camps are held from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 317-924-4333. †

Awards . . .

Sandra Ottensmann, a senior at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, won three first-place awards recently at the regional Science and Engineering Fair held at the University of Indianapolis. Ottensmann placed first in the engineering, senior and 12th-grade divisions. For Ottensmann's top finish in the 12th-grade division, she won the ScienTech award, which includes a laptop computer. Two other Brebeuf Jesuit seniors, Carrie Roush and Whitney Hewitt, competed in the regional fair and were awarded the Judges' Choice Award. †



Food Bank

Catholic Charities recently received \$2,010.25 from Cub Foods. The money was collected as customers went through the check-out lines and were asked if they wanted to donate to a local food bank. Tom Gaybrick, (Right) secretary for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries, accepts the check from Brett Wing, general manger for the Cub Foods East Store in Indianapolis.

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Bioethics govern modern health care practices

By Richard M. Doerflinger

Human cloning.
Genetic engineering.
“Designer children.”
Physician-assisted suicide.
Embryonic stem-cell research.

All of these were topics for science fiction or maverick speculation a few years ago. Now they are part of headlines on bioethics, so it would be a mistake to assume that bioethics is an arcane field we needn't worry about. It already has profoundly influenced our lives and is bound to have far more influence in the future—for good and ill. Consider some examples.

Any woman who has received medical care during pregnancy has been offered a variety of prenatal tests to determine any defects or problems the child may face. Physicians can be very insistent about offering these tests, even when parents say they are not interested or would not have an abortion even in case of a defect.

The drive toward this trend was not led chiefly by physicians—some of whom offer the tests to healthy couples chiefly from fear of legal liability—but by bioethicists determined to multiply “choices” for women and to help ensure healthy children.

Some couples, however, find these choices a double-edged sword, as health insurance companies readily pay for prenatal tests but will pay only grudgingly, if at all, for the care of a child born with a major birth defect.

Also, many of us have made decisions about donating organs after death or have helped make decisions about donating the organs of a loved one who has died.

Bioethicists helped make the rules on

how those transplants are allocated to sick patients, and they helped develop the concept of “brain death” that allows organs to be harvested while still fresh.

Questions continue to arise about the validity of different standards for brain death. Some bioethicists have proposed looser standards, effectively redefining some unconscious patients as “dead” to obtain more organs.

People who enter a hospital for any reason nowadays are given information about their right to make medical decisions and may well be offered the opportunity to sign an “advance directive” stating what kinds of care they want to accept or refuse if they become incapable of making decisions. A federal law requires hospitals to give out this information.

The law and the movement pressing for it were led by bioethicists seeking to end a “doctor knows best” era of medicine and give more freedom to individual patients. Unfortunately, many patients and physicians have found these directives confusing and less useful than they had hoped.

Such documents may actually hinder good communication if used as a substitute for a real, in-depth conversation among patient, family and doctor.

More disturbing, cost pressures in health care have given hospitals new incentives to obey or even encourage decisions to refuse treatment, but not decisions to request treatment, in some situations.

And some bioethicists who championed patient autonomy years ago now are working with hospitals to craft “futile care” policies, deciding what life-preserving treatments they can unilaterally refuse to provide even if patients and families want them.



Modern secular bioethics arose as an alternative to an older model of medicine that placed the doctor very much in charge of patient care. In part, it also arose as an alternative to traditional religious morality that some people saw as too narrow.

Each of these developments affects our lives. Each has its positive side—more information and more choices—but very negative aspects as well.

Modern secular bioethics arose as an alternative to an older model of medicine that placed the doctor very much in charge. In part, it also arose as an alternative to traditional religious morality that some saw as too narrow. So for Christians in particular, it will be very important to

scrutinize developments in bioethics carefully and critically.

Some developments will help us think more clearly about our powers over nature. Others may only be new ways to make us forget that each of us is a uniquely precious child of God.

(Richard Doerflinger is associate director for policy development in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.) †

Bioethics seeks common ground on medical and moral issues

By Fr. Kevin W. Wildes, S.J.

In the past 40 years, a new world has emerged into American consciousness: “bioethics.” Forty years ago, the term usually referred to issues of “environmental ethics.”

But over time, “bioethics” has come to be identified with many of the great moral controversies of our day in medicine and health care: abortion, end-of-life decision making, physician-assisted suicide, cloning and issues in health care policy and economics, to mention but a few.

There is a long history of interplay between medicine, philosophy, theology and ethics. Catholic thinkers for cen-

turies have been concerned about the ethical practice of medicine and the obligations of physicians, patients and health care institutions, such as hospitals.

For most of its history, medicine sought to give comfort and relief but could really do little for patients. If patients were cured, it was thought to be by divine intervention. However, in the modern age the development of our knowledge of the body and its functions has given us a basis on which to intervene and change the “natural” course of diseases and illness.

Over the last 40 years, we have seen a revolution in medical interventions—from surgical procedures, such as bypass surgery, to medical interventions, such

as drugs that lower cholesterol. Our ability to diagnose patients through technologies such as computerized tomography scans and magnetic resonance imaging have increased our knowledge of what is wrong with patients while lowering the risks in trying to discover the problems.

Medicine today has an array of choices in diagnosing and treating patients. This increase in our knowledge and ability to treat patients is a major factor in the development of bioethics. But how to apply this knowledge in the patient's best interest becomes a question. The older, traditional medical ethics was a paternalistic ethic relying on the physician's judgment. In the

Hippocratic Oath, the physician swears to act in the best interest of the patient according to the physician's judgment.

In recent years, we have become more aware of the diversity of moral and cultural views existing within society, and affecting medicine and health care. Bioethics has tried to find common ground on difficult medical and moral questions, such as treatment at the end of life and reproductive issues. Birth, sexuality, family, suffering and death are seen within moral frameworks and values.

(Jesuit Father Kevin Wildes is a senior scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.) †

Discussion Point

Ethics guide medical choices

This Week's Question

What difficult moral decision confronted you in a health care matter?

“Before the days of living wills, I was the medical liaison for my younger sister, who was 14 years of age. The difficult decision was to honor her request to stop all aggressive cancer treatment and permit her to die peacefully without any family members, except myself, to be present.” (Martha Kallejian, Santa Fe, N.M.)

“As a director of religious education and youth minis-

ter, I speak with children on the topics of premarital sex and abortion. What I try to do is guide their moral decision making when it comes to these matters by discussing them within the context of our faith and the Church's teachings.” (Sandy Stokoe, Billings, Mont.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: What, in your view, is the root of human anxiety?

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Doctors of the Church: Isidore and Bede

(Fourteenth in a series)

St. Isidore of Seville was born about the year 560. After his parents' deaths, he was entrusted to his brother Leander, who was 26 years older and a Benedictine monk. Leander was a severe and demanding teacher and Isidore became the most learned man of his time.



Leander became the bishop of Seville and Isidore assisted him in administering the diocese. Leander died in 601 and Isidore succeeded him as bishop of Seville. He completed the work he and Leander had begun of converting the Visigoths. He also presided at synods to promote theological and ecclesiastical unity in the Church in Spain.

Isidore was a voluminous writer. He compiled an encyclopedia called *Etymologies*, or *Origins*, a summary of all the knowledge of his age. It was one of the most widely used texts of the Middle Ages and continued to be used for nine

centuries. It earned him the title "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages."

He also wrote a *Dictionary of Synonyms*, a treatise on astronomy and physical geography, a history of the world from creation to the year 615, a manual of Christian doctrine, a biography of illustrious men, a book of Old and New Testament personalities, and *The History of the Kings of the Goths, Vandals, and Suevi* (our best source book for the early history of Spain).

He also wrote a code of rules for monks and extensive theological and ecclesiastical works. And he completed the Mozarabic missal and breviary for the use of the Goths, a liturgy that is still in use in Toledo, Spain.

He died in 636. He was canonized in 1598 by Pope Clement VIII and declared a doctor of the Church in 1722 by Pope Innocent XIII. His feast is celebrated on April 4.

St. Bede lived the most peaceful life of all the doctors of the Church. He spent almost his entire life, from the age of 7, in the Benedictine monastery of Sts. Peter and Paul at Wearmouth-Jarrow, on the River Tyne in northeastern England,

where his parents sent him to be educated. He had even been born on the lands of that monastery in 673.

He became an extraordinary scholar, well-versed in all the sciences of his times: natural philosophy, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, the philosophy of Aristotle, the lives of saints, and history. He became recognized as probably the most learned man of Western Europe of his era.

He is known as "the Father of English History" for his *Historia Ecclesiastica*. Other historians consider it a monumental achievement, thorough and scholarly. It, however, was not Bede's only work. In all, he wrote 45 books, 30 of which were commentaries on the Bible. It was Bede who began dating time from the birth of Christ as A.D. (*Anno Domini*).

He died in 735 at age 62. He was canonized and declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Innocent XIII in 1899, the only doctor from England. The Church celebrates his feast on May 25. †

(John F. Fink's new two-volume book, *The Doctors of the Church*, is available from Alba House publishers.) †

Stories, Good News, Fire/

Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

Diverse needs call for diverse gifts

In his Easter column, Archbishop Daniel wrote: "As members of the Body of Christ,



we are with the suffering and we are with those whose hopes and joys encourage us all. If we are truly people touched by Easter faith and hope, then we are also people who are touched by Easter love. Christ won the victory. Our challenge is to

bring that victory to bear wherever and whenever it is needed day after day."

We tend to feel the full weight of that challenge when we look at the whole spectrum of needs in our world and compare them with our own individual resources. Fortunately, we are called, and we respond as members of the Body of Christ. There are many needs, but there are also many gifts, given, as St. Paul tells us, for the building up of the whole body.

The diversity of gifts in the Body of Christ can be a challenge in its own right. It is so easy for me to notice the gifts of others and to turn that awareness into a sense of inadequacy. "I could never do anything like that."

Last fall, I attended a workshop on liturgy and justice given by a Dominican priest. He shared his struggle as he watched one of his fellow priests out on the picket lines, getting arrested, leading protests. He

'One aspect of the renewal of our baptismal promises is reflecting on the personal gifts that God has given each one of us and but then asking how God is calling us to use them...'

finally went to him and admitted that he would find it extremely hard to engage in those activities.

His brother priest responded, "You don't have to. That is the way God called me. You do not have to do it the same way."

But he also added an important comment. "But that does not let you off the hook from finding the way that is yours."

And so he eventually found he could promote social justice through writing music and giving retreats.

One aspect of the renewal of our baptismal promises is reflecting on the personal gifts that God has given each one of us and but then asking how God is calling us to use them in loving service of others. As baptized members of the Body of Christ we are called and gifted.

There is also another challenge present in diversity. After one of the Disciples in Mission information sessions where we had been talking about the multicultural dimension, a participant came up to me and posed a very insightful question.

"When we talk about diversity, why do we always focus on language, race, and culture? What about the diversity of spiritualities that exists within our Catholic Church? Some of us are charismatic, some of us are into Marian devotions, some are moved by eucharistic adoration, some participate in Cursillo or Christ Renews His Parish, others are in faith sharing groups or Bible studies, etc. And we are not always comfortable with each other. What about appreciating that diversity?"

That question is an excellent reminder that I need to recognize the unique way God call each us, others as well as myself.

(Jesuit Father Joseph Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.) †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Gimme a—spring—break

Spring break ain't what it used to be. At least, that's what I understand from the



media and my youthful authorities on the subject. The modern definition gives an entirely new meaning to the word "break."

A couple of generations ago, when my peers and I were actually young, spring break was merely a

break in the usual routine. It meant a few days off from school, but not necessarily from work. Often it was an opportunity to work more hours at our part-time jobs, to help mom spring-clean the house or dad to plant the garden.

If you were lucky or rich, maybe you'd get to sleep in every morning and hang around all day listening to records or going to the movies with your friends. The modern version of spring break was not prevalent, and certainly not for anyone below college age.

Spring break was always held during Holy Week in my youth, even in public schools where Christianity was still a major force. So, to go anywhere just for fun during such a serious time was out of

the question. Besides, high schoolers a) had no money, b) could never get money from parents for such a purpose because they didn't have much money either, and c) would probably have been too scared to go by themselves on a trip out of state.

By the time our kids were at the age for spring break, it had come to mean something more glamorous. The most common event was to go to Florida with your classmates, bask in the sun, watch girls (boys) at the beach, and possibly to drink a beer or two. Florida's drinking age limit was 18 and, by then, at least half the group was 18 years old.

Of course, the boys at Latin School were as anxious (possibly more) than the next kid to join the spring break lemmings as they flocked to the ocean. But, to keep on the safe side, they were always accompanied by a dad or two and some of the priests who were their teachers.

They'd stay in an inexpensive (cheap) motel in the center of the action near the beach. There was a kitchenette in which the guys could eat cereal and make a sandwich for lunch, thus saving enough from their limited resources to afford dinner out every night. It was a noisy place that would never pass a mom-cleanliness inspection, but they loved it. No picking

up, no bed making, no putting the seat down. Pure heaven.

Not only that, their window overlooked the motel swimming pool and its environs, frequented by females in swimsuits. This display, plus a photo of Spanish moss or a palm tree here or there, filled their cameras and their conversations. All things considered, it was what parents thought of as a "safe" event.

Today, spring break often is said to include trips to Cancún or Cozumel, trendy playgrounds or resorts that shame my sons' cheap motels of yesteryear. Their modest beers have been eclipsed by designer refreshments, and their careful spending is history, since money seems to be no object.

All this is fine. It's great that many of us are so well-off that we can party hearty at such a young age. But if the break we're celebrating ends in hangovers or wasting money or other excesses no one can afford spiritually, maybe we shouldn't break ourselves in more ways than one to experience it. Maybe we just need a break from modern reality.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Supportive family sets tone for child's future

When Marie Kennedy was pregnant, she rubbed her abdomen and said, "Your mommy and daddy love you, and we can't wait for you to be born."



When she and her husband, Jim—a musician-entertainer better known as Chooch—were asked if they wanted prenatal tests done for

Down Syndrome, they said, "No."

"Don't do it," Marie's mother advised. They are all God's children. Everything will be fine."

Marie's mother joined her daughter and Chooch in the delivery room when James Blair Kennedy III (named for his father and grandfather) was born prematurely in 1994. Family and friends rallied and celebrated. Little did they realize how much more support would be needed later when, at 18 months old, Jimmy was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

Marie says, "I learned to accept what someone has to give ... starting with my family and applying it to everyone we meet."

Other relatives and even "friends of friends" called to ask, "What can I do to help?" She never felt she had to do anything herself: "I may have felt helpless briefly, but never alone. Catholic schools (in Indianapolis) and the Church taught me this years ago"

Both Marie and Chooch credit family on both sides; but Marie especially praises her parents, Jack and Helen Murphy of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, for their "example of family strength, faith, and love as I grew up and whenever I needed them."

"Catholics are a family," she says. "We are ... a strong force. When together, we get things done."

One of Marie's accomplishments is her book, *My Perfect Son Has Cerebral Palsy: A Mother's Guide of Helpful Hints*, in which she details the techniques used to help Jimmy. She also inspires other parents with special needs children to become

fully informed.

The book (with photographs) is also a love story about Marie and Chooch, their devotion to Jimmy, their challenges in daily life, and even "the heartbreak of having to handle the comments and stares of those outside the family circle." They know that the tone they set is reflected in Jimmy's outlook for the future. Seeing Jimmy "struggle and achieve is like living with a miracle every day," Marie continues.

Last year, the Kennedys were featured on Indianapolis' public television station WFYI-Channel 20's "Across Indiana;" and Marie's story, "Jimmy's New Shoes," will be in *Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul II* when it's released soon. This book and *My Perfect Son* are featured on Marie's Web site—www.mariekennedy.com—and can be found in most book stores.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Second Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 22, 2001

- Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
- Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
- John 20:19-31

The Acts of the Apostles furnishes this Easter weekend with its first reading.



In selecting this passage, and in selecting other readings from Acts for other Easter weekends, the Church teaches us the great, essential fact of its belief in Jesus as Lord and God. He has ascended. He

reigns at the right hand of God, as we profess in the Creed, but the Lord lives in our circumstances and is immediately available to us.

This weekend's reading, as do so many others this time of the year, focuses upon Peter. The power of Jesus definitely lives in the apostles. It lives in a place easily found, Solomon's Portico of the Temple, just as in a modern town we might say "at the corner of Third and Main."

In this place, "many signs and wonders occurred." People brought sick relatives or friends into the streets and laid them on mattresses simply in the hope that Peter's shadow might fall across them and thereby heal them. People cared for the sick and were gentle with them; laying them on mattresses said as much. But they had no power to heal.

Peter possessed this power, as Jesus had possessed this power. It was a power so great, because it was from God, that Peter's mere shadow conveyed it. It recalls the incident when Jesus was told that just to touch the hem of his garment would bring healing.

Not only did Peter have power over nature, such as illness, he also had power over beings above nature, such as devils.

The Book of Revelation provides the second reading.

No book in the Bible outdoes Revelation, or Apocalypse, in its rich imagery and its deeply moving eloquence. This weekend's reading is typical.

The central figure, of course, is Jesus. He is the Son of Man, a title so often used elsewhere in the New Testament. Here the Lord comes as king and victor. He rose at Easter. He lives triumphantly

for all time!

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. It is one of the Resurrection Narratives. Much of the material in John is unique. This Gospel does not always resemble any of the other three.

However, in this reading, the bestowal upon the apostles of the divine power to forgive sin always appears in Matthew's Gospel.

This story sets forth a sequence. With the confession of faith by Thomas, all the surviving apostles have totally and completely given themselves to the Lord. There no longer is question and doubt. The rebellious Judas, of course, is dead.

To this group of committed and absolutely believing servants, Jesus gives the authority and the power to forgive sin.

The power, as noted, is divine. To sin is to strike against God. God is offended. His law is challenged. So only God in these circumstances can forgive.

Jesus exercised this power. He now gives it to the apostles.

In conclusion, the Gospel states that all these situations have been provided so that readers may believe in Jesus, and in Jesus find eternal life.

Reflection

The Church has celebrated Easter. It still sings the glory of the Lord. For weeks still to come, its "Alleluia!" will adorn the liturgies. The Church stands on the Risen Lord's power and life. It always salutes Jesus, the victim of Calvary, and the victor over death and evil.

In this Liturgy of the Word, it expands its message. Jesus is the Lord. Jesus lives! The Redeemer is neither distant nor uncaring. He touches us with mercy and healing, just as he touched the sick and the sinful centuries ago.

His instruments are the apostles. They possess the very power of God, not through their own devices, but because the Lord gave it to them.

At their head is Peter. Again and again, the Acts of the Apostles stresses this point.

They touch us and heal us in the name of Jesus. While others may be gentle with us in our needs and try to help us, as did those who laid the sick on soft mattresses, only the apostles possess the power to forgive, and in this power to give life. †

Daily Readings

Monday, April 23

George, martyr
Adalbert, bishop and martyr
Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 24

Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest
and martyr
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 25

Mark, evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20

Thursday, April 26

Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 27

Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 28

Peter Chanel, priest and martyr
Louis Mary de Montfort, priest
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 29

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41
Psalm 30:2, 4-6
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
or John 21:1-14

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Cohabiting couples can be married in the Church

QIn your answer to a question concerning cohabiting couples being married in the Church, you left out the fact that the sacrament of matrimony can be validly received only when both parties are in the state of grace.



The probability that cohabitation involves sexual relations means the sacrament of penance is necessary before the marriage.

Perhaps it was your intention that the above information would be part of the pre-marriage preparation you spoke of; if so, it was lost in your response. (Maryland)

AMy mail gives constant evidence that many Catholics still have two confusions about the marriage of couples who have been living together.

One mistake, which I addressed at length in the column to which you refer, is that cohabiting couples are impeded by Church law from entering a Catholic marriage. While many elements in their lives need to be addressed and dealt with before they marry, living together does not in itself prohibit their marriage in the Church.

The Catholic Church has limited and specific impediments to marriage: lack of age, impotence, perpetual vows of chastity, a previous marriage and so on. Cohabitation is not one of these impediments.

Second, I'm surprised at the number of people who have written to me, many with extensive Catholic education, who believe that the marriage of a couple that had been living together before marriage is not a valid marriage. That is not true and never has been.

Catholic teaching is that an individual

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who, while conscious of a serious sin, receives the sacrament of marriage or the Eucharist, for example, receives the sacrament validly, even though unlawfully and sinfully.

Certainly you are aware that if a person receives Communion while conscious of an unforgiven mortal sin, that person receives the sacrament validly. He or she truly receives the eucharistic body of Christ the same as anyone else. The fact that the reception is sinful does not make it any less a sacrament.

Somewhat the same is true in marriage. Christian persons who celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a state of serious sin—whether that sin involves embezzlement, malicious and destructive gossip, gross abuse of others, immoral sexual behavior or any other seriously wrong action—receive the sacrament of marriage.

Again, as with the Eucharist, the effect of the graces of the sacrament are inhibited by the spiritual condition of those who receive it. But they are married nevertheless. They will not need to be, indeed cannot be, "remarried" after whatever mortal sin they are aware of is forgiven.

I must note that, even in response to questions like yours, I am reluctant to speak of the sacraments so mechanically. The invitations and gifts of God that we call sacramental grace are living realities that reach back as a person prepares for a sacrament and extend into the future.

It is common Catholic belief that the graces of marriages (and penance, another obvious example) are already at work in a couple as their love develops and as they prepare to commit themselves to the covenant and communion that is marriage.

To repeat what I said previously, none of the above diminishes the responsibility of a cohabiting couple, and the priest or other parish minister working with them, to deal in every way possible with the spiritual, emotional, sacramental and marital implications of their lifestyle before marriage.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other Catholic funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. †

My Journey to God

The Third Day

The sun rises over this Calvary hill,
Now deserted and trampled.
Dim light reveals three scattered crosses.
Two thieves were buried in Potter's Field,
Tossed unbound, dry clods on their flesh.
A man called Jesus, carefully bound,
Was placed in a rich man's tomb
To await the third day.

The sun rises over this Calvary hill,
Beaming out shadows from an empty tomb.

The Holy Trinity has kept a pledge:
Redemptive love and forgiveness for the asking.

It is all just as He said:
I will go before you,
There are mansions to build
And places to prepare.

By Mariam Louisa Higgins

(Mariam Higgins is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)



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Welcome!

Batesville Deanery

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora Lee Bruce, Dana Cassidy, Wanda Grimes, Pat Marcum, Rachelle Sowers, Jeff Stratman, Kari Stratman, Nanciann Whisman (catechumens); Ruth Dilts, Steve Dilts, Dale Downey, Steve Hollingsworth, Thomas Lewis, Steve Walters (candidates)

St. Louis, Batesville

Michael Newton, Stacie Weberding (catechumens); Carolyn Calo, Jane Stephens, Phillip Stephens, Scott Williams (candidates)

St. Mary, Greensburg

Angie Bottoms, Milie Standish (catechumens); Nicki Colson, Amber Duerstock, Judy Goss, Adam Herbert, Ethan Herbert, Lori Herbert, Mark Lewellyn, Nickie Lewellyn, Rhiannon Lewellyn, Charles Meyerrose, Jennifer Shull (candidates)

Immaculate Conception, Millhousen

Jacqueline Am Rhein, Rebecca Schutte (candidates)

St. Anthony of Padua, Morris

Kerri Amberger, Michael Boots, Kevin Maupin (candidates)

St. Maurice, Napoleon

Josh Owens, Michael Ruble (catechumens); Lori Ruble (candidate)

St. Paul, New Alsace

Lacey James (candidate)

St. John, Osgood

Ryan Dennett, Kevin Hensley, Kristi Wilkerson (catechumens)

St. Denis, Jennings County

Jace Helms (catechumen); Charles Miller (candidate)

St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County

Maynard Jones Jr., Gregory McNulty (catechumens); Chad Lovitt (candidate)

St. Joseph, Shelbyville

Angie Bohman, Jessica Cochran, Toyce Girdler, Jim King (catechumens); Lee Anspaugh, Kathy Carpenter, Bill Hart, Tony Neese (candidates)

Bloomington Deanery

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

Geraldine Clark, James Clark, Stacy George, Cindy Rentas (catechumens); Misty Adams, Crystal Arsenault, Heather Arsenault, Jo Hays, Carol Lewis, William Lewis, Bonnie McFarland, Vanessa Serrano, Ingrid Vestal (candidates)

St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

Lauren Anderson, Kent Biddle, Blake Chandler, Cheryl Franklin, Kyle Franklin, Sam Gasowski, Sophie Harris, Malcolm Murray, Brent Smith, Cinda Smith, Kim Tierney (catechumens); Peggy Anderson, Candace Bailey, Steve Bailey, Dean Brandon, Jennifer Brooks, Shay Craighill, Misty Dickson, Richard Ebert, Rhonda Gassman, Terry Glover, Robin Gress, Heather Hoppie, Michell Jacobs, Julius Lee, Nicole Marchant, Robert McManus, Kathy Moates, Cynthia Nienaber, Michele Schwartz, Anne Sipes (candidates)

St. John the Apostle, Bloomington

Angie Mayle, Macy Volrich, Penny Volrich (catechumens); Kim Bergan, Matt Davy, Bill Goveia, Johnna Martin, Brent Mayle, Anna Romine, Richard Romine (candidates)

Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick

Derek Hammond, Jay Hammond, Regina Meadlo (catechumens)

St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Ashley La Mar, Nathan Lowder, Andrew Nann, Daniel Newman, Tammi Pettigrew (catechumens); Camilla Becher, Jason Blakenship, Robert Hartley, Paul Pettigrew, Melody Smith (candidates)

St. Mary, Mitchell

Natalie Wells (catechumen); Kevin Gravitt, Victoria Gravitt, Michael Taylor, Dorothy Vash (candidates)

St. Agnes, Nashville

Dan Carvin, Brenda Comstock, John Hegedus (catechumens); Sherry Alcock, Adrienne Carney, Rick Comstock, Marsha Placke, Brett Hedge, Lynn Winiger (candidates)

Christ the King, Paoli

Mackenzie Meehan (catechumen); Shannon England, Travis England, Genene Johnson, Dee Dee Meehan, Carol Reynolds (candidates)

St. Jude, Spencer

Nedra Deppe, Ron Ireland, Anthony Locke, Margie Veverka (catechumens); Gary Byerly (candidate)

Connersville Deanery

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City

Tim Cox, Mark Mendenhall, Gillian Sharp (catechumens); Phillip Criswell, Dawn Keihn, Jeff Mardis, Cheryl Ramey, Guy Ramey (candidates)

St. Gabriel, Connersville

Evan Crowe, Amy Fohl, Baylee Fohl, Zachary Gough, Bræe-Ann Jolliff, Brent Jolliff, Adam Jones, Jeff Jones, Hannah Lakes, Shannon Roark, Lisa Webb (catechumens); Nancy Caldwell, Richard Fain, Angie Jolliff, Roberta Kay Lingg, Sheryl Myers, David Myers, Melissa Sparks, Wayne White (candidates)

St. Bridget, Liberty

Randall Chewning, William Hertel (catechumens); Geoff Schlichter (candidate)

St. Anne, New Castle

Dee Houser, Alison Kunkel (catechumens)

St. Mary, Richmond

Adam Allen, Tracy Allen, Theresa Anderson, Denver Baker, Daniel Bengé, James Bengé, George Burkes, Tiana Craft, Brent Girton, Betty Goins, Sherry Hipp, Deborah Jennings, Catherine McDaniel, Sharon Miller, Ryan Moore, Jennifer Parker, Janice Rheinhardt, Lori Salazar, Erin Schull, Carroll Sittloh, John Taggart, Amy Van Middlesworth, Virginia Wiyong (catechumens); DeWayne Acree, Valerie Baker, Barbara Bari, Joseph Bari, George Carr, Melinda Clark, Charles DePew, Kendra Gard, Gregory Gore, Jamie Holt, Dennis Kesterson, Diana Kesterson, Susan Larhman, Jerry Milligan, Juanita Milligan, Victoria Mulick, Terri Paul, Michael Rankin, Kelly Scripture, Kevin Scripture, Neil Van Middlesworth, Mandy Weber, Beverly Sue Wolf (candidates)

St. Mary, Rushville

Nicole Fain, Lisa French, Pam Gipson, Thomas Miller (catechumens); Heather Ariens, Ross Fain, Nancy Grocox, Kourtney South, Shirley Williams (candidates)

Indianapolis East Deanery

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Brian Healy, Donnie Nelson, Sofea Williams (candidates)

Holy Cross

Laura Cooper, Matthew Wyatt (catechumens); Tiffany Hurley, Donna Sissel (candidates)

Holy Spirit

Ruth Bowman, Wende Ferrer, Alice Gallagher, Harold Harlow, Christy Hochgesang, Shirley Kerr, Renee Mulgado, Margaret Pike, Rachel Ressler, Jay Rohlman, Lanette Steele, Nancy Sweet, Kelly Vazquez (catechumens); Diane Adams, Ronda Asher, Donald Bledsoe, Scott Ferrer, Adriana Gomez, Joseph Harmon, Paula Jones, Lisa Obert, Lynette Schrowe, Joseph Stokes, Dennis Thomas, Carolyn Yanal (candidates)

Our Lady of Lourdes

AlysaBeth Albano, Amber Beasley, Travis Beasley, Tyler Beasley, Andrew Day, Nicholas Day, Gabriel Detro, Carrie Heitoff, Leo Pyle, Tom Weaver, Virgil Weaver (catechumens); Brian Almeda, Douglas Bartlow, Libbie Day, Andrew Detro, Amy Flaherty, Sean Flaherty, Juanita Hofmeister, Kay Hurley, William Johnson, James McAllister, Jessica McAllister, Mark McAllister, Joshua Patterson, Mary Patterson, Jeremy Watkins (candidates)

St. Mary

Tisa Gebhart, Craig Hinsen, Dee Hart, Alan Lashbrook (catechumens); Carolyn Pankston, Nancy Schoenberger (candidates)

St. Michael, Greenfield

Brittany Back, Kyle Back, Elaine Bewsey, Clay Brown, Angela Faber, Stan Garner Jr., Russell Neal, Tina Neal, Amanda Proffitt, Kyle Proffitt, Chole Richmann, Courtney Richmann (catechumens); Claudia Andis, Jennifer Fischer, Ginger Hibbert, Kim Hubert, James Laetsch, Patsy Lechner (candidates)

St. Philip Neri

Mayme McDonald, Michelle Shultz (catechumens); Nicole Schaffer (candidate)

St. Simon

Jennifer Brannan, Sydney Brown, Blake Candler, Sean Carney, Joseph Carroll, Pamela Crites, Melissa Gallagher, Gerri Heller, Michael Holden, Lisa Jordan, Lora Lehman,

We welcome the “new” Catholics who have become full participants in the Church since last Easter. Most of the people listed here received initiation sacraments during the Easter Vigil last Saturday. The names listed here were provided by religious education leaders in local parishes.

Those listed as catechumens are people who have never been baptized and—within the past year—were baptized, confirmed and received their first Eucharist.

Christopher Lewis, Lynn Lewis, Tareca McGrath, Elizabeth Napier, Tami Napier, Allison Nash, Connor Nash, Kelly Nash, Ian Nelson, Karen Nelson, John Nelson, Samuel Nelson, Jennifer Parker, Petra McGow-Russell, Hailey Newkirk, Sherri Newkirk, Mark Terrell (catechumens); Joanne Carroll, Katie Gaertner, Monica Gaertner, Matthew Gambino, Richard Jones II, David Lewis, Emily O’Brien, Donald Russell II, Daralyn Schneider, Brittany Roberts, Chelsea Rusk (candidates)

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

Kelly Dunn, Joan Lewis, Patti Martin, Ken Newman, Gary Pinkerman, Eric Seybert, LaDonna Stallings, Jackie Wheatley (catechumens); Darcy Carr, Chris Johnson, Deanna Klopfenstein, Chris Land, Julie Urasky, Donna Sheline, Jean Sparks (candidates)

Indianapolis North Deanery

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Drew Gleaves (catechumen); Shirley Degner, Christina Ho, Laura Hutchens, Maria McAlister, Wendee Maniago, Andrew Marsh, Claire Marsh, Kim Marsh, Peter Marsh, Denise Oedy, Vicki Oedy, Helen O’Leary, Amy Smith (candidates)

Christ the King

Michael Bill, Fred Brubaker, Rory Clouse, Jeannine Moore (candidates)

St. Andrew

Alexis Brown, A’Ishah Newson, Glenn Stubbs, Daimien Weems, Arthur Wright III (catechumens); Beatrice Osborn (candidate)

St. Joan of Arc

Jaimee Holbrook, Elizabeth Jenkins-Simon, Greg Rasmussen, Glenna Reinhardt, Michelle Rogers, Brenda Seager (catechumens); Lina Alicea, Stephanie Alicea, Michael Batt, Michael Brockway, Robert Held, Kevin Hill, Jon Hollis, Jamie Holman, Brandon Justice, Nancy Petrick, Kim Starlin (candidates)

St. Luke

Cory Bass, Lisa Hill Caito, Mel King, Dan Le, Myrna Beth Nisenbaum, Cassandra Roeder, Heather Witte (catechumens); Collin Collins, Kathy Collins, Peyton Collins, Taylor Collins, Tamika Dunham, Karen Gable, Randall Harkins, Benjamin Kallmyer, Nathaniel Kallmyer, Penny Kallmyer, Julie Ann Lowe, Linda Lucas, Kevin McCallum, Beverly Pember, Katherine Pember, Marvin Pember, Nicholas Pember, Michael Roeder, Michelle Wente (candidates)

St. Matthew

Julie McKenna (catechumen); Kristie Mahoney, Cindi Raleigh, Hilary Steinhardt, N. Anthony Steinhart, Nicole Timmons (candidates)

St. Pius X

Callista Eickhoff, Barbara Enderlin, Jessica Sturm, Joshua Sturm (catechumens); Marilyn Braun, Susan Brown, Marianne Caldwell, William Caldwell, Christel Didat, Paul Dovey, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Mary Fulner, Gregory Hahn, Robert Haimbaugh, Courtney Malott, Paul Nickelsberg, Teresa Sasher, Judi Willem (candidates)

St. Thomas Aquinas

Tommia Jones, Jamie McLaughlin, Kheona Ratliff, Dalen Turner (catechumens); Paul Freeland, Tommy Jones, William Larson, Karen McLaughlin, Susan Williams, Heather Welch, Leo Shrirer (candidates)

Indianapolis South Deanery

Holy Name, Beech Grove

Karyn Eckstein, Dana Forehand, Jack Forehand, Jessica Forehand (catechumens); Marilyn Law, Bridgette Williams (candidates)

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

James Cameron, David Davila, Roy Evans, Jodeen Kramer, Shelley Paplia (catechumens); Lorinda Grey-Hilt, David Hilt, List Rist, Carl Sobieralski, Ron Wilks (candidates)

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Stacy Compton, Willie Litteral Jr. (catechumens); Ryan Compton, Linda Phillips (candidates)

St. Barnabas

Ginger Annee, Kelly Commons, Mary Klene, Charlie Kolisek, Jake Kolisek, Becky Myers, LeeAnne Stroebel, Breanna Tonte, Joseph Tonte, Bonnie Welch, Barbara Wick (catechumens); Jeremy Blackwood, Kimberly Bova, Rick Brown, Anita Canary, Rick Ferrin, Shane Himelick,

Those listed as candidates include people who have been baptized as Catholics who completed their Christian initiation by being confirmed during the past year. And those candidates who were baptized in other Christian traditions were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church with a profession of faith, confirmation and first Eucharist during the past year.

Most people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation.

Kimberly Hodges, Barbara House, Frank Kolisek, Lisa Kolisek, Bennie Likens, Wanda Mesiana, Debra McNair, Patrick Norris, Lori Steill, Erich Veigel, Nicholas Vivaldi, Nancy Wassman (candidates)

Good Shepherd

Brittany Doecker, Jordan Doecker, Tim Elmore, Tony Hogan, Cassy Jared, Tiffany Ludlow, Carrie Mattingly, J. J. Mills, Jordan Mobley, Mari Moore, Lexi Payne, Debi Throckmorton, Regina Tyree (catechumens); Denise Comley, Guy Grey, Sherry Mills, Mary Mobley, Cheryl Mosley, Jeff Sherman, Sandra Tyree (candidates)

SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood

James Gahimer (catechumen); Angela Gardner, Charles Gardner, Joseph Meek, Barry Taylor (candidates)

St. John the Evangelist

Kevin Barthauer, Zack Bell, Colin Benefiel, Nicholas Hurley, Jennifer Medley, Teri VanDoel (catechumens); John Cash, Kyle Cordes, Steve Danforth, Kathleen Downes, Erik Freeman, Ben Grigsby, LaMontae Guynn, Caitlin Pribble, Joseph Sanders, Maggie Schilling, Bradley Schoeck, Casey Schmidt, Andrew Semler, Andrew Smith, Timothy Swanson (candidates)

St. Jude

Steve Beil, Ryan Borns, Alexandra Boor, Joshua Boor, Sue Boor, Tony Boor, Desmin Bowman, Devin Bowman, Jennifer Brown, Angela Courtney, Breanna Courtney, Brian Courtney, Logan Courtney, Shelby Courtney, Belinda Davidson, Sheryl Hager, Joyce Higdon, Chad McNeely, Manuel Navarro, Shellie Salazar, Dillynn Salazar, Rex Salazar, Tera Kirkland, Michael Smith, Wanda Timmons, Lisa Vandal, Michelle Wagner, Stacy Weiler, Brian Wood (catechumens); Scott Bastin, Karen Bellamy, Megan Bellamy, Stephanie Bellamy, Tracy Boehm, Joan Beil, Darrell Bowman, Debbie Bowman, Tammy Carnes, Amy Cerajewski, Kathleen Fryback, JoEllen Gindling, Alexander Head, Kelly Head, Stephen Head, Julee Jacob, Amanda Marlett, Jennifer Oskins, Jill Sawchak, Becky Schaler, Kathy Wilcox, Lori Zielinski (candidates)

St. Mark

Kelli Beretta, Phillip Coss, Steve Fletcher, Susan Gooley, Gene Harney, David Kizer, Sonny Moore, Charles Titley, Abby Vernon, Rachel Vernon, Maria Williams (catechumens); Lisa Bernikowicz, Ada Lou Dunne, Daryl Ewick, Melissa Fletcher, Lee Ann Gaither, Joyce Harney, Christine Lucid, Kelly Lucid, Amy McCartt, Craig McCartt, Suzanne Mouser, Hazel Risch, Ned Shannon, Daniel Shepler, Cheryl Sosbe, Thomas Spangler, Jane Vernon, Mike Voegele, Brittany Williams (candidates)

St. Patrick

Jessica Ammerman, Clayton Jellison (catechumens); Monica Zavala (candidate)

St. Roch

Christopher Evans, Jenny Hendricks, Kim Hollcraft, Maggie Kreuzman, Cody Lohmann, Destiny Lohmann, Erin Markham, Leslie Markham, Sean Markham, Rick Morris, Jevon Schubert, Kevin Scott, Chad Swearingen, John Weber (catechumens); Kim Barnes, Karen Bland, Jennifer Dickerson, Heather Hollcraft, Paul Hollcraft, Tom Markham, Deborah Mills, Christopher Rice, Kim Wagner, Amy Weber (candidates)

Indianapolis West Deanery

Holy Angels

Jennifer Young (candidate)

Holy Trinity

Michelle Calhoun (catechumen); Helen Lester (candidate)

St. Anthony

Marilyn Arbogast, Kari Ash, Kayla Ash, Brian Boone, Stacy Boone, Samuel French, Kaylynn Kendall, Anna Kramer, Brittany Reeves, Teresa Reeves, Celita Stone (catechumens); Sheila Anderson, Michael Loy, Jason Loyd, Raymond Martin, Billie McHugh, Vickie Roth, Timothy Walker (candidates)

St. Christopher

Tina Bauman, Jeana Bruzas, Stevie Bruzas, Malinda Cesnik, Esther Glotzbach, Stephenie Kear, Cynthia Matz, Tracy McGraw, Terri Pitts, Shannon Samreta, Cara Smith, Anne Stanich, Stephanie Thompson, Barbara Warner (catechumens); Kay Benedict, Linda Easton, Anthony Grabner, Amie Gregory, Jeffrey Hayes, Ruby Hebel, Dean Hershman, Douglas Kochell, William McKee, Debra Pehler, Charlotte Pell, Christopher Pitts, Lori

Porten, Amy Reynolds, Amy Skoronski, Zachary Williams (candidates)

St. Gabriel

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April 20-21

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, 11441 Hague Road, **Fishers**. St. Meinrad School of Theology, Exploring Our Catholic Faith Workshop, "The Resurrection of Jesus and Our Future Life," by Dr. Michael Maxwell, \$50 less for seniors. Registration and information: 317-955-6451.

April 20-22

Camp Allendale, 4685 S. Allendale Dr. (1 mile east of State Road 135), **Trafalgar**. Office of Youth and Family Ministries, Beginning Experience grief resolution peer ministry weekend, \$100 per person. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586.

April 21

Woodruff Place Town Hall, 735 Woodruff Place, East

Drive, **Indianapolis**. Jamming with the Jump Cats, concert, 7-11 p.m. "Jump, Jive and ... help St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry," \$5 per person. Information: 317-972-9788.

Holy Trinity Parish, Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave., **Indianapolis**. Men's Club, dance, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, \$15 per person. Reservations and information: 317-924-0587 or 317-858-0484.

Little Flower Parish, Social Hall, 1404 N. Bosart Ave., **Indianapolis**. Ladies Club, bonnets and bow's women's tea, 1-3 p.m., \$5 per person. Reservations: 317-898-0494 (after 7 p.m.).

April 22

Knight of St. John Hall, 312 Wilder St., **Greensburg**. Spring festival, chicken dinners, \$6 adults, \$3 children 5-10, children under 4 free, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-663-6225.

St. Bartholomew Parish, 845 Eighth St., **Columbus**. Feast of Divine Mercy, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet of mercy, the divine praises of St. Faustina, blessing of image

and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 13½ St., **Terre Haute**. Divine Mercy prayer service, 3 p.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center, Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 3 p.m., tickets \$7 general admission, \$10 reserved seating. Ticket line: 317-543-4942, ext. 380.

April 23

St. Michael Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., **Greenfield**. Bible study, "The Church is Born" (Acts 105), "Getting Started." Information: 317-462-5010.

St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. Catholics Returning Home, first in series, 7:30-9 p.m., babysitting available. Information: 317-293-0463.

April 26

St. Michael Church, 519 Jefferson Blvd., **Greenfield**. Bible study, "The Church is Born" (Acts 105), "Pentecost," Information: 317-462-5010.

St. Lawrence Parish, social room, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. "Journey Through the Old Testament," 13-week course by Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo. "From Judgeship to Monarchy," 7-8:30 p.m. Information and registrations: 317-543-4921.

April 27

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Choir of Indianapolis, concert, "The Mass Through the Millennia," 7:30 p.m., tickets \$10. Reservations and information: 317-634-4356 weekdays or 317-255-3953 weekends.

April 28

St. Maurice Church, 8874 Harrison St., **Napoleon**. Spring smorgasbord, 4:30-7:30 p.m., adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3, children 3-5 \$1.50.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Drive East, **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Day, "Marian Consecration," presented by Bob and Mary McAuliff, volunteer staff members of Marian Movement of Priests in Minneapolis, Minn. Cenacle begins at 8:15 a.m. with Mass and ends at 4 p.m. Information: 317-259-4373 or 317-875-0878.

April 29

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Choir of Indianapolis, concert, "The Mass Through the Millennia," 3 p.m., tickets \$10. Reservations and information: 317-634-4356 weekdays or 317-255-3953 weekends.

St. Pius Church, Hwy. 66, **Troy**. Chicken and dumpling dinner, tours of church, noon-3 p.m. Information: 812-547-3471.

Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt Center (12 miles south of Versailles, 8 miles east of 421 South, on 925 South), Schoenstatt Holy Hour, 2:30 p.m., talk on "The Wonder of Our Sexuality and Christian Marriage," Mass with Father Elmer Burwinkel, 3:30 p.m. Information: 812-689-3551 or eburwink@seidata.com.

St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., **Indianapolis**. Walk, Run, Pray-A-Thon, registration 9-11 a.m., Mass 10 a.m., run begins 11:30 a.m., walk begins 11:45 a.m., hour of prayer 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information: 317-631-8746.

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

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Mon.-



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St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Prayer line, 317-767-9479.

Weekly

Sundays

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Mass in Vietnamese, 2 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 6 p.m.,

confessions, Benediction.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m.; rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.

Mondays

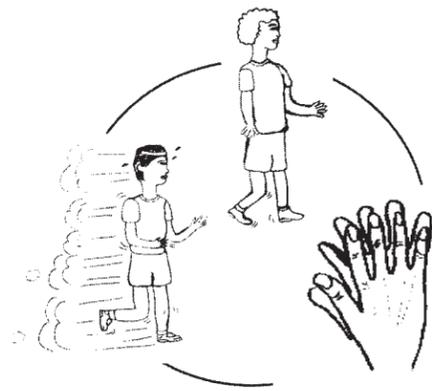
Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

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St. Philip Neri Walk, Run, Pray-A-Thon

Sunday, April 29, 2001



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10-11:30 a.m. Registration for Runners

10 a.m. Bilingual Mass

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

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Bible sharing, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

Wednesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), **Indianapolis**. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

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

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, Catholic Social Services program, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-236-1538.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests prayer cenacle, 1 p.m. Information: 317-257-2266.

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Shepherds of Christ prayers for lay and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

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

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Fridays

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Lenten Friday rosary and Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

Affiliated Women's Services, Inc. (abortion clinic), 2215 Distributors Dr., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 10 a.m.

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

Saturdays

Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**.

Tridentine Mass, 9 a.m.

St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., **Indianapolis**. Mass in English, 4 p.m.

Monthly

First Sundays

St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., **Sellersburg**. Prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.

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

Holy Cross Church, 125 N. Oriental St., **Indianapolis**. Mass for Catholics in recovery, 5 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620.

First Mondays

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Confession, 6:45 p.m.; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,

7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., **Sellersburg**. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of Blessed

Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

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

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, **Cedar Grove**. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass-5 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of

Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

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

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MERCY

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1990s and finding a parish that had a devotion to Divine Mercy.

"Here's a Polish nun from a few years ago affecting these people on a Caribbean island," Dlugoz said. "There has always been a faithful few paying attention to it and that reinforced my devotion."

The devotion is spreading since Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Churches across the world are expected

to celebrate the feast day.

The announcement came at the canonization of St. Faustina last year. She was the first saint of the new millennium.

However, for years people in Indianapolis were venerating the image of Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina commissioned the image after the Lord asked her to have a painting made of the way he appeared to her. The painting shows Jesus with white and red rays coming from his heart and his hand extended in a blessing. The rays represent the Eucharist and baptism. The signature "Jesus I Trust in You" accompanies the painting in relation to Jesus' request and his promise to St. Faustina that "the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

Divine Mercy Sunday is special to those with a devotion to St. Faustina and Jesus as "Divine Mercy."

"The world we live in today, we see so many things around us that are not good," said Barry. "In God, with confidence in his mercy, there are a lot of graces received, so wonderful, of things you never dreamed of."

"A lot of people are finding out [about Divine Mercy] and we need to encourage other people to understand what Divine Mercy is all about."

The announcement of the new feast day for the Church is a direct response to a vision in which Jesus requested the feast to St. Faustina, a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

In the vision, he promised complete forgiveness of sins and elimination of punishment if one approaches the Fountain of Life on the Feast of Mercy with an attitude of trust. Each person must also go to confession before the feast and receive Communion on the feast day.

The devotion to Divine Mercy has grown as more people learn about it, but more needs to be done, said Anchorite Sister Mary Ann Schumann of Indianapolis.

"It will take a while to educate people



Photo by Jennifer Dal Vecchio

Anchorite Sister Mary Ann Schumann poses by the Divine Mercy image that was revealed to St. Faustina, the first saint of the new millennium. Recently, Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday to be held the Sunday after Easter each year for churches across the world.

Divine Mercy Sunday schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 22 at the following parishes:

- St. Michael Church, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis with Msgr. Joseph Schaedel at 3 p.m. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 2 p.m.
- St. Bartholomew Church, 845 Eighth St., in Columbus with Father Joseph Sheets at 3 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood with Father Steve Jarrell at 3 p.m., with a video, refreshments and books for sale afterward.
- St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. East, in Indianapolis with Father Daniel Mahan at 10 a.m. The chapel of divine mercy will be prayed and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 2322 N. 13 1/2 St., in Terre Haute, prayer service at 3 p.m. †

and get it going," said Sister Mary Ann, who helped start the Divine Mercy Chapel behind St. Michael Church in Indianapolis. "Until then, we need to place an emphasis on the extraordinary graces Divine Mercy Sunday has."

Since 1987, Sister Mary Ann and others have been telling people about St. Faustina and the Lord's promises.

It started when Sister Mary Ann opened the Divine Mercy Chapel. The name alone caused people to ask questions.

Then someone bought a painting of the Divine Mercy Image of Jesus for the chapel, and that caused more people to ask questions and allowed Sister Mary Ann to witness about the sacraments that the picture represents.

The mystical experiences of St. Faustina—recorded in her diary—talk about God's love, mercy and how to

extend mercy to others.

At heart are the ABCs of mercy: Ask God for mercy, be merciful and completely trust in Jesus.

In St. Faustina's diary, Jesus told her those who do not trust him wounded him the most. He also asked for a nine-day novena to accompany the feast of Divine Mercy.

The novena begins on Good Friday and is for various requests, such as those who do not believe in God.

Sister Mary Ann said the best example others can give is to pray that people will take part in Divine Mercy Sunday and pay attention to the revelations given to St. Faustina.

"The Lord told Faustina that prayer can extend into the crevices and corners where no word and no deed can get in," she said. †



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blessing *urbi et orbi* [to the city and the world] was televised live to some 45 countries.

"Peace is possible even where for too long there has been fighting and death," as in the Holy Land and in the Balkans, he said.

The pope told conflict-stricken Africa to "raise your head confidently" with trust in Christ.

Christ, he said, would help youthful Latin America to "find the capacity and courage needed for a development respectful of every human being" and would help tradition-enriched Asia to "win the challenge of tolerance and solidarity."

"Men and women of every continent, draw from his tomb, empty now forever, the strength needed to defeat the powers of evil and death, and to place all research and all technical and social progress at the service of a better future for all," he said.

He prayed that Christ would "grant that this commitment of ours will not falter, even when weariness slows our steps."

Continuing a centuries-old tradition that was revived during the Holy Year 2000, the pope began the Easter Sunday liturgy by venerating the "*Achiropoetos*," a 6-foot silver-encrusted icon of Christ that was thought to have been brought to Rome from the East sometime in the early Middle Ages.

Another Eastern touch—added because Eastern and Western Christians celebrate Easter on the same day in 2001—was the introduction of the "*stichon*," an ancient liturgical text that intersperses verses of

Psalm 68 with poetic reflections on Christ's resurrection. A 12-member Byzantine men's choir, dressed in flowing black cassocks, sang the hymn a cappella in Russian after the Gospel reading.

The hymn highlights the role of women as being the first to discover that Christ's tomb was empty, a theme the pope took up during the Easter Vigil Mass.

"What blessed women!" he said. "They did not yet know that this was the dawn of the most important day in history. They could not have known that they—they themselves—would be the first witnesses of Jesus' resurrection."

During the service, he baptized and confirmed one man, four women and a 6-year-old girl from Japan, China, Italy, Albania, Peru and the United States, and led the dramatic lighting of candles in the darkened basilica.

During a late-night Good Friday ceremony, the pope presided at the torch-lit Way of the Cross, with meditations written by Cardinal John Henry Newman, a 19th-century English theologian and one-time Anglican priest.

Unlike other years, the pontiff walked in the procession only for the last three of the 14 stations, carrying the light wooden cross for the last two. He knelt in prayer for most of the rest of the ceremony.

Catching journalists by surprise at the ceremony's end, the pope put aside a two-page prepared text to speak off-the-cuff for about five minutes.

In his remarks, he noted that the Church was celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for the first time in the new millennium.

"We want to transmit, carry forward, this divine and human truth into the third mil-

CNS photo from Reuters



Pope John Paul II rests at Rome's Colosseum during the candlelit Way of the Cross ceremony on Good Friday, April 13. The pope appeared to have physical difficulty during some of the Holy Week activities. For the first time, he did not walk the whole Way of the Cross, instead watching it from the hilltop where it ends.

lennium," he said. "Hail [Christ's cross] across all the years and centuries of this new time which is opening before us."

Earlier on Friday, the pope donned a purple stole in St. Peter's Basilica and heard the confessions of six men and six women, including a young Asian woman and a teen-age boy sporting sunglasses and a jeans jacket.

The pope later led a liturgy to mark Christ's passion, venerating during the ceremony a simple three-foot wooden crucifix.

On Holy Thursday, during a morning Mass with the clergy of Rome to bless sacramental oils, he urged priests to focus on personal holiness and to look out for each other's spiritual welfare.

That evening, he traveled across Rome to the Basilica of St. John Lateran and commemorated Christ's last meal with his apostles before his crucifixion. A special collection was taken up during the Mass for the victims of recent earthquakes in El Salvador.

As is customary after the arduous Easter calendar, on Easter Monday morning the pope flew by helicopter to his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo outside of Rome for a few days of rest.

Leading the Regina Coeli prayer upon his arrival, he reminded local residents and pilgrims to pray for those who did not experience complete Easter joy because of personal difficulties or solitude. †

NAVAJO

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Already, St. Mary Parish in Greensburg has adopted the reservation's parish,



Bob Ketelsen

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Father Steve Schaftlein, pastor

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The parish sends clothes and food each Christmas.

Father Schaftlein also has taken youth to the reservation, where they helped with landscaping and electrical work.

Being with the Navajos gives "tremendous new insight into Scripture and faith," Father Schaftlein said. "We can learn a lot about our faith by stepping into another culture."

That culture is also one of poverty. The reservation covers 27,000 miles—larger than the state of West Virginia. It is regarded as the most economically disadvantaged U.S. Indian tribe.

Ketelsen, 67, and formerly of Illinois, left his travel business, his Cadillac and fancy trips around the world to help the Navajo Indians on the reservation.

He's been there three years and doesn't regret it.

"I'm exactly where God wants me," he said. "It's a time in my life for pay-back. I came out here wanting to save the world."

"Now I realize I just keep learning and falling in love with the people."

He also said the dedication of the Franciscan sisters and friars to the Navajos are a witness of God's presence.

Ketelsen said the Navajos are a proud people. They want to pay for their clothes, even if all they can afford to spend is a

dime at the reservation's clothing store.

The crafts he is bringing are another way the Navajos support themselves. While they could put gambling on their reservation, the tribe has rejected the idea to stay true to their values.

Most of the Indians on the reservation live in trailers, Ketelsen said.

Ketelsen said living among the Indians and seeing their struggles has helped his faith grow.

He also said he stopped seeing the poverty and began seeing more of what the Indians are about.

"When you live here, you see past it," he said. "You see how they sustain themselves, their pride and their wonderful traditions that go into it, and they never complain." †

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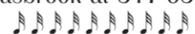
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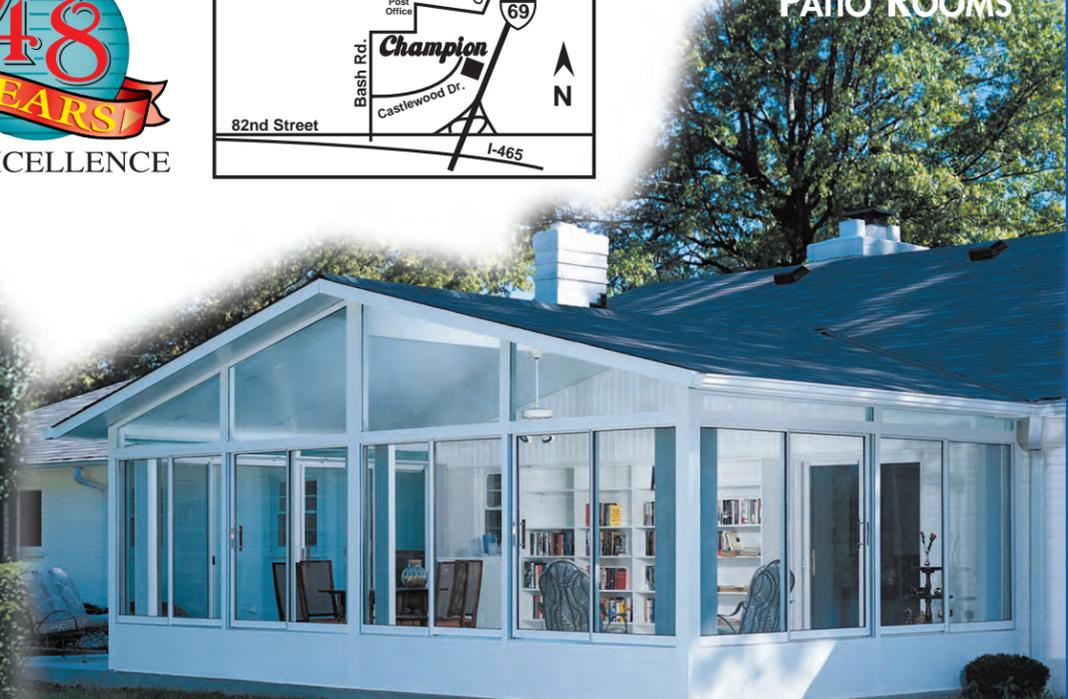
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