NCEA convention draws more than 12,000 educators

MILWAUKEE (CNS)—More than 12,000 Catholic educators spent their Easter vacation in Milwaukee learning how they could do their jobs better.

Teachers and administrators from across the country, including 40 educators from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, who attended the annual National Catholic Educational Association’s annual convention April 17-20, picked up everything from new teaching exercises to broad concepts of Catholic education and innovative ways to raise money.

The four days of workshops and general sessions began with a keynote address by Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, who urged the educators to think globally and to form students as leaders who would see beyond their own culture.

He warned that too often “people outside the United States see globalization as Americanization.”

To counter this perception, he said, Catholic school students must learn “to critique profoundly where we live,” and understand that the United States might not have all the answers.

He urged educators to continue to form the moral, intellectual, spiritual and social dimensions of their students, as a way to stand apart from the ever-growing secularism in society.

“Secularism is proposed as a solution,” Archbishop Weakland said, and many believe religion should be kept quiet because of the perceived divisiveness it creates, but “we have to learn how the values of every religion contribute” to the good of all.

“The world needs us,” he said of the Catholic perspective on the many necessary aspects of education.

He praised Catholic schools for their emphasis on virtues like discipline, respect and loyalty, which he said make their students more than just “brain people.”

The archbishop also briefly touched on the issue of school choice, which was the focus of a daylong symposium at the convention.

“If I have been an advocate of school vouchers, it is because they give poor parents a more level playing field in selecting...”

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Teachers and students work to overcome language differences

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

St. Philip Neri School has successfully met daunting challenges in the past, such as financial troubles that nearly forced its closure, but the latest test may be the most difficult yet.

Teachers at the Indianapolis school are working to meet the needs of a changing student population that speaks little or no English.

Few places in the archdiocese illustrate the rapidly growing Hispanic population like St. Philip Neri School does.

A third of the school’s 207 students are Hispanic, compared to 13 percent a year ago.

“We are trying to get a grant to offer Spanish classes for the students,” said Catherine Spencer, principal of the near-east side school. “But this is happening so fast.”

This year, Spencer hired a Hispanic resource teacher to help students learn English.

Students have also attended basic Spanish classes at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, but it will take much more training before they speak Spanish fluently.

Despite dwindling financial resources, the school continues its commitment to educate all children regardless of income.

Built 81 years ago, the school needs

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Canadian archbishop calls for rights before profits

QUEBEC (CNS)—To the standing ovation of some 2,000 international delegates, Archbishop Maurice Couture of Quebec renewed the Canadian bishops’ call for a more equitable distribution of wealth in the Americas and called on transnational corporations to put human rights and dignity before profits.

“I share your faith in equality for all people in all countries and for the smaller countries of the hemisphere.” Archbishop Couture told the representatives of a broad section of civic organizations from throughout the Americas who gathered at the People’s Summit, organized as a parallel event to the official Summit of the Americas.

In the packed tent especially for the event, the archbishop said that the People’s Summit and the official Summit of the Americas reminded him of the 1997 Synod of Bishops for America, which

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Archbishop calls for day of prayer on May 15

On May 15 and 16, a great deal of focus will be placed on the execution of Timothy McVeigh and on the victims of the violence in Oklahoma City in April 1995.

I call on all Catholics and all people of good will to join me in observing Tuesday, May 15, as a special “Day of Prayer for Peace and for an End to Violence” in our country and throughout the world. I invite all priests and other pastoral leaders to include this special prayer intention in their celebrations of the Eucharist and other forms of group prayer on that day.

I also invite those who would like to join in prayer to gather at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis for the celebration of Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Finally, even if you are not able to join in gathering at your parish or at the cathedral on May 15, I encourage you to set aside some time on that day to pray for victims of violence in all its forms and for a renewed respect for the precious gift of life.

+ Daniel M. Buechlein

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Indianapolis
work. On the list are technology needs, re-
bricked the school and renovations to classroom ceilings.

There’s also professional development needs for teachers and staff, and money to retain quality teachers.

The changing demographics at St. Philip Neri School reflect the growing Hispanic population in the state. The 2000 census reported 214,556 Hispanics in the state and 33,290 in Marion County. The 1990 census reported 96,788 Hispanics liv-
ing in the state and 8,450 in Marion County.

The strain that the staff and teachers feel while trying to help students learn English hasn’t diminished the caring attitude and warm welcome Hispanic students and parents said they receive.

At a recent meeting of Hispanic families at the school, parents talked about the difficulties they and their children face because they speak little English, but the parents said they are committed to the school.

St. Philip Neri has become the school where many Hispanic families in the inner city of Indianapolis send their children, because most came here from the same town in Mexico.

“IT’s spreading by word of mouth,” said Estela Reyes, the Hispanic resource teacher, who is from Mexico.

The students come from Tala, Mexico, a town of about 45,000 people that is 45 minutes west of Guadalajara.

Reyes, who has children at the school, said she decided to send her children to St. Philip Neri because they receive a lot of attention and support from teachers.

“My son’s first friend came here,” she said. “He told [his mother] that this felt like home. That he was comfortable here.”

Father Carlton Beever, pastor of St. Philip Neri, has spent time in Tala. He described the area as rural with a sugar cane factory that employs many residents. English is hardly ever spoken there, he said.

With the new Hispanic families, St. Philip has found itself welcoming a second wave of immigrants to its school in the past century.

Thirteen Irish immigrant families started the parish in 1899 and the Irish tradition continued for years.

Now, “the parish is changing from an Irish background to a Hispanic back-
ground,” said Father Beever.

The majority of the Hispanic population is in the younger grades. Half of the first grade class is Hispanic and 75 percent of the pre-kindergarten class is Hispanic.

Most of the students at St. Philip Neri are also considered low income, with 158 of the 207 students qualifying for free or reduced price lunches.

Some of the Hispanic students at St. Philip Neri have been in U.S. schools before coming to Indianapolis, but most were in California schools where report cards and homework were written in Spanish. Spencer said the students and parents never learned English.

“This is total immersion here,” she said. While the younger students catch on quickly, older students are struggling.

Josue Morell is a seventh-grader who can’t speak English. He arrived from Mexico in November.

In a translated interview, Josue said the hardest adjustment has been learning English.

Josue lives with his older brother, and the rest of his family is still in Mexico.

Josue said he wants to learn English, stay in the U.S. and become an architect.

To learn the language, his books are first- and second-grade literature books, although his academic courses are still at the seventh grade level.

“It’s hard,” he said.

But he doesn’t want to be anywhere else, he said.

“You have to make a big effort to learn,” Josue said. “I feel comfortable here.”

He said he prays to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The school isn’t only dealing with a lan-
guage barrier, but also cultural differences.

For example, first Communion was a lesson in Hispanic culture for the staff, Spencer said.

The dresses worn by the girls are longer and more elaborate than some American first Communion dresses. The boys wear an emblem on their suit, like a badge of honor, for making their first Communion.

Also, the children’s godparents walk up the aisle with them, instead of the parents to receive first Communion.

The school has tried to incorporate cele-
brations that center on Our Lady of Guadalupe—a special devotion that many Hispanics have to the Virgin Mary.

The growth in Hispanic students is only one challenge the school has faced over the years.

In the 1970s, the school’s neighborhood began to change.

Father Beever said the neighborhood went from an “upper middle class family base to a lower income, blue collar neighbor-
bhood.”

Today, many families work two jobs to send their children to St. Philip Neri School. However, the school doesn’t turn anyone away because of money and most families receive some type of financial assistance, Father Beever said.

Despite the changes, alumni have remained faithful to the parish and school.

Many who moved away from the neighbor-
hood still come to Mass at the parish.

The biggest witness to the parishioner’s faith came in 1991 when financial difficul-
ties almost closed the school. But Father Glenn O’Connor, the former pastor, estab-
lished an annual “Walk, Run, Pray-A-Thon,” to keep the school open.

On June 23, 1991, the gym was filled with walkers and runners and the church was filled with those keeping a five-hour prayer vigil. By the end of the day, more than $150,000 had been raised to keep the school open. The 11th annual “Walk, Run, Pray-A-Thon” will be April 29.

“There’s a very faithful presence here,” Father O’Connor said. “They wanted to keep the school presence in this neighborhood and as a service to these people.

While the cultural influence has shifted from Irish to Hispanic, the school still retains some of its old history.

An antique gramophone clock in the school office, a vestige of the days when the Sisters of Providence operated the school.

Attached to the clock is a series of buttons that used to ring a buzzer in the classrooms alerting students to say certain prayers, said McFadden, director of the Society.

She graduated from the school in 1957, when there were 800 students. Today, there are 207.

As McFadden talked about the sisters and the prayers they used to recite, teachers in the office listened intently.

One teacher nodded her head and said, “We need those prayers today.”

Then it was back to the classrooms, where the teachers worked to teach students who may or may not understand them.

ST. PHILIP NERI

Estela Reyes, the Hispanic resource teacher, helps Josue Morell, a seventh grade student, learn English at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis. The school has seen rapid growth of students who don’t know English. Last year, 13 percent of the school population was Hispanic. It’s jumped to 33 percent this year.

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Guiding principles for health care reform

In a recent article in America, Father Michael D. Place, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), described his organization’s commitment to health care reform.

According to Father Place, these principles call for a health care system that:

- Makes health care available to all, regardless of employment, age, income or health status;
- Makes a defined set of basic benefits available to all;
- Shares responsibility for health among all—individuals, families, health care providers, employers and government;
- Bases health care spending on appropriate and efficient use of resources;
- Shares responsibility for financing among government, employers and individuals;
- Promotes the continuous improvement of health care services;
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Church teaching on human life and dignity makes it abundantly clear that concern for the basic health and safety of others is not optional for Christians. In fact, compassion for the health of all (regardless of economic, social or political status) is the consistent example of Jesus throughout the Gospels.

The Criterion supports these “guiding principles.” We strongly encourage our readers to contact elected officials at the local, state and federal levels to advocate for the gradual implementation of appropriate and effective health care reform.

— Daniel Conway

(Daniel Conway is a member of the editorial committee of the board of directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

Seeking the Face of the Lord

Desire for televised execution shows moral decline

Do you find it worrisome that a lot of people favor the public television broadcast of the execution of Timothy McVeigh? Clearly, for many, the motive is revenge. It is not surprising that some who lost loved ones because of the heinous McVeigh crime feel so inclined, but it is still worrisome. Is there a growing fever for revenge that signals a reversion to the days of public lynching, as some commentators remark?

I am even more dismayed to hear that other people would want to watch the televised execution because they see it as “reality” TV. Is public execution joining with the arena of public entertainment? I for one fear that the media frenzy surrounding the approach of the McVeigh execution signals a continuing loss of civility in our culture, not to mention the moral decline which it unveils.

I remember once hearing Pope John Paul II remark that he feared for America’s soul because of our apparently growing preoccupation with the dark side of life; he was referring to a kind of prurient interest of the public in the personal foibles and sins of public officials or personalities who are often the subject of investigative reporting that reaches beyond information that “the public has a right to know.”

I am not surprised to see that others share a healthy concern about the current trend of TV “reality” shows like “Survivor” and “Temptation Island.”

A few weeks ago, Dr. Drew Pinsky, a physician and contributing editor to USA Weekend (March 23-25), argued that TV shows like “Survivor” might corrupt our character and culture. He said the networks and viewers need to exercise some discipline. He wrote: “When I hear people talk about the most recent crop of TV ‘reality’ shows—‘Survivor,’ ‘Temptation Island’—I think of social critic Christopher Lasch’s book The Culture of Narcissism. Astutely, almost charitably, Lasch predicted that people would become increasingly self-absorbed, less able to empathize with one another. But I doubt he even imagined it would go this far. One recent offering included videotape of spouses caught cheating. What next, gladiator fighting?”

He writes, “Because we don’t empathize adequately with others, we don’t mind seeing them taken advantage of and betrayed.” The doctor describes the problem as inadequate intellectual and emotional development which hinders the moral development of adults. Instead of distinguis...
El deseo por una ejecución televisada, muestra la decadencia de la moral

Buscando la Cara del Señor

E l preocupa a usted el que tantas personas estén a favor de la transmisión por la televisión pública de la ejecución de Timothy McVeigh? Evidentemente, para muchos, el motivo es venganza. No es sorprendente que para aquellos quienes perdieron a un ser querido debido al horroroso crimen de McVeigh se sientan un poco inclinados, pero sigue siendo motivo de preocupación.

¿Existe una creciente sed de venganza que señala un regreso a los días de los linchamientos públicos, como señalan algunos comentaristas? Me siento aún más desanimado al escuchar que otras personas desean mirar la ejecución televisada, porque ellos lo ven como televisión "verdadera".

"Estaría enmascarándose la ejecución pública a la arena de entretenimiento público, el que el fenómeno de los medios de comunicación que rodean la ejecución de McVeigh, señala una pérdida continua de educación en nuestra cultura, sin mencionar la decadencia moral que revela. Recuerdo haber escuchado al Papa Juan Pablo II comentar una vez que él temía por el alma de América debido a nuestra creciente preocupación por el momento de la vida; el se refería a un tipo de interés lascivo del público en las debilidades personales y los pecados de los oficiales sagrados, "lo que yo a veces veo como televisión 'verdadera'."

Me impresionó encontrar el comentario anterior en una revista secular, es decir, hasta que descubro en el pie de página que el autor es uno de los presentadores del programa de televisión "L Eveline". Yo estaba asombrado de que él no percibiera el "lazo inadecuado", la inmadurez emocional y la falta de desarrollo que es señalado en el programa que él presenta. Yo no soy de los que ven "L Eveline", pero conozco lo suficiente para saber que simplemente es otro género de televisión "verdadera".

El Dr. Pinsky hace tres sugerencias para los productores y los espectadores. "Primero, si la televisión puede tener semejanza, ¿no es su deber disculpar nuestras pasiones con los que trabajan en la televisión para que usen sus maravillosas habilidades para crear programas que no sólo sostengan un espectador más allá de la maldad social, pero confronten y muestren las cosas en una dirección diferente, alentando a disciplinar nuestras habitudes televisivas para prevenir que programas que no saludables tengan éxito. Finalmente, los padres deben hacer su trabajo. Necesitamos encima para que ellos no crean en los interesados en primer lugar, en este tipo de televisión"

Yo estoy de acuerdo con las sugerencias del doctor, pero estoy preocupado por la eliminación del programa que él patrocina. "¿Qué significa 'sentir empatía'? El diccionario nos dice que debería dibujar ante el muro, la identificación con o la vicaria experimentación de los sentimientos, pensamientos y acciones de los demás."

Otras personas en este mundo, así sean los vecinos de un lado o extraños desconocidos, no son simplemente objetos a ser usados para mi entretenimiento o ganancia o, por este propósito, para mí, para reclamar o disponer sin mi voluntad. Todas las personas tienen "sentimientos, pensamientos, lo que sea", que es equivalente entonces a sí mismo con las debilidades o inútiles o los horrores experimentados por otros seres humanos. Es incorrecto aprovecharse de las personas para obtener mis propios deseos.

Existen razones para que el creciente número del pecado original, el ser egoísta, lo cual es la tendencia de verse a uno mismo como el centro de toda la realidad sin responsabilidades por los otros miembros de nuestra familia humana. Rendirse ante esta tendencia es pecar. Jesús enseñó a amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y a nuestros vecinos como a nosotros mismos. Toda religión nos conoce el dicho "Hacer a los otros como te gustaría que te hicieran a ti mismo". Es cuestión de decencia humana. *

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Letters to the Editor

Who’s in charge of the pro-life ethic? 

Kudos to Mary Ann Wyand for her article on pro-life in the March 30 issue. Pro-life goes way beyond even the unplanned pregnancy, including the quality of life for children in homes with parents who neglect or abuse them, and the care for those with disabilities or aging adults. It would be nice to see our Church address these issues with fervor and dedication—for our whole faith community to thrive.

In 1965, after the Second Vatican Council, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was still a holy sacrifice. The language for us changed to English, the music was very reverent and usually in English, the host was still unleavened bread. The parishioners knelt during the consecration and elevation of the host before Communion. Why have so many changes been allowed that detract from the Mass? Now it seems the priests are puppets of the liturgy or music ministers, whomever and whatever they might be. The choir tries to entertain and not assist the congregation. The people stand during the sacred elevation of the host before Communion. The bread for holy Communion may be made of things that must be chewed to swallow. The priest and congregation are hand-waved to stand, kneel, sit, join in the singing, or to do whatever the liturgy minister may have dreamed up. The music can be accompanied with anything from clapping, swaying and shouting. The church is now considered an assembly hall or auditorium since the holy Eucharist has been moved outside the main body of the church. Anyone wishing to pray quietly in the church before Mass might need ear plugs to muff the community talking and laughing. It is still God’s house and should not be an auditorium.

If we don’t see more articles praising the parents who are able to put their child’s life and welfare before their own desires and emotions? These parents have a far greater sense of commitment to their unplanned and unborn child in choosing adoption for their children.

Let’s work to change the perceptions and heartless comments that these parents endure. Comments like, “How could you give your baby away?”

These parents don’t give their children away, they give their children parents and families for a lifetime. They love their children more than most of us can imagine. Let’s praise them on a regular basis for their giving life to their children and other families.

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Who’s in charge of the pro-life ethic? 

Kudos to Mary Ann Wyand for her article on pro-life in the March 30 issue. Pro-life goes way beyond even the unplanned pregnancy, including the quality of life for children in homes with parents who neglect or abuse them, and the care for those with disabilities or aging adults. It would be nice to see our Church address these issues with fervor and dedication—for our whole faith community to thrive.

In 1965, after the Second Vatican Council, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was still a holy sacrifice. The language for us changed to English, the music was very reverent and usually in English, the host was still unleavened bread. The parishioners knelt during the consecration and elevation of the host before Communion. Why have so many changes been allowed that detract from the Mass? Now it seems the priests are puppets of the liturgy or music ministers, whomever and whatever they might be. The choir tries to entertain and not assist the congregation. The people stand during the sacred elevation of the host before Communion. The bread for holy Communion may be made of things that must be chewed to swallow. The priest and congregation are hand-waved to stand, kneel, sit, join in the singing, or to do whatever the liturgy minister may have dreamed up. The music can be accompanied with anything from clapping, swaying and shouting. The church is now considered an assembly hall or auditorium since the holy Eucharist has been moved outside the main body of the church. Anyone wishing to pray quietly in the church before Mass might need ear plugs to muff the community talking and laughing. It is still God’s house and should not be an auditorium.

If we don’t see more articles praising the parents who are able to put their child’s life and welfare before their own desires and emotions? These parents have a far greater sense of commitment to their unplanned and unborn child in choosing adoption for their children.

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The public is invited. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the abbey on Highway 62. For more information, call 812-357-6055 or 812-357-6091.

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Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., in Indianapolis will host a City-Wide Tailgate Flea Market and Fish Fry from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 5. The rain date is May 12. The cost to rent booth space is $25. For more information, call 317-926-3324.

The annual archdiocesan SPRED liturgy will be held at 3 p.m. May 20 at St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., in Brownsburg with Msgr. Joseph Schaadel, vicar general of the archdiocese, presiding. SPRED is for persons with special needs and others whose lives are touched by youths or adults with disabilities. For more information, call 317-377-0592.

A woman’s Monastic Live-In will be offered June 8-14 by the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1405 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. The weekend is for women ages 19-40. For more information, call 317-787-3287.

Roman Catholic Home Educators of Indiana is sponsoring the “Get the Faith Catholic 2001 Curriculum Fair and Conference” from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12 at the Hamilton County 4-H Exhibitor Center in Noblesville. The conference will feature Franciscan Father John Grigus from Marytown, Stephen Bernucci from Classical Homeschooling magazine, Dr. Peter Redpath from St. John’s University and Andrew Padewa from the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Catholic curriculum vendors and college representatives will be present. For more information, call 317-841-0922.

A charity sale to benefit Catholic Social Services will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 4 at the Parish store at Circle Center Mall in downtown Indianapolis. A second charity sale is scheduled from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. May 5 at the Parish store at Keystone at the Crossing on the north side of Indianapolis. Tickets are $5 and entitle shoppers to receive 20 percent off merchandise. The event includes a continental breakfast and door prizes, including a $500 shopping spree. Proceeds benefit Adult Day Services, a Catholic Social Services program in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. For more information, call Valerie Sperka at 317-592-4072.

The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis Celebrate El Día de los Niños Sunday, April 29, 2001 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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By Christine Wernert

Dark Cloud slowly covers the Sun, our source of eternal happiness.

We have all sinned sometime in our lives. God calls people to choose religious vocations every day to get caught up in the world today. Not actions and prayers, giving new life.

Brothers and sisters all over the world are given a fresh start, a new life. Incredible events have happened because of prayers, and no one should underestimate its power. I feel certain that Our Shepherd would never lead his flock among wolves. He calls people every day to join the religious life.

Followers of Christ need to continue to pray for an increase of vocations for this special life. I myself have felt a calling to the religious life. I often attend Holy Hour, a prayer service that I’ve learned at Mass, I’ve come to realize just how important those men and women in black are.

As a child, priests and nuns were always those people that wore black, carried a cross and a Bible, and went around blessing people all the time. But as I grew, so did my knowledge of the Church. Through my studies at school and what I’ve learned at Mass, I’ve come to realize just how important those men and women are.

We need men and women to help carry on the faith.

Christine Wernert is an eighth-grade student of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis and is a member of St. Luke Patrick.

By Erin Thomas

When the thought about priests and nuns enters my mind, a lot of ideas and beliefs run through my head.

As a child, priests and nuns were always those people that wore black, carried a cross and a Bible. But, in today’s world, it seems as though a whole new world is created! The Sun overpowers the Dark Cloud, and a world of joy, sunshine and love jumps onto us and hugs us tightly! We feel like an entire new person in an entire new life!

This feeling of being a totally new person is the most extraordinary experience! And people get this experience every day! How? Through the works of priests, sisters and brothers, people on a day-to-day basis are renewed with God. Priests hear confessions daily, and people are given a fresh start, a new life. Brothers and sisters all over the world change peoples’ lives through their actions and prayers, giving new life. Lots of people have been drawn to Christ by the works of people in the religious life.

Lots of young people, however, seem to get caught up in the world today. Not as a religion will slowly but surely deteriorate. These holy men and women are in need of honest and dedicated followers to step up and take the leadership of a highly demanding job.

With the loss of priests and nuns occurring every day, it seems probable that the Church will soon run out of people to complete tasks like giving the Eucharist, sharing the Mass, and even joining two people in marriage. It is sad to see that we live in a world that will no longer provide its future with those strong men and women in black.

Erin Thomas is a junior at Cathedral Country Club in Indianapolis and is a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis. She is one of two winners in the junior division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s vocations essay contest.

Serra Club vocations essay

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Directed toward the increase of religious vocations. Every time I leave the service, I feel more and more certain that God wants me to answer his call. Another tool to increase vocations is the influence of other people. Priests, parents and friends should never put down a calling to the religious life. Instead, moral support and encouragement should be given on a day-to-day basis.

I feel like the Lord really wants me to follow through when someone expresses his or her approval to me to answer my call. As someone who is interested in the calling God has sent, I feel like prayers and support are the two ways for a calling to be followed through.

As followers of Christ, we must pray for those individuals to answer their call and we must continue to support those who are interested. For their call is special, and could change the life of one, two or a thousand people into a new life in Christ.

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This is my father.

Encourage him.
Remind him of all he has.
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And see him well again.
a good education for their children," he said. "Moreover, we Catholics have a good track record in being able to help the poor."

The April 19 keynote speaker, Howard Fuller, likewise praised school-choice initiatives, describing them as "a critical weapon in the arsenal that is needed to achieve effective education for all our children, particularly for our poorest children of color."

Fuller, who is founder and director of the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Milwaukee’s Marquette University, was superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools from 1991 to 1995.

In 1990, Wisconsin was the first state to offer a publicly-funded, school-choice program for children of low-income urban families. And since 1998, eligible families have been able to use state-funded vouchers to send their children to religious schools. About 40 percent of Milwaukee’s 9,638 choice students attend Catholic schools in the city.

Fuller said Catholics are often needlessly defensive or apologetic about including their schools in a choice program.

"But, as he sees it, "Why apologize for wanting to save something that serves people well?"

The convention’s closing speaker, Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, stirred controversy among a few Church officials even before her appearance in Milwaukee. When the NCEA announced its choice of the well-known spiritual writer and lecturer as a keynote, Church officials in the dioceses of Peoria, Ill., and Pittsburgh cited objections to her writings critical of Church teaching on the ordination of women, homosexuality and other issues, and announced they would not allocate diocesan funds to pay for their teachers to attend the convention.

Sister Joan acknowledged some rare nervelessness April 20 in front of the crowd of educators, but told them she was "really happy" to be there and "even happier that you’re here."

She urged the teachers and school administrators to become consummate questioners and to recognize that the "question is surely the most unanswerable of the essence of spiritual leadership."

Sister Joan, who holds the Bruggeman chair of ecumenical theology at Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cincinnati, encouraged the educators to pass on this notion of questioning to their students.

"Teach them to question," she said. "Teach them to think."

"She also told the educators to teach their students not to despair when looking at the future of women’s roles in the Church."

"The disciples who were with Jesus didn’t want him talking to women or girls," she said. "Like Jesus, teach them to silence the silence."

In the hundreds of workshops during the convention, teachers also were encouraged to think about new ways to present poetry and math problems, as well as ways to help today’s youth navigate through issues of sexuality, self-esteem and peer pressure.

During one workshop, Maureen Blum, principal of Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School in Seattle, said her school participated in a bullying prevention pilot program after one student had yelled out that he "wanted to kill everyone in his class."

In the aftermath of recent school shootings, Blum said, "our eyes have to be open to students who don’t think they belong."

The school came up with a definition of bullying and followed a curriculum that included videos such as "How To Enter a Peer Group," "How To Make a Friend" and "What To Do When Someone Is Bullying You."

At the end of the lessons, students signed an anti-bullying pledge.

Blum told her Catholic school colleagues that she was convinced the message was getting through when she recently overheard a student on the playground tell another student: "That is bullying. If you do not stop, I am going to get an adult." At an April 18 workshop on "To Play as Jesus Did: Athletics and the Gospel Mission of the Catholic School," Augustinian Father McKeen told his audience why he is convinced that Catholic schools benefit in many ways by having successful athletic programs.

The priest, who is the author of a book about athletic programs in Catholic schools, said those benefits include positive name recognition in the community, more opportunities for students and parents to participate in Catholic education, and development of student-athletes’ talents.

In the NCEA convention’s exhibit hall, surrounded by exhibitors touting high-tech computer software and the latest religious texts, Jim Shanley was offering a nostalgic product with an updated twist: saint trading cards.

Holy cards, long used in Catholic schools as rewards, are still good incentives for elementary-age students, who also like to collect and trade such items among friends, said Shanley, father of six and founder of the family-run, Virginia-based Holy Traders.

"The cards were originally used to plant the seed of a religious vocation, and they still can do that. But you even hope that perhaps the cards instill a good virtue or make a child want to emulate a saint," he said.

The card sets come in 20 to 24, and can carry a pre-paid package. Shanley said since he began business in 1994, he’s probably sold more than 100,000 sets. Y
brought together Catholic bishops of 35 American countries. "The bishops of the South begged their colleagues from the North to help them to stop the negative effects of global-ization," the archbishop said April 19. "In the name of the 12 million Catholics in Quebec, in solidarity with the bishops of the Americas, I felt it was my duty to take this responsibility serio-sely."

The archbishop reaffirmed that the Church calls for an economic order in which equitable distribution of wealth, and the rights of women, children and individuals, must come before companies' profits, and sent a verbal message to the 34 heads of state who were about to address economic integration issues at the Summit of the Americas. "Do not abdicate your responsibility as elected heads of state to uphold citizens' fundamental rights. Resist the very powerful lobby of companies who maintain that the creation of greater wealth will eventually trickle down to the poor," Archbishop Couture said. "To create wealth is one thing — to share it out equitably is another," he said.

Archbishop Couture noted that the inevitable trend of globalization also has its advantages. He called on delegates to use this trend to the advantage of the poor of the world. "Let's globalize solidarity," the archbishop said. He was greeted by a standing ovation and several minutes worth of chants of "So-so-so Solidarity!"

The parallel summit, a follow-up to the first held in 1999 in Santiago, Chile, set out to express popular opposition to a proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas. Former U.S. President Bill Clinton initially launched plans for a vast free trade zone stretching from Alaska to Chile at a 1994 summit of hemispheric leaders in Miami.

The Canadian bishops sent a strong message of support to the People’s Summit April 4, expressing serious concerns about the negative economic effects the new free-trade area could have on the poor of the Americas. People’s Summit organizers initially declined to have Archbishop Couture address the April 17 opening ceremony.

Andre Leclerc, a staff member of the Federation of Quebec Workers and a member of the organizing committee of the People’s Summit, confirmed to local newspaper Le Soleil that two of the approximately 60 Canadian groups legal, tax or investment advice. Consult a qualified advisor.

Tax Treatment. Neither American Equity nor any of its agents give any eventual hemispheric free trade agreement before ratify-ing it.

Two of the summit’s organizers, Common Frontiers and the Quebec Network on Hemispheric Integration, claim that an intercontinental trade agreement based on the North American Free Trade Agreement would erode the national sovereignty of the countries of the Americas.

The People’s Summit’s final declaration expressed the participating organizations’ fears that an intercontinental agreement would put investors’ rights first, eroding govern-ments’ capacity to fulfill their obligations to guarantee citi-zens’ basic rights to food, security, health, education, hous-ing and other essentials.

In its final declaration, the People’s Summit called on the hemisphere’s governments to hold national referendums on any eventual hemispheric free trade agreement before ratify-ing it.†
Stem-cell research must not harm life

By Fr. Kevin FitzGerald, S.J.

Health care is a great opportunity to share the gifts of love and healing that God has generously shared with us. Hence, the Roman Catholic tradition always encourages us to use our gifts of wisdom and compassion to create new methods for bringing healing to those in need.

One area of recent medical research has raised new hope for treating serious illnesses resulting from the death or deterioration of cells and tissues required for good health. These illnesses include neurological disorders such as Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s, as well as tragic injuries such as paralysis caused by damage to a person’s brain or nervous tissue.

The basis for this new hope is a new understanding of human stem cells.

The normal function of stem cells is to produce new cells and to replace cells lost through the natural processes of cellular aging and death.

From the time a human being begins as a fertilized egg, that human being grows and develops by cells continually dividing to make more cells. Early in our development, when we are embryos, the function of most of the cells is primarily to divide and rapidly make more cells.

Embryonic stem cells have not yet become any particular type of cell, such as muscle or nerve. So embryonic stem cells are thought to be capable of becoming any type of cell in the body.

As a human being continues to develop as a fetus, infant, child and adult, the number of cells in the body increases. During these later stages, most of the cells stop dividing and take on specific duties and become brain cells, liver cells, skin cells, etc. However, some cells keep their ability to divide and replace other cells lost due to damage or normal aging. These stem cells generally are called “adult” stem cells.

Until the past few years, adult stem cells were thought to be found only in certain tissues such as bone and skin, and to have only the capacity to replace cells of the particular tissue within which they were situated.

Recent research now indicates that adult stem cells are present in many, if not almost all, tissues of the body, including the brain. In addition, adult stem cells are not limited to replacing cells from only the type of tissue in which they are found. Since during embryonic development embryonic stem cells become all the different types of cells in the body, researchers speculate that it should be possible, eventually, to direct embryonic stem cells to produce whichever kind of cell is needed.

But there are scientific and ethical troubles with embryonic stem-cell research.

One scientific obstacle is the problem of controlling the development of the embryonic stem cells. Since these cells have such a great ability to make more cells of any kind, it is important that researchers know that no uncontrolled embryonic stem cells are being implanted into a person.

One moral obstacle to embryonic stem-cell research is that currently the only way embryonic stem cells are obtained is by destroying an embryo. Unlike tissue or organ transplantation, where organs are removed after a person’s death, embryonic stem cells are not harvested after the embryo has died. The procedure for removing stem cells from the embryo destroys the embryo.

The Roman Catholic tradition teaches that healing is a gift to make available to all. It is not acceptable that healing of some people should come at the cost of others’ lives—no matter their state in life.

In response to this teaching, some argue that frozen “spare” embryos, left over from “in vitro” fertilization treatment and not likely ever to be used to produce a pregnancy, might justifiably be destroyed to get embryonic stem cells.

However, in the Catholic tradition no human life is considered “spare.” We do not consider it appropriate to take organs from dying patients or Death Row prisoners before they have died in order to increase someone else’s chances for healing or cure.

This defense of human life does not mean that all stem-cell research must be rejected. Research on adult stem cells should be encouraged as scientists seek cures for Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and other diseases, as well as ways to reverse traumatic injuries.

Medical research can create challenging moral issues

By Fr. W. Thomas Faucher

Sometimes medical science does things that are obviously good. But, as with some research into embryonic stem cells and genetic engineering, medical science also can be incredibly frightening. Those of us who are not scientists have to remember that scientific research—based on objective and rigorous devotion to an objective—has carried us from fallible human beings.

What we nonscientists want is some way of knowing that medical researchers always are looking at the widest possible picture of human life. We know the fact that something is possible does not mean that anything is good. We want to know that scientists know that, too.

We regular people know that the means do not justify the ends. That is true in our lives, and it is true in medical research.

I am proud that our Catholic heritage has promoted an open, honest dialogue between theology and science. That dialogue has to continue and grow.

We want diseases to be conquered and suffering to end, but we also want that accomplished with a true respect for life—from the moment of conception to the moment of death—not by immoral means.

(Father W. Thomas Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment to the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)

Discussion Point

Advice, prayer aid discernment

This Week’s Question

How do you proceed—whom do you consult, what do you read or do—when you face a perplexing moral decision?

“Without question, I would seek the counsel of a close personal friend of mine who is a priest. He is a wonderful confidant and the person I turn to whenever I have difficult decisions to deal with.” (Jim Yerkovich, Salt Lake City, Utah)

“I usually worry first. Then I consult my friends, several of whom are Church professionals. I would probably read up on the issue, possibly go to the Internet, just do some research. I also pray.” (Hilda Leth, Tigard, Ore.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: ‘Name something that you greatly value now, but didn’t value nearly as much 10, 15 or 25 years ago. What brought this about?’

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Morphing messes into springlike freshness

Everyone I know loves the TV show, "West Wing." It’s all about what goes on in that part of the White House, what goes on in the president’s private office, what goes on in the cabinet, what goes on in the branch of our federal government.

It’s true, once in a while one of the characters is overcome by self-importance or a tiny bit of political greed or some other manner of sin. But most of the time, without being sickening, the show manages to pull off the patriotism, human nobility and desire for service, which inspires the viewers.

Martin Sheen, a well-known political liberal who plays President Bartlet on the show, sat on one of the editorial boards of the Washington Post. In a recent interview, he says that his character is too conservative for his own taste. But, just in case conservatives might be offended by the tone of the show, there is also a Republican character in the mix.

She is young and pretty, funny and charming, and she holds the conservative position ever so slightly, ever so beautifully. As much as we love the show, many of us admit to a bit of cynicism about the way the president and his staff are depicted. We’ve seen too much impecchance, self-aggrandizement, pork barrel legislation, vote stealing and other scummy behavior to accept the notion of nobility in government. But wait. If we are cynical when we come, we were certainly relieved when we left to realize that most of our elected representatives seem to be as idealistic as we are about our government. They want the American experiment to continue and flourish, and they try hard to make that happen.

Here, as in the TV show, the people we met, both those in positions of power and those who were hired or volunteer aides, impressed us as sincere in their efforts to serve the people. They spoke with regret of pork barrel, with anger for a change, but in the way of seeking the best possible result in legislation.

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 29, 2001

- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

The Acts of the Apostles once again supplies an Easter weekend with its first reading. In this case, the apostles stand before the high priest, who questions them about their beliefs. Jewish authorities had two reasons to confront the apostles in such a way. First, they felt a solemn obligation before God to contradict any religious position that seemingly opposed the ancient Revelation from God through Moses and the prophets. Judaism at the time was anything but monolithic. Various sects and subsects had ideas of their own. The authorities had good reason to fear that the fabric of true Revelation was in danger.

Second, the Jews lived in an uneasy truce with the Romans. Being subject to the Roman yoke, they knew what such a confrontation would mean. In the 60s A.D., the Jews were those whom Jesus selected, and pre pared, to transmit this message. They alone could be trusted. This passage reaffirms the apostles. They saw Jesus in a unique way. They were alone with Jesus, for instance, when this event happened. Here again, as with the first reading, Peter is significant. Here, the Gospel re asures its readers that indeed Peter can be trusted even though he denied the Lord three times on Good Friday. In this reading, on three occasions Peter declares his love for Jesus, each statement a veto of his earlier denial.

Reflection

Again and again throughout this season, the Church tells us that the Lord is risen. The Book of Revelation magnificently catches the mood, and thought, of the Church as it proclaims to us once more the marvel of the Resurrection. Jesus is God. No earthly power can eclipse Jesus. He is due the most intense of homage. The Resurrection, however, was not an event that came and went. Jesus lives in our midst, in this first new year of the new millennium of Christianity, in 2001. He lives with us in the truth of the Gospel, and in the sacramental touch upon each of us by which we encounter Jesus and receive from this meeting the life of God itself. We can have no better representatives of Jesus than the apostles. They knew the Lord and the Lord’s message as no other people knew them.

Peter was their leader, their common voice. It was a role that he held not only on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, when this incident occurred, but perhaps years later when he appeared before the apostles stood before the high priest. The Church is telling us that Peter still speaks on behalf of the Church. He speaks on behalf of the apostles. Their words offer us the way to salvation.

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Children should respect widow’s good example

My parents were married 45 years when my dad died seven years ago. My mom is doing all right with a pension and lots of activities. She has met a wonderful man, a widower, who wants to marry her. However, if they marry, she will lose her monthly pension. If he dies, she would be left with nothing.

We have suggested that they just live together. She has good Catholic education and thinks that is sinful. If God is a loving God, I believe he would want them to share companionship for the rest of their days. She won’t ask this question of her priest. Will you give us an answer? (Michigan)

A I believe the important answer is the love that your mother is giving. It’s her life and her conscience, and she is responsible for it. To try to push her into something that is against what she is convinced God wants is obviously not good or loving. I must say that I agree with her. Maybe she feels that, even though she is old, she still has obligations of good example to display what she knows are right values and ideals. She doesn’t want to undo in these final years what I’m sure she has been trying to teach her family throughout her life. I’ve known many people who do what you are suggesting. If they have any strong spiritual background, however, they’re not at all happy with their decision—and are even less so as time goes on.

Since you ask for it, my advice is to support her in doing everything possible with her friend. They can make life much more enjoyable and good for each other without giving in to what you are urging.

There are strong theories today that intelligent life exists in other galaxies of the universe. With the trillions of stars, there must be more life out there somewhere.

What does the Church say about this? Have there been Adams and Eves in other planets? Are we the only place with human life? (Maryland)

About the only claim we can make for sure about such matters is that nothing in Catholic faith would deny the possibility of other, conscious creatures in other parts of the cosmos. God’s creative imagination and power is certainly not restricted by the human lives we experience on this Earth. There could easily be countless life forms with the capacity to know and relate to the Creator in a conscious way.

Considering the exuberant generosity with which God lavishes life of all kinds on the world around us, we might be excused for strongly suspecting that this divine extravagance isn’t limited to our time and place.

Beyond that, however, any theory about whether or how that extraterrestrial life might happen is, at least as of now, pure conjecture. Science is a legitimate and valid way of finding out. (A few brochures answering questions that Catholics ask about ecumenism, inter- communion and other ways of sharing with people of other faiths is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Perivio, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to either Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jdietzen@aol.com.)
The Active List

The Criterion Friday, April 27, 2001

The The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan Church and parish open-to-the-public activities for “The Active List.” Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone.

Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of (Friday) publication: The Criterion; The Active List; 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand delivery); P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail); 317-236-1593 (fax); mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

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

Sunday, April 29, 2001

9–11:30 a.m. Registration for Walkers
10–11:30 a.m. Registration for Runners
10 a.m. Bilingual Mass
11 a.m.–noon School Open House
11:30–12:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer
11:30 a.m. 5K Run begins at Brookside Park
11:45 a.m. 5K Walk begins
12:30 p.m. Pitch-In Luncheon

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April 28
St. Maurice Church, 8874 Harrison St., Indianapolis. Spring smorgasbord, 4:30–7:30 p.m., adults $6, children 6–12 $3, children 3–5 $1.50.

St. Anthony Parish Center, 379 N. Warren Ave., Indianapolis. Rummage sale, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis. City-wide tailgate flea market and fish fry, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., space rental $25. Information: 317-926-3324.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holiday Dr., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests’ Crusade Day. “Marian Consecration,” presented by Bob and Mary McAuliff, volunteer staff members of Marian Movement of Priests in Minneapolis, Minn. Crusade 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. Pius Church, 46th & W. Troy Chicken and dappled dinner, tours of church, noon–3 p.m. Information: 317-824-3471.

Mary’s King’s Village Schoenstatt Center (12 miles south of Versailles, 8 miles east of 241 South, on 925 South), Schoenstatt Holy Hour, 2:30 p.m., talk on “The Wonder of Our Sexuality and Christian Marriage with Mass Father Elmer Burwik, 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-629-3551 or eburwik@sciada.com.


St. Mary’s and the Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. High school showcase, creative writing, music, theater and visual arts, 1-3 p.m., reception following, free and open to public.

April 30
St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. Catholics Returning Home, second in a series, 7:30-9 p.m., information available. Information: 317-293-0463.


May 2
Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. St. Augustine Guild, luncheon fashion show, 11 a.m. social, noon style show followed by luncheon, $20 per person. Reservations: 317-253-5931.

May 3


May 4
St. Luke Church, 7575 Holiday Drive, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, teaching 7 p.m. followed by prayer, worship and Mass. Information: 317-927-6000 days or 817-886-2245 evenings.

May 5
St. Lawrence School, cafeteria, 644 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Evening of fun, adults and junior senior high school students with special needs. 6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. 317-577-8289.

Mary Magdalene Farm, 3127 N. State Rd. 229, Oldenburg. Farm’s Benefit Sell, proceeds to the Sisters of St. Francis, institutional distributor company, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Information: 317-924-8444.

May 6

St. Nicholas Parish Hall, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Indianapolis. “Rosary, whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast, 7:30 a.m.–noon (slow time), freewill offering.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4773 E. Morse Ave., Indianapolis. Rosary candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

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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 the Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
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Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 5017 S. 38th St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 5333 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass 10 a.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
Affiliated Women’s Services, Inc. (abortion clinic). 1525 N. Dixie Highway, Louisville. Eucharistic adoration, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mass. ✱✱✱✱✱
Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Marian prayer for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
St. Peter Church, 1207 East Rd., BROOKVILLE. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass-9:30 p.m. Benediction and service. ✱✱✱✱✱
St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis. Mass in English, 4 p.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
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First Sundays
Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Eucharist, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416. ✱✱✱✱✱
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First Mondays
Archbishop O’Hara Church, Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, 9:30 a.m. ✱✱✱✱✱
The official missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe—a photographic replica of the Marian image that miraculously appeared on Blessed Juan Diego’s tilma in 1531 and is now on display at the basilica in Mexico City—will again be taken to parishes and other locations in central and southeastern Indiana during May.

The missionary image of Mary was first brought to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis last November by members of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus. St. John the Baptist parishioner Karen Guilford of Dover is coordinating the schedule for the missionary image throughout May. About 25 volunteers are helping with transportation of the image and other arrangements.

“Everyone wanted her to come to this area to all of our country churches,” Guilford said, “so when so many people asked, I said ‘Yes, let’s do this.’ ” Guilford said she feels like Elizabeth, who is quoted in the Bible as saying, “How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to visit me?”

“I’m kind of awestruck by this,” Guilford said. “It seems that the Blessed Mother has chosen to come to this area for the entire month. May 3 is the National Day of Prayer to pray for our country, and Mary is the patroness of the Americas.”

On that day, she said, the missionary image will be at a person’s home for a prayer service.

In April of 1991, the bishops of Mexico prayed that the missionary image would “be well received in all of the Americas and supported in her mission to end abortion and convert millions,” according to literature about the missionary image.

Pope John Paul II recognized the role of Our Lady of Guadalupe in furthering evangelization when he said the shrine in Mexico City would be a center “from which the light of the Gospel of Christ will shine out over the whole world by means of the miraculous image of his mother.”

The schedule for liturgies and prayer services with the missionary image includes the following dates and locations, listed by Eastern Standard Time:

April 29—St. John Church, 9995 E. Base Rd., Enochsburg, near Greensburg, beginning with 8 a.m. Mass and continuing with the rosary and veneration until 5 p.m.

May 3—St. John Church, Enochsburg, veneration and prayers from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

May 5—St. Louis Church, 13 St. Louis Pl., Batesville, 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by veneration until 1 p.m., and 9:30 a.m. Mass, 11 a.m. Mass, followed by veneration until 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. Mass in Spanish, followed by veneration.

May 6—St. Louis Church, Batesville, beginning with 6:30 a.m. Mass and continuing with 8 a.m. Mass, followed by presentations all day for St. Louis School students.

May 11—St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 405 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, 8:30 a.m. Mass as part of the monthly pro-life ministry of the archdiocesan Helpers of God’s Precious Infants, followed by rosary procession to the nearby Clinic for Women for prayers to end abortion, then rosary procession back to the church for Benediction.

May 19—Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, 8300 Roy Rd., Indianapolis, veneration from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

May 20—Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m. Mass followed by a prayer service.

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The College of Mount St. Joseph will be offering a week of lectures, courses and evening workshops that can be taken for graduate, undergraduate or CEU credits at the College of Mount St. Joseph.

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ACTON, John “Jack”†, 82.
St. Michael, Greenfield, April 8.

BARRETT, Raymond J., Sr., 87.
St. Joseph, Beech Grove, April 12.
Father of Kathleen, Michael and Raymond Barrett. Brother of Mary Alice Colinsis. Step-grandfather of two. Step-grandfather of four.

BEARD, Joseph B., 67.
Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 9.

BERNEK, Celm, 85.
Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 16.
Husband of Alvina (Ritz) and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it. Brother of Mary Lou Dunlop, Donna Mollen and Mattie Taylor and Arl Hel. Grandmother of three.

BEEDER, Helen, 91.
Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 9.

BRANDENBURG, Mildred, 87.
Holy Family, April 11.

BRODECKER, Ruth W., 88.
St. Mary, New Albany, April 15.
Sister of Mary Rita Cormick. Great-grandmother of nine.

BRUNN, Joseph Phillip, 37.
Christ the King, Indianapolis, April 2.
Son of Betty and Phillip Brunn. Brother of Judy Eppich, Christine Hohner, Dr. Debbie Krcich, Jeannine, Dan, David and Mark Dunham.

ERED, Harold Louis, Sr., 81.
St. Mary, North Vernon, April 12.
Grandfather of Joshua and Benjamin. Great-grandfather of 25.

ELLIS, Rady M., 92.
St. Rita, Indianapolis, April 9.
Mother of Joan Davis, Thomas and Mark Moorman. Great-grandfather of nine.

FOSTER, Clarence, 91.
Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 16.
Father of Edward and Stanley Hurm. Grandfather of four.

GERBER, Dorothy, 99.
Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 16.

GALLAGHER, Barbara L., 77.
St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, April 14.

HESTER, John A., 90.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, April 10. Uncle of several.

HOLM, Hugo J., 88.
St. Boniface, Fudal, April 15.

HOUGH, Margarette “Peggy,” 78.
St. Mary, North Vernon, April 15.

JACOB, Frederick R., 95.
St. Boniface, Fudal, April 16.

KARP, Joseph Sr., 85.
St. Anne, New Castle, April 18.
Father of Barbara, Edward, John and Joseph Karp. Grandfather of six.

KAPLAN, Marion (Benigno), 75.
St. Monica, Indianapolis, April 13.
Mother of Linda Kapatich-Billings and P. Ben Lagan.


LEWIS, Joan M., 83.
St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 11.
Father of Dennis Lewis. Brother of Norma Lewis. Grandfather of 11.

MCMANUS, Joe, 89.
Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 10.

MURPHY, Jim, 85.
St. Mary, North Vernon, April 15.
Brother of Mary Lou Dunlop, Joan Murphy, Doris and Robert Shumaker. Brother of Jim and Paul Shumaker. Great-grandfather of one.

OECHSLE, Joseph, 87.
Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, April 9.

PAYNE, Mary, 84.
St. Mary, North Vernon, April 15.

POWERS, Pieta, 87.
Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 16.
Husband of Magda (Cermak) Patterson. Father of Mary River, Michelle and Jeffrey Patterson. Great-grandfather of five.

SAUER, Roberta M. (Alfreding) Sauer, 81.
Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 17.
Mother of Mary Ann Andes and Richard Naylor. Father of Mary Lou Dunlop, Joan Murphy, Doris and Robert Shumaker. Brother of Jim and Paul Shumaker. Great-grandfather of one.

SPITZNAGEL, Ronald A., 80.
St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 15.

TEPPE, Clarence “Dan”, 78.
St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, April 11.

WARD, Omma Catherine (Harrick), 84.
St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, April 17.

WESSELER, Gertrude A. (Southard), 83.
St. Mary, Greenfield, April 9.

WILLITS, Timothy X., 38.
St. Michael, Greenfield, March 25.
Husband of Paula Willits. Father of Brad and Mallory. Son of Judy and Bob Willits.

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Three Benedictine Sisters to celebrate golden jubilees

Three Benedictine sisters of Monastery Immaculate Conception will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their religious profession on May 6.

The jubilarians are Benedictine Sisters Joanna Trauner, Lorraine DeVault and Mary Dominick Frederick.

Benedictine Father Tobias Colgan will preside at the eucharistic celebration at 10:30 a.m. in the monastery church, and Benedictine Sister Eileen Reckhoff will offer a reflection.

A reception for relatives and friends of the jubilarians will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the monastery.

A native of Evansville, Sister Joanna entered the monastery from St. Anthony Parish in 1949. She made her first profession of vows in 1951 and her final profession in 1954.

In 1952, Sister Joanna taught at Christ the King School in Indianapolis, at St. Philip School in Posey County and at five schools in Evansville.

Sister Joanna was one of the founding members of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove in 1960. She later returned to the

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