Pope asks bishops to work toward holiness, rethink materialism

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—At the start of a month-long meeting on the bishop’s role in the Church, Pope John Paul II asked bishops to re-examine their attachment to material goods and recognize their duty to work toward holiness.

Poverty was “an essential trait of the person of Jesus and his ministry of salvation” and is one of the requirements for the proclamation of the Gospel to be heard and welcomed by humanity today,” the pope said Sept. 30.

Nearly 250 bishops from more than 110 countries were gathering at the Vatican Sept. 30-Oct. 27 for a Synod of Bishops on how to revitalize their ministry.

The bishops were expected to address a wide range of practical and doctrinal issues, including the challenge posed by “religious illiteracy” among many Catholics around the world, said Cardinal Jan Schotte, the synod’s general secretary.

At a press briefing Sept. 29, Cardinal Schotte said it would be normal if some bishops raised the question of their working relationship with Vatican offices and potential reforms to the exercise of papal primacy, but he said a full examination of these issues was beyond this gathering’s competence.

“We are incited to look into ourselves about our attitude toward earthly goods and the use made of them. We are asked to verify at what point personal and community conversion toward effective evangelical poverty is in the Church,” he said.

The pope said bishops were called to be “prophets who underline with courage the social sins tied to consumerism, to hedonism, to an economy that produces an unacceptable divide between luxury and misery.”

“But for the pastors’ voices to be credible, it is necessary that they themselves give proof of a conduct detached from private interests and attentive toward the weaker ones. They must be an example to the community entrusted to them, teaching and supporting that body of principles of solidarity and social justice that form the Church’s social doctrine,” he said.

BRIGHT—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, the former Edith Stein, who was martyred in a Nazi concentration camp, was honored at the Synod of Bishops.

Schaefer is an archdiocesan scholar and a member of the Catholic Social Thought Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. Schaefer also serves as a Civilian Military Correspondent for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The Synod of Bishops began Oct. 1.

The liturgy also was a memorial celebration for Army Capt. Timothy Maude, 40, a Pentagon official from Dearborn County near Cincinnati. The Catholic from Indiana was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Karen and Kathy, for a funeral Mass at 9:45 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Memorial Chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

As a mark of respect, the national flag at half-staff. The service will be open to the public.

To honor supporters of Catholic schools

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will present its 2001 Scholarships and Career Achievement Awards Oct. 30 at the Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis.

Sister Mildred Wannemuehler will be the guest speaker at the dinner, which starts with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Marriott Hotel Downtown in Indianapolis.

Sister Mildred is the Community Service Award Recipient. The others will be honored with Career Achievement Awards.

The list of honorees includes those who have achieved careers in business, reached out to help the needy in the community or devoted their life in service to the Church.

The Archdiocese to honor supporters of Catholic schools

By Jennifer Del Vechio

Highlighting what Catholic school graduates have achieved is the focus of the annual Celebrating Catholic School Values dinner. This year, five people will receive the CCSV awards that honor their dedication to Catholic schools, their community and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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The sixth annual event has a dual purpose in recognizing Catholic school graduates and raising funds for much needed financial assistance for students to attend Catholic schools. More than $800,000 in tuition assistance has been raised at the dinner in the previous five years. The assistance means that more students can receive a Catholic education.

Anneke ‘Mickey’ Lentz, secretary for Catholic Education and Faith Formation for the archdiocese, said the event is an opportu- nity for businesses, communities and the Church to come together to celebrate the goodness of many Catholic school graduates who have made “exceptional contributions to Church and society.”

Lentz said the event “blends the students of today, who are our hope of the future, with the heroes and heroines of the past.”

Michael J. Alley, chairman of this year’s event and president of Fifth Third Bank, said it is important for business leaders to take an interest in Catholic education because “it favorably impacts one of the most important issues facing business and industry today—values-based quality education which will prepare future generations of workers and leaders within business.”

Alley added that he has witnessed how the event makes a significant impact on others when there is an interest in young people.

The keynote speaker, Cardinal Bernard Law of the Archdiocese of Boston, will speak about the success of Bernard Law of the Archdiocese of Boston that has raised much-needed funds for students to attend Boston Catholic schools.

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To become a volunteer, visit the Web site at www.archindy.org/nyc and fill out the on-line form or call Beth Price at the Catholic Youth Organization at 317-631-8111.

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Archdiocese to honor three pro-life volunteers Oct. 7

By Mary Ann Wyand

A retired Indianapolis couple active in the pro-life movement since 1973 and a Terre Haute Dowsing teen-ager dedicated to serving the Church, promoting the cause of life and helping the poor will be honored by the archdiocese during the Respect Life Sunday liturgy on Oct. 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, will present the 2001 Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Respect for Life Award to St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower) parishioners Wilfred “Bud” and Dorothy Moody of Indianapolis and the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award to St. Ann parishioner Catherine Beal of Fontanne, a small community near Terre Haute.

Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocese’s Office of Pro-Life Activities, said the archdiocese has honored distinguished pro-life volunteers for nearly two decades.

“For the past 19 years,” she said, “the archdiocese has been recognizing exceptional men and women within the Church who have exerted themselves to respond to the attacks against human life that have emerged from the culture of death.”

The new pro-life youth award will recognize the contributions of archdiocesan winners—Bud, Dorothy and Catherine—who have done an outstanding job of responding in word and deed to the enveloping fog of lies concerning the worth of human life that emanates from various individuals, organizations and institutions within our society.”

Winford and Dorothy Moody started a pro-life committee at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Indianapolis many years ago then continued their pro-life commitment when they joined Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis.

In addition to writing pro-life letters on a variety of topics to newspapers and elected officials, the Moodys have coordinated prayer chains and rosaries for life, see PRO-LIFE, page 17.

Cardinal Ritter boyhood home in New Albany is facing wrecking ball

By Brandon A. Evans

Joseph Cardinal Ritter, the seventh bishop of the archdiocese, was raised in New Albany.

His boyhood home, also the place where his father ran a bakery, has fallen into disrepair over the years and will likely be demolished.

Several southern Indiana Catholics and preservationists are hoping that a last-minute deal can be worked out to save the house of the boy who would become the first archbishop of Indianapolis and who would later be named a cardinal by Pope John XXIII.

The house is “a threat to public health and safety” and the city plans to demolish the structure, said Scott Wood, city planner for New Albany.

Wood said that the building has obvious historical value and is a landmark structure, but no private source could be found to fund its renovation.

Jean Battles, who along with her husband, Robert, once owned the house, said that they purchased it in hopes of being able to renovate it. Until about three years ago the Battles had rented several apartments, in the house.

But mounting costs prevented the Battles from being able to restore the house, and it fell into further disrepair.

“It doesn’t take that long before it gets terribly abused by the tenants,” she said, adding that it also has been vandalized.

They are now in negotiations to donate the house and property to Habitat for Humanity.

Darlene Curlee, the president of New Albany/Floyd County Habitat for Humanity, said that they found the house by driving through various neighborhoods.

The Ritter home caught their attention and they called the Battles.

Curlee said that the Battles would face high costs of demolition from the city as well as delinquent and future taxes if they keep the house, whereas if they sold it to someone that person or organization would pick up all the costs.

“We already know that if we had to pay for it and also take care of the demolition it would put the cost way higher than we would be able to handle it,” Curlee said. So Habitat for Humanity is seeking to have the house and land given to them for free from the Battles.

According to Jean Battles, this proposal is not only acceptable but seems to be what they are decided upon, though the legal work has not yet been done.

Habitat for Humanity plans to build two houses on the lot after the demolition if they acquire the property. Restoration seems to be something outside of their range.

“We build simple, decent houses for people in need,” she said. “We are just not in the business of refurbishing houses.”

Curlee recognizes the historical significance of the house, which she only learned of recently, but says that Habitat for Humanity does not have the funds needed for such a project.

William Arbaugh, a member of St. Mary Parish in New Albany, is saddened to see the house razed.

“I’m a concerned neighbor and citizen,” he said. “I would like to see the structure used as a single-family home or a community structure.”

Along with Arbaugh, there are others who wish to see the building saved.

“We would be our desire to work toward preserving the property,” said Steve Worland, the president of the S. Ellen

See RITTER, page 12.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower) parishioners Wilfred “Bud” and Dorothy Moody of Indianapolis look at copies of dozens of pro-life letters they wrote to newspapers and elected officials in recent years. They will receive the 2001 Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Respect for Life Award on Respect Life Sunday for their dedicated pro-life volunteer service since 1973, the year abortion was legalized by the Supreme Court.

The boyhood home of Joseph Cardinal Ritter, built over a hundred years ago and once a thriving bakery, now sits in severe disrepair. In all likelihood it will be demolished in the coming months to make way for two new houses.

See PRO-LIFE, page 17.
The fight against terrorism

Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, quite a bit has been written about applying just war principles to the fight against terrorism. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was among the first to do so in The Criterion’s Sept. 21 issue, his first column after the attacks in New York and Washington. Some periodicals have used just war principles to try to justify some kind of military strike somewhere—presumably in Afghanistan. Just war principles usually apply when one country goes to war against another, which has been the usual way wars have been fought throughout history. The attack on the United States was definitely an act of war, but it wasn’t done by another country. We must defend ourselves against independent groups of terrorists, not against a country.

Can we compare our country’s fight against terrorism to a city’s efforts to rid itself of criminals?
The first duty of the president is to protect the citizens of the United States, just as the first duty of a mayor is to protect the citizens of his city. Just as a police force must do everything it can to track down and punish those who commit crimes in a city, so the United States must do everything it can to track down and punish those who commit terrorist acts. If that isn’t done, the terrorist attacks will continue. Finding and punishing the perpetrators is not only a right but also a serious duty.

From what we are being told, it seems unlikely that that can be done through the type of military response to which we have become accustomed. Because of Afghanistan’s mountainous terrain, massive bombing would probably have little effect on Osama bin Laden and would result in the killing of innocent people.

We have heard people on radio talk shows and other places urge “bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age.” That is where it is already. We must not inflict more suffering on those poor people. The first victims of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan were the Afghan people when the Taliban took over their country in 1997.

Should we send ground troops into Afghanistan? A war on the ground in Afghanistan’s heavily-mined terrain would probably mean numerous casualties. It would also run the risk of antagonizing some of the Muslim countries that now support us in the fight against terrorism. And that is exactly what bin Laden wants to happen. His ultimate goal is to polarize the world between Muslims and the West. We must not permit that to happen.

So far, President Bush and his administration are doing a good job of convincing most of the world that terrorism threatens them, too, and that our mission is to locate and punish terrorists. It is probably going to take the CIA and Special Forces to track down and eliminate bin Laden. This could be likened to a city’s detective force, which discovers where criminals are hiding, and a special police unit that seeks to arrest them.

Does “elimination” include assassination, if necessary? In his encyclical Evangelium Vitae (“The Gospel of Life”), Pope John Paul II says this about legitimate self-defense: “Unfortunately it happens that the need to render the aggressor incapable of causing harm sometimes involves taking his life. In this case, the fatal outcome is attributable to the aggressor incapable of causing harm except by taking his life.”

In one case, the professor remarks: “The very demands of social life require for priestly ministry. This is an added factor that makes all the difference. For the Clergy published an address, “Priestly Celibacy in the Light of Medicine and Psychology,” by Wanda Poltawska, professor of pastoral medicine at the Pontifical Academy of Krakow. It might be helpful to present some of the professor’s thoughts.

She said: “Spiritual fatherhood, the power to bond and loose, the joy of bearing, with his own hands the supreme gift of God himself to others, these place the priest on high on so high a plane in the hierarchy of human possibilities that it cannot be compared with anything else whatsoever, and leaves no room for frustration.”

In a word, the professor testifies that for a person of faith one should be hard put to find a life full of greater meaning and that counts for a lot. Our seminarians would probably not use the exact words of the professor, but they would say something like them if asked why they consider the priesthood such a high calling.

Self-giving love is a fundamental requirement for both vocations. Chastity is a foundational duty of life-giving love in both vocations. Pope John Paul speaks of “sacred” priestly celibacy to emphasize that it is not just a matter of renouncing married life, for its deep meaning lies in chastity and union with God.

Needless to say, if the candidate for the priesthood is deeply motivated by faith in making his voca- tional choice and renouncing matrimony, he will never appreciate the value of his calling and never truly imitate himself in God’s love. One of the primary responsibilities and challenges of a seminary formation program is to foster the maturity needed for the deep level of devotion required for priestly ministry. This is all the more challenging because as Dr. Poltawska comments, seminarians live in our contemporary world “in an environment where the hedonistic attitude prevails and the ideal of total devotion is not respected.”

In order to find the balance and the wholesomeness that honors self-giving chastity in total devotion to God and to the service of the People of God, a decisive attitude of will is needed to embrace a disciplined order of life. It takes practice and for that we have seminaries. In fact, any wholesome way of life demands the same.

Chastebate is a matter of choice. Living a wholesome life is a matter of living a determined choice. In our culture, there is the mistaken notion that human activity, including sexual activity, is virtually uncontrollable. Yet all people are obliged to learn to control sexual reactions since, as Professor Poltawska asserts, “the very demands of social life compel us to do so.”

Rightly she says, “The knowledge of having full power over one’s own instinctual reactions, however, gives one not only real joy but above all a feeling of freedom, since only at the time when we become capable of liv- ing in conformity to the chosen sys- tem of values can we say that we are truly free. The happiness that comes from this is pure and lasting and it helps us to achieve a state of psychic equilibrium.”

The principle at work is simple: sin always makes for anxiety, vice, even if purchased at a price, brings joy. An added factor makes all the dif- ference. When God calls one to celibi- cate ministry, he provides the grace to live a life full of profound meaning and interior joy. What more could one ask? 
Buscando la Cara del Señor

Dios quiere, se ordenarán ochenta de nuestros seminaristas entre el 4 de octubre y el 21 de diciembre. Además, si Dios quiere, ten-dremos ochenta nuevos seminaristas para finales del mes de junio del 2002. Está claro que todos en la arquidiócesis están conscientes de nuestra gran necesidad de nuevos sac- erdotes. Y también le damos gracias a Dios y a aquellos sacerdotes, familiares y amigos quienes tuvieron su puesto en acomparar a estos seminaristas hasta su ordenación. Ha pasado mucho tiempo desde la última vez que tuvimos ochenta ordenaciones. Es un hecho. ¡Por supuesto, hay que darlas gra-cias especiales a los candidatos para la ordenación! Son buenos can-didatos quienes servirán a Dios y a nuestro pueblo de una manera gen-erosa, alegría, y buena.

Nuestra cultura no estima mucho las vocaciones sacerdotales. Es la aparien-cia de “renunciar” a “tanto lo que se considera significativo”. La mayoría de las quejas se enfocan en el don de la castidad célibe. La vocación al sacerdocio como la in-terés más significado y eso vale mucho. Es difícil encontrar una vida llena de manualidad y alegría interna. ¿Qué más

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amos abogado en las dos vocaciones. El Papa Juan Pablo II habla del “sagrado” celibato sacerdotal para hacer énfasis en el hecho de que no es simplemente la renuncia a la vida matrimonial, ya que su profundo significado se encuentra en la castidad y la unión con Dios. Obviamente, si el candidato a sacerdote no está motivado profundamente por la Fe al tomar su decisión voca-cional y renunciar al matrimonio, éste nunca apreciaría el valor de la castidad y nunca se sumergirá realmente en el amor de Dios.

Una de las responsabilidades y decisiones más importantes de un progra-ma de formación sacerdotal es el fomentar la madurez necesaria para un nivel profundo de devoción requerido para el ministerio sacerdotal. Esto es aún más desafiante porque, como comentó la Dra. Poltawska, los semi-naristas viven en nuestro mundo con-temporáneo “en un ambiente en el cual la actitud hedonista, por principio, y el ideal de la devoción completa no es respeta-do”.

Para encontrar el equilibrio y lo saludable en la honra a la castidad abnegada en la devoción completa a Dios, el servicio del Pueblo de Dios, una actitud decisiva de voluntad es necesaria para adoptar un orden disci-plinado de vida. Toma práctica y por eso tenemos a los seminaristas. De hecho, cualquier manera de vida saludable tiene que ser flexible.

La castidad célibe es un asunto de elección. El vivir una vida saludable es un acto de voluntad. La sociedad debe estar preparada a escuchar al hombre que quiere dar a uno, no sólo una verdad alegre, sino más que nada un sentido de libertad, porque podemos decir que somos realmente libres solamente cuando somos capaces de vivir de acuerdo al sistema de valores elegido. La alegría procedente de esto es pura y duradera y nos ayuda a llegar a un estado de equilibrio psíquico”. El principio en marcha es sencillo: el pecado siempre causa la ansiedad, la virtud, aun si trae consigo grandes complicaciones. El pecado causa ansiedad y la virtud, aun si trae consigo grandes complicaciones.

Un factor adicional hace toda la diferencia. Cuando Dios lo llama a uno a una vida de castidad célibe el min-is-tério. Él proporciona la gracia de vivir una vida que dé sentido signifi-cado y alegría interna. ¿Qué más podría uno pedir?

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en octubre

Pastores Juveniles: Que ellos siempre puedan animar a los jóvenes a considerar dando servicio a la iglesia, sobre todo como sacerdotes y religiosos.

The Human Side

Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Pondering ways to attract religious vocations

A fascinating review of the percep-tions held by today’s young adults was presented by Christian Brother James Zallo during the national and regional vocation directors’ seminar held in August in Rosemont, Ill. The seminar was spon-sored by the J.S. Pallo.

As I listened to Brother James’ astute insights, I felt I was living the proverb: “Wisdom is the principle thing. Therefore get wisdom, and by all thy getting get understanding.” Brother James, who is on the faculty of the Institute for Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago, was notching the level of understanding needed to connect meaningfully with young people. What he had to say was food for thought for people attempting to promote voca-tions to the priesthood and religious life. He began by reviewing a study of high school students, where and when events made the biggest impression on young people.

First on the list: the killings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. That was followed by the war in Kosovo, the Oklahoma City bombing, Pope John Paul II’s death, President Clinton’s impeachment and O.J. Simpson’s trial. If the study were conducted today, unoubst-a-dly the terrorist of Sept. 11, 2001, would be at the top of the list.

His conclusion: “But we are the local directors, parents, for that matter—want to make meaningful contact with young people, they must be attuned to the daily news, to events in their lives and especially must grasp how young people feel about these events.

How does this apply to vocations work? It suggests that in encounters with young people, we shouldn’t immediately try to move them into the world of priest-hood or religious life, telling them how

we feel about this. Rather, we need to start with their world and enter into it. Interestingly, this is the same principle catechists employ. They begin with pre-evangelization. starting when a person is in high school. Then they move to evangeli-zation, when a person is invited to explore the faith, and finally to catech-es, when they are encouraged to make a faith commitment.

Another interesting study examined by Brother James revealed as much as young people are caught up in the world and its events, they view the world of priesthood and religious life favorably. They feel that the lives of priests, sisters and brothers are inspiring; that the mem-bers of religious orders and communities are happy, and that these people have a genuine concern for peace, justice, the poor and the weak.

So even though young people may not know the inner workings of priesthood or religious life, they are well disposed toward it. I wondered what this might tell vocation directors. When asked what indicated that only 12 percent of men and 7 percent of women reported talking to someone about the priesthood or religious life, I found my answer. We need to go back to the basics and create more opportunities to talk with young people.

Our vocation crisis doesn’t stem from young people who are ill disposed. I suspect that the problem stems from the fact that those concerned about vocations and the young people they want to reach are like two ships passing in the night, we need to “collide” more often.

Then only—then finding ourselves on the wavelength of our young people—will we be in a position to invite them to fur-ther explore religious life or the priest-hood, which apparently many of them revere.

(Father Eugene Hemrick is regular colum-nist with Catholic News Service.)

special mysteries composed for October rosary devotions

Beneficentine Father Noah Casey, minister to priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, composed the fol-low-ing “Mysteries of Peace” in response to the Holy Father’s suggestion that everyone pray the rosary daily during October for the intention of peace. The Scripture texts are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

Mysteries of Peace

First Mystery:

The Peace of the Incarnation

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom God favors” (Lk 2:13-14).

Second Mystery:

The Peace of the Beatitudes

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Mt 5:9).

Third Mystery:

The Peace of Christ

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (Jn 14:27).

Fourth Mystery:

The Peace of the Resurrection

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples recognized him when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (Jn 20:19-21).

Fifth Mystery:

The Peace of Recognition

“May all who are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word: for I have seen your eyes have seen, with which you are pre-pared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and peace to your people Israel” (Lk 2:31-32).
“Marketers in the Wilderness: The Gift of the Five Fs” a Day for Those Who Minister and Those Who Mourn, will be held on Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Archdiocese O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Men and women who have lost a loved one and those who minister to the bereaved are invited to attend the seminar. The keynote address will be given by Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert, an Anglican priest and a board-certified chaplain who specializes in grief ministry. The cost is $35, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a closing social. Advance reservations are required. For additional information, contact the Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586.

A benefit concert and prayer service to help with relief efforts following the terror attacks will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 in the Hulman Center at Indiana State University, 200 N. 8th St., in Terre Haute. For more information, call St. Margaret Mary Parish in Terre Haute at 821-232-3512.

Marion College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis will honor the American United Life Insurance Co. during its ninth annual Dinner Auction on Oct. 9 by giving the company a Knight of Service Award. The award, given each year to recognize a sharing of time, talent and treasure, also will be given to Erin Young and Denise Perry for their voluntary service. The reception and silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Center and dinner is at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are $52 and sponsorship tables start at $1,750. For more information, contact Rob Bullock, director of development, at 317-955-6205.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services is hosting a Bereavement Support Group open to any adult who has lost a loved one. There are six sessions on successive Tuesdays from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20. The afternoon sessions are from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the evening sessions are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Advance registration is encouraged. The group is facilitated by the St. Francis Home Health and Hospice Office, 438 S. Emerson Ave., in Greenwood. For more information or to register, call the St. Francis Hospice at 317-865-2092.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, will host two retreats in October. “Ministry in the Midst of Suffering” will be held on Oct. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day is intended for ministers in pastoral roles and health care professions as well as those in the clergy who have questions about the meaning of suffering and tragedy. “Spiritual Passages and Practices: Adven- ture in GIFTS” will be held Oct. 26-28. This weekend will offer opportunities to attend to mind, body and spirit for those nearing or in the second half of life. For more information or to register, call 317-788-7581.

The Catholic Young Adult Network (CYAN) will meet at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6 in the Marian Center, 3354 N. 30th St., behind St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis. The group, consisting of single adults in the mid-20s to late 30s, meets monthly to learn more about their Catholic faith, conduct service projects and share social outings. For more information, call Gigi Thomas at 317-884-3585.

The Catholic parishes of Cannelton, Tell City and Troy will sponsor an evening of enrichment on Oct. 11. The evening, open to the public, will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation by Franciscan Sister Barbara Piller on “The Spirituality of St. Francis and Today’s World.” The cost is $75 and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Catholic Ministry Center at 812-547-7994.

A retreat titled “The Spiritual Practice of Photography” will be offered at Fatima Retreat House, 3353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, on Oct. 12-14. The hands-on retreat will be facilitated by Keith S. Krueger, who will discuss the connection between spirituality and photography. The weekend will, there will be a retreat titled “Jesus and the Church.” It will focus on the Gospel of Matthew and how Jesus was portrayed in it. The cost for either retreat is $135 for an individual or $255 for a married couple. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 317-541-7681.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., in Indianapolis, will have a blessing of pets on Oct. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Bring pets to the courtyard. For more information, call the parish at 317-638-5551.

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Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., in Indianapolis, is accepting orders for poticas for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Loaves of the special nut bread are $14 each. Orders will not be accepted after Nov. 2. To place an order, call 317-634-2289.

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3033 Martin Road, in Floyds Knobs, will have its annual card party on Oct. 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 812-923-3011.

Holy Family Parish, 3033 Martin Road, in Oldenburg, will have its parish festival on Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 812-934-3013.

Rosaries

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Quoting St. Paul, the pope defined the bishop as “someone dedicated to God,” who submits his entire existence and ministry to serving Jesus and his Gospel and who pursues virtue.

“How much wisdom is there in that ‘pursue,’ ” he said. “Episcopal ordination does not infuse the perfection of the virtues: The bishop is called to pursue his path of sanctification with greater intensity to achieve the stature of Christ, the perfect man.”

The 81-year-old pope, who spoke in a weak, hoarse voice, officially opened the synod’s deliberations the following day with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. As in the past, he was expected to be present for all the bishops’ presentations in the synod hall.

Leading off the discussions, Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York, the synod’s general recording secretary, delivered an hour-long Latin-language overview of the issues tied to the gathering’s theme, “The Bishop: Servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Hope of the World.”

He underscored the need for bishops to achieve the stature of Christ, the perfect man.

“Our affection for them can never be too evident or too heartfelt,” he said. Referring to the bishop’s role in his diocese as chief liturgist, the cardinal noted that recent “numerous changes and developments” in Church worship had led to divisions among some Catholics, a phenomenon particularly evident in the United States.

“We will not always be able to avoid controversies about rubrics, liturgical appointments, church architecture and the like. In dealing with them, the bishop has to be willing to listen and no less willing to lead,” he said. “It will call for wisdom and, yes, diplomacy too.”

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, head of the Congregation for Bishops who served as president-delegate on the synod’s first day, said the lifestyle of bishops over the years had become “simpler, closer to the people, more attentive to the needs of the faithful.”

“The bishop’s mission has become even more demanding because of new social phenomena, new cultural manifestations, and the increased difficulty of illuminating the problems of our times with the wisdom of the Gospel,” he said.

“The bishop today must be aware of the challenges that the present hour brings with it and must have the courage to face them with all his energy,” Cardinal Re said.

Bishops were to deliver individual speeches for about two weeks, then meet in 12 small groups divided by language to work out a final list of propositions and a message to the world.

The official list for the synod shows 292 participants, including 49 auditors and experts, 10 heads of religious orders and six “fraternal delegates”—representatives from other Christian Churches. One was a delegate from the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow, a Church with historically tense relations with the Vatican because of alleged Catholic “proselytism.”

The number of voting members—247—was the highest ever among the 20 synod assemblies held since the body’s institution during the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Schotte attributed the increase to a growth in the number of bishops worldwide.

Cardinal Schotte noted that the vast majority of participants were bishops elected by their regional conferences, and that 213 have experience as heads of territorial sees.

“I think this is a guarantee of the success of the synod,” he said. †
At a later date, when—God willing—we preside through the person of the priest. It is a symbol that tradition, the altar is a symbol of Christ’s presence among us. It is a symbol of the face of Christ to the world belongs to all of us. Archbishop Buechlein explained in his homily that, “We gather to bless this beautiful new altar. In our Catholic church, and in a certain sense that does describe this phase in the development of this parish community. Sisters and brothers, this is a day of rejoicing. We have come together as a faith community, and in a certain sense that does describe this phase in the development of this parish community. Sisters and brothers, this is a day of rejoicing. We have come together to offer this new building to God.”

After blessing the building, and before blessing the oak and marble altar that was handmade by parishioner Dan Badinghaus, Archbishop Buechlein explained in his homily that, “We gather to bless this beautiful new altar. In our Catholic tradition, the altar is a symbol of Christ’s presence among us. It is a symbol of the face of Christ to the world belongs to all of us.”

Archbishop Buechlein told St. Teresa Benedicta parishioners that, “Our challenge is to believe in and place our hope in God. And it starts here at this altar. Only if we are rooted in the habit of prayer can we remember to believe amidst the stuff of everyday life and even the tragedy of everyday life, and to hope when we are lost along the way, and to love even when we doubt our capacity to love. Prayer is the key. May this beautiful altar be a blessed focus for your prayer.”

During a reception after the liturgy, Pastoral Council chairperson Bill Acra said it was “amazingly inspirational” to have Archbishop Buechlein dedicate the manger church and the altar.

“It was a dream of a number of people throughout the [Bright] community,” Acra said. “We wanted a place to worship and to come together as a faith community, and through a tremendous gift of land and then a lot of hard work we were able to do that. It was a dream that became a reality. A lot of people worked on the church and helped with this celebration. Everything came together through the dedication and leadership of a lot of different people. We all have a chance to be the beginning part of a parish, and it’s very exciting.”

Acra said the parish property includes a pond and hill adjacent to the manger church.

“We bought the house and this pole barn from the Gavins after they donated the land,” Acra said. “Someday we anticipate building the church and possibly even a school on the other side of the pond. This [manger church] will be used as a multipurpose room after we finally get the large church built.”

Father Marks said the creation of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish is a miracle. “It’s really a miracle of everyone coming together with faith and believing in Christ and believing in a dream,” Father Marks said. “Trusting in God, we came together as a community and pitched in to make this parish possible. Parishioners labored, prayed and gave of their hearts and their finances.”

During Holy Week in 2000, he said, charter members of the parish gathered for the Easter Vigil Mass in the pole barn.

“We had no place to have the Easter Vigil except we cleaned out the barn, removed all the construction stuff and set up a stage,” he said. “It was just a cement floor with folding chairs. It was a little cold, but it was an incredible, faith-filled Vigil Mass.”

St. Teresa Benedicta parishioners keep saying yes to God, the Church and the parish, Father Marks said. “The community here is always willing to give when asked because of their faith and because they believe in giving from their hearts. They realize what goodness can come from it. They’re great people.”

**Fall Admission Events**

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Tuesday, October 30

3-year-Old Kindergarten & Senior Kindergarten

Grades 1–5

Grades 6–8

Grades 9–12

Advance registration is required. Please call the Admissions Office at 415-2777.
A longtime member of St. Lawrence Parish, Dolores Maude said she is proud of all her children. “I can’t say I’m any more proud of Tim than I am of my other children,” she said. “Larry is the oldest, then Carol, Tim, Bonnie and Dan. Tim just made his life a little bit different. I was thrilled when he went to Officer Candidate School and came out as a lieutenant. His career progressed very rapidly after that. I was impressed with the way he lived his whole life.”

She last saw Tim and his wife in July during a visit to Indianapolis. “It’s still hard to believe he’s gone,” she said. “The funeral Mass will bring some kind of closure, I guess. I’ve had a lot of support from my children and from friends and neighbors. Father John [Beitans, St. Lawrence’s pastor] called me several times and came by and Father Joe [Brown] called me, too. I’ve also had Army visitors from Fort Knox, Ky., and from Fort Harrison.”

The official statement from the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army praised Lt. Gen. Maude as a man who “understood the human spirit” and “understood that the well-being of the Army—soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and their families—is inextricably linked to our readiness as a force.”

“The success of the ‘Army of One’ campaign demonstrates his broad understanding of human nature and his creative instincts in delivering on that understanding,” the statement said. “He understood that young men and women today are looking for something greater than self and are able to accept the notion of duty to country as the noblest of endeavors.”

“Lt. Gen. Tim Maude’s influence will continue to strengthen the Army’s readiness and our nation’s defense of freedom and liberty,” the statement said. “The strength of our nation and the Army is tied directly to his successes. His love of soldiers and his devotion to the Army was deep and genuine. Simply put, Lt. Gen. Maude loved soldiers; he loved the Army; he loved this wonderful country. His every action cheerfully reflected this commitment to duty.”

Born in Indianapolis on Nov. 18, 1947, Timothy Maude attended the Latin School in Indianapolis then enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 21, 1966, because he did not want to wait to be drafted during the Vietnam War. After completing Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Adjutant General’s Corps in February 1967.

His military education included completion of the Adjutant General Officer basic and advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His military record included service in Vietnam, Germany and Korea as well as at Fort Harrison in Indianapolis. During 35 years of Army service, he served in a variety of command and staff positions culminating in his assignment as the deputy chief of staff for personnel. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Army General Staff Identification Badge.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in management at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, Calif., and a master’s degree in public administration at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He met his wife, Teri, in Indianapolis and they were married at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood. Bill Sweeney, a retired Army colonel who now serves as the executive director of the Indiana War Memorials Commission in Indianapolis, arranged an exhibit at the Indiana War Memorial in honor of his friend and also is helping plan a memorial service later this month.

“When I took this job, I never dreamed that I would be assembling a memorial exhibit in honor of one of my friends,” Sweeney said. “On Sept. 22, Indiana Lt. Gov. Joseph Kernan dedicated the new exhibit honoring Gen. Maude and all of the Hoosiers that we know of who were victims of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. On Sept. 11, I had more friends die violently than I did during a whole year of service in Vietnam.”

(Donations to the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Memorial Fund may be directed to the Association of the U.S. Army, 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.)

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at half-staff on Oct. 6 from reveille until completion of interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that a memorial fund be established in his honor to continue his efforts to “take care of soldiers.” The Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Memorial Fund will provide resources to soldiers to assist them in their education.

“My faith and service to his country were all very, very important to him and he handled it all well,” Dolores Maude said. “He often told me not to worry about him, and he never failed to say ‘I love you’ whenever we talked.”

On the morning of Sept. 11, I sat down to watch part of ‘The Today Show,’” she said. “When the first plane hit the World Trade Center, the people on ‘The Today Show’ were as startled as everybody else. Then when the second plane hit it, I knew it wasn’t an accident. I felt bad for the people who were killed in New York, but never dreamed that my son was in danger in Washington, D.C.”

“When I found out that a plane had hit the Pentagon and I saw the damage,” she said, “my first thought was ‘Tim’s all right’ because when we were there last year Tim’s office was in another part of the Pentagon. I thought Tim was safe, but then I found out that they had done some decorating and moved him into a new office. As time went on and the wait got longer and longer, I knew that he was more than missing. A few days later, an Army chaplain came to the house to tell me that Tim and his staff and all the people working with them were all killed—all of them.”

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Indiana rescuers say faith helped them through gruesome mission

By Jennifer Del Vecchio

Fire and clouds of thick smoke were still billowing skyward when firefighters and rescuers from Indianapolis arrived in New York. They worked next to New York firefighter- ers digging through mountainous heaps of rubble with whatever they could—their hands, shovels and crowbars—in search of anyone who may have survived the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Members of the Indiana Rescue Task Force helped remove 80 tons of concrete and twisted steel from the site in hopes of finding someone alive—but they didn’t.

Rescuer Blake Wallis, a member of the Indianapolis Fire and Rescue Task Force, said moving 80 tons of steel “didn’t even scratch a dent” in the amount of debris that needs to be removed.

To date, more than 130,000 tons of rubble have been removed and clean-up efforts are expected to take at least one year. Despite the overwhelming odds of finding any survivors, the Indiana team members kept digging. They slept as little as two hours a night.

New York firefighters were working on less sleep, going for as long as 24 hours without a break. The Indiana rescuers were one of 28 federally-funded disaster teams sent to New York.

Several of the members of the Indiana task force are from various parishes in the archdiocese. They worked alongside New York firefighters who were there when the World Trade Center towers came crashing down with leaving floors stacked upon floors.

Entombed in those stacks were men, women and children, who had called loved ones from their desks minutes after the ter- rorist attacks and others who probably didn’t know what happened, rescuers said.

New York firefighters, who had lost many of their own in the rescue efforts, didn’t take time to grieve, but kept working.

“They were in a state of shock,” said rescuer Rick Pohlman, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. “When these guys finally do sit down, they are going to be devastated.”

Upon returning to Indiana, task force members were honored for their efforts. The recognition is appreciated, they said. But they were quick to add it was their job and they’d do it again.

“It’s that attitude that makes the men and women who risk their own lives every day true heroes,” said Father James Wilmuth, pas- tor of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis.

Father Wilmuth, also the chaplain for the Marion County Sheriff’s Department, held a special recognition ceremony during the all- school Mass on Sept. 28.

Several men who traveled to New York attended, along with Marion County Sheriff Jack Cayce and Indianapolis Police Department Deputy Chief Tim Horty, who came to show their support.

The students were given a first-hand account of the devastation that rescuers were confronted with.

Sgt. Justin Reuter, also a member of the task force and of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, said his team found no one alive.

While rescuers are still clearing the debris of the World Trade Centers, only 314 deaths have been confirmed and almost 5,219 people are still reported missing.

“I’m not telling you this to scare you,” Reuter told the students. “I’m telling you as it actually happened. We didn’t meet with success only in that we were able to provide families a way to bury the people they loved.”

Reuter, a former student of Father Wilmuth’s, said his career as a firefighter began when Father Wilmuth pulled him out of class and took him to the scene of an Indianapolis fire. Later, Father Wilmuth, a former chaplain for the Indianapolis Fire Department, asked his badge on Reuter as a sure candidate for a firefighter.

“Twenty-five years later, I am here with you,” Reuter said.

Reuter told the children that as a father he wants to protect his children. He said fire-fighters and police officers want to do the same for everyone.

Despite the destruction he found in New York, Reuter said there is one promise that God always keeps.

“He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,” he said. “Take heart in that, believe it and love every person you come in contact with. Your life will be complete.”

Others who responded to the tragedy also said their faith helped them and they were most impressed by the showing of goodwill from others.

“I witnessed an outpouring of support and prayer,” Pohlman said. “Every time we went to the site, the streets were lined with people acknowledging us and thanking us and helping us. They would applaud. It was tremendous.”

Pohlman said whatever the rescuers needed, from food to gloves, was given quickly.

“Everybody opened their hearts and wal- lets,” he said, including stores that opened their doors for the rescuers to take what could help in the rescue efforts.

Pohlman has been on numerous disaster sites throughout the nation with the task force, but nothing prepared him for the destruction.

“You can’t make any sense out of this,” he said. “The one blessing we all received was the goodness of everybody there.”

Parishes throughout the archdiocese help with relief effort

Parishioners across the archdiocese are giving their time, money and prayer to help the victims of the worst terrorist attacks against America.

Here’s what a few parishes across the archdiocese have done:

At St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, more than $25,000 was given during Sunday collections taken five days after the attacks. The money will go to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts.

Parish manager Jim Welser said the $25,436.50 represents the largest “second collection ever” at the parish.

Parishioners were also generous in the regular collection on the same weekend, he said.

The parish collected at least $32,000 for parish expenses, more than $7,000 of the average Sunday collection amount.

“St. Monica’s always has an outpouring to the larger Church,” Welser said.

There was a need to come together,” St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis played a nine-day novena for peace and justice and collected more than $1,000 for rescue relief efforts.

A second collection at St. Mary Parish in Mitchell collected $542.34 for disaster relief. St. John the Baptist parishioners in Dover collected needed items to send to New York, such as water, socks, masks, beverages and other items that filled a tractor trailer. The small rural communities in the area joined together for the project.

Schools across the archdiocese have also held special services or fund-raisers.

St. Bartholomew School in Columbus had a bake sale that netted $1,100.

Parishes or individuals wanting to help can donate money through Catholic Charities USA, the agency commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent the Catholic community. For more information, call 800-919-9338.

Above: Firefighters were honored Sept. 28 at St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis for their efforts in helping the victims of terrorist attacks in New York. From left are Father James Wilmuth, pastor; Harry Stone, an eighth-grader at the school; Jackie Drexler, Paul Sullivan, Steve Tariff and Justin Reuter. The firefighters are part of the Indiana Rescue Task Force.

Left: Rick Pohlman, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, was one of the men in the Indiana Rescue Task Force who responded to New York on Sept. 11 after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Pohlman helped search for people in the rubble and provide back-up support for the New York firefighters.
St. Joseph Parish in Madison, Tenn. She came with her red bloodhound, Madison, to train at the academy. It is her pastor, Father Edward Steiner, who usually does the blessing.

In his absence, Father Shikany came to do the blessing, something that was planned before the tragedies of Sept. 11, but that also seemed to be a perfect response to that disaster.

"Your blessing will have a special poignance given the events in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania," Father Steiner said to Father Shikany in a letter. "These are people who train to go to such places and search out the living and the dead."

Indeed, many people that were supposed to be at the academy last week were not there because they were either in New York or had just returned home, Mitchell said.

"We have two instructors that we know of that were unable to attend because of the events in New York," Newcomer said. Wallis said that while he was working in Manhattan, Scout was acting stranger than he had ever seen her act before.

"She’d snort at the ground and dust would come up and she’d look around in bewilderment," he said. He thinks the reason for her behavior was because there were so many dead bodies and pieces of bodies in the rubble.

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Fifty-three of the 55 dogs used in Oklahoma City after the 1995 bombing were trained at the academy.

Gaetke said that training a dog for search and rescue work is something that is a serious choice for both parties, as rescue situations can often be dangerous.

Nevertheless, her desire to help people is what drives her to train Kori and use her abilities. She currently works with Kori and a group of volunteers called West Virginia Canine Search and Rescue.

"When you’ve got somebody that’s missing, you kind of forget about yourself," she said.

Though Kori is certified to do tailing work, Gaetke brought her here to learn more about search and rescue—and at the end of the week she was pleased with Kori’s progress.

"This was her first experience doing disaster," she said. "I saw a real need for dogs to do disaster work. I really wanted to concentrate on finding survivors."

Newcomer said that the academy sees dogs in a variety of training.

"We get people that are just starting out," he said, "then we have people that have been doing it for 25 years."

The Search and Rescue Academy doesn’t just work with dogs either, but does a variety of training for all sorts of disaster situations.†

Archdiocesan priest blesses rescue dogs and trainers

By Brandon A. Evans

EDINBURGH—Kori darted around the wooden box. It only took a few moments for the German short-haired pointer to lose interest in "rescuing" the person hiding in the box and run off to a nearby tree to fetch a stick.

It was a disappointing moment for Kori’s trainer, Carol Gaetke, who was attending the Search and Rescue Academy at Camp Atterbury, but it was far from devastating. In the afternoon, Kori had run at it and was successful.

Gaetke and about 85 other men and women and around 100 dogs from across the country came to the central Indiana Army base last week to train to carry out search and rescue missions as well as other tasks.

The weeklong seminar is a yearly event that is sponsored by Canine Search and Recovery and hosted by the Search and Rescue Academy, said Susan Mitchell, a board member on Canine Search and Recovery.

The trainers at the academy worked unburdened by the soul-shattering presence that Blake Wallis, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, and his dog, Scout encountered last month in Manhattan while carrying out the grim task of locating bodies buried under the mountain of debris that was once the World Trade Center towers.

Wallis and his five-year old yellow Labrador Retriever went to New York the day after the terrorist attacks.

Father Paul Shikany, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburgh and St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin, went to Camp Atterbury Sept. 25 to bolster the spirits of the people training there and to bring a prayer service calling God’s blessing upon a large group of dogs that were involved in a weeklong seminar of training at the Search and Rescue Academy at Camp Atterbury, near Edinburgh.

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Fifty-three of the 55 dogs used in Oklahoma City after the 1995 bombing were trained at the academy.

Gaetke said that training a dog for search and rescue work is something that is a serious choice for both parties, as rescue situations can often be dangerous.

Nevertheless, her desire to help people is what drives her to train Kori and use her abilities. She currently works with Kori and a group of volunteers called West Virginia Canine Search and Rescue.

"When you’ve got somebody that’s missing, you kind of forget about yourself," she said.

Though Kori is certified to do tailing work, Gaetke brought her here to learn more about search and rescue—and at the end of the week she was pleased with Kori’s progress.

"This was her first experience doing disaster," she said. "I saw a real need for dogs to do disaster work. I really wanted to concentrate on finding survivors."

Newcomer said that the academy sees dogs in a variety of training.

"We get people that are just starting out," he said, "then we have people that have been doing it for 25 years."

The Search and Rescue Academy doesn’t just work with dogs either, but does a variety of training for all sorts of disaster situations.†
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Getting to know Jesus is an ongoing task

By Theresa Sanders

There is a wealth of information about Jesus in the Gospels. Examining those texts, we learn a great deal about the things Jesus said and did, but just as important, the effect he had on other people. Even if we scrutinize the Gospels very closely, however, and even if we learn all we can from them, we will still be left with an incomplete picture of Jesus. This is true for a number of reasons.

First, the Gospels do not give us a straightforward history of the life of Jesus. They were written not by Jesus himself, but by his followers. When we read them, we are reading the testimony of people whose lives had been transformed—and who wanted to share the source of that transformation with others.

The Gospels are, thus, not newspaper stories offering “just the facts” in the way that a journalist today might try to do. Symbol and metaphor are employed by the Gospels to make their point.

For example, the message of Jesus’ lineage in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke differ. However, neither Matthew nor Luke would be troubled by this fact.

Matthew’s list of Jesus’ ancestors, written for a Jewish audience, was meant to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s covenant with the Jews. Jesus is portrayed as a true descendant of Abraham, the perfect embodiment of obedience to God and the sign that God’s promises will not be forgotten.

Luke’s list, on the other hand, written for a gentile audience, traces Jesus’ lineage back to Adam, the first human being. Luke’s point is to show that Jesus is good news for all people, not just for the Jews but also for the nations of the world.

The Gospels often are concerned with finding images to convey Jesus’ power and importance. Scholars in recent years have tried to uncover the “historical” Jesus or the Jesus behind the text—but their success has been limited. The Gospels are simply more interested in testifying to the saving love of Jesus than in presenting a fact-by-fact account of his life.

There is one final reason, though, why we cannot understand all that we might understand about Jesus simply by reading the Gospels. From a Catholic perspective, no historical document ever could encapsulate Jesus completely because Jesus is still alive. He did not simply cease to exist 2,000 years ago.

If you take the good news of the Resurrection seriously, then you believe that Jesus continues to influence and inspire the world, to love it and to work for its redemption.

Jesus is not simply a figure from the past. There is always more for us to grasp about him because he continues to speak to each age, each culture and each human heart.

In other words, the bumper stickers and T-shirts that ask “What Would Jesus Do?” only have it partly right. The real question for Christians is not this, but rather, “What Is Jesus Doing?” Where can Jesus be found today? What is he about, and are we hurting him or helping him in his efforts?

Getting to know Jesus is an ongoing task. If we ever think we’ve finished, that’s a sure sign that we haven’t even begun.

(Theresa Sanders is assistant professor of theology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.)

This Week’s Question

What Gospel story, passage or section figures in a large way in your life? Why?

“It’s a passage with Christ saying to not be afraid. Whenever I am fearful of something, I think about this passage and it helps me.” (Anna Gagliardi, Branford, Conn.)

“A passage from St. James refers to faith and works. If you have faith and no works, it’s kind of a contradiction. But if you have works, you can show your faith through your works. This is how I try to live my life.” (Jim O’Connor, Columbus, Ohio)

“Christ’s discipline to forgive your enemies. It’s one of the most difficult, demanding and critically important things we can do.” (Father Francis Landwehrmeyer, S.J., San Antonio, Texas)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Tell of a program in your parish that teen-agers found particularly rewarding.

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Dispel fear with prayer, courage and resolve

In early September, I watched a video of the acclaimed Polish movie produced by Jerry Hoffman, With Fire and Sword, based on the novel by Stefan Sienkiewicz. It graphically depicts Poland’s struggle to retain freedom in the mid-17th century. The horrific realities are conveyed across a quotation by George Bernard Shaw, author of Diary of a Bourgeois: “It is the perpetual dread of fear, the fear of fear, that shapes the face of a brave man.” I recalled the facet of the film’s actors and actresses portraying ordinary people, rulers and warriors experiencing fear and courage. From Sept. 11 on, during TV coverage of the “Attack on America” and its aftermath, I again witnessed the faces of fear and courage.

I was alone that week. My husband was in Cleveland helping a daughter and her husband with repairs on a vintage house. After I knew they and other members of the family were safe, I chose to stay at home for three days to pray, meditate, sing hymns and sit in a dark room. The resulting silence was soothing.

I got to live with myself. The one thing that matters is being human which reveals the point of view ... until you climb into his skin. It feels real, a person until you consider things from his point of view. You never really understand anyone until you understand him. ... I could not remember when the teacher told her she had to unlearn the way her father had taught her to read.

“Reading was just something that came to me naturally,” Atticus reasoned with his daughter. “You can learn a few things, a lot of kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.”

“Heroes rose to the occasion. Firefighters, rescuing paraplegics from burning buildings, deeds such as throwing one’s body over a burning car and inspiring us to do the same.”

“If we analyze it, belief in the necessity and value of heroism stems from a religious attitude. The hero displays that aspect of being human which reveals the divine image.”

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The American Phoenix

On Tuesday we were all New Yorkers, drying thousands of deaths, in airplanes and in towers high as freedom's aspirations. We felt them take our lives, but not our dreams, because those dreams are made of stronger stuff than steel.

On Tuesday we were all New Yorkers, forgetting ourselves to save the injured, breathing in the dust smoke, digging, climbing, searching for the few we saved. Dying, too, when that was the price.

Today, we rise together from the smoke that burned our lungs and dimmed the sun.

We are the American Phoenix, the bird that bleeds and screams, but will not die.

We have knelt and wrapped our prayer around our dead and dying, the empty sky a reminder of the empty heart that hurts so much inside us.

We have called to our Father, for mercy, courage and restraint, that we not tam our self-defense with vengeance. We pray He shows a way to stop the killing though we must go with force against our foe. (Sandra Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)
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October 5

Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand deliver); P.O. Box 1717; mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

October 6
Gather for the festival, chicken dinner, homemade dumplings, booths, quilts. Handicapped parking available: 812-246-2512.

St. Michael School, Lower class room, 519 Jefferson Blvd.
Greenfield: Information and “The Barren Fig Tree,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thu., 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Fri., 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Sun. Information: 317-462-5010.

St. Roch Parish Life Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.
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St. John’s School cafeteria, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis.
St. Meinrad Seminary School of Theology, “Exploring Our Catholic Faith” sampler evening, presenters Sean Gallagher and Benedictine Father Matthew Neuman, 7:30 p.m., $10 per person. Registration: 317-955-6571.

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German Park, 1402 Southern Ave., Grove
Mass and healing service, 7 p.m. Information: 317-915-4478.

October 14
Sacrament, between Masses, Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

St. Joseph Church, 312 E. High St., West Sellersburg.
Jury Morin’s Medjugorje story and concert, 7-9 p.m., free-will offering. Information: 812-944-1942.

St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sart Dr., Indianapolis.
Adult education series, Franciscan Father Michael Barrett, “The Life of St. Francis of Assisi,” 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-815-0979.

October 19
Marian College, Francis Hall, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis.
Parish nursing information session, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Information and reservations: 317-655-6132.

St. Mary Danielle Peters Schoenstatt, 2337 N. 41st St., Indianapolis.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 1441 S. College Ave.
Carmel, Lafayette Diocese.
Liturgy: Daily Mass, 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekend Masses, 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sunday Masses, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

October 20
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illini streets, Indianapolis.
HMO seminar, 9:15-10 a.m. Information: 317-872-9900, ext. 18.

St. Paul Parish Hall, 814 Jefferson St., Tell City.
“Spirituality of St. Francis and Today’s World” by Franciscan Sister Barbara Piller, dinner, 6 p.m., $7.50. Reservations: 317-547-7994.

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Also during that time, central and southern Indiana youth-agers are invited to participate in a pro-life youth rally in the Assembly Hall. Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners Paul Lansford and Kayser Swidan of Carmel, in the Lafayette Diocese, will present a motivational pro-life program featuring Christian music. The theme of the youth rally is “It’s Time to Stand Up and Be Counted.”

Irvin Thomas, a member of St. Mary Parish, agrees. “I would say it was built somewhere in the neighborhood of the turn of the century,” he said. “Those old frames, they were put up to stay.” County records show that the house was built in 1900, but that the real date was probably before that. The Battles say that it was around the Civil War because records were lost in a 1937 flood.

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BRAUSE, geological surveying Club of Indianapolis and was named its Man of the Year in 1957. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, a past president of the St. Paul X Council and a four-degree member of the Bishop Chatard General Assembly.

McGraff was a member of the board of overseers of Saint Meinrad Seminary and also served on the board of directors for both Fatima Retreat House and Maricopa College in Indianapolis.

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