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The Church and Child Sexual Abuse

'Zero tolerance' becomes key issue as cardinals return to U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS)-"Zero tolerance" became the focal point for public discussion of clergy sexual abuse of minors in the days after the U.S. cardinals returned home from an April 23-24 summit with

See letter on Page 3 from Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

Vatican officials in Rome.

Amid the new debates, 10 dioceses in the Upper Midwest launched a pilot program of outside audits of their sexual abuse policies, procedures and practices, hoping they might provide a model for a national policy to propose to the nation's bishops in

Several more priests around the country resigned or were placed on leave in late April because of alleged sexual abuse of

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Bishops, media views of 'zero tolerance' create gap in perception

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—U.S. Church leaders left a Vatican summit on clerical sex abuse saying they felt encouraged to

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take new steps to curb such abuse and rein in offenders. But they arrived home in

the United States to a largely negative reaction and headlines that read: "Cardinals Confront Sex Abuse and Come Up Short" and "Vatican Summit Confounds, Angers."

What happened? Why such a gulf

between perceptions?

One big reason was confusion over the term "zero tolerance," especially in light of a final communique by summit participants.

Going into the meeting, "zero tolerance" was a phrase used by bishops and dioceses to describe the policy of

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'Prom Night'

Students and elderly share old memories and create new ones

By Laura Cohen

Gossamer draped from the ceiling with purple and silver balloons and stars decorated the banquet hall. The purple and white tablecloths were decked with tea-light candles, carnations and confetti, and over the stage hung a banner with the words "Forever Young."

This may sound like a typical high school prom, but actually this room was decorated for a special prom that the students at Bishop Chatard High School hosted for the elderly residents of St. Augustine Home for the Aged on April 27 in Indianapolis.

"The kids really put a lot of time into this," said Kelly Jennings, director of advancement at Bishop Chatard. "They'll actually get to know a resident out there and get to spend time with

them." Students began arriving in formal See PROM, page 10



Students from Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis hosted a "prom" for the residents of St. Augustine Home for the Aged on April 27. About 70 students and 60 residents of the home, which is operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, danced the night away and created new friendships.

Cloning battle creates unlikely alliances

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Weeks before the Star Wars movie that everyone except the film studio has been calling "The Clone Wars" reaches theaters, Washington's nonfiction blockbuster-"The Cloning Wars"—has begun spilling out into the world beyond the Beltway.

Several bills addressing scientific research in human cloning are wending their way through the Senate, with final action on one or another likely before the session adjourns. The House passed a bill in July that would ban all forms of human cloning research. The Senate bills range from a total ban on all cloning research to restrictions on simply how a cloned human embryo can be used.

Across the political spectrum, people have begun lining up behind the different versions and have launched very public campaigns to swing voters around to their sides. The Church and pro-life advocates who have been at the forefront of opposition to embryonic stem-cell research and all human cloning are being joined by an unusual cast of characters—feminists, environmentalists and scientists who conducted some of the first cloning research.

Meanwhile, supporters of some limited human cloning studies have resurrected the careers of "Harry and Louise," the characters who first appeared in 1994 commercials in opposition to the Clinton

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Wide range of life experiences leads deacon to answer God's call

Editor's note: During the next six weeks, The Criterion will feature the seminarians who will be ordained to the priesthood in June.

By Brandon A. Evans

Joseph Feltz now sees more clearly how God wants him to fit into this life and serve his people.

Feltz, now a deacon, will be ordained a priest by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on June 1 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. He will turn 39 years old a week later.

"I see the Church as all of the faithful, clergy and laity alike, walking a journey

of faith," Feltz said. "I see the Church's ultimate purpose is to help bring the king-



Joseph Feltz

dom that Jesus preached. I see the priests as celebrating with the lay people at Mass rather than administering the Mass. I want to become a priest because I feel that is where God is calling me to fit in that puzzle. He wants to use me

to bring about the kingdom by serving the rest of my brothers and sisters in faith."

Feltz has spent the last five years studying to be a priest at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, but in reality that was only the cap of his training, which began at a much earlier age.

The oldest of two other brothers and a sister, Feltz first saw Christ in his family.

"I feel the example of Christian love which my parents, Arnold and Kathleen, shared with each other has provided stability in my life that has strengthened my faith," Feltz said. "They were always supportive of me in whatever decisions I made. They were firm and yet fair."

His parents expressed their excitement about the upcoming ordination.

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minors.

"All of the cardinals are agreed on zero tolerance," Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia told reporters at a news conference April 26.

Expanding on the term, he said, "By that I mean that we are all agreed that no priest guilty of even one act of sexual abuse of a minor will function in any ministry or any capacity in our dioceses.'

The degree of unanimity on the issue was not that clear, however.

In a round of Sunday talk shows on April 28, Chicago's Cardinal Francis E. George said when the bishops meet this June they may end up adopting a zero-tolerance policy because of the public pressure for it.

But he argued that "mandated sentences" for all priests guilty of sexual abuse may not be the answer.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," the cardinal said, "Zero tolerance is not our term. It's a term that's been given us and therefore if you don't meet it, somehow you've failed."

"Zero tolerance for this kind of behavior—of course, there is no question," he said. "Zero tolerance in the sense that one strike, one of any kind of possible offense of this nature, and therefore you're ejected from the priesthood—there has to be some discussion."

In a radio interview April 25, Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida said, "If one priest would abuse a child after all of this, I would put him out right away. ... It's a horrible thing, and in most cases it's a crime."

Upon his return to Baltimore, Cardinal William H. Keeler said that in the Vatican meeting the U.S. bishops got a "green light" to develop a national policy of "zero tolerance on the part of the Church after a credible act of child sexual abuse by one of the clergy."

At a round-table with reporters April 26, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony said, "The Holy Father said, 'People need to know that there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young.' To me, it can't be any more clear than that. If we say the protection of our youth is our No. 1 priority, then zero tolerance is the only answer toward sexual abuse. There are no ifs, ands or buts."

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington urged a distinction between past offenders and anyone who offends from now on.

He said on "Fox Sunday News" April 28 that he supports removal of any priest accused in the future, but he added that the cardinals are divided about whether such a new policy should be applied to past allega-

Two days earlier at a news conference in Cleveland, he said, "We know now what we have to do. It's unfortunate it took us so long to figure out what we have to do. We are anxious to make sure that not just these notorious priests are thrown out. We want to make sure anyone who does this is thrown out."

After a telephone conference with the other nine bishops of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of St. Paul-Minneapolis said April 26 that they all supported zero tolerance for offending priests.

"I would say, one strike and you're out of pastoral ministry," he said, but added that in some dioceses it might be better to keep an offending priest and place him "in a very restricted ministry whereby children would never come into harm's way."

As head of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, Archbishop Flynn will be responsible for preparing and presenting concrete proposals for a national policy when the bishops meet June 13-15 in Dallas.

He said the bishops of the 10 dioceses in the St. Paul-Minneapolis province, which covers Minnesota and the Dakotas, agreed to create an outside auditing process to assess each diocese's handling of sex abuse issues. They plan to present results of the process to the rest of the nation's bishops in

Archbishop Flynn said Bishop John F. Kinney of St. Cloud, Minn., originally had raised the suggestion at a province meeting earlier in the month, and in their April 26 teleconference all the bishops supported it.

In Boston, the vortex of the sex abuse scandal over the past three months, Cardinal Bernard F. Law denied published reports April 26 that the Vatican was preparing to give him a Vatican post by June. An archdiocesan statement said the reports "are without substance, groundless, and appear to be pure uncorroborated speculation.'

Cardinal Law received another storm of public criticism when it was disclosed



Pope John Paul II addresses U.S. cardinals and Vatican officials at the start of a special summit concerning clergy sexual abuse on April 23 in the pope's private library at the Vatican. He told U.S. Catholic leaders, "There is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young."

April 27 that his archdiocesan vicar general, Bishop Walter J. Edyvean, faxed a letter to all priests opposing a proposed archdiocese-wide association of parish council members as "superfluous and potentially

Citing the hierarchical nature of the Church, the letter urged priests not to join or support the endeavor. Pickets protested in front of the cathedral during Cardinal Law's Sunday Mass there.

There were also about 100 gay and lesbian pickets in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral April 28, protesting comments by some Church officials suggesting that part of the sexual abuse problem is due to the incidence of homosexuality among

New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan called a meeting of all his priests April 29 to report on the Rome meeting and get their feedback on the sex abuse issue.

In other developments in late April: • Following a state-by-state survey, The

- Associated Press reported that at least 177 priests have resigned or been removed from their posts across the country since the scandal erupted in Boston in January.
- A third Maine priest, Father Leo James Michaud, was removed April 25 after an allegation that 25 years ago, when he was in the seminary, he abused a teenage boy.

- Two New Hampshire priests were removed because of allegations. Father George Robichaud was arrested and charged with assaulting a teen-age boy in 1985; Father Edward Richard was under criminal investigation for alleged sexual abuse of a boy in the 1980s.
- After reviewing 50 years of personnel files, Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, Calif., gave police the names of 20 priests whose records showed past accusations of sexual abuse of minors. The diocese said four of them are dead, one lives abroad, 11 are retired or members of a religious order, and four are active but in ministries without access to children.
- In the Boston Archdiocese, Msgr. Frederick J. Ryan resigned his pastorate in Kingston. The former archdiocesan vice chancellor and regional vicar had been under administrative leave since late March pending investigation of claims he molested three teen-age boys.
- In Tampa, Fla., Father Richard Allen abruptly resigned April 26 when confronted with an allegation that he had fondled a boy 30 years ago.
- · Priests also resigned or were removed in the face of allegations in the archdioceses of Dubuque, Iowa, and Cincinnati and in the Michigan dioceses of Saginaw and Grand Rapids. †



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removing from positions of ministry any priest who has abused minors or who is facing a credible accusation. In effect, the priest remains a priest, but he is out of a Church job.

The summit communique introduced a new, even stronger potential punishment that may be designed for priest-offenders: a quick procedure of forced laicization. That means an abusive priest would not only be out of a job, he would no longer be a priest.

Unfortunately, many in the media

never understood the distinction.

And because the communique proposed two different mechanisms for forced laicization—a more aggressive one for "notorious" offenders who engage in "serial, predatory" abuse and a slower one for others—many reporters thought that meant "zero tolerance" had been watered down at the summit.

In fact, if an abbreviated process for forced laicization is eventually adopted, it will strengthen the "zero tolerance" movement, not weaken it, by giving bishops a powerful new tool against abusive priests.

Vatican officials privately expressed disappointment at the negative reaction to

the summit, saying that the meeting had outlined some important steps expected to be acted upon when U.S. bishops meet in June in Dallas.

At present, several dioceses—for example, Boston and Philadelphiaalready have announced "zero-tolerance" policies that bar any priest from holding a position in the diocese if he has been credibly accused of sex abuse against a minor.

Church sources say that what generally happens under "zero-tolerance" policies today is that a bishop confronts a priest with a credible accusation. If it is acknowledged or verified, the priest is placed on administrative leave and told he will be removed from his assignment in the diocese, will never receive another assignment in the diocese and will never be recommended for a job in another diocese.

In many places, the offending priest also is encouraged to voluntarily file for laicization—removal from the priesthood. Until that happens, dioceses are still held responsible for the priest and, in most cases, for providing him with a paycheck.

If the mechanisms for forced laicization are adopted by U.S. bishops and approved by the Vatican as a special Church law, the bishops not only could suggest that abusive priests leave the priesthood, but could impose the penalty relatively quickly.

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago explained to Catholic News Service some background to the issue as it surfaced at the Vatican summit.

"Laicization is now regarded as a

favor, so the priest has to ask for it. The problem is, if he doesn't ask for it, all you have is a quite convoluted judicial process" to remove him from the priesthood, Cardinal George said.

The Vatican first suggested speeding up the Church's judicial process, but many of the U.S. prelates said that wasn't enough.

In the end, the Vatican said it was willing to look at a "special process" for forced laicization, to be formulated in coming weeks by officials of the U.S. bishops' conference.

Part of the public confusion over "zero tolerance" also stemmed from the fact that the final summit statement did not spell out in detail the other elements of a national policy to deal with clerical sex abuse of minors.

Father Thomas J. Reese, editor of America magazine, said the bishops still have to resolve whether "zero tolerance" applies to future abuses or to past cases,

"There is a consensus that anyone who is thought to be a danger to children should not be in ministry. Where there is disagreement is over what to do with a priest who was involved in nonserial abuse 20 or 30 years ago and has been clean ever since," Father Reese said.

In the latter situation, he said, some would like to see a lay board determine whether such a priest could continue in ministry, perhaps under conditions that would strictly limit his contact with minors.

But reference to the issue of lay involvement of this type also was left out of the summit's final communique. †



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An open letter to American Catholics

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff That give me courage.

Responsorial Psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2002

Dear Brother and Sister Catholics,

During the Easter season, our liturgy recalls the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In St. John's Gospel, the Lord tells us that the sheep follow the shepherd "because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." What

powerful words for the present moment in the life of our Church!

There is no more meaningful image in Holy Scripture for a bishop than the good shepherd. This is the ideal that the Lord wants us to keep before ourselves in our service to the Church. But over the last several months, both because of the sexual abuse of children and young people by priests and how this wounding and terrible crime was sometimes dealt with, we are asking ourselves, "Has our voice become the voice of strangers? Do people now no longer recognize our voice?"

If we are in danger of this, it is something that, with God's grace, we cannot and will not let happen.

We, your bishops, believed that we had made considerable progress in dealing with sexual abuse of minors and in creating safe environments for children. As the details of troubling cases from the past emerged, that sense of progress has been all but wiped out. We stand ready to take the steps needed to strengthen our past resolve and to keep children and young people safe for the future and to help heal those so tragically hurt by this

Your bishops have been in intensive discussion about how to provide to the fullest extent humanly possible for the protection of children and youth. And, as you know, the Holy Father has taken a very personal interest in the work we are doing and has offered us whatever assistance we need in addressing this issue. Recommendations to achieve the goal of the protection of our children will be the

main agenda item at the bishops' General Meeting in Dallas on June 13-15. As we offer prayers for each of you, please pray for us, your bishops, during the coming weeks that our decisions on behalf of children and youth will be wise and effective and for the well-being of the whole

May God bless each of you and your families and loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory Bishop of Belleville President U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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

Observing the feasts of the Ascension and the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Ascension will be The Feast of the Assessment of the Observed on Sunday, May 12, in the Roman Catholic dioceses of the state of Indiana. This is in keeping with the decision by the bishops of the Province of Indianapolis to transfer the observance of the feast to the seventh Sunday of the Easter season in the spring of 2000.

Dec. 8 this year falls on a Sunday in Advent. Therefore, the observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9 (no feast of the Church may

supplant a Sunday in Advent or Lent or in the Easter season). Because the celebration must be transferred to Monday, no obligation is attached to the observance. However, you are encouraged to observe the feast in prayerful, communal celebration, especially since Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, is our nation's patron.

Father Rick Ginther Director of Liturgy Office of Worship

Pilgrims from archdiocese tour Switzerland, Germany and Austria

More than 30 pilgrims will be led by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, to Switzerland, Germany and Austria May 2 through May 11.

The pilgrims will visit various Catholic churches and monasteries, and will attend Mass each day.

They will begin their journey in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, the home of St. Meinrad. According to legend, two ravens pursued St. Meinrad's murderers to alert people to the crime.

Monks from the abbey in Einsiedeln traveled to southern Indiana to found Saint Meirnad Archabbey in St. Meinrad in the 1850s.

The pilgrims will continue on to Germany to visit Bavarian King Ludwig II's Neuschawanstein Castle, Wies Church where the figure of the scourged Savior shed tears and turned the church into a pilgrimage site and Oberammergau, the site, of the famous Passion Play Theatre.

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Editorial

Let's be clear about the Vatican 'summit'

et's be clear about what did and didn't actually happen at the recent Vatican "summit."

Perhaps because such a meeting is unusual, the news media have had more than their usual problems reporting on this meeting accurately. They even seemed to have missed the basic purposes of the meeting.

The final communiqué issued by the summit's participants says that the meeting had three goals:

- To inform the Holy See about the difficulties U.S. bishops have been faced with because of the clergy sexual abuse scandal,
- To allow the Vatican curial officials to hear a general evaluation of the situation directly from the U.S. cardinals and bishops,
- To work together to find ways to move forward in addressing the

Regardless of what you might conclude from many news media reports:

- The U.S. cardinals were not "ordered" to Rome to be taken to the woodshed by Pope John Paul II. That's media hype.
- The Vatican did not and would not issue binding directives on this issue for the Church in the United States. That was an expectation created by the news media; it's not the way the Church works.
- The following topics were never on the agenda: a change in the discipline of celibacy for the Latin Church, the ordination of women, the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law.
- The purpose of the meeting was not to discuss specific concepts such as "zero tolerance" or "one strike and you're out."

Here's what really happened: Pope John Paul II met briefly with the U.S. delegation and delivered what the joint communiqué called a "programmatic address." The pope used pointed language in this speech to set the context for the meeting between the U.S. cardinals and bishops and the members of the Roman Curia. He spoke of being "deeply grieved" by the "suffering and scandal to the young" caused by priests and religious. The abuse, he said, "is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society; it is also an appalling sin."

A key phrase in the pope's address— "there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young"—has given rise to much speculation about whether this statement by the pope has provided the basis for the U.S. bishops to adopt a so-called "zero-tolerance" policy. But such a policy, along with six proposals adopted by the meeting's participants, will be worked out and decided upon by the U.S. bishops at their semiannual meeting set for June.

However, several things are clear. There is no debate among the bishops that their priority is the protection of children and young people. And there is no debate about not having in ministry anyone who is a danger to the people they serve. There is also a consensus that the laity have to be included in the decision-making process.

The six proposals for the U.S. bishops' consideration are:

- The adoption of national standards for policies dealing with the sexual abuse of minors by those ministering in the name of the Church,
- The establishment of a special process for dismissing from the clerical state any priest who has become notorious and is guilty of the "serial, predatory, sexual abuse of minors,"
- The adoption of a special process for dismissing priests guilty of abusing minors where the cases are not notorious but are considered by the local bishop to be a threat to children and young people,
- A call for apostolic visitations of seminaries and religious houses of formation, with special attention given to admission requirements and the teaching of Catholic moral doctrine in its "integrity,"
- A charge to the U.S. bishops to meet the pope's challenge to use the scandal to develop "a holier priesthood, a holier episcopate, and a holier Church,"
- Setting aside a day for prayer and penance for the entire Church in the United States in order "to implore reconciliation and the renewal of ecclesial life."

The communiqué also pointed out that because no link between celibacy and pedophilia can be scientifically maintained, participants in the summit meeting reaffirmed "the value of priestly celibacy as a gift of God to the Church."

By all accounts, these are substantive proposals; some, if adopted by the body of U.S. bishops, will need to be sent to Rome for approval (recognitio). A good beginning has been made. And there is every reason to believe that the follow-through will be sound and effective. †

— William R. Bruns

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

Honoring Mary during May

o you sometimes struggle with unbelief? Do you find yourself discouraged as you try to be a good Christian day in and day out? Do you sometimes find it hard to even want to be a good Christian and to keep on wanting it? Are you feeling alone and perhaps unloved? Are you worried because your loved ones are straying from the faith? Are you feeling numb because an unfair tragedy has seemingly defeated

Surely Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced these human challenges. In one of our Good Friday hymns just a few weeks ago, the Lord asked: "My people, what have I done to you, why have you rejected me?"

Referring to Mary, the mother of Jesus, one of our traditional prayers for the Way of the Cross urges us: "Stop and see if there be any sorrow like unto her sorrow."

Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived like we do, but in even more primitive times. One of the great wonders of God's love is that he sent his own son to become like us and to walk our path of life with parents like us—and in the end his way of suffering won our salvation. Hence our Easter joy!

Last week, we honored St. Joseph, Jesus' foster father. Now, in a special way, all during the month of May we honor his mother Mary as one of the great signs of our Christian hope.

Mary suffered with her son, but her painful life ended in glory. As the painful life of her son ended in Easter glory, so Mary was gloriously assumed into heaven. There she intercedes for us as Mother of the Church and the blessed mother for

Mary has a special place in the Easter triumph of her son because she stayed faithfully close to the suffering Jesus in obedience to the will of the Father. She is the best witness we could ever want to find for the triumph of faith and hope.

During this month of our Blessed Mother, I want to encourage us to look to the experience of the Jewish maiden Mary, the Mother of Christ, in our prayer and quiet thoughts. From the moment of her virginal conception which worried and troubled her, Mary's faith in God was tested. Her son was born in a courtyard stable. She and Joseph and their child were driven in exile to be refugees in Egypt during Herod's

reign of terror. She and Joseph lost their child in Jerusalem when they went up to the great Temple to pray.

Jesus left her home to take on the public mission of God, his father. She had to walk with him, helpless and powerless, as he suffered the humiliation of a condemned criminal. She was there, powerless, as he hung pitifully on the cross. She held him in her arms as they prepared him for burial. And in the end, she was there with the Twelve on that first Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended upon them and the Church was born.

In the end, there she was, full of faith. How she must have been tempted to bitterness and despair! She continued to believe, and that made all the difference. She stayed with the obedience of her Son. No wonder she shares the glory of His triumph in a special way. That's why we honor her as the Blessed Virgin Mary during this month of

If we turn to Mary in prayer and meditation, we will find a friend in faith. We find a person like us who knows life as we know it. And she shows us how to persevere in faith. Now, as our great intercessor, along with her son and her husband Joseph, Mary is able to help us, to inspire us, to challenge us. And she is with us to console us in our needs and in our desire and struggle to live good lives.

Won't you take the time to visit Mary's shrine in your parish church? Pray a Hail Mary or the Memorare or the Rosary. Or just visit—as the poet Paul Claudel said so beautifully:

"It is midday. I see the church open. I need to go in.

Mother of Jesus Christ, I have not come to pray.

I have nothing to offer you or ask

I come only, O Mother, to look at

To look at you, to cry for joy ... Without saying anything, to gaze on vour face.

To allow the heart to sing its own language.

Not to say anything, but only to

Because the heart is too full."

(Oeurve Poetique. Paris: Editions Gallimard, 1967, pp. 539ff) Mary, Mother of God, and our

Mother, pray also to Jesus for us. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.

Buscando la Cara del Señor

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

Honrando a María durante el mes de mayo

ucha usted, algunas veces, con la incredulidad? ¿Se siente Usted descorazonado en su intento diario de ser un buen cristiano? ¿Le parece difícil ser un buen cristiano y querer continuar siéndolo? ¿Se siente solo y sin amor? ¿Está Usted preocupado porque sus seres queridos se están alejando de su Fe? ¿Se siente usted abatido porque una injusta tragedia parece estarle venciendo?

Seguro que Jesús, María y José experimentaron estos desafíos humanos. En uno de nuestros himnos de Viernes Santo hace unas pocas semanas el Señor preguntó "¿Mi gente que les he hecho, por qué me rechazan?"

Haciendo referencia a María, la Madre de Jesús, nos urge recordar una de nuestras oraciones tradicionales que refieren la ruta de la cruz: "Deténganse y miren si hay algún dolor como éste dentro de su pena."

Jesús, María y José vivían como nosotros, pero en tiempos aun más primitivos. Una de las maravillas del amor de Dios es que Él envió a su propio hijo para que fuera como uno de nosotros y para que caminara con padres como nosotros por el sendero de la vida-y últimamente su manera de sufrir permitió que alcanzáramos nuestra salvación. ¡De ahí nuestra alegría de Pascua!

La semana pasada honramos a San José, el padre adoptivo de Jesús. Actualmente, de modo especial, a lo largo del mes de mayo honraremos a su Madre María como una de las grandes señales de nuestra esperanza

María sufrió junto con su Hijo, pero su vida dolorosa terminó en gloria. Así como la dolorosa vida de su hijo terminó en la gloria de Pascua, también María fue gloriosamente llevada al cielo. Allí ella intercede como la Madre de la Iglesia y la Santa Madre de todos nosotros.

María tiene un lugar especial en el triunfo de Pascua de su Hijo, porque ella se mantuvo en la Fe ante el sufrimiento de Jesús en obediencia a la Voluntad del Padre. Ella es el mejor testigo que podemos tener del triunfo de la Fe y la esperanza.

Durante este mes de nuestra Santa Madre, quiero que nos animemos todos a acudir a la experiencia de María, la doncella judía, la Madre de Cristo, en nuestra oración y pensamientos tranquilos. Desde el momento de su concepción virginal, hecho que le causó preocupación e inconvenientes, la fe de María fue puesta a prueba. Su Hijo nació en un establo. Ella, José y su Hijo fueron expuestos al exilio a vivir como refugiados en Egipto durante el régimen de terror de Herodes. Ella y José perdieron a su hijo en Jerusalén

cuando subieron al gran templo para

Jesús salió de su casa para asumir la misión pública de Dios, su Padre. Ella tenía que caminar con El, impotente y sin fuerzas, mientras El sufría la humillación como un delincuente condenado. Ella estaba allí, impotente, mientras El colgaba lastimosamente en la cruz. Ella lo tuvo en sus brazos a medida que lo preparaban para su sepelio. Y al final, ella estaba allí con los doce apóstoles en el primer domingo de Pentecostés cuando el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre ellos y se dio inicio al nacimiento de

Y al final, ella estaba allí, llena de Fe. ¡Desde luego ella debió haber sido tentada por la amargura y desesperación! Pero Ella continuaba creyendo y eso hizo la diferencia. Ella se quedó con la obediencia de su Hijo. No es sorprendente entonces que ella comparta la gloria de Su triunfo de modo especial. Por eso la honramos como la Santa Virgen María durante este mes de mayo.

Si acudimos a María cuando oramos y meditamos, encontraremos a un amigo en la Fe. Encontraremos a una persona que conoce la vida como nosotros la conocemos. Además ella nos enseña como perseverar en la fe. Ahora, como nuestra gran intercesora, junto con su Hijo y esposo José, María es capaz de ayudarnos, inspirarnos y desafiarnos. Y ella está con nosotros para consolarnos tanto en nuestras necesidades como en nuestro deseo y lucha de llevar una

¿No dispone Usted de tiempo para visitar la capilla de María en su iglesia parroquial? Entonces rece un Ave María o el Memorare o el Rosario. O sólo haga una visita, como dijo el poeta Paul Claudel tan perfectamente:

"Es mediodía. La Iglesia está abierta. Vamos allá. Madre de Jesucristo, yo no vengo a

No tengo qué ofrecer, ni nada que

Madre, yo vengo sólo para mirarte. Mirarte, llorar de dicha.... Sin decir nada, contemplando tu

Dejando al corazón cantar en su propia lengua.

No decir nada, sólo cantar, porque se tiene el corazón demasiado lleno". (Oeuvre Poetique. París: Editions Gallimard, 1967, pp. 539ff)

María Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra, ruega a Jesús por nosotros. †

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminaristas: ¡Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!

Letters to the Editor

Support the good priests

After hearing only about fallen priests, we thought that it is time to share stories of the many holy priests that we have in our archdiocese. We would like to begin by telling about the priests at our parish, and we challenge Catholics from around the archdiocese to write and tell us about their devoted priests. Let us not let the fallen minority overshadow the holy majority! If the secular media will not take the time to highlight the many holy priests in our midst, let us do it ourselves. In the process, we can thank God for his Royal

Father Daniel Mahan has been pastor at St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis for seven years, and for all of that time he has been a holy role model. This man loves being a priest! He has a heart for youth and vocations. He teaches from the pulpit, and also brings his zeal and love for the Church to school and religious education classrooms (35 times a year to be exact). He celebrates Mass three times each week for the students at St. Luke School (many more times for the parish at large), adoration and Benediction for the school on first Fridays, vocations day for all parish seventh-graders at Saint Meinrad and with the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and youth Masses. While at our parish, Father Mahan taught many classes, including sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the theology of the Eucharist and the theology of reconciliation. All of this attention to youth and education comes in addition to the many parish and school meetings that require his attendance and direction.

During the past seven years, Father Mahan has encouraged and directed the birth of a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Under his leadership, a multimillion dollar expansion of our parish facilities and grounds is progressing, which benefits our large parish family. Oh, don't think it has been a cakewalk! With these changes, Father Mahan has endured many challenging days while prayerfully making tough decisions. Through it all, however, his remarkable characteristics remain obvious to all. He loves being a priest. He is guided by the Holy Spirit. He desires to bring souls to Christ. He desires to nurture vocations among the youth, and he is bright, educated and loves his parishioners.

Whenever the children of the parish see Father Mahan, there are big smiles and always a high-five. He is a real celebrity for the grade school children who seek his autograph on lunch napkins when he joins them for lunch. (This always causes him to blush!) The faculty and staff at St. Luke School cherish Father Mahan's presence and leadership. Many parishioners also enjoy his company as their guest in their homes, on the golf course and at Pacers or Colts games. He is a priest who is among his people in good times and in bad. Many who have received his consolation during illness or the death of a loved one have expressed their belief that he has a special gift that is a tremendous comfort to families at such difficult times.

Father Daniel Mahan has given St. Luke families the richness and fullness of our Catholic tradition. He has enriched the spiritual lives of children and adults alike. In June, Father Mahan will leave us for his new parish in Batesville. What a wonderful gift he will be for the people at St. Louis Parish.

Teresa Schutzman and Alice Reahard, **Indianapolis**

Disobedience is the problem

As I continue to be bombarded, in all publications, both secular and religious. by the Church's newest scandal. I have reached a conclusion. We need to cease looking to the symptoms and spend our efforts on the root causes. It is not just

immorality, but something much less obvious. The problem is very simple. It is disobedience. This all began with Pope Paul VI and his prophetic document Humanae Vitae.

Having lived through this period and, by the grace of God, accepting this teaching and having witnessed the wholesale rejection of its wisdom by clergy and laity alike, nothing in this present scandal surprises me. Its rejection by the laity is regrettable, but the rejection by our shepherds, even at the highest levels, is tragic. Their failure to preach the pitfalls of the document has caused its prophetic message to be realized. This silence has led to our cavalier view of sex; that it is not about pro-creation, but about pleasure, however and wherever you find it. It is easy to see, using this premise, that the morality within the priesthood would soon suffer and even lead to unhealthy sexual practices.

I challenge those priests, bishops and even cardinals, who have for whatever invalid reason or misapplied empathy failed us by their silence, to begin now to give us the light of truth which the Holy Spirit provided us through Pope Paul IV. To those who have embraced this teaching from the beginning, step out courageously by confessing to your people your failure in this matter. Just know that any time an ordained or non-ordained person advised another to ignore the teaching authority of the Church and to follow his or her uninformed conscience, a strand of the moral fiber of the Church is severed, not to mention his own relationship with his God.

The old argument that this teaching is not an ex cathedra pronouncement is not supported by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which states "loyal submission of will and intellect must be given to the Roman Pontiff even when he does not speak ex cathedra." The time has come to begin feeding our cafeteria Catholics the truth.

Carl W. Lentz, Koleen, Ind.

Forgive me, Father, for I am skeptical

The immediate source of the Church's sexual scandal is twofold. It stems from the horrendous acts themselves and the frail responses by Church hierarchy in handling them. In an effort to deal with these issues, a recent extraordinary meeting of Catholic cardinals gathered to put forward a solution. Three main points can highlight their recent proposal:

- 1. "an Apostolic Visitation of seminaries and religious houses of formation, giving special attention to their admission requirements and the need for them to teach Catholic moral doctrine in its
- 2. "that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recommend a special process for the dismissal from the clerical state of a priest who has become notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory, sexual abuse of minors,"
- 3. "a special process for cases which are not notorious but where the Diocesan Bishop considers the priest a threat for the protection of children and young

Many justifiably have contentions about the language and the lack of a stronger policy issuing from these meetings. Indeed, one must ask why should even these feeble words have any consoling effect on the conscience of American Catholics. Reason dictates that we should look at the past to get some semblance of an idea of what may occur in the future. Let us consider the track record of our hierarchy.

In 1992, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued The Five Principles to Follow in Dealing with Accusations of Sexual Abuse that promised to "respond promptly to all

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Check It Out . . .

Pilgrimages to the Monte Cassino Shrine to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary are scheduled for the four Sundays in May at Saint Meinrad in St. Meinrad, Ind. Each pilgrimage begins at 2 p.m. CDT with an opening hymn and a short sermon followed by a rosary procession. The one-hour service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. The public is invited. On May 5, Benedictine Brother Terrence Griffin will discuss "Marian Shrines Throughout the World." On May 12, Benedictine Brother Anthony Vinson will present a program on "Mary, the First Disciple." On May 19, Benedictine Father Benet Amato will discuss "Mary, Full of Grace." On May 26, Benedictine Father Justin DuVall will discuss "Mary at the Heart of the Church." The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Highway 62. For more information on the Monte Cassino pilgrimages, call Saint Meinrad at 812-357-6585 or 812-357-6501 during business hours.

"Applying the Gospel to Everyday Life" is the topic of a 7:30 p.m. adult religious education program on May 9 at St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, in Indianapolis. The public is invited. Kevin DePrey, director of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, will lead the panel discussion about finding meaning and purpose in living the Sacred Scriptures in daily life. For more information, call 317-257-1085.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers will sponsor a free Family Festival and a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Reunion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 11 at St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., in Indianapolis. The Family Festival is open to the public and will promote safe, fit and healthy lifestyles with a variety of activities, including a noncompetitive obstacle course and opportunities for children to see a police car, fire truck and ambulance. Graduates from the St. Francis Special Care Nursery, now known as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and their parents are invited to visit with physicians, nurses and other graduates, and enjoy face painting, clowns and other activities. For more information about the festival, call 317-782-7997. Parents of NICU graduates should R.S.V.P. to the St. Francis Hospital Community Relations Office at 317-782-7993.

St. Elizabeth's Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., in Indianapolis will sponsor an adoption education seminar titled "Adoption: Creating a Positive Outlook" from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 10 at St. Elizabeth's. The seminar will clarify misconceptions about adoption, empower professionals to be confident and comfortable in counseling birth mothers through the emotional and legal aspects of adoption, and explain the psychological considerations of birth parents and adoptive couples. The training is approved by the National Association of Social Workers, and qualifies participants for five continuing education units. The fee is \$75 a person and does not include lunch. For more information or to register, call St. Elizabeth's at 317-787-3412 or inquire by e-mail in care of mcullen@stelizabeths.org.

"Growing in Wisdom and Grace As We Grow Older" is the topic of a Saint Meinrad School of Theology Exploring Our Catholic Faith Workshop on May 17-18 at St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, in Indianapolis. The presenter is Benedictine Father Raymond Studzinski, a professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., who teaches courses on religious development. The two-day workshop is intended for anyone who wants the guidance of Catholic teachings and themes in moving through the midlife and senior years. Workshop times are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 17 and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18. The fee is \$50, or less for seniors. To register, call the Indianapolis Office of Saint Meinrad School of Theology at 317-955-6451.

Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis will sponsor a summer football camp at the private Catholic high school. For more information, call Jim O'Hara at 317-543-4942, ext. 464, or contact him by e-mail at www.cathedral-irish.org.

Tobit Weekends for engaged couples are scheduled May 17-19 and June 21-23 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The marriage preparation weekend costs \$250 per couple and includes programming, meals and overnight accommodations. For more information or to register, call Fatima at 317-545-

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Hospice Services, 438 S. Emerson Ave., in Greenwood is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group on six successive Tuesdays from May 7 through June 11. Afternoon sessions are scheduled from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and evening sessions are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 7, 14, 21 and 28 and on June 4 and 11. Advance registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call the St. Francis Hospice at 317-865-2092.

"Daughter Shrines" is the topic for the 2:30 p.m. program on May 12 at Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 11 miles south of Versailles on U.S. 50. For more information, call Father Elmer Burwinkel at 812-689-3551 or contact him by e-mail at eburwink@seidata.com.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana is offering a "Mother-Daughter Day of Prayer" from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 11. Registration is not required. A free-will offering is appreciated. For more information, call 812-923-8817 or e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

The women of St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., in Indianapolis, invite guests to attend the fifth annual Sister-to-Sister Celebration from May 6-12. The programs celebrate unity, healing and the women of African descent mentioned in the Bible. The celebration also will include opportunities for praise and worship. Workshops will focus on spiritual and personal growth that will help improve the quality of life for women. There also will be a program on May 12 for "Little Sisters" aged 6-17. Programming starts at 7 p.m. on May 5-8, 6 p.m. on May 9, 7 p.m. on May 10, and 8:15 a.m. on May 11. The celebration concludes with Mass at 10 a.m. on May 12. For more information on the celebration or to R.S.V.P. for the May 11 luncheon, call 317-543-4828 by May 9. †



St. Joseph parishioners Mark D. and Mary J. Sullivan of Shelbyville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family members in May. They were married on May 1, 1952, at St. Joseph Church in Shelbyville. They have two children,

Brian and Bret Sullivan, and four grandchildren.

Stephen M. James, director of purchasing for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was elected chairman of the board of Catholic Purchasing Services during the group's annual membership meeting on April 23 at Longboat Key, Fla. The national nonprofit purchasing group serves Catholic institutions throughout the country. Bishop Donald Wuerl of Pittsburgh, Pa., serves as the episcopal adviser to the organization. James is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. †

Awards/Grants . . .

The Indianapolis City-County Council has commended the Catholic Cemeteries Association, Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers and Washington Park Cemetery Association for sponsoring a children's bicycle helmet safety initiative on April 14 and giving 5,000 bicycle helmets to children in central Indiana. †

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting movie ratings

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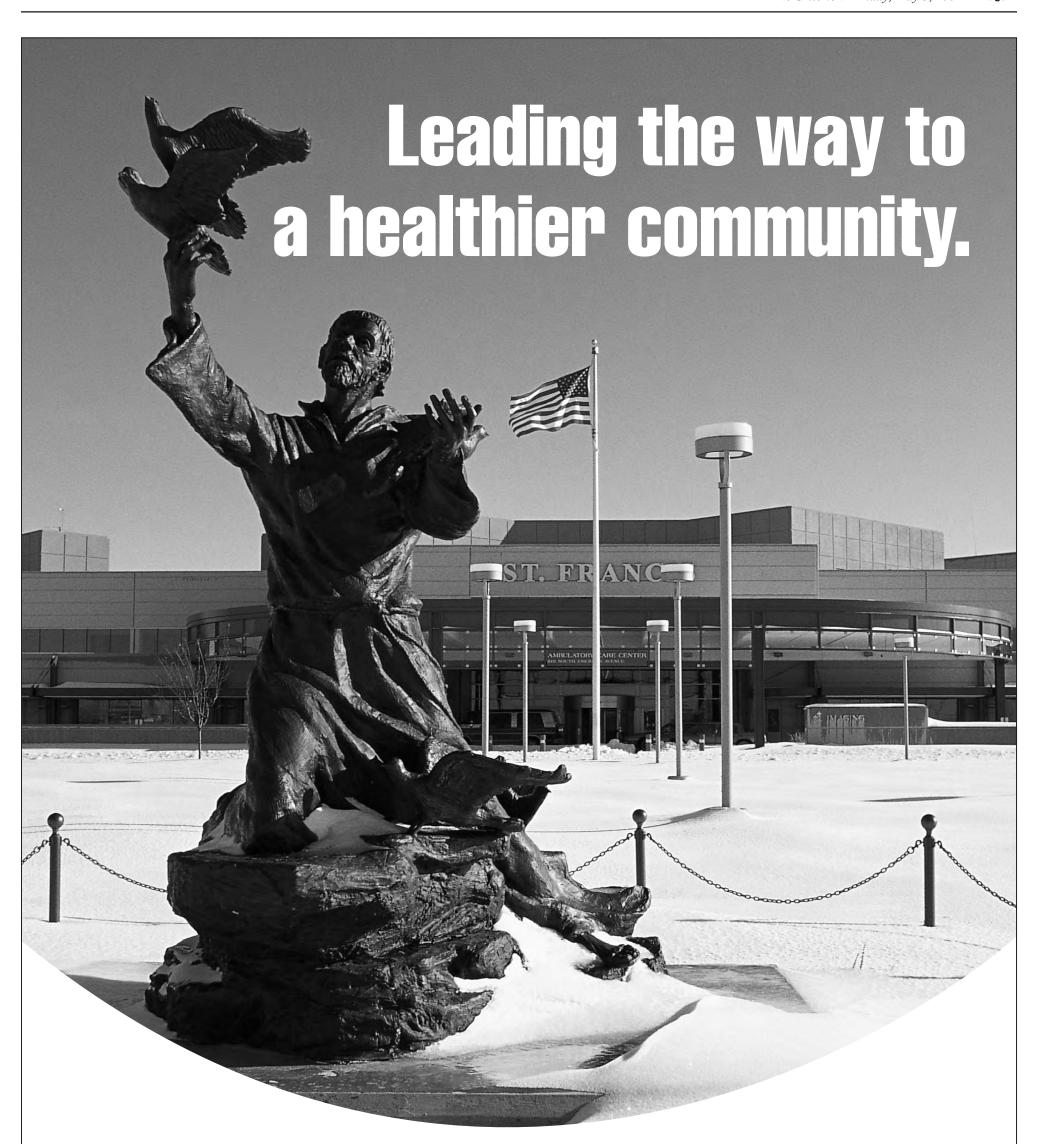
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"We're just totally blessed," his mother said. Feltz and his parents are members of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.

His father always thought that Joseph had the potential to be a priest, though was surprised when it came up later instead of right out of high school, as is often expected.

Both of his parents think that he will make an excellent priest.

"He is very dedicated," his father said. "I've noticed in these five years that he's been studying that he's never wavered from his goal. He did what he has to do—even more than he had to do."

Feltz's mother said that his personality

will help him. "He's a very laid back person, and he doesn't really let things bother him," she said. "He's very mature for his age.'

His first striking spiritual experience came during his senior year at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. It was a Christian Awakening Retreat.

"It was definitely the most spiritual event in my life up to that time," he said. "I shared my faith with others for probably the first time."

During his college years at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., Feltz found himself quickly developing friendships and he joined a fraternity. That stretched his comfort zone and taught him to live in a community.

His involvement with the Newman Center helped him to have greater compassion for others and a vision of the human condition of suffering.

Feltz also saw his college years as being the first tastes of leadership. He held the office of recorder at his fraternity and was the president of the Amateur Radio and Electronics Club.

That leadership followed him back to Indianapolis when he got his first job as an engineer. He became involved with his parish in a variety of ways, including lectoring. He also volunteered his time with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Diabetes Foundation.

Feltz also rented out the other side of his duplex to his aunt, who suffered emotional and psychological disabilities. For six years, he helped keep an eye on her and assisted with chores. Eventually, she had to move into assisted living.

In April 1996, all this "training" came together for Feltz on a Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend at St. Barnabas.

"Up to that point, I knew I needed to do something else with my life, but I did not know what that might be," he said. "During the weekend, an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation was offered. I think it was the first time I partook of the sacrament with a truly contrite heart and I experienced God's loving touch of forgiveness.

"I spent the rest of the weekend affirming the love God has for me. I came off the weekend with a new perspective on things and people. I saw the people I come in contact with as being equally as loved by God as I was and thus deserving of respect and love from me."

He began to read the Scriptures every day and pray the rosary on his lunch hour. "As a result of this, I was finally able

to hear God's calling to me, and after much prayer I responded by saying 'yes' to him," Feltz said.

He began to consult with the vocation director at that time, Father Paul Etienne, and in the fall of 1997 entered the semi-

"The biggest personal change in my years in seminary has been learning about myself," he said. "I recognize my talents and my weaknesses better than I did before. I consider knowledge of my strengths and weaknesses a benefit to me as a minister to God's people in that it will allow me to better serve others."

In his pastoral experience thus far, Feltz said that he has experienced that love of Christ for people—as well as his own ability to love them.

He said that people trust their ministers who have given their lives to the Church, and despite the current scandal thinks that the Church will come out stronger.

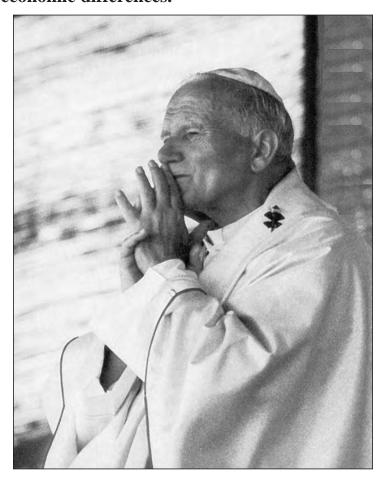
"I am confident that God will take this tragedy and bring something good out of it," he said.

As he looks forward to ordination, Feltz puts his trust in God to be the best priest that he can be.

"I look at this ministry as an opportunity to serve others as we walk together on this faith journey," he said. "I am convinced that God has been directing my life to this moment in time when I am ready from an emotional and spiritual standpoint to embark on this ministry. I am excited and humbled by God's calling, and I can only pray that I will always remain as excited and humble years down the road." †

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Protesters in Bethlehem

International peace demonstrators stage a sit-in at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on April 28. The following day an armed Palestinian was killed by Israeli soldiers when he stepped into a courtyard at the church. Negotiations to end the more-than-three-week standoff between Palestinian gunmen inside and the Israeli army outside came to a halt at the end of April.



Bethlehem reduced to city of crushed cars, rotting garbage

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS)—The sounds and the smells of the old city of Bethlehem have changed.

Now, instead of the tantalizing smell of exotic spices and sizzling grilled meat mingling with the sounds of tour groups tramping their way to the Church of the Nativity, there is only the crunching of glass underfoot and the smell of rotting garbage.

Flies hover noisily over piles of overgrown trash, and burned-out hulks of cars litter the old marketplace, which a mere four years ago had been renovated with high hopes and foreign money, ready to greet the stream of millennial-year tourists.

Cars battered and run over by tanks line the roads heading to the marketplace and the alleyways leading up to the Church of the Nativity.

Brightly colored turquoise doors painted for the millennial celebrations have bullet holes through them, while others have been twisted and torn by Israeli soldiers who went door to door, searching for gunmen they believed were responsible for violent attacks on Israeli civilians.

Almost a month after the Israeli incursion, only a few residents venture outside their homes, while children play among the shattered cars and scattered clothes that old women once sold at the market.

A group of journalists and photographers stake out a place at the end of one alleyway facing the Church of the Nativity, waiting to catch a glimpse of negotiators and people leaving the church as the three-weeklong standoff

Farther away from the church, Alia, a 32-year-old Muslim resident of the old city, is on her own stakeout. She sweeps away at the mound of collecting refuse, pushing away the rancid green water from her doorway.

"Look what has happened," she said, looking about her at the reeking piles of garbage. "I am thinking of cleaning it up myself.'

Alia also referred to the rotting meat at nearby butcher

"Notice the smell?" she asked. "Diseases will come to us. I hope the press will make the U.N. come here to help

She said soldiers came several times to the home she shared with her mother and brother's family, but they did not break or steal anything.

Now her brother has taken his children outside the old city, but Alia and her mother stayed to protect the house from looting and soldiers.

She is not sure if the gunmen inside the Church of the Nativity have weapons, since she only knows what the

"Both Muslims and Christians are very sad about what



Muslim, breaks an Israeli curfew to clean up trash outside her house in the old city section of Bethlehem on April 28. Garbage and destroyed vehicles littered the roads of the West Bank city more than three weeks after the Israeli incursion.

has happened in the church," she said, "and hope the situation will be over and the church will be safe and the men inside will be safe."

Her mother is 70 years old, she said, and she never saw so much destruction in any of the other wars she lived

'The Israelis do something and then the Palestinians answer back," Alia said. "That is what is happening. What we need is for this to become clean."

Another Muslim resident of the city who requested anonymity noted that the Israelis aim loud noises at the church at all hours of the night, preventing the residents from sleeping.

He said he is sure the Palestinians took guns inside the church.

"They should not have taken in the guns," the man said. "Just like they didn't go into a mosque in Jenin, they shouldn't have gone into a church here."

Basem Hamis, 24, has been staying with friends since the Israelis took over the city because he wasn't able to make

his way back to his home near the Church of the Nativity.

He was arrested three times, he said, and beaten twice. "Of course, I was scared when they put handcuffs on me and blindfolded me," said Hamis, who used to work in the tourist industry. "But I have never been involved in political organizations. I know that would make things difficult for me and my family. That is why the Israelis let me go always."

His only contact with his family now has been by

"I hope everything will be quiet," Hamis said. "The gunmen in the church should have left their guns outside—then there could have been a chance. But now the situation is very dangerous."

He and his friend ruminated over the bleakness of a city that once held so much promise.

"I never imagined living like this," he said. "I don't have any future. For two years, there have been no tourists in Bethlehem. Only if this situation ends can I think of a future for myself." †







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attire around 6:30 p.m. to pick up either a boutonnière or corsage for their companions and escort them down to the hall. The dance began promptly at 7 p.m., and Die Doppel Adler Musikanten Band played songs that had residents and students partying in minutes.

"It's good to see them doing things now that will encourage them to do service later on," Jennings said.

Approximately 70 students volunteered from Bishop Chatard to help with the night's festivities, and about 60 residents from St. Augustine's joined the fun. The home is operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

"I just hope that a lot of people reach out of their shell and get to know the elderly for who they are," said sophomore Hunter Land, who was in charge of the night's entertainment and is a member of the service committee.

The Bishop Chatard student council

had been planning the special prom since the end of February, deciding dates, arranging times and picking a theme, Hunter said, but the whole school was able to participate.

"I think it's a great experience for all of us to be here," said freshman Erin Bowman. "It opens up a part of us."

Junior Katie Norris, who co-chaired the night's festivities, said the school raised funds by doing a "Pay-To-Wear-Jeans Day," which let Bishop Chatard students pay \$1 not to wear their uniforms.

Pictures of the residents when they were younger covered the wall to coordinate with the prom's theme, "Forever Young."

"Just being here is so special," said resident Bitsy Landis. "I would come back

The dance had a special area for taking pictures of the residents with their high school companions. The developed pictures will be placed in frames the students will decorate so the residents can have a memento of the night.

"It is wonderful to see how the young and the old break the [generation] gap,"



A Bishop Chatard High School student enjoys herself at the "prom" that the Indianapolis Catholic high school students hosted for the residents of St. Augustine Home.

said Little Sister of the Poor Lourdes Marie Miranda, who worked with the Bishop Chatard students to organize the event.

"The best part of the night is the coming together of young and old with

Jesus in the midst among them," said Mary Schaffner, Bishop Chatard's campus minister.

(Laura Cohen is a freelance writer for The Criterion.) †

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administration's health-care plan.

The ads feature the same actors who originally fretted about the possible impact of the Clinton health plan in ads paid for by the Health Insurance Association of America. This time around, paid for by an entirely different group organized by entertainment industry figures, Harry and Louise bemoan that diabetes researchers would go to jail if research that Louise says is "not cloning" is banned

They describe the procedure to be banned under one Senate bill as though it

"uses an unfertilized egg and a skin cell," and is therefore "not making babies."

That campaign is riling one of the sponsors of S.1899, Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"Cloning is cloning is cloning," Brownback said. "Whether the use of the cloning procedure is employed for bringing a clone to live birth or for the purposes of destroying it during research, it is wrong."

Apparently that conclusion is being reached by people who come at the issue from many different directions.

At a briefing for Senate staff and press April 24, Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., a physician who supports S.1899, said the current situation illustrates a lesson he was taught when he first came to Congress. "No matter how much you disagree with someone, be nice. Because you could wake up and find you're working with them on another issue."

Some of the 100 Democrats who voted for the House bill, for example, "had 100 percent NARAL voting records," Weldon said, referring to the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. Though some supporters came from the right-to-life or sanctity of life perspective, others came at it from women's concerns, he explained.

Kathleen Strottman, a legislative assistant for Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., primary co-sponsor of S.1899 and host of the briefing, said her boss concluded all human cloning should be banned partly out of concern that human bodies were being "commodified."

Judy Norsigian, president and founder of the Boston Woman's Health Book Collective, which publishes the book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, said leaders of the women's health movement have strong reservations about cloning research. She supports a moratorium on human cloning, something none of the three pending bills would create.

"There is massive confusion about embryonic stem-cell research and cloning," Norsigian said. While she supports embryonic stem-cell research, cloning is another story altogether.

For one thing, Norsigian said expectations of what kind of medical breakthroughs might result from cloning have been hugely inflated. And there's been virtually no study of what effect cloning technology might have on the creation of "designer babies" or on the effects on women's bodies of supplying eggs for cloning projects, she added.

Two women who attribute their drastic health problems to taking the fertility drug Lupron warned against allowing cloning research because it would create a new, lucrative market for women to provide their eggs for research. The result would be more people suffering from dangerous side effects of fertility drugs, they said.

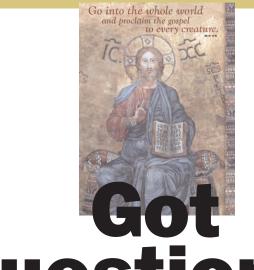
Also at the Senate briefing, Brent Blackwelder, president of Friends of the Earth, distributed a letter from leaders of environmental groups including the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and Physicians for Social Responsibility. The letter to senators called for a ban on studies to clone human beings and a moratorium on creation of cloned human embryos for research.

"Reproductive cloning ... radically transforms the fundamental processes of procreation and development," the letter said. "The use of cloning for reproduction would irrevocably turn human beings into artifacts."

The environmentalists noted that "the pursuit of cloning technology is being driven to a great extent by profit-driven firms and a very small number of scientists," many of whom "are irresponsibly dangling highly unrealistic visions of miracle cures before the American people."

The Senate briefing also included prepared statements from several scientists who oppose it.

"Even if human therapeutic cloning were acceptable on religious, moral and/or cultural grounds, it is scientifically unsound to proceed with [it]," wrote Marie A. Di Berardino, professor emeritus of biochemistry at the Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann School of Medicine, who has done her own research on cloning frog cells. †



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Catholic representatives, including quadriplegic New York City police officer Steven McDonald, are on hand as President George W. Bush pushes for the Senate to pass a ban on human cloning on April 10. The president made his remarks from the East Room of the White House.

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Canon law is based on theology of the Chur ch

By Fr. W. Thomas Faucher

The Code of Canon Law is the owner's manual for the Church.

It's like the owner's manual in the glove compartment that tells how everything in the car is supposed to work and gives much-needed advice when something goes wrong.

That makes me, as a canon lawyer, a Church mechanic.

One great thing about the Church is that "mechanics" get fancy titles like "judicial vicar" and "vicar for canonical affairs."

Those who hold these titles work to make sure that the Church's normal and routine operations proceed smoothly, and that non-routine things are handled according to the theology and regulations of Church law.

Every Catholic, though most are unaware of it, is touched each day by decisions that canon lawyers make on behalf of the Church.

The owner's manual we use is the 1983 *Code of Canon Law* and the various other types of law in the Church such as liturgical law. Basically, the laws are the theology of the Church put down in practical form.

The laws come from many sources: our long history, various councils and various popes. Periodically, the Church updates the owner's manual. The code was last updated 19 years ago.

Canon law is based on a Roman or European model of law, not on the Anglo-Saxon law used, for example, in America. This means that things are done differently from what we are sometimes used to in the United States. For example, Church law has the concept of "dispensation," where someone can be exempted from obeying a law. Again, in Church courts there are no juries.

The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* is divided into seven big sections, each with many subsections. These include general laws, a section on the people of God, another on Church teaching, one on sacraments, one on Church property, and two on procedures and trials.

Some canons are actually laws, but many others are suggestions, ideals or even theological principles.

And some canons date back almost

2,000 years, while others are newer, following Vatican Council II in the 1960s.

One of the most powerful sections of *The Code of Canon Law* is in Book 2, "The People of God," and is a series of 24 canons spelling out for the first time in Church history the obligations and rights of all the Christian faithful, clergy and laity. This section has been called the Catholic Church's "Bill of Rights."

Church law determines how a parish is founded and operated, how a pastor is appointed, how a school can be opened or closed, how many Masses can be celebrated each weekend, and who can be eucharistic ministers, baptism sponsors or witnesses to a marriage.

Canon lawyers ensure that laws such as those in the Bill of Rights are known and enforced—for example, those making sure that Church employees are properly paid and that people have the opportunity to talk to their bishop.

Canon lawyers also do non-routine things on behalf of the Church.

A parent whose daughter is in a convent wanted to know how to mention her in a will.

Someone else wanted to leave some land to a parish.

A friend who is a canon lawyer had to work out the details of how the proceeds of an oil well in one state went to a parish in another.

Someone wanted to found a religious order.

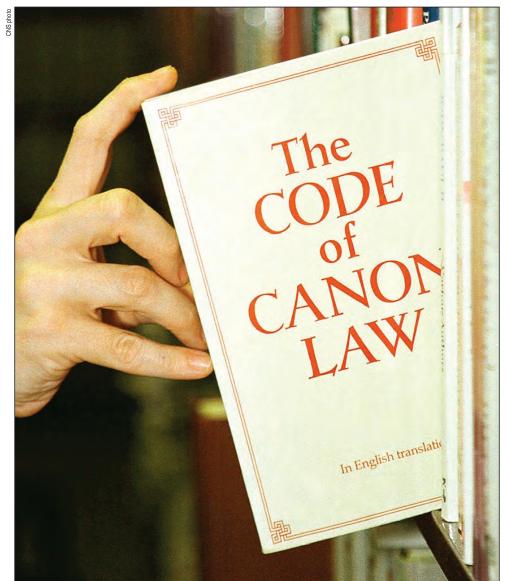
A family wanted to start proceedings for having their grandmother declared a saint.

One of the major things that canon lawyers do involves working in the marriage tribunal, where people go when they want to know if a marriage which ended in a civil divorce is considered valid by the Catholic Church.

This sometimes is called "seeking an annulment," though in actuality the Church does not grant annulments, but evaluates marriages which were civilly recognized in order to determine if a sacramental or even natural bond ever existed.

This is a difficult but rewarding ministry. Most people who have suffered a civil divorce have been deeply hurt.

The procedures of the Church in examining what happened in a marriage can be



Canon laws are the theology of the Church put down in practical form. When giving talks about canon law to people in the Church, a canon lawyer often uses the phrase "Canon law is your friend." The last time the Church updated the Code of Canon Law was 1983. In 1998, Pope John Paul II called for another updating of the code and emphasized that Catholics are obligated to accept Church teaching.

healing to those involved. It takes a lot of study to minister in a marriage tribunal, as well as much time afterward.

Historically, canon lawyers were almost always priests. But now an increasing number of sisters, deacons, and lay men and women are making canon law their field of study and work.

Having these new people in the profession has been a great addition to the world of canon law. They often make great Church mechanics.

When giving talks about canon law to people in the Church, I often use a phrase to describe what canon law is. It always gets a chuckle from the priests, but I think it fits very well the importance and value of this special Church owner's manual.

I tell people that, "Canon law is your friend."

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

Discussion Point

Diocesan tribunal is a ministry

This Week's Question

As a canon lawyer, what is your work's main focus?

"My full-time work is in the diocesan tribunal as a judge and in offering canonical advice on a variety of issues which face the diocese. I also teach canon law on a part-time basis at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md." (Carol L. Houghton, S.T.D., J.C.D., Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.)

"As chairman of the archdiocesan Professional Conduct Committee, I serve as a canonical adviser in personnel issues. Also, I'm on the [Church] court of appeals for the state of Illinois. We review the annulment decisions from the diocesan tribunals and the state of Illinois." (Father Thomas Paprocki, J.C.D., Archdiocese of Chicago, Ill.)

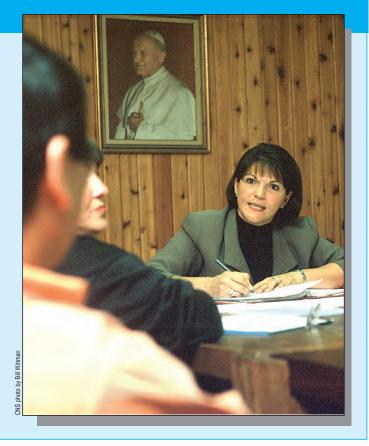
"The ministry of the tribunal focuses upon the pastoral needs of clients who present their petitions to the Church to investigate the sacramental/indissoluble nature of their allegedly sacramental union. In

addition, it is necessary to counsel clients who are the recipients of an annulment declaring their former marriage not to be sacramental (binding until death) in order that they also may address issues which were the basis of the failed marriage. In the aftermath of a divorce, it is all the more imperative to properly prepare them for the establishment of a community of life and love that is reflective of 'the intimate partnership of married life rooted in the conjugal covenant of irrevocable personal consent' (cf. "Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World")." (Father Joel A. Lecuivre, J.C.L., Diocese of Providence, R.I.)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Jewish bar or bat mitzvah and weddings

Last in a series

Jews love to celebrate rites of passage. Two of those are coming of age and wed-

dings.



Jewish bar mitzvah (for boys) or bat mitzvah (for girls) is different from anything in the Catholic Church. Although it happens at about the same age as that at which most Catholic children

receive confirmation, it's really not the same when it comes to celebration. Relatives come from everywhere to celebrate. It's expected that you will be there no matter whatever else you might have to do.

Bar or bat mitzvah ("son or daughter of the commandment") happens shortly after the boy or girl reaches age 13. But preparation for the ceremony must start much earlier because it involves a command performance in the synagogue.

During the ceremony, the *bar* or *bat mitzvah* leads the prayers (in Hebrew, of

course). Then, after friends or relatives read selections from the Torah or from other writings, the young man or young woman reads a portion of the Torah (also in Hebrew), and then gives a *D'var Torah*, his or her own comments (not in Hebrew) on the passage. He or she doesn't have a wide choice of passages. It's the part of the Torah that is usually read during that particular week.

After the young man's (or young woman's) comments, the rabbi asks questions about the passage and the comments. This is followed by questions from members of the congregation. All this can be somewhat intimidating for a young adolescent.

Of course, the ceremony itself is followed by singing, dancing and feasting.

A wedding is also a reason for celebration. Religious Jews take marriage seriously and want Jewish weddings to take place only between two Jews. This is such a serious matter among observant Jews that most rabbis refuse to officiate at a mixed marriage between a Jew and a Christian.

Mixed marriages have been the cause of

a severe decline in the number of Jews in the United States. Too frequently (so far as the Jews are concerned), the children of mixed marriages become secular Jews and the grandchildren become Christians.

Jewish law says that a Jewish marriage takes place when two witnesses see the bride accept a ring from the groom and hear him say, "With this ring, you are consecrated to me according to the laws of Moses and Israel." One of the reasons rabbis feel they cannot officiate at a mixed marriage is that the non-Jewish partner doesn't consider himself or herself bound by the laws of Moses and Israel.

A Jewish wedding takes place under a *chappuh*, a canopy that is supposed to represent the house into which the groom is inviting the bride.

The wedding ceremony ends with the groom breaking a wineglass by stomping on it. There are various explanations for this custom, but there doesn't seem to be any official reason for it. But if it didn't take place, Jews at the ceremony would not believe that they really attended a Jewish wedding.†

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land

The prophetic words of Mahatma Gandhi that an eye for an eye causes



blindness clearly apply to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Neither side is able to see itself sitting down with the other to work out differences.

The world is witnessing the senseless shedding of blood. The fear is that the conflict

could escalate into an Armageddon.

What petitions to God should we

What petitions to God should we formulate on behalf of peace?

I believe we should pray that the leadership on both sides be replaced by wiser heads if it remains hardhearted. In history, we often have seen positive outcomes emerge from seemingly hopeless situations because one wise person with vision was elected to office.

If lasting peace is to be achieved, we also need to pray for a much better understanding on everyone's part of the Palestinians and Israelis. Just as the media gives us daily reports of the fighting, so should it give a history of what precisely undergirds the conflict as well as an indepth look at the differences and similarities of these two cultures. We need to grasp the geography of the region and why certain areas are valued by both

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sides, and especially the religious beliefs that play a role in the war.

Knowing the history of the conflict is extremely important because it uncovers root causes. To achieve a balanced view of the conflict, we must understand how it

And we need to pray for the wisdom to discern whether this truly is a religious war.

Recently, we saw how Osama bin Laden tried to pass off terrorism as God's will. Some of the bloodiest wars ever fought were based on so-called religious motives. Is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a religious war? Is it a war over territorial rights or a war over holy land prized for its religious symbolism?

In the recent past, revolutions have been stopped through use of the Internet. I think we ought to pray now that we'll be able to use this new technology wisely to bombard each side in the conflict with information about our concerns, hopes and efforts for reconciliation.

We must not sit on the sidelines as spectators of this conflict. Instead, we need to make the effort to inform ourselves and to take action.

More than ever, public opinion within a nation ranks among its most powerful weapons. When public opinion supported President Bush after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, it unleashed an earth-shaking force.

Let us pray—that hearts not harden, that our will to understand never break and that our efforts to obtain peace in the Holy Land endure and succeed.

(Father Eugene Hemrick is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.) †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

The undefinable quirks and events of life

Life is a journey, they say. Life is a mystery. Life is for the living, etc., etc. Defining



life seems to be one of our favorite pastimes, and I'm not sure we have it right yet.

For one thing, by the time we start defining life we're often near the end of it. Introspection seems to be a factor of age, although the philo-

sophically inclined may practice it sooner rather than later. Indeed, the fact that our time is short may explain why we never get life defined exactly right.

At any rate, there are always loose ends. There are those unexplainable human quirks and events that defy description, not to mention definition. Some are amusing, some irritating and some just plain nutty.

For example, why is it that the fattest people are always lined up at all-you-caneat buffets? Why are the skinny-to-anorexic-looking ones forever working out? With weights!

How come the same folks who support abortion on demand are often the same ones who complain about our society's treatment of children? Why do women use contraception until they're practically menopausal, and then wonder why they experience infertility? And why, oh why, do 50- or 60-year-old women try to con-

Why do people who claim to be intensely religious sometimes kill or deny human rights to those of a different faith? On the other hand, why do people who believe in the truth of their own religion sometimes fail to explain or defend it in a critical public forum? Why do fanatic animal rights advocates wear leather shoes or fanatic environmentalists live in air-conditioned homes and drive SUVs?

Why are there homeless people living under bridges in the wealthiest countries of the world? Why do Protestants statistically donate more to church and charity than Catholics do? Likewise, according to tax surveys, why does the economic middle class make larger per capita charitable donations than the upper class does?

Why do people sue big auto companies when drunken or incompetent drivers cause accidents or kill someone? For that matter, why do smokers who develop serious diseases sue tobacco companies for making and selling a legal product? Particularly, as

any ex-smoker will tell you, when they must've realized soon after the first cigarette that smoking is not good for you?

Why do many kids go to college and graduate unemployed when the country is crying for trained electricians and plumbers and people who can fix things around the house? How is it that kids seem to know everything about sex except what it's for? Why has a lifetime of joyous, loving commitment come to be only "a piece of paper" which hip cohabitors don't need "to be happy?"

Why do folks who wouldn't tolerate moral laxity in their own husbands, sons and brothers think it's OK for elected officials to exhibit lewd behavior in public places and then lie about it? Why do some organizational leaders, including some in the Church, forget what they're really about in order to hide sin in their ranks?

On a personal pet peeve note, why do folks insist on using "it's" as a possessive pronoun and "its" when they mean "it is?"

Beats me. That's why I'm still asking, "What's it all about?"

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

A remarkable book of women's wisdom

Men, take note. This could be the perfect gift for ladies in your life, especially



with Mother's Day approaching. Women, take note, because this will surely inspire you to be more grounded and well-rounded in your God-given roles. What could do this? Answer: Remarkable Women, Remarkable Wisdom—A Daybook

of Reflections by Franciscan Sister Mary Francis Gangloff.

Years of research went into this collection of diverse, enlightening biographies, quotations, reflections and prayers. Sister Fran—chaplain of the Newman Center and campus minister for Erie Community College near Buffalo, N.Y.—admits many women were left out. Being a daybook, her work was restricted to only 365 entries. She has a file on nearly 1,000 women.

I was glad to find that the very first entry is "Mary, Mother of God," with the Scripture theme being motherhood. Mary is listed as "wife, mother, homemaker, disciple."

Each entry gives the country of origin (Mary's, Israel) and the time the woman lived (Mary, first century). The quotation for her is a Jewish proverb, "God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers." Christ's grandmother, St. Anne, is highlighted in July.

Because my youngest brother and wife are Salvation Army ministers, I was pleased to see the "Mother of the Salvation Army" featured. Because I'm a Hoosier, I enjoyed reading about Madaleve Wolff—poet, nun, and educator—whose "interest in the education of women led to the first Catholic graduate program in theology for women at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. ..." Because I admired Maria Goretta long before she was canonized, I was glad to see her and her mother included.

If space permitted, I could write a small book on why I liked reading fresh perspectives on famous women who'd already touched me, i.e., Beatrix Potter, Corrie Ten Boom, Edith Stein, Emily Dickinson, St. Cecelia, St. Monica, Sojourner Truth, Willa Cather, Jean Jugan, Flannery O'Connor, Sacajawea, Amy Cheney Beach, Katharine Drexel, Mother Teresa of

Calcutta, Eudora Welty, Rosa Parks and

dozens more. Equally important: I was introduced to unfamiliar women, i.e., Narcissa Whitman (pioneer missionary), Ida Lewis (lighthouse keeper), Soong Ching-Ling (Chinese women's leader), Dorothea Lange (photographer), Anna Comstock (naturalist, illustrator), Mary White Ovington (civil rights activist), Emily Blackwell (surgeon, administrator), Penina Moise (poet, writer of Jewish hymns), Margaret Pole (wife, mother, countess, martyr), Elizabeth of Toro (African princess), Gemma Galgani (stigmata), St. Zita (domestic servant), Jeanne Mance (nurse, co-founder of Montreal) and

Each time I read an entry, I admire the expertise it took to bring this book together. *Remarkable Women, Remarkable Wisdom* (\$24.95) can be obtained through the publisher: St. Anthony Messenger Press Customer Service, 800-488-0488 or www.amazon.com.

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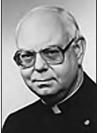
Sixth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 5, 2002

- Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
- 1 Peter 3:15-18
- John 14:15-21

The Acts of the Apostles again supplies the first biblical reading for a



weekend in this Easter season. As the name of the book implies, the

emphasis is upon the Apostles, those whom Jesus especially selected to continue the work of redemption. Looking at the entire book, Paul is

mentioned more frequently than any of

After Paul, Peter is the Apostle most often mentioned. The book repeatedly reveals to us that Peter was the chief among the Apostles.

In this weekend's reading, Philip is the central figure.

Throughout the early Church, and indeed in all ages of Christianity, offering the Gospel to people was regarded not as an intrusion but as a gift. People need God. Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God.

Philip brings Jesus, and therefore God, to those whom he encounters in this story. The Scripture states that "without exception" the people who heard Philip listened attentively. This underscores the fact that they need God, and that they sensed the need.

Jesus healed the sick. Philip heals the sick, thereby establishing himself as a representative of God in a most significant way.

In the last part of the story, two other Apostles emerge, Peter and John. These two Apostles went to Samaria. There they invoked the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit responded. This further identifies these two Apostles, and all the Apostles, as the chosen who bear the very power of Jesus, the Son of God.

The First Epistle of Peter supplies the second reading. As are most of the second readings in this season, it is an exclamation of the majesty and mission of Christ. Christians should keep the Lord in their hearts. He died for all and gave eternal life to all.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last

reading.

Occasionally, the Gospel readings for these days are Resurrection Narratives. This is not a Resurrection Narrative. It is, however, an eloquent and quite intense lesson on the part of Jesus spoken to the Apostles.

It calls them to be united with Jesus in the very way the Trinity is bound together. They are to unite with Jesus in love. For those who love Jesus, the "Spirit of Truth," or the Holy Spirit, will be with them.

In the Holy Spirit, all life abides. He is God. He is the source of life.

Loving God is more than lip service. It is fidelity to the commandments. The commandments are clearly stated, unqualified directives for living. No one of Jewish background in the first century A.D. ever could have misunderstood what Jesus said in this passage. The commandments were not vague nor did they allow for wide personal interpretation.

Reflection

The Church in the last reading this weekend gives us the marvelous message of Jesus to the Apostles, revealing for them the way to eternal life.

Humans secure eternal life by uniting themselves with Jesus, and in Jesus with God. It is a union that is neither farfetched nor ethereal. It is real. It involves love, the most profound of emotions.

Of course, it must be honest. We cannot say that we love God if we ignore the commandments. The commandments are not a set of rules for the sake of rules. They create for us, and for society, a pattern of being resembling the reality of God, with all its perfection, order, life and love.

Weeks ago, the Church called us to rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus. Over the past several weeks, it has reasserted this call.

In the second reading this weekend, it repeats the message. Jesus is every-

His message is clear. The Apostles kept it alive. Their successors, through the Church, keep it alive in our time.

We need the Lord's message. We need the Lord. God's eternal mercy provides us even in our place and time with Jesus, the Lord of Life. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 6 Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 7 Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8 John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9 (Ascension transferred to May 12) Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98:1-4 John 16:16-20

Friday, May 10 Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47:2-7 John 16:20-23a

Saturday, May 11 Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10 John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Possibility of salvation is available to every person

I must disagree with your recent comments regarding salvation for



those who do not believe in Jesus Christ. Your viewpoint devalues, demeans and diminishes the supreme sacrifice Jesus made for mankind.

You quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church and

the pope's remarks (September 1998) that members of other religions who sincerely follow what is good in their faith traditions and their own consciences "respond positively to God's invitation and receive salvation in Jesus Christ, even if they do not recognize or acknowledge him as their savior."

I was Catholic for the first 60 years of my life and respectfully believe that you, the pope and the Catholic Church are absolutely wrong.

The Bible says only those who believe in Jesus Christ are saved. You agree with that, but you say the Church's teaching has changed. But the holy word of God does not change. (North Carolina)

Your comments call for a response Afrom several directions. Perhaps most important, you speak of devaluing the sacrifice of Jesus. Doesn't the opinion that the saving death and resurrection of our Lord was wholly ineffective for 70 percent or 80 percent of the human race terribly demean that sacrifice?

Yet that is what you, and others who think as you do, must believe, because billions of people, the vast majority of the human race, never have a chance to learn about God as we Christians know God or to hear about the Bible and Jesus Christ. Are they all condemned, through no fault of their own?

Yes, the Catholic (and some other Christian) Church's understanding of the biblical injunctions about the necessity of faith in Jesus has changed. For centuries, the impression was that, except for a few pockets here and there, the Christian message had penetrated the whole world. All people, it was thought, had the opportunity to accept or reject Jesus as savior.

With the discoveries of new regions and continents, with their billions of "pagans," however, all that changed. For this reason and others, we have gradually come to realize that unless the salvation Jesus set out to achieve was a failure for most of the human family, the Holy Spirit must be at work in ways we have not heretofore

Jesus is, we firmly believe, the source and fulfillment of all salvation. Any human beings anywhere, anytime, are saved only through and in him, and through his community of believers, the Church.

If that salvation is, however, truly at work in the whole world, faith in Jesus and in the heavenly Father, whose love he revealed, must be possible in ways other than explicit, conscious acts of "accepting" him as savior. That is what Pope John Paul II, the catechism, council documents and other Catholic sources mean when they speak of the possibility of salvation outside the Church, even outside organized Christianity.

We believe the possibility of salvation, the possibility of coming under the influence of the Holy Spirit's movements inspiring faith in Jesus Christ, is available to every human being, not just to a privileged few who happen to live in the right place, where the Gospel can formally be preached to them.

This teaching appears in many places, but nowhere, I believe, more profoundly and clearly than in the oft-repeated reflections of the pope, who cautions us about presuming to put limits on what God can do.

We believe, he says in one place, that the Creator wants to save all humankind in Jesus Christ. We don't know how he does all this, he continues, but we do know "that Christ came into the world for all these peoples. He redeemed them all and has his own ways of reaching each of them" in the present age of salvation history (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, pgs. 80-83).

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1257) puts it, God has bound salvation to the sacraments, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

It seems to me we should rejoice, not be resentful, if we now better recognize the possibility that Jesus did not fail a major part of his mission but really did accomplish what he set out to do, to save the world (Jn 3:17).

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

My Journey to God

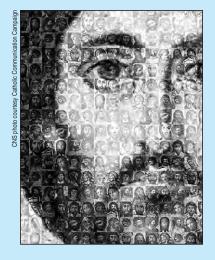
The Thoughts of God

We are the figments of God's imagination, his thoughts, no more, no less, the stuff of dreams, as the poet said, like God but not God, Diety's human musings.

The first thoughts of our kind in Creation's mind were his delight, content within his breezy paradise until they sought to be not the dream but the dreamer.

God could have forgotten them, left all of us unthought but for a word, both human and divine, that cried "Abba" within his mind. The word bent to embrace unbeing for three days then, rising in God's

carried in his arms all human thoughts imprinted with his face.



In him, with him, through him, how simple our reality. Because we bear a likeness to his son, God thinks us and we are.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Marek Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)

It was more than a groundbreaking ceremony. It was a celebration of life

Former cardiac and vascular patients and their families joined St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' physicians, nurses and other staff members to form a giant heart during the April 23 groundbreaking ceremony for a new cardiac and vascular facility at 8111 S. Emerson Ave. in Indianapolis.

Construction of the new St. Francis Cardiac and Vascular Care Center is scheduled for completion during early 2004. It will open later that year.

"The St. Francis Cardiac and Vascular Care Center groundbreaking was a great celebration for physicians, nurses, former St. Francis cardiac patients and others," said Robert Brody, president and chief executive officer of St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers in Beech Grove and Indianapolis. "With great anticipation, the St. Francis family is awaiting the completion of this new center that will allow St. Francis to continue providing superior cardiac and vascular care."

Brody said the new heart center will integrate the hospital's cardiac and vascular services, along with other specialty support, into one state-of-the-art facility.

He said the new 200,000-square-foot, 131-bed center is designed to enhance St. Francis patients' healthcare experiences as well as increase overall operational efficiency.

With more than 600 open-heart surgeries annually and almost 100,000 cardiac procedures since 1985, the existing St. Francis cardiac program on the hospital's Beech Grove campus is nearing capacity.

Following completion of the new cardiac and vascular center, St. Francis staff members anticipate that more than 750 open-heart surgeries will be conducted annually at the facility by 2007.

The facility also will serve as a site for educational programming and various support groups to proactively address a variety of cardiac- and vascular-related health problems

"St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers has seen a steady increase in the number of cardiac patients since 1995 and continues to experience growth in all of its services, particularly at the Indianapolis campus," Brody said. "Cardiac services is one of several areas St. Francis is expanding to meet growing patient demand and extend additional health care resources to the growing communi-



As part of the St. Francis Cardiac and Vascular Care Center groundbreaking ceremony on April 23 in Indianapolis, more than 350 St. Francis cardiac physicians, nurses and other staff members model navy blue T-shirts while former cardiac and vascular patients and their families model red T-shirts as they create a giant "human heart" on the hospital grounds at 8111 S. Emerson Ave.

ties we serve, fulfilling our mission of 'continuing Christ's ministry in our Franciscan tradition.'"

Thirty percent of all vascular patients in the U.S. also have cardiac-related problems, according to The Byrne Company, a national health care consulting firm.

As part of the April 23 groundbreaking ceremony, St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers presented "The Heart of St. Francis," an inaugural service award, to Wiley and Val Embry of Southport, who founded the local, St. Francis-sponsored support group called Helping Hearts for central Indiana cardiac patients and their families. The Embrys also help lead the local chapter of Mended Hearts, a national organization that provides support to cardiac patients and their families. †

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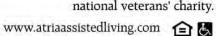
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allegations of abuse where there is reasonable belief that abuse has occurred ... If such an allegation is supported by sufficient evidence, relieve the alleged offender promptly of his ministerial duties ... Comply with the obligations of civil law as regards reporting of the incident and cooperating with the investigation." Plainly these principles were not followed.

In the U.S. bishops' 1995 statement titled Walk in the Light: A Pastoral Response to Child Sexual Abuse," it says they are "acutely aware of the havoc and suffering caused by priestly pedophilia ... are committed to dealing with these situations responsibly and in all humility ... We are fully committed to preventing child sexual abuse and to restoring

victims to health." Obviously, the bishops' "full commitment" in 1995 did not stop the crisis that erupted in 2002.

In 1990, Pope John Paul II issued the apostolic constitution Ex Corde Ecclesiae, which laid out standards for Catholic universities. Now more than 10 years later, it is yet to be implemented here by the U.S. bishops. Will the apostolic visitation aiming at a renewal of the seminaries and religious houses of formation proposed by the cardinals take that long? What are the consequences if a seminary or theologian refuses to comply?

This is not to deny the faithful action of some bishops and their diocese, but clearly stronger action is called for. Psychological harm and lack of trust is not going to be cured with timid lingo that makes no explicit mention of penalties. Ambiguous, indecisive, vacillating language should be replaced by lucid,

resolute and forceful statements containing a "do this or else" clause that leaves no wiggle room—sending a strong message both to potential violators and to the faithful. There needs to be a price to pay for disobedience. The Good Shepherd violently cleansed his Temple from thieves. One can assume He would do the same with perpetrators of sexual scandal and those dissenting seminaries that entice such behavior.

The recent communiqué by our cardinals leaves all this wanting and is yet another feeble response to scandalous practices and heterodox teachings in seminaries, doing little to restore trust. In light of the past, I have little confidence in this current proposal. The Church episcopacy in the U.S. cannot be trusted to police themselves by such ambiguous and emasculated approaches. American Catholics are continually left humiliated and

embarrassed not only by the sexual scandals themselves, but also by the wimpy and scandalous responses of their leaders. It is time for a stronger approach.

Scott Sullivan, Noblesville, Ind.

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Serra Club vocations essay

Priesthood and religious life connect us to Christ

By Thomas Elliott Jr.

It has been said that the eyes are the windows to the soul. In the eyes of man, one sees the soul; in the eyes of a priest, one sees Christ.



Thomas Elliott Jr.

This occurrence is not in any way accidental. Priesthood and religious life as a sister or brother are gifts from Jesus Christ, for his Church, and its receivers are with us in the daily struggle to be Christian.

Priesthood and religious life is a gift, and like any gift it is given freely and without any expected compensation.

Jesus' apostles were the first receivers of the "modern" priesthood, calling them as he calls some of us

yet today. "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men'" (Mt 4:19).

Being a priest or religious is a call from Christ to live as he did, humble, chaste and loving. Taking on the sacrifices Christ made for others, they become beacons of the light of Jesus Christ.

For his Church, priests and religious study Scripture and sacred Tradition and, using this knowledge, give direction on how Catholics should interpret theological and moral issues.

Priests maintain the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and ensure, through prayers and hard work, that its 2000-year tradition stays intact.

Priests also are the Church's keepers of the seven sacraments. Using the power given to them at ordination, priests acting in the role of Christ can forgive us of our sins in confession, and make Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

The most important way priests and religious live out their vocation is by being with us, the community of Christ. They live and interact with the community each day. Priests and religious are doctors, lawyers, secretaries, teachers, principals and counselors. They pray for the ill, care for the elderly and watch over the innocent. Even their cloistered

factions pray for the outside world each and every day.

They are the mortar that connects us to the rock of Christ. They fill in the holes of the wall of the community as no one else can.

Imitating Jesus is not an easy or a safe task.

Jesus himself said, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16).

The fact that these men and women said "yes" to God in spite of dangers and sacrifices truly shows God's power over the spirit. The acceptance of God's call and the love with which priests and religious sisters, brothers and seminarians do even the smallest tasks shows that they are great gifts from Christ, for his Church, and with us.

(Thomas J. Elliott Jr. is a sophomore at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, in the Lafayette Diocese. His essay was a winner in the 10th-grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club's annual vocations essay contest.) †

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In Austria, the pilgrims start the day with Mass at Salzburg Cathedral, which was visited by Pope John Paul II a few years ago, and they will have a chance to visit Mozart's birthplace and the small chapel where Silent Night was first sung. †

Daily Mass intentions for the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Germany, Switzerland and Austria

Friday, May 3—Mass, Kloster Einsiedeln, Switzerland.

Feast of SS. Philip and James—As we celebrate at the home of Saint Meinrad in Einsiedeln, we pray for the monastic community—living and deceased—at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

Saturday, May 4—Mass, Kloster Einsiedeln, Switzerland.

For our seminarians at Saint Meinrad Seminary and other seminarians, and for religious vocations.

Sunday, May 5—Mass, Wieskriche, Germany.

For all those who preach the Gospel and for a greater appreciation of God's Word in our lives.

Monday, May 6—Mass, Kloster Ettal, Benedictine Abbey, Germany.

For the Benedictine sisters of Beech Grove and Ferdinand, Ind., and for all religious women in the archdiocese.

Tuesday, May 7-Mass, Cathedral of Salzburg, Austria.

For Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and for the intentions of our archdiocesan Wednesday, May 8—Mass, St. Peter's Abbey, Salzburg, Austria.

For our Holy Father, our bishops and all Church leaders.

Thursday, May 9—Mass, Abbey Church, Kloster Weltenburg, Germany.

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May 3-5

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May 5

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May 9

St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis. Panel discussion, "Applying the Gospel to Everyday Life," Kevin DePrey, director of Fatima Retreat House, moderator, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-257-1085.

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May 11

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. Mother-Daughter Day of Prayer, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information: 812-923-8817.

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. St. Francis Family Festival and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Reunion, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-782-7993.

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Marian Center, 3356 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Prayer group, prayers for priests and religious, 9 a.m. Information: 317-257-

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Monday silent prayer group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Tuesdays

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.

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

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

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

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests prayer cenacle for laity, 1 p.m. Information: 317-253-1678.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-5:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road. Greenwood. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, 11 a.m. Information: 317-859-HOPE.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Chapel, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. Prayer service for peace, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

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

Cordiafonte House of Prayer,

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St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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

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

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Spanish prayer group and conversation, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

Saturdays

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

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine Mass, 9 a.m.

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

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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First Saturdays

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

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

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

St. Anthony Church, 379 N.

Warman Ave., Indianapolis. Reconciliation, 7:45 a.m., Mass, $8{:}15~a.m.$ followed by rosary .

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Mass and anointing of the sick, 8:35 a.m.

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

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m., then SACRED gathering in the school.

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Church at Mount St. Francis. Holy hour for vocations to

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Second Tuesdays

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

Second Thursdays

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Holy hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Pius X Church, Room 1, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis. The Caregivers Support Group, 11 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-255-4534.

Third Sundays

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. (Monday), rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

Third Mondays

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

Third Wednesdays

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Diocesan representatives discuss growing Hispanic ministry

By Jennifer Del Vechio

As the Hispanic population increases, dioceses across the state are working to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the fast-growing immigrant population.

Representatives from Fort Wayne, South Bend, Lafavette, Evansville and Indianapolis met on April 22 at St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis to discuss needs.

They talked about what needs to be done in Indiana to help Hispanics as well as what has worked and how dioceses can share resources and ideas.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the Hispanic population in the United States grew by 57.6 percent during the past 10 years, making it one of the largest growing demographic groups the Church is trying to reach.

Spanish Masses and traditional Mexican celebrations that follow Church teaching are becoming more prominent in local parishes.

Franciscan Father Al Jost said the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is preparing for a spring convocation focusing on Hispanic issues.

"This will help plan and develop our Hispanic ministry," said Father Jost, who helps coordinate the Hispanic ministry in the archdiocese.

It's also a way to identify where the Hispanic population is located within the archdiocese and what help they

"We try to come together to celebrate what has happened over the year, what we are struggling with and how we can network," Father Jost said.

At least 20 parishes in the archdiocese now celebrate Mass in Spanish. Our Lady of the Greenwood in Greenwood, Holy Spirit in Indianapolis and St. Mary in Greensburg are the newest parishes to add a Spanish

There are also conversations about adding a Spanish Mass in the Shelbyville area, said Father Jost.

Areas of concern in the archdiocese for Hispanics include education and faith formation, issues involving



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access to social programs and understanding the American culture, youth and young adult ministry, liturgical celebrations and identifying funding for Hispanic ministries.

There is also a need to help Americans understand the Hispanic culture as well as issues involving how to utilize the priests in the state who speak Spanish and how much time they can dedicate to the Hispanic ministry, said Father Jost.

During the meeting, the group also learned of several conferences on Hispanic ministry at various dioceses, an apologetics course to help Hispanics learn more about their faith, and the goal to build an Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in the Fort Wayne-South Bend

Indianapolis school receives national education award for its curriculum

By Jennifer Del Vechio

The National Catholic Education Association has selected St. Matthew School in Indianapolis as having one of the top middle school curriculums in the nation.

St. Matthew was honored through the NCEA's Selected Program for Improving Catholic Education initiative, which identifies exemplary programs across the country.

The school was one of 11 in the nation to receive the award and was the only school in Indiana to earn the distinction.

Principal Vincent Barnes said the St. Matthew teachers will visit Boston College for three days in June with the other middle school staffs that received the award. The teachers will present their program to the other teachers and share curriculum ideas.

The St. Matthew middle school program is based on "brain compatible learning" for the young adolescent, Barnes said.

Brain compatible learning involves the use of a positive-based curriculum and emotional hooks to grab the students' attention while helping them stay connected to the curriculum, he said.

There is a focus on teamwork and collaboration among students, teachers and parents by addressing emotional and spiritual needs, Barnes said.

The curriculum also focuses on multiple intelligence, the various ways students learn, in order to help them learn their own way at their own level while mastering skills required of them.

The "brain compatible learning" program was developed in 1993 at St. Matthew and continues to "improve and get better each year," Barnes said. †

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ACKERMAN, Charles J., 71, Prince of Peace, Madison. April 10. Father of Julie Kuner. Stepfather of Janet Beach, Elizabeth Romans, Mary Soper and Anthony Hyden. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather

AMBERGER, Bettie H. (Walsh), 73, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 15. Mother of Carol Jobe, Susan Wilson, Dennis, Fredrick, James, John and William Amberger. Sister of Mary Zauss, John and Michael Walsh. Grandmother

ANDERSON, Carolyn R., (Castiaux), 69, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 15. Mother of Malissa Anderson.

BETTICE, Kathryn M, 86, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 21. Mother of JoAnn Bozell, Gerald and Dr. John Bettice. Sister of Janette Munchel. Grandmother of two.

BROWNING, Nicholas, 50, St. Michael, Indianapolis, March 30. Son of Bernard Browning. Stepson of Claire Browning. Brother of Donald Browning. Stepbrother of David, Mark and Steven Beninger and Eve, David, John and Stephen Minton.

CAIRNS, Estelle A. (Hurley), 82, St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville, April 24. Mother of Kathryn Johnson, Rosemary Ritchie, Patrick and Thomas Cairns. Sister of Josephine Brakel and Florence Schmeling. Grandmother of

DAVISSON, William R., 75, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, April 22. Father of Cathy Higgins, Wanda Shaughnessy, Barbara Stevens, Billy and Mark Davisson. Grandfather of six.

DEEMS, Catherine, 75, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, April 13. Mother of Linda Bryant, Peggy Reifenberger, Janice Rohrer and Michael Deems, Sister of Mary Lee Boggs and Catherine Sark. Grandmother of 12. Greatgrandmother of two.

FAHEY, Mary Lou, 50, St. Mary, Rushville, April 19. Sister of Carole Kehl, Ellen Kwiatkowski, Louis "Luke" and Tom Fahey.

FOSTER, Gerald, 52, St. Isidore, Bristow, April 14. Father of Jeremy Foster and Jaime Morrison. Brother of Charlotte Arnold, Carol Joos, Merilyn Leinenbach, Dolph Jr. and Maurice Foster. Grandfather of four.

FRANCHVILLE, Vivian, 71, St. Isidore, Bristow, April 11. Mother of Patsy Casper, Carol Rahman, Sue Schipp, Millie, Bud, Larry and Randy Franchville. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of eight.

GALL, Helen, 90, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, April 22. Sister of Irene Peacock and Elizabeth "Betty"

GOODIN, Rosella, 78, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, April 8. Wife of Earl Goodin. Mother of Sherri McHugh and John Goodin. Sister of Franciscan Sister M. Priscilla Messmer, Germaine Worral and Chuck Messmer. Grandmother of six. Greatgrandmother of four.

HARTMAN, Anna C., 92, St. Paul, New Alsace, April 14. Mother of Janice Dieselberg, Carol Harsh, Sylvia Meeks, Shirley Schuman, Phyllis Voegele, Linda Zimmerman, Rita, Donald and Gerald Hartman. Sister of Ruth Ahaus. Catherine Bolls and Dorothy James. Grandmother of 33. Great-grandmother of 41.

JACOBI, Regina, 75, St. Mary, Navilleton, April 3. Mother of Donna Banet, Janice Coleman, Susan Didat, Deena Drexler, Elaine Efkeman, Albert "Bud," Brian, Mark, Michael, Russell and Terry Jacobi. Sister of Rita Austin, Edith Ems, Mary Geswein, Marcella Miller, Bob, Callistus, George, Julius and Louis "Bud" Smith. Grandmother of 23.

KARNES, Helen R. "Nan" (Kuplan), 87, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 11. Mother of Sharon Strong. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of four.

LaDUKE, Craig Dylan, infant, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, April 10. Son of Kitty Nash-LaDuke and Craig LaDuke. Brother of Andrew

LEKSE, Jacob "Sonny" III. 62, St. Michael, Indianapolis, March 28. Son of Sophia (Konechnik) Lekse. Brother of Diana Pella, David, James and Michael Lekse.

McCANN, Charles J., Sr., 84. Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 13. Father of Susan Hewett. Grandfather of two.

MOORE, George F., III, 81, St. Jude, Indianapolis, April 16. Husband of Margaret C. (Gooley) Moore. Father of George F. Moore IV. Grandfather of one.

NARED, Mary (Perry), 44, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 11. Wife of Michael Nared. Mother of Katie, Reggie and Rusty Perry. Sister of Russell Cosby, Brian Gibson and George Perry. Grandmother of seven.

PFEIFFER, Natalie E. (Coyle), 76, St. Michael, Cannelton, March 3. Wife of Everett "Bud" Pfeiffer. Stepmother of Joanne Lauber. Michael, Robert and Stephen Pfeiffer. Sister of Ruth Ann Detzer, Mary Catherine Ettensohn and Margaret May. Step-grandmother of seven. Step-great-grandmother of three. (Correction)

QUINLIN, Myrl, 93, Holy Cross, St. Croix, April 11. Husband of Goldie Quinlin. Father of Hazel Davis, Brenda James, Mary Ruth Knieriem, Amzel Roberts, Anna Sprinkle, Donald and John Wayne and William Quinlin. Grandfather of 23.

RICHARDS, Clyde E., 79, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, April 18. Husband of Helen (Kieffer) Richards. Father of Dennis, Louis and Robert Richards. Brother of Eileen Davis, Carolyn Saul, Therese and Earl Richards. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of three.

SCHANTZ, John Joseph, 78, St. Martin, Yorkville, April 24. Husband of Germaïne Schantz. Father of Nicole Parks and Tina Wood. Brother of Vera Ahaus, Grace Buram, Betty Schuler and Ralph Schantz. Grandfather of three.

SCHWEIN, Charles Francis, 78, St. Ambrose, Seymour, April 17. Husband of Maryann (Holt) Schwein. Father of Kimbee Lee Burchell and Dennis Schwein. Stepfather of Porta Shouse and Greg Holt. Brother of Ethel Jo Engle, Ramona Gunning, Jean

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STRUTNER, Mary E. (O'Gara), 92, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 18. Mother of Jane Cuppy, Rosemary Faulkner and Donna Price. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 14.

STUDER, Louis O., Sr., 79, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, April 16. Husband of Dolores Studer. Father of Roberta Elmore, Beth Fox, Donna Klingenmeier, Amy Loss, Patricia Spencer, Martha Stone, Ann Stout, Suzanne Thurman, Sherry Walker, Paula Warrix, Edna Wilson, Allen and Louis Studer Jr. Brother of Violet Brown, Gerald and Vernon Studer. Grandfather of 41. Great-grandfather of 21.

TELKER, Ambrose W., 81, St. Gabriel, Connersville, April 19. Husband of Ann E. (Mulheeren) Telker. Father of Kathleen Risselman, Linda VanHoegarden, Mary, Randy and William Telker. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of 10.

VAN DER VORT, John R., 71. St. Jude, Indianapolis, April 19. Husband of Dolores (Ojeda) Van Der Vort. Father of Robert F. Van Der Vort. Grandfather of eight. Greatgrandfather of two.

VOLLMER, John O., 70, St. Lawrence, April 15. Husband of Rita (Richter) Vollmer. Father of Rita Ward. Grandfather of three.

WILLIAMS, Esther C., 93, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 22. Aunt of several.

WININGER, Dennis W., 54, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 14. Husband of Ruth (Bridges) Wininger. Brother of Stephanie Perrine, Phyllis Warman, Louise and Mark Wininger. Stepbrother of Linda and Kenneth Bussell.

WORLAND, Frances C., 79, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, April 20. Wife of Jerome Worland. Mother of Mary Ann Wamsley, Bernard, Donald, James and Raymond Zapfe. Sister of Joan Brooks, Leah Humpert, May Louise Meyer and Jane Pohivitz. Grandmother of 15. Greatgrandmother of 14. †

William P. Quigley helped found St. Vincent de Paul Client Choice Food Pantry, Cathedral Soup Kitchen

Christ the King parishioner William P. Quigley of Indianapolis, a longtime Church volunteer and civic leader, died on April 21. He was 77.

The Mass of Christian Burial and celebration of his life was held on April 27 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis.

Quigley was a longtime volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and helped found the St. Vincent de Paul Client Choice Food Pantry in Indianapolis.

His concern for the dignity of the poor led him to suggest that the food pantry be organized as a grocery store so clients could select their own foods rather than receive prepared bags of groceries. He also located a near-east side building for the food pantry, which now serves more than 1,000 families a week.

Quigley also helped found the Cathedral Soup Kitchen in the basement of the former SS. Peter and Paul School in Indianapolis.

He was part owner of Nelson Alarm Co. before his retirement.

Quigley was a member of

the Catholic Youth Organization and the St. Pius X Council of the Knights of Columbus. He also was a member and served on the board of directors of Gleaners Food Bank.

In 1989, Quigley received an Indiana Jefferson Award from The Indianapolis Star for his dedicated community ser-

The Catholic Youth Organization honored him with a Msgr. Busald Award in 1972 for his exemplary service to youth.

Quigley was a Marine Corps veteran and served in World War II. He was a member of the Robert E. Kennington Post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Dingley Quigley; nine children, Patricia Stonesifer and William Jr., Timothy, Terry, Fran, Daniel, Mary, Julia and Katy Quigley; five brothers, John, Daniel, Thomas, Bernard and Francis Quigley; a sister, Rosemary O'Toole; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Cathedral Soup Kitchen. †



Mourners

An unidentified couple sits in the cathedral at Erfurt, Germany, on April 27. In the country's worst mass-murder since World War II, Robert Steinhaeuser shot and killed 16 people at his former high school before turning the gun on himself on April 26.

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News briefs

Seattle archbishop apologizes for hurt of abuse, details steps taken

SEATTLE (CNS)—In an open letter published as a paid advertisement in eight newspapers of western Washington, Archbishop Alex J. Brunett of Seattle issued "a deep and profound apology to anyone who has been hurt at the hands of a priest, lay leader or volunteer in the Catholic Church." The 1,400-word letter, published April 25 and 26, also outlined steps taken in the Archdiocese of Seattle over the past 12 years to assure the safety of children, youths and vulnerable adults; to provide pastoral care for victims of abuse; to cooperate with legal authorities; and to guarantee due process for all parties. The letter also was published in The Catholic Northwest Progress, the archdiocesan newspaper.

Abuse allegations surface in North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cases of clergy sexual abuse of minors recently surfaced in North Carolina, Ohio and Kentucky, while a Pennsylvania diocese got a clean bill of health from a local prosecutor for its handling of past cases. In Raleigh, N.C., Bishop F. Joseph Gossman removed three priests from ministry during April following allegations of sexual misconduct. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, a pastor was placed on a leave of absence following what the archdiocese called "a substantiated report" that he sexually abused a minor "while serving at another parish a number of years ago," and another pastor in the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., was placed on administrative leave April 14. The Diocese of Erie, Pa., received better news when it asked Erie County District Attorney Brad Foulk to review its handling of allegations of child sexual abuse by "less than a dozen" priests over the past 40 years. A joint statement by the diocese and the district attorney said the diocese had "followed its stated policy in child sexual abuse cases, and responded in a timely, responsible and appropriate fashion to these allegations."

Milwaukee archbishop plans listening sessions on sexual abuse

MILWAUKEE (CNS)—Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee plans to convene listening sessions throughout the archdiocese to let Catholics voice their concerns and questions about clergy sexual abuse, archdiocesan spokesman Jerry Topczewski said. He announced the plans April 24 after the archbishop met for two hours with some 300 of the archdiocese's parish priests and parish directors at archdiocesan headquarters. Two days later the archbishop met for the first time with a special commission he formed in March to review archdiocesan records containing allegations of child sexual abuse. Howard Eisenberg, dean of the Marquette University law school and head of the commission, said the names of six priests in active ministry with alleged or confirmed abuse on their records will be made public by Sept. 1. The delay will allow the priests themselves to "make that information available to the people with whom they interact," he said. "At some point, if they haven't

self-disclosed by Sept. 1, our recommendation is that the archdiocese identify them."

Juvenile offender's pending execution drawing opposition

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—Catholic groups in St. Louis are actively opposing the scheduled June 5 execution of a man who was 17 at the time of the crime. Christopher Simmons, now 26, is scheduled to be executed at the state prison in Potosi. He would be the first person executed by Missouri since 1993 for a crime committed as a juvenile. Meanwhile, state legislators were considering a bill to repeal the death penalty for juveniles. An April 24 rally was held in Jefferson City to ask Gov. Bob Holden to commute Simmons' sentence to life in prison without parole. Participants included Simmons' mother, one of his attorneys and Sister Elaine Aubuchon, a School Sister of Notre Dame who is Simmons' spiritual adviser. Simmons was a high school student on Sept. 8, 1993, when he and a 15-year-old accomplice broke into the home of Shirley Crook, 46, in Jefferson County. When she awoke and recognized them, they tied her up and drove her to a railroad trestle over the Meramec River in St. Louis County, where they pushed her into the river, her hands and feet tied. She was alive and conscious at the time. Simmons' accomplice was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Pamphlets offer ideas for dealing with pain of abuse scandal

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Catholic publishers are offering two new pamphlets to help Catholics deal with the continuing revelations of clergy sexual abuse or other problems caused by someone in the Church. "When Someone Is Hurt by the Church," written by Lorene Hanley Duquin and published by Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, based in Huntington, Ind., offers practical reflections and useful suggestions for helping Catholics who may have been hurt by someone or some process in the Catholic Church. The second pamphlet, called "Time of Crisis, Time of Faith," focuses more directly on the clergy sex abuse crisis and can be downloaded for free on the World Wide Web at www.pauline.org/church. Compiled by Pauline Books and Media, a Boston-based publisher run by the Daughters of St. Paul, the leaflet is intended for churches to distribute to parishioners.

Vatican, Turkey sign agreement on principles of religious freedom

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a move that illustrated the complexity of Catholic dialogue with the Muslim world, the Vatican and Turkey signed an agreement underlining freedom of religion. The "declaration of intent" was signed April 25 in a low-key Vatican ceremony by Cardinal Francis Arinze, who oversees Vatican dialogue with Islam, and by officials of the Turkish government. Church officials described the agreement as an important step in the ongoing and slow-moving process of building cooperation between the Catholic Church and Muslim populations of North Africa and the Mediterranean. "It's a general document. It aims to promote understanding between Islam and Christianity and eliminate prejudices. It aims to support freedom of religion, freedom of belief and freedom of conscience," Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, told Vatican Radio.

Pope asks for prayers for peace in the Holy Land during May

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II asked the Church to pray for peace in the Holy Land and other global trouble spots during May, the month dedicated to Mary. "With so many needs and problems evident in the international situation, and especially faced with the Holy Land drama that knows no end, we need to return with trust to the maternal intercession of the Virgin," the pope said April 28. "We are certain that she will support the efforts of those seeking peace with sincerity and commitment. No one more than she, the Queen of Peace, watches constantly over this difficult journey of humanity," he said. The pope made his remarks at a weekly blessing delivered from his apartment window above St. Peter's Square.

Church seeks to resume Orthodox dialogue, says Vatican official

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A top Vatican official said the Church was working for a resumption of dialogue with the Russian Orthodox Church, and perhaps even a historic meeting between Pope John Paul II and Patriarch Alexei II. "If we don't talk, we cannot reach any agreement. So for us the road is open, and we can think of preparing a meeting between John Paul II and Alexei II," Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, told Vatican Radio April 27. Cardinal Kasper's comments came after weeks of icy relations between the two Churches, following the Vatican's decision to establish four new dioceses in Russia. In mid-April, Russian civil authorities told one of the bishops, a Polish citizen, he could not re-enter the country.

Concern for seafarers spans from immigrants to tourists

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II said the Church's concern for sea-traveling people spans from tourists on cruise ships to illegal immigrants desperate to make a better life. "It is important to ensure that those who make up the great family of the sea are not lacking spiritual support," he told participants in a plenary meeting of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. "They must be offered the opportunity to encounter God and discover in him life's true meaning," he said April 29. Caring for immigrants means ensuring that they have "adequate opportunities to cultivate their own faith and religious practice," as well as caring for their physical needs, he said.

Pope names five new bishops for **Ontario dioceses**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II named four new residential bishops for Ontario, replacing three who had reached retirement age and filling one diocese that has been without a bishop since 2000. The four new residential appointments announced April 27 are: Archbishop Anthony Meagher of Kingston, formerly an auxiliary bishop in Toronto; Bishop Paul-Andre Durocher of Alexandria-Cornwall, formerly an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Sault Sainte Marie; Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro of London, formerly superior general of the Basilian Fathers; and Bishop Richard Smith of Pembroke, formerly vicar general of the Archdiocese of Halifax. The pope also transferred Auxiliary Bishop Richard Grecco from the Diocese of London to the Archdiocese of Toronto. †

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