Abortion occupies legislatures, courts in U.S. and abroad

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As pro-life members of Congress moved to end the partial-birth abortion procedure in the United States and to safeguard the right of hospitals to decline to perform abortions, Catholics in other parts of the world were fighting efforts to expand access to abortion in Europe.

The U.S. Catholic bishops’ chief spokeswoman on abortion urged quick congressional action on legislation to ban partial-birth abortions and on the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, which is designed to protect health care providers who do not wish to participate in abortions.

“No one should be forced to perform or provide abortion,” said Cathleen A. Cleaver, director of planning and information for the bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

“Yet there is a coordinated effort to force health care providers from Alaska to New York, hospitals, insurance providers and outpatient clinics to provide, pay for or make referrals for abortion,” she added. “Forced abortion participation has no place in a country that respects the right of conscience for all.”

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Michael Bilirakis, R-Fla., would guarantee that all health care entities are afforded the “abortion conscience clause” that federal and state laws currently provide to doctors and medical professionals who wish not to be involved in performing abortions.

House subcommittees held hearings in early July on the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act and on H.R. 4965, a new version of legislation banning partial-birth abortions written to address concerns raised by the U.S. Supreme Court in its June 2000 Stenberg vs. Carhart decision which overturned Nebraska’s ban.

Cleaver said in a July 10 statement that the U.S. people “will not rest as long as partial-birth abortions occur in this country.”

A July 9 hearing before the Constitution Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee confirmed “the truth about partial-birth abortion. There is never any medical reason to turn to this barbarous procedure,” Cleaver added.

“Partial-birth abortion is performed at

Father McNally focused on stewardship, education

By Mary Ann Wyand

Father J. Joseph McNally, or “Father Mac” to those who know him, officially retired as the second pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis on July 1.

However, he continued to provide sacramental ministry at the 1,950-household South Deamery parish because his successor was on sabbatical in Africa.

Father James Farrell, who will be the third pastor to serve St. Barnabas Parish in its 37-year history, was visiting the Archdiocese of Uganada, East Africa, on his third mission trip there in five years.

But Father McNally said he was happy to help out at his now “former” parish. He also will officiate at a number of weddings there this summer.

“It was a real tough decision,” he said, “but I felt it was time to retire.”

A Leap Year baby, Father McNally is 70 years old this year but has only celebrated his Feb. 29 birthday 17 times.

Since announcing his retirement earlier this year, Father McNally said he has received numerous requests from pastors to provide sacramental assistance at parishes throughout the archdiocese.

“I’m going to help some of my brother priests who are going on sabbaticals next year in February, March, April and May, which I’m happy to do,” he said. “It will give me a chance to visit other parishes and meet a lot of people.”

“When he isn’t helping with Masses at St. Barnabas and other parishes, Father McNally plans to spend some of his leisure time fishing at his lakefront property on Prince’s Lakes in Johnson County.

“I’ve had a place at Prince’s Lakes for about 20 years,” he said. “I bought it from Father Bill Cleary. He’s retired now and lives in another cottage there. It’s only 25 miles south of St. Barnabas, and it just takes me a half-hour to get there. The cottage needs a few repairs to make it suitable for year-round living. It’s a little rustic now. During the week, I’ll be able to go fishing. I’ll have a pontoon boat.”
YOUTH

But some youths who wanted to partici- pate in World Youth Day will not be able to show this confidence because they were denied visas by the Canadian government. In Uganda, for example, more than 400 youths were denied visas by Canadian authorities who said their applica- tions lacked certain supporting docu- ments.

So far, about 3,000 visa applications have been rejected on grounds of missing paperwork. Applicants who were granted visas had their standard fees waived by the Canadian government.

Parsons said she could not comment specifically on the visa trouble, but said she was aware that some rights have been affected.

"Are they legitimate pilgrims? Probably. But that’s not our decision," she said. "We have to trust that the government is making the decision with the best intention."

The U.S. consulate is setting up an office at World Youth Day to help those with any difficulties.

By July 8, more than 52,000 young people from the United States are planned to attend World Youth Day. Many of those teens are part of more than 2,000 regis- tered groups.

Many are also coming for the pre- World Youth Day activities known as Days in the Dioceses, where pilgrims stay with a host family or local parish for a few days outside of Toronto to experience the local culture and develop friendships on a much smaller scale than at World Youth Day events.

For many, those days leading up to World Youth Day become the highlight of the trip, said Ana Villamil, associate director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Family, Laidy, Women and Youth.

Pilgrims do not pay additional costs to participate in the July 18-21 Days in the Dioceses; these costs are taken up by the host parishes or families.

Once pilgrims set foot in Toronto, they will have a lot to keep them busy. An opening Mass will be celebrated on July 23, and the sacrament of reconcilia- tion will be available.

From July 24-26, participants can attend catechetical sessions led by bishops at various venues in the city, work on service projects or attend an ongoing youth festival and youth forums at World Youth Day cafes.

Pilgrims will welcome Pope John Paul II the evening of July 25. The next night, they will participate in the Way of the Cross. On July 27, the youths will walk to Downsview Park, where they will join the pope for an evening prayer vigil.

After spending the night there, pilgrims will join the pope for a closing Mass.

World Youth Day officials initially expected the event to cost about $80 mil- lion and were hoping to offset the cost from $50 million in registration fees if 350,000 people attended. Other costs were to be paid through individual and corporate sponsorship, government loans and grants, merchandise sales and col- lections from Canadian parishes.

Parsons said the World Youth Day office will keep a log until after the festivi- ties are over if they came in on their bud- get. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is assuming responsibility for any deficit.

"The event is not about numbers, or we’d never put on World Youth Day," she said, adding, “It will be amazing for everyone who attends.”

Most kids to World Youth Day as possible. A participant in the 1993 World Youth Day Denver, Fey said it was a life-chang- ing experience for him.

"You get to see up close and personal who your faith is about, and you get to be with the pope, which is the ultimate point," Fey said. "This is a once in a life- time chance especially with this pope right now. It’s also a learning experience for everyone.”

Twenty-seven of the participants are young adults, the rest are parents or chaperones, and a few people are coming from St. Bernard Parish in Frenchtown.

Fey is using World Youth Day to edu- cate people about the differences between a vacation and a pilgrimage.

In addition to the numerous fund-rais- ing activities, the communities have held prayer sessions throughout the year focusing on World Youth Day.

For example, those going to World Youth Day gathered for a picnic at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in Floyd County, where they also prayed the Way of the Cross to prepare for their trip.

The parishes have planned Masses in honor of the trip and will celebrate a spe- cial send-off Mass for the pilgrims on July 20.

Fey and Stacie Diedelb, 18, from St. Joseph’s Parish in Corydon, said she is looking forward to “having an experience no one else will have” and being able to tell others about it.

“I was confirmed last year in the Catholic faith and that was a great experi- ence,” Amanda said. “I became more involved in the Catholic faith, and now I get to see the pope. It will give me more experience of the Catholic Church, and it’s good to see him.”

Parents said they want their children to experience the universality of the Church by attending World Youth Day.

They will see how their religion impacts their lives and how it impacts dif- ferent cultures,” said Susan Bowman, a member of St. Joseph Parish, who is attending with her son, Wade.

Pope John Paul II first initiated World Youth Day in 1984. At least 215,000 peo- ple from 170 countries are registered for this year’s event.

Youths from several other parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are also attending World Youth Day.

About 130 people from 20 different parishes will travel as a group with Tekton Ministries, a tour company based in Indianapolis. They will attend the vigil with the pope and the papal Mass.

“This is an exciting opportunity for everyone to be part of a gathering with the Holy Father,” said Marlene Stammmer, director of youth ministry for the archdio- cese. “I think their hearts and eyes will be open to what Catholic means.”

Correction

A story in the July 12 issue of The Criterion about 17 Franciscan nuns from Kentucky who were sent home from World Youth Day as juveniles gave an incorrect assignment for Sister Jean Sora. She has served as choir director and organist at Holy Family Parish/St. John’s Chapel in New Middleton, Ohio, since 1971.

Official Appointments

Effective Aug. 1, 2002

Rev. Joseph F. Rautenberg, ethicist, St. Vincent Hospital, appointed director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Family, Laidy, Women and Youth.

Effective Aug. 12, 2002

Rev. Gerald F. Burkert, pastor, Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, reappointed to a second term.

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Beech Grove, reappointed

St. Joseph Parish, Beech Grove, reappointed.

But the pope is scheduled to attend the festivities, arriving in Toronto on July 23 and staying on a remote island for a few days before joining the youths for a wel- 

coming ceremony, prayer vigil and closing Mass.

Parsons also noted that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks might have influenced the travel plans of many young people from around the world unwilling to pay the increased airfare or to simply travel.

For U.S. pilgrims, she said there is also the factor of the clergy sex abuse scandal, which might have turned some against Church-sponsored events.

"If large, this event comes in the middle of all that, and we need it more than ever," Parsons said.

She said she was hoping the upcoming World Youth Day can show the world what Church is all about and how its young people are “not afraid to come together with hope and confidence in the future.”

Youths from parishes in Harrison County made pizzas earlier this year to raise money to attend World Youth Day in Toronto on July 23-28. Members of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon, Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middleton and St. Peter Parish in Harrison County raised $30,000 to send 45 pilgrims.

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Providence sister to be incarcerated for protests

By Mary Ann Wyand

Providence Sister Kathleen Desautels of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will spend six months incarcerated in a federal prison for trespassing as a conscientious objector last year at the former School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sister Kathleen, an Indianapolis native and a staff member of the Eighth Day Center for Justice in Chicago, Ill., for the past 16 years, was arrested last November with 100 other human rights activists for trespassing on the U.S. Army base which houses the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

On July 12, U.S. Magistrate G. Mal- lon Faircloth sentenced Sister Kathleen to six months in prison after the federal trial in Columbus, Ga.

Sister Kathleen had pleaded not guilty to federal trespass charges in connection with the peaceful protest held annually at Fort Benning, Ga. She has participated in the protest organized by the School of the Americas Watch since 1997, has been arrested there several times, and has been joined by Sisters of Providence in past years.

She also has traveled to Nicaragua, Colombia, Haiti and Guatemala, where she learned about the attacks on people in those countries by SOA graduates.

“When you’ve listened to the stories of the victims and the families of the innocent, they tell a very different story than our government portrays and our media report on,” Sister Kathleen said before her sentencing last week.

Speaking on behalf of the other defen- dants, Sister Kathleen said, “We believe we have done everything the law allows or suggests, and when you get a deaf ear, we believe we have a First Amendment right to protest.”

The 64-year-old nun, who joined the women’s religious order 42 years ago, didn’t receive a fine that was imposed on some of the other 36 defendants on trial last week.

The magistrate asked Sister Kathleen if she had a preference about where she would serve the sentence, and she requested the federal prison facility at Pekin, Ill., because of its proximity to Chicago and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

“The general council and I support Sister Kathleen,” Providence Sister Ann Margaret O’Hara, general superior of the congregation, said last week. “We sup- port particularly the nonviolent character of the action and the nonviolent way those accused entered into the legal process. She has the prayer support of so many of our sisters.”

Sister Ann Margaret said she thought it was disappointing that the defendants were not allowed to make it known to the court that their participation in the annual protest rally was a matter of conscience.

“Sister Kathleen had participated in previous actions at the school,” Sister Ann Margaret said. “She felt it was her duty by conscience.”

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In her court statement, Sister Kathleen told the magistrate that volunteers for the School of the Americas Watch are peace- fully “working to put out the flames” of “the fire of repression by those trained at the School of the Americas/Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.”

Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of my religious community of the Sisters of Providence in Indiana, said in the late 1800s to her sisters, “We’re not called on to do all the good possible, but only what we can,” Sister Kathleen said. “I believe abolishing for good the SOA/WHISC is good and possible, if the judiciary, legislative and executive branches of our government had the political and ethical will to do so.”

Sister Kathleen said her “spiral of disillu- sionment with U.S. involvement in Latin America began in earnest in 1980 with the rape and brutal murders of four Churchwomen. Learning years later that three out of the five accuse of these mur- ders were graduates of the SOA added to my disillusionment and determination to join with others to do something to say no to the U.S. government’s complicity in the civil war in Latin America.”

In the statement, Sister Kathleen also cited facts reported by Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the U.N. Commissioner on Human Rights to argue “the reasons justifying our act of nonviolent loyal dissent.”

“If we, the defendants, had been allowed our constitutional rights of a jury of our peers, if we had been allowed to use expert witnesses of international law to prove the necessity of our actions, I believe the facts would have found us innocent,” Sister Kathleen told the judge.

“The denial of the court of these rights leaves me to wonder why. What is the pressure put on the judiciary system that limits such openness? Why the lack of transparency? What is there to fear?”

“I believe that if you, Judge Faircloth, had my experience in Latin America and were freed from political pressure of the culture of violence and war of terror-talk that saturates U.S. media, you might have been convinced of the rightness of our actions,” she said. “I’d like to believe that you would join us in re- imaging political alternatives to war. We would together envision a world of right relationships between peoples and countries that would ensure that true justice would flourish.”

“Those who speak out for justice are facing harsh prison sentences, while SOA- trained torturers and assassins are oper- ating with impunity.”

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is a founding mem- ber of the Eighth Day Center for Justice.

Before beginning her social justice ministry at the center, Sister Kathleen was a teacher at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village School in 1964; a teacher at St. Joseph School in Jasper, Ind., from 1965-69; director of social education for St. Joseph Parish in Jasper from 1973-75; a teacher at St. Peter School in Beech Grove, Indianapolis from 1975-82 and 1983-85, she served as a theology instructor, campus minister, acting vice president of student affairs and director of alumnae association at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. She also served as a prison chaplain at the Indianapolis Youth Center in Indianapolis in 1985-86.†

St. Francis Hospital to expand Moorleville campus

By Mary Ann Wyand

Addressing the increasing population and growing need for health care in Morgan County, St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is expanding and renovat- ing St. Francis Hospital in Mooresville.

The $20.8 million expansion project will make construction of a cancer care center as well as an ambulatory surgery center combined with a medical office building. Plans also call for renovation of the hospital’s PromptMed facility, Center for Women, imaging facilities and labora- tory facilities.

Hospital officials said a groundbreak- ing ceremony is planned for late 2002 or early 2003.

Demographic studies indicate that Morgan County’s population is expected to grow nearly 6 percent by 2005, com- pared to the statewide average of 2 per- cent.

“St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers continues to experience growth at all three of its hospital campuses, and the new and expanded services at St. Francis Mooresville, particularly the PromptMed facility, Center for Women, imaging facilities and labo- ratory facilities,” said Dr. Merrill Ritter, St. Francis regional medical director.

“Expanding our services also extends additional health care resources to the communities we serve and fills our mission of continuing to provide the highest level of health care services,” said Dr. Ritter.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers was founded in 1914 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, whose motherhouse is located in Mishawaka, Ind. St. Francis is one of the largest health care facilities in Indiana, with three main facilities in Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Mooresville.

The hospital corporation is part of 10 hospital campuses in Indiana and Illinois owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services.

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St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers also plans to add physi- cians to the medical staff to better serve patients and their families who live along the State Road 37 corridor south of Indianapolis.

During the past two years, he said, the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital- Mooresville has grown from 85 to 160 physicians.

Dr. Terry Ritter, St. Francis regional board member and chief orthopedic sur- geon with the Center for Hip and Knee Surgery, director of the St. Francis Hospital-Moores- ville, said the expansion program “will allow us to continue providing superior patient care and also provide services, as well as carrying out cutting-edge research.”†
Business ethics: lost, stolen or strayed?

The current rash of scandals plaguing corporate America is particularly disturbing on a number of fronts.

The collapse of Enron Corp., the nation's largest energy trader, represented the largest-ever bankruptcy in U.S. history. That was last December. Now, we discover that WorldCom Inc., the giant telecommunications company, had been cooking its books for several years. Its misdeeds—in terms of total dollars—is some six times greater than Enron's.

Other companies that are under scrutiny include old-timers Xerox Corp., Merrill Lynch & Co. and Arthur Andersen LLP, and newer companies such as Dynegy Inc., Tyco International Ltd., ImClone Systems Inc., Adelphia communications Corp., Global Crossing Ltd., and Computer Associates International Inc. They are all currently under investigation for everything from outright accounting fraud to improper personal use of corporate funds by top executives to insider trading.

U.S. investors (and, with the prevalence of 401(k) retirement programs, that's nearly everyone these days) are beginning to question if there's any "safe" place to put their economic futures. Who can you trust?

Whatever happened to business ethics? Whatever happened to the belief in the "rightness" of a thing? Whatever happened to the concept that a career in business is an opportunity to serve the common good? And the common good certainly isn't being served in these instances. For the most part, the corporate executives who made the decisions to play the fillflam game are walking away as multimillionaires while their employees—now mostly unemployed—are left holding a bag of near-worthless company stock (about 20 cents per share in mid-July) in their retirement accounts.

In a reference to the accounting profession, James Duncan, an accounting professor at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., calls the outbreak of bookkeeping improprieties "more than just a black eye. I am ashamed of us."

"What WorldCom did was very simple," Duncan said in an interview with "NewsCenter," an on-campus news service on the Ball State Web site. "This isn't a simple bookkeeping mis- take. This is fraud. It was clearly intentional."

A Gallup poll last February found that only 16 percent of those surveyed ranked the ethical standards of corpo- rate executives as "high" or "very high." A year earlier, that figure was 25 percent. That same poll also found American confidence in organized reli- gion as well as big business to be slip- ping, while trust in the military is on the rise (see graphic, page 5).

Let us paint with too bountiful a brush here, we must remember that, while the recent corporate scandals are staggering in their size alone, the behavior of the vast majority of businessmen and business- women indicates that they are working to advance the common good and that they are committed to that concept.

In our own archdiocese, we are for- tunate to have two organizations dedi- cated to bringing Catholic ethical prin- ciples into the workplace. Civitas Dei is an on-campus news service of the Body of Christ our Head, is nonetheless always in need of reform because of our humanity. So it has been the beginning of the Parable of the Talents, to the crisis in its midst.

Because of the great harm done by some priests and others in positions of trust, the Church itself is viewed with distrust, and many are offended at the way in which the Church's leaders are per- ceived to have acted in this matter. The abuse which has caused this cri- sis is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society. It is also an appalling sin in the eyes of God. To the victims and their fami- lies, wherever they may be, I express my profound sense of solidarity and concern.

Reform requires that we acknowl- edge the harm done among us and apologize profusely to those who have been harmed. And so, in the name of all of us, I continue to express our sorrow to victims and their families.

We can't undo the harm, but as I mentioned in an earlier article, we will observe a day of reparation and prayer for healing in our archdiocese. In accord with action taken in Dallas and in solidarity with all the bishops of the United States, I will personally send messages to all Masses on the weekend of Aug. 14 in an attempt for past offenses and negligence. The following day, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, will be a spe- cial prayer day for me seeking Mary's intercession for healing and reconcil- iation in this story. I invite our priests to join me. I am also asking that special prayers be said for healing of abuse and for healing in our Church at all Masses on the weekend of Aug. 17-18.

"It is true that a generalized lack of knowledge of the nature of the prob- lem [of sexual abuse] and also at times the influence of cynical legal experts led bishops to make decisions which subsequent events showed to be wrong. You are now working to estab- lish more reliable criteria to ensure that such mistakes are not repeated." Thus the Holy Father alludes to the fact that the church and the world have been experiencing a "learning curve." In fact, one can trace the his- tory of the learning back at least to 1983 when the first public scandal involving a priest was revealed.

Through the years since, workshops for bishops have had topics such as how to prevent the problem, how to reach out pastorally to vic- tims, how to proceed with screening of seminary candidates and others. In 1994, the bishops outlined five principles to help frame diocesan policies to address the sex abuse of children and minors. As the Holy Father implies, that learning and attention to values must continue.

Furthermore, the Holy Father said, "The abuse of the young is a grave sin compelling the Church but society as a whole. It is a deep-seated crisis of sexual morality, even of human relationships, and its prime victims are the family and the young. In addressing the problem of abuse with clarity and determination, the Church will help society to understand and deal with the crisis in its midst."

Surely, one good to come from this ordeal will be a learning for society in general. We are committed to help society face the "whole story" of sex abuse which is much more pervasive among married men and acquaint- ances in our families.

Either should not forget the immense spiritual, human and social good that the vast majority of priests and sisters have done and are doing. The Catholic Church in your country has always promoted human and Christian values; and in the name of all of us, I express my profound sense of solidarity and concern.

To the Holy Father's words I add, "God bless our generous priests and religious and all of you who help us carry on the mission of the Church in central and southern Indiana!"
Buscando la Cara del Señor

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St. John the Baptist Parish, 2574 State Road 1, in Dover, is having its Summer Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (EDT) on July 21. Dinners, including fried chicken, will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT), and are $8 for adults and $4.50 for children. For more information, call 812-576-4302.

St. Mary Parish, 7500 Navillett Road, in Navillett, is having its parish picnic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 21. There will be a family-style dinner and home-made desserts. For more information, call 812-923-5419.

The former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis is having a golden anniversary reunion on Sept. 14 for the Class of 1952. The evening will begin with a tour of the old school at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Mass in the church at 5:30 p.m. Immediately afterward, there will be a dinner for alumni and their families. For more information or to register, call 317-865-2092.

The archdiocesan Birthline ministry, coordinated by the Office of Pro-Life Activities, has a special need for donations of layettes, disposable diapers and new born items for boys. Donations of maternity clothing, all types of baby clothing and accessories, cribs, strollers, car seats, playpens and infant formula are always needed. The Birthline ministry helps pregnant women in crisis and young mothers who have recently given birth and need assistance. Donations that are in good condition should be delivered to the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. For more information, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan pro-life office, at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521.

The archdiocesan Office of Family Life will continue the Tobit Weekend retreats, for couples preparing for marriage, will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5535 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, on Sept. 13-15 and Oct. 25-27. The focus of the retreat is on helping couples grow closer and preparing them for marriage. The program enables participants to relax, pray and discover the importance of placing Jesus at the center of marriage. The cost is $250 for a couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681 or e-mail fatima@archindy.org.

A retreat titled “Weaving with Clare of Assisi” will be offered on Sept. 13-15 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. The retreat, presented by Franciscan Sister Diane Jamison, will focus on helping couples grow closer and preparing them for marriage. The program enables participants to relax, pray and discover the importance of placing Jesus at the center of marriage. The cost is $250 for a couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681 or e-mail fatima@archindy.org.

Six nominees for the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association board of directors have been approved, including two new members. The terms are for three years. The new members are John Straeter of Carlyle, Ill., and Father Matthew Gerlach, a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, Okla. The returning members are Father Thomas O’Connor, a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Father Daniel Zak, a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio; John Ernst of Tulsa, Okla.; and Janis Dopp, director of religious education at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.

There are two personnel changes at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Dorothy LeBeau has accepted a full-time faculty position as an assistant professor of spirituality. She previously served as the associate academic dean and...
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Father McNally also loves to play golf.

“I’m not worth a dime, but I love being with my friends on the golf course,” he said. “It’s a good time. I also plan to visit my priest friends at their parishes and help them with Masses on weekends.”

St. Barnabas parishioners celebrated Father McNally’s retirement on June 29 with a parish picnic at German Park in Indianapolis. The celebration started with Mass at 4:30 p.m. and continued with the picnic and children’s games.

The party also marked the final payment of a parish debt incurred for the construction of eight classrooms five years ago and the Sciarra Parish Center three years ago as well as renovations to the church. The facilities improvements were made possible by parishioners’ support of the archdiocesan Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign.

“We paid off our debt by the end of June, thank God.” Father McNally said. “I’ll be leaving Father Farrell with a clean slate. Our school enrollment has increased to 630 students and we still have a waiting list, so if he wants to build more classrooms it’s going to be up to him.”

Father Farrell is “a good fit” for St. Barnabas Parish, Father McNally said. “He believes in the philosophy of stewardship that Father [John] Sciarra and I implemented in the parish. Trying to keep the school open for everyone was always one of my major goals. Rather than having tuition, Father Sciarra and I preferred tithing. It should be a gift of love.”

Serving God and helping people have been the cornerstones of Father McNally’s priestly ministry.

“The archdiocese has been a learning experience, but has been in existence for 25 years under the name Christian Leadership Conference, Justine Benoit leadership conference, and is a large and very busy parish, and he always seems to take time for everyone. He goes out of his way to help people.”

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“Some of the greatest joys of my ministry have been the times when I was able to help people with counseling,” he said. “When parishioners came back to me and said, ‘Thanks for helping us. Our marriage is back together’ or ‘Our son is doing better,’ I got a lot of satisfaction from being of help to them.”

St. Barnabas Parish has a wonderful religious education program, Father McNally said. “I’ve very proud of our faith formation program. It’s been expanded over the years. We have so many kids who do not go to school here, but they are well taken care of in our faith formation programs.”

Christ Renewes His Parish also has been a spiritual blessing for the parish, he said, and implementation of the new governance structure recommended by the archdiocese has been a learning experience that works well and involves more people in ministry.

Father McNally also feelso honored that three young men from the parish—Holy Cross Father Steven Kemptinger and Fathers Joseph Feltz and Eric Johnson—were ordained to the priesthood in the past two years and another seminarian—Jonathan Meyer—will be ordained next year.

“I’m going to have the privilege of going to Rome in October for Jonathan Meyer’s ordination to the diaconate,” Father McNally said. “I’m looking forward to that.”

Two years ago, parishioners surprised Father McNally with a celebration for his 65th birthday, which included friends from his parish and school assignments in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Columbus and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

“The parish gave me a trip to Ireland as a gift,” he said. “I’ve also been to the Holy Land. These trips were the result of being a priest and having good friends. I’ve been rewarded and blessed with wonderful friends. It’s been an active, joyful and rewarding life.”

Father Sciarra, the founding pastor of St. Barnabas, retired in 1989 and lives at the St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove. He is a very competent person to be able to do all that he has done,” Father Sciarra said of Father McNally. “He continued the [parish] work where I left off, and he had to do some building, too. He also built up the parish organizations.”

Parish secretary Theresa Warner said Father McNally will be missed by many people.

“He’s wonderful and easy-going,” Warner said. “He’s a good minister. He’s filled with the Holy Spirit. St. Barnabas is a large and very busy parish, and he always seems to take time for everyone. He goes out of his way to help people.”

Youths strengthen faith and leadership skills at conference

By Jennifer Del Vechio

Before attending the Catholic Leadership Conference, Justine Benoit didn’t know much about the sacrament of reconciliation.

By the end of the week, Justine, 16, of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute, planned to make confession a frequent part of her faith life.

“They went in-depth about it,” Justine said. “I learned what penance is and the amount of truth you can have with a priest. I will go more now because it’s so much easier.”

Learning how to live their faith and provide leadership for their parish was the focus of the weeklong retreat for about 55 teen-agers on July 8-12 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

Teen agers said they learned more about the rosary, what it means to be a leader in youth ministry, how to work together as a team, and about themselves. They focused on topics such as eucharistic adoration, liturgy planning and how to give a witness talk.

Students said they want to know more about their faith, listing that as a priority during one session about goal-setting.

David Nesson, 18, of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute, said he wants to keep learning and that the conference helped.

“I’ve made life-long friendships here,” David said. “The people you meet here are awesome. Sometimes at youth groups you fall asleep, no offense, but here this really pumps the kids up.”

Many said they learned better listening skills that they hope to use at Mass. The conference is an annual event. For the past two years it has operated under the title of Catholic Leadership Conference, but has been in existence for 25 years under the name Christian Leadership Institute, said Marlene Stummerman, director of youth ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Two years ago, the name and the retreat structure were changed to nurture an even stronger Catholic identity, she said.

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The Crusades: Third and Fourth Crusades

After Saladin conquered Jerusalem on Oct. 2, 1187, the mood in Europe was for recovering the holy city at all possible expense. The result was the Third Crusade, under the leadership of King Louis IX of France and King Richard I of England. Things didn’t go well. Emperor Frederick Fell off his horse while crossing a river and he drowned while the wedding of his armor fell into the water. Most of his army returned home, only 1,000 men joined the other Crusaders.

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The Fourth Crusade was perhaps the way Richard conquered Cyprus. The forces of the two kings joined at Acre, which fell to them after two years of fighting on July 12, 1191.

After recuperating, Philip and Richard continued their squabbling. So, Philip went back to France, where he started to take possession of some of Richard’s holdings along the European continent. The remainder of the Crusade was in Richard’s hands.

Richard was a superb soldier and tactician. He defeated Saladin’s troops at Arsuf on Sept. 7, 1191. He then achieved other victories along the northern coast of the country. But Jerusalem, of course, was not on Richard’s list. Richard, in fact, attempted to secure supply lines inland, but finally gave up.

He signed a peace treaty with Saladin that permitted Christian pilgrims to enter Jerusalem, and returned to Europe. He tried to travel through Austria in disguise since his enemy, Duke Leopold, ruled that country. But he was discovered; arrested and imprisoned. But that’s another story.

Back to the Crusades.

Your Family/Bill and Monica Dodds

Does your marriage need a tune-up?

First, complete the “Does your marriage need a tune-up?” quiz:

1. Your most recent, truly honest, unvarnished assessment of your spouse is:
   a. “You’re blocking the TV.”
   c. “Honey? Honey? The baby. It’s a toddler!”

2. As a couple, your two major topics of discussion over the past week have been:
   a. Money and children.
   b. Finances and children.
   c. Debt and “It’s how much for a car?"

3. In the last month, you two:
   a. Went to a new restaurant, did kid stuff, did house stuff.
   b. Made it to this month.
   c. Wait. Last month... That was...?

Scoring: Oh, come on, you know the score. Obviously, a married couple, and even a holy marriage isn’t a very serious matter.

Sorry: I’m sorry, but you scored too high for a day off!

Now, think about whether your marriage needs a tune-up. You might easily fill your car’s gas tank without even noticing it. Similarly, it’s possible to go out, enjoy a late dinner and never notice the carpet burns you caused.

They are happy, but also they need to be. For example: You need to keep your car’s gas tank full, or you won’t be able to go for a long journey. You need to keep your marriage happy, or you won’t be able to go for a long journey.

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Diaries of a country priest and a city priest

About 10 years ago this summer, I read The Diary of a Country Priest, written in the 1930s in French by Georges Bernanos, then translated into English. Image Books published the book while I was in high school, but I wasn’t familiar with it until I found it in a used bookstore.

25 years later. Since then, I’ve bought every used copy I’ve come across, always making sure to buy them from others. So, imagine my surprise when recently I was introduced to the book based on a 1993 book titled The Diary of a City Priest (Sheed and Ward, 1993) by Father John Catoir, a regular columnist for Catholic News Service. Here are some helpful Internet sites.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter information is available at www.wwe.org.

Retrouvaille (designed to help heal and renew marriages) can be found at: www.retrouvaille.org.

(Bill and Monica Dodds are regular columnists for Catholic News Service. Their Web site is www.BillDodds.com.)

Spirituality for Today/ Fr. John Catoir

How to live a joyful life

We are more pleasing to the Lord when we are fully alive to all that is beautiful and good. The joyful life is the highest expression of a filled soul with God’s love.

A grateful heart is full of joy. A resentful heart is full of anger and frustration. Envy is sadness as the only thing it knows. So, another request. Envy and doom sadness if you want to live a joyful life.

Joy is a choice. A successful athlete has a winning attitude to overcome the game, confidently playing to win. The tearful player thinks defensively, trying to keep from losing. The fear of losing inhibits the athlete’s skills. A game can be lost by timidity.

Envy is a delight lost in the sounds he creates for his audience, whereas a tone pounds away at the piano worry- ing that some critics might say if he makes a mistake.

A happy physician exudes confidence in his skills and even much more than that. He is of assistance and comfort. A greedy physician sees only the dollar signs. The patients are merely units of income.

A confident teacher enjoys the children. She loves their active, engaging curiosity. A bored, disinterested teacher is one who is concerned with disciplinary problems. The confident teacher is happy and effective; the bored one is uninterested and dull.

Joy is the motivation that makes all the difference. Love and joy lead to freedom and superiority.

You sabotage yourself when you do not strive to create an atmosphere of emotional commitment around you. To achieve this goal, you deliberately have to choose. Decide that you want to be a healer, not a victim. Decide that you are going to enjoy your precious life, you must strive to project a joyful presence.

You can show your presence. Each person is unique.

No one can be of help to another by becoming miserable with you. If you do that, soon you will be two miserable people instead of one. You can love the person best by caring in an emotional way.

This is a skill that must be learned.

You can be sincere, but detached. Like a great movie, you might need the next person who needs you, without being drained by the last one. Easier said than done.

If someone is outraged, even if it is jutified anger, don’t absorb that anger. You can show your concern in other ways. Do not adapt yourself to the mood of the person you are helping by becoming angry. Remember, acknowledge his or her right to be angry, and secretly hold on to your joy. By your willingness to listen, you are helping the person.

Remain self-possessed as you help angry people move through their pain. Do not allow yourself to get involved into each person’s life.

You can do this by asking questions. Distract them from their misery by getting them to talk about their favorite topic. Help them by calmly asking questions: “Why does that make you so mad?” “Do you feel any anger by talking about that?”

Let them ventilate. Let them own their feelings. Keep asking them to explain what they mean when they say something.

Remember that you don’t have to solve the problem. Just present a caring pres- ence and be with them.

In the process, hold on to your joy.

(Father John Catoir, a regular columnist for Catholic News Service, will lead a retreat for senior adults on “Prayer Made Simple: A Joyful Life” on Aug 13-15 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Call 317- 545-7681 for more information.)
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings
Sunday, July 21, 2002

• Wisdom 12:13-19
• Romans 8:26-27
• Matthew 13:24-43

The Book of Wisdom provides this week’s first reading.

Wisdom and Life

I looked inside myself and saw
A garden deep within.
And at the gate a lady sat.
I asked, “May I come in?”
“Oh, yes! I’ve been expecting you!”
A smile lit her face.
She led me through the gate into
A wild and unkempt place.
“My name,” she said, “is Wisdom,
And God gave me to you
To help you with your garden
And advise you what to do.”

“Is the garden a weed?” I said.
“The beds are overgrown,
The weeds have choked the flowers
And the grass needs to be mowed.
How could you let this garden fall
Into such disrepair?”

“The garden is not mine,” she said,
“But yours for which to care.”
She smiled and said, “Take no offense,
but you’ve not sought my advice
On how to handle situations
You have faced in life.
And so your garden is full of weeds
Like anxiety and fear,
A desire to be the one in charge.
You worry so much!”

I looked around the garden,
Bewildered at the task.

“Where do I begin?” I said.
“I thought you’d never ask.”
Let’s start by taking out the weeds,
For once you do you’ll find

(A Natalie DeHart is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.)

Daily Readings

Monday, July 22
Mary Magdalene
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 23
Bridge of Veduta, religious
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 85:2-8
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 24
Jeremiah 1, 4-10
Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 25
James, Apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Friday, July 26
Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jeremiah 3:14-17
(Responsorial) Jeremiah 31:10-13
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 27
Jeremiah 7:1-11
Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11
Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 28
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 3, 7, 12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 14:44-52
or Matthew 13:44-46

Question Corner/By John Dietzen

Pope believes Our Lady of Fatima saved his life

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I recently read that the “third secret of Fatima” was revealed in the year 2002. What were the events foretold by the visions of Fatima, and when did these events occur? (Illinois)

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In 1913, some young children in Portugal claimed that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to them a number of times, urging prayer and penance, and “foretelling” dire cataclysms that the Church and the whole human race were to experience.
The first of several appearances of Mary to the Portuguese children took place on May 13, 1917.

Some years later, the Church approved these visions in the sense that the apparitions could not be explained naturally, nor had they been revealed to the seers in a supernatural manner.
Rumors have been rampant for decades that a “three secret” foretold especially terrible cataclysms for the world.
After the attempt to assassinate him on May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II attributed the saving of his life to Our Lady of Fatima.
On May 13, 2000, during a pilgrimage to Fatima by the pontiff, it was announced that, in gratitude to the Virgin Mary for her protection during his years as pope, the so-called third secret was being made public.
The secret described a vision of a “bishop clothed in white” (the pope?), who makes his way toward the cross, amid corpses of martyred clergy, religious and innocent lay people. As he advances, he too falls to the ground, killed by gunfire.
Two angels gather the blood of the martyrs and sprinkle the blood over souls making their way to God.
The pope charged the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith with making the third secret public and preparing an appropriate commentary on the theological and devotional aspects of the appearances.
In the lengthy commentary, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the congregation, wrote that in the third secret “no vision at all is revealed, nor is the future unveiled.”

visions such as those at Fatima, he said, should be understood in the biblical sense of symbolic prophecy, not of predicting the future but of explaining “the way” to salvation, “to show the right path for the future”.
A private revelation that is considered genuine by the Church is one that is approved by the faithful with pronouncement by the pope because it can help readers understand the Gospel.
It is a help which is offered, but which one is not obliged to use,” Cardinal Ratzinger said.
He carefully distinguished between these revelations and God’s “public” revelation in the Old and New Testament, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Christ, which demands faith.
A key point, he said, is that private revelations are not intended to complete the Gospel, but to help people live it.
The commentary quoted the classic statement of Pope Benedict XIV on private apparitions: “An assent of Catholic faith is due not to revelations approved in this way. [Such assent] is not even possible.”

Lourdes, Guadalupe, Fatima and other authentic private appearances and revelations are a precious gift from God. They can become powerful additional motives for faith to Christ’s invitations and injunctions in the Gospel.
As Cardinal Ratzinger explained, they are authentic only when as what we as Catholic Christians are already obliged to believe of Christ.
The text of the third secret and the congregation’s commentary can be found on the Vatican Web site at vatican.va/cong.
Then click on the link titled Fatima for related news stories. 

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

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Archdiocese Office of the Mayor, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse. Catholic Social Services program, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-356-1538.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests prayer center for lay, 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, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. Prayer service for peace, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group, 2-3:30 p.m., Info: 317-231-4541.

St. Andrew of Athens Greek Catholic Church, 18020 S. 70th St., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group, 2 p.m., Info: 317-637-5247.

St. John the Baptist Church, 337 Dr. E. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Mass in Vietnamese, 2 p.m.

St. Chris Church, 1827 E. 33rd St., Indianapolis. Rosary, 7 p.m. Information: 317-767-9479.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Church, 5801 N. 47th St., Indianapolis. Perpetual adoration. Information: 317-537-5446.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Perpetual adoration.

Weekly
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 317-534-0154.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 S. 38th St., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group. Prayer group, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Info: 317-231-4541.

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Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes Parish, 735 E. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group. Parish Flickr group, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Info: 317-231-4541.

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St. Andrew of Athens Greek Catholic Church, 18020 S. 70th St., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group, 2 p.m., Info: 317-637-5247.

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337 N. W. Frenchtown Parish, picnic, family-style chicken dinner, quilts, boudoir, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 317-247-2558.

Fatima Retreat House, 535 E. 56th St. Indianapolis. Pre-Cana Conference, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9306, ext. 1596.

Daily
St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4177 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Parish Flickr group. Parish Flickr group, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Info: 317-231-4541.


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Parish of prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m. Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1400 N. Port Road, Indianapolis, Eucharist. 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.
Sacreau Heart of Jesus Parish, Parish Hall, 1225 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-8551.
Confratlon House of Prayer: 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Thursday silent prayer group, 7:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

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, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. Adoration Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., in Indianapolis, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.
The Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 13th St., in Indianapolis, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benedic-
only, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Third Thursdays
Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 900 Havenrock Road, Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Fridays
St. Francis Hall Chapel, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass and healing ser-
vice, 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 90th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by arch-
diocesan Oficce of Pro-Life Aducations, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mass, 7:30 a.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

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Parishes to host Our Lady of Guadalupe image this week

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gies and prayer services at various locations in the Arch-
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The missionary image is a replica of the original miracu-
loss image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was imprinted on Juan Diego’s tilma in 1531.
The schedule of Masses and prayer services with the missionary image this week is as follows:
July 19—SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Mass, 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by monthly Helpers of God’s Precious Infants pro-life min-
sty prayers in front of abortion clinic on West 16th Street.
July 20—Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, 3300 Roy Road, in Indianapolis, veneration from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.
July 20—St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., in Indianapolis, 7 p.m. veneration.
July 21—St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 13th St., in Indianapolis, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses, and 6 p.m. youth Mass.

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said the case “will ultimately determine American Center for Law and Justice, the federal Racketeer Influenced and activist Martin Sheen; Feminists for Life Bourgeois; death penalty opponent Sister in the case were Maryknoll Father Roy expected to file friend-of-the-court briefs NOW and abortion clinics in 1986 under ago in a national class action suit by petitioners are asking the Supreme Court good choice.” she said. “What’s 20 weeks’ gestational age and beyond, continued from page 1

For the unborn child,” she said. “What’s...
CRS official tells Congress the Sudan situation is ‘urgent’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The situation in Sudan is “urgent and deteriorating,” putting 1.7 million lives at risk from famine, disease and war, a Catholic Relief Services official told a Senate subcommittee. Paul Townsend recommended to the African affairs subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the U.S. government negotiate for peace, reinstate the self-government, and back unimpeded access to humanitarian aid, especially with regard to developing oil deposits. For more than 30 years, Townsend said, the U.S. bishops’ international relief and development agency, has been involved in the African nation, home to nearly 30 million people. In written testimony to the subcommittee on July 11, Townsend called it “the most desperate humanitarian disaster on our planet.”

WORLD

Mexican bishop hopes papal visit leads to new rights for indigenous

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Mexico’s bishops said Pope John Paul II’s upcoming canonization and beatification of three indigenous Mexicans signaled an important recognition of indigenous peoples that the country must translate into legal recognition of rights. In a July 3 pastoral letter, the country’s bishops said Mexicans must adopt a new view of indigenous populations as subjects with new rights and duties, not servants of white Europe’s power and genocidal and beneficent. In a 10-point appeal, the bishops called on all Mexicans to work for legal recognition and support of indigenous culture and history, economic and occupational assistance to indigenous peoples, and environmental protection of the habitats in which they live.

Pope joins pilgrims and lonely in Castel Gandolfo courtyard

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Slightly tanned and walking with his cane, Pope John Paul II joined visitors in the courtyard of the papal summer villa for the July 14 recitation of the Angelus prayer. The pope surprised the pilgrims by joining them in the courtyard instead of addressing them from the balcony, as was his custom in past years. In his Angelus address, Pope John Paul encouraged others to do what he was doing: taking vacation time “for physical and spiritual renewal.” He also said, “I cannot but remember with affection those who do not have the possibility of going on vacation. I am thinking especially of those who are in prisons and hospitals and those who are at home alone.”

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Mentoring program helps new priests, builds fraternity

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS)—The first years of a priest’s ministry can be difficult as he makes the transition from a structured life of academics, according to Father Dan Kampschneider, who is pursuing education of young priests for the Archdiocese of Omaha. “Newly ordained priests have an amazing array of new responsibilities, and it can sometimes be overwhelming,” he said. To help them make the transition, Father Kampschneider developed a mentoring program for newly ordained priests of the archdiocese. In its first year, the program pairs newly ordained with more experienced priests—who those have been in ministry for 10 or more years. The two meet on a regular basis, Fathers Kampschneider said. After that, they can decide if they will continue to meet. In addition to meeting with their assigned partners, the mentors meet with Father Kampschneider four times a year for a peer review process.
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