Spirit of Service raises more than $200,000 for Catholic Social Services

By Brandon A. Evans

Former Brooklyn Dodgers star pitcher Carl Erskine has a history of leading teams to victory. His most recent success was helping Catholic Social Services raise a record $202,275.

The Anderson, Ind., resident spoke at the 2003 Spirit of Service Awards Dinner on April 29 at the Indianapolis Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

The Catholic Social Services (CSS) sponsored dinner honored five individuals and one corporation for their commitment to service to the community.

The honorees were Clara Warner of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, Robert Tully of Roncalli High School and St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, Jerry and Rosemary Semler of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, and Tom Pottrate of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

The corporate honoree was Cannon IV. Jerry Jones co-founded the company along with his late partner, Richard Jones.

The $202,275 raised from the event will be used by CSS to provide counseling and outreach services to families and children, the aging and those in need of emergency and special services.

The money raised through the Spirit of Service Awards

Pope tells Spanish youth life spent serving Christ is worth living

MADRID, Spain (CNS)—An obviously aging Pope John Paul II made his fifth visit to Spain May 3-4, sharing his conviction that a life spent in the service of God and one’s neighbors is the only type of life worth living.

In a May 3 evening meeting with more than 700,000 Spanish young people and again at a May 4 Mass for the canonization of five Spanish priests and religious, the pope called on Spaniards to live their faith with courage, to sow harmony in their nation, to stand up for Christian values in the new Europe and to work for peace in the world.

The pope seemed a bit unsteady as he stood on a moving platform pushed along a red carpet at the airport welcoming ceremony. He was on his feet for the playing of the Spanish and Vatican anthems, but read his speech seated.

Behind the pope, 21 boys dressed in Swiss Guard uniforms served as a colorful honor guard. And when the crowd launched the standard Spanish chant, “John Paul II, the world loves you,” he responded, “Of Spain, it’s true.”

The pope, who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on May 18, told young people at the evening rally that he was ordained at the age of 26 and has been a priest for more than 56 years.

“Ahs,” laughter and cheers burst from the crowd when the pope flashed the youths a big grin and said, “Now you can figure out how old the pope is.”

They chanted, “The pope is young.”

“I am a youth of 83 years,” he responded to more cheers and more chants.

Abortion law takes effect after eight-year battle

By Mary Ann Wyand

Indiana’s 1995 informed consent law, intended to educate women about abortion procedures, risks and alternatives, finally went into effect on April 30 after an eight-year legal battle by abortion providers opposed to the required 18-hour waiting period and in-person counseling by medical personnel.

“The state’s legitimate and compelling interests in protecting the life and medical health justify the informed consent requirements of Public Law 187;” Marion Superior Court Judge Gerald Zore said in his ruling last week.

“Public Law 187 is a reasonable effort to encourage informed consent based on reflective thought in the abortion context,” he wrote in his decision.

“As for the balance of harms and the public interest, where the constitutionality of a statute is at stake, the public interest is always presumed to favor the statute,” Judge Zore wrote. “Plaintiffs have not shown a reasonable likelihood of succeeding on the merits of their case at trial.”

He also noted that “federal courts have already adjudicated all of Public Law 187 to be valid, notwithstanding the fact that a woman’s right to abortion is clearly protected under federal law and notwithstanding the rigorous scrutiny of abortion regulations commanded by Roe vs. Wade (1973) and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey (1992).”

Judge Zore’s ruling before the start of the second day of testimony in Marion Superior Court, Civil Division 7, in Indianapolis denied a petition for a

Panel explores ethics of pre-emptive war

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The use of “pre-ventive force” such as the U.S. invasion of Iraq ought to be evaluated from the perspective of what sort of legacy it leaves and viewed in light of the post-9/11 stress the nation is undergoing, according to two speakers at a theology and public policy forum.

“While a doctrine of preventive war may derive in part from an ethic of responsibil-ity—to protect ourselves and the world from catastrophic attacks—it also has elements of an ethic of fear,” said Gerry Powers, director of the Office of International Justice and Peace at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“That ethic of fear” comes from the understandable preoccupation of the people of the United States with their own fears and vulnerabilities in the face of global terrorism, said Powers at a May 1 colloquium on the ethical issues of pre-emptive war hosted by Wesley Theological Seminary and its Churches’ Center for Theology and Public Policy.

But those post-Sept. 11, 2001, fears are leading the nation to embrace a formula of instilling fear of the United States as a protection from catastrophic attacks that echoes the philosophy of the brutal Roman emperor Caligula: “Let them hate us if they will, pro-vided only that they fear us,” he said.

“That formula might work for the New York Yankees, but it did not work for the Romans and it will not work for us,” Powers said. “It will not work because it creates a cycle of fear that fuels a cycle of violence.”

He warned that the combination of U.S. world primacy and U.S. vulnerability “could lead to one kind of legacy: a sort of muscular unilateralism in our foreign policy which includes preventive force and an over-reliance on short-term military solutions to deal with a troubled and sometimes threaten- ing world.”

Such a policy would blur the distinctions between legitimate defense and aggression, said Powers, as well as make the world even more turbulent and unstable, be inconsistent with the moral certainty required before force is justified and “be seen by many as a form of neocolonialism and endorsement of an illusion that might makes right.”

Such a legacy is inconsistent with

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Carter, filed a motion for a change of venue. The abortion providers had hoped to prove that Indiana’s informed consent law violates the state constitution and places an undue hardship on poor women seeking an abortion.

The high court’s decision not to rule on the case automatically caused the temporary restraining order to go into effect, but abortion providers quickly appealed the law again in Marion Superior Court on the basis that it placed an undue hardship on poor women and women without access to transportation by requiring two trips to an abortion clinic.

The abortion providers also challenged the constitutionality of the law, which was only in effect for a week.

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Marian College graduations are May 10

By Jennifer Lindberg

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute and Marian College in Indianapolis will hold their commencement ceremonies on May 10.

Habitat for Humanity International co-founders Millard and Linda Fuller will give the commencement address at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College at 2 p.m. in the Cecilian Auditorium of the Conservatory of Music.

The Baccalaureate Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception located on campus. The school will graduate 185 students.

Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit Christian housing ministry based in Americus, Ga., builds homes for low-income families.

Started in 1976 with the “economics of Jesus,” the Fullers have seen their organization build homes for more than 120,000 families in 3,000 communities worldwide.

Millard Fuller, who owned his own marketing firm, was a millionaire by age 29. While prosperous in business, his health, marriage and integrity were suffering.

After re-evaluating his values and life direction, he reconciled with his wife, sold their possessions and gave their money to the poor.

Searching for a new life, they lived in a Christian community, Koinonia Farm, near Americus, Ga., where the idea for Habitat for Humanity was born. They moved to Africa to test the idea and returned to the United States to create the current Habitat for Humanity.

Millard Fuller received the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in 1996 and the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. Linda Fuller has received the Ballington and Maude Booth Founders Award, the Harry S. Truman Public Service Award and several honorary doctoral degrees.

The Fullers will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the college.

For the first time, the college will also give two distinguished alumni awards. Dr. Kathryn Martin, class of 1963 and chancellor of the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and Jean Wilkowski, class of 1941 and the first woman to be a U.S. ambassador to Africa from 1972-1976, will receive the awards.

Marian College will hold its commencement at 2 p.m. in the Colonnade behind Allison Mansion. John Cardis is the keynote speaker.

A Baccalaureate Mass will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel in Marian Hall. Cardis is the managing partner of Deloite & Touche’s global strategic client divisions.

It has been recognized as one of the “100 Best Companies to Work for in America” by Fortune magazine for six consecutive years.

Cardis is a 1959 graduate of Father Thomas Scenna Memorial High School in Indianapolis and a 1963 graduate of Marian College. He credits his liberal arts education as a key to his business success.

Marian College will graduate 212 students. An honorary doctoral degree in public service will be given to Cardis and Charles Stuart. Dorothy Stuart and Barbara Cooling will receive honorary degrees in human letters.

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Honoring war veterans

The front-page article in the Feb. 28 issue of The Criterion alerted me to the patriotism in our local parishes. Reading the report of James O’Donnell, a survivor of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis in World War II, and the history of the ship and its crew, prompted me to want to share the good news from St. Mary Parish in Mitchell.

Rev. A. Knight has written and published Riding on Luck: The Saga of the USS Lang (DD-399). Commissioned March 30, 1939, the “Lucky Lang” engaged the enemy in the Pacific at Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Kwajalein, Saipan, Leyte and Okinawa. She survived it all with hardly a scratch. On her roster was Alex Knight’s father, Randall J. Knight. Knight’s hope in writing this book was to bring inspiration to younger persons and to pay tribute to those older persons who served.

Knight, along with his wife, Linda, serve as volunteer youth ministers at St. Mary Parish.

The book can be purchased online from iUniverse.com or Barnes and Noble and other bookstores.

Sr. Carlita Koch, O.S.B.

(Sister Carlita is pastoral associate and coordinator of religious education for St. Mary Parish in Mitchell.)

Letters Policy

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Letters should be received, relevant, well-expressed and temperate in tone. The editors reserve the right to select the letters that will be published and to edit letters from readers as necessary based on space limitations, pastoral sen-

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The pope on the Eucharist

Ruhpolding is a quaint little resort village nestled in a valley sur-

rounded by high mountains in Bavaria, Germany. Its parish church is high above the village, at the top of a steep hill. On a side altar inside the church, among numerous gilded statues and paintings, is the statue of the “Ruhpolding Madonna,” dating from around the year 1200. A unique aspect of the statue is that a tabernacle is built in the middle of the statue, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.

Pope John Paul II would consider this most appropriate. In his 14th encyclical, which he signed on Holy Thursday, he described Mary as “the first tabernacle in history,” the vessel “in which the Son of God, still invis-
i to our human gaze, allowed him-
self to be adored by Elizabeth” at the time of the Visitation.

In his encyclical, titled Ecclesia de Eucharistia, the pope reaffirmed the Church’s traditional teachings about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, on the need for validly ordained ministers for its celebration, and on the importance of following the Church’s liturgical norms.

As the pope said, the Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to those of us who are members of His Church.

From its beginning, the Church has believed and taught that the body and blood of Christ are present in the consecration by a priest and are united to the bread and wine, transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 formally adopted the term “transubstan-
tiation” as the way Christ becomes pre-

sent in the Holy Eucharist. This doc-
trine, reaffirmed by the Council of Trent in the 16th century and again by the Second Vatican Council in the 20th cen-
tury, asserts that, by the consecration of the bread and wine by a validly ordained priest, there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood.

The accidental properties of the bread and wine remain. The bread still looks and tastes like bread and the wine still looks and tastes like wine. But their substance has been changed when the priest says, “This is my body” and “This is the cup of my blood.”

In his new encyclical, Pope John Paul emphasizes more than the doc-
trine of transubstantiation. In some places, he says, people focus so much on the Eucharist as a “fraternal ban-
quet” that they forget its sacrificial meaning. The Mass, he said, “makes Christ’s one, definitive redemptive sacrifice present in time” so that those who participate in it do so as if we were in Jerusalem with Jesus.

He also wrote that he has observed abuses in the way the Eucharist is pre-

sented and adored. He reaffirmed Church teaching that those who have committed a serious sin must go to confession before receiving Communion, and he said that another document will be coming on the oblig-

ation to follow Church rules for the celebration of Mass and adoration of the Eucharist. If we have a proper understanding of the Eucharist, we should welcome that second document when it comes.

— John F. Finn

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Este año el cuarto domingo de Pascua es el Día de las Madres. Y el Papa Juan Pablo II lo ha designado como el Día Mundial de la Oración por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales. La coincidencia de las dos ocasiones es afortunada. Y recordemos una vieja costumbre que relaciona la ordenación sacerdotal. Aunque la costumbre era inusual, le dieron a mamá una carta con una cita de San Agustín: “Ninguna carga es demasiada pesada para un corazón lleno de amor”.

Ese año mamá y papá me apoyaron a convertirme en sacerdote. Supongo que las madres alimentan una vocación de forma más natural. Porque a las mujeres no les sucede como a papá, que soy una asociación de mujeres de la familia. Mamá y papá fueron voluntarios activos en la vida de nuestra parroquia recientemente fundada, tanto así que yo pensaba que esa vestido como una costumbre.

Mamá y papá fueron prudentes en relación a mi deseo de ser sacerdote. Me apoyaron porque pensaban que somos personas que se preocupan por la vida del seminario. Pero una vez que yo decidí hacer la vida del seminario, mamá me apoyó en mi deseo de ser sacerdote. Mamá tenía algunas preguntas sobre mi inminente decisión, pero no me hizo sentir que me estaba forzando a servir a Dios como sacerdote. Mamá significaba mucho y quería que pudiera hacerse realidad.

Lo importante es que mamá y papá me apoyaron en mi decision. Después de mi ordenación en 1964, fui enviado a Roma a estudiar por dos años. Todas las visitas de mamá eran especiales. Cuando fui designado presidente-rector del seminario teológico en 1971, mis padres se preocuparon por la carga que ello podría representar. Cuando fui designado director del seminario universitario y del seminario teológico en 1982, mamá y papá se preocuparon por la carga que ello podría representar. Cuando fui designado director del seminario universitario y del seminario teológico en 1982, mamá y papá se preocuparon por la carga que ello podría representar. Cuando fui designado director del seminario universitario y del seminario teológico en 1982, mamá y papá se preocuparon por la carga que ello podría representar. Cuando fui designado director del seminario universitario y del seminario teológico en 1982, mamá y papá se preocuparon por la carga que ello podría representar.
Check It Out . . .

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will sing at the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood, on May 11. The choir will also sing at the 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Masses at Holy Redeemer Church, 520 Stevin St., in Indianapolis, on June 7 during the parish’s annual Italian Street Festival. The choir’s annual Spring Concert will begin at 3 p.m. June 15 at Marians of the Immaculate Conception, 1200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. For more information, call 317-328-6038.

St. Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center, 1707 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis, recently opened its International Adoption Clinic. The clinic, for families who have adopted children from overseas, offers an array of services from both developmental and infectious disease pediatricians. All services are directed toward the adopted children’s physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Although self-referral is permissible, the clinic serves as a specialty consultation to the child’s primary care physicians. For more information, call the clinic at 317-415-5545.

There will be a Pro-Life Symposium for Spanish-speaking members of the archdiocese from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 17 in the Assembly Hall of the Archdiocese O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Participants need to be fluent in Spanish. Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Carole Dolan, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, will present “Why Pro-Life?” Father Michael O’Mara, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, will present “Ethical Aspects on Abortion.” Norberto and Maria Teresa Aguaya will present “Responsible Parenting,” and youth will perform an educational play about “Marriage.”

Clergy and congregational leaders are invited to a Mental Illness Ministry Conference titled “Mending the Mind and Mending the Soul” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 15 at North United Methodist Church, 3088 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Besides speakers, there will be eight elective workshops, with topics ranging from teen-age depression to addiction and post-traumatic stress syndrome. For more information, call 317-767-7633.

Katrina Rae, a contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, will present her musical faith journey, “Changed By His Glory,” at 7 p.m. on May 10 at North United Methodist Church, 3088 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. Besides speakers, there will be eight elective workshops, with topics ranging from teen-age depression to addiction and post-traumatic stress syndrome. For more information, call 317-767-7633.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, in conjunction with the Indiana Blood Center, will host a blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to noon on May 15 in the auditorium at Union Grove campus, 1600 Albany St. Donors should allow an hour for a mini-physical, medical history review, donation and post-donation rest period. All donors will also receive free cholesterol screenings. All donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For more information, call 317-782-9977, ext. 5997.

Students from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Holy Name School, 89 N. 17th Ave., in Beech Grove, will present “Musical 83” at 7:30 p.m. on May 9. The music will be light and varied with show tunes, golden oldies and some current pop tunes. Tickets are $2 per person or $3 per family, and may be purchased at the door. The program is directed by Jerry Crane, music director at the school. For more information call 317-784-9078.

There will be a Christian Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. on May 9 at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, 5001 W. Olive Branch Road, in Greenwood. The event will be an evening of fellowship, reflection and prayer through the enjoyment of music. For more information, call 317-859-4673 or log on to www.susansianen.net.

The Ladies Guild of Knights of Columbus, Greenwood Chapter 6138, will sponsor a baby shower for St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services of Indianapolis at 1 p.m. on May 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 695 Parshville Road, in Greenwood. Kristen Grill from St. Elizabeth’s will speak, and there will be refreshments. Admission is a baby item or expectant mother item. The most needed items are clothes (infant to 2 years) for summer, diapers, infant shoes, crib sheets, mobiles, wipes, Enfamil with iron and new car seats. Monetary donations and gift certificates are appreciated, along with swimming suits for the mothers. For more information, call Anne Bedan at 317-535-8789.

X-Men United (Fox) rated A-II (Adults and Adolescents) because of minimal violence, rough language and as brief sexual images and fleeting nudity.

It Runs in the Family (MGM) rated D-III (Adults) because of recurring drug abuse and sexual situations, as well as minimal vulgarities and an instance of rough language.

Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

The Lizzie McGuire Movie (Disney) rated R-III (Adults and Adolescents) because of minor romantic complications, rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) by the MPAA.

People I Know (Miramax) rated R-III (Adults) because of minimal violence, recurring drug abuse, rough language and vulgarities as well as brief sexual images and fleeting nudity.

Rated R (Restricted) by the MPAA.

The Real Cancun (New Line) rated R (Morally Offensive) because of a glamorizing attitude toward casual sex, recurring raunchy sexual situations with nudity, incessant alcohol abuse, excessive rough language, as well as vulgarities and lewd, sexually explicit language.

Rated PG-12 (Parents are strongly cautioned) by the MPAA.

It’s a Boy (Fox) rated R-III (Adults) because of recurring comic book-style violence and some crude language.

Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) by the MPAA.
Three Catholic teachers receive fellowships for summer pursuits

By Jennifer Lindberg

It’s a summer vacation they’ll never forget.

What they once only dreamed about doing is paid for in full as three teachers from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis each received a $7,500 Teacher Creativity Fellowship from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The endowment allows teachers to pursue their own summer plan for personal and professional renewal.

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Her students are already benefiting from the fellowship money, having recently used the digital camera for class projects.

Usually, Shain teaches a science class during the summer. This year, she wanted a break from teaching and applied for the fellowship. She said it was the right match between a personal interest and something she could incorporate into the curriculum.

“I can spend some time doing something for school and learning in the process, but also something that provides a new learning opportunity for me,” Shain said.

For O’Hearn, the chance to study Gothic architecture will make the Gothic novels she teaches in American and British literature more understandable.

“The landscape in the Gothic novel always mirrors the mood of the novel,” O’Hearn said. “It’s always dreary or on some moor or by a castle. I’m also interested in the old Gothic structures, and the best are in Europe.”

Traveling through France, Italy and England, O’Hearn will stay at some castles and learn more about architecture.

She said the trip will give her the background to explain to her students how the architecture in the novels they are reading relates to the story.

Hawkins is getting in shape for the more than 250 miles she will hike across Indiana this summer by exercising on her treadmill.

She’ll also use her hiking experience as the inspiration to write four original poems about Indiana’s landscape.

Many times, students don’t like to write poems about Indiana because they think it’s boring, she said.

By learning how to take stock of the Indiana landscape herself, she can help the students be more creative at poetry writing, she said.

“Usually, I’ve always had a second job in the summer,” Hawkins said. “And I’m always indoors. This will let me spend more time outdoors and see what Indiana has to offer.”

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SERVICE (continued from page 1)

Dinner has more than doubled since the event began five years ago, said James
Schellinger, the event chair.

“I am intrigued by the title ‘Spirit of Service,’” Erskine said. “I think service is a

spiritual experience.”

He said that it is hard to tell who gains more benefits from service—those served

or those serving. He also said that those who volunteer their time for others truly

have the “eyes to see” the need around them.

“A lot of people walk through life … and they do not see, realize, understand,

that all around them are people who are in need,” he said. “And they either don’t want

to see it or just fail to see it.”

Erskine pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1948-57 and for the Los

Angeles Dodgers from 1958-59. He pitched two no-hitters and broke the World Series

strikeout record for a single game with 14 strikeouts in 1953.

Erskine spent his retirement coaching baseball and becoming involved in his

community and various charitable causes.

Erskine entertained the crowd with base-

ball stories from the past and some from his

personal life. He spoke of the days when,

as he put it, baseballs were white and so

were all of the players.

“We were a segregated country,” he said.

But then, in 1947, Branch Rickey, the

president and general manager of the

Dodgers, made history by putting the first

black major league ball player, Jackie

Robinson, on the field.

“Jackie experienced what none of us

could imagine,” Erskine said, “being

accused just because he was different.”

Erskine said he has great admiration for

the courage Robinson displayed in breaking

the color barrier in baseball.

In 1960, Erskine became the father of

his fourth child, Jimmy. But, right away, he

knew something was wrong.

The doctor told him that Jimmy was a

“mongoloid”—an archaic term for saying

a child with such physical barriers ahead of

him, after just leaving a team of great ath-

letes.

Then it hit him. “Jimmy’s facing about

the same kind of barriers Jackie did,” he

said. “What a parallel.”

Raising Jimmy wasn’t easy. It was a

cause for celebration when Jimmy could tie

his shoes by himself—at 18 years old.

Jimmy is now 43 and works at an

Applebee’s Restaurant, setting up tables

before opening. His boss says that people

work with each other better when Jimmy is

around.

“He has come so far,” Erskine said.

Near the end of his presentation, Erskine

showed the audience his World Series Ring

that he had retrieved from a lock box for

the event. The Brooklyn Dodgers won the

World Series in 1955.

“I look at this ring, I think about the day

they handed them to the team, I remember

the look on the team’s faces,” he said. “I

said] to myself, could there be anything in

this world as a reward better than that?”

Years after receiving that ring, his son,

Jimmy, was competing in the Special

Olympics in swimming.

At the end of the race, Erskine said,

“They hauled him out of the water, they

stood him up on the award stand, on the

top level, and they hung this gold medal

around his neck. He won a 50-meter

freestyle.”

Erskine held up the shimmering medal.

“Let me tell you, I think this is better,” he

said.

“They expected us to win,” he said of

the Dodgers 1955 victory. “They expected

us to win. Who expected this kind of per-

formance [from Jimmy]?”

“Any time you give somebody encour-

agement, as was given Jackie and was

given Jimmy, you have the eyes to see and
do that,” Erskine said.

Bart Peterson, mayor of Indianapolis,

attended the dinner and said that the

award winners “represent the spirit of ser-

vice, they represent the spirit of Indianapolis.”

Peterson told the more than 700 people

in attendance that the services provided by

CSS are essential and make differences in

peoples’ lives each day.

He said that he is often asked what has

been the most surprising thing for him

since he took office.

“I had no idea how much good work is

going on in our community,” Peterson

said. “How many people are reaching out

beyond themselves, helping people who

they could never reasonably expect any-

thing in return from.

“And I can think of no better example

of that than Catholic Social Services,” he

added.

David Bethurum, executive director

of CSS and the Office for Family Ministries,

said that CSS helped more than 60,800

people last year. Among those people, 11,550

were helped with temporary shel-

ter, food, clothing and job assistance,

while 588 people were helped in the Elder

Care program.

“More people than ever before are

receiving our services,” he said.

“Because of the generosity of our donors

and volunteers, we’ve been able to con-

tinue to provide quality service to the

increasing numbers of individuals and

families in need.”

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was

there to personally give each Spirit of

Service award to the recipients.

“Jesus Christ and our Church call each of

us to be attentive to the poor, to be

advocates for the disenfranchised, to serve

those who society rejects,” the archbishop

said.

“Jesus always puts those in the margin

of society … at the center of his concern and

his ministry, and we’re called to do the

same,” he said.

The archbishop congratulated the

award winners and called them role

models.

“Your service to others encourages all

of us,” he said. “Your lives and your gifts

of self provide all of us with examples of

service, of models.”

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Gary Diocese promotes cultural diversity and unity

By Brian T. Olszewski

Northwest Indiana is similar to other urban areas in the United States—a mural of various cultures and ethnic and racial backgrounds. What the mural doesn’t always reveal are misunderstandings and hostilities that have arisen among the people who comprise it. When he was appointed apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gary in 1992, Bishop Dale J. Melczek was well aware of the racial and ethnic divisions that had infected the diocese.

From that point through his appointment as diocesan bishop in 1996 and up to the present, he has been addressing “the sin of racism” a pastoral priority. In June 2002, he issued his first pastoral letter—“The Many Faces of Our Church: A Letter to Our Catholic Faithful Regarding Our Cultural Diversity”—as a preliminary step to a letter on racism.

“The Many Faces of Our Church” was more than a letter to be read and then shelved. Bishop Melczek asked the faithful to read and then to “prayerfully consider and discuss its contents with others.”

Telling about it, however, was not enough.

The bishop offered points upon which he asked the Catholic community to act, for example, the writing of a pastoral cultural history for publication in the diocesan newspaper, sponsoring an event in January or February 2003 that would acknowledge and affirm “the ethnic/racial diversity of the parish,” hosting liturgical, educational and social opportunities open to members of other parishes and to non-Catholics.

Bishop Melczek provided a historical perspective on the blending of cultures by highlighting two models: the “melting pot” and the “mosaic.”

The former, he noted, encouraged “newly arrived people to shed the culture that had hitherto identified them and to learn everything which was deemed to be ‘truly American.’”

The bishop said, “Of course, it was the people of wealth and power, serving as the gatekeepers of America, who held up this image and defined what it meant.”

Of the mosaic model, he wrote: “Just as a mosaic is made up of many differently shaped colored pieces whose placement together composes a picture that would not look as beautiful or unique were the pieces all the same shape and color, so the many ethnic/racial groups can be viewed as being good in and of themselves. It is precisely the existence and mix of these groups that renders the richness of detail that gives shape to the portrait of America in general, and northwestern Indiana in particular.”

He said “mystification”—when the traditions, customs and patterns unique to one culture are alien to those outside that culture—is one of the roots of racism. “Just as fear is usually not far from the door of ignorance, so that which is alien can cause feelings of insecurity and easily be viewed as a threat,” he wrote.

The “demystification” process begins when members of one culture become aware of and mix with members of another into their world, Bishop Melczek said. To that end, he encouraged parishes to gather for multiethnic events—inviting food and song, for example—in order to experience each other’s world.

“Such a process enables the other to begin to see the world from another person’s perspective and to feel more comfortable in that world,” he noted. “It is by participation in the world of another culture that the process of demystification takes place.”

Bishop Melczek issued a study guide and had facilitators trained to lead study sessions on the pastoral letter. Five 90-minute discussion sessions were held in the fall of 2002 and during Lent in 2003.

The discussion sessions were based upon questions included:

1. Do you think the model of the mosaic could serve as a good means of viewing Northwest Indiana?

2. How do you feel about the pattern of cultural segregation within our region?

Bishop Melczek emphasized that it was a process, not a one-shot program.

“This letter marks the start of a three-year journey,” he wrote. “At times, we will make great strides, while at other times we will move more slowly. However far we progress, keep in mind that, more than anything else, Jesus calls us—his disciples—to live and witness together in unity and charity.”

In the pastoral letter’s introduction, Bishop Melczek said that in 2003 he would “issue another pastoral letter regarding the sin of racism, which is clearly the greatest threat in our own day to cooperation among cultures and races, and which prevents the image of God from being clearly visible in our communal life.”

For the bishop and the 185,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Gary, the process of addressing the sin of— and the infection caused by— racism is well under way.

By Brian T. Olszewski is the editor of the Northwest Indiana Catholic, the newspaper of the Diocese of Gary.)
Faithful Lines/
Cynthia Dewes

From the Editor Emeritus/
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Sunday, May 11, 2003

• Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
• John 10:11-18

The Acts of the Apostles again is the source of an Easter season weekend’s first reading.

In this weekend’s reading, Peter once more takes the lead as the spokesman for the Apostles. The reading notes that Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit. In other words, Simon Peter is not speaking on his own. He is inspired. Peter refers to a miracle. He has restored a crippled person to wholeness. Peter emphasizes that this miraculous event came not as the result of his own power but of any earthly, human power, but rather through the power of Jesus. Peter makes it clear that the Jesus whose power cured the crippled man of the disability is indeed the Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified on Calvary. He was the gift of God, the Savior. He is the cornerstone of eternal life itself. He alone is the source of God’s favor and everlasting life.

The First Epistle of John provides the second reading. These three epistles, given the name of John, the Apostle, are alike in their deep theology as well as in their superb use of language.

This reading declares true believers to be “children of God.” It is a powerful term. It should not be tossed aside or discounted. Through Jesus, and in Jesus, believers become much more than merely the creatures of God. They become God’s children.

In a most special sense, God is their Father. The Scriptures have many other titles and names for God. He is the master, the creator, the king and the almighty. In this reading, God is the Father. The title conveys the relationship between a child and an earthly father.

As its final reading, this weekend’s Liturgy of the Word offers the passage from St. John’s Gospel in which Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd.

This title is not unique to this particular reading or to John’s Gospel. It occurred elsewhere in the New Testament. Still, the treatment here of this imagery is magnificent and most compelling. It literally soars in its meaning. Jesus not only leads the sheep, but also looks after every, even life itself, for the sheep. Jesus is God’s gift.

A secondary lesson is in the fact that we are sheep. Sheep are not aggressive. They are not predators. They easily are the prey of vicious wolves. Indeed, sometimes they hunt for them and capitalize on their innocence and vulnerability. Thus it is with humans, exposed to the dangers of sin and to the meanness of sinful persons. The Lord is our shield.

Reflection
For weeks, the Church has celebrated the Resurrection. It still celebrates this weekend. In these readings, the Church reminds us that the Resurrection was not just a stupendous event that came and went long ago.

Instead, it is with us now. Essential to eternal life itself is a contemporary, total and absolute commitment to God, through the Lord Jesus.

As First John tells us in the second reading, in Jesus we become children of God. God is more than our Creator. He is our loving Father, but our access to God is in our faith in Jesus. Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

A secondary lesson is in the fact that God’s gift to Simon Peter is the restored crippled man to wholeness.

What we humans eternally ignore is our own vulnerability and limitations. We are much at the mercy of unfriendly and devious forces. Some of these forces have human faces. Others do not. Nevertheless, these forces are real and lie in wait to destroy us. We must admit this fact.

Jesus is our strong, loving and giving Good Shepherd. He leads us to eternal life. In Jesus, we apply our trust. Indeed, no one else is worthy of our trust.

He lives! His Resurrection has an effect even today, for each of us, everywhere, at every time.

My Journey to God

Wondrous the Things He Does

Steeple me in reverence, beloved Lord. Your little child has wakened to Your voice. With each breath I draw, may You be with me. With each step I take, may You lead me. With each trial I face, may You be my comfort and my strength.

Songs drift like silver gems through gauzy sun. From sweet-throated larks flying heavy high. Life-giving rain is His boon from the sky.

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Brothers and sisters, kneel down by His side. Reach out, touch the thong of His holy shoe.

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Siblings-in-Christ, what a joy to recall Those lovely words, “The Lord God made us all!”

By Anna-Margaret O’Sullivan

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Daily Readings

Monday, May 12
Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs
Pancras, martyr
Acts 11:1-8
Psalms 42:2-3, 4:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 13
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 14
Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalms 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15
Isidore the Farmer
Acts 13:13-23
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Papal document explains Church’s view of evolution

It would be a big help if you would explain our present Catholic teaching about evolution. Years ago, we were told that evolution denied God’s creation of the human race. Then we read that our present pope approved belief in the theory of evolution. What is the story? (Indiana)

The evolution you speak of is, I assume, the evolving of human bodies from other living beings that lived on earth before human beings appeared. A lot of conflicting interpretations of Catholic doctrines about this subject have existed around during the last 200 years or so, of them without either scientific or theological foundations.

Today it is clear that no Catholic dogma conflicts with such a theory of evolution. As long ago as 1950, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical “Humani Generis,” maintained that the Church has no problem with the study of evolution by scientists and theologians.

The research, he said, which “inquires into the origin of the human body as coming from pre-existent and living matter,” creates no difficulty for Catholic belief as long as we accept the spiritual “parr” of our nature, what we call the soul, is immediately created by God (536).

On Oct. 22, 1996, addressing the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope John Paul II agreed that new knowledge leads us now to recognize that the theory of evolution is more than a hypothesis, more than a mere scientific conjecture or assumption. The pope makes two important points in this address.

First, you must exercise extreme caution when we attempt to find answers to scientific questions in the Holy Scriptures.

The Lord is our shield. Instead, it is with us now. Essential to eternal life itself is a contemporary, total and absolute commitment to God, through the Lord Jesus. Eternal life itself is a contemporary, total and absolute commitment to God, through the Lord Jesus.

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This photo of Earth was taken by the sixth shuttle mission, in May 1992. (Indiana)

The Criterion Friday, May 9, 2003
“Looking back and remembering those years of my life, I can assure you that it is worth it to dedicate yourself to the cause of Christ and, for love of him, to consecrate yourself to serving humanity,” he told the young people, many of whom were not even born when he was elected pope in 1978.

When the chants continued to interrupt his speech, despite the fact the event had already gone on for an hour, the pope asked, “How long are we going to stay here? I must finish.”

The pope told them to be like the saints he was about to canonize, unafraid of proclaiming the Gospel message to all.

“It is everyone’s task,” he said. “Christ is the true answer to every question about the human person and his destiny.”

Arriving at the airport, the pope said the new Spanish saints were examples of strong faith, love for one’s neighbors and a commitment to building a society based on peaceful coexistence.

At the canonization Mass in the city’s Plaza de Colon, he encouraged Spanish Catholics to proudly continue their country’s history of evangelization and be witnesses of Jesus Christ throughout the world. An estimated 1 million people attended the Mass.

The new saints, all of whom died in the 20th century, are Father Pedro Poveda, martyr and founder of the Teresian Association for lay people; Jesuit Father Jose Maria Aznar, a famed preacher and worker among Madrid’s poor; Sister Genoveva Torres Morales, founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Angels, known as the Angelicas; Sister Maria Guertero Gonzalez, known as Sister Angela de la Cruz, founder of the Sisters of the Cross; and Discalced Carmelite Sister Guerrero Gonzalez, known as Sister Angela de la Cruz, founder of the Sisters of the Cross; and Discalced Carmelite Sister Maria Pidal Chico de Guzman, known as Sister Maravillas de Jesus, a mystic and founder of several cloistered monasteries. They gave their lives to God and to serving others and today’s Catholics must do the same, the pope said at the Mass.

“Other fruits of holiness will be born if the family remains united as an authentic sanctuary of love and life. Do not abandon your Christian roots,” he told the country. “Only in this way will you be able to bring to the world and to Europe the cultural richness of your history.”

As the European Union moves toward the adoption of a constitution, the continent’s “rich and fruitful Christian roots” must be recognized and strengthened, he told the young people on May 3 he was concerned about the hatred and death provoked by violence, terrorism and war.

“Respond to blind violence and inhuman hatred with the fascinating power of love,” he told them. “Defeat enmity with the power of forgiveness. Keep yourselves away from every form of exaggerated nationalism, racism and intolerance.”

Pope John Paul II, who proclaimed 2002-03 the Year of the Rosary, encouraged the young people to use the Marian prayer to learn the art of contemplation and discover the ways they must put their faith into practice. Rejection of the rosary can be the key for creating “a Europe faithful to its Christian roots, not closed in on itself, but open to dialogue and to collaboration with the other peoples of the Earth.”

The departure ceremony at Madrid’s international airport did not include formal speeches. Instead, the pope delivered his farewell message at the end of the May 4 Mass, once again encouraging Spain—a country where the vast majority of people are baptized Catholic, but most do not go to church—to revitalize its Christian faith.

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By Mary Ann Wyand

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Priests, sisters and brothers express their love for God

By Lindsey Mersch

Being in love with the Lord and expressing their love relationship with God is the main goal of all the religious we know.

By giving their lives to God, priests, brothers and sisters will be truly blessed. They have expressed their love for God by saying yes to him when he called them to religious life. We know that they are holy because when we speak to them or are near them we feel happy and honored.

Those in religious life are examples to all people. They remind us of the importance of placing God first in our lives.

The religious life consists in following the three evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. In order to keep each one, they willingly give up certain things in their life: money, possessions, marriage and liberty.

"Under the impulse of love, which the Holy Spirit pours into their hearts, they live more and more for Christ and for his Body, the Church. The more fervently, therefore, they join themselves to Christ by this gift of their whole life, the fuller does the Church's life become and the more vigorous and fruitful its apostolate" ("Perfectae Caritatis," "Decree on the Up-to-date Renewal of Religious Life," Oct. 28, 1965).

The call to the priesthood or the religious life is a vocation to follow Christ most perfectly on earth. The priestly and religious life’s goals are ones that we, as Catholic Christians, all share: to follow Christ and ultimately to be with God in heaven forever.

Everyone must try to find out what God calls him or her to. The consecrated life calls for great generosity and selflessness. There are communities for men and for women. In both, the members live a community life according to a particular rule.

The contemplative orders spend their days in prayer. Other religious communities dedicate themselves to a more active service of God and neighbor by engaging in various works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. These active orders may operate schools, hospitals, orphanages, visit prisons or care for the dying. The active orders must always have prayer as the basis for all their work.

We should pray to know if this is God’s will for us. Even if this isn’t our vocation, we should pray for those who are called. So, as you see, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into this harvest” (Mt 9:37-38).

(Lindsey Mersch is a home school student and member of St. Michael Parish in Brookville. Her essay was a winner in the ninth-grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s annual vocations essay contest. Four other winning essays will be published in coming weeks.)

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Priest calls on every parish, every Catholic, to help end abortion

ROMEOLVILLE, Ill. (CNS)—Father Frank Pavone, a priest of the New York Archdiocese who is international director of Priests for Life, said there are a number of actions every Catholic and every parish can do to end abortion.

Above all, Catholics should pray for an end to abortion, Father Pavone said. “It’s a simple thing you can do,” he said at an April 27 talk sponsored by the Joliet Diocese’s pro-life office.

But he also suggested that parishes support crisis pregnancy organizations and local shelters that help pregnant women in need, and hold fund-raisers to help Churches assist women and their families facing crisis pregnancies.

Parishes also should offer some kind of post-abortion ministry to help women and their families heal, Father Pavone said. He also encouraged everybody to consistently write letters to the editors of newspapers in their area to speak out against abortion.

Another part of the abortion battle is “to change public policy by electing the right people into office,” said Father Pavone.

To that end, Priests for Life offers parishes free election-related materials—none of which, as the law requires, endorse any particular candidates or political parties. And in a new initiative, it is also encouraging Churches to create onsite voter registration facilities to remind citizens of their obligation to vote.

According to Father Pavone, the lives of more than 4,000 unborn children are destroyed by abortion every day in the United States.

Each termination of a pregnancy is “a new tragedy” and “needs a new response,” he told his Joliet audience.

He used the scenario of a fire to make his point. When a fire breaks out, firefighters rush to the location of the blaze to help save people who are in immediate danger, he said. Firefighters may pray on the way, but they do not stop to have a prayer service, he said.

In the same vein, “you must go to the killing centers,” he said, referring to abortion clinics.

In this day and age, the word “abortion” has lost its meaning, according to Father Pavone. Abortions are performed, but the general public does not witness them, he said.

Yet many types of surgery are broadcast daily on television, he noted. “Why not the most common—abortion?” To educate people about the problem with abortion, “they must see it,” he said.

Priests for Life recommends that pro-life supporters illustrate the abortion procedure with real pictures on rally signs. “This gives evidence that abortion actually kills,” Father Pavone said.

Priests for Life, which is based in Staten Island, N.Y., is currently working on matching the country’s 19,000-plus Catholic parishes with the remaining 715 free-standing abortion clinics to pray for their closure. Parishes can find out what abortion clinic has been assigned to them at www.priestsforlife.org/ mills.
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St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 T St., Bedford. Eucharistic adoration after 8:30 a.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Information: 317-856-7442.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass-5:30 p.m. Benediction and service. Information: 317-636-4478.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:45 p.m. Mass after Saturday. Information: 317-636-4478.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mcknelly Ave., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4 p.m., rosary.

St. Nicholas Church, 6616 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m., then SACRED gathering in the school.

First Saturdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Devotions, Mass, sacrament of reconciliation, rosary, meditations, 8 a.m. Information: 317-856-7442.

Second Mondays

Church at Mount St. Francis. Holy hour for vocations to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m.

Second Thursdays

St. Luke Church, 7757 Holliday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Holy hour for priests and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Third Sundays

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

Third Mondays

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m. Childcare available. Information: 317-236-1903.

Third Wednesdays

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Holy hour and rosary, 6 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Jude Church, 5535 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1480 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Widows Organization. 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays

Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2900 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life Ministry, Mass for Life by archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 5007 N. 16th St., Indianapolis, for rosary, return to church for Benediction.

Fourth Wednesdays

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Mass and anointing of the sick, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

Fourth Sundays

St. Patrick Church, 1807 Poplar St., Terre Haute. Trinitude Mass, 3 p.m. Information: 812-232-8518.

Last Sundays

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Novena to Our Lady of Fatima, 11 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-636-4478.
Ascension of the Lord

A painting at St. Peter and Paul Church in Mauren, Liechtenstein, depicts Christ’s ascension. The solennity of the Ascension of the Lord celebrates the completion of Christ’s mission on earth and his entry into heaven. It is observed on May 29 this year (June 1 in some dioceses), and is a holy day of obligation.

Leon Fritsch, father of priest, died on April 29 at Brazil

Leon “Lee” A. Fritsch, a member of Annunciation Parish in Brazil and the father of Father Michael Fritsch, died on April 29 at St. Vincent Clay Hospital in Brazil. He was 79.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 3 at Annunciation Church in Brazil.

Father Fritsch, the pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington, was the principal celebrant for the funeral Mass. Burial followed at Clearview Cemetery in Brazil.

James D. Villa, father of priest, died on April 19 at Terre Haute

James D. Villa, a member of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute and the father of Father Joseph Villa, died on April 19 at his residence. He was 83.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 22 at St. Patrick Church in Terre Haute. Father Villa, the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Clinton and St. Joseph Parish in Rockville and the administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Universal, celebrated the funeral Mass.

Franciscan Sister Marie Elizabeth Hieb taught school for 48 years

A Mass of Christian Burial for Franciscan Sister Marie Elizabeth Hieb was celebrated on May 1 in the motherhouse chapel of the congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg. Burial followed in the sisters’ cemetery.

Sister Marie Elizabeth, formerly known as Sister Louis Ann, died on April 29. She was 92.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1939 and professed her final vows in 1946. Sister Marie Elizabeth taught in Catholic schools for 48 years in the archdiocese, where she taught at St. Joseph School in Shelbyville, the former

St. Bridget School and the former St. Francis de Sales School in Indianapolis, and St. Paul School in New Albany.

She also taught at the St. Joseph School in Evansville, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, and in Ohio.

In 1981, Sister Marie Elizabeth made her residence at the Franciscan motherhouse, where she ministered for 10 years in dominican life, sharing her presence in the community in the convent area.

In 1991, she retired to St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Oldenburg Franciscans.

She is survived by her sister, Edna Printz of Cedarville, Ohio.
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Interested candidates should make a request for applications by contacting:

Terry Johnson, Enrollment Management Assistant
Cathedral High School
5235 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
(317) 542-1881 ext 306

Email: tjohnson@cathedral-irish.org

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