Archdiocese to begin permanent deacon formation program next year

Unlike Catholics from the Middle Ages until late in the 20th century, it’s not unusual for us today to see deacons participating in Masses when we visit relatives or friends in other dioceses. The permanent diaconate has been part of some dioceses in the United States since shortly after the Second Vatican Council approved the restoration of this ancient office more than 38 years ago. Nevertheless, Catholics might not fully understand the nature and the function of permanent deacons. From experience in other dioceses, we know that there can be a misunderstanding of what a deacon is, why the Vatican II fathers called for the restoration of this office, and what a deacon can and cannot do. That is why this series of articles is being published.

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Most significant is what Schafer accomplished while on the CYO board with fundraising events, Tinder said.

One event raised almost $40,000 in the last two years, he said.

“She is the reason for that success,” Tinder said. “She is simply the best.”

Schaefer is active in other community affairs, helping with fundraisers for Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, serving as a chairwoman for the school’s annual Shamrocaution, president of the school’s Mother’s Club and a member of the school’s board of directors.

Barry Howard has the distinction of serving as the only cross country and track and field coach that St. Jude School in Indianapolis has ever had.

For coaching 14 years, Howard has overseen one of the largest teams in the city. St. Jude School typically has more than 70 students participating.

Howard is known for approaching the youth with encouragement and is focused on helping each one of them improve their running times and growing as an individual. He spends countless hours organizing meets and volunteers, and coordinating the availability of the facilities, equipment and supplies to conduct the different events.

The St. Jude School athletic board evaluation forms sent to parents and participants at the end of each season always rate Howard as excellent, Tinder said.

Howard is also known to help youth try things they might not in sports. He helped one girl try the shot put. One year earlier, she had the right to participate in the state finals as a freshman at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. In addition to CYO, he has served as co-chairman of the St. Jude Summer Festival for the past 11 years.

Greg Perkins of Nativity Parish in Indianapolis has been involved in his career,” coaching all age groups of boys and girls.

For coaching 17 years, he received the word from the ministry of the liturgy, and the ministry of charity and justice. The most likely candidates for the permanent diaconate are men who are presently lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist in their parishes, and who are actively involved in charitable activities such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a parish’s social action committee.

(Men who are interested in additional information on the permanent diaconate are asked to contact the Vocations Office at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.)

Next week: The history of the diaconate

Rev. Mr. Jonathan Meyer, to be ordained June 28, to associate pastor, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, effective July 2.

Rev. Msgr. Harold Kueven, pastor, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, granted permission to retire, effective Aug. 2.

Rev. Vincent Lampert, from pastor, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, to pastor, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, effective July 2.

Rev. David Lawler, from part-time associate pastor, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, and continuing as chaplain, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, effective July 2.

Rev. Ryan McCarthy, from associate pastor, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, and continuing as chaplain, at Shawnee Mission Jr./Sr. High School, Madison, to administrator, St. Anne and St. Joseph, Jennings County, and continuing as chaplain at Shawnee Mission Jr./Sr. High School, Madison, effective June 1.

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Tony Schmoll | Monsignor Busald | Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis
James Adams | Monsignor Busald | St. Andrew, St. Rita, Indianapolis
Gus Legarey | Monsignor Busald | St. Gabriel, Indianapolis
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**CYO**

Monsignor Busald Award 11 years ago.

He has been instrumental in keeping the track and field program operating at Nativity School, Tinder said.

Through the years, he has been an athletic director, gym manager, served on the athletic committee and served in leadership roles for numerous capital campaigns for Nativity Parish and grade school and Roncalli High School.

During his six years on the Nativity Athletic Commission, and while continuing to coach, he served three years as the athletic director and was instrumental in devising the rules for the use of the new parish center and gymnasium. He spent seven years scheduling workers for all events at the gymnasium.

In addition to coaching activities, he has been chairman of the finance committee and served on the Nativity Parish council and the board of directors for Roncalli High School.

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Cardinal Dulles’ jeremiad

As we reported on the front page of your May 2 issue, the renowned theologian Cardinal Avery Dulles delivered a jeremiad in New York on April 23. A “jeremiad,” named after the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, is a prolonged lamentation or complaint. Although sometimes considered a derogatory term, we doubt that Cardinal Dulles would object to the term as a description of his lecture at Fordham University.

As Jeremiah called for the Israelites to reform their lives, so Cardinal Dulles called on us 21st-century Catholics to undergo an “intellectual, spiritual and moral regeneration.” He cited problems of religious illiteracy, rampant dissent to Catholic doctrine, flouting of liturgical laws and a general decline in religious practice.

He concluded his list of needed reforms by referring to “the immoral behavior of Catholics, both lay and clergy,” and he said that it included the sexual abuse of children. He cited problems of marriage, abortion, divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse and character defection.

Perhaps the Church in the United States needs a Jeremiah today. Undoubtedly, the cardinal is right about acknowledging some of the positive things today’s Church.

Since Cardinal Dulles attributed the problem in part to the Second Vatican Council, we would start with the first issue that council took up: reform of the sacred liturgy. Catholics today participate far more in the liturgy than they did in the days when the priest celebrated Mass with his back to the congregation in a language most of the people did not understand. The people said their own private prayers (many said a rosary instead of following along with the priest) and the people and the priest came together basically only during the sermon and at Communion.

Since the Second Vatican Council, far more Catholics are volunteers in their parishes than during the days when the laity’s role was to “pray, pay and obey.” The “old” Church had its Rosary Society and Holy Name Society, but nowhere near the number of committees that are required to operate a modern parish. In many parishes, as many as a third of registered parishioners are actively involved in parish activities.

Many of those activities are of a spiritual or intellectual nature, too. More Catholics today are familiar with the Bible than prior to Vatican II. More are involved in small faith-sharing groups, in Renew or Christ Renews His Parish, or Disciples in Mission. Many more are involved in serving the poor through organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society or feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless.

The cardinal criticized modern Catholics because they “have little appreciation of their mission to spread the faith as a precious gift intended for all.” We submit, however, that Catholics are doing that to a greater extent than in the days when they lived in ghettos and had little contact with non-Catholics. The number of residents of dioceses who enter the Church on Holy Saturday each year shows that someone is performing evangelization. The Church continues to grow.

We agree with Cardinal Dulles that the immoral behavior of some Catholics has been “a cause of scandal and defections,” but when was the Church not composed of sinners as well as saints? Christ’s giving his Apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins showed his awareness that this power would be necessary in his Church.

The problems the cardinal mentioned indeed must be faced, and the cardinal is correct in urging that the talents of the laity should be used to “reduce the excessive load of responsibility that now weighs upon bishops.” The bishops, however, must take the lead. How they will do so is one of the issues that the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for a Plenary Council, headed by Archbishop Daniel M. Beauchelin, is charged with discovering. Perhaps it will be through a national council or some other means. Let us pray for Archbishop Beauchelin and the other members of his committee that God will give them the wisdom to make the right decisions.

— John F. Fink

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My 65th birthday coincided with Easter Sunday. I can’t remember that happening before, although I am sure it did. My birthday had been announced in The Indianapolis Star and so, the word was out. I want to respond to some Easter birthday greetings I received from fourth-graders at St. Jude School in Indianapolis before summer vacation begins. I will print the messages without reference to names, and I will leave uncorrected the misspellings as written.

The number of children who requested prayers for very special reasons particularly moved me. I began with a touching request.

“Dear Archbishop Daniel, My name is ——. When I was a baby I was very ill. I stopped breathing and I had a tracheostomy. My parents said, ‘that it’s a miracle that I live.’ And I would like for you to pray for my friend, ——. She has the same problem wrong with her as I did. She was 10 days older than me when I got it and I hope she gets over it. I would like to know if you will pray for me, ——. I’m ten years old and I hope she gets over it. You are right. I am praying for peace and for those who are fighting in the Middle East. Best wishes!”

Dear friend, I have put you and your brothers and sisters on my prayer list. And I will pray that your family will be OK, whatever your difficulties might be. Maybe you want to talk to your teacher or your pastor about the effect it has on you. You are right, I am praying for peace and for those who are fighting in the Middle East. It makes me proud that even though you have problems you want to pray for peace in our world. I hope that maybe some day you will become a priest.

“Dear Archbishop Daniel, I wish you a Happy Birthday and Happy Easter. I hope you can pray for my great grandma Who’s about to die. Your friend, ——

“Dear Friend, I have been praying for your great grandma as you ask. How thoughtful of you to keep her in mind. Praying will not only help her, but I think praying will also help you. “Dear Archbishop Daniel, —— Could you pray for my grandfather so he can feel better soon? Could you also pray for my grandmother, mom, dad, and me for good days? I am going to the Easter egg hunt at the conservation club. Thank you for your prayers. Sincerely, ——

Dear friend, I hope you enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. I have added your prayer request to my list. I am happy that you think so highly of your family that you would ask for prayers for them. Please pray for me.

“Dear Archbishop Daniel, Happy Birthday! ——. I hope you get some presents and cards and blessings. And a good Easter. It’s been nice going to church. I’m in a play I’m one of the children going to help Jesus but the soldiers try to stop me. And that’s on Good Friday at my school St. Jude. Your friend, ——

Dear friend, thank you for your greetings. You are right, an Easter birthday is special. I hope you will always want to help Jesus in other people, especially the poor and the lonely. I’ll pray that you can always do that. Jesus said when we help the least among us we help him.

“Dear Archbishop Daniel, Happy Birthday ——. I would give you a present but I can’t. Sorry. Why did you want to be a priest? Your friend, ——

Dear friend, your colorful card and good wishes are a present. I wanted to become a priest because I wanted to serve God and lots of people in a special way. I thought being a priest could make a difference and that I would find many blessings from God. It is all of that and more! I hope you become a priest. I will pray for you. Please pray for me.

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Nuestros niños nos enseñan a orar

Our children lead us to prayer
St Agnes Parish, 602 N. Hwy. 135, in Nashville, announced its summer Mass schedule that will be in effect until the parish moves to its new site in September. There will be a Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday and Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Beginning on Memorial Day weekend, there will also be a 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday at Brown County State Park. For more information, call the parish office at 812-988-2778.

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., in Indianapolis, has its “500th” Festival from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on May 23. There will be food, games and live music. For more information, call the parish office at 317-631-2939.

St. John the Baptist Parish, 8310 N. Bosart Ave., in Indianapolis, will have its Summerfest 2003 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on May 30, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on May 31 and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 1. There will be rides, games, food, diners and entertainment. For more information, call the parish office at 812-923-5785.

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Rachel’s Companions is a confidential, Catholic spiritual support group for those affected by abortion and in need of healing. For more information, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, at 800-382-9836, ext. 1521, or 317-236-1521.

Benedictine Sister Margaret Michaud, prioress from Eau Claire, Wis., will present “Ancient Wisdom for Today: Prayer and Work in the Rule of Benedict,” a directed and/or preached retreat, on June 22-28 at Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. Spiritual direction and daily conferences are available, as are opportunities to join the Benedictine sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery for prayer and Mass. The cost is $425 per person. For more information, call the retreat center at 317-788-7581 or e-mail benedict@indy.net or log on to www.benedictin.org.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will display the fine art photography of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods alumna Valerie Haggerty (class of 1993) until May 30 in the college’s Art Gallery, 132 Hulman Hall. The Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call Sheila Genteman, the gallery director, at 812-535-5265 or e-mail her at artgallery@smwc.edu.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods have planned a retreat to help people cope with and lessen conflicts by finding ways to embrace right relationships. The retreat, titled “Providence at the Heart of Right Relationships,” will be held July 6-10. It is open to all. There will be a variety of activities, such as presentations, small-group reflections, communal prayer experiences, celebration of the Mass, contemplative sitting and praying the labyrinth. The activities are designed to help participants explore the call of Providence in right relationship. Providence Sister Ann Sullivan will present the retreat. The cost is $350 or $225 for commuters. For more information, call Roz Novotny at the Providence Center at 812-535-4531.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Springs Road, in Indianapolis, is hosting the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) for youth ages 10 to 16. With summer approaching, Marian College is looking to recruit more than 200 young people to participate at no charge from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily from June 12 through July 8. NYSP is a unique summer program designed to promote participation in physical activities and enhance valuable life skills. Lunch is provided as well as transportation from designated spots. A medical screening is required and provided, as is attendance in a family orientation session. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call the Marian College NYSP office at 317-955-6176.

A six-week Divorce and Beyond Program will take place from June 9 to July 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The topics for discussion will be the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, and guilt and loneliness. The cost of the program of $30, which includes a book. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Office for Family Ministries at 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Gerard Striby, a religion teacher at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, was recently nominated for the Ambassador of Christ Recognition Awards. The awards celebrate the work of individuals who touch the hearts of teenagers with the Good News of Jesus Christ and inspire them with the Christian spirit. Striby founded the school’s Right to Life group and initiated a service trip to Appalachia in West Virginia for students. He has also taken students to participate in “Angels of the Heart,” a once a year event that has volunteers working in a center city neighborhood helping to clean up the area.

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

The Matrix Reloaded (Warner Bros.)
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and bring more Catholics back to the sacrament. Kristen Knapik, 23, who attends St. Pius X Parish, was glad to know that the archbishop wants priests to mention the sacrament of reconciliation more.

“I’ve totally fallen out of the practice of it,” said Knapik, an occupational therapist. “I haven’t been for a while. I think if priests would mention it more I’d think about it more, and make it more of my routine.”

Paul Zink, who attends Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, agreed.

“I think reconciliation is very important, but it strikes me that it’s not mentioned often,” said Zink, an industrial engineer.

During the night, the archbishop fielded questions about how to explain to non-Catholics the importance of confession and how to make a good confession.

The archbishop pointed out that Christ is present in the sacrament of reconciliation and the priest only acts as the agent of grace.

Confessing sins regularly also helps show what type of bad habits or routines one may be veering toward and stop them before they become a problem, the archbishop said.

Confessing sins to a priest is Scriptural, hinging on the Church’s power to bind and loose in Matthew 16:19 and 18:18, the exhortation to confess sins to one another in James 5:16 and Jesus’ command in John 20:21, Luke 10:16, and Matthew 16:19 and 28:18-20, among others.

The archbishop explained that very few people sin out of malice. Instead “most of us sin out of human weakness,” the archbishop said.

“There’s a big difference between malice and human weakness.”

While that doesn’t explain sin away, the archbishop said the importance of confession is a way out of the “slavery of dark secrets.”

“Give yourself time to examine your heart in prayer before God,” he said. “Let surface what you feel you need to confess.”

Secondly, ask a priest to help you or reflect on how you’ve been living the Ten Commandments and the beatitudes, he continued.

Young adults also asked Archbishop Buechlein questions about how they could help bring fallen away Catholics back to the faith, the shortage of priests and the sexual abuse scandal.

The archbishop answered them and said he wants to give young adults in the archdiocese the tools they need to live the faith. He also said that he needs their help, and he asked them to pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

He left them with an invitation to get to know him better and explain more of their needs. In August, a cookout is planned at his residence. Details are still being worked out.

“I’ve heard you and what you are needing from us,” the archbishop said. “We are working on it.”

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Explore Columbus

Art and architecture blend city’s past, present and future

See story page 10
Explore Columbus by taking architecture tour

By Mary Ann Wyand

COLUMBUS—The sculptures, spires and other scenic sites are simply sensational. Sightseers should plan to spend a day or even a weekend exploring the architectural and historical sites that make “the Indiana Columbus” so unique.

Start at the Columbus Visitors Center, a brick home at 506 Fifth St. that was built in 1864 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A glass sculpture hanging in the center was created by noted sculptor Dale Chihuly in 1995 and is titled “Yellow Nouveau Chandelier and Persian Window.” It can be seen from the street, but merits a closer look.

Tourists can book reservations for the two-hour guided bus tour of 40 sites at the Visitors Center or purchase the self-guided tour map there. The historic Columbus Inn, across the street from the Visitors Center at Fifth and Franklin streets, sells the tour map and is open when the center is closed. The inn, also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1895 as the city hall.

Across the street is the historic Bartholomew County Courthouse, built in 1874, and the contemporary Veterans Memorial, a grouping of 25 stone columns that are 40 feet tall. Architects Charlie Rose and Mary Ann Thompson created this award-winning tribute.

The new St. Bartholomew Church, located on Home Avenue at 27th Street just off the National Road, was designed by Ratio Architects Inc. and is among a variety of distinctive Columbus churches included on the architecture tour. Tourists can take a break from sightseeing and go to Mass there at 5 p.m. on Saturdays or at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Rene Campbell, executive director of the Columbus Visitors Center, said architecture has been described as “art that you live in.”

The contemporary Veterans Memorial installed in 1997 creates a startling contrast to the historic Bartholomew County Courthouse in Columbus.

Students at Yale, Hartford and other architecture schools study the building designs in Columbus, she said, and often tour the city to get close-up looks at the sculptures, spires and other scenic sites.

For more information about the architecture tour, call the Visitors Center at 800-468-6564 or 317-378-2622 or log on to www.columbus.in.gov.

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Festivals/Events

May 23

May 24
St. John the Baptist Parish, 8310 St. John Road, Floyds Knobs. Starlight Strawberry Festival, 9 a.m.-midnight, buffet dinner, make your own desert, entertainment, rides. Information: 812-923-5785.

May 30-June 1
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indianapolis. Summertime 2003, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., rides, games, food, dinners, entertainment. Information: 317-357-8552.

June 1
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Organ concert, 5 p.m., presented by Alistair Reid, assistant organist at Christ Church Cathedral, free- will offering. Information: 317-635-2021.

June 4-7
Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. 20th annual Italian Street Festival, Fri-Sat. 5-11 p.m., Italian foods. Information: 317-636-4478.

June 6-8
St. Gabriel Parish, 6600 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. International Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 4-10 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-291-7014.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 20th St., Indianapolis. 100th Anniversary Summer Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun. 1-10 p.m., children’s pavilion, gospel explosion, food. Information: 317-926-3324.

June 7

June 8

June 12-14
St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield. Festival, Thurs. and Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., games, music, food. Information: 317-462-4240.

St. Bernadette Parish, 4838 E. Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, rides, Howard’s famous ribs. Information: 317-356-5867.

June 13-14
St. Louis School, 17 St. Louis Place, Batesville. Rummage Sale, Fri. 9 a.m.-noon, Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 812-934-3204.

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. 8th St., New Albany. Summer Festival, Friday-Saturday, 5:36-11 p.m., family night, Sat. 7 p.m.-1 a.m., street dance, $7.50 cover charge. Information: 812-944-0417.

June 14
Michaels Farm, Oldenburg. Summer Benefit, 4:30 p.m. (EST), $50 per person, appetizers, wine tasting, farm dinner, tours, auction, entertainment. Information: 812-933-0260.

June 19-21
St. Jude Parish, 3533 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. Summer Festival, Thurs.-Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, food, rides, games, crafts. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 20-21
Christ the King Parish, 1827 E. Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis. Parish Festival, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, music, games, food, entertainment, Fri.-Sat. morning, rummage sale. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 21
St. Jude Parish, 300 W. Hillside Ave., Spencer. Trash to Treasure Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-829-3082.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 135th St., Terre Haute. Summer Auction, 10 a.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

June 22
St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., food, church dinner, turtle soup, games. Information: 812-623-2964.

July 6
St. Maurice Parish, 1963 N. St. John St., Greensburg. Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, games, quilts, country store. Information: 812-663-4754.

July 10-12
Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rides, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 13

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. 9th St., Indianapolis. Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, quilts, country store. Information: 317-787-8246.

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Cedar Point premieres Top Thrill Dragster in May

By Brandon A. Evans

SANDUSKY, OHIO—This year, true to form, Cedar Point amusement park is debuting the tallest and fastest roller coaster in the world. The Top Thrill Dragster is 420 feet tall and travels at a whopping 120 mph. Coaster-lovers strap into what looks like a long, wide drag-racing car. The cars pull up to the starting light, and in just four seconds the ride accelerates from zero to 120 mph. The Top Thrill Dragster, appropriately named, climbs nearly straight up 420 feet, crests the hill and plunges into a downward spiral. As it levels back out, the car reaches 120 mph again before braking and pulling into the station. About half a minute has passed. The ride is spectacular, said Carole Sanderson, president of American Coaster Enthusiasts. “I don’t think anybody expected this.”

Still, fans of Cedar Point have come to know the park as the roller coaster capital of the world. Among its many rides for all ages, the park now boasts 16 roller coasters—another record setter.

Cedar Point Amusement Park is definitely new to breaking records. It was the first amusement park to have a roller coaster more than 300 feet tall, then a coaster more than 300 feet tall, and now a high-speed ride more than 400 feet tall. The Mean Streak roller coaster was the tallest and fastest wooden coaster in the world when it opened at Cedar Point in 1991.

Rob Decker, corporate vice president of planning and design for Cedar Fair LP, said that the newest addition to Cedar Point in 1991. Cedar Point Amusement Park was the first amusement park to have a roller coaster specifically designed for kids: Camp Snoopy, the Gemini Children’s Area, the Puzzles Playground and the Kiddy Kingdom. In all, Cedar Point Amusement Park has 68 rides—more than any other theme park in the world.

Soak City, Cedar Point’s 18-acre water park, features a sandy beach along Lake Erie, a boardwalk and many merchandise shops.

For the fifth consecutive year, Amusement Today rated Cedar Point as the “Best Amusement Park in the World.” The theme park opened in 1870 and got its first roller coaster in 1892. It was 25 feet tall and traveled at speeds up to 10 mph.

Times have changed, but the thrills keep coming.

For more information about ticket prices and park hours, call the general information line at 419-627-2350 or log on to www.cedarpoint.com.
People come from all sorts of places to get a taste of Italy each June in Indianapolis.

Holy Rosary Parish’s annual Italian Street Festival has gained notoriety beyond the parish community, and even beyond the city, in its 20-year history.

“We get people from all over,” said Bernie Green, business manager at Holy Rosary Parish. This year’s festival will take place from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on June 6 and June 7 at 520 Stevens St.

The near-south-side parish is easy to get to from all over the city, said Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and pastor of Holy Rosary Parish. “It has become not only a parish festival, but also an event for the entire city. Everybody knows about it.”

People who have moved from the parish also come back for the festival. “It’s just like a big reunion,” Green said.

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Robin Run Village includes individually-owned garden homes and apartment-style living. The huge apartment building—with its imposing clock tower—is the hub of the activity for the village. Several meeting rooms, a woodworking shop, indoor bowls, a library, general store, beauty parlor and bank are all conveniently located for all residents.

Robbie Run Village is a community of active persons who enjoy a variety of leisure time activities including a swim in the indoor pool, line dancing, excursions in the new fitness room, and activities in the quilting and sewing room. Also on the campus of Robin Run is The Cross Lea Meeting House, an historic Howard County log cabin dating from the mid-18th Century.

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September 19-20
St. Meinrad Parish, 326 N. Green St., Brownsburg. 25th annual Country Fair and Hog Roast, Sat. 4-11 p.m., Sun. 4-11 a.m.; information: 317-845-2395.

September 20
Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Old Southside Fall Festival, 4-11 p.m., rides, food, auction, entertainment. Information: 317-638-5551.

September 20-21
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Tuscany showcases Italian art and architecture

By Cynthia Dewes

ITALY—The idea of traveling by car through a country with which you’re not familiar and whose language you don’t speak is intimidating for many travelers. For others, a guided tour will be safer, more comfortable and less expensive.

That said, let me tell you about our wonderful experience of tooling around Tuscany, Umbria and other parts of north-central Italy in the heat of summer.

Armed with a rented car, hotel reservations made at home via the Internet, some maps and an Italian phrase book, my husband, Ed, and I came away from the trip feeling like we had really explored the historic and spiritual heart of Italy.

Naturally we aimed for some of the best-known tourist sights, including Florence, where we stayed in the Hotel Casci on Via Cavour. We were located only a block off the main square of the Duomo Cathedral and within walking distance of Florence’s famous museums.

We visited the Uffizi Palace, aided by a reservation also made at home on the Internet. This was a great advantage, since the lines waiting to get in to see the lush collection of Titians, Tintorettos, Andrea del Sartos and innumerable other great masters were long and slow-moving.

In the courtyard of the Uffizi stood several amusing “statues” which turned out to be actors waiting for tips to have their picture taken with tourists. Nearby were many elegant shops offering the famous Florentine leather and stationery products.

All the museums displayed numerous paintings of favorite subjects such as “Leda and the Swans” and “Europa and the Bulls.” Regarding the latter, it seems that Zeus liked to seduce the ladies and did so in many animal guises!

In Siena, we went to see the sanctuary and home of St. Catherine of Siena as well as important churches and the impressively huge main square nearby.

We noticed a Moorish influence in many of the buildings, with pillars and archways decorated in striped patterns of stone.

To our surprise, it seemed that St. Benedict, also a native of Siena, is more prominently mentioned in the city’s art and literature than St. Catherine, who is a doctor of the Church. I suspected a bit of old-fashioned misogyny at work here, but the city is so beautiful with its ancient...
We spent several days each in the unique Italian walled hill towns of Cortona and San Gimignano. Cortona contains an impressive museum of artifacts from its Etruscan beginnings, as well as an episcopal museum attached to its major church. We were constantly amazed to see the quality and quantity of artistic treasures housed in such small towns.

San Gimignano, also an early Etruscan settlement, is known as the city of towers. Because of its limiting wall, the town's citizens could only add living space by building upward. Of its original 72 medieval towers, 14 towers still remain. We spent many hours lost, riding past fields of sunflowers and wheat and family roadside shrines devoted to the Virgin, through winding hills and blazing sunshine. But we agreed that, although Italian road signs are useless, the lovely detours they cause are entirely worth the trouble.

We spent several days each in the Franciscan monastery at La Verna, a cave where the humble monk Francis received the stigmata. In the year 1213, St. Francis met the Count of Chiusi, who was so moved by the saint’s preaching that he gave him a sanctuary high on the mountain as a place of personal retreat and solitude. Over the years, St. Francis spent time in this hermitage, sometimes in the company of a few of his closest brothers. The Franciscan monastery at La Verna includes a guesthouse for pilgrims, a church, a cave where the humble St. Francis slept, and the Pinnacle overlooking the valley sweeping away below, from which he spoke to God.

There is a long gallery of frescoes at the monastery depicting scenes from St. Francis’ life and ministry, and several small chapels dedicated to various saints. Here we saw no Americans at all, and only a few tourists, all of them Italian. The holy sites were filled with Franciscans of orders from many countries. The most important site of all is a tiny chapel built on the remote mountain ledge where, in 1224, St. Francis received the Stigmata.

The Psalmist says, “Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?” After our stirring trip to this part of Italy, we believe we did just that. (Cynthia Dower, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

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HOHENSCHWANGAU, GERMANY—One of the most famous castles in the world looks over this town, beckoning from its foundation high in the mountains.

Growing up as royalty, Ludwig became fascinated with Wagner's Lohengrin and its Swan Knight at the age of 12. Surrounded by swans on the nearby Lake Starnberg, south of Munich, Germany. Many people have speculated that he committed suicide in 1889, after his drowning on Lake Starnberg. However, the tour guides will tell you it had more to do with political reasons, rather than being valid insanity. The tour guides said Ludwig suffered from strong bouts of depression.

Ludwig's life was curious to many and ended in mystery after his drowning on Lake Starnberg, south of Munich, Germany. Many people have speculated that he committed suicide in 1889, after his drowning on Lake Starnberg. However, the tour guides will tell you it had more to do with political reasons, rather than being valid insanity. The tour guides said Ludwig suffered from strong bouts of depression.

Ludwig was born to King Maximilian II and his parent's home. It evokes a fairy tale castle theme that was replicated at Walt Disney World in Florida. Pilgrims from around the world tour the castle as a place of worship.

HOHENSCHWANGAU, GERMANY—A visit to Hohenschwangau Castle, the home of King Ludwig II’s parents, gives much background information about the king’s childhood. It’s a worthwhile short side excursion for visitors to view and walk on the castle walls of the medieval legends that Wagner used for his operas. The paintings portray love, guilt, repentance and salvation.

Images of swans are prevalent in the castle. The swan is depicted as a Christian symbol of purity, a virtue Ludwig often wrote about. Religious themes are found throughout the castle. Ludwig’s bedroom features an ornate wooden bed that resembles a Gothic church. It took four years to carve it. The bedroom also features a small room off to the side, which was used as his private chapel and is decorated with a kneeler, stained glass and a crucifix.

The bedroom paintings depict Wagner’s opera Tristan and Isolde. Ludwig’s Throne Room features a large mural of Christ seated on the throne, representing Ludwig’s belief that he was king by the grace of God. It resembles a church rather than a throne room. The gold throne was never placed in the room. There are also pictures of the Archangel Michael and St. George on the walls.

For Ludwig’s time, the castle featured modern amenities, such as hot-water central heating, running water on every floor, and both hot and cold water in the kitchen. The toilets had an automatic flushing system, and there were telephones on some floors.

In the lower halls, paintings show scenes from Sigurd legend, based on the Old Norse “Edda” poems, which Wagner based his Ring des Nibelungen opera upon. The Singer’s Hall is the largest room in the castle and was built as a place where operas could be performed. Sixty years after the king’s death, Wagner’s concerts were finally performed there.

King's boyhood home has a swan motif castle designs.

Before entering the castle, one finds a grotto to the Blessed Virgin. A Roman bath is built in a garden, and a swan fountain “greets” visitors when they leave the castle.

Gifts to the royal family, including a life-size porcelain swan, decorate the home. The oldest gift is a silver plate with Russian bread. The bread, now fossilized, has a small pinch taken out of it. The tour guide didn’t know why the bread was kept with the plaster.

In various rooms of the castle, statue portraits of the king and a bust of King Ludwig II as a child and also pictures of his younger brother.

In Ludwig’s bedroom, there are holes in the ceiling. Servants would light candles above him, making it seem like he was sleeping under the stars.

(Admission to each castle is about $8 per person. Tickets are only sold at the ticket center in Hohenschwangau village. Special guided tours are available for persons with disabilities.)
Pope builds bridges with Russian Orthodox Church

By John Thavis

After many years of productive theological dialogue, relations between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches have hit a rough patch.

At the center of recent tensions has been the emergence of Eastern Catholic Church communities in the former Soviet Union and its satellites.

These Catholic Churches—which maintain Eastern liturgies, spirituality and discipline, but are in full communion with Rome—reasserted their rights after communism’s fall.

In some places, disputes arose when Catholic communities sought restitution of properties confiscated long ago and turned over to the Orthodox.

At the same time, the Vatican moved to strengthen its hierarchical structures in the former Soviet bloc.

When Pope John Paul II created four Russian dioceses in 2001, dialogue with the Russian Orthodox went into a deep freeze.

The Vatican and local Catholic leaders repeatedly have assured the Orthodox Church that the Roman Catholic Church is not seeking to convert Orthodox believers. But many Orthodox bishops continue to fear Catholic proselytism.

The controversies have stalled theological dialogue.

An international Catholic-Orthodox dialogue commission was formed in 1979.

In its first eight years, it issued major statements of agreement on the Eucharist, the Trinity, faith and the sacraments, ordained ministry and apostolic succession. Then the dialogue was sidetracked by the new administrative structure for constant communication.

Still, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, recently described the theological dialogue as “sleeping” and said he thought it could be reawakened soon—perhaps later in 2003.

Spiritual leaders are hoping that one day the pope can greet Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II similarly—perhaps on a papal visit to Moscow.

Tension exists between Catholics, Orthodox

By David Gibson

Why did Pope John Paul II recently ask Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople—the Ecumenical Patriarch—to consider establishing a structure for constant communication between the Vatican and the Orthodox Churches?

The Holy Father’s request was motivated by the fact that, more and more, it is agreed that Catholics and Orthodox don’t know each other nearly well enough. In fact, a decade of tensions has illustrated that.

You might have thought, for example, that the Iron Curtain’s fall in 1989-90 would have meant the rise of a fulfilling relationship between the Catholic and Russian Orthodox Churches. Instead, tensions mounted.

However, with some Orthodox Churches, the Catholic Church’s relationship is quite positive. Still, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, recently said Catholics are going to have to give time and patience to their relationships with the Orthodox Churches.

“Free from the Byzantine emperors, from the Ottoman rulers, from the czar, from communist oppression and persecution,” he said, “the Orthodox world today is confronted by a new situation, and the Churches need time to find their direction and to define their identity.”

Ecumenism benefits everyone

By Joni Eareckson Tada

This Week’s Question

Why or how does the ecumenical movement (search for Christian unity) concern you directly?

“It impacts me through my work as a director of religious education. Here, I work with people who are seeking to know more about the Church. Knowing more about other Christian faiths allows me to dialogue with others as I speak to them of Catholic tradition.”(Sean Gallagher, Columbus, Ind.)

“If we are to live the Gospel, we have an obligation to reach out to others. Reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ . . . is a fulfillment of our tradition, for we are not just unto ourselves.” (Douglas Green, East Greenwich, R.I.)

“It’s instilled in me an interest to learn more about other faiths. I’ve just completed a three-year lay ministry program, and now we’ve set up a series of speakers to discuss different faiths, including Islam.” (Joseph Galati, Harrisburg, Pa.)

“It concerns me because we need to … appreciate our diverse gifts in order to be united as Jesus intended us to be. We must be the living Gospel for nonbelievers.” (Joni Giammarino, Addison, Ill.)

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**Importants events: ‘Giants’ receive doctorates**

On Oct. 23, 1257, two giants in the intellectual history of Catholicism received their degrees from the University of Paris. They had to develop a close friendship while they were at the University of Paris. They had to succeed in having them expelled from the University of Paris. They had to become the student of philosophy and theology. Biographers of the two men are fond of saying that in them we behold sublime love of theology in Bonaventure a sublime theology of love.

During their lifetimes, Bonaventure’s theology was far more popular than Thomas’ because it followed that of Augustine, the dominant theology of the Church for more than eight centuries. Thomas’ theology was new and he was embraced in disputes between those who wanted to accept his teachings and those who rejected his teachings entirely. Thomas remained in the middle. And after their deaths, though, Thomas’ theology predominate. Not immediately, though. Three years after they died, both the body of Thomas and Bonaventure were exhumed. University censured some of Thomas’ writings. For a long time the Franciscans forbade anyone in the teaching of Thomas’ doctrines or teachings. The Dominicans, on the other hand, officially imparted Thomas’ writings on all Dominicans four years after his death.

In 1879, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical in which he commended the priests and students of theology to study Thomas’ writings. Then, in 1923, Pope Pius XI issued another encyclical in which he reemphasized Thomas’ preeminent position among all scholars. For more than a half century, most undergraduates of Catholic universities were taught nothing except Thomas’ theology.

As it they received their doctorates together, Thomas and Bonaventure both died in 1274.
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 25, 2003

- John 15:9-17
- 1 John 5:19-21

The Acts of the Apostles once more provides an Easter season liturgy with its first reading.

In this reading, Peter narrates his visit to the house of Cornelius. Cornelius attempts to pay homage to Peter, but Peter stops him. Peter protests that he himself is only human. Peter is not a god.

Cornelius is a Gentile. In fact, his name suggests that he may have been a Roman. The relatives and guests of Cornelius present in the scene were Gentiles. They too may have been Romans.

For devout, loyal Jews, if anything was worse than being a Gentile, and of pagans, it was being a Roman. After all, Jews at the time were living under the heavy and crushing heel of Rome. Representatives of the Roman occupation especially were despised by the Jews.

Yet, even these Gentiles understood what Peter was saying. Cornelius was reaching to them, not only to the Chosen People.

As for Peter, the chief of the Apostles, he received these Gentiles into baptism. They became part of the Christian community or the Church. They became brothers and sisters of Christ, heirs to eternal life.

Peter was indeed just a human. He was not God. However, he obviously represented Christ, and surrounding Peter was God the Holy Spirit. God was with Peter, who represented Jesus, who was God.

The First Epistle of John is the source of the second reading. This reading has given Christians several of the best-known prayers of the New Testament. It calls upon followers of Jesus to love each other. It states that God is love, God's love for humanity revealed itself in the gift of Jesus, and in the salvation achieved by Jesus, who is the only way to God.

St. John's majestic, compelling Gospel furnishes the last reading.

It is a reservoir of theology, presented in the most eloquent language. The reading's message is frank and direct. If anyone truly loves God, then this person will keep the Commandments. By observing the Commandments, people live in God's love. Living in God's love produces joy. Thus, living by the Commandments, because of love for God, brings joy into human life.

As the reading concludes, Jesus declares that no love exceeds the love that impels a person to surrender life itself so that a friend may live. “You are my friends,” Jesus says. For us, Jesus willingly submitted to death by crucifixion.

We are not slaves. Through Jesus, God chose us to live in the most preferred and special role, that of being the friends of God.

Then, as the reading's last remark, Jesus instructs us to “love one another.”

Reflection

The second reading makes quite clear the theological fact that loving is not simply an activity of God. Rather, God is love. By God's very character, identity and reality, selfishness is absent. God forever gives life. God creates. God redeems.

When Christians are called to love each other, they are asked to be what they should be: not circumstances upset by sin. Created by God, redeemed by God, they properly should mirror God.

God is our Father, and therefore humans should resemble God, just as children bear the genetic imprint of natural parents.

We are humans because our parents were humans. This is our species. We are God’s children, and the species of God’s children, to press the comparison, is to be like God. God is love.

Love is much more than warm-heartedness or kind gestures. The Lord is direct in the Gospel reading. Following God means keeping the Commandments.

How can we approach Jesus? How can we learn the Commandments since we are all limited? Where can we find the strength to keep the Commandments?

Jesus, the Lord, came to us through and in the Church, which offers us the sacraments and God’s Word. Jesus still lives. 

My Journey to God

Dies Irae

Sometimes I feel like Thomas, probing God’s wound places to be sure he is the same Lord who loved me to his death.

Though redbuds and forsythia blaze where they stood shivering and brown, though every breath fills me in his gift, when silent death lays hands on those I love, my only comfort is his agony.

Show me your hands and feet and pierced side, I cry, that I may know that when my loved ones die, they find their way across to God, hiding in your wounds, that when I try to touch your sore places, I touch them.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

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

Parents need to address their religious differences

Q: I am Catholic and my wife is Free Will Baptist. We have been married six years and have two children, ages 5 and nearly 3. Our oldest daughter was entered kindergarten this fall at my parish.

My wife is now voicing objections to our children attending Catholic school. Specifically, she cites as one of her principal objections the Gospel of Matthew that we are to call no one on earth our father.

I have asked for, but have not received, a definitive answer. Could you provide insight on why we call priests father?

John Dietzen

A: Yes, I can. First, however, and more important, I think you must face the fact that, judging only from what you’ve told me, the issue between you and your wife at this point is most likely larger than simply whether we should call priests father.

There is more to it than that. The gap between your religious backgrounds involves differing beliefs and feelings about the Bible, sacraments, the Church, prayer, Jesus, the Eucharist, even about the very meaning of salvation. These are the subjects that you will need to address.

I don’t know, of course, what religious discussions you may have had over the past seven or more years, but obviously her discomfort with your religious faith is surfacing with this specific problem, as a start.

She’s concerned as a mother about involving her children in a religious faith she obviously does not and cannot, at this time, understand.

Has she been attending her Church regularly? If you are practicing your faith, including weekly Mass and regular prayer, do she and your children share these activities with you?

Or, whenever the answer to these and similar questions, you need to sit down in some relaxed situation and ask yourselves what you really want in the line of religious and Christian life for your children.

What does your own faith and/or hers offer to help your family become the kind of God-loving and Christ-centered people you wish it to be?

The Catholic Church urges that in the interest of greater understanding and unity, both married and marriage spouses should learn more about their partner’s religious convictions and the teaching and religious practices of the Church or ecclesiastical community to which he or she belongs. To live out the Christian inheritance, they should study the Bible and Scripture together to be essential for the harmony of their home (Catholic Ecumenical Directory, March 1993, 3150).

Too often, wives and husbands who come from different faith environments avoid the effort required for such conversations, both before and during their marriage, hoping that somehow things will work out.

Lacking intelligent and committed discussion, things normally do not work out well, and a lot of unnecessary hurt and misunderstanding, possibly even serious disruption of the marriage, result from religious differences.

It’s not too late for you and your wife to do what is needed to avoid this harm to yourselves and your children.

Whatever happens, your own responsibilities for your children’s faith, which you promised before your wedding, continue as a parent.

Take an active part in the Christian atmosphere of your home. Do all you can by word and example to enable your family to appreciate the specific values of Catholic tradition. Be sure you are sufficiently informed about your own faith so you can explain and discuss it with your family.

The practice of using the title “Father” for priests is not new. It goes back to the earliest centuries of Christianity and has been in use ever since, though the name was traditionally applied more commonly to monks than secular priests.

Protestants abandoned its use after the Reformation.

The reasons for calling the priest “Father” are simple and very natural. He is the usual minister of those sacraments that, in the name of Christ and his Church, gives us the new birth and life of grace—baptism, the Eucharist, penance and so on. By his continuing care, instruction and support, he nurtures the life of faith, which we share as Christians in a manner parallel to the role of our natural fathers. 

Daily Readings

Monday, May 26

Philip Neri, priest

Acts 16:11-15

Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b

John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 27

Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

Acts 16:22-34

Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8

John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 28

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14

John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 29

Acts 18:1-8

Psalm 98:1-4

John 16:16-20

Friday, May 30

Acts 18:9-18

Psalm 47:2-7

John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation of the Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3:14-18 or Romans 12:9-16

Reformation:

Psalm 122:3-4bc,
5-6

Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, June 1

The Institution of the Lord’s

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 1:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

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Priests, sisters and brothers are ‘a shining light’ to other people

By Kathleen Huser

God loves me! This I know, for not only the Bible, but also Sister Kathleen, told me so!

During my sophomore year at Bishop Chatard High School, I had the honor of having Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon as my religion class teacher. That year, I learned about more than just the books of the Bible.

I learned to see God in every area of my life. I began to see a new humor in living, a lighter way to look at the world knowing that everything is always in God’s hands.

Sister Kathleen became more than my teacher. She was an inspiration and a model of the holiest kind of relationship with God, typical of all sisters, brothers and priests.

All those who have faithfully answered God’s call to vocations inspire me. They show what it means to truly be in love with the Lord. However, they go even further as to extend this love to all of God’s people. Just as Sister Kathleen reminded all of her students of God’s constant love, people of the Church continually preach of God’s call to find happiness in and with Him. Sisters, brothers and priests serve as reminders that a genuine relationship with the Lord is still possible in today’s world.

Because of these holy people, the Church continues to exist today. Through an endless reliance on God’s constant love and guidance, those who have chosen roles in the Church lead God’s people in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

When I see sisters, brothers and priests make a difference in so many little and monumental ways, I recognize God at work. I understand the boundless amounts of love that are alive in their hearts. When I listen to the Word of God from their mouths, I hear an invitation to be a part of something so great that I can hardly resist the offer. When I feel myself being personally touched by the grace that God has shed on them, I know that this special kind of love can only come from our Heavenly Father.

Sisters, brothers and priests have a very special vocation. It is in this role, though, that their love relationship with the Lord becomes most evident. They show their love by reaching out to help others, by going beyond the everyday call of duty, by shining as a light in the lives of others. By their inspiration, we all are able to find ourselves just as much a part of God’s love, and we are able to then go out and be messengers of His Word.

(Kathleen Huser is a junior at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis and a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis. Her essay was the winner in the 11th-grade division of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s annual vocations essay contest. Two other winning essays will be published in coming weeks.)
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