Archbishop sees circumstances providing a ‘new moment of grace’

By Greg Otolski

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is facing a nearly a $2 million budget deficit. Archdiocesan administrative and agency budgets have been cut 20 percent and, last week, 26 job positions were eliminated in an effort to balance the budget.

In the following interview, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein discusses recent announcements concerning changing ministry needs in the archdiocese and the economic realities the archdiocesan Church is facing.

Archbishop, a few weeks ago, you convened meetings of several consultative groups and archdiocesan employees to discuss what you see as changing ministry needs in the archdiocese and what you called the “economic realities” facing our local Church. Could you briefly summarize what you told those groups?

The subject is very complex, so it’s difficult to summarize briefly. However, let me give it a try.

Our planning processes are telling us that the nature of our archdiocese are changing. At the same time, economic circumstances are pushing the Church to re-evaluate how it is carrying out its mission, what that costs, and what resources are available to us to accomplish the task. We must then adjust what we are doing to reflect the new realities. The Church, after all, is subject to the same economic realities as everyone else.

In the area of ministry needs, we are going to see in the not-too-distant future that one-third of the members of our archdiocese are Hispanic. In addition, a shifting and mobile population has placed many Catholics far from parish facilities or has left parish facilities behind. This situation creates “home mission” parishes and schools—those parishes and schools that need to be where they are, but that can no longer carry out their mission unassisted.

Regarding the economic realities, I pointed out that, for the last five years, the central administrative offices of the archdiocese have been operating on a deficit budget. The archdiocese has attempted to balance this budget in a number of ways, but four strong economic forces are making expenses outpace the Church’s ability to balance its deficit. These forces are the downturn in the economy, skyrocketing medical health care costs, steep increases in property insurance premiums, and decreasing support from United Way, government and other funding groups.

What is the significance of the year 2007?

Much of the Church’s asset base is tied up in buildings and property or in endowments or other designated funds. While the archdiocese has been successful in raising funds through various campaigns, these funds are designated for capital improvements, endowments and deferred gifts; they cannot be used for operations.

However, I strongly believe that circumstances are pushing the Church in different ways—that place our ministries as never before at the service of our parishes.

To meet these challenges and needs, I am proposing a new initiative for the archdiocese, which I’m calling “A New Moment of Grace—2007.”

By John F. Fink

What type of man is accepting the call to become a deacon? In the mid-1990s, the U.S. bishops’ Committee for the Permanent Diaconate made a survey of the 11,000 deacons in the country. (Today the number is about 13,350.) Here’s some of what it learned:

The overwhelming 81 percent were Caucasian, but 13 percent were Hispanic, 4 percent were African-Americans and 2 percent were of other ethnic backgrounds (Native American, Asian, etc.). Forty-five percent were college graduates, including 19 percent with advanced degrees, and another 27 percent had some college education or an associate degree; 26 percent were high school graduates and 2 percent had an eighth-grade education or less. Sixty percent had professional or managerial careers.

The survey found that the median age of deacons was 60, with 20 percent over 70. The official minimum age for ordination as a permanent deacon in the United States is 35, so the minimum age for admission to training programs is 31. In other dioceses, the usual maximum age for entering the program is 61.
Cardinal praises House vote on partial-birth abortion ban

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The House’s 282-139 vote on June 4 in favor of a ban on partial-birth abortions moves the nation one step closer to achieving a goal sought by most Americans, Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia said in a statement.

“Being in favor to ban this procedure, one of the most heinous acts ever perpetrated upon an unborn child, Congress is in harmony with the vast majority of Americans who find this violent act intolerable and want it stopped,” said the cardinal, who chairs the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The Senate voted 64-33 in favor of the ban on Sept. 13. President Bush has promised to sign the legislation, which was twice vetoed by President Clinton.

But before it goes to the president, the legislation must head to a conference committee because of a Senate-passed amendment. Approved in the form of a nonbinding resolution, the amendment endorses Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 decision that declared abortion a constitutional right.

Cardinal Bevilacqua noted that opponents of the ban have pledged to “challenge the constitutionality of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban in court.”

“There is no change to our position,” he added.

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Cardinal Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was named to head an ad hoc committee to consider the idea. In a report due to be outlined an 18-month process for the bishops to consider the idea, beginning with a full day this June devoted just to “reflection and deliberation” on the topic, and coming to a decision on the proposal following June in Denver.

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son, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, among others.

“Almost for a decade now, countless Americans, including the members of the Knights of Columbus, have worked long and hard to achieve this ban,” Anderson said in a statement.

Johnson expressed hope that the legislation would prevail in its next challenge before the Supreme Court.

“Two-thirds of Congress, 70 percent of the public, and four Supreme Court justices say there is no constitutional right to deliver most of a living baby and then puncture her head with a scissors,” he said.

But five Supreme Court justices have said that the right of abortionists to perform partial-birth abortion is guaran-

teed by Roe vs. Wade. We hope that by the time this ban reaches the Supreme Court, at least five justices will be willing to re-examine this extreme form of action.

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Summer Breezes’ fundraiser benefits Adult Day Services

By Mary Ann Wyand

A Caring Place participant Irene Reese is looking forward to spending the summer months with friends at the Catholic Social Services’ Adult Day Services ministry housed at Fairview Presbyterian Church on the Indianapolis north side. Reese, who is 86 and lives with her daughter in Indianapolis, said she enjoys spending time at A Caring Place all year because the staff and volunteers are so nice and she feels special there. “I just love everything at the center,” Reese said. “I usually come two or three days a week. I haven’t got anything to do at home, and I want to get out. I just like to go.

The staff and volunteers are so good,” she said. “They’re wonderful. They really care about people. That’s what I like about them. They make me feel special. They make me feel at home.”

Her daytime “home away from home” is operated by Catholic Social Services and supported by Fairview Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and two Disciples of Christ communities, Faith United Christian Church and University Park Christian Church.

Immaculate Heart of Mary parishioners regularly volunteer at A Caring Place, and members of the Unitarian Universalist Church also help with the ministry.

Reese said she also appreciates her physical therapy treatments provided by St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Jeanne Keene’s presence.”

A Caring Place, located at 4609 N. Capitol Ave., and Holy Trinity Place, housed at 907 N. Holmes Ave. on the Indianapolis west side, will benefit from funds raised during “Summer Breezes,” the second annual celebration of Catholic Social Services’ Adult Day Services later this month.

“Summer Breezes” begins at 6 p.m. on June 21 at Marian Inc., 1611 E. St. Clair St., in Indianapolis. Tickets are $50 per person or $400 per table.

“The fundraiser is going to be a big help because we have experienced United Way cuts,” said Providence Sister Susan Dinnin, site manager of A Caring Place. “It is going to supplement our income and will help us to enhance programming for our participants.”

Sister Susan said A Caring Place was started in 1990 by Catholic Social Services and currently serves 35 full-time and part-time participants who are 35 to 95 years old. The program is limited to 20 participants each day due to space limitations at the Presbyterian church, which also houses a child care program. Joan Gootee is the site manager of Holy Trinity Place at Holy Trinity Parish, which can also serve up to 35 participants.

“We have a wide range of programming to meet individual needs,” Sister Susan said. “We discuss current events, we do daily exercise, we have daily devotions, we offer a variety of activities, we go on field trips, and we serve lunch and snacks. We have very strong art and music programs because of Providence Sister Mary Catherine’ Keene’s presence.”

Sister Mary Catherine said she enjoys providing opportunities for participants to experience music, art and literature, and she relies on volunteers to help her present these activities. “My aim with the programming is to make them feel at home, and I want to get out. I just like to go.”
Is a council the answer?

Should there be a plenary council for the Church in the United States? That’s a question we asked in this space in our Nov 2002, issue, just prior to the fall meeting of the U.S. bishops. The bishops will meet again next week, June 19-21, in St. Louis, and they plan to have a long discussion about the pros and cons of such a meeting.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for a Plenary Council, will be moderating the discussion. The bishops’ decisions could have an extremely important impact on the Church in the United States. The bishops hope to make a final decision on whether to convene a plenary council next June.

A plenary council is a formal meeting of Church leaders convened to deliberate, clarify, study and enact decrees pertaining to the life and belief of the Church. It differs from a diocesan, provincial or ecumenical council in that it includes the bishops of only one nation. The United States hasn’t had a plenary council since 1884.

Canon law specifies that a plenary council can make decisions about “preserving, promoting or protecting pastoral activity, directing morals, and increasing faith, organizing common ecclesiastical discipline.” The Holy See must approve the council’s decisions before they take effect.

“We suspect that those bishops who support a council have by now suggested more topics for discussion. Surely, at their meeting, some bishops will call attention to the talk that Cardinal Avery Dulles gave at Fordham University on April 23. He called on us 21st-century Catholics to undergo an “intellectual, spiritual and moral regeneration.” He cited problems of religious illiteracy, rampant present to Catholic doctrine, flouting of liturgical laws and a general decline in religious practice.

He concluded his list of needed reforms in the Church by referring to “the immoral behavior of Catholics, both lay and clergy,” and he said that it included the sexual abuse of children, sex outside of marriage, abortion, divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse and character defamation. All these problems in the Church are serious and could be topics for discussion at a plenary council.

Perhaps those who oppose a plenary council fear that its discussions would reveal a split between the hierarchy and some of the people in the pew over various issues in the Church—issues such as married and divorced people, homosexuality, the role of lay men and women priests, Communion for women priests, Communion for women priests, Communion for divorced and remarried people, homosexuality, the role of lay men and women in the Church, and American Catholics’ penchant for selecting those doctrines they accept while rejecting others. It’s possible that a plenary council could further divide Catholics.

But it would hardly be a revelation that those problems exist in our Church. We shouldn’t put our heads in the sand and pretend they don’t exist. We must face up to them. And “we” doesn’t mean only the bishops; it means all of us. Perhaps the best way to do that is through a plenary council, but perhaps not. If not, though, we are obliged to find some way to do so.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the U.S. bishops the wisdom to make the right decisions at their meeting next week.

— John F. Fink

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Which spiritual practices are most closely linked to intimacy with God?

Several colleagues and I have recently completed a book on the spiritual practices of lay ministers. Among other issues, the book examines the relationship between lay ministers’ spiritual practices and their sense of God’s presence in their lives.

We studied full-time and part-time lay ministers, as well as volunteers in a wide variety of parish and diocesan ministries. Our sample included 937 catechists, Catholic high school principals, business managers, liturgists, high school religion teachers, musicians and many other lay ministers.

We learned that most lay ministers have a real sense of God’s presence in their daily lives, although there are important variations in the nature of their religious experiences. For example, 75 percent report that God has forgiven their sins many times. Sixty-three percent say God has taken care of them many times when they have needed help. Sixty-two percent indicate that the Creator has answered their prayers many times. Fifty-four percent report they have sensed God’s presence in a very special way many times.

While these experiences are gifts from God, lay ministers also engage in a number of spiritual practices designed to increase their access to these gifts. For example, nearly all lay ministers start and end their day with prayer, talk to God during the day, pray before meals, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. No doubt these practices contribute to lay ministers’ personal relationships with God, but there is so little variation among ministers on these practices that we cannot conduct statistical tests of their link to intimacy with God.

However, lay ministers also participate in a number of other practices on which there is more variation. For example, 36 percent of lay ministers see a spiritual director at least once a year, 23 percent meditate daily, 40 percent write a journal sometime during the year, 70 percent attend retreats at least once a year, 66 percent attend eucharistic adoration sometime during the year and 29 percent pray the rosary at least weekly. Altogether, we studied more than 40 such practices.

When we examined the relationship between such spiritual practices and lay ministers’ sense of God’s presence in their lives, 11 practices were most closely linked to intimacy with God. These practices were studying the Bible, seeing a spiritual director, participating in a prayer group, reading the Bible prayerfully (Lectio Divina), helping the poor, caring for the sick and dying, reading books about spirituality, reading books about theology and ministry, reading religious magazines, engaging in centering prayer and meditating.

Many other spiritual practices also had a bearing of lay ministers’ sense of God’s presence in their lives, but none so much as these 11, all of which involve highly intentional behavior and high levels of personal involvement.

Laypeople seeking greater intimacy with God can engage in a variety of spiritual practices. But, they might benefit most from the ones that work for lay ministers.

For more details, see Lay Ministers and their Spiritual Practices by James D. Davidson, Thomas Walters, Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, Katherine Meyer and Charles Zech, which will be published by Our Sunday Visitor Books this summer.

(James D. Davidson is a professor of sociology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. — John F. Fink)
Our challenge is to keep on praying

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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iguiendo el ejemplo del Santo Padre en su más reciente carta sobre el Rosario, comienzo este verano la serie de reflexiones sobre el Rosario describiendo mi propia devoción a esta oración.

No estoy seguro del año exacto en el que ocurrió. De niño, recuerdo que nuestra familia estaba estacionada al norte de la calle Jackson en Jasper, Indiana, en frente de lo que era la tienda de comestibles Rumbach’s. Esperábamos que comenzara un desfile de coches que llevaba la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Fátima por Jasper con rumbo a la Abadía de Saint Meinrad. Estaba muy emocionado de formar parte de algo tan extraordinario para Indiana del sur. Estábamos allí como una “familia que tiene la oportunidad de saludarlo. Que su amor por Dios y carisma religioso sean apreciados y encoragados.”

Días después, me miró extendió su Rosario y me cuestionaba sobre el valor de su oración. También debía acotar que cerca del estacionamiento de la abadía, detrás del seminario, se encontraba la “tienda de Rosarios”. Uno de nuestros misioneros apostólicos hacía Rosarios para vender a las misiones y también para enviarlos a ellas. Durante algún tiempo participé en esa actividad, pero, según recuerdo, no era muy bueno para eso.

La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio

Women Religious: that their love of God and the religious charism may be widely appreciated and encouraged.

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El reto es simplemente hacerlo. Y yo lo hice.
June 20. The event will take place at the Eagle Creek Golf Club, 8802 W. 26th St., in Indianapolis, with registration and lunch beginning at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Registration fees are $150 per person or $600 per foursome. For more information or to register, call 317-783-8950.

The Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, is hosting a Summer Spiritual Direction Institute on June 15-22. Benedictine Sister Kathryn Casper will present ways of living Christianity and sharing it through spiritual direction. The cost of the program is $900 per person, or $100 per day for commuters or those only attending parts of the institute. For more information, call the retreat center at 317-788-7581.

Fatima Retreat House, 5333 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, is hosting a retreat for women religious titled “Invitation to Intimacy with God” on June 15-20. Conventional Franciscan Father Eric Kahn will present the quiet retreat, which will include Mass, walking the labyrinth, participating in a silent group meditation and learning about the healing ministry of Sabrina Falls, a Quaker musician who will play the Celtic harp during the healing service with Father Eric. The cost is $300 per person. For more information, call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

There will be a Corpus Christi Field Mass on June 22 at Mary’s Inn Village Schoenstatt near Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles. Father Elmer Burwinkel will celebrate Mass as well as lead a procession and holy hour. The Mass will be followed by a presentation and pitch-in lunch. The events start at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 812-689-5551 or e-mail eburwink@seidata.com.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis is presenting their seventh annual Journey Concert at 3 p.m. on June 22 at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. The concert will include music by de Victoria, Palestrina, Mozart, Schubert, Bach, Handel and Gounod as well as contemporary choral service music. Tickets are $8 and $10, and are available at the door. For more information, call Fran Monforte, the business manager of the choir, at 317-328-6038.

VIPs . . .

Don and Betty (Scheiner) Gramman, members of St. Michael Parish in Brookville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27 with family. The couple was married on April 25, 1953, at their parish. They have 11 children: Pam Brown, Judy Connell, Patty Heckel, Nancy Meyer, Jeanne Murphy, Sharon Pepper, Debbie Scale, James, Randy, Rick and Tim Gramman. They have 20 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert and Rosie (Minta) Duff, members of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20. The couple was married on that date in 1953 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis. They have two children: Cathy Kremer and Michael Eagan. They have four grandchildren. †
Richmond youth minister honored by archdiocese for her work

By Jennifer Lindberg

Working with teen-agers is what Mary Williams does best.

Williams, the youth minister for the Richmond Catholic Community, was recently honored with the Youth Minister of the Year Award for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

After working with teen-agers for 10 years, Williams said they are one of the joys in her life.

“I found out I really like high school kids,” said Williams, a member of Holy Family Parish in Richmond. “A lot of people think that’s odd, but by working with them and getting to know them, I really enjoy that age.”

Working for a mental health association, Williams was happy with her job and never thought of being a youth minister.

But her parish community had been looking for a youth minister for some time. A friend encouraged her to apply.

“I didn’t know anything about youth ministry,” Williams said. “But I left it up to God, and evidently he wanted me here.”

Father Todd Riebe, pastor of St. Mary, St. Andrew and Holy Family parishes in Richmond, said Williams does her ministry with love.

“Mary is the perfect combination,” he said. “In one sense, she is a mother figure for the kids and offers wonderful insight. She is also a fun person for them and they all respect her. She’s what you look for in a youth minister.”

Starting out, Williams quickly realized that youth ministry is a lot of work.

“It takes a lot of recruiting and talking with the kids,” Williams said. “But it’s no different than working with adults in trying to get them involved.”

At 56, Williams always thought that youth ministry is a lot of work.

“I was trying to be younger than I was, but be yourself,” she said. She’s also learned to start small, and that she has recruited a core group of teen-agers within youth ministry.

Recently, she’s started a program for teen-agers to become missionaries through the Catholic Heart Work Camp, based in Florida. The group sets up the assignment and the teen-agers go to work painting, cleaning or ministering to people in poor areas.

This year, 12 teen-agers from the Richmond Catholic Community will travel to Appalachia.

“It makes you appreciate what you have,” Williams said. “Father Todd was a missionary, and this is something he really wants the kids to do.”

She’s also held “Mass with Class” seminars, where teen-agers discuss topics they have questions about in the Church and have a priest answer them.

“They want to know what the Church says about certain things, like sex, and why the Church feels one way on a certain issue,” Williams said. “It allows them to sit and discuss and maybe disagree, but to always listen and understand why the Church teaches what it does.”

She also uses ideas from a youth commission committee, and she has organized numerous retreats for the youth.

Natalia Snyder, 19, of Holy Family Parish, was under Williams’ youth ministry tutelage for four years.

Now, she’s on the youth commission as a way to help other youth in the Richmond Catholic Community learn what she did.

“[Mary] listens to everyone, and she tries to get many activities to help them,” Snyder said. “She makes the different activities fun for everyone, and you see that she participates and enjoys it also.”

Snyder said having a youth ministry program helps high school youth get to know other Catholic youth and helps them live their faith.

Williams said her award wouldn’t be possible without the support she receives from her community or the great group of youth she works with.

“I tell the kids I’m amazed by them,” she said. “When I was growing up, we really didn’t discuss our faith much with our friends.

“These kids seem so open in doing that,” Williams said. “While some of them don’t talk about it, the ones who do are great role models for those who aren’t comfortable discussing it.”

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and continued health insurance. The length of time a person would receive those benefits depends on their length of service. Of course, we are also offering professional outplacement assistance.

Can you give us some examples of ministries that might change as a result of all this?

Yes, but I have to emphasize that no firm decisions have yet been made. However, in our discussions, we have talked about new ways for the Church to be present to the people we serve. Maintaining all of our own properties, owning and facilities for some may not be the best way to meet some ministry needs. We have discussed how we define and do youth ministry and changes in vocations recruitment.

Are any parishes going to be closed?

As I said, everything is on the table for discussion. For two years now, we have had task forces operating out of the “Planning for Growth in the Archdiocese” (our current strategic planning process) that have been looking at parish staffing, the need for new parishes, clustered parishes and merging parishes. We hope to receive input from that group, which will include possible reconfigurations of our parishes. We need parishes—where people are, and we need parishes of sufficient size that we can adequately staff them. The focus is not on closing, but on finding ways we can more efficiently manage our parishes.

How about schools?

Again, everything is on the table. It is possible that some schools may have to share some resources in order to maintain the high quality of Catholic education or share some resources in order to maintain our parishes. We need parishes—where people are, and we need parishes of sufficient size that we can adequately staff them. The focus is not on closing, but on finding ways we can more efficiently manage our parishes.

In early June, about 26 positions were eliminated at the Catholic Center and at other agency offices throughout the archdiocese. Was this really necessary?

Yes. Some positions had to be eliminated as we restructure the way some ministries are conducted. We need to evaluate the best use of the resources and run operations more efficiently. We need to decide which responsibilities need to be handled at the archdiocese level and which should be handled at the parish level. We will do everything in our power to help those whose positions are affected by these reductions.

Do you think that the archdiocese’s circle of donors has been shrinking?

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said that economic realities and planning needs are pushing the Church in southern Indiana to think in different ways and placing the Church’s ministries as never before at the service of the parishes.

The downturn in the economy is certainly being felt by nearly everyone. However, our experience here is that we have a lot of generous people—and this includes people who are not only generous with their finances, but also are very generous with the time they donate to the Church. When these people give their time, they also bring their talents and expertise to the service of the Church. And those gifts are invaluable. We would have a very different looking Church—and a very impoverished Church—without those gifts of time and talent that we count on day in and day out.

But we’ve also found that the people of central and southern Indiana are generous with their money, too. If we just look at the United Catholic Appeal, we see that in the last decade, generous Catholics have increased their financial gifts to this annual campaign by 97 percent (that’s nearly doubling). In 1992, the campaign raised $2.66 million in 1992 to $5.25 million this last year. That’s wonderful, but we still have room to grow.

For instance, the participation rate in the UCA, while much improved over the past decade, still has a lot of growth potential. In our last campaign, we received about 25,500 pledges; but we have $4,000 households in the archdiocese. That’s a participation level of less than one-third. We need to increase that participation level.

We must also continue to encourage partnerships with the corporate, foundation and civic communities. We have a history of establishing reserves for building and facilities, for instance, may not be the best way to meet some ministry needs. We have discussed how we define and do youth ministry and changes in vocations recruitment.

The Church of Indianapolis has not had a history of establishing reserves for rainy days. Our wealth, such as it is, is not liquid. For instance, we cannot use the value of an endowment or, for that matter, a building, to pay the monthly maintenance bills of the Catholic Center.

But what about all that money that the Church has raised over the last few years—millions and millions of dollars. What’s happened to all that?

It is true that over the past decade, we have been able to raise significant monies through our parish-based campaign, Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation, and our Indianapolis-based corporate and foundation partnership campaign, Building Communities of Hope. However, these funds are designated for capital improvements, endowments and deferred gifts. We can build new facilities with them; we can spruce up facilities with them; we can put them away in endowments; and, in the case of bequests, for instance, we can only anticipate their arrival sometime in the future.

We can use these funds to provide programs for operations—we can’t pay salaries and benefits with them; we can’t fund programs with them; we can’t pay rent or mortgages or taxes with them; we can’t pay the heating and air-conditioning bills with them; and we can’t completely subordinate our city-center schools with them. These monies are designated for specific uses. As successful as our capital campaigns have been—and we can be justly proud of them—we cannot use those funds for operational expenses.

Through campaigns like these, we have made an intentional decision to channel funds mostly to parishes to correct years of deferred maintenance. We have been taking care of our infrastructure—the buildings and equipment that had been neglected for so long. Now, the time has come to turn our attention to what’s going on inside those buildings.

Why do you think some of the grant money you’ve received from Lilly Endowment to help balance the budget?

Those funds, like most grants, are given for quite specific purposes and their use is restricted. In other words, those funds may not be used in any way contrary to the donor’s wishes. We are very careful about that. Generally, Lilly Endowment and other philanthropic foundations do not give grants for ordinary operating expenses.

How much of a role did the sexual abuse scandal play in all this?

Virtually no part whatsoever. In the last fiscal year, our archdiocese spent about $33,000 in this area and all of that went toward counseling for victim-survivors of sexual abuse. We expect this number to be slightly higher in the current fiscal year, and we expect our attorneys’ fees to increase somewhat this fiscal year because of three lawsuits that have been filed against us.

Where does planning fit into all this?

We see planning as an expression and exercise of the theological virtue of hope, as a discipline to guide our decision-making, and as good stewardship. These three principles form the foundation for our growth-planning efforts in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. If we are faithful to these principles, we can be confident that our planning efforts will help us address the opportunities and challenges facing our archdiocese. We know that we have some difficult decisions to make, but we trust that, with the help of God’s grace, our choices will be wise, prudent, and practical—always keeping in mind our stewardship responsibility for the Church’s mission.

Our planning processes—both through our Planning for Growth process and our annual budgeting process—has made us keenly aware of the challenges that con-
The overall situation seems pretty disheartening.

Well, one can choose to look at it that way, but it is a reflection of what is happening in society in general and in the business world in particular. The Management Council and I and other advisers are hopeful, not disheartened. They have come to sincerely believe that we are facing a situation in which circumstances are pushing us to think in different ways that place the work of our central administrative offices and agencies as never before at the service of our parishes—where the Church lives. We know that God will always provide enough for our needs. We also affirm our belief that the Holy Spirit is active among us.

Because of this, we are being called to exercise the theological virtue of hope, to embrace wholeheartedly the discipline of prayer, and to immerse ourselves ever more deeply in the spirituality of stewardship. We want to make certain that necessary large losses in the archdiocese in general and also to several large losses in the archdiocese in recent years: two significant church fires, a more focused mission, and that affirms the circumstances of our day—the challenges we are facing by recognizing the circumstances of our day—the new realities—and cooperating with Divine Providence to seize this new moment of grace that is being offered to us.

What do you visualize for your radio outreach for vocations?

Rather than re-invent the wheel, we plan to evaluate the programs already existing in dioceses like Milwaukee, Rockford, Ill., and others. It is our intention to find a way to implement the most effective existing programs. Our media efforts will include possibilities of a more advanced use of the Internet as well.

What do you mean when you talk about finding a new approach for establishing scholarships? What is the present approach? How will the new approach differ?

The most direct answer to the question is that we will seek counsel from experts, corporate leaders and philanthropists on how to find new sources for funding existing and new endowments. We have never pursued a funding program exclusively dedicated to scholarships.

Tell us about this idea of an annual "archbishop's retreat."

Several of my bishop friends have begun sponsoring a short weekend retreat for men who are interested in the possibility of becoming priests. It is an opportunity to bring "like-minded" guys together with the archbishop to hear his own vocation story, to raise questions on their minds, and to pray together and offer support. Actually, we may try it more than once a year. The challenge will be to effectively get the word out to young men until it is a known and established opportunity.

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Yes. I would like to emphasize again that I believe that we will be able to meet the challenges we are facing by recognizing the circumstances of our day—the new realities—and cooperating with Divine Providence to seize this new moment of grace that is being offered to us.

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If you are planning your wedding between July 1,2003 and February 1, 2004, we invite you to submit the information for an announcement on the form below.

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The ring belonging to Pope Pius IX is made of gold, aquamarine and red garnet. It is part of an exhibit of Vatican art treasures on tour in the United States until fall of next year. The exhibit is scheduled to be on display at the Houston Museum of Natural Science until July 27; at the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art from Aug. 23- Nov. 23; at the Cincinnati Museum Center on Dec. 20-April 18, 2004; and at the San Diego Museum of Art from May 16-Sept. 6, 2004.†

Vatican City State and the Office of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, contains its share of birettas, miters, crosses, stoles, liturgical slippers, rings and pectoral crosses from various popes through the centuries.

It also has items significant to many papal events, such as a sample ballot card from the 1978 papal election, gold and silver keys that were once presented at papal coronations and a ceremonial hammer formerly used to verify the death of a pope.

The hammer, according to the exhibit’s 500-page color catalog, was last used in 1903 at the death of Pope Leo XIII, although it may have been used to confirm the death of Pope John XXIII. The cardinal who officially announced the pope’s death would verify it by tapping the pope’s head lightly with the hammer three times while saying his Christian name.

Also on display are letters and documents given to popes over the years. They include a 1672 letter in Greek requesting the pope’s help against the Turks, an appeal from the emperor of China to Pope Clement XI in 1716 to explain the acceptable use of Chinese rites and a 1710 report on recent civil wars in the Congo. More recent items sent to popes include a Vatican flag that was carried to the moon and lunar fragments from the 1969 space mission.

Many artifacts reveal a behind-the-scenes look at the Vatican, such as sketches by Michelangelo, a bill signed by architect Gian Lorenzo Bernini and a sketch illustrating the staging, scaffolding, towers and ladders used in the interior of St. Peter’s Basilica, all to show that it was no easy task to put this grand church in place.

Father Duston told CNS that the exhibit has historical significance to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. He also pointed out that the Office of Continuing Christian Education in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston put together a 32-page religious education guide to the exhibit.

The guide outlines suggested ways to more fully understand the exhibit and gives further background on topics such as liturgical vestments, popes, Sistine Chapel frescoes, relics, how popes are selected and papal infallibility. The guide, complete with lesson plans, topics for discussion, definitions and additional background materials, begins with an introduction stating that, “over the centuries, the Catholic Church, specifically in the museums at the Vatican, has served as keeper of many objects of art.

“These objects are not kept for the wealth or the reputation of the Church itself. They are kept in the Vatican Museums for the entire world to be educated, to be inspired by and to experience beauty, history and faith,” it says. “This particular exhibition, which is visiting only four venues in the United States, provides many opportunities for Catholics to be enriched, to better understand their faith and to evangelize.

“The items in the exhibition do not stand alone,” it says. “They present a broader picture of our faith and what has brought us to this period in time as the Catholics we are today.”

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Icons have crucial role in Church liturgy, devotions

By Lawrence S. Cunningham

The Second Council of Nicaea convened in 787 is the last council that the Orthodox East holds to be truly ecumenical. It is also singular in that it is the only general council of the undivided Church to have been called into session by a woman. Empress Irene, at the urging of the patriarch of Constantinople, convoked the council to settle a long and bloody controversy about the legitimacy of using icons in the Church.

The iconoclasts (“image breakers”) long held that the use of images contradicted the biblical prohibition against “graven images.” Inspired by certain understandings of Christ that minimized his humanity, and possibly influenced by the spread of Islam as well as by certain heretical groups that thought all things material were evil, many iconoclasts not only rejected against icons but rampaged against their use.

Byzantine Emperor Leo III ordered the suppression of icons in a decree of 726. As a consequence, we have only a small portion of relics made before the eighth century. Those who defended the veneration of icons, especially the great theologian John of Damascus, bitterly reacted against the icon destroyers. Pope Gregory III condemned the iconoclasts in two Roman synods. The eighth-century struggle pitted two groups against each other. It was mainly the monastic houses that held fast to the use of icons.

Empress Irene’s call for an ecumenical council was approved by Pope Hadrian I, who sent legates from Rome to attend the council. Some patriarchs who lived in Muslim lands were unable to attend, but sent monks as their delegates.

The first meeting of the council—in Constantinople in 786—was hurried by soldiers, so the council reconvened in 787 in the city of Nicaea, which had been the site of the first ecumenical council in the early fourth century. This council adopted the doctrine outlined by Pope Hadrian in a letter that he sent to the patriarch and the emperor through his legates. The council decreed that God alone is to be adored, but that images were to be honored, respected and venerated.

The spirit of John of Damascus was behind both this distinction and the insistence that the use of a material reality like an icon is in line with the understanding of Christ as both human and divine. In that sense, icons help us remember that the Word became flesh.

In such practices, we do not worship an image. We use the image to elevate our hearts, minds and prayers to the one who is represented by the image.

Second Nicaea saw an analogy between icons and our faith in the true humanity of Christ. As the decree of Nicaea observed, when the images of Christ, the angels, the holy mother of God and the saints are venerated, Christians are drawn “to remember and long for those who serve as models.”

(Lawrence S. Cunningham teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame.)

Ecumenical councils transforms Church life

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

Ecumenical councils in the Church’s history have affected almost every aspect of Church life. Vatican Council II in 1962-65 instituted liturgical changes that began as a result of its “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.” The council called for renewal of almost every aspect of Catholic worship, a mandate we still struggle to fulfill today.

That kind of comprehensive reform has happened only rarely in history, and most of the time it was not instigated by an ecumenical council. The influence of ecumenical councils on the liturgy often has been indirect. The First Council of Nicaea in 325 responded to the Arian heresy by accenting Jesus’ divinity, which the Arians denied. The long struggle with the Arians led to increased emphasis on Christ’s divinity and less attention to his humanity. Churches were decorated with images of Christ the Pantocrator, ruler of the world. The stress on divinity emphasized the difference between Christ and the people, who were viewed as unworthy to participate in Mass.

Another example of the influence of councils on the liturgy can be seen in the way Communion has been shared through Church history.

Responding to a heresy, the Council of Constance in 1414-18 declared that, though Communion had been shared under both species of bread and wine in the early Church, it is “most firmly to be believed and [not] to be doubted that the whole body and blood of Christ are truly contained both in the species of bread and in the species of wine.”

A century and a half later, this doctrine was reaffirmed by the Council of Trent in 1562. The Protestant Reformation had restored Communion under both species. The council insisted that one species was sufficient, and the Church continued to give Communion to the laity under just one species for the next four centuries.

Previous councils primarily were concerned with doctrinal in response to heresies. Vatican II was called for pastoral reasons—to reform and renew the Church’s life.

(Father Lawrence E. Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Discussion Point

Church’s universality affects all Catholics

This Week’s Question

The Church is universal, a worldwide faith. When or where did you have a direct experience of the Church’s universality?

“The Holy Father’s diplomatic effort with regard to Iraq speaks to me of the Church’s universality. He spoke for the Church on behalf of the people of Iraq. He took a leadership position in trying to influence policy which directly affects our fellow human beings, the children of God.” (Steve Braus, Bismarck, N.D.)

“World Youth Day in Toronto [August 2002] was one of the best experiences of the universal Church. We were sleeping outside with 700,000 of our closest friends. When we said the Our Father at the Mass the next day, all of our hands were joined, and we were each saying the universal prayer in one voice, each with a different language. We were all there for the same reason.” (Diane Flaherty, Cedar Falls, Iowa)

“Visiting Paris a few years ago, my husband and I were touring Notre Dame [Cathedral]. Unbeknownst to us, they were preparing for Mass. We were ushered to the front and ended up standing. And while neither of us speaks French, it was neat being there because we knew what was being said and what was going on.” (Debbie Fields, Tulsa, Okla.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe a parish program that promotes social justice.

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Important events: End of Western Schism

The Great Western Schism ended in 1417. That's the 33rd on my list of the 50 most important events

Cardinals, that crowds demonstrated in the streets. The cardinals elected an Italian, who took the name Pope Urban VI.

So soon, though, the cardinals realized they had made a mistake. Urban's unexpected election seemed to have demarg- hed him, and he subjected the cardinals to vio- lent abuse. The cardinals, therefore, met at Avignon on March 1309 and published a declaration that the pope's election was invalid “as having been made, not freely, but under fear” of mob violence. They elected Cardinal

Robert of Geneva. His coronation as Pope Clement VII took place on Oct. 31, 1378, started the Great Western Schism.

There were now two popes, each rec- ognized as legitimate head by parts of the Christian world. The Holy Roman Empire, Scandinavia, England, Hungary and most of Italy supported Urban. France, Spain, Scotland, Sicily and Savoy backed Clement. Urban, as an Italian, was able to control Rome. Clement was ruled from there. Clement moved to Avignon. Urban died in 1389 and was succeeded by Benedict XIII (1389-1404). Innocent VII (1404-06), and Gregory XII (1406-15). Meanwhile, Benedict XIII succumbed in 1414. In 1409, the Council of Pisa was con- voked to try to settle the issue. The council depigon both Gregory XII and Benedict XIII, finding them guilty on 30-odd charges of schism and heresy, and elected a new pope—Alexander V. Neither of the reigning popes, though, recognized the Council of Pisa since it wasn’t canonically convened, i.e., by a pope. So there were three men claiming to be pope. Alexander died in 1410 and was succeeded by John XXIII.
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

My Journey to God

Hands: A Reflection

Invitation
What promises await me if I take the cup from your hands?

Life
Fulfillment
Peace
Love
Inspiration

Hands
Your hands extended in invitation help me remember my hands are my cup and they are meant to do your work.

My hands hold promise and they can be empty or full, depending on the response I give.

Choice
If I choose not to reach out, you will still stand before me.

(Christine Prince is a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.)

Daily Readings

Sunday, June 15, 2003

• Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
• Revelation 8:14-17
• Matthew 28:16-20

The Book of Deuteronomy furnishes this feast day of the Holy Trinity with its first reading.

Deuteronomy is one of the five books of the Old Testament, to use the Greek term, or of the Torah, to use the Hebrew. These five books—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—as they appear in sequence in present translations of the Bible, constitute the basic law and beliefs of the Jewish people.

In Jewish theology, they proceed from Moses, to whom God revealed the ultimate realities of both divinity and creation. It is not as if Moses himself took a quill and scrawled in hand and wrote what now appears in the Bible. In fact, these books were not committed to writing until long after Moses died.

However, devout Jews regard them as the expression of what he believed, and of what he learned from God’s revelation.

This feast’s first reading extols the majesty of God. It attributes creation itself to God. It attributes the majesty of God. It attributes creation itself to God. It attributes the majesty of God.

In Western society, the majority of people still tell public opinion samplers that they believe in the existence of God. This divinity, for all practical purposes, is very distant and inconsequential.

The Gospel this weekend informs us not only of the fact that God lives, but also that God lives here and now, in our midst, through the Church established by Christ and formed by the Apostles. God’s power lives with us. Salvation lives with us.

God’s grace helps resolve anger and achieve healing

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have a terrible anger about what someone has done to me and to my children. I can’t forgive her and am worried about my eternal salvation.

Years ago, my husband left us for a woman who had at least two marriages. He and I never legally married. The defection and suicide of Judas, obviating the understanding of the Apostles possessed the most sublime of the powers reposing in Jesus, the Savior and Son of God. They could forgive sins.

However, equally important is the fact that Jesus revealed to them, and through them to humanity, the most intimate of revelation, the fact that God is one in three. He revealed to them the Trinity.

Reflection

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity. In this celebration, the Church brings us face to face with the reality of God.

In almost 10 years, except in the anachronistic lands of Cuba, North Korea and Vietnam, atheism as a specified, organized state policy has passed from the scene. Sadly, however, it is not as great a victory for religion as might be assumed. Indeed, the awful oppression and disregard for human rights that accompanied Marxist atheism are subdued in those places where Communism has fallen, but much more widespread is the Communist empire at its heights is a new practical atheism.

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Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

God so loved us that, in Jesus and through Jesus, God revealed the most essential reality of divinity itself. It is the Trinity.

Reference to sin reminds us that God is not merely a distant remnder of that to live in true peace, love and justice, humans must resemble God in the Trinity.

God is perfect love. Living any other way is as foolishly as trying to put a square peg into a round hole.

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This Active List

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The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan Church and parish open-to-the-public activities for “The Active List.” Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone. Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of (Friday) publication: The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand deliver), P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail), 317-236-1593 (fax), archindy@archindy.org (e-mail).

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Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m., rosary for world peace; 8 p.m. St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 36th St., Indianapolis. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.

Mondays
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 325 S. Merrill St., Fortville. Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m.

St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. Holy Hour, 7 p.m.
Marion Center, 336 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Prayer group, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Information: 317-275-2569.

Confraternity of Price of Jesus, 1650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Monday silent prayer group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Tuesdays
St. Joseph Church, 2605 S. Note W., Sellersburg. Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Madonna Hall, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Video series of Father Corapi, 7 p.m. Information: 317-535-2160.
Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th St., Beech Grove. Prayer group, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Bible sharing, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.
St. Luke Church, 7755 Holliday Dr., E., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests prayer center, Mass, 7:8 p.m. Information: 317-842-5580.

Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Bible study, Gospel of John, 7:8-9 p.m. Information: 317-353-9040.
Confraternity of House of Prayer, 1650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Tuesday silent prayer hour, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Wednesdays
Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8161.
Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests prayer center for laity, 1 p.m. Information: 317-255-6678.
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-3:45 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 9301 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., rosary and Divine Mercy Chapel, 11 a.m. Information: 317-859-8108.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Adult Bible study, 6 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Pult Road, Indianapolis. Eucharist, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.
Saddened Heart of Jesus Parish, Parish Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.
Confraternity of House of Prayer, 3630 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Thursday silent prayer group, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-4354.

Friday
St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Lawrence Church, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benedic- tion and Mass.
St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Spanish prayer group and conversation, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-4605.

Saturdays
Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Triditine Mass, 9 a.m.
St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis. Mass in English, 4 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, 2605 S. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. “Be Not Afraid” holy hour, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Monthly
Third Sundays
Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis, Mass, 2 p.m.
St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. Daughters of Isabella, Madonna Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-648-5840.
St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickey Ave., Indianapolis. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Mass, 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

Third Wednesdays
Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Holy hour and rosary, 5 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.
St. Jude Church, 5353 McFar- land Road, Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Third Fridays
Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 5200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass and healing ser- vices, 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by arch- diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, for rosary, return to church for Benediction.

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

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

Last Sundays
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. No- vena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7 1/2 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.
McNally, the retired pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, where his parents, Terri and Duane Meyer, are members, and former archdiocesan vocations director, Father Paul Etienne, who helped direct Meyer’s path to the seminary. His mother also helped by urging him to attend daily Mass and giving him her first Holy Communion prayer book.

Reading it, Meyer said he was astounded to read about the Real Presence in the Eucharist and other things he’d never been taught about the Church.

“He thought, ‘why doesn’t the whole world know about this,’ ” said. “When I entered seminary, I fell head over heels in love with Jesus’ Church.”

Meyer attended St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., before continuing his studies in Rome, living at the North American College there and studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas, also known as the Angelicum, where Pope John Paul II did some of his studies.

Approaching ordination has filled Meyer with thanksgiving and awe. He doesn’t feel worthy of the call, but said that through God he is made worthy to carry out the sacraments entrusted to him as a priest.

Studying in Rome for five years has given Meyer many opportunities, from attending Mass in the Holy Father’s private chapel to witnessing the great faith of various cultures that come to worship. “We say the Church is one holy catholic and apostolic Church,” Meyer said. “The Holy Father is our symbol of the universality of the Church. When you look at people or are in a large audience with him and he speaks 11 different languages, what other religion could do that?”

“Pope John Paul II made it a duty to see the Church and its schools, which is something that’s very important to me,” Meyer said. “His passion and zeal for the Church and his missionary zeal is something that I have been taught that I want to bring to the community I will serve.”

Meyer said he learned about Pope John Paul II’s dedication to evangelization, especially this year with the new encyclical on the Eucharist and the apostolic letter about the Sunday Eucharist.

He also remarked on the pope’s example of suffering. “It’s tear-jerking, the witness of his suffering and the Christian love he has,” Meyer said. “He never gives up and continues to preach the Gospel with his life. He’s been a big influence on me.”

Preparing for the upcoming ordination means staying in prayer, Meyer said. He’s taken a five-day silent retreat in Ars, France, named for the patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney, and plans to take another private retreat at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Birmingham, Ala.

“I want to enter into the whole beauty of the sacrament of holy orders,” Meyer said. He also wants to make sure he uses the gifts God has given him for the priesthood.

“I want to share them with the world and with the archdiocese in particular,” he said. “I want to reuniﬁe people with their faith.”

He realizes some people aren’t excited about their faith and wants to help them see the mystery and grace of their faith with God’s help. He also wants to work with the youth.

Mostly, he is looking forward to being a priest and celebrating his ﬁrst Mass at 5:30 p.m. on June 28 at St. Barnabas Church, his home parish, and at 11 a.m. on June 29 at St. Michael Church in Brookville, where he had one of his summer assignments.

“I want to take the faith I’ve witnessed and put it in action by being a priest,” Meyer said. “God has blessed me amazingly, and when he blesses us we are to share that blessing with others.”

Most permanent deacons in the United States are ordained at about age 55. The reason older men are accepting the call is that younger men are usually not yet completely settled in their secular careers and they have young children in their families. This makes it more difﬁcult for them to spare the time required of a permanent deacon than it does for older men whose careers are more established and whose children are grown.

By far, the majority of permanent deacons worked in parishes, combining weekend and evening activities as deacons with full-time secular jobs. However, 4 percent of the deacons had salaried Church positions, such as administrative posts on chancery staffs, 5 percent were engaged in full-time, secular jobs, and 6 percent worked full time in parishes (30 hours or more) without being paid. There were also 61 full-time and 39 part-time paid administrative positions in the group of 11,000 deacons.

Most of the deacons were married, although some were single and some were widowed. Church law stipulates that a permanent deacon may not remarry if his wife dies after he has been ordained.

Wives have an important role in the ministry of permanent deacons. The Church requires the wife’s consent before her husband can be ordained a deacon, and part of the training program for deacons includes their wives.

The results of the survey showed that 67 percent of the deacons thought that their ministry had enriched their home life, 65 percent said it improved their relationship with their wives, and 48 percent said their relationship with their children had improved.

The specific activities in which permanent deacons are involved vary so much that a detailed job description applicable to all is probably impossible. The bishops’ Committee on the Permanent Diaconate says that the permanent deacon is a man “with a special mission requiring special relationships within the community of God’s People.”

It adds that the central elements of diocesan identity are the witness of the Spirit, public expression of and response to this call through ordination, sharing in the singular accountability for the realization on earth of God’s kingdom, acceptance by the community they are called to serve, and complete commitment of self to service in Christ’s name and that of the Church.”

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

Next week: The formation program for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
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RINDER, Randy, 47, St. Malachi, Brownsburg, May 25. Son of Robert and Deborah Rinder. Brother of Brandi, Haines, Debra Robertson and Michael Miller.


get the participants engaged, whether it’s just by responding to color or form or songs they know, or whether it’s actually creating art or playing instruments,” Sister Mary Anna said. “They have different levels of the ability to communicate. It’s important to talk with them and to keep them engaged with us and with their environment. We couldn’t be able to do all of these projects without help from volunteers.”

A Caring Place also provides full-time nursing care for participants. Immaculate Heart of Mary parishioner Louise Collet, a registered nurse, coordinates medications, blood pressure checks, diabetes testing and other health-related needs for participants.

“Caregivers can go to work and know that their family member is being well cared for here,” Collet said. “I provide all of the services that a nurse would normally do in home health care plus coordinate a stroke support group for the participants. We also offer a caregivers support group once a month.”

Collet and other staff members also monitor each participant’s abilities and often notice health problems before family members recognize changes that need to be reported to their doctors.

David Bethuram, executive director of Catholic Social Services, said the Adult Day Services programming “provides an invaluable service to participants and caregivers by assisting their loved ones so they can remain together.”

“The program provides a specialized ministry for dependent elderly people,” Bethuram said, “which helps them remain in society in an independent lifestyle for as long as possible.”

Lula Baxter, director of Adult Day Services for CSS, said “our adult day ministry is very important because it provides a safe and structured place, and a home away from home, for participants while their caregivers continue to work or get much-needed respite.”

If Adult Day Services were not available, Baxter said, participants would require institutional care much sooner.

“The participants have such a good time together,” she said. “It’s a close-knit family in their home away from home.”

(For more information about the June 21 fundraiser, call Providence Sister Susan Dunin at A Caring Place at 317-466-0015. For more information about Catholic Social Services’ Adult Day Services, call Lula Baxter at 317-216-1527 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1527.)

Mark Hummer, activity coordinator for A Caring Place, helps participant Elizabeth Williams compete in a bowling tournament on June 4 at the CBS Adult Day Services facility on the Indianapolis north side.
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Ferdinand Benedicites elect new prioress

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Ind., elected Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau as their 12th prioress on June 2. Sister Kristine Anne is a member of the order for a five-year term of office with a formal installation ceremony at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. During her term, she succeeds Sister Joella Kalbwell, who has served as prioress since 1998.

A native of Tell City, Sister Kristine Anne, 54, entered the monastery in 1967 from St. Paul Parish. She made her first profession of vows in 1971 and her perpetual profession in 1977.

Sister Kristine Anne has been ongoing formation director for six years. Previously, she was special programs coordinator at the sisters’ Kordes Retreat Center from 1991-99.

She was a counselor at the Interfaith Counseling Agency in Phoenix, Ariz., from 1986-91 and at the former Marian Heights Academy in Ferdinand from 1982-86. From 1971-80, she taught at Holy Rosary School, Christ the King School, Resurrection School and Holy Redeemer School, all in Evansville, Ind., as well as at St. Matthew School in Baytown, Texas, Ind., and St. Philip School in Posey County.

Sister Kristine Anne is a 1967 graduate of Marian Heights Academy, which was closed in May 2000. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Oakland City University in Oakland City, Ind., in 1971 and a master’s degree from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., in 1982.

Sister Kristine Anne has two sisters, Jane and Margaret, both of Tell City and Mary Weyer of Ferdinand, Ind., and five brothers, Charles Harpenau of Springville, Tenn.; Robert Harpenau of Troy; David Harpenau of Columbus; Timothy Hagedorn of Dayton, Ohio; and Mark Hagedorn of Kingston, Springs, Tenn.

The prioress is the religious community’s spiritual visionary and official representative to the Church and civic community.

The election of the prioress came at the end of a discernment process begun last summer, which has included an integral direction setting by the community. The discernment process involved prayerful stewardship listening, and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As prioress, Sister Kristine Anne will lead the religious community as members live out the mission statement they formulated at the end of 2002. Of the mission statement reads, “We, the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Ind., are monastic women seeking God through the Benedictine tradition of community life, prayer, hospitality and service to others. By our life and work, we commit ourselves to be a presence of peace as we join our sisters and brothers in the common search for God.”

During the last five years as prioress, Sister Joella led the religious community through significant change and accomplishment.

Over this period, the Ferdinand Benedicites embarked on an $8.4 million capital campaign for restoration of the monastery church and undertook a comprehensive facilities plan to save costs, which is resulting in consolidation and reallocation of space.

The prioress made the difficult but financially necessary decision to close Marian Heights Academy because of declining enrollment and saw the successful transfer of their mission in Guatemala to a Benedicite women’s community based in Mexico.

Currently, there are 215 Ferdinand Benedicites who minister in schools, parishes, Church institutions, health care facilities, retreat centers and social service agencies in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Italy, Peru and Guatemala.

The order averages three new members a year, with 24 women currently in initial formation, the first three stages of membership. The sisters also have opened their monastic studies program to other Benedictine communities and the Oblates of St. Benedict.

International seminar celebrates stewardship as a global way of life

By Daniel Conway

ROME—There is no word for “steward- ship” in Spanish, Portuguese, but that has not prevented clergy and lay lead- ers from making sharing and tithe key concepts in the renewal of the Church in Latin America.

Antonino Tanto, a lay evangelist from Brazil, said the “dream” of stewardship calls for a radical change in the way parishes and dioceses in South America are supported (from dependence on others to self-sufficiency) in pursuit of the Church’s evangelizing mission.

Stewardship experts from around the world explored the diverse, multicultural dimensions of the theology and practice of stewardship at the Third International Stewardship Seminar, Dun In Altum, which was held on May 19-23 in Rome.

During the seminar, a national group of clergy and lay leaders discussed the growing importance of the stewardship movement for the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world.

In Nigeria, Church leaders have begun to encourage stewardship as an important means of bridging the enormous gap between rich and poor on the African con- tinent. Archbishop John Olorunfemi of Lagos, a Nigerian, the president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Nigeria, said that authentic stewardship and evangelization are necessary preconditions of the inter- religious dialogue that is taking place among Christians and Muslims who are ever more divided among the Church’s popula- tion of 120 million people.

Members of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church—Church in the Ukraine and throughout the world—are now being urged to replace traditional models of philanthropy (in which only the very wealthy supported the Church through large endowments) with the active participa- tion and support of all believers.

Mekite-Greek Bishop Nicholas J. Samea said an authentic understanding of the theology of stewardship (based on the mystery of the Holy Trinity) makes it pos- sible to integrate the sacred and the secu- lar in daily living and to fill the spiritual emptiness that so many people experience today.

And in the United States of America, the 100th anniversary of Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response is being celebrated with a new edition of the U.S. bishops’ pastoral letter that underscores the essen- tial connection between evangelization and stewardship in the lives of believers in sacred Scripture and in the documents of Vatican II and post-conciliar teachings.

Bishop Sylvester Ryan, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ committee on stewardship, points to the experiences of some of the Church’s great missionaries and evangelists (including Francis of Assisi, Patrick of Ireland, Damian of Molochai and the Catholic Worker’s Dorothy Day) as concrete, practical examples of Christian stewardship and evangelization.

Archbishop James P. Keleher of Kansas City said the need for a deeper understanding of stewardship could not be more clear.

The drive to have home and around the world obligate us “more than ever” to share our gifts, our prayers and our solidarity with our global neighbors as well as our sisters and brothers here at home,” he said.

The seminar was sponsored by the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC), which is headquartered in Washington, D.C., but which has a growing num- ber of international members. As an integral part of its mission, the ICSC seeks to raise awareness about the stewardship movement in the mission of the universal Church.

During the five-day gathering, talks and discussion groups were held in a vari- ety of languages. Participants also prayed the Liturgy of the Hours and celebrated daily Mass, including the Extraordinary Rite of the Church’s Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with His Eminence Lubomyr Husar of the Archeparchy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Catholic Worker’s Dorothy Day (Evangelization, Vocation, Service).

The centerpiece of the seminar was the open plenary session on stewardship in Eastern Europe and Latin America, “Events at home and around the world.”

Cardinal Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, seminar participants also had the opportu- nity to attend an audience with Pope John Paul II on May 21.

The seminar discussions covered a wide range of topics, including guidelines on the ethical investment of Church resources” by Christian Brother Michael W. O’Hern, president and chief executive officer of Christian Brothers Investment Services Inc., to reflections on “Spirituality and Practices of Stewardship” by Msgr. Anthony Philpott, spiritual director for the English College (Venerable) in Rome.

Talks were also given on “Stewardship in Liturgical Celebrations,” “Stewardship in the Lives of Young and Adults,” and the “Stewardship of Vocation.”

Among the diverse representatives of Churches and cultures who attended the International Stewardship Seminar, there emerged a consensus that the growth of the stewardship movement provides an occasion for renewed hope and joy.

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Newspollassesses Americans’ views on fetal rights

NEW YORK (CNS)—Nearly half of Americans believe human life starts at fertilization, while only 11 percent think it does not begin until birth, according to a poll by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Newsweek magazine. The survey, published in the June 9 issue of Newsweek, also assessed Americans’ views on the fate of embryos created for in vitro fertilization and whether the killing of a pregnant woman should involve two murder charges or one. Most respondents (56 percent) said prosecutors should be able to bring separate murder charges against someone who kills a fetus still in the womb, while another 28 percent said it should be done only in cases where the fetus is able to survive outside the womb. Only 9 percent said a second murder charge should never be brought in such cases, while 7 percent said they did not know. The margin of error for the May 29-30 survey of 1,009 adults was plus or minus 3 percentage points. The responses also were categorized by political party, religion, gender and whether respondents considered themselves “pro-choice” or “pro-life.” The margin of error for those subgroups ranged from 5 to 11 percentage points.

Annualretreathelpsmentally disabledrealize, nurturerfaith

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—Like the disciples who questioned Jesus about welcoming children, Christians today may discount the childlike faith of the mentally disabled, sometimes forgetting them in the Church’s ministry. “How many parishes actually have people with mental disabilities as altar servers or readers?” asked Claudia Kane-Mumson. Earlier this spring, Kane-Mumson helped lead spiritual retreats for about 50 mentally disabled participants at the Totino-Grace Renewal Center in Fridley. Her church, St. Odilia in Shoreview, provides special religious education for 20 to 80 adults. “These people have the same spiritual needs we do,” she told The Catholic Spirit, the newspaper of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocese. The retreats help them realize and nurture their faith on a level they understand, she explained.

Pope accepts resignation of Miami Auxiliary Bishop Roman

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop Agustin A. Roman, who has been an auxiliary bishop of Miami since 1979. Archbishop Gabrial Montalvo, apostolic nuncio to the United States, made the announcement in Washington on June 7. The Cuban-born bishop turned 75 on May 5. According to canon law, bishops are required to turn in their resignation to the pope when they reach 75. His retirement leaves 23 active Hispanic bishops in the United States. Archbishop John C. Favalora of Miami praised Bishop Roman in a statement for his “genuine and authentic love for God and for all others.” He said, “Words are inadequate to express how inspirational his life and ministry have been to countless thousands. His holiness of life has been borne in and through his sufferings as a Cuban exile.”

Couple seesees role of lay missioners growing in importance to Church

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (CNS)—The role of the lay missioner will have growing importance in the Church of the future, according to a lay couple who recently completed a term of service in El Salvador. Timothy and Ellen Dabagian O’Connell said in an interview at Maryknoll headquarters on June 6 that the growth in the lay missioner movement is not just a substitute for declining numbers of priests and religious. According to the couple, opportunities for lay missioners “are opening up more and more, and lay people are realizing their responsibility.” Both said people are excited about living out their faith. Timothy, 36, a native of Framingham, Mass., and Ellen, 34, from the Philadelphia suburb of Upper Darby, contacted Maryknoll shortly after they married in 1998. The following year, they joined the Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful and—at a four-week orientation and an initial assignment to Kenya that did not work out—they were sent to El Salvador. Under the program, lay Catholics sign up for three-year terms, rather than make lifetime commitments. But they can renew their contracts, and many have done this for multiple terms.

Tattooremoval program helps ex-gang members change lives

MISSION HILLS, Calif. (CNS)—Dominican Sister June Wilkerson directs a disappearing act at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills. Sister Wilkerson, 78, runs a tattoo removal clinic for ex-gang members, punk rockers, convicted felons, prostitutes and drug addicts in the Los Angeles area who want to change their lives by removing visible signs of the past. It is concern for her clients’ well-being and personal safety that brought Sister June out of what she thought was going to be her third, and last, retirement. “In the trauma center at the hospital, we see a lot of victims of gang violence,” said Sister June, who previously ran a parish nurse partnership for the hospital’s outreach program to local churches. Before that, she was a high school teacher and then as a college teacher. With $25,000 in seed money donated by the hospital for rental of the top-of-the-line $200,000 Versapulse laser machine, the veteran organizer and religious sister got down to business.

Company creates faith-based productions gets bishop’s blessing

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (CNS)—Bishop John M. D’Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend recently blessed the offices of NewGroup Media, a production company in South Bend that creates faith-based and values-based productions for local and national clients. “I’m not sure there are many Wall Street firms that have blessings,” said Bishop D’Arcy. Of course, there are not many firms with the same goals as NewGroup Media. It was formed last July by partners Doug Thomas, Larry Bilinski and Christopher Salvador after the University of Notre Dame closed its Golden Dome Productions company, where the three had worked for almost 15 years. After taking some time to regroup and with a lot of prayer and encouragement from former clients, including Bishop D’Arcy, they decided to start their own company. “Bishop D’Arcy was behind us all the way,” Thomas told Today’s Catholic, newspaper of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. “He has been very supportive.” With the addition of a fourth partner to handle the business end, James Salvador of Cromwell, Conn., NewGroup Media was born.

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