Msgr. Harold Knueven will retire on Aug. 19, but will keep on ‘working to beat hell’

By Jennifer Lindberg

Msgr. Harold Knueven’s business card states his objective clearly: “Working to beat hell.”

The slogan, adopted by the pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, who is retiring on Aug. 19, was Father Glenn O’Connor’s idea. He is pastor of St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Knueven, 70, uses the slogan as his steady mantra to bring souls closer to God.

Entering Saint Meinrad Seminary when he was 14, Msgr. Knueven thought being a priest would save his own soul. Through formation and study in the seminary, he learned that a priest was to serve others and help them on their journey to heaven.

The new concept was fine with the young man who would go on to teach, gain a reputation as an avid fisherman, travel around the world, be named a prelate of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with 1,700 families.

Anyone who knows Msgr. Knueven speaks about his dedication, his compassion, his boundless energy and the spiritual formation he has given to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with 1,700 families. He has given his parish from having Mass twice a day, daily confession after each Mass and perpetual adoration.

Judy Koch, pastoral associate of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish said Msgr. Knueven’s contributions to the parish will be missed.

“He’s just a really palpable heartbeat in the parish,” she said. “He’s here, he’s there, he’s everywhere, and he’s involved in everything and does it at the speed of sound.”

Koch said the spiritual gifts that Msgr. Knueven has given to the parish have helped everyone grow. While many are scared of losing such an inspiration as Msgr. Knueven, the parish also knows he’s built a solid foundation for people’s faith lives, she said.
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Three Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are participating in a unique network focused on raising student achievement over the next three years. St. Mark and Little Flower schools in Indianapolis and Holy Name School in Beech Grove are participating in the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning, or CELL, with the University of Indianapolis. The network represents collaborations between public, parochial and charter schools, and includes more than 20 schools.

The goal is to help educators look past the surface of test scores and learn why students are performing in a certain way. The project is funded by a $15 million Lilly Endowment grant.

By Mary Ann Wyand

Gov. Frank O’Bannon issued a 60-day stay of execution for Indiana death row inmate Darnell Williams on July 28 so DNA tests could be completed on bloodstains found on Williams’ clothing, a key piece of evidence in his murder trial.

On July 29, Gary Bishop Dale J. Melczek also expressed his pleasure at the governor’s decision to post- pone the execution so scientific tests could be done on key evidence in the case.

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Franciscans honor 17 jubilarians

The sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Oldenburg celebrated the jubilees of 17 sisters on July 26 with morning prayer, a festive dinner, a Jubilee Mass and a reception at the motherhouse. Sister Alma Louise Kohnen, marking her 75th year as a Franciscan, taught at the former St. Mary’s School in Hamburg, the former St. Mary-of-the-Rock School in St. Mary-of-the-Rock, the former St. Joseph School in St. Louis, St. Paul School in New Paris, the former St. Martin School in Yorkville and the former St. Mary School in Lanesville.

She also taught at St. Anthony School in Evansville, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, as well as in Ohio. She also ministered in the motherhouse in Brooklyn, New York, and in Ohio. Currently, she is the parish life coordinator at the motherhouse in Oldenburg.

Six sisters are celebrating 60 years in ministry. Sister Carol Angemeier taught at St. Mark School in Indianapolis and the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis. She also taught at St. Mary School in North Vernon, St. Andrew School in Richmond, St. Mary School in Aurora, the former Oldenburg Elementary School in Oldenburg and St. Joseph School in Evansville. Other teaching positions were in Ohio and Missouri. She currently ministers in community service at St. John Parish in Dover.

Sister Georgene Brown taught at the former Holy Rosary School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg, the former Holy Family School in Oldenburg and the Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg. She also taught in Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin. Currently, she is the director of pastoral care at St. Vincent Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sister Patty Campbell, formerly Sister Suzanne, taught at the former Holy Rosary School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis and Father Thomas Scimeca Memorial High School in Indianapolis. She also taught in Ohio and Oklahoma. For seven years, she ministered in pastoral care and retreats. Currently, she is the parish life coordinator at St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish in Franklin County and ministers in spiritual direction.

Sister Marcella Coors, formerly Sister Eleonore, taught at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis, St. Mary School in Greensburg and St. Gabriel School in Connersville. She also ministered in Ohio and Missouri. Currently, she is the pastoral associate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford.

Sister Martine Mayborg taught at Little Flower School and the former St. Rita School in Indianapolis and the former St. Michael School in Chadronet. She also taught in Ohio. For the last 43 years, she has ministered in various capacities in Papua, New Guinea, and currently is secretary of the diocesan literacy program in Papua, New Guinea.

Sister Kathleen McShay taught at the former Little Flower School and the former St. Rita School in Indianapolis and the former St. Michael School in Chadronet. She also taught in Ohio. For the last 43 years, she has ministered in various capacities in Papua, New Guinea, and currently is a member of the general councils for the Oldenburg Franciscans. Currently, she is a member of the leadership team and a member in spiritual direction.

Sister Sue Ann Vallo, formerly Sister Ilonita, taught at St. Louis School in Batesville, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany and St. Mary School in Greensburg. Currently, she also ministered at the motherhouse in Ohio and Michigan. Currently, she is the parish life coordinator at St. Anthony Messenger Press in Cincinnati.

Sister Therese Wente taught at St. Mary School in Greensburg and St. Louis School in Batesville, and was a librarian at Marian College in Indianapolis. She also taught in Ohio, Missouri, Texas, Kansas and Illinois. Currently, she is a member of the leadership team and a member in spiritual direction.

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Vatican budget: Et tu Petre?

In mid-July, Cardinal Sergio Sebastiani, president of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, released the Holy See’s 2002 financial statement. Like that of our own archdiocese, other dioceses, many not-for-profit groups, and local, state and federal governments, the Vatican reported an operating deficit for last year. The world, it seems, is in for some lean times.

The shortfall amounted to $15 million. It was the second consecutive year for a budget deficit for the Vatican. In 2001, it posted a $3 million deficit. That was the first budget deficit for the Vatican since 1992.

The Vatican reported income of $246 million and expenses of about $261 million. Cardinal Sebastiani attributed the deficit to the “thoroughly unfavorable” world economy and the U.S. dollar’s weakness against the euro (the new unit of exchange for member states of the European Union). This is consistent with the experience of dioceses and other entities—both within and without the Church. Everyone is being hit hard by the loss of investment income. The cardinal said that the Vatican’s investment loss last year amounted to $18.5 million compared to a $37 million gain the year before.

That’s a $55.5 million swing in investment income.

Interestingly, contributions to the Vatican for operating expenses from dioceses, religious orders, foundations and individuals throughout the world more than doubled the previous year’s amount. Contributions in 2002 hit nearly $97 million, with the Church in the United States leading worldwide giving. The Church in Germany and the Church in Italy were next in the amount of contributions made to the Holy See. This is doubly interesting because, despite the faltering economy, our own archdiocese has also experienced steady increases in contributions from generous stewards throughout southern and central Indiana.

Donations to Peter’s Pence, which the pope uses for charitable purposes, increased 2 percent, to $53 million. These funds may not be used for operating expenses.

Like everyone else facing these economic realities, the Vatican is working to reduce its operating costs, especially in the diplomatic services, maintenance costs and other expenses.

As we have in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis continue to meet the ministerial and economic challenges that face us, it is some small consolation that we are not alone. It is more of a consolation to realize that our deficit situation is not about mismanagement or fiscal irresponsibility. It’s about the worldwide economic forces that we cannot control, but that we have to deal with.

— William R. Brunis
**Seeking the Face of the Lord**

**Buscando la Cara del Señor**

Reflecting on Jesus’ public life through the Luminous Mysteries

Nineth in a series

"Moving on from the infancy and the boyhood of Jesus, now we come to the life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way ‘mysteries of light’. Certainly the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the ‘light of the world’ (Jn 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life, when he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. Through the baptism which he received, and through his proclamation, Jesus calls people to be witnesses to his coming. However, since the baptism was the start of his public life, it was the baptism which is the first mystery of light.

The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan

The first Luminous Mystery is the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. This is a mystery of light because, recall, at that baptism, as Christ descends into the waters, the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (Mt 3:17). And the Holy Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out.

When I pray this decade of the Rosary, I pray for the grace to deepen my appreciation of my own baptism. I pray for the grace to embrace my call to mirror Christ in the world around me. I pray for the confidence to accept the fact that I, too, have been grafted by the grace of baptism into my part in Christ’s mission in the Church.

The Wedding Feast at Cana

The second Mystery of Light is the marriage feast at Cana. At the request of his Mother, Jesus performs his first miracle and thus opens the hearts of the disciples to believe in him.

As I pray this decade, I am always struck by Mary’s intercessory role in this situation. She is attentive to the needs of the newlyweds and intervenes for them. I pray for her intercession for my needs and those of our archdiocese. I am also struck by the instruction of Mary to the waiters at the wedding: “Do what he tells you.” I pray for the grace to be attentive to the teaching of Jesus and its meaning for my life.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

The third Mystery of Light is the proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to conversion. Pope John Paul II reminds us that this is “the inauguration of that ministry of light which Jesus continues to exercise until the end of the world” (Rosarium, #21). I recall the words of an inmate in the maximum security penitentiary in Terre Haute when I asked him where his home is. Without missing a beat, he replied: “Archbishop, home is the kingdom of God.”

How easily we forget. This world is but the vestibule to our real home. Our destiny is the kingdom of God. I pray to remember.

The Transfiguration

The Holy Father calls the fourth Luminous Mystery, The Transfiguration, “the Mystery of Light par excellence." The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to ‘listen to him’ (cf. Lk 9:35) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, and so to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit (Rosarium, #21).

“Listen to him.” These words catch my attention as I pray this mystery. I pray for the spiritual maturity it requires to listen even though at times Christ’s message may include a call to suffering or a call to courageous and unpopular witness.

Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for August

**Parish Awareness** that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

El primer Misterio Luminoso es el boda de Caná. Jesús realiza su primer milagro, a petición de su Madre, abriendo de este modo los corazones de los discípulos que creían en Él. Cuando rezo este deceno, siempre me llena la atención el papel intercesor de María en esta situación. Está atenta a las necesidades de los recién casados y interviene en su favor. Rezo por la intercesión para mis necesidades y las de nuestra arquidiócesis. También me llena la atención las instrucciones que dispensa María a los sirvientes de la boda: “Haced lo que Él os diga.” Pido por obtener la gracia de estar atento a las enseñanzas de Jesús y el significado que éstas tengan para mi vida.

La proclamación del Reino

El tercer Misterio Luminoso es la proclamación del Reino de Dios y el llamado a la conversión. El Papa Juan Pablo II nos recuerda que “se inicia así el ministerio de misericordia que Él (Jesús) continuará ejerciendo hasta el fin del mundo” (Rosarium, #21).

La transfiguración de Nuestro Señor

El Santo Padre llama al cuarto Misterio Luminoso, La transfiguración, “el Misterio de Luz por excelencia...” La gloria de la Divinidad resplandece en el rostro de Cristo, mientras el Padre lo aclara ante los apóstoles estupefactos para que lo ‘escuchen’ (cf. Lc 9, 35 par.) y se dispongan a vivir con Él el momento doloroso de la Pasión, a fin de llegar con Él a la alegría de la Resurrección y a una vida transfigurada por el Espíritu Santo.” (Rosarium, #21).

“Que lo escuchen”. Estas palabras me hacen reflexionar cuando rezo este misterio. Rezo por llegar a obtener la madurez espiritual necesaria para escuchar, aunque a veces el mensaje de Cristo trae también un llamado al sufrimiento, o a ser testigos valientes y rechazados. Por lo general, el mensaje de Cristo desafía nuestra cultura. Y por lo tanto, rezo para obtener la humilde valentía para poder acompañarlo voluntaria y jubilosamente en su sufrimiento.

La institución de la Eucaristía

“Misterio de luz es, por fin, la institución de la Eucaristía, en la cual Cristo se hace alimento con su Cuerpo y su Sangre bajo las especies del pan y del vino, dando testimonio de su amor por la humanidad ‘hasta el extremo’ (Jn 13, 1) y por cuya salvación se ofrecerá en sacrificio.” (Rosarium, #21). No podemos rezar con suficiente frecuencia para cultivar un profundo amor por la eucaristía en la que Cristo volvió su amor por nosotros. La Eucaristía no es lo que efectivamente se ofrece en la eucaristía; ella es el vestíbulo de nuestra casa espiritual en que el Creador ofrece la comida de su Jesús.

Sin ella, la Iglesia no existiría. Rezo para poder estar alerta y darme cuenta siempre de que en este gran sacrificio, el acto mismo de nuestra salvación que Cristo ganó por nosotros, nos invade y nos resta. Se trata de que nos donen un momento en que la fe en Cristo nos inspire, nos desafíe y llamemos a hacer sacrificio si es necesario. Rezo por obtener la gracia de ser devocionales y sentirme sobreconcebido ante la presencia de Cristo. 

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

**Conocimiento de la Parroquia:** Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a considerar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

**FELICITACIONES**
St. Joseph Hill Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road West, in Sellersburg, is having its parish yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 1. For more information, call 812-246-2512.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Mellert St., in Fortville, is having its parish festival from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 2. There will be games, food, entertainment, an auction, and a chicken and noodles dinner. For more information, call 317-485-5102.

St. John the Baptist Parish, 331 S. Buckeye St., in Osgood, is having its parish festival from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 3. There will be a chicken dinner that is $7 for adults and $3.50 for children. For more information, call 812-689-4244.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 454, in Fulda, is having its parish picnic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 3. There will be a quilt display. For more information, call 812-357-5533.

St. Bernard Parish, State Road 337, in Frenchtown, is having its annual picnic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 3. There will be a country-style chicken dinner with homemade noodles, handmade quilts, bingo, games and a silent auction. For more information, call 812-347-2226.

The Sisters of Providence have postponed “Rejuvenating Mind, Body and Spirit: Midwest Wing” due to unforeseen circumstances. The program was to take place at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

Father Robert Gilday, pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis, will offer a day of reflection based on Pope John Paul II’s recent encyclical on the Eucharist. Registration for the Aug. 25 program, begins at 9 a.m. at Fatima Retreat House, 5553 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, with coffee and sweets available. The presentation starts at 9:30 a.m., and the schedule includes a Mass, a question and answer session, two conferences, lunch, and time for private prayer and reflection. The day concludes at 2 p.m. The cost of the day is $30. For more information, call 317-545-7681 or e-mail fatima@archindy.org.

The Cardinal Ritter High School Alumni Association will present its annual Summer Golf Outing to benefit the Legacy Scholarship Fund on Aug. 16 at the West Chase Golf Course, 4 Hollaway Blvd., in Brownsburg. The entry fee is $55 per person and covers greens fee, cart, gratuity and dinner. There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Tim Murphy, event chair, at 317-852-5177 or log on to www.cardinalritter.org.

Presentation Ministries co-workers will present a seven-session program titled “How to Teach the Bible in the Power of the Spirit” beginning on Sept. 6 at Holy Angels School, 2929 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., in Indianapolis.

The session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. This program is offered annually at the PM Bible Institute at Xavier University in Cincinnati and is intended to help participants with personal growth or to better teach the Bible in their own parishes. Participants will be immersed in Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church at each session. For more information or to register, call Darlene Davis at 317-462-5010 or e-mail her at darlendavis@mtn.com.

There will be an “Ice Cream Concert” at 3 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the Holy Trinity Community Daycare and Kindergarten, 902 N. Holmes Ave., in Indianapolis. The concert will benefit the operating fund of the daycare and kindergartens. There will be a concert by the Catholic Choir of Indianapolis followed by an ice cream social. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door. For more information or for advance tickets, call 317-638-9509.

St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report magazine in its 2003 “America’s Best Hospitals” rankings for its heart surgery and neurology/neurosurgery programs. This is the sixth consecutive year that the heart program at St. Vincent has been recognized by the magazine and the third consecutive year that the neurology/neurosurgery program has been recognized. The hospital was the only Indiana hospital noted for the two medical specialties. The rankings place the hospital’s programs in the top 50 in the nation.

Mary Ann Wyand, assistant editor of The Criterion, recently earned a first-place award in the Special Supplement category of the annual National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) communications contest. Wyand earned the national honor for editing and designing The Criterion’s Vacation/Travel Supplement published on May 22, 2002. The supplement was a first-place winner in the Woman’s Press Club of Indiana communications contest before advancing to the national competition.

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

Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (Paramount)
Rated A-III (Adults and Adolescents)
Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13) by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (Dimension)
Rated A-II (Adults) because of much action violence, brief sensuality and some profanity.
Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) by the MPAA.
Archdiocese of Indianapolis Background Check Policy

Revised July 1, 2003

Purpose

As a Church, we value the safety of children and young people, employees and volunteers, and the people whom we serve. We want to take prudent measures to protect children from potential harm. Therefore, the archdiocese has implemented a policy on background checks for our priests, seminarians, religious and lay employees, and volunteers who have contact with children.

Parts of a Background Check

1. A review of the Indiana State Police criminal history database (county repositories may be checked as well to verify convictions or provide more information about convictions).

2. A review of state and county criminal history databases in other states for employees or volunteers who live out-of-state or who have recently moved to Indiana.

3. A review of the Indiana Sex Offender Registry.

4. A check of child welfare agency records for substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.

5. A check of driving records through the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles (only for employees who drive as part of their job responsibilities).

6. A credit check (only for employees who have access to over $1,000 in funds).

7. Professional assistance in verifying convictions obtained through criminal history reports and researching details of convictions for informed decisions on suitability for employment or volunteer service.

Background checks are conducted by a local firm, Results Inc., which specializes in conducting background investigations, including driving records, and credit reports.

Scope

It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to conduct background checks on the following individuals:

1. All new seminarians

2. All archdiocesan priests in active ministry who have not been checked in 5 or more years

3. All religious order priests who are new to the archdiocese who have not been checked in 5 or more years

4. All new religious and lay employees (except teachers and administrators who were checked within 1 year of the time they received their licenses)

5. All current religious and lay employees who have contact with children (as described below) who have not been checked in 5 or more years

6. All current volunteers who have contact with children (as described below) who have not been checked in 5 or more years

Background checks do not need to be conducted on lay employees or volunteers who are under 18 years of age since criminal records are not available for juveniles.

Contact With Children

It is our policy to conduct background checks on volunteers who have contact with children (persons under 18 years old) on a regular or an intermittent basis with titles such as: athletic director, catechist, coach, chaplereen for overnight events, school or office help, youth/young adult coordinator (school or parish), day care extended care worker, instructional assistant, library assistant (school or office), playground monitor, “room” mother or father, sacramental prep, scout volunteer (if not already checked), server/trainer/sacristan/tutor/private instructor, youth choir director, youth ministry coordinator (school or office), youth ministry team member, youth ministry team member (school or office). Children’s clothing will be considered as last-minute replacements where it would be impractical to do so.

Some of our schools have policies that require the parents of all students to volunteer for a specified number of hours during each school year. Checks are not required in those situations if contact with children is minimal.

Process for New Employees and New Volunteers Who Have Contact With Children (effective July 1, 2003)

1. An archdiocesan application form with criminal, youth ministry questions, and other background checks completed. There are separate forms for employees and volunteers.

2. To the extent of work or volunteer service, the individual completes the release form and returns it to the parish, school, or agency, which forwards it to Results Inc., which will return a report.

3. The individual cannot start work or volunteer service until the check has been completed.

4. If there is no criminal history, Results Inc. will send a report to the parish, school or agency within 2-3 business days of the completed check. (Out-of-state checks may take longer.)

5. If there is a criminal history, Results Inc. will send a report to the Human Resources Office within 2-3 business days, and Human Resources will contact the pastor, parish life coordinator, principal or director. A conviction for a crime does not automatically preclude employment or volunteer service, and individual circumstances will be considered, such as the nature and severity of the crime, the number of convictions, how long it has been since the convictions occurred, and the duties of the position.

Process for Current Employees and Current Volunteers Who Have Contact With Children

1. This process will be implemented in one deenistry per month beginning in July 2003.

2. The Human Resources Office will send pastors, parish life coordinators, principals and directors a release form that should be distributed to all employees who were hired before January 1, 1998 (except for licensed teachers and administrators) and all volunteers who have contact with children as described above.

3. The pastor, parish life coordinator, principal or director should ensure that all forms are completed and returned. Results Inc. will send a list of persons with no criminal history to the pastor, parish life coordinator, principal or director within 30 days. (Out-of-state checks may take longer.)

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Due Process

If a record of criminal convictions is found, the employee or volunteer will be given a copy of the report and asked to verify it and given a chance to provide additional information before a final decision is made.

Privacy

The privacy of the information obtained by the archdiocese through the background check will be protected. Information will not be shared with persons who do not have a need to know.

Cost

A $15 fee will be charged to the parish, school or agency for a criminal history check. There is no additional charge for checking teachers and administrators. Schools and parishes who do not have a need to know about convictions will not be charged. Driving record checks and credit checks which cost an additional $10 each. Parishes and schools may choose to allocate some or all of this cost to employees and volunteers or to program participants through fees.

Questions

Questions or comments about this policy can be directed to the Office of Human Resources, 5745 W. 159th Ave., 800-382-9836, ext. 1594. †

CHICAGO (CNS)—The work of the National Review Board established by the U.S. bishops last year “has proceeded uninterrupted and with continued vigor and independence” despite the resignation of its first chairman, the board said in an evaluation of its first year.

The eight-page report, released at a July 29 press conference in Chicago, the board thanked former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who resigned in June as board chairman, for “the leadership lent in the early stages of our formation.

But the report made no reference to the controversy that led to the resignation of Keating, who had characterized some bishops as being as secretive as a crime family in their handling of allegations of child sexual abuse by priests.

The report noted the status of the six major goals set for the National Review Board when it was established by the U.S. bishops in June 2002.

“We know that much of our agenda has yet to be accomplished,” the report said. “But we believe that our program of public questions must go to the root of the troubles if their effects are to be lastin.

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National Review Board assesses its first year, under new chairperson
He goes out of his way to attend to them, who is very organized and personable. Part of Msgr. Kueven's charm is also that he's just a regular guy, friends said. Retired Father Joseph McNally, a classmate of Msgr. Kueven's in seminary and a fishing companion, said Msgr. Kueven has always kept the class together, starting out as the class senior—a title that meant giving the class information and updates from the rector of the seminary—and continuing as the one who would organize the class reunion each year with their parents. Now that their parents are deceased, they invite brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, a tradition that's continued since 1959, Father McNally said. "He's faithful and dedicated," Father McNally said. "He's always on call and even takes his pager with him when he's out on a boat fishing. He calls as soon as he possibly can."

He's also willing to lend a helping hand, like the time he cut wood to help Father McNally. The chainsaw flipped and Msgr. Kueven got cut, but wouldn't let Father McNally. "He wouldn't let me. He goes and pulls a rag over him and bails himself into the emergency room just because he didn't want to bother me. He's just really a good guy," Father McNally said.

Father Patrick Kelly, another classmate of Msgr. Kueven's, called him a leader guy," Father McNally said. "He's always on call and 1959, Father McNally said. "He was ordained in 1958 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in history from Butler University in Indianapolis. He also earned two Fulbright Scholarships that took him to Japan and India to study, and he has been to Rome, where he assisted at liturgies with the Holy Father.

He visited Uganda for a workshop on the Church's contribution to the new constitution of Uganda. He's fished almost everywhere he's been and once took a sabbatical in Alaska with two other priests, traveling around in a motor coach to private lakes. One of his favorite ministry assignments was as a teacher at the former Bishop Bruté Latin School in Indianapolis that prepared young men for the priesthood.

"That was the prime of my life," Msgr. Kueven said. "I taught there for 12 years. I wasn't a natural-born teacher, but I did it. It was a great opportunity to influence people for the priesthood."

His first assignment was as an associate pastor at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis before being assigned to teach at the Latin School and to serve as associate pastor of the former St. Catherine Parish in Indianapolis. In 1971, he was named co-pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis while continuing to teach at the Latin School.

After 17 years as a priest, he became a full-time pastor at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville in 1975. In 1982, he became pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, where he and Father O'Connor helped the parish pay off a $90,000 debt with a raffle over four years. After six years, he went to St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville before beginning his current assignment at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in 1993.

At Greenwood, he's left a legacy of spiritual formation and campus improvements that include a new $2.5 million church completed in 1998 and paid for within one year, the initiation of a perpetual adoration chapel and two daily Masses each day with confessions daily after each of those Masses. He also initiated the Christ Renews His Parish program, a Spanish Mass and recently started another campaign for a $3 million Parish Life Center. Last month was the groundbreaking and the new building is already 50 percent paid for. While he's proud of what's been accomplished at Our Lady of the Greenwood, crediting the parishioners and staff, Msgr. Kueven's one true love is the Mass. His feelings for it haven't changed in 45 years, he said. "I really believe in what I'm doing," he said. "I really believe it is no longer bread and wine, but the body and blood of Christ. When I elevate the chalice, I am really making an act of faith."

Ministering to the sick has been his most successful work as a priest, he said, and said priests need to be willing to take care of the sick.

The activity at Our Lady of the Greenwood from daily Mass, confession and perpetual adoration stems from Msgr. Kueven's deep confidence in the sacraments of the Church. "They are the source of grace and forgiveness," he said. "The sacraments give you peace of mind and soul, especially in confession with absolution. "But it's not just about absolving sins, but the grace you receive from the sacraments and how they help you grow in a closer relationship with Jesus," he said. He's seen his own parishioners begin to use confession more because it is offered so frequently and there are lines outside the confessional offices during many of the daily Masses.

"People know the sacraments are available here on a regular basis," he said. "We don't skip."

Retirement doesn't mean Msgr. Kueven will stop bringing the sacraments to people. Yes, he'll fish more—his favorite is blue gill and it's the "best eating", he said. The Knights of Columbus also gave him a new fishing boat for his retirement. But he also plans to help at St. Peter Parish in Franklin County near Brookville and provide sacramental assistance at various parishes in southeast Indiana. "I could probably stay there until I die as they don't have a priest," he said. He'll also help Father Darvin Winters at St. John Parish in Osgood and St. Magdalene Parish in New Marion while Father Winters takes basic training to become a military chaplain.

Living through Vatican II, Msgr. Kueven has seen a lot of changes, "but you never give up on the essential teachings of the Church," he said. "There are teachings of the Church and people lose over time."

His advice for new priests is to be flexible without compromising principals and pray, especially the Divine Office. "Take time for reflection, spiritual reading and go to perpetual adoration," he said.

As Msgr. Kueven leaves, Msgr. Mark Svarczkopf has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish and Father Jonathan Meyer is an associate pastor at the parish. Father Alvin Fong Ben is currently assigned to the parish as an associate pastor."

I believe sharing is something you never outgrow. It isn't supposed to end in kindergarten. Or when we get older. I believe sharing is a way of life. But why stop there? Nothing can keep us from giving. The Catholic Community Foundation has a number of financial tools that can help you help the Church carry on its mission, from simple one-time gifts to endowments. For more ways to remember the Church in your estate, ask for Sandi Behringer at 800-382-9836.
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Crossroads volunteer Kathleen Dardis of New Orleans, a junior majoring in philosophy and pre-medicine studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, was credited with the “turn-around” after speaking to a couple outside the abortion clinic.

“It was amazing,” Dardis said. “A woman and her boyfriend were going into the clinic, and I talked with them and ended up getting them to go to a Crisis Pregnancy Center, where they saw an ultrasound [image] of their baby. Once she saw the baby, she was ecstatic.”

That miracle couldn’t have happened without God’s intervention, Dardis said, and she is thankful that the Lord used her and the other Crossroads walkers to help accomplish it.

After the couple decided not to abort their baby, Dardis called her mother long-distance to share the exciting news.

The young adults, most of whom are college students, started their pro-life pilgrimage at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco on May 29, the feast of the Ascension, and will conclude their nearly three-month odyssey through 12 states by attending Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption.

This summer, they will have logged millions of steps from California to Washington, Redmon said, by taking turns walking, jogging or running and praying the rosary along highways and byways while wearing T-shirts printed with the message “pro-life” and the Crossroads logo.

Prayer, daily Mass and the Eucharist strengthen them on their pro-life pilgrimage, the young adults said, as they walk around-the-clock five days a week in an effort to end abortion, educate people about life issues and reverse the culture of death prevalent in American society.

“It’s our faith that gets us through it all,” Dardis said. “This walk has shown me how much I need to rely on my faith and how much I need to live out my faith. The people that we’ve met along the way are so amazing. I’ve heard so many incredible stories since I’ve been on the road. It’s been such a gift and a blessing.”

Enduring 25-degree temperatures and snow in the mountains and 110-degree weather in the desert and several of the Plains states this summer has been worth it, Sarah Hopwood of Jefferson City, Mo., explained, because their cross-country walk provides countless opportunities to speak out against abortion and educate people about respecting the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death.

Cring statistics compiled by Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, and posted on their Web site, Carter lamented the fact that 4,400 surgical abortions are performed in the U.S. every day.

“There are 180 surgical abortions performed every hour throughout the United States,” she said, “and that doesn’t include all the chemical abortions that are not reported. One-third of my generation has been killed off in abortions since 1973, and it breaks my heart. People need to know the truth about abortion. That’s why I’m doing this walk.”

Carter, who will begin her junior year as a choral music education major at the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City this fall, appreciates the opportunities to use her voice to encourage others to take up the pro-life cause.

“Wearing a T-shirt with the word ‘pro-life’ printed on the front in large letters is a great conversation starter,” Carter said. “People ask me why I decided to participate in this cross-country walk. I think the question really is, ‘Why did God want me to go on this walk?’”

Carter sprained her left ankle twice during the pilgrimage and wore a brace every day. A doctor ordered her to take a two-week break, but now she’s back on the road again taking turns walking with the rest of the Crossroads team.

“This week was my first week walking again,” she said. “I’ll stop and rest if my ankle hurts. I know that I needed to come on this trip to make prayer more a part of my life. I’ve learned how to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet better, and just to pray more in general. I’ve also learned how to pray the Divine Office, which I didn’t know how to do before. This walk has brought me closer to my faith and to Church teachings, and I’ve made a lot of great friends.”

Best of all, Carter said, she’s been able to work full-time for God this summer by trying to save the lives of unborn babies.†
Friends' works and faiths are compatible

In August of 1773, Pope Clement XIV suppressed the Society of Jesus. For 41 years, the Jesuits were known as the world's most successful business. That is the 40th on my list of the most important events in Catholic history.

Why would a pope do such a thing? The Jesuits had been the strongest of the Catholic religious orders precisely because the Jesuits were such an excellent. Why would a pope suppress his greatest ally? The Jesuits were gathered up and shipped to the Papal States on orders of King Charles III. In Naples, the Bourbon rulers tried to suppress Jesuits under pain of death. In 1769, the Bourbon rulers in these four countries sent letters to the Holy See demanding the suppression of the entire society. Pope Clement III summoned a consistory to consider the demand, but he died before it convened.

After Pope Clement XIV was elected, he tried to smooth out difficulties with the Bourbon countries, even making Pombal’s brother a cardinal. The Austrian Empress Maria Theresa, among others, supported them. Eventually, though, he succumbed to pressure and signed the brief Domenicos: Redemptor. He followed in 1764. There, the Jesuits had been an enemy of King Louis XV when they criticized the behavior of the Great. When they were suppressed, they were supposed to come under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of London, England, but during the years after 1773 the bishop there wanted nothing to do with them.

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Important events: Jesuits are suppressed

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Popular social trends shouldn’t reject moral truth

We’re a sophisticated bunch of people these days. Most of us watch enough TV or are exposed to endless rounds of shows and conversation in modern culture to be aware of just how civilized we are. One, who is the vanguard of those pioneer attitudes and Victorian morals and who has been relegated to history, to a time before we think, is present in the world today.

Maybe that’s the problem. Most of us feel some kind of unease about today’s world, glitzy and easy as it is for many. That, we think, was the way it should be. But in that vision, it should not be leveraged, they defend it strenuously.

Aside from the moral problems that gay marriage poses, I said, there are legal implications that boggle the imagination. Spousal privileges are legal rights given by employers and mandated by government could wind up being extended to almost any common-law couples, he clamed. Can any society afford this?

Then, there is the issue of children. What becomes of kids raised without a father and a mother? How will they learn to be men and women, or how to relate naturally to the opposite sex? That is the example of a man and woman together? I also worry about the health and stability of a society based on the dogmas of what’s-happening-now, I told my friends. Without some kind of moral imperative, if not law, where do we find the joy and purpose in life? Selfishness, as fun as it is, in the end does not satisfy.

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noted that a species of insects migrates to the south from Europe, and that these insects secrete a substance suggestive of the ancient manna. In any case, the vital point for the Hebrews was that this substance arrived precisely when they needed food, and precisely after they had prayed for food. God provided for them. God works through nature. The fact that the manna had natural origins in no way diminishes the fact of the miracle. For the second reading, the Church offers the Epistle to the Ephesians. This epistle calls upon the Christians of Ephesus to recognize Jesus, the Lord, as the source of all wisdom. He is the source of all goodness. St. John’s Gospel offers the last reading. As was the case with the Hebrews in the story from Exodus, the contemporaries of Jesus looked for signs and wanted salvation on their own terms. In this reading, the Lord presents salvation as God’s gift. Jesus bears this salvation. Indeed, the Lord bears the bread of life to a people otherwise vulnerable to starvation. Then Jesus makes a startling statement. He declares, “I am the bread of life.”

Reflection

In these readings, the Church reminds us once more that we are humans. First, we are vulnerable to death. We can die physically if we are deprived of material food long enough. We also may die spiritually if we are left to ourselves and without God. Part of our human limitation is our exaggerated trust in ourselves, and our ignorance of the genuine dangers before us. These readings remind us of our plight but, with excitement and hope, they recall the fact that again and again God is with us and has answered our needs. God’s greatest and most perfect answer is in Jesus. Jesus is the revelation of God. He lives in us, and we live in Jesus.

Church law governs when priests can confirm people

May a priest administer the sacrament of confirmation if a bishop is not available?

Our parish was scheduled to have confirmation. The bishop became ill and postponed the ceremony. Our pastor confirmed our daughter in-law when she joined the Church. Could this be done this time? We were told in another parish that a priest may always confirm if the bishop cannot be present. Is this true? (Wisconsin)

A priest also confirms validly when he firm with him when the number to be confirmed is large. In my experience, many bishops do both of these quite often. In any case, the vital point for the Church is whether the bishop was present or not. Those are the circumstances when a priest other than the bishop may validly administer the sacrament of confirmation. Your bishop could have designated your pastor or someone else to confirm in his place if he wished to. The priest acted lawfully and properly when he confirmed your daughter-in-law when she entered the Catholic faith. This occurs in parishes each year at the Easter Vigil liturgy and occasionally at other times through the year. It is also clear from the above Church laws that the pastor in the other parish you speak of was not correct in saying that priests may always confirm if the bishop cannot come. Unless he has the faculty from these laws or has been personally delegated by the bishop, the confirmations ministered by a priest are invalid. These are enshrined in the Code of Canon Law (882 and #883) and two official interpretations given by the Pontifical Commission for the Interpretation of the Decrees of Vatican II in 1979 and 1975.

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Yes. Nothing in Catholic Christian teachings conflicts with the big-bang explanation of how the physical universe started. We believe that this cosmos, all of matter and energy, came into existence by the personal will of an uncreated Creator we call God. According to this theory, all material creation began around 13 billion years ago with an infinitesimal particle of energy containing a density we might call nearly infinite. The intensity of energy within this particle caused it to expand and create the material cosmos which now exists.

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I calmed His fears when He cried in the night, the One who would set the wrongs of the world right. I watched Him play. (Julie Young is a member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.)
Active List.

The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan events for the Active List. Please be brief—listing date, location, event, and time.

August 1

St. Ambrose Church, 8300 Rahde Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Mass and healing service, teaching 7 p.m, praise and worship, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, St. John the Baptist Parish, Information: 317-485-5102.

August 2

St. Joseph Hill Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road West, Sellersburg. Parish yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

August 3

Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Tobl Weekend, 2520 couple. Information: 317-545-7081.

August 4

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337 N.W., Depauw. Parish picnic, country-style chicken dinner with homemade noodles, quilts, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-738-3821.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, Falda. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., quilts. Information: 317-555-5733.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 8300 S. Merrill St., Indianapolis. Movement of Priests prayer group, 9-10 a.m. Information: 812-923-8036, ext. 1596.


St. Mary’s Village Schoenstatt, Reville, located on 925 South, 8 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles. “Schoenstatt Spirituality,” 2:30 p.m., Mass, 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-889-0551 or e-mail eburwinkel@saintmatt.org or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.schoenstatt.com.eburwinkel.

St. Mary Parish, 2502 S. Mary’s Dr., Laney’s Parish, Parish picnic, country-style chicken or barbecue dinners, carry-out available, quilts, 10:30 a.m. (EDT). Information: 317-952-2853.

St. Louis de Montfort Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, Ind., (Diocese of Lafayette), Filippo Mass, 3 p.m. Information: 317-842-4189.

August 13

Pebble Brook Golf Club, 3 Holleyway Blvd., Brownsburg. Cardinal Ritter High School Alumni Association, second annual golf outing to benefit new Blessed Theodore Guerin School, 4-person scramble, $100 per person. Information: 317-574-1865.

August 16


St. Gabriel Parish, loft, 5055 Saint Meinrad Boulevard, Owensville. Catholic Single Adults Club, party, 8 p.m. Information: 812- 284-4349.

August 17

St. Pius Parish, Ripley County. Parish picnic and festival 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (EST). chicken dinner, games, food, entertainment, quilts. Information: 812-934-4218.


August 20

Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Cathedral, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Organization meeting, 7 p.m. Information: 317-351-6993.

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Weekly

Sundays


St. Mary’s Parish, 979 N. Dean- boru Road, Guilford/New na, Indiana. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. (EDT), chicken dinner. Information: 812-487-2096.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., East, Indianapolis. Couples to Couple of Indianapolis, Natural Family Planning (NFP), 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-228-5404.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 357 S. Rexville Dr., Indianapolis. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., quilts. Information: 812-889-0551 or e-mail eburwinkel@saintmatt.org.

St. Patrick Parish, 8000 St. Joe Road W., Fortville. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., quilts. Information: 812-889-0551 or e-mail eburwinkel@saintmatt.org.

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COMBS, Esther (Lane), 80, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, July 12. Sister of Mary Kaiser, David and Frank Lane.

COR, Greg, 34, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, July 1. Son of Louis and Marie Coy. Brother of Cathy Prosch, Angela Tyree, Dan and Michael Coy.


DUPUY, Francis J., 62, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 22. Father of Erin McNamara, Sean and Timothy Duffy. Brother of Kate Boyd and Matthew Duffy. Grandfather of six.


JUGG, Mary L. (Hawser), 94, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 23. Aunt of several.


LEE, Leon, 93, St. Andrew, Richmond, July 17. Father of Mary Boga, Margaret Garetino and Tom Lee. Great-grandfather of three.


REBLING, Helen (Carney), 93, St. Maurice, Napoleon, July 12. Sister of Frances Fucks, Ruth Schultz, Dorothy, Patrick and Thomas Carney.


A marble sculpture that has been given to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., where it will be displayed in one of the chapels. The casting is a reproduction of a portion of Michelangelo’s Pieta in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The bust, valued at $40,000, was created from Renaissance Art and donated to the shrine by Catholic phil- anthropists Fred and Betty Bonnet, widow of sculptor Edward Marshall Boehm.

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The board also heralded its “state-of-the-art guidelines sent to the nation’s dioceses for creating safe environment programs which ensure that children and youths who worship, study or participate in Church-sponsored activities can do so in the safest and most secure settings possible.”

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The 12-member board is now chaired on an interim basis by Justice Anne M. Burke of the Illinois Appellate Court in Chicago, who had been vice chairman during Keating’s tenure.†

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**Entertainer Bob Hope died a Catholic, cardinal says**

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Entertainer Bob Hope died a Catholic, according to Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles.

“One of my greatest joys is knowing that Bob Hope died as a Catholic,” Cardinal Mahony said in a July 28 statement. “Over the years, I would invite him to join the Church, but he would respond in his typical humor, ‘My wife, Dolores, does enough praying to take care of both of us.’ But eventually her prayers prevailed, and he was baptized into the Catholic Church and was strengthened these past years through the regular reception of Holy Communion.”

Hope was 100 when he died on July 27 at his home in Toluca Lake outside Los Angeles.

Although he became a Catholic after retiring from show business—his last NBC special was in 1996, when Hope was 93—the comic and actor was long associated with Catholic endeavors nationwide, often in partnership with his wife, a lifelong Catholic.

One such endeavor was the Our Lady of Hope Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, made possible by contributions from the couple. Joking for reporters and mugging for the camera before the dedication of the chapel in May 1994, Hope said, “My face has helped me with my marriage and my career—I mean my faith…. My faith has helped me in every way in my life.”

Hope got his start as an entertainer in Cleveland when he was 18 years old and he started doing a vaudeville act. The fifth of seven sons, he was born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, England, on May 29, 1903. In 1907, Leslie’s father brought the family to Cleveland.

Hope’s generosity was as long-lasting as his career. He was one of 100 celebrities to contribute prizes on actor Don Ameche’s behalf to help a 1949 building drive at Ameche’s childhood parish, All Saints in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In 1999, a half-century later, Bob and Dolores Hope matched actor Paul Newman’s $250,000 donation to Catholic Relief Services to assist Kosovar refugees with a quarter-million dollars of their own. In 1962, Hope received an honorary degree from Georgetown University in Washington; his son, Tony, graduated from Georgetown that year. It was one of dozens he received during his lifetime. Hope never attended college in real life, he cracked, because of “something called high school.”

Hope was on the first honorary committee of Catholics in Media Associates, formed in 1993 to honor Catholics in the entertainment industry for their contributions. That year, at age 90, Hope was chosen one of the 10 most admired American men in a poll of 10,000 readers of Good Housekeeping magazine. In 1999, Hope was selected as the top entertainment figure of the millennium in an ABC News telephone poll.

In addition to his hundreds of NBC specials, Hope had a business relationship with NBC dating back to 1936 on NBC’s radio network. He also volunteered his talents for radio shows aired by Family Theater Productions. Hope was also a regular host of the Academy Awards.

Hope also starred in close to 50 movies, the last of them being 1979’s The Muppet Movie. His best-remembered films are the “Road” movies that also starred Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

Hope is survived by his wife of more than 69 years, Dolores, their four adopted children—Linda, Anthony, Nora and Kelly—and four grandchildren.†