Pope John Paul II thanks young people for support

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II opened a week of celebrations for his 25th anniversary of his election as pope. The 83-year-old pontiff spoke during a brief appearance at his apartment window above St. Peter’s Square.

Next week’s Criterion will include news coverage of the celebrations marking Pope John Paul II’s 25th anniversary of his election as pope.

The Oct. 31 issue of The Criterion will be a special commemorative edition reviewing Pope John Paul II’s papacy. The issue will include many historical photographs. The Oct. 31 newspaper also will include stories and photographs in honor of Mother Teresa, who will be beatified on Oct. 19.

Vatican art exhibit illustrates devotion to Mother of God

DAYTON, OHIO—Mary, the Mother of God, looks absolutely beautiful in artistic renditions representing a variety of cultures and centuries currently on display at the University of Dayton’s Marian Library.

The traveling exhibit from the Vatican continues until Nov. 10, and features fascinating contemporary and historical images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus from the perspectives of European, Asian, African, Native American and American artists.

“The Mother of God: Art Celebrates Mary,” a multicultural collection of 38 paintings and sculptures from the permanent collection of the Vatican Museums, showcases religious artwork from throughout the world that dates back as far as the early fourth century.

The exhibit includes oil on canvas paintings as well as copper, tempera and gold on panel, carved sections of sarco- phagi in marble, and sculptures in bronze, wood, ivory, lead and soapstone.

More than 40 archdiocesan pilgrims led by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, enjoyed touring the Vatican exhibit during a one-day pilgrimage on Oct. 3 that concluded with Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Dayton.

Msgr. Schaedel described the art exhibit as “a treasure in our own backyard” that helps foster “a greater devo- tion to Mary, Mother of the Church,” and said it is “well worth the short drive to Dayton” to view the paintings and sculptures on display at no charge.

“I thought it was fascinating to see the artwork from all over the world,” the vicar general said, “particularly to see how the Native Americans, the Koreans and the Vietnamese picture the Madonna and the Nativity, as well as all the other various depictions of Our Lady and the mysteries of her life and of the rosary from the various cultures (that) gratitude to all Catholics for their prayers as he approached the anniversary of his election as pope on Oct. 16, 1978.

The pope said he well remembered the days of his election, but that his thoughts were also on the Church’s future.

“I look out at young people, with whom I’ve established a preferential

Church should be ‘engaged but not used’ in politics

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In today’s political climate, the U.S. Catholic Church must be “engaged but not used,” the U.S. bishops’ Administrative Committee said in a document designed to promote dialogue before the 2004 elections.

The document, “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibil- ity,” was unanimously approved by the 47-member committee in September and made public on Oct. 13. A similar docu- ment has been issued before every presi- dential election for the last 28 years.

“We welcome dialogue with political leaders and candidates, seeking to engage and persuade public officials,” the bishops said. “But we must be sure that events and ‘photo ops’ are not substitutes for work on policies that reflect our values.”

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Respond generously to God’s generosity

The weekend of Nov. 1-2 is Intention Weekend for the annual “Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal.”

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The United Catholic Appeal benefits our local Church through:

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• Liturgical training for our leaders in prayer
• Training and support for youth and families.

The United Catholic Appeal offers parishes an opportunity to carry out the call of St. Matthew 22:37-40, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”
We hope that voters will examine the position of candidates on a full range of issues as well as on their personal integrity, philosophy and performance.

The document described a "consistent ethic of life" as the "moral framework" from which Catholic voters should address all issues in the political arena. It quoted extensively from the "Document on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life," issued in January by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

"For Catholics, the defense of human life and dignity is not a narrow cause, but a way of life and a framework for action," the bishops said. "As Catholics, we need to share our values, raise our voices and use our votes to shape a society that protects human life, promotes family life, pursues social justice and practices solidarity. These efforts can strengthen our nation and renew our Church."

The bishops asked Catholics to look at the political arena and therefore the question of abortion: "Who has a place at the table of life?"

"Where is the place at the table for a minority of our nation's children who are destroyed every year before they are born?" they asked. "How can we secure a place at the table for the hungry and those who lack health care in our own land and around the world? Where is the place at the table for those in our world who lack the freedom to practice their faith or stand up for what they believe?"

The bishops also recalled "the people who are now missing at the table of life—those lost in the terror of Sept. 11, in the service of our nation, and in the bloody conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa."

"But they said Catholics have a "special table—the altar of sacrifice, where we celebrate the Eucharist to help them find "the direction and strength to take what we believe into the public square, using our voices and votes to defend life, advance justice, pursue peace and find a place at the table for all God's children."

The document reviewed Catholic social teaching on a wide range of topics—abortion and assisted suicide, same-sex marriages and school choice, affordable housing and foreign aid, workers' rights and the Middle East.

"Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life," it said.

"People of good will and sound faith can disagree about specific applications of Catholic principles. However, Catholics in public life have a particular responsibility to bring together consistently their faith, moral principles and public responsibilities."

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"However, this is not a time for retreat or discouragement," they said. "We need more, not less, engagement in political life. We urge Catholics to become more involved—by running for office; by working within political parties; by contributing money or time to campaigns; and by joining diocesan legislative networks, community organizations and other efforts to apply Catholic principles in the public square."

The document—prepared with the collaboration of 16 USCCB offices, state Catholic conference directors and diocesan social action directors—was to be published in booklet form in November, with a brochure, parish resource kit, videos, and workshops and training packages to come next year.

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The intentions for each day are as follows:

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Wednesday, Oct. 22: Killarney—For the peace, prosperity and relief of the sick.

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Friday, Oct. 24: St. Finbar’s Oratory in Killarney—For the intentions and needs of all families, married couples and single people seeking God in their various vocations.

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Youth retreat at Batesville centers on the Eucharist

By Brandon A. Evans

BATESVILLE—Young people from around the archdiocese gathered at St. Louis Parish in Batesville for Youth 2000 on Oct. 10-12.

About 175 youth attended the nationally based retreat, which focuses on eucharistic adoration. It has taken place in the archdiocese before, but not in the Batesville area.

Father Daniel Mahan, pastor of St. Louis Parish, said that he was impressed with the two previous retreats held in Indianapolis.

“I would say that they focus upon the very heart of the Catholic faith,” Father Mahan said.

Not only is the idea of eucharistic adoration explained and practiced, but teens also have plenty of opportunities to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation as well as to learn about the universal nature of the Church and religious vocations.

“I think that all of those themes are key to the vitality of our Church, and especially our ‘Young Church,’” Father Mahan said.

Father Jonathan Meyer, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocese and one of several priests in attendance, said that, starting next year, “what the archdiocese hopes to do is to take the strengths of Youth 2000 and to make it a retreat that would be offered within the archdiocese at several different locations.”

Among the highlights of the weekend are the chances for adoration, a special time on Sunday for the teen-agers to give witness to their experience over the weekend, and a eucharistic procession on Saturday night where the youth can reach out and touch the humeral veil of the passing priest.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein made a special trip to Batesville to see the young people on Friday night and celebrated Mass for them.

“The presence of the archbishop means so much and it speaks very clearly to the youth,” Father Mahan said.

The archbishop called the retreat a “great time to be away with friends” and an “amazing opportunity to spend time with Jesus.”

Franciscan Friar of the Renewal Father Robert Lombardo, one of the friars who led the retreat, told the teen-agers about the Mass that the closer they draw to Jesus, the closer they will come to each other.

Father Bob also called upon the youth to look beyond the bad press the Catholic Church has gotten lately and to focus on the treasures of our faith.

“They’re very beautiful and they give a little pizzazz to life, and they help us toward life eternal,” he said.

The power of the Eucharist, as the archbishop conveyed to the young people, is strong enough to even bring light to a dark prison.

He told them about the late Cardinal Francis Xavier Van Thuan, who had been imprisoned in North Vietnam for 13 years.

“Clever enough to get a little wine and a few hosts, he would offer Mass in the darkness of his solitary cell, with his own hand as a chalice and an old cigarette box as a tabernacle.

“It was true medicine for soul and body,” the cardinal wrote. “The Eucharist became for me and other Christians a hidden and encouraging presence in the midst of all our difficulties.

“In this way, the darkness of the prison became a paschal light. The prison was transformed into a school of catechesis. Catholics baptized fellow prisoners and became godparents of their companions.”

“You see,” the archbishop told the teen-agers, “the Mass represents the greatest act of love of all time—when Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross and died so that we might be saved from sin and death. And the Mass celebrates his victorious resurrection from the dead.”

“In this real world, the Holy Father invites you young folks to be a light in the darkness and, in that way, to build a better world,” he said. “The Mass we are celebrating tonight is the very Eucharist, the holy cardinal celebrated in that lone-some prison in Vietnam. It meant so much to him. It can be the same for you.

“We have a great treasure in the Catholic Church because at each and every Mass Jesus Christ truly becomes present: body, blood, soul and divinity.”

Father Bob said later that evening, “That’s a treasure that only we have. It’s a trea-

sure that makes me wonder why people say things like, ‘the Mass is so boring.’

“I’m going to let you on a little secret: the Mass isn’t boring, you’re bor-

ing,” he said. “The Mass is boring if you don’t understand it.”

Father Bob spent time explaining the four ways in which Christ is present in the Mass: the Word of God, the priest, the assembled faithful and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

He also went into length giving examples to the young people to help them understand the marvel of Christ truly present in the bread and wine at Mass.

Archbishop Buechlein reminded them that after the Mass, Jesus would be with them in a special way all weekend in the monstrance.

“Christ is here for you, for each of you, in his encouraging and comforting pres-
ence,” he said. “In the name of Jesus, all I ask of you is to open your hearts. And let the Holy Spirit guide the rest.”

Father Bob held a candle up to the youth and asked them to imagine a situa-

tion.

“If there was radioactive material in this candle, it would be affecting you right now without your senses perceiving it,” he said. “You’d know it when you go back home and turn off the light in your room and begin to glow in the dark.

“It’s the same thing being in the presence of Jesus. Those rays of God’s grace are hitting you and you won’t know it until later when you’re a little bit kinder, when you’re sweeter. But make it work better by opening your mind and your heart to Jesus.”

Father Meyer said that at the end of the retreat, 31 young people stood up to let their peers know that over the weekend they had thought about the possibilit-

y of having a vocation to the religious life they understand.

The archbishop urged all those present to listen to the message of the Holy Father, who told those at World Youth Day 2002 to build their faith on Christ.

“Christ alone is the cornerstone; he is the basis on which we build our exist-
ence,” the pope had said. “The 20th cent-
ury tried to build a world without him. That is not possible.

“A new generation of builders is needed. Young people, you must be those builders. Brick by brick, build the city of God in our world.”

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Two popes’ anniversaries

The Church observes the 25th anniversary of the election of Pope John Paul II this week (Oct. 16), only the third pope in the history of the Catholic Church to reach that milestone. We thought it would be interesting to compare Pope John Paul to the last pope to serve for 25 years. That was Pope Leo XIII. By happy coincidence, his papacy was exactly 100 years before that of our present pope. Pope Leo XIII was elected in 1878 and Pope John Paul II in 1978.

There are some notable contrasts between the two popes, especially in the matter of travel. While Pope John Paul is by far the most traveled pope in history, Pope Leo never left the Vatican during the time of his papacy. This was the time after Italy took over the former Papal States during which popes, beginning with Pope Pius IX, made themselves “prisoners in the Vatican.”

The similarities, though, are more striking.

Both popes had strong pastoral backgrounds before their papal elections. Pope Leo as Archbishop of Perugia, Italy, and Pope John Paul as Archbishop of Krakow, Poland. However, they also both became familiar with the Church’s international issues (and became known to other bishops) during ecumenical councils—Vatican I and Vatican II, respectively.

We think of Pope John Paul as a “rock” on which he would build his Church. Pope Leo XIII is best known for his 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum (“On the Condition of Human Labor”), the Church’s first great social encyclical. But he also wrote an encyclical against socialism and African slave trade. Three of Pope John Paul II’s encyclicals are considered social encyclicals, including Centesimus Annus (“The Hundredth Year”) that he wrote in 1991 to observe the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo’s Rerum Novarum.

Both popes are known as defenders of human rights and civil liberty. That was the theme of Pope Leo’s encyclical Libertas, which he wrote in 1888. Pope John Paul’s defense of human rights was an important factor in the demise of communist countries.

Both popes also emphasized the compatibility of faith and reason. Neo-Scholasticism got a shot in the arm on Aug. 4, 1879, when Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical Aeterni Patris that said that all theologians should give preeminence to the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. Pope John Paul, a former teacher of Thomistic philosophy, made his contribution with his 1998 encyclical Fides et Ratione.

In preparation for the Holy Year of 1900, Pope Leo consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In preparation for the Holy Year of 2000, Pope John Paul entrusted the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Two popes celebrating their 25th anniversaries 100 years apart, and yet it seems that Pope Leo XIII could have been a model for Pope John Paul II.

Just for the record, Pope Leo XIII died five months after his 25th anniversary. Also for the record, Pope Pius IX was the longest reigning pope— 33 years, seven months and 21 days, from 1846 to 1878. That is, if we count St. Peter’s papacy as beginning when he became the first bishop of Rome, sometime before the year 62, rather than when Jesus named him the “rock” on which he would build his Church.

—John F. Fink

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Kevin DePrey for work at Fatima

The archdiocese recently bid farewell to a dedicated and gifted layman who did exceptional ministry the past 16 years. I’m speaking of Kevin DePrey, who until recently was the director of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

I well remember that Kevin assumed this position when Fatima was struggling to get up and go again. Under Kevin’s leadership, Fatima did get up and come back to full life again, recalling the wonderful years of Fatima under the direction of Father James D. Moriarty and Father Kenny Sweeney. A place to come and rest, pray and be renewed. Fatima has served so many for so many years.

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Kevin DePrey represents the best of lay ministry in the Church. It is the laymen and women who seem to do the lion’s share of ministry at the parish level and the archdiocesan level. We depend on them.

Our Catholic schools are living proof of the dedication and good work of our lay men and women. I sometimes wonder if we acknowledge that and say thank you often enough.

God be with you, Kevin, in your new ministry, and thank you.

Pat Cronin, Indianapolis

Let’s end religious persecution in China

How many of your readers know that in the People’s Republic of China it is illegal to be a Roman Catholic? Hundreds of Roman Catholic priests are in jail, prison or forced labor camps for the “crime” of being a Catholic priest.

The Chinese Security Police even has a “red list” of people who are to be kept under surveillance.

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Letters from readers are welcome, and every effort will be made to include letters from as many people and representing as many viewpoints as possible. Letters should be brief, relevant, well-expressed and temperate in tone. They must reflect a basic sense of courtesy and respect.

The editors reserve the right to select the letters that will be published and to edit letters from readers as necessary based on space limitations, pastoral sensitivity, and content (including spelling and grammar). In order to encourage opinions from a variety of readers, frequent writers will ordinarily be limited to one letter every three months. Concise letters (usually less than 200 words) are more likely to be printed.

Letters must be signed, but, for serious reasons, names may be withheld.

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Church Facts

American Catholic View

Pope John Paul II

Percent who agree he has...
94 led effectively through spiritual and personal holiness
88 done a good job leading the worldwide church
65 understood distinctive challenges of the U.S. church
been an effective leader...
87 in opposing abortion
80 on economic justice issues and the poor
54 for improving the status of women in church

Sources: La Moyne College

From April 10-23 La Moyne College Zagby survey

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Mother Teresa and seeing the face of Christ in every one

La madre Teresa y cómo descubrir el rostro de Cristo en el próximo

L a madre Teresa debe estar encan- tada con el hecho de que su beati ficación ocurra en el mes de octubre. Tradicionalmente, se celebra el día de los santos del Rosario. Y este mes concluimos el “Año del Rosario” que así fue declarado hace un año por el Papa Juan Pablo II. Nunca vi a la madre Teresa sin un Rosario en sus manos. La mayoría de las fotos donde ella aparece muestran lo mismo. Las hermanas de la Misión de la Caridad, la orden religiosa fundada por la madre Teresa, rezan el rosario mientras caminan por las urbanizaciones donde prestan sus servicios en Indianápolis y en otros lugares. Conservo un viejo recuerdo de la oposi- ron cuando la madre Teresa vino a la Diócesis de Memphis y yo servía allí como obispo para explorar la posibilidad de fundar una misión en Memphis en 1988. El vicario general (quién era ahora el Obispo Peter Sartain de Little Rock, Arkansas) y yo la llevamos a ella y a su compañera, la hermana Federica, para inspeccionar los diversos terrenos posibles donde podría ubicarse un convento y un refugio para mujeres y niños sin hogar.

Durante todo el trayecto notamos que ella continuaba tocando las cuentas de su Rosario. Era una mujer en constante oración. No puedo olvidar que la tocaba sin interrupción. Sería un milagro de la gra- cia divina tal y como la madre Teresa de Calcuta lo fue (y desde luego que lo es actualmente). Hace algunos años leí la biografía de la madre Teresa escrita por Helen Egan. (Todavía la recomiendo). Cuando reflexiono sobre su misión y el increíble logro de su ministerio, se desti- can dos cosas. La primera es que sin hacer una apología o una fantasia, el voto de las Misioneras de la Caridad de ayudar a los más pobres entre los pobres está basado en el principio sencillo de que Jesús es el cuerpo de Jesucristo quienes ellas cuidan en cada uno de los pobres. Nadie tiene prioridad sobre Jesús. Nadie. No es simplemente ayuda a los desvalidos sino ayuda al indefenso cuerpo de Cristo, ayuda a los desamparados que son Jesús mismo. A veces decimos que los sacerdotes son íconos de Jesús: la cabeza del cuerpo y Jesús, el sumo sacerdote y maestro desposado con la Iglesia. Piénselo, además, que los pobres, los rechazados y los olvi- dados son íconos de Jesús como víctimas. La madre Teresa trató a todos de igual manera porque veía al rostro de Jesús en todas las personas. ¿No es ésa la clave de la justicia? Esa mujer que nació en la India con ese amor realista de Jesús entre los pobres y los desvalidos hizo más por la justicia en nuestro mundo que nadie que yo conozca.

And how was it that Mother Teresa was able to remain so calm, so serene? Is it Christ whom her Missionaries touch in the poorest of the poor? It was because she insisted on an hour of daily personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and on daily Eucharist in community. Only in prayer can we remember to seek the face of Christ in every person and, perhaps more importantly, to keep on wanting to do so. Mother Teresa had a radiant smile and always a good word even though she lived with the poorest of the poor in the midst of depression, pain, anger and ugliness. She saw the face of Christ in every person. Just as it is the key to justice, it is the secret both of courage and of joy.

She saw the face of Christ in poverty and ugliness because she met Jesus in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and she met him in the breaking of the bread each day with her sisters and brothers. So do her Missionary Sisters. So can we. Where else would mother Teresa see the face of her own anger over daily, ugly injustice? There, in prayer, she decided that the mission of her Sisters is to slake the “I thirst” of Christ. The joy and serenity of the Missionaries of Charity is impressive as they continue Mother Teresa’s legacy of fervent prayer.

Mother’s life testifies that if we are centered in our relationship with Jesus, because of time intentionally spent with him, there is no day that is too difficult for a genuine smile and to live the Gospel of hope. Yes, fear and sadness are a big part of life: Courage and serenity don’t take them away.

But as Mother Teresa showed us, God’s grace keeps us going when we want to quit or run away. Her life shows us that the thread that holds all of our needs and desires together is grace. Her life is a witness to the truth that the incarnation of this grace takes place in prayer, especially at Mass. In prayer, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, courage comes to us. So does the gift of joy.

Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for October

Youth Ministers: that they may always encourage youth to consider serve in the Church, especially as priests and religious.
Archbishop Daniel M. Burke, in thanksgiving for the beatification of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, will cele-
brate a Mass with the Missionaries of Charity at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 19 at St. Philip Neri Church, 550 N.
Rural St., in Indianapolis. The public is invited. For more in-
formation, call St. Philip Neri Parish at 317-631-8746.

The Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program will be accepting applications until Dec. 1. The
program is designed to give teachers and principals from Indiana public and private schools a grant of $7,500 to
participate in a six-week, full-time project in the summer which may begin after June 1, 2004, and must be com-
pleted by Aug. 31, 2004. The projects should be person-
amely renewing and intellectually revitalizing. For more
information and eligibility, e-mail info@teacher
creativity.org or log on to www.teachercreativiv.org.

There will be a Mass of Healing for all those wounded
by abortion—mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents,
friends and neighbors—at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29 at St. Michael
the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis.
Father Anthony Voel, pastor and spiritual director for
Rachel’s Companions, will be the celebrant. For more infor-
mation, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane
Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life
Activities, at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521.

There will be an event titled “Family Farm Day: Celebrate Fall and Change” from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on
Oct. 22 at Michaela Farm on the grounds of the mother-
house of the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg. The event
is for parents and children to explore the seasonal changes
and to focus on recycling and composting with Franciscan
Sister Ann Marie Quinn. There is a fee of $2.50 per per-
son that covers materials for arts and crafts. For more
information or to register, call 812-933-0661 or e-mail
michaelsfarm@sidaiain.com.

Bishop Chatard High School, 5855 N. Crittenden Ave.,
in Indianapolis, will present its fall drama production,
“Ten Little Indians,” at 7:30 p.m. from Oct. 16-18.
Tickets are $5 at the door. For more information, call 317-
251-1451.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is offering a
course titled “Freedom from Smoking” that was devel-
op by the American Lung Association. It is designed
to help smokers become non-smokers by offering a
step-by-step plan to break their habit. Beginning
Oct. 27, the seven-week class will meet from 6 p.m. to
8 p.m. on Mondays at St. Francis Hospital-Indianapolis,
811 S. Emerson Ave., in Indianapolis. The cost of the
program is $50. Participants pay $25 at the first meet-
ing, then $5 at each of the next five meetings. The cost
may be reimbursed by insurance. For more information
or to reserve a space, call Kim Modgil at 317-782-
7999, ext. 2999.

Flu shots will be available at three archdiocesan
parishes in coming weeks. The shots, offered through the
Bug-buster Flu and Pneumonia Shot Campaign, are $20
each, except for patients with their Medicare Part-B card,
in which case the shots are free. Flu shots will be adminis-
terred from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 26 at Holy
Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., in Indianapolis; from
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 at Holy Cross Parish,
125 N. Oriental St., in Indianapolis; and from 10 a.m. to
noon on Nov. 16 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish,
335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood. Call each of the
parishes for more information.

There will be flu shots and health screenings from
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 25 in conjunction with St.
Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., in Indianapolis.
Doctors and nurses who speak English and Spanish will
be in attendance, and there will also be free blood pres-
sure, diabetes and kidney disease tests. A Hispanic lawyer
will be present. There also will be food. For more infor-
mation, call 317-631-8746.

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

Good Boy! (MGM)
Rated A-II (Adults and Adolescents) because of mini-
mally crude language and humor.
Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) by the
Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

Intolerably Cruel (Universal)
Rated A-IV (Adults, with reservations) because of a
comedic view of divorce, some sexual humor, brief
violence, an instance of rough language as well as spo-
radic crude language and profanity.
Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some
material may be inappropriate for children under
13) by the MPAA.

Kill Bill – Vol. 2 (Miramax)
Rated R (Morally Offensive) because of excessive
graphic violence, twisted sexual references as well as
much rough and crude language and profanity.
Rated R (Restricted) by the MPAA.

Runaway Jury (20th Century Fox)
Rated A-III (Adults) because of a cynical view of the
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Scecina High School remembers its founder on milestone day

By Brandon A. Evans

Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School on the east side of Indianapolis will celebrate its 50th anniversary while at the same time honoring its namesake. The annual Father Tom Mass, to be held at noon on Oct. 24 in the school gymnasium, 5000 Nowland Ave., in Indianapolis, will be extra special this year.

The event will honor the 50th anniversary of the school, and afterward there will be a reception. In attendance will be current students and staff, former staff and alumni who are or were in military service.

Rick Ruhl, the principal, said that the faith of the life of the students is important to the school. They offer daily prayers as a school and teachers lead each class with a prayer or insight.

“[Father Scecina] was a very faith-filled community,” he said.

The Mass will also gather many members of the family of Father Thomas Scecina, who have a family reunion the next day.

The family is proud of the school, said Veronica Weaver, a cousin of Father Scecina who lives in Tennessee. But they are also proud of the relative whose memory binds them.

“We are proud of Father Tom,” Weaver said. “His memory has been kept alive in our family.”

Weaver is excited to see so many family members, especially some nephews and nieces of the late Father Scecina.

She will also be giving a talk about her famous cousin to those who gather for the Mass.

It is in the story of that diocesan priest whose life was tragically ended that the story of Scecina High School emerges.

Thomas John Scecina was born in Vicksburg, Ind., in 1910 and was raised by Austrian-Hungarian immigrants.

He studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary and was ordained in 1935 as a priest of the Diocese of Indianapolis.

Father Scecina served at Holy Trinity Parish and St. John the Evangelist Parish, both in Indianapolis, before enlisting in the Chaplain’s Reserve Corps in 1939.

He was stationed with the 57th Infantry Division at Fort McKinley on Luzon in the Philippines Islands, where he served the men in his unit and the Filipinos until 1942.

That April, he was captured by the Japanese and took part in the infamous Bataan Death March.

During the next two years as he was a prisoner of war in two camps, he volunteered to work a burial and cemetery detail while also ministering to his fellow prisoners.

In the fall of 1944, the Japanese began to transfer the POWs from the Philippines to the mainland for slave labor, despite violating the Geneva Convention in doing so.

Father Scecina found himself aboard the Arikian Maru, one of the first ships to leave, with nearly 2,000 other prisoners and in tortuous circumstances.

The ship was accidentally torpeded by an American submarine and began to sink.

Faithful to the end, Father Scecina spent the last three hours of his life bearing confessions, giving absolution and comforting the men. It was Oct. 24.

“When I read the articles of him in World War II, he just had such a saintly person,” Weaver said. “The things he did for the men that were with him; he was just so unselfish.”

“[Father Scecina] laid down his life for his friends,” said Mark Steinmetz, science teacher at Scecina High School.

When the ship slipped beneath the water, it took with it the lives of 1,792 men—and became the worst maritime disaster in United States history.

Father Scecina posthumously received the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

Nine years later, Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School opened to continue his legacy of striving “to give that little extra.”

It’s a philosophy that Franciscan Sister Lavonne Long believes in.

She has been with the school for 39 non-continuous years, having served as a guidance counselor for 25 of them. She stayed on as an administrative assistant after passing on the reins of counselor to someone else because she wanted to stay at the school.

“I consider it a very great privilege to have been here,” Sister Lavonne said. “I think our ministry to the people of the east side is just invaluable.”

“At Scecina, I teach with ordinary people who perform an extraordinary job in their classrooms,” said Judith Nichols, chair of the foreign languages department and a Spanish teacher.

Carole Hamilton, media specialist, has been with the school for 39 years and worked under every principal. She said that the teachers are dedicated, hard-working and care for everyone.

The alumni also keep in contact with the school, she said.

“Many former students are now teachers at Scecina, and other alumni continue to volunteer as coaches, substitute teachers, board members and helpers at various functions,” said Sheryl Bevan, business teacher.

“Without this strong alumni and parental backing, Scecina would not be what it is today.”

“The students are wonderful,” Hamilton said. “Kids are kids, but the students treat people nice [and] work hard in their studies. They are in many extracurricular activities and many are participating in athletics, and they serve the community in many ways.”

Ruhl said that the students are always willing to get involved in community service events.

Though society has changed since Sister Lavonne arrived in 1956, particularly with both parents in a family now working, she sees in the students the same good nature.

“I think they’ve adjusted well to those changes,” she said.

The first graduating class was made up of 219 students in 1957, and within a decade the school housed 1,400 students. Though the enrollment is lower now, Sister Lavonne said that the relationship of the student body to the faculty is just as warm.

“I’m just amazed at the family atmosphere that we have here,” Sister Lavonne said.

Ruhl said that he knows every one of them by name.

“[Students] are going to get some personal attention here at Scecina—they’re not a number,” Ruhl said.

“The student body is close and for the most part is like a family,” Steinmetz said.

Each year, part of the student body changes and a few teaching or staff positions change, but that family feeling never leaves,” Bevan said. “I have experienced that wonderful asset during all my years at Scecina.”

Hamilton said that Scecina is also special because “we offer a great curriculum, a great sports program, great extracurricular programs and we have a great Christian studies program.”

Ruhl said that 90 percent of Scecina graduates go on to college—and that the curriculum is entirely college preparatory.

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he said.

Last year, Scecina was the only high school in the nation to be involved in the Teacher Advancement Program, a research-based program that gives teachers a chance to grow in professional development.

The school also offers two Advanced College Project courses, which give academic credit not only for the high school but also for college from Indiana University.

As Scecina looks to its future, Ruhl said he feels strongly that the school will continue to serve the east side.

"Because of past traditions and being in a good neighborhood, Scecina will be around for a long time," Hamilton said. †
St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield celebrates 50th anniversary

By Brandon A. Evans

St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield has spent the summer celebrating a major anniversary—50 years of being a faith community.

There was a Mass in a park with a cookout, an Indianapolis Indians baseball game, a parish festival, a golf tournament and a picnic, said Michelle Wiegard, parish life commission president.

Each event was different and drew a different crowd of people.

The last event will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, with a reception following.

Parishioners and former teaching sisters and principals have been invited as well as several charter members of the parish.

The parish has about 1,000 families. There weren’t many Catholics in Plainfield before 1950, though. It was a small, mostly Quaker town until Public Service Indiana opened its headquarters there in 1951. As the town grew, so did the number of Catholics. A few families got together and petitioned then-Archbishop Paul C. Schulte to open a parish.

After some fundraising, the parish campus was constructed, though Mass was held in the basement of the school, which had been staffed by Sisters of Providence.

The parish school had an enrollment of 80 children and continued to grow until the school was full. Over time, however, enrollment fell. By 1995, there were only 56 students in the school.

Wallace Carr, a founding member of the parish who compiled a parish history, wrote that “there were several times during these years when it was not certain that the school could continue to remain open.”

Father Richard Zore, the pastor of St. Susanna Parish for 25 years until his retirement in 1991, said that the parishioners refused to give up and worked to keep the school open.

New families that were moving to the west side of Indianapolis filled the parish and the school, and it now has about 265 students.

Patricia Whitaker, principal of St. Susanna School, said that the parents continue to be a great support to the school.

She said that the parish faith community is a warm and inviting group who are pleased with the school.

Just this week, on the evening of Oct. 14, the St. Susanna School Choir sang at the Celebrating Catholic School Values Dinner in Indianapolis, and they will sing for the archbishop at the upcoming parish anniversary Mass.

Father Richard Zore was the pastor for 25 years of the 50 that the parish has been in existence, and will be present for the special anniversary Mass on Oct. 18.
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Marianist Father Johann Roten, director of the Marian Library and International Marian Research Institute, greeted the pilgrims and said the Vatican exhibit opens the doors of the University of Dayton to illustrious international art and also provides opportunities for reflection and exchange among scholars.

“It is an honor to exhibit art of this caliber that comes from the world-famous Vatican Museums,” Father Roten said, “and to connect with Rome and the universal Catholic Church in this way. It is very prestigious, and people recognize it as that. Many people aren’t able to go to Rome to tour the Vatican Museums so it is good to bring a Vatican art exhibit to Dayton.”

Throughout his 25-year pontificate, Pope John Paul II has always promoted devotion to Mary and the importance of praying the rosary, Father Roten said, and this art exhibit also helps Catholics celebrate the Holy Father’s 25th anniversary.

St. Mary parishioner Kathleen Yager of Rushville has participated in nearly all of the archdiocesan pilgrimages.

“It’s very special to view this artwork that came all the way from the Vatican,” Yager said. “I think it brought Rome much closer. It’s just amazing how old many of these paintings are, how true to life they are, and the feelings that come out in some of the facial expressions on these pictures. I think the art brings you closer to the reality of your faith and to God, Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all the saints.”

St. Luke parishioner Joann Byrum of Indianapolis, the volunteer president of Right to Life of Indianapolis, said she was thrilled to see the Vatican artwork and also liked viewing an international collection of more than 400 rosaries, which included a pro-life rosary made of tiny crosses and intricate beads that each depict an unborn baby in the womb.

“The pro-life rosary was really unique and beautiful,” Byrum said. “I thought the crosses were so indicative of Christ’s pain that he must feel with these babies being killed day after day.”

The rosaries are part of the Marian Library’s permanent collection and are displayed in a hallway near the Vatican artwork in honor of the “Year of the Rosary” proclaimed by Pope John Paul II.

Franciscan Sister Rita Vukovic, a native of Dayton and a teacher at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis, said the Marian exhibit was “awesome.”

“I’ve never seen so many different rosaries in all my life,” Sister Rita said. “It was interesting to see the culture of the different countries, and the fact that we can share with them in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We all believe in the same God.”

(The traveling Vatican Museums exhibit is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 10 in the Roesch and Marian Library Galleries on the University of Dayton campus. For tours and information, call 937-229-4254 or e-mail VaticanExhibit@notes.udayton.edu)

This terra cotta Madonna and Child created by an unidentified Masai artist from Kenya in 1978 is one of the Vatican Museums’ multimedia depictions of Mary and the Child Jesus on display in “The Mother of God: Art Celebrates Mary” at the University of Dayton’s Marian Library until Nov. 10.
Worship evolved from Early Church’s use of catacombs

By Fr. Laurence E. Mick

It was a major project when one parish recently remodeled its church building. A new entry was created with a covered drive outside and an immersion baptismal font inside. A room that had been a meeting room is now the new gathering area. The worship space itself was redone, exposing wood flooring and replacing pews with chairs. The amazing thing is that most of the work was done by parish volunteers working late hours one night a week for several years. The parish saved lots of money this way, and it meant that the people developed great pride in their church because so much of their effort went into it.

In the worship space, everything is moveable so different configurations are possible. The pastor at the time preferred an arrangement that placed the altar and the ambo (pulpit or reading stand) at opposite ends of a central space, with the assembly’s chairs facing each other across that space. In the early Church, it was common for the people to surround a central area, facing each other across an open space. One ancient West Syrian church apparently was modeled on the shape of the Jewish synagogues of its time. In the synagogue, the people gathered around a central platform holding the ambo, from which the Scriptures were read and the prayers were led. The elders sat at one end of the platform, while the people sat on three sides around the elders and the platform. As the building’s far end was the ark holding the scrolls of God’s Word behind a veil and the seven-branched candlestick.

The West Syrian church is similar raised platform holding the ambo, around which the people and the clergy gathered. The platform also had an ark and veil and candlestick at the end of the platform, reminding them of their Jewish roots. The altar was in an apse at the end of the building and replaced the ark as the central symbol.

In both situations, the central altar was designated for the community’s leaders in the midst of the people. A shift in this came with Emperor Constantine’s conversion and the end of persecution. The Church began to meet in buildings modeled on the Roman basilica—a common public building in the empire. All buildings for that period were designated for the community’s leaders in the midst of the people. A shift in this came with Emperor Constantine’s conversion and the end of persecution. The Church began to meet in buildings modeled on the Roman basilica—a common public building in the empire.

The shape of the space in which we worship has a big influence on how we worship and how we understand what we are doing there. Function often does follow form.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony crawls beneath the altar to place relics in the floor of the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during the Mass of dedication on Sept. 2, 2001, in Los Angeles. When some early Christians met for worship in the catacombs, they used the tombs of martyrs as altars, a logical and convenient choice. Once they became used to that, they began to feel the need for martyrs’ bones in the altar, which led to the custom of inserting relics into altar tables for centuries to come.

The move into the Roman basilicas no doubt contributed to a shift in the role of the clergy. Placing the altar farther and farther from the people meant that over time the assembly lost its sense of taking part in the Mass itself, while the people watched, rather than an action of the whole assembly under the clergy’s leadership.

Over centuries, the altar was moved farther from the people, raised on a high platform, often even largely out of sight. In the East, the altar was hidden by the iconostasis, a screen holding the icons. In the West, many churches still have a Communion rail that divides people from the altar.

A basic principle of design, whether of furniture or computer programs or architecture, is that form follows function. Following that principle, the shape of the buildings in which we worship would be based on the actions we carry out in them.

I remember one architecture critic complaining about the exterior of a church built in the late 1960s. He said it looked as though they had decided what they were going to do inside the space and then just stretched a skin over it. Whether one agreed or disagreed with him about the building’s quality, it was not a bad description of form following function. However, function sometimes follows form. When early Christians met for worship in the catacombs, they used the tombs of martyrs as altars, a logical and convenient choice. Once they became used to that, they began to feel the need for martyrs’ bones in the altar, which led to the custom of inserting relics into altar tables for centuries to come.

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How we receive baptized Christians into the Church

“One size fits all” may apply to certain articles of clothing, but not to the reception of baptized Christians into the Church. Such was the mes- sage Father Ron Oakham earlier this month at the Biltmore Estate and Conference Center in Beech Grove, Father Ron, a nationally known knowledgeable, the board-director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Houston. He has written extensively on the Rice of Christ Initiation of Adults, but it was his book, One At The Table, The Reception of Baptized Christians, that captured the attention of the Archdiocesan Institute. As the executive director of that board, I believed that more people would want to hear about the topic. Then I remembered the words of change in the Church turn slowly.

Although it was in use years earlier, 1988 the Rice of Christ Initiation of Adults, or the RCIA as it is commonly known, became the normative process for bringing adults and children of whatever age to the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Some pastoral leaders jumped into the RCIA with both feet, and some strategically pondered but for the most ancient catechumenate restored by the Second Vatican Council was an exciting new experience.

A few people understood the nuances of working with both baptized and unbaptized persons, but most of our orderly minds went straight to work on a program with the people. We knew, though, we called them speakers, members, sponsors, godparents and all manner of “discerning persons.” We talked about rituals. And, measured by the thousands of persons who have entered the Church through the RCIA, the RCIA is not a program at all—no, it is a mystery.

Yet, have we really done right by the already baptized person? Father Ron Oakham, as the executive director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and is pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Houston. He has written extensively on the Rice of Christ Initiation of Adults, but it was his book, One At The Table, The Reception of Baptized Christians, that captured the attention of the Archdiocesan Institute. As the executive director of that board, I believed that more people would want to hear about the topic. Then I remembered the words of change in the Church turn slowly.

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A few people understood the nuances of working with both baptized and unbaptized persons, but most of our orderly minds went straight to work on a program with the people. We knew, though, we called them speakers, members, sponsors, godparents and all manner of “discerning persons.” We talked about rituals. And, measured by the thousands of persons who have entered the Church through the RCIA, the RCIA is not a program at all—no, it is a mystery.

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The last of the three sections of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend’s preparation for Good Friday. 

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In this reading, the reference certainly seems to be to Jesus. Of course, Third-Isaiah was written centuries before Christ. (When the Church uses biblical texts, written long before Jesus, and applies them to Christ, it is said that the literary technique of pre-figuration is in place.) For the second reading, the Church presents us this weekend with a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews. 

No work in the New Testament is more expansive and profound, as far as an insight into the reality of Jesus is concerned, than this epistle. This weekend’s reading is quite brief, with only two verses. 

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The Active List

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.

No notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the Wednesday 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), mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

October 17
SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 W. Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Christian Coffee- house w/Italian singer and words- man Tony Arellana, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Folk Ensemble and Arts 29 contemporary worship and praise band, free admission, food available for nominal charge. 7 p.m. Information: 317-295-4673.

October 18
St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 22nd annual Conference on Bereavement. “For Those Who Minister and Those Who Mourn.” $50 per person, includes lunch, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-236-1598 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Providence Center, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Woods Day Camp/Pre-School benefit, spaghetti supper, 4-6:30 p.m., $50 adults, $3 children. 812-535-4610.

Kordes Retreat Center, 841 E. 14th, Ferdinand, Ind. “Praying Without Words: An Introduction to Centering Prayer,” $45 per person, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EST. Information: 317-862-2777 or 800-880-2777.

October 19
St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Men’s and Women’s Day Conference. 4 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Tobit Weekend. $250 per couple. Information: 317-545-7681.

October 24
St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Fish fry, noon-7 p.m. The Arrium, 3413 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. St. Elizabeth Hospital and Health Centers, Senior Promiss program, annual fall health festival, 9 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-782-6660.

October 24-26
St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis. Fall dinner theater, Social Security. Fri. and Sat., dinner served 1-2 p.m. and play begins 7:30 p.m. Sun., dinner served 1-2 p.m. and play begins 2:30 p.m. Information: $18 per person, Sat. and Sun., $20 per person. Information: 317-671-8476.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. Men’s Retreat. “Journeying with Jesus Christ.” Information: 812-923-8817 or email mtstfrancis@scudett.com or log on to Scudett.com Web site at www.scudett.com/eburwink.

October 25
St. Joan of Arc Church, St. Rita Parish, 925 S. East, mile 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles, “Family Faith Talks.” 7 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m., with Father Eulmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail eburwink@seidata.com or log on to Scudett.com Web site at www.scudett.com/eburwink.

October 26
St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Respect Life Committee presenations, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-283-5500.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Thirteenth St., Indianapolis. Daughters of Sarah Beth. $25 each, $12 per person, after 7 p.m. Information: 812-336-0017.

Mary-of-the-Mountains School, gymnasium, 5035 Martin Road, Mooresville. Annual Fall Festival. 1 p.m. Information: 812-930-3011.

St. Francis Hospital South Campus, 8111 E. Emmett St., Indianapolis. “Freedom from Smoking,” first of series of Holiday classes developed by American Lung Association, 6-8:30 p.m., $50, $25 which $5 of the $50 will go each week. Information or reservations: 317-782-7999.

October 28

November 1
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Mass of Healing for those wounded by abortion, 7 p.m. Information: 317-236-1551.

November 26
St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, Mass, 8 p.m., with Father Eulmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail eburwink@seidata.com or log on to Scudett.com Web site at www.scudett.com/eburwink.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-5:45 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Mass, 6:30 a.m., adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, 11 a.m., Benediction, 8 p.m. Information: 317-859-HOPE.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Young adult Bible study, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Information: 317-632-9498.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Chapel, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. Eucharistic adoration, Benediction after 5:45 p.m. Mass-9 a.m. Information: 317-641-9478.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 S. Indiana St., Mooresville. Adult religious education, 7:30 a.m., drive to Missionary幹, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m. Mass. Information: 317-849-5840.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. “Be Not Afraid” holy hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Third Mondays St. Matthew Parish, 1400 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

Third Tuesdays Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 433 Troy Ave., Indianapolis Mass, 2 p.m.

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

St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2800 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. Daughters of Isabella, Maternity Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-849-9505.

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.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 S. Indiana St., Mooresville. Prayer for vocations, rosary, eucharistic adoration, Benediction, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

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

Third Saturdays St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 38th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, for rosary, return to church for Benediction.

Fourth Wednesdays St. Thomas More Church, 1200 S. Indiana St., Mooresville Mass and anointing of the sick, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-1442.

Last Sundays Holy Rosary Church, 520 Steven St., Indianapolis. Novena to Our Lady of Reparation, Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

Brobed Jesuit Preparatory School, 2803 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. Indiana Autism and Sertoma Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., child care provided. Information: 317-885-7295.

First Fridays St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 T St., Bedford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass-5 p.m., Saturday reconciliation. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass. Finally Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Eucharist, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

First Mondays Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Guardian Angel Guild, board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

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SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Mass, 8 a.m., adoration, 8:30 a.m-5 p.m., Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Divine Mercy Chapel, 3 p.m. Information: 317-859-4673.

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

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Internationally known Irish singer Dana brought her pro-life message and faith-filled music to the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis on Sept. 29 as the keynote speaker for the 21st annual Celebrate Life Dinner sponsored by Right to Life of Indianapolis.

About 950 people attending the fundraiser enjoyed Dana’s concert, but were saddened by her discussion of political changes taking place in Europe that diminish respect for all life from conception until natural death.

Dana, whose name is Rosemary Scanlon, was elected to the European Parliament in June 1999 and represents the Western Irish constituency of Connaugh and Ulster.

The European Union is comprised of 15 countries and represents 550 million people, she said, but has a liberal, pro-abortion agenda that does not protect life or the family.

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Wallace, Harold, 95, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Oct. 8. Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, died on Sept. 11 at the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at the Daughters of Charity Motherhouse in Paris, France. Mr. Wallace’s recent ministry was at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, where he worked in the medical records department of the Primary Care Center. Mr. Wallace is survived by his three sisters, Linda Fitigay, Doreen Legacy and Estelle Lampeur, and by three brothers, Frank M., Richard and Russell Kirchman.


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The October 31st issue of The Criterion will be a special Commemorative Edition devoted to the 25th anniversary of the election of Pope John Paul II. Readers are invited to offer a prayer for, or a message of congratulations to, His Holiness on this special occasion. Complimentary copies of the October 31st Commemorative Edition of The Criterion will be forwarded to the Holy Father by the Archdiocese.

Special rates apply for the Commemorative Edition. $12/year with a 2 (five words per line) minimum. Each additional line is only $.25. Write your message below with ONE WORD PER SPACE and send it to us by noon, Thursday, Oct. 12. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided, with former pastor, Father Clarence Waldon, right, who has been pastor of Holy Spirit, St. Luke area.

Deadline: Thursday, noon, 5 days in advance of Friday publication date.

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Note: Use commas to separate words in your message. Please conjoin the words with punctuation.
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Holy Angels anniversaries
Father Clarence Waldon, right, who has been pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis since 1970, greets parishioners at the beginning of the parish’s 100th anniversary Mass on Oct. 12. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided, with former pastor, Father Albert Ajamie (1964-1970) concelebrating. Also concelebrating, but not pictured, were Fathers Joseph Riedman, Kenneth Taylor and Bruce Knox.
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