Audit will reflect archdiocese’s efforts to protect children

A message from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

During the past several months, every Catholic diocese in the United States has participated in an audit of its policies and procedures for dealing with allegations of sexual misconduct or abuse by Church personnel. During the week of Aug. 4, representatives of the Gavin Group, an independent agency selected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, audited our archdiocese.

In early January, the results of all of the audits are scheduled to be released. We believe our archdiocese is in full compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms and all provisions of civil and church law. We welcome the report of the audit team.

At least a decade before I arrived as archbishop of Indianapolis in 1992, the archdiocese established a policy on handling allegations of sexual misconduct by persons working or ministering on behalf of the archdiocese. The archdiocese first published that policy in 1994 and then updated it again in 1996. Recently, we revised our policy to incorporate the provisions of the Charter and the Essential Norms adopted last year by the bishops in the United States. The latest version of our policy, To Be Safe and Secure, can be found by accessing our archdiocesan Web site at www.archindy.org.

As previously reported, our archdiocesan policies and procedures provide for the support of victim-survivors and their families. We investigate all reports of sexual abuse or misconduct and, if appropriate, relieve the alleged offender promptly of any duties. We comply fully with Indiana laws regarding the reporting of child abuse. The findings of all investigations are presented to the Archdiocesan Review Board, which, in turn, makes recommendations to me based on its findings. We are committed to communicating openly with members of our Catholic community while at the same time respecting the privacy of everyone involved.

Please know that the first priority of the archdiocese is to serve and protect innocent children and minors. We have programs designed to educate and to try to prevent sexual misconduct in the future. These programs include education and counseling opportunities, “safe environment” programs, criminal background checks for all who have regular contact with minors, and better training and certification for our leaders and staff.

Youth gather to prepare for trip to Houston

SEYMOUR—About 300 youth gathered with their adult chaperones at St. Ambrose Parish on Nov. 1 to get ready for their journey on the “River of Life.” That is this year’s theme for the biennial National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), to be held on Nov. 13-16 in Houston.

More than 500 youth and adult chaperones will be traveling by bus and plane to the event. It is one of the top 10 largest diocesan groups in the country going, said Father Robert Robeson, director of youth ministry for the archdiocese.

“We have a great number of youths going,” he said. “[NCYC is] something that the archdiocese has really been committed to.

The youth rally held in Seymour was meant to organize final details and get people excited about the event.

The day featured a Mass, closing prayer service, sessions for different parishes and groups traveling together, as well as sessions for the youth and for the adults to give them basic tips on packing and other details.

The archdiocesan theme is “Come...
to the priest and interact with him,” Msgr. Schaedel said.

Falso shows altar servers that Mass is the first priority among Catholics.

“I think [servers] become more attentive to the action that takes place in the altar,” said Father Daniel Staublin, pastor of St. Malachi Parish in Brownsburg.

“I think it also teaches them responsibility,” said Marilyn Hunter, liturgical coordinator at St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis.

She said that it gives the children a way to serve God and the community.

Among the things that The Criterion has aimed at in its survey was how long it takes to train a server, and who trains them. Parishons reported that, on average, they spend about three hours training a server.

Msgr. Schaedel said that the most valuable training, though, occurs “on the job.”

Father Richard Eldred, pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville, said that as soon as he came to the parish he started having four servers at each Mass—done so that the children could have more opportunities to serve.

It also gives the younger servers a chance “to just sit and watch,” Father Eldred said. They can best learn by watching their older counterparts.

As Msgr. Schaedel said, sometimes the best way to reach young people is through other young people.

Particularly in smaller parishes, a high level of interaction among the servers can bring about a small community of friends. James Vincent, a 2003 graduate of Jennings County High School and member of St. Joseph Parish in Jennings County, can attest to that.

He said that he has a common bond with the servers that enabled him to make friends with people he might have never normally met.

In his eyes, they became more of a true parish community.

Until recently, James had been in charge of training new altar servers for four years, though he had been serving much longer than that.

While it may be an exception for a young person to do most of the training, it is certainly not an exception to see a lay person filling that role.

Unlike the old days, about 53 percent of servers are trained by lay members of the parish, 40 percent by a priest and 7 percent by a religious.

While it is generally accepted that increased lay participation has been a blessing for the Church, Father Joseph Moriarty, vocations director, said that there is no substitute for giving children the chance to interact with their parish priest.

“I think that at some point in the training, they need to [work] with a priest, because that’s who [they] are going to be serving with at Mass,” Father Moriarty said.

“And I think that there is no substitute for relational ministry.”

Father Staublin has a massive army of servers—almost 150—and he trains them all.

“Every time [young people] have the chance to interact with the priest, or a religious, on a more informal basis, I think the better off we are . . . in young people feeling comfortable around the priest and really feeling like they’re part of the parish and that they are doing something really important,” Msgr. Schaedel said.

Just as those train servers have changed, so has the actual make-up of youth servers.

Ten years ago, every server in the archdiocese would have been, or should have been, a young man. In 1994, the Vatican decreed that an authentic interpretation of the Code of Canon Law meant that both boys and girls could be altar servers.

Final decisions were left up to each bishop as to whether or not they would extend this opportunity. Most did, including Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

The archbishop, in his weekly column “Seeking the Face of the Lord” on April 22, 1994, stressed that the matter was a pastoral, not doctrinal, issue, and that serving in no way constituted another version of Holy Orders.

“Servers represent the worshipping assembly at the altar in a role that is distinctive from that of ordained ministers,” he wrote.

Later that year, new norms were drawn up and the archbishop welcomed the practice to the archdiocese. Included among those norms were that efforts should be made to bring about a balanced number of male and female servers.

That is exactly what has happened. Averaged across the archdiocese, among the servers, 53 percent are male and 47 percent are female.

Even in the smaller parishes in the archdiocese, most of them rural, girls still make up about 40 percent of servers.

Laura Berlage, a freshman at Cathedral High School and altar server at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis, said of serving that since she was young she “always thought it looked pretty cool.”

She said that she loves being involved with work on the altar, and that “it can help you think about what you are actually doing” when attending Mass.

“It is kind of different being a lot closer to the actual celebration and consecration,” Laura said.

She has also learned the purpose of different things at Mass and what they are called.

Despite the positive changes in the ministry—which is one of the only ways for young people to be involved in the Mass—and the seriousness with which many parishes address serving, there are some changes that are less than welcome.

(Next week: The lost art of serving and how to get it back.)

Who Trains Altar Servers

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Catholic Youth Organization launches new Web site

By Brandon A. Evans

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has a new presence on the Internet. The Web site, which can be accessed at www.cysarchindy.org, was launched this summer and offers information about the organization as well as updated schedules and game scores.

The Web site says the mission of CYO is to provide “a ministry of information and activities through activities of a social, educational, recreational and athletic nature.”

Doyle was named director of Fatima Retreat House in 1998, bringing a variety of ministry experiences to his new position. Doyle has worked for the archdiocese in a number of capacities since 1992, serving in executive assistant to Archbishop Buechlein and as coordinator for the archdiocese’s Jubilee 2000 celebration.

The Great Jubilee itinerary brought 30,000 Catholics from central and southern Indiana together to worship on Sept. 16, 2000, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Jubilee Mass was the largest gathering of Catholics in the history of the archdiocese and one of the largest Jubilee celebrations in the United States.

From 2001 until 2003, Doyle worked as a project specialist in the education department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Doyle also has experience in catering and conference work, and was co-director of retreat programs for Marymount International High School in Rome, Italy. While in Rome, Doyle met Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He also taught in the catechetical certification program for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

In 2004, Doyle will earn a licentiate in sacred theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington.

“We welcome Brian to the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship,” Gardner said, “and we wish him many blessings as he begins his new ministry.”

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House was started in 1950 as an archdiocesan women’s retreat center staffed by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at their former convent at 111 E. Raymond St.

Fatima’s first director, Father James D. Moriarty, organized a retreat league in 1957 to support the ministry and embarked on a major fundraising campaign that led to the purchase of 13-acres of wooded land at 5225 E. 56th St. from the Sisters of Providence in June 1962. The first retreat was held there on Nov. 1, 1963.

Other Fatima directors were Father Kenny Sweeney, Father Donald Schneider and Kevin DePrey, who resigned his position in September.

A former seminarian, Doyle brings a mixture of theology and administrative training to his new ministry position.

“I view it as a very important and essential ministry,” Doyle said. “I’m very excited about having the opportunity to be at Fatima and to be a part in offering that ministry to people.”

Fatima’s retreat ministry helps, guides and aids life-changing experiences for people, he said. “It’s a quiet place that allows the Holy Spirit to work in people’s lives, a place where people can get away from the hustle and bustle of their daily lives and reconnect with God.”

Doyle said he is looking forward to being a part of the ministry team at Fatima Retreat House and helping to be of service to the people of the archdiocese.

“People of faith hunger for spiritual growth and closeness to God,” said Fatima offers a great one-on-one personal experience. I think the staff has done very well in the past.”

Doyle and his wife, Donna, are the parents of a son, Blaise, who was born two months ago. They are members of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis.

activities are scheduled at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis as well as at various parish schools, high schools and area sports facilities.

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The paradox of family life

Families have a hard time today. Somehow everything in our culture seems to conspire against the family. Married couples work long hours to make ends meet. Children are involved in many diverse activities that draw them away from home. Family time seems to be shrinking, and meals together are increasingly rare. Divorce, single-parent households, “blended” families and many other changes in modern culture seem to challenge traditional notions of what a family is.

Some fear that the very existence of the family is threatened by the “culture of death” and by a political agenda that devalues authentic family values. What can we do to strengthen and support modern family life here in Indiana, in our nation and in the world community?

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Pope John Paul II frequently refers to the Church as “the family of God.” The pope believes that the Christian family is a Church in miniature (ecclesia domestica). The family is a community of faith and hope where God’s personal love and care touches the lives of each member individually.

This beautiful vision of what families are meant to be as “privileged communities” called to strike a perfect balance between unity and individuality often clashes head-on with our daily experience of family life.

In the “real world” of lived experience, parents struggle to keep the family together, children fight for their independence, and balance is difficult to achieve (or maintain). Sometimes it feels like a losing battle just to remain calm and keep everything in perspective.

Still, the Church’s vision of what the family is (and ought to become) is what all of us—as individuals and as societies—are searching for. We want to find a place where we can be ourselves and yet belong to a loving and supportive community. We want to be free and independent, but we don’t want to be alone. We want to belong to a community and a world where individual dignity is nurtured and respected while, at the same time, unity, solidarity and harmony are achieved among diverse peoples and groups. In short, we want to be members of a family.

Family life isn’t easy. It takes hard work and commitment. But what would we do without the family? For all their challenges and difficulties (especially today), our families are worth the struggle and the sacrifice.

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El mismo lunes celebramos la “Misa Roja” anual en la iglesia Evangélica St. John de Indianapolis. El propósito de la misa es invocar la guía y guiar al Espíritu Santo al principio de otra temporada judicial. Había una buena asistencia de jueces y abogados, representantes del cuerpo del clero, y de los tribunales y miembros de la Sociedad St. Thomas More. Nuestro primer gobernador católico de Indiana, Joseph Kernan, estuvo presente en la misa y fue el orador de apertura en la cena que siguió a la misa. Nuestro Padre Tom Murphy, quien es también abogado, y que se retira como pastor de St. John, fue honrada de una manera especial. Me complace que los estudiantes de derecho locales hayan formado un cabildo en la Sociedad St. Thomas More y

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This week’s message will be a potpourri of recent significant events that I have been unable to log in this column due to time constraints. Early in the fall, we observed the annual Catechetical Sunday. Nothing is more vital for evangelization in our Church than the “moment of catechesis.” We are reminded that religious education in our parishes and schools is more than just a matter of learning.

The mission of catechesis embraces the goal of both learning and living our faith in everyday life. As baptized Christians, everyone of us shares the call to universal holiness. Adults, young adults, youth and children—all of us have a vocation to holiness, and the first responsibility for pursuing this call in the family belongs to our parents. This responsibility must not be taken lightly because, when all is said and done, everything about the meaning of life is at stake.

I think we all realize what a challenge it is to be holy in our culture. Without embracing our faith, it won’t happen. Our parishes and schools are doing their best to help you parents to fulfill your responsibility. Let’s pray for each other, especially for our children. We will discuss what the call to universal holiness in everyday life. As baptized Christians, we are reminded that religious education in our parishes and schools is more than just a matter of learning.

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Sólo había sitio para estar de pie, lo cual me dice que nuestras escuelas están vivas y bien alimentadas. Me impresionó mucho el interés que pusieron en mí la atención de los estudiantes durante la Misa. Ni que decir que hice mención de las vocaciones religiosas y laica al concluir mi intervención. Y pasaron atención. Más tarde, durante la primavera, oré con los graduandos de las secundarias Our Lady of Providence (Clarksville) y Father Michael Shawe Memorial (Madison). Mi próximo lugar de misa será la secundaria Seton Catholic High School de Richmond. Quienes desean ser felicitados.
The annual Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 15 at St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. The bazaar will highlight a variety of handmade articles by the Little Sisters, residents and members of St. Augustine Guild. The items include baked goods, holiday wreaths, ornaments, baby clothes, afghans and more. All proceeds will benefit the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who have provided a safe and loving home for the elderly poor in the Indianapolis area for the past 130 years. For more information, call St. Augustine Home at 317-872-6420.

Students at Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, will honor local veterans with a special Veteran’s Day Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 11 in the school gym. A reception for veterans and guests will follow. The students will honor the veterans through song and reflection. Local military will provide an honor guard, the American Legion Auxiliary will provide poppies for students and guests to wear, and Paul Lockard, president of the high school, will read an honor roll call of the fallen. All are invited. For more information, call the Cardinal Ritter High School Office of Institutional Advancement at 317-927-7825.

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, is hosting Doug Brummell, a nationally known Catholic entertainer and speaker, for a multigenerational parish mission titled “Lighten Up!” at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 and 11. Family and friends are invited to hear Brummell and his “cast of characters.” Each night will be different. For more information, call Pat Wit at 317-479-2385.

Women interested in learning more about distance education options at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College are invited to attend the college’s “Fall Chat” from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 17 in the conference center of Halman Hall. An admission counselor will be on hand to explain how the college’s Women’s External Degree Program works, and other staff will be in attendance to answer questions. There will be a campus tour at 4 p.m. Interested women are also invited to join current students in the external degree program for “Coffee and Conversation” at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the DAR House, 400 W. Wabash Ave., in Crawfordsville, Ind., or at the Windy Hills Country Club, 37 N. U.S. Highway 231, in Greencastle. There will be roundtable discussions between the students and those interested in the program. An admission counselor will be on hand to explain the program. For more information about either of these events, call the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Office of Distance Education Admission at 812-535-5186 or 800-926-3MWC.

The first monthly Young Adult Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. on Nov. 9 at St. Francis Hall Chapel at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. Father Jonathan Meyer, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, will be the celebrant. This new event, which will take place every second Sunday of the month at the same time and place, was organized by young adults (men and women, married and single, in their 20s and 30s) with the assistance of archdiocesan priests and leaders. After the Mass, there will be a gathering in the Ruth Lilly Hall for snacks, conversation and information about young adult ministry in the archdiocese and upcoming events. For more information, call 317-423-2302 or e-mail indyvoegdsh@ mass@yahoo.com.

Frank Runyon, television and film star, will perform “Serenos on the Mount” at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 at American Martyrs Parish, 270 S. Bond St., in Scottsburg. The family event will portray the Apostle Matthew sharing the Sermon on the Mount with the early Church in Antioch after the Roman army has burned Jerusalem to the ground. Runyon has performed Biblical texts all over the country, and prior to that starred on television shows such as “General Hospital,” “As the World Turns,” “Santa Barbara” and “L.A. Law.” Following the performance, he will discuss the different values the media is teaching us and the choices that we face as Americans and people of faith. All are welcome to the event. A free-will offering will be taken up to aid Runyon’s ministry. For more information, call the parish at 812-752-3693.

St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoptions Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., in Indianapolis, will have its open house at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11. There will be a chance to learn more about St. Elizabeth’s ministry. For more information or to RSVP, call 317-787-3412, ext. 39.

Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., in Indianapolis, will host a pro-life legislative forum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the Austin Center at the University of Notre Dame, 1203 Campus Ave., in Notre Dame, Ind. The event is free and open to the public. Following the event, attendees will be able to place their name on a list of people who are willing to serve as state legislators. For more information, call 317-423-2302 or e-mail indyvoegdsh@mass@yahoo.com.

During a press conference to announce the success of its five-year, $21 million financial campaign, “Taking the Lead for Women, the Woods and the World,” Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College announced that the college library would now be called the Mary and Andrew Rooney Library. The Rooney’s are the parents of Julia Rooney Ladner, Class of 1951, who, along with her husband, Frank, was a co-chair of the campaign. The Ladners gave $1 million to the college in 1995 and also gave $1 million in 2001.†

The recently completed renovated and expanded student chapel at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad has been recognized with a 2003 Design Merit Award by The Interfaith Forum on Religious Art and Architecture and Faith and Form magazine. The project on the 71-year-old St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel began last fall and was completed this summer. There was a dedication Mass on Aug. 28 to mark a new beginning for the worship space. Throughout the school year, faculty, staff, students and guests gather daily in the chapel for Mass and morning prayer. The architectural firm Edmund L. Hafer & Associates of Evansville, Ind., worked on the project.†

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Providence Housing Corp. dedicates housing in West Terre Haute

Providence Place, a new affordable housing community developed in West Terre Haute by Providence Housing Corporation, was dedicated and blessed on Oct. 30. Located near the intersection of 9th Street and West Paris Avenue, Providence Place includes 22 apartments for senior citizens with limited incomes, four homes for low- to moderate-income families, and the All Place clubhouse that serves residents of Providence Place and others in the community in need of gathering space for special occasions.

Providence Housing Corporation was established in 1999 to provide affordable housing rehabilitation opportunities for residents in a 70-block area of downtown West Terre Haute. Since rehabilitation of the first home began in August 2000, the housing corporation has rehabilitated and/or repaired 22 existing homes at costs of less than $10,000 to more than $30,000.

Rehabilitation of another two homes will begin before the end of the year. A groundbreaking ceremony for the first 11 apartments was held in July 2002. During the dedication and blessing of Providence Place, Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, Providence Housing Corporation president, spoke of the corporation’s beginnings.

On Oct. 25, 1998, on the occasion of the beatification of Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the Sisters of Providence recalled the generosity of the pioneer family who offered housing to Mother Theodore and her five companies when they reached the dense forests of Indiana in October 1840 only to find themselves homeless. Sister Barbara Ann said, “With gratitude and in recognition of this hospitality, the Sisters of Providence responded to the housing needs in West Terre Haute by developing a program of affordable housing opportunities.”

She said Providence Housing Corporation’s mission is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to the citizens of West Terre Haute.

Sister Barbara Ann said the corporation eloquently reflects Mother Theodore’s witness of evangelical concern for those in need, assisting individuals and families in their efforts to secure a more human standard of living.

“We know that Blessed Mother Theodore held the people of this area with special affection and prayer,” she said. “We know that she experienced homelessness, and that she knew the bone-chilling cold that occurs in a harsh Hoosier winter spent in inadequate housing.

“We also know that Mother Theodore developed into something of a construction expert, through building projects such as those at the Academy and the motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and St. Vincent Academy in Terre Haute,” Sister Barbara Ann said. “In her building days, she fervently prayed, ‘Pray God to bless it.’ And with us today she prays, ‘Pray God, bless your Providence Place. May this gift of Providence help to build a community of love, mercy and justice.’ ”

About 200 people participated in the dedication program that included the blessing of the 20-acre development site, the clubhouse, and each home and apartment.

Providence Housing Corporation’s rehabilitation and construction projects have been funded by the Indiana Housing Finance Authority and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Affordable Housing Program, along with LillyGift IV Endowment, the Wabash Valley Community Foundation and the Vigo County Commissioners and Vigo County Council.

The Sisters of Providence provided seed money for the corporation. Thompson Thrift Construction of Terre Haute was general contractor.

Zeller said the corporation plans to apply for funding to build additional apartments and homes at Providence Place and to rehabilitate existing homes in the community.

The offices of Providence Housing Corporation and the Connecting Link are located in All Place. The Connecting Link provides information, referral and advocacy services. It is a program of Providence Self Sufficiency Ministries. Providence Sister Dorothy Rasche, service provider at the Connecting Link, also serves as housing rehabilitation specialist for the housing corporation. Melissa Rohrbach is the corporation’s housing specialist.

Providence Place serves senior citizens who otherwise would have had to leave West Terre Haute to find low-income apartment housing. More than 90 individuals and couples have expressed interest in obtaining housing in the two-bedroom apartments.

“I sure do like my apartment,” said Betty Wilguess, a resident of Providence Place. “I sure do like my apartment.”

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Aboard: And Journey with the Saints,” a theme that also fit the day of the rally: All Saints Day.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein visited with the young people and offered Mass.

“As you journey to Houston, know that you are witnesses of faith for each other and you witness there in the name of your older sisters and brothers of the Church here in central and southern Indiana,” the archbishop told them in his homily.

He told the youth that All Saints Day is a chance to celebrate those heroes of the Christian faith that have gone before us, and that those saints show us the way to a life of holiness.

The persecutions and the hardship of life, he said, can be a chance to realize our total dependency on God.

“Who is more noble, who is richer, than the person who’s come to some sense of God’s perspective on the river of life?” Archbishop Buechlein asked them. “Who is richer than the person who can say, ‘Lord, I need you. I can’t go it alone—and I don’t need to.’

“Unchosen poverty, sorrow, humiliation—they can make us holy or they can make us bitter. Honestly admitting that we need God, my dear friends, sets us free and gives us peace in our hearts,” he said.

During a prayer service at the end of the afternoon, the youth prayed a litany of saints, and in a special ceremony a representative from each deanery placed a candle at the feet of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in an act of entrusting the trip to her care.

Father Jonathan Meyer, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, spoke to the young people at the closing prayer service.

“The reason that we are going to NCYC is to learn more about the Gospel and to preach the Gospel,” he said.

Behind him were paintings of 10 saints—each bus or plane the youth take to Houston will have a special patron saint. Earlier in the day the young people had acted out skits based on the lives of those saints.

“My brothers and sisters, this is the truth: St. James, St. Christopher, St. Francis, Blessed Mother Teresa, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Maria Goretti, Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph, St. Cecilia—they are absolutely no different than you and I except for the fact that they realized that God had given them the power and the authority to drive out demons, to heal the sick and to preach the Gospel,” Father Meyer said.

“Every saint that we pray to was at one time a youth like yourself,” he said, “and God calls all of us to be saints, he calls all of us to be holy, and he gives us the power and the authority to live that life of holiness and grace.”

The youth rally was hosted by St. Ambrose Parish in part because it was a central location between Indianapolis and the New Albany area, said Father John Hall, the pastor.

In addition to having the Knights of Columbus provide drinks and the Daughters of Isabella provide cookies, the mayor of Seymour, John Burkhart, also showed up to offer his support.

“This is a big thing for the community,” Father Hall said.

He said that he is encouraged to see so many young people getting involved in service and ministry.
the Church and making the traditions of their generation their own. Christina Smith, youth minister for the parish, said that her nine youth that are going are “extremely excited” about their upcoming trip to Houston.

Members of her youth group, which include young people from grades 6-12, helped to host the event by showing people around and providing hospitality. Some of those youth are too young to attend NCYC, but will be eligible to go in future years.

Trevor Thompson, an eighth-grader at St. Ambrose School, said that he wants to go in 2005 and that the youth rally made him even more excited about it. Also helping to organize the event and running around the whole time were members of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.

Kylie Mauer, vice-chair of the council and senior at South Decatur High School, said that beyond helping to plan the rally, the council has prepared a list of activities for bus leaders, planned movies to watch and scheduled prayer sessions. Mauer hopes that young people walk away from NCYC with a greater love for the Catholic faith, and a more intense understanding of being united to other young Catholics across the United States.

Father Robeson, associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, is looking forward to the Houston event. “I’m excited about the opportunity to spend time with the youth,” he said. In his eyes, the event cannot do anything but enrich the faith of the youth who attend.

At the end of his homily, Archbishop Buechlein reminded the youth to open their hearts and say “yes” to the gift of holiness and happiness—and thus to become saints. “The beauty of being Christian saints is this: We don’t have to be brilliant or rich or beautiful or handsome in order to experience the wonder of God’s love and mercy,” the archbishop said.

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Pray “universal rosary” with youth

While more than 500 youth and adults travel to Houston for the National Catholic Youth Conference on Nov. 13-16, they will be praying a rosary together during travel. Even though they will be taking different buses and planes, the young people are coordinating special times to pray the mysteries of the day.

Father Robert Robeson, director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, has asked Catholics around the archdiocese to join the youth in prayer at the designated times.

Times for recitation of the rosary: Nov. 12 – 9 p.m. (Glorious Mysteries) Nov. 13 – 10 a.m. (Luminous Mysteries) Nov. 16 – 9 p.m. (Glorious Mysteries) Nov. 17 – 10 a.m. (Joyful Mysteries)

Catholic teacher wins statewide award for special needs work

By Brandon A. Evans

Pat Musgrave, special needs coordinator at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, was recently honored as the Indiana Teacher of the Year by the Learning Disabled Association of Indiana.

Musgrave received the award at a luncheon on Oct. 10 in Indianapolis.

The Catholic teacher said that she was honored and excited. It is her 11th year at Roncalli—she originally came to the school because of her belief in the Catholic school system.

Charles Weisenbach, principal, said that Musgrave is “a most deserving recipient” of the award.

“The development of the special-needs program at Roncalli might be our single biggest accomplishment over these past 15 years,” Weisenbach said. “It could not have been done without Pat and her tireless efforts.”

Musgrave turned that around, saying that without the support of the school and faculty, she couldn’t have done it. “I really feel like the award that I received was not just an individual honor, but an honor for the school,” she said.

The program that was developed by Musgrave is now called S.T.A.R.S. (Students That Are Ready for Success).

Begun in 1993 with five students, it has expanded to serve 90 students with the help of two licensed teachers. Among the services the program provides are to read tests orally, offer more time for test-taking, offer books on tape, tutoring, a study table and chances to grow in organizational skills, among others.

With all the help given, Musgrave said that the student is expected to “take an active role in the learning process.”

The goal of the program, she said, was to offer a Catholic education to all students despite a physical or learning disability.

Weisenbach said that the mission of Catholic schools is to teach all peoples, not simply the smart, the bright and those who learn everything the first time.

“All of us in Catholic schools have been slow to embrace special education,” he said, noting the times before the S.T.A.R.S. program when he had to turn down parents of disabled children because the school was not equipped to help them.

“It is devastating,” he said. “There’s no easy way to say that.”

Now, not a year goes by when several parents tell him that the program saved their child. Recently, parents of a freshman in the program told Weisenbach that their daughter now comes home from school happy—adding that the last eight years had been a battle.

Still, the program is not able to help everyone, and is not equipped to handle severely emotionally handicapped children. That’s why Weisenbach wants to see the program continue to grow.

Musgrave also sees herself continuing this work in the future.

The Indiana Teacher of the Year is someone that the Learning Disabled Association of Indiana finds to possess knowledge in the area of learning disabilities, has skill in teaching students with such disabilities and is sensitive when working with students, parents and colleagues.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein accepts the gifts of bread and wine from members of the Archdiocesan Youth Council during the Eucharist at a Mass he celebrated at the Archdiocesan Youth Rally on Nov. 1.

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Parishes observe **Dia de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead**

At right, St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners Jack Quigley, left, and Matthew Doss of Indianapolis examine photographs of deceased people on display in the parish’s third annual **Dia de Los Muertos** memorial for the observance of All Souls Day. They viewed the display after Mass on Nov. 2. A portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe is featured in the exhibit.

Below, a table placed near the sanctuary of St. Mary Church in Indianapolis contains remembrances of those who have gone before us in death as well as food and artwork in honor of the **Day of the Dead**. St. Mary Parish has a significant Hispanic population.

Father Michael O’Mara, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, preaches the homily on All Souls’ Day at the downtown parish. A casket placed near the sanctuary serves as a reminder to parishioners that all of us will face death. He spoke to people about the need to prepare for death in different ways, including making known your last wishes.

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From baptism to marriage, sacraments require preparation

By Fr. Herbert Weber

I had just completed the third of three sessions for parents of children who were to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation when one of the dads approached me.

With more than a little enthusiasm in his voice, he said, “I get it. These sessions were meant for us parents so that we can better understand this sacrament!”

The man’s words reminded me that many parents, including those of good will, simply go along with Church preparation programs, not expecting that there may be something in it for them.

The preparation for reconciliation that I manage grew from a lot of discussion involving me, our director of religious education and her sacramental preparation team.

Since our goal was to have the children celebrate this sacrament with the support of their families, I proposed that the parents be given a chance to be reintroduced to the sacrament.

Most parents attended the instruction sessions. They had time to move beyond childhood fears or misunderstandings. The parents also were updated in their understanding of sin and ways to incorporate the sacrament as part of a spiritual wellness plan.

That particular parent course is only one of the ways that most parishes reach out to those about to receive sacraments. From baptism to marriage, sacraments require preparation.

Because many sacraments are celebrated with children, parents often need to be involved. Without parental participation, the effect of what is taught to the children will be limited.

In the words of the father’s blessing at baptism, parents “will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers.”

I believe that three rules help to govern good parental programs for sacramental preparations.

First, we should take care not to waste people’s time. Whatever is done has to be carefully prepared with awareness that the adults who come are making sacrifices to be there. Their lives are already busy trans- porting their children to school, doctor appointments, soccer games or piano lessons, not to mention trying to have some family time and keep all the facets of home life running as smoothly as possible.

The second rule is to treat adults as adults, not as children. Using adult education methodology requires leaders to work hard to make the setting comfortable, not like a classroom. Building off the parents’ own life experiences also helps adults integrate the message.

The final rule is to provide substantial material for adults in their own spiritual growth. I don’t think it is enough simply to tell parents what they should tell their children. Adults are in various stages of faith development themselves, and often are hungry for a personal hope that they try to live the Gospel at work or at home. In our parish, we have an annual retreat for parents whose children will be in our first Eucharist or confirmation programs. Often, I have tried to share some thoughts regarding adult faith issues, such as methods of prayer, exploration of spiritual development in adults or integration of the sacraments into daily challenges.

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Perhaps the best example of prepara- tion for sacraments is the parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for adults who are joining the Church and preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation. Parents often leave feeling delighted that they have something to guide them as they continue their work of Christian parent- ing.

The steps of preparation include classes, prayer, Scripture reading, parish support, a sponsor and various rites. Moreover, this process may take one or two years.

The goal is not simply to “inform” the candidates, but also to let the Christian way of life “form” them spiritually, such as prayer life.

At the Rite of Enrollment at the begin- ning of Lent, the priest notes how the candidates have “listened to the Word of Christ and endeavored to follow his com- mands; they have shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters, and joined them in prayer.”

Praying with the Christian community is itself a preparation for the sacraments. Parish participation in the process also fosters spiritual enrichment for the whole parish. The parish itself is renewed as it walks the journey with those about to be initiated.

Sponsors often say how they grow spiritually as they accompany someone through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process.

In the same way, members of the assembly get excited about their faith as they pray for the catechumens, see the catechumens’ eagerness at each of the various rites, and share with them the joy of the Easter celebration.

Ultimately, all sacramental celebrations are the task of the entire parish. The whole Church, therefore, is responsible for helping prepare those who will receive the various sacraments.

Not only do the preparation programs assure that the sacraments are being well-received, they also remind everyone that the sacraments are at the core of what it means to be Catholic.

(Father Herbert Weber is pastor of St. Peter Parish in Mansfield, Ohio.)

Sacraments connect us with God

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

We can think of the celebration of any sacrament as an interaction between God and us. Both sides of the interaction are essential.

The sacrament’s validity is ensured by the action of Christ, but its effectiveness depends on our understanding of sin and ways to incorporate the sacrament as part of a spiritual wellness plan.

That particular parent course is only one of the ways that most parishes reach out to those about to receive sacraments. From baptism to marriage, sacraments require preparation.

We know that Christ always will do his part, but it is up to us to respond. Pope John Paul II has urged us to read and pray over the readings for the Mass before coming to the liturgy.

How much we benefit from the celebration is linked to how fully we participate, allowing the rhythm of the liturgy to carry us more deeply into the mystery of Christ.

After the celebration ends, we all must go out into the world to live as the body of Christ.

We know that Christ always will do his part; we must do our part. And if we do our part, we will find that the power of the sacraments transforms us ever more fully into the image of Christ.

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

Discussion Point

Baptism is ‘first sacrament’

This Week’s Question

Describe your parish’s baptismal preparation program. Who provides it?

“We [St. Therese, Little Flower Parish] offer [about] a two-hour baptismal preparation program for the parents. The session is facilitated by the pastor or by the presiding priest, and it covers the theology of the sacrament, the concept of initiation and what it means to be part of the faith community.” (Father Ke- in Boucher, Rugby, N.D.)

“Our parish priest [at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish] trains our new teachers, all parish volunteers. He gives them a brief history of baptism in the Catholic Church and discusses the expectations of parents and godpar- ents. Each new teacher teaches at least one class with an experienced teacher after their training before going out on their own. We try to keep at least four or five English-speaking teachers and three or four Spanish-speaking teachers. Almost all our teachers are married couples. Each teacher is required to be a baptized, practicing Catholic and over 16 years of age.” (Bridget Martinez, Topeka, Kan.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe a concrete way that a Christian can serve this Christmas as a much-needed peacemaker.

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Prayer connects us to God and each other

Prayer is one of the first abstractions we encounter in life. As babies, just being fed, diapered and put to sleep. Prayer, and the existence it refers to, is closely related to physical or material necessities. As a child, as we begin to pray, we meet the supernatural for the first time.

We may not even be aware of it, but it is clear that Father makes the sign of the cross on our foreheads at baptism, or Mom sings us a hymn as we rock in her arms, all we know is what it feels like to be touched or held. It’s only later we realize that something greater than us is in charge. We may not be able to express it, but we can certainly feel it.

We become aware that prayer is important when we learn to say grace before meals, or to recite bedtime prayers. But understanding is reinforced in parochial school or religious education, and later in sermons given by the pastor or in pronouncements by the bishops and the pope.

Some of us learn about prayer in the form of resources of faith, which involve specific prayers. Some volunteer for parish prayer chains. Some take the words “I’ll pray for you” seriously, and try to do so often.

There are folk who “pray” when they cook or garden, and those who do it in serving meals to the homeless. Others learn to pray through the experience of personal suffering, or when they lose loved ones. Still others learn by witnessing the strong spiritual example of such people.

We also find writings by mentors such as Henri Nouwen or Kathleen Norris to boost our confidence to participate. We establish routines and venues for prayer, like praying while driving the endless circular routes of “Kids’ school” or “Dad’s work.”

We learn that we’re not alone in this effort. Many religions besides our own value connection with divinity. They may express it in meditation, prayer wheels or the recitation of mantras. The smoke from their holy fires sends prayers heavenward, as incense and prayer wheels do.

Once we know how much we need to pray, we look around for aids to prayer. We discover retreats, which fill our desires for silence, counseling or inspiration. We read the diocesan newspaper and other Catholic periodicals for encouragement and examples of prayer’s accomplishments.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

On the wings of symbolic white doves

Recently, at the graveside of my friend Sandra’s mother, their relatives and friends gathered for a simple but beautiful ceremony that fol- lowed an indoor service. A bagpiper led us to the gravesite. The pastor, minister led the Lord’s Prayer.

Then came the woman with the lidded baskets, standing a few paces away, explaining what was happening next. She opened the basket nearest my friend, placing a white dove on her lap. Then she opened the other basket, releasing two doves, flying away. The woman then entered the gravesite, bearing two more doves, flying away. She went on to place one dove on each of the graves...

Because I strongly sensed God’s pres- ence, the next week I called Oaklawn Memorial Gardens for the name and phone number of the “symbolic white dove release.” Bernie Bernier (317-823-2757). She and her husband, George, Bernier, founded White Dove Assocations of Indiana two years ago for Marion County Sheriff’s Deputy Jason Baker, who was killed in the line of duty.

The Baker family, along with representatives of the Circle City Dove Organization, released the white doves, representing Baker’s age, which were released by a Police Honor Guard. Others urged the Berniers to continue providing this service.

The Berniers are retired police officers, he from the Los Angeles Police Department and she from the Indianapolis Police Department. George’s experience in raising homing pigeons and doves led him to raise doves in Rhode Island. The couple met at a police convention in Nashville, Tenn. “Love at first sight,” Barbara said.

Viewing the graveside dove ceremony was an unforgettable “first sight” experience for me, too. There were no services or stationery dove displays are offered not only for funerals, but also for baptisms, confirmations, weddings—almost any meaningful church, family, company, or organizational celebration. Even using only one, it could be a “first sight.”

However, this isn’t just a business. The Berniers carefullytrain and certify their birds, giving them emotional experience with which they protect the health and well-being of our beloved doves.”

In one case, a white dove, conditioned to “fall in the line of duty” for the line of duty within their service area. More information is available by calling the telephone number in this column or logging on to www.whitedoveassociation.com.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

For Research for the Church/
James D. Davidson

Author skilfully paints a picture of today’s Church

There are several new books dealing with recent trends in the Catholic Church and their implications for the future. One of the best is Peter Steinfels’s People’s Church: The Catholic Church in America in the 21st Century (Oxford University Press, 2003). Steinfels is an accomplished ethicist, historian and distinguished journalist.

Three themes of Steinfels’s book apart. It covers all of the major issues facing the Church, is based on his decades of further experience.”

In a 2002 study, Steinfels’ comparisons point to some signs of growth (e.g., more parishes) and numerous indicators of decline (fewer priests and sisters, lower rates of Mass attendance).

The author then examines the sexual abuse scandal of the early 2000s, the Church’s place in American society, especially American politics (Chapter 3), and the Catholic identity of Church-related health care organizations, social service groups and colleges and universities (Chapter 4).

Steinfels then gives careful attention to Catholic worship (Chapter 5), religious education and formation (Chapter 6), issues related to sex and gender (Chapter 7), and leadership on the part of bishops, parish pastors, permanent deacons and lay ministers (Chapter 8).

The book makes excellent use of many kinds of data. It does an admirable job of interpreting the results of the latest surveys of Catholics’ religious beliefs and practices. The writing is clear and readable, as would be expected from the author of dozens of books and articles, and a fellow columnist for The Criterion.

Steinfels skillfully paints a picture of today’s Church. He emphasizes two important trends. One is the generational change from the pre-Vatican II Church older Catholics to the new “Millennial Catholics” who are “50s to the post-Vatican II Church today’s young adults have grown up in.

Steinfels adeptly helps men and women of all ages gain a deeper understanding and appreciate the experiences of each of the Church’s generations. The second shift is from a Church in which decison-makers were mostly clergy to one in which laypeople, and especially lay women and men, are in decisions affecting parishes and dioceses. The bottom-up nature of this change is no more evident in any work than in Steinfels’s book.

Finally, Steinfels explores four “narratives,” which he calls “ultraconservative,” “traditionalist,” “moderately conservative,” “liberal” and “radical liberal.” He regrets that many Catholics opt for one of these perspectives, which he calls “narratives.” He explores their experiences and observations and condemn persons who favor one of the other narratives.

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Veteran columnist for the Los Angeles Times and author of The Daily Prophet, Steinfels is a master of the hard and easy style that respects the views of people who have different theological worldviews.

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Christian is a living temple, a human repository of God. The land of the Dead Sea, God's life-giving power, overflows with water. So great was the aridity. Water was precious, since it was so scarce but so vital to life.

The temple was regarded by the devout as the earthly dwelling place of God. The land of Jerusalem, and of a spring that flows from it, has a lesson.

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We have encountered some confusion in our area about when it is appropriate for a non-Catholic to receive Communion in the Catholic Church because they can receive Communion in their own Churches. We are not Catholic. We cannot receive Communion in the Catholic Church because they can receive Communion in their own Churches.

The conclusions from various Vatican directives, and seemingly official practices, can be confusingly varied. The latest general Catholic Directory on Ecumenism, published in March 1993, lists four conditions for reception of the Eucharist by a baptized non-Catholic Christian in the Catholic Church, unless a bishops’ conference or the local bishop has established different norms. The individual must (1) request the sacrament freely and on his or her own initiative, (2) manifest the faith the Church teaches concerning the Eucharist, (3) be spiritually prepared and motivated to receive, and (4) have no access for the sacrament in his or her own Church or religious denomination (#131).

Non-Catholic may be able to receive Communion at Mass

Monday, November 10
Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Wisdom 1:1-7
Psalm 139:1-10
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 11
Martín de Tours, bishop
Wisdom 2:23-39
Psalm 3:4-23, 16-19
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 12
Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Wisdom 6:1-11
Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 13
Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
Wisdom 7:22-8:1

Psalms 119:89-91, 130, 135, 173
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 14
Wisdom 13:1-9
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 15
Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church
Wisdom 18:14-16, 19-6:9
Psalm 105:2-3, 36-7, 42-43
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 16
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16:5, 8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

We have encountered some confusion in our area about when it is appropriate for a non-Catholic to receive Communion in the Catholic Church because they can receive Communion in their own Churches. What is the present requirement, or is it different from one place to another? (Florida)

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My Journey to God

Angels Light My Way

I do not hide when troubles come my way. Instead of becoming anxious, I sit down and pray for God to send his angels to light the way. Angels are sent to guard and guide and strengthen, like heroes we cannot see.

By Rene Jackson

(Rene Jackson is a member of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon. She is 12 years old and attends St. Mary School.)
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55. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Mass and Healing service, Thursday, November 7, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-865-5554.

November 8


November 9
23. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph Chapel, 5630 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Silent prayer day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., bring lunch, free-will offering. Information: 317-543-0154.


November 10
28. Michaela Farm, Oldenburg. Volunteer work day, close down gardens for winter, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-831-0661.

November 11
25. Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., Terre Haute. Parish Mission, Redemptorist Father Robert Halter, presenter, morning sessions, 8:15 a.m., evening sessions, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-636-5551.

November 12

29. St. Anthony Parish, Ryan Hall, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. Tea party, 5 p.m., $5 per person.

November 13

November 14
31. St. Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. Married couples event, young adults 18-30, “The Cross, Blood and Gift,” 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Information: 812-933-4439 or francis101@francis101.org

November 15
32. St. John Chrysostom Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Sr. Margaret’s Christian Retreat, “Lighten Up!” with Sr. Margaret, 1-5 p.m. Information: 317-782-2020 or indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu

Audrey Neucks
Cathedral High School
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Eli Lilly and Company

While Cathedral was an excellent place to spend four years of adolescence, I could not have anticipated the effect it would have on the rest of my life. I learned all the lessons that were required during high school, but the most important were those that extended beyond the classrooms. A student at Cathedral does not attend merely to acquire facts, but rather to become a well-developed and mature individual.

Being involved in the theater department was much more than memorizing lines and places. I learned how to be a part of a large team made of many specialized parts working toward one goal. During class, Mrs. Fitzgerald taught me about American literature. In between classes, she taught that adults and teenagers can interact as peers. As an adult who volunteers as a tutor in schools, I found this lesson is just as valuable to teach as it is to learn. The faculty at Cathedral truly took a personal interest in me and enabled me to become a well-rounded individual.

Outside of the classroom, much of my time was spent socializing with my fellow classmates. After school, much of my time was spent socializing with my fellow classmates. Outside of the classroom, much of my life was spent socializing with my fellow classmates. Days and nights were filled with football games, track meets, studying, and sometimes just hanging out. Little did I know that this circle of friends would soon grow into a powerful and effective network throughout the business world. Those who used to be my classmates are now leaders in their chosen fields whether they are managing people, nursing, composing music, or even teaching back at Dear Old Cathedral. Not only am I proud of all their accomplishments, but I have also had the pleasure of watching them grow along with me.

I came to Cathedral expecting to find a good high school that would prepare me to attend the college of my choice. I left Cathedral with the gift of an exceptional education, priceless lifetime lessons, and an appreciation for all that goes into making a successful experience.
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Ministries, 317-236-1597 or 800-382-8363, ext. 1596.
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Providence Center, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Bazaar and bake sale, 8:30 a.m. Information: 812-553-3111.
St. Nicholas Parish Hall, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr. Sunman. St. Nicholas 7th- and 8th-geners, wokolosh sausage and pancake breakfast, free-will offering. 7:30 a.m.-noon.
November 17
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Hulman Hall, Conference Center, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Fall Chur, 2-4 p.m. Information: 812-535-5186 or 800-926-SMWC.

November 18
St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. St. Meinrad Seminary School of Theology workshop, “The Decree on Ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council.” Benedictine Father Matthias Newsman, presenter, second session, 9-7 p.m., $40, less for seniors. Information: 955-6451 or indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu.
Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, 1005 W. Main St., Danville. “The Reformation,” Father Danville. 7-9:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Miss, 2 p.m. St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. Daughters of Isabella, Madonna Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-849-5840.
St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickley 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 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Mass and anointing of the sick, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

Fourth Wednesdays

First Saturdays
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Confirmation, 6:45 p.m., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m. Archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 317-236-1596. Divorced Catholics, 7 p.m. Information: 317-236-1597 or 800-382-8363, ext. 1596.

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Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.
Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays
Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. Miss, 2 p.m. St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. Daughters of Isabella, Madonna Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-849-5840.
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Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charis- 

Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by arch- 
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First Sundays
St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., Sellersburg. Prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.
Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Eucharist, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Fourth Sundays
St. Francis Catholic Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Holy Name of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, 1005 W. Main St., Danville. “The Reformation,” Father Danville. 7-9:30 p.m. Information: 317-745-4221.

November 20
Oldenburg Academy of Immaculate Conception, 1 Twister Circle, Oldenburg. Open house, 5-8 p.m. Information: 812-934-4446, ext. 231.

Monthly
Second Tuesdays
St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Santo Dr., Indianapolis. Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics, 7 p.m. Information: Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Second Thursdays
St. Luke Church, 7755 Holliday Dr. E. Indianapolis. Holy hour for priestly and religious voca-
tions, 7 p.m.
Second Saturdays
St. Agnes Parish, Brown County Public Library, Nashville. Brown County Widowed Support Group, 3 p.m. Information and directions: 812-988-2778 or 812-988-4829.
Third Sundays
Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr. Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. Mon-
day, rosary, 8 p.m. Until midnight.
Third Mondays
St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382- 

Third Wednesdays
Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.
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Catholic position on living wills sometimes misunderstood

WASHINGTON (CNS) — in the case of Terri Schiavo, there is very little on which the Florida Catholic bishops and "right-to-die" attorney George J. Felos would agree.

But both have said the case of the comatose Florida woman, who has been at the center of a major legal battle over whether she should remain on the feeding tube that keeps her alive, points out the need for every person — young and old, healthy or ill — to talk to their relatives and health care providers about the kind of care they want to end at the start of their lives.

"A clear message to all of us is the responsibility we have to convey to our families and loved ones our wishes for treatment at the end of our lives," the bishops said in a recent statement.

Appearing on "Larry King Live" on Oct. 27 on CNN with Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband and Felos' client, the attorney made a similar call: "This case should be a message to everyone to write a living will, discuss what your wishes are. So for your family, the tragedy that has befallen the Schindler and Schiavo family doesn't happen to yours.

Among Catholics, there is a common perception that living wills are frowned upon or prohibited by the Church, said Father Michael Gutgsell, moderator of the curia for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., and pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Calhoun.

"That is not true," he told The Catholic Voice, Omaha archdiocesan newspaper. "There are two critical considerations. We are obliged ... to take those necessary steps to preserve life or to protect life. We are not obliged to take heroic steps ... and care and pain management may be never be ceased."

A living will addresses treatment options a person wants omitted or performed on his or her behalf. But because unexpected circumstances may arise that are not specifically addressed in the living will, Catholics can also designate someone to exercise durable power of attorney specifically addressed in the living will, Catholics can also because unexpected circumstances may arise that are not addressed in a living will.

"He or she has a conversation with you and knows your moral position and understands the values that guide you," said Father Patricia Imperato, an ethics officer for Alegent Health in Omaha, said the durable power of attorney for health care is really an extension of an end-of-life will. "You are putting yourself in the place of that individual who you are representing," she said. "You may have different ideals of what that person would want, Imperato added.

The major ethical guidance offered by the Catholic Church on end-of-life decisions is contained in the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services," updated in 2001 by the U.S. bishops.

"We have a duty to preserve our lives and we are obliged to use it for the glory of God, but the duty to preserve life is not absolute, for we may reject life-prolonging procedures that are insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome," the directives state.

"The free and informed judgment made by a competent adult patient concerning the use or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures should always be respected and normally complied with, unless it is contrary to Catholic moral teaching," they add.

A number of state agencies and nonprofit organizations offer guidance on what information should be contained in a living will and durable power of attorney. For example, one of the most popular is in Terri Schiavo's own state of Florida, where Tallahassee-based Aging With Dignity has drafted up "Five Wishes."

As the Schiavo drama has unfolded and the Florida Legislature stepped in to authorize Gov. Jeb Bush to remove Terri Schiavo from the feeding tube, it has been removed by court order, orders for the Five Wishes document expired, according to Paul Malley, president of Aging With Dignity.

"Our office has fielded more than 2,000 individual requests and the orders are still pouring in," said Malley in an interview just before the latest court order was entered.

"Five Wishes" includes a durable power of attorney for health care, and options that define what "life support" may mean to the patient, how the patient wants to be comfortable, whether the patient wants family or friends visiting or praying alongside the bed, and a list of optional last wishes. Many callers to Aging With Dignity have ordered 20 or 30 copies of "Five Wishes" to give to friends, family and co-workers. Some said they plan to give copies of the end-of-life directives as Christmas gifts.

More than 3 million copies of the document have been distributed around the county, and employers such as Delta Air Lines, the U.S. State Department and MTV have offered them to their workers.

The National Right to Life Committee offers a similar but more limited document called "Will to Live" for free and other states have also developed similar guides. "Some said they plan to give copies of the end-of-life directives as Christmas gifts."

Mary Schindler, the mother of Terri Schiavo, tells news media on Oct. 24 in Florida that her daughter is responsive to certain words. The 39-year-old woman, who suffered severe brain damage more than 10 years ago, is, in the words of a legal dispute between her husband, who argues Terri should be kept alive by artificial means, and her parents, who say she 's not in a persistent vegetative state and reacts to their presence and voices.

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CRS official says Iraqis respond to help with curiosity and eagerness

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Iraqis have responded to Catholic Relief Services' initiatives with curiosity and enthusiasm rather than hostility. The hostilities of some high-profile foreign agencies have found, said a CRS official who recently visited Iraq.

"Our ability to work over these last several months has been helped because we are not so high-profile and have a low number of ex-pats," said Christine Tucker, CRS regional director for the Middle East and North Africa.

She said CRS, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency, deliberately hired a primarily Iraqi staff in order to give the Iraqis a sense of empowerment of their own abilities to reconstruct their country. CRS has received a "great deal of support" from their Iraqi partners and local residents, she said.

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"We were greeted with more curiosity rather than antagonism or fear," said Tucker.

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"CRS' current goal is to facilitate quick-action community projects such as paving of roads, sanitation projects and school rehabilitation, she said.

Together with their Iraqi partners, CRS approaches community leaders to discuss such community’s immediate needs, said Tucker. CRS then provides the resources to carry out the project.

"We have seen these projects in action and some before and after pictures, and I am very impressed ... and pleased with the progress," she said. "I was very surprised to see how quickly they have been able to do things. More than anything we have found an eagerness to continue with these projects, and as long as that continues I hope we also can continue doing this."

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NEW YORK (CNS)—George Weigel, author of a biography of Pope John Paul II and books on political theory, called on Oct. 30 for a conversation about international relations theory between the United States and “the Holy See and the Roman intellectual milieu that informs its perceptions.”

A conversation on that theme should be global, but it is “particularly important” that it occur between “the world’s most potent moral authority and the world’s leading political, economic and military power,” he said.

Weigel, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, said the U.S.-Rome conversation should occur not only at the diplomatic level, but “in a mutual exchange of ideas and perceptions between U.S.-based scholars and their counterparts in the Roman Curia and the Roman universities.”

Attention to Catholic theory in international relations has lapsed in the 40 years since the encyclical “Pacem in Terris,” and its renewal could offer an alternative to another religiously grounded view—militant Islam, he said.

Weigel made his comments delivering the annual Merton Lecture at Columbia University in New York. The lecture is sponsored by Catholic campus ministry at Columbia and Barnard College and a supporting foundation. It also honors Trappist Father Thomas Merton, who entered the Catholic Church in 1938 while he was a student at Columbia.

In his opening remarks, Weigel said that “Merton’s influence on the Catholic left had its problematic elements” because of his tendency to use “apocalyptic rhetoric” and think of world politics in “psychological categories.”

But though Father Merton’s thought in that area was “ultimately unsatisfactory,” he had the “core insight” that “there was a distinctively Catholic way to think about world politics,” Weigel said.

He said it was urgent to renew the conversation about Catholic theory in international relations because of the “inevitable tension and ambiguity” between “the moral witness of the pope and the Church and the diplomacy of the Holy See,” both of which were needed.

While Pope John Paul has been “a moral witness speaking truth to power,” his diplomatic representatives must play according to “the rules of the game,” and the roles can get confused, Weigel said.

He said “some would argue” that this happened in the debate before the war in Iraq.

“The prudential judgments of Vatican diplomats and agency heads were often reported and perceived as if they were decisive moral judgments by the man the world has come to recognize as its foremost moral authority—Pope John Paul II,” he said.

Weigel said a “complex pattern of commentary from the Holy See” about the Gulf and Iraq wars suggested a need for “a thorough re-examination of the just-war tradition.”

He said the commentary included opposition to the war in Iraq because of a lack of U.N. Security Council support and also opposition to the Gulf War despite Security Council approval. And he asked whether this amounted to a “functional pacifism” even while retaining “the intellectual apparatus of the just war tradition.”

“What is striking about recent commentary from officials of the Holy See on the Security Council’s monopoly of legitimating authority in the matter of using armed force is that it has been asserted, not argued,” Weigel said.

He said the moral standing of the Security Council was dubious not only because its structure failed to reflect the realities of world politics, but also because three of its permanent members—China, France and Russia—developed their foreign policies on “grounds that have little or nothing to do with moral reasoning” as Catholics understood it.

It is “perhaps surprising,” he said, that Vatican support for the United Nations has intensified “even as the United Nations and its affiliated agencies have adopted policies with respect to abortion, the family and the proper response to the AIDS pandemic in Africa that are opposed to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church.”

In response to those who call for rule by law rather than force, Weigel said that all law “requires the sanction of legitimating authority in the matter of using armed force is that it has been asserted, not argued,” Weigel said.

He said that “a revitalized Catholic international relations theory” would open a discussion on the criteria for determining when the use of armed force was justified for cases of “humanitarian intervention.”

Among other factors that Weigel said the conversation on international relations theory must address were “the anti-democratic and often anti-Catholic bias in regional associations like the European Union,” “judicial activism in international legal institutions,” and the emergence of new international forces such as terrorist organizations.

“The Catholic Church, because it is the bearer of a great tradition of moral realism applied to world politics, is distinctively positioned to broker a new and wiser conversation throughout the world about the way in which moral truths impinge on the politics of nations,” Weigel concluded.
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Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to those separate obituaries on this page.


GIBLIN, Gregory C., 46, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Aug. 29. Brother of Rose Marie Reighard. Great-grandmother of 1.


The annual Spirit and Place Festival, held in central Indiana on Nov. 8-19, will feature several Catholic events. Most of the 100 separate events are in the Indianapolis area.

The Polos Center at IUPUI in Indianap- olis sponsors the collaborative festival of the arts, humanities and religion. This year’s theme is “Remembering and Reconciling.”

Among the Catholic-related events in the Spirit and Place Festival in Indianap- olis are:

• Reel Spirituality” — Nov. 7-9, Fatima Retreat House, 3353 E. 56th St. The retreat will highlight expressions of faith in popular cinema. Participants will be able to pray, write, discuss and walk the labyrinth. The cost is $160 per person or $270 per couple, which includes the pro- gram, accommodations and meals. For information, call 317-545-7681.

• “Mother Earth, God in Heaven” Nov. 8, 8-10 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Parish, 126 W. Georgia St. The Indianapolis Arts Choral concert will focus on remembering each other’s com- mon humanity. Tickets are $15 for adults, $13 for seniors (62 and older) and $5 for students. For information, call 317-847-9673.

• “Interfaith Peace-Prayer Service: Remembering Our Actions with God’s Word” — Nov. 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Monastery Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery of the Resurrection, 2500 Cold Spring Road. The prayer service will tran- scend ecumenism and tolerance to present form prayer reflecting and valuing many faith traditions. For information, call 317-847-9673.

• “Lives of the Working Poor”— Nov. 14, 1-5 p.m., administrative wing of Fatima Retreat House, 3353 E. 56th St. The retreat will be conducted by men and women of the Diocese’s ministry to separated and divorced Catholics, who will share their stories of healing and recovery. The retreat will include hoping for healing, forgiveness and peace. The cost is $50 per person, and includes lunch. For information, call 317-788-7581.

• “Reeling Faith Tradition”— Nov. 16, 1-5 p.m., administrative wing and multi-purpose room at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, 2801 W. 86th St. There will be a photograph exhibit, text and artifacts assembled by Brebeuf stud- ents, faculty and parents who have docu- mented the diversity of religious practice in the school. Student photographers will document the spiritual journey of each student. For information, call 317-872-7056; ext. 6650.

By Mary Ann Wyand

Are you separated or divorced? You’re still in time to register for “Being and Belonging,” a Nov. 14-16 retreat at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

Dominican Father Daniel Davis, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in West Lafayette and chaplain for the Lafayette Diocese’s ministry to separated and divorced Catholics, will be the keynoter. He will be assisted by divorced Catholics, who will share their stories of healing and hope during the retreat.

“It is good and helpful for men and women to attend this retreat so they can discover a healing path that might lead them to wholeness again,” he said. “The retreat will be conducted by men and women who have been divorced and remain in the Church and have discovered God again”.

The retreat will focus on exploring the pain, sadness, feelings of abandonment, shame, hopelessness, anger and loss of direction caused by separation and divorce.

“All of these are hurts that Jesus came to heal,” Father Davis said, “and indeed died for us for that we might live.”

The Gospel story of the woman at the well is one of the Scripture passages that will be discussed during the retreat.

“By talking with Jesus about her multi- ple marriages, she experiences a healing and comes to see her to drop every- thing that has held her back and take a new direction in her life,” Father Davis said. “She goes on to tell Jesus to give her water to those who attend this time with us.”

“The Gospel of Matthew says Jesus, ‘Being and Belonging’ is jointly spon- sored by the archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries and the Lafayette Diocese’s Family Life Office. For more information or to register for the retreat, call Fatima Retreat House at 317-545- 7681 by Nov. 12.”

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For more information or to register for the retreat, call Fatima Retreat House at 317-545-7681 by Nov. 12.
**Southern California churches give aid in wake of deadly fires**

SAN DIEGO (CNS)—As fire-weary residents began returning to their burned homes, one of their local parishes in the community of South Coast Village in Chula Vista, California, was closed because of the destruction. St. James the Apostle Cathedral Parish, located at 800 Pacific Drive, was destroyed by fire on Nov. 3. The parish was one of the many churches and religious centers that were destroyed or damaged in the wildfires that swept through the region.

**African bishops want U.S. Church to pay more heed to their continent**

NEW YORK (CNS)—A delegation of African bishops in the United States to attend the meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington Nov. 10-13 will appeal to American bishops to increase their attention to the continent, a delegation member said in a New York interview. Bishop Nicolas Djomo Lola of Tshumbe, Congo, said he and his fellow bishops from across Africa will ask American bishops to link and institute an annual collection like the one it has for the Church in Latin America. Among other tasks, they would like to see the diocese/dioceesan partnerships to link the U.S. Church more closely with the African Church, he said. They also will urge the U.S. bishops to use whatever influence they have with the Bush administration to put more pressure on African political leaders to settle their conflicts without war, he said. “The American government is now the only superpower that can make a difference,” he said.

News reports confuse bishop’s testimony against same-sex unions

BOSTON (CNS)—In recent testimony before a Massachusetts legislative committee, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Worcester urged the defeat of several bills that would redefine marriage to include same-sex couples or would give same-sex civil unions a status equivalent to marriage. He said the state’s Catholic bishops are unabashedly opposed to that, but “willing to join the discussion if the goal is to look at individual benefits and determine who should be eligible.”

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That’s how 10 at-risk teen-agers from Jennings County described their first experience walking on the new outdoor Labyrinth to Peace on Oct. 15 at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital in North Vernon.
Funding for the labyrinth, which means “prayer walk,” was donated by the Evelyn Beesley family of North Vernon. The labyrinth was designed by John Ridder of PAXworks in Indianapolis, and resembles the rosette pattern of the stone labyrinth in the Chartres Cathedral in France.
It is 84 feet wide and has eight circular paths defined by grass and mulch. Landscaping and benches will be added next year.
Dennis Gholson, assistant maintenance director at the hospital, and Walter Glover, a chaplain in the hospital’s mission services department, coordinated the project with numerous volunteers that included several of the at-risk teen-agers.
“The labyrinth entrance points one degree off of true north,” Glover said, “and it’s aimed directly at the highest point on the hospital, which is the circular stained-glass window above the chapel. In and out, the walk is about three-eighths of a mile long.”
St. Vincent Jennings Hospital is the third hospital in Indiana to construct a labyrinth, Glover said, and the only hospital with an outdoor grass labyrinth.
“Many of the labyrinths in the country are part of the Art Project and they’re ordered within a few degrees of true north,” Glover said. “All I said when we discussed the entrance to the labyrinth was that I wanted it to point to the chapel window in the hospital. It turned out that’s one degree off of true north. We didn’t plan that. It’s all about grace. It’s a gift.” †

Above, three Jennings County Educational Center students in North Vernon walk on the new outdoor Labyrinth to Peace adjacent to St. Vincent Jennings Hospital on Oct. 15 as part of a class field trip.

At left, Walter Glover, a chaplain in the mission services department at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital in North Vernon, explains the purpose of a labyrinth to a group of at-risk teen-agers from North Vernon.