Haiti unrest forces cancellation of mission trip

By Mary Ann Wyand

Rebels have killed more than 50 people in Haiti since Feb. 5 and overtaken the port city of Cap-Haiten in an attempt to oust President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, forcing the cancellation of a Feb. 27 medical mission trip to St. Jean-Marie Vianney Parish in Belle Riviere organized by St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis.

The 15-member volunteer medical team postponed their mission trip last weekend due to escalating violence in the impoverished Caribbean country on the island of Hispaniola.

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Joseph Zelenka of Indianapolis, who coordinated the mission trip, said he still plans to travel to Haiti on Feb. 27 to visit St. Jean-Marie parishioners.

"I'm going because I think it's important that someone go—because we're not going as a team—to Belle Riviere to let them know that we love them, we’re praying for them and we’re going to come back," he said. "It's just a matter of time. When the violence ceases, we’re coming back with a medical team."

It will be Zelenka’s 28th trip to the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere since St. Thomas Aquinas Parish partnered with St. Jean-Marie Vianney Parish through the Haiti Parish Twinning Program, now called the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, in 1988.

"Three doctors, a dentist, nurses and two pharmacists from Indianapolis were going with me," Zelenka said on Feb. 21. "We had planned to go on Feb. 27 and stay through March 6 to staff a medical clinic in Belle Riviere."

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The hearing is scheduled to determine if the case against Bishop O’Brien is ready for a preliminary hearing, which could pave the way for a pretrial hearing.

In statements to police and in testimony, Bishop O’Brien admitted that he left the scene of the accident after his car struck 43-year-old Jim Reed, who was killed as he crossed a dark street in midblock on June 14. Although witnesses said a second car also hit Reed, no other vehicle has ever been traced to the Diocese of Phoenix and the license plate number. The plate was traced to the Diocese of Phoenix and Bishop O’Brien himself looked for 24 hours later that police wanted to question him about the accident. The jury deliberated the case on Feb. 12 and deliberated that afternoon. The next morning, Feb. 13, Gerst dismissed the case.

The juror who sat with the jury, who read the verdict, “He’s probably stunned,” she added. “He’s a strong man. He’s got so much faith. He has the most wonderful family.

Under the agreement, Bishop O’Brien turned over some diocesan administrative duties to others and apologized for allowing priests he knew were suspected of sexual abuse to continue working with minor children.

In statements to police and in testimony during his trial, Bishop O’Brien said he had no idea what had happened with a loud crack as he drove home from a confirmation ceremony. At his trial, the bishop said he couldn’t see any obvious cause for the damage, he decided to drive the five minutes to his home, rather than report it.

At the trial, he said he concluded hours that later his car must have been hit by a rock or a dog and that it never occurred to him to report the incident to police.

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Father James O’Riley was a decorated war veteran

By Mary Ann Wyand

Father James K. O’Riley, a retired diocesan priest who earned medals of valor in World War II, performed on the stage and worked as a mortician before his ordination to the priesthood in 1967, died of cancer on Feb. 22 at his home in North Vernon. He was 79.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 26 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was the principal celebrant and Msgr. John Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, was the homilist. Burial followed in the Carriage Lane section of Holy Cross Cemetery in Indianapolis.

The son of Dennis Keith and Irma Elizabeth (Roark) O’Riley was born on Sept. 7, 1924, in Watseka, Ill. He graduated from Danville High School in Danville, Ill., in 1942, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and was a decorated combat veteran.

His brother, Father Dennis O’Riley, is a retired priest who served in the Peoria Diocese in Illinois. Another brother, St. Barnabas parishioner and funeral home director Daniel F. O’Riley of Indianapolis, recalled him as a talented artist who enjoyed drawing pictures of buildings.

“Jim was a decorated combat veteran of World War II and was missing in action for a year,” Daniel O’Riley said. “It was assumed that he was dead. A lot of people don’t know that. He didn’t talk about it.”

“He served in Gen. George Patton’s Third Army in the company,” Daniel O’Riley recalled. “He was separated from the other men after their small transport boat was shot out from under them, and they had to swim to shore. He lost his food and his rifle, and traveled through the Black Forest in Germany alone for months. He had some pretty harrowing experiences with the Nazi soldiers before he found another group of American GIs.”

During the African-European campaign, he earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service.

After the war, Daniel O’Riley said, his brother returned to the States and pursued a career on the stage.

During the early years of the war, he had entertained the troops as a comedy tap dancer until he was called to combat service. After the war, he worked in show business and danced on the stage of the Palace Theater in New York.

After completing his military service, he also performed as a tap dancer and character dancer on stages in London, Canada, New York and throughout the eastern United States. His interest in the performing arts was inspired by his mother and led him to study at the Chicago Art Institute.

After tiring of the entertainment world, he came home and studied to become a mortician, then felt called to the priestly vocation. “Jim was a great pianist,” Daniel O’Riley said. “He was quite a musician. He didn’t read music. He could just play anything he heard. He later directed the Scola Choir in the seminary.”

In 1955, following a family tradition, he joined his brothers in the funeral business after attending the Indiana College of Mortuary Science and becoming a licensed funeral director.

In 1959, he entered the seminary at St. Mary’s College in St. Mary, Ky., then continued his theology studies at St. Maur Seminary in South Union, Ky.

He was ordained to the priesthood at age 44 by Archbishop Paul C. Schulte on May 7, 1967, at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church and celebrated his first Mass on May 14, 1967, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

His first assignment was associate pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis from 1967-72, when he was named associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis. In 1973, he was named associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Brookville.

The next year, Father O’Riley was named pastor of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Cedar Grove and continued to assist with sacramental duties at St. Michael Parish in Brookville.

In 1975, he was named moderator of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women for the former Lawrenceburg Deanery, a position he held until 1979. In 1978, Father O’Riley was appointed administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Dover and continued as pastor of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Cedar Grove.

In 1986, he was named pastor of American Martyrs Parish in Scottsburg and St. Patrick Parish in Salem. He resigned from those ministry assignments on Feb. 1, 1993, then provided sacramental assistance at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan.

He retired from active ministry on July 5, 1995. “I never thought of Jim as an old man,” his brother said. “He would have been 80 on his next birthday. He never really got old. He had a lot of youthful qualities. We’re going to miss him dearly.”

Surviving are a sister, Mary Ann Laskey, and two brothers, Father Dennis H. O’Riley and Daniel F. O’Riley, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Jennings County Hospice in North Vernon.
Letters to the Editor

J udges are wrong to allow same-sex marriages

I do not believe there is any doubt that the majority of people in Indiana and in America as a whole are opposed to gay marriage. Regardless of what your opinion is on gay marriages, is why should we not be outraged by the fact that four judges in Massachusetts can have such an impact, not only on the citizens of Massachusetts, but also to some degree on the citizens of the other states as well. It seems that the ability and the power of judges to overrule the elected representatives of the citizenry of a state diminishes the value and usefulness of the legislature of that state.

The power of these judges, both state and federal, make it necessary to amend the Constitution(s) to protect the majority, and even then judges water down what has been passed.

I wish I had paid more attention to my civic duties when I was in school, and so maybe I am wrong, but I thought judges were supposed to interpret the law and not make the law. It seems that in many cases now, these interpretations go further and make law, thereby usurping the power of the elected legislatures.

If the legislatures cannot legislate the will of the people, by all means, let us put these issues on the ballot and put it to a vote and let the people speak.

W.L. O’Bryan, New Albany

Voters need more information from Catholic media

In reference to the U.S. Catholic bishop’s document, “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility and Moral Participation” presented in The Criterion by John F. Fink asks, “So now what?” Mr. Fink goes on to explain that Catholics should learn how candidates stand on various issues. This is good!

But, my question is “so now what” Will The Criterion do to inform its readers how candidates stand on issues. If Catholic citizens are called to political responsibility, then The Criterion as Catholic newspaper should provide us with the information that enables us to make an educated choice who go to the ballot.

The bishop’s document also says, “We urge Catholics to become more involved.” To become more involved, Catholics need to become more informed.

Recent information from the Indiana Catholic Conference details what can be done. Dioceses, parishes and Church organizations may: • Support or oppose issues but not candidates • Educate on issues and positions, but not show preference for any candidate or party • Encourage voter participation, but not endorse political parties.

It also seems to me that our Catholic media should be providing their readers with a list of the names of parishes and businesses that support Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion organizations. If we want to be the “silent majority,” numerous very vocal minority groups will have their say. Another case in point is the controversy over homosexual marriages.

George Klausner, Dover

Know who you are voting for

Anthony Mester’s Feb. 6 letter calling for state legislators to enact laws ending abortion is an idea justified by Church teaching. Unfortunately, the state legislation cannot enact a law prohibiting abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade held that such state laws were unconstitutional. Only the U.S. Supreme Court has the ability to obtain an abortion.

I agree with Mr. Mester that abortion is wrong. But it is sparked by it. Let me say that the religious and ethical implications of the abortion debate is sensational, and it is no longer confined to the “red states.”

Please let me note that Pope John Paul II clearly is consistent on these topics of abortion and the death penalty.

Finally, I would respectfully caution the anti-abortion advocates in person’s inclination to let God do the judging of our actions or a person’s inclination toward compassion.

Karl Hertz, Thibodaux, La.

Fatima Retreat House provides important archdiocesan ministry

I want to make a few comments regarding The Criterion article, in the Feb. 13 edition, about Fatima Retreat House. I am thrilled that the world is getting out that Fatima is still alive and continuing the mystery. Many people in the audience will benefit from all that Fatima offers and it is timely and relevant.

However, I would like to make a few observations regarding the Fatima experience.

Firstly, I would respectfully caution the pro-life advocates to be cautious about how they approach a pro-abortion organization. For example, if the government says that the abortion should be legal, we need to understand that the government is not doing it because it is the government, but also because the government is not opposed to it.

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La profunda reflexión de un parroquiano sobre el escándalo de abuso sexual contra la Iglesia

Diez días después de publicado el reporte relativo a abuso sexual en la Arquidiócesis de Indianapolis, recibí una carta que me pareció una píldora, una píldora de esperanza para la Iglesia. Citaré fragmentos con los respectivos comentarios, manteniendo en anónimo la identidad del autor. Su sabiduría es instrucciva, su fe, edificante.

La mayoría de las personas que han hablado conmigo me han expresado su gratitud por el informe y su contenido, pero se sintieron descorazonados por el escándalo, especialmente cuando clérigo y otras personas que sirven a la Iglesia son culpables. Con toda razón, se nos juzga con mayores estándares, especialmente cuando clérigo y otras personas que sirven a la Iglesia son culpables. Tampoco puede creerse que estos periodos de abusos hayan sido en realidad negligencias.

La mayor parte del escándalo fue de abuso sexual por parte del clero. Sin embargo, también es cierto que algunos obispos pasaron por un proceso de aprendizaje en cuanto a la importancia de la vocación y el abuso de menores. El abuso sexual por parte del clero no puede pasar desapercibido.

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Lo que más me entristece es que la voz de la Iglesia es tan urgentemente necesaria aquí y ahora. Necesitamos escuchar sobre la santidad del matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer. Necesitamos escuchar sobre el comportamiento obsceno, especialmente en la televisión. Necesitamos escuchar sobre relativismo moral. La gente necesita saber que este es un Sí y un No, y que el bien y el mal están claramente definidos. Si bien es cierto que existe un área incierta en cuanto a algunas decisiones morales, yo creo que siempre se puede saber lo que una persona está viviendo, no obstante existen el pecado, el mal y un malévolo.
The National Players acting company will offer two free public performances on March 5 and 6. The National Players will perform William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, directed by Clay Hopper, at 7 p.m. on March 5. They will perform Our Town, directed by Alan Wade, at 7 p.m. on March 6. Parking is available in the student parking lot or at the Guest House. For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at 812-357-6501.

Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard will present a four-part lecture series titled “The Many Faces of Jesus as Painted by the Gospel Writers” on the four Thursdays in March in Oldenburg for this year’s Sister Mary Carol Schroeder Lecture Series. Each session will be presented from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish life center, and Bruce Seifert, Roncalli High School head football coach, will speak about “Everyday Blessings” from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 per person and must be purchased at the parish office by March 2. For more information, call the parish office at 317-784-1763.

Dominican Sister Miriam Therese MacGillivray, an internationally known eco-justice educator, will visit the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on March 13-14 to lead a program titled “Broadening the Context: Eco-Justice as the Model for Shaping Public Policy and Moral Ground.” The presentation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 13, with an open forum/discussion from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on March 14. It will focus on environmental issues and how they impact political, economic and social systems. The program is open to the public. The cost is $50 per person, which includes breakfast both days and lunch on Saturday. The registration deadline is March 1. For more information, call Providence Sister Ann Sullivan at 812-535-3131, ext. 525, or e-mail savillia@spwcm.org.

There will be a Vespers service at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, on six Sundays in March with services will be on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 and on April 4 and 11. Reflections on the Scripture will be given by Father Rick Gauthier, pastor of the cathedral parish. There will also be evening prayer at 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Feb. 26. For more information, call the parish office at 317-634-4519.

The Thomas Merton Foundation is offering a four-week spiritual development program at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St., in Louisville, Ky. The program, which will meet on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from March 2 to March 23, will be based on the approach and works of Thomas Merton. The cost of the series is $45, which includes a book and materials. For more information or to register, call 502-926-5425.

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There will be a retreat for teen-agers and adults with developmental disabilities and their friends titled “Friends of Jesus” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 7 at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center in Oldenburg. Franciscan Sister Ann Vonder Meulen will lead the retreat. The cost is $25 per person, which includes lunch. For more information, call 812-933-6437.

There will be a retreat for youth 13 years and older titled “Called to Life” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 13 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood. There will be presentations about marriage, living the Catholic faith, the priesthood and consecrated life, and the culture of death. There is no charge for the retreat; however, participants should bring their own lunch. The registration deadline is March 8. For more information, call 317-236-1477, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1477.

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“I feel sad that we’re not going as a medical team,” he said, “because now is the time, I think, when we need to be there to support the people, to show them that we care, despite the fact that there is some violence. And yet I understand the fear because the American press is constantly talking about the violence.”

Zelenka said he will meet Father Valerie Rebecca, pastor of St. Antoine de Padua Parish in Petite Rivière, at Visititation Hospital in Port-au-Prince on Feb. 27 then travel with him to Belle Rivière, where he will stay with Father Lucian Exantus, St. Jean-Marie’s new pastor, who was assigned there about four months ago. Father Rebecca, a cousin of President Aristide and a former pastor of St. Jean-Marie Parish, arrived in Indianapolis on Feb. 21 for his fifth visit to central Indiana. He spoke at Masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, last weekend.

Mount Carmel parishioners partner with St. Antoine de Padua parishioners through the twinning program.

Rebel fighting in Haiti has closed major roads and cut off humanitarian food shipments to the people, Father Rebecca said after canceling Mass on Feb. 21 with Msgr. John Duncan, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Speaking in Creole with help from translator Msgr. Duncan, a Haitian now living in Miami, Father Rebecca said peace is the only solution to Haiti’s economic and environmental problems and asked people to pray for an end to the conflict.

“It is very, very difficult for food to be sent to Haiti,” Delmas said on behalf of Father Rebecca, “because the terrorists don’t give permission to any cars to go from Port-au-Prince to Cap-Haitien to Hinche to Les Cayes. They cut off the roads. The solution for [delivering] the food is if they collaborate with the Red Cross. The Red Cross can help in that situation.”

Because of ongoing violence, the U.S. government urged Americans and humanitarian aid workers from other countries to leave Haiti.

Delmas said Father Rebecca doesn’t believe that President Aristide has the ability to fight the rebel uprising without help.

“President Aristide has agreed with the organizations who want peace for Haiti,” the priest said, “but the opposition does not want that at all.”

Father Rebecca said the people in his parish and other regions of Haiti are in danger of rebel fighting.

“For this moment,” Delmas explained, “he said that we need the power of intervention from the United States, who can help the people in Haiti to stop fighting. Otherwise, we cannot do anything to stop the fighting. If the soldiers come from the Caribbean, that doesn’t mean anything. But if they come from the United States, Canada or another big country, that will help a lot.”

Father Rebecca also said it depends on “what we hear the news” about the fighting because some media reports are true but other sources are paid to say untrue things about [the political situation in Haiti]. Delmas also said Father Rebecca was worried that President Aristide will not be able to stop the power.

“He said that some people lie about Aristide,” she explained. “Most of the people in Haiti believe more in Aristide because he always fights for the poor people. The terrorists want Aristide to leave the island. The majority of the people are poor and are for Aristide. The people still want him to lead them.”

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Haitians take bags of lentils from a United Nations food warehouse in Cap-Haitien on Feb. 23. Attacks against the government of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide gained momentum as rebels took over Cap-Haitien’s police station and looters pillaged the U.N. warehouse that distributes food to more than 250,000 people in northern Haiti.

As an art therapy student, one of my projects was to teach a second grade class about the Sistine Chapel. I taped drawing paper under their desks and had them lay on the floor and draw—on their backs like Michaelangelo did. As a former I hope to push my students and help them grow, just like my professors at Marian did for me.
Many in the Church have created resources to help Catholics who have viewed The Passion of the Christ understand more fully Jesus’ suffering and death. Some are pre-existing magisterial teaching documents that explain the Church’s relationship with the Jewish people. Others have been recently created to help Catholics grow in their relationship with Christ or share the Good News of his Passion, death and resurrection with others.

Catholic-Jewish relations
Nostra Aetate (Vatican II’s Declaration of the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions)
www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCIL/SV2N005.HTM

The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible
www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/PRCJWSCR.HTM

Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion
http://www.usccb.org/seia/CRITERIA.PDF

Spiritual growth and evangelization resources
Savior on the Silver Screen by Saint Meinrad School of Theology professors Rick Stern, Clayton Jefford and Benedictine Father Guerric DeBona
www.paulistpress.com

Catholic Passion Outreach—An initiative of catholicsexchange.com and Ascension Press, offering resources to maximize the evangelization potential of The Passion of the Christ, including Matt Pinto’s A Guide to the Passion: 100 Questions about The Passion of the Christ
http://passion.catholicsexchange.com/index.html or call 800-376-0520 to order the book.

The Passion: Reflections on the Suffering and Death of Jesus by Paul Thigpen
www.praytherpassion.com or call 1-866-909-BOOK to order the book.

The Passion of Our Lord: Catechetical Resource Guide
www.diocind.org/passionbrochure.pdf

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The Church is asking your financial support for the national collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States, now 119 years in existence. Join your sacrifice to that demand for Evangelization is so important to our Church in this modern world. Please be generous.
Mel Gibson directs actor Jim Caviezel as Jesus during filming of The Passion of the Christ. The movie, which opened across the country on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, received an R rating from the Motion Picture Association of America for sequences of graphic violence. The "restricted" rating means that those under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Actor Jim Caviezel portrays Jesus on the cross in a scene from The Passion of the Christ.
more hours of deliberations on Feb. 17, they sent Gerst a message that they had reached a verdict.

“This case is really about 10 seconds,” defense attorney Tom Henze said in his closing argument on Feb. 12, “the 10 seconds surrounding the accident.”

“Make no mistake ... the state is telling jurors. But Henze urged jurors to focus on two fundamental questions: “What did he know? And when did he know it?”

Henze told jurors the bishop’s behavior following the accident—driving his car with a battered windshield in public, to both a church function and a family dinner—showed Bishop O’Brien had nothing to hide.

“I don’t know if you do and damned if you don’t” is how Henze characterized the bishop’s predication following the accident.

The defense argued Bishop O’Brien’s actions in the 36 hours following the accident until the time he was interviewed by Phoenix police detectives were “not legally relevant,” because at the time of the accident the bishop was unaware he had struck a pedestrian.

In his final rebuttal, prosecutor Anthony Novitsky made one final appeal to jurors: “You know what is right or wrong; to tell Thomas O’Brien what he did is ‘OK’ is wrong.

Jurors who spoke with reporters said they focused on the few seconds after the accident, not the 36 hours before Bishop O’Brien was interviewed by police and arrested.

“This has been a very sad case for us,” said juror Lois Dopler. “We all went through a great deal of emotion, from anger, sadness and generally being upset about not being able to talk with our families about something that we were so intensely involved in.”

The charge given to jurors was to consider whether a “reasonable person” in similar circumstances would have expected someone might have been hurt in the incident and stopped.

Judge Stephen A. Gerst looks at Bishop Thomas J. O’Brien as the bishop testifies during his criminal trial in Phoenix on Feb. 9. The bishop is charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident last June.

 Jury deliberations on Feb. 17, continued from page 2

Federal appeals court agrees to hear case against Roe vs. Wade

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in New Orleans, will hear arguments on March 2 in a case brought by the original “Jane Roe,” seeking to overturn Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that removed most state restrictions on abortion.

Norma McCorvey of Dallas, who in 1980 revealed that she was the “Jane Roe” of the case and has since become a strong opponent of abortion, said in an affidavit that Roe vs. Wade was “wrong—decidedly and has caused great harm to the women and children of our nation.”

McCorvey, who is now 56 and who became a Catholic a few years ago, did not have an abortion at the time of the Roe decision, but gave birth and gave the child up for adoption. However, she sought the right to have an abortion and that is what led to the case.

More than 1,000 women filed affidavits in connection with the new case, however, saying that they had been harmed psychologically and physically by abortions.

Last June 19, a Dallas district court judge declined to reopen the case, saying that McCorvey’s request was not made within “a reasonable time” after the Supreme Court decision.

“Whether or not the Supreme Court was right in its Roe decision was certainly final in this litigation,” U.S. District Judge David Godsey wrote in the ruling. “It has been too late for 30 years after the fact, for McCorvey to revisit that judgment.”

The Texas Justice Foundation, a pro-life legal group based in San Antonio, is representing McCorvey in the case. A separate motion to reconsider the District Court of Appeals Bolts, the companion case to Roe vs. Wade, has been filed in Atlanta on behalf of Sandra Cano, who was “Mary Doe” in that case.

The Feb. 19 announcement that the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals would hear the Roe case was the most positive development since the motion to reconsider was filed last year, said supporters of the suit.

“She lives for the day that Roe vs. Wade will be reversed,” said Allan Parker, president of the Texas Justice Foundation, of McCorvey. “She hopes to return to the political process so people can decide for themselves whether abortions should be banned or partially restricted or allowed. She personally believes they should be criminal for the doctor except to save the life of the mother.”

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill—successor to District Attorney Henry Wade, who was named in the original lawsuit—has declined to file a response to the McCorvey challenge, saying that no abortion law remains in Texas to defend.

But a group of 20 Texas law school professors asked the court in New Orleans for permission to argue for dismissal of the motion. David Schenck, a law professor with the Dallas Firm of House & Luce, will argue on behalf of the Constitution assigns responsibility for deciding cases to a judge and, ultimately, to the Supreme Court,” Schenck told The Houston Chronicle daily newspaper. “It’s not up to litigants to overrule them just because they disagree.”

Lenten Sacrifice

ABSTINENCE
No meat can be eaten by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.

SELF-DENIAL
Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.

FASTING
A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

PRAYER and CHARITY
Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.
Adult faith formation programs grow in variety

By Dan Luby

Momentum is building for a more focused effort to help Catholic adults understand their faith more richly and practice it more fully. Seeds are sprouting and growing. They are still tender and vulnerable, and there are bare patches where nothing visible has broken the surface. But like green shoots growing in a spring wheat field, the signs are clear.

Bible study programs are springing up in parish after parish. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is following up its blockbuster status with a decade of continued strong sales. The U.S. bishops, in their 1999 document, Lend Us Your Voice, have chosen the terminology “adult faith formation.” The broader vision lifted up by the bishops’ pastoral plan for adult faith formation calls us also to encourage other members of the Church to take part in this “full and sincere adherence to his person and the decision to walk in his footsteps” (#53).

Such a personal, intentional commitment requires not only information about Christ—understanding the doctrinal wisdom of our tradition, studying Church teaching about who he is—but more centrally, knowing Christ personally, embracing a profound, life-changing relationship with him that affects every dimension of daily existence: family, work, leisure, politics, and commerce as well as worship and prayer.

“Adult faith formation” encompasses everything the Church does to help adults “consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer and study” (“Our Hearts” #5).

A serious effort to achieve this goal always will include systematic teaching and learning about the timeless truths of the Catholic faith. Central in such efforts are careful study of the Bible and of the teaching of the Church expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The broader vision lifted up by the bishops’ pastoral plan for adult faith formation calls us also to encourage other ways in which adult faith is formed.

In many parishes, adults gather in small groups for shared reflection on the Sunday readings, prayer and mutual encouragement.

Lay ministers receive training that goes beyond mere practicalities to help them connect Church tradition with their personal lives.

Parish worship is planned and celebrated with a greater awareness of the liturgy’s formative power.

Adults doing charitable work gather afterward to reflect upon their experience in the light of Christian teaching.

Entire parishes are renewed and deepened in their faith through the witness of participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process of conversion and sacramental preparation.

The good news is that this new wave of enthusiasm promises to be a source of tremendous enrichment to those who participate in it and to the Church whose mission they serve.

(Dan Luby is director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.)

Discussion Point

Light of Gospel helps the faithful

This Week’s Question

What is a real concern of yours that you need—or once needed—to learn to view in the light of the Gospel?

“Without the light of the Gospel … I would not be able to bear the injustices and sufferings we human beings inflict upon one another.” (Addy Verlin, Sisseton, S.D.)

“Dealing with the consumerism so predominant in our society, I need to reconcile the Gospel’s call for simplicity against that consumerism to which I personally fall victim.” (Steve Landregan, Dallas, Texas)

“The ideas of forgiveness and even of sacrificing our lives for others in this temporal society.” (Ron Vanasdlen, Brighton, Mich.)

“I work with adults in difficult situations—perhaps they’re out of work, perhaps recently divorced. The Gospel calls us to help them realize that they are a valued part of our community. We cannot forget people. That’s the bottom line.” (Carol Jensen, Appleton, Wis.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe an Easter custom in your family.

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During Lent, ideally Christians restore that Lent is the season where we are called to see our cross. He'll say to him, "Michael, who is that?" and the ordeals that led to our redemption. In fact, I have mastered for four years when asked, "Jesus." In fact, as a young girl, I would say to him, "Michael, Jesus."
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004


The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of this first Lenten weekend’s Old Testament lesson. Deuteronomy is one of the first five books of the Bible. These first five books are so important because they contain the teachings of Moses, the greatest of the ancient Hebrew leaders.

In this weekend’s reading, Moses himself speaks. He reminds the people of Israel that only by God’s merciful protection and guidance did they escape the miseries of slavery in Egypt. It is a frank realization of the fact that the Israelites were, as humans, limited and vulnerable. It also recognizes God’s almighty power and endless mercy.


It is the story of the devil’s tempting Jesus. Matthew and Mark, the other Synoptic Gospels, have in essence the same story.

Luke’s version is unique, however, in its reference to Jerusalem. It is not surprising. As an author, St. Luke was greatly taken by Jerusalem. For him, Jerusalem was not simply a geographic site. Rather, it was the place where God historically, and really, encountered the faithful.

In Jerusalem, David and Solomon had reigned. In Jerusalem, the prophets proclaimed God’s greatness. As the story progressed, Jesus would die, and then rise, in Jerusalem.

Jesus was sent to succumb to this temptation, and thereby enter Jerusalem under false pretenses, then the plan of God would be thwarted and the Holy City would be defiled. Jesus, of course, refused.

Not only does Jesus recognize the devil, but also the Lord commands the devil. The Lord resists the temptation. The integrity of holy Jerusalem is maintained. Not only is the devil determined to lead the good astray, but also by not recognizing the Lord’s role and mission, the devil reveals true ignorance.

Reflection

Even though Lent began with Ash Wednesday several days ago, this weekend is for many Catholics the first opportunity to receive the Church’s guidance for drawing closer to God and ultimately experiencing genuine union with the crucified and risen Savior.

For its first message, therefore, among the Lenten Sundays, the Church is direct and blunt.

An important part of its message this weekend is to remind us all that we are limited. Deuteronomy sets the stage. The ancient Hebrews were helpless in the face of their persecutors.

The second lesson is that God is almighty and provides for us. He provided for the Hebrews who fled Egypt under the leadership of Moses, God’s spokesman. God will provide for anyone who is sincere, Jew or Greek, free or slave, female or male.

God’s greatest and perfect instrument of protection and salvation is Jesus, the Son of God, the Redeemer. Jesus is Lord of all, even the devil. He knows all. He loves all.†

Church is proper place for baptisms, other sacraments

Q: I understand that baptisms are not to be celebrated in private homes, only in a church, except for emergencies or pressing pastoral reasons. What would pressing pastoral reasons be? Certainly you don’t just want that someone wants a baptism at home? Have these rules changed?

I know that a priest recently came from other state to baptize a little baby, and this ceremony took place in the parents’ home because, someone told me, the parents didn’t want to do it in their church. If a baptism does take place in an emergency, are certain pastoral reasons left out, is the baby still brought into church to complete the baptism? (Indiana)

There has been no change. The Church building is the spiritual “home” of a parish family. Each baptism, therefore, share their faith and worship of God in the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments.

The building reminds us of many things, including our responsibility to nourish and support each other in the faith we share with other Catholics. This explains the Church’s centuries-old preference for locating important events of our faith, such as baptism, in the community’s particular place of worship.

The Rite of Baptism states, “Outside of a case of necessity, baptism is not to be celebrated in private homes” without the bishop’s permission (#12). Except for emergencies or other compelling reasons, baptisms should not take place even in hospitals.

In any case, the parish priest is obliged to be sure the parents are suitably prepared.

Pastoral reasons are not limited to physical emergencies. They may apply, for example, when a parent or other significant relative is too ill to leave home to attend the baptism. One way or another, the bishop is ultimately responsible for establishing guidelines that determine when the need applies.

It is not uncommon for another priest, perhaps a family member, to receive permission to minister the baptism either at home or in church.

In any case, the pastor must consider the spiritual needs of the individuals involved and of the entire parish family, and assure respect for the Church’s instructions in the administration of the sacraments.

I have the feeling this was all done properly in the situation you describe. About 600 years ago, the Church began the practice of “supplying the ceremonies” for baptism. In serious emergencies, as you know, there is normally no time for anything except pouring the water and saying the necessary words.

Were this baptism, and there is an opportunity later, the child is brought to church for the other elements of the baptism liturgy—Scripture readings, profession of baptism vows, anointing, blessing of the baptismal candle and so on.

This is not just a superfluous ceremony. Everything in the baptism liturgy is designed to announce and rejoice over the public reception of this new member of our faith. Through baptism, we become, and are accepted as, part of the body of Christ who is Christ’s church.

While the “supplied” ceremonies symbolize and celebrate the fuller meaning of baptism, as you say, “complete” the baptism. When the proper matter and form—pouring the water and reciting the words of baptism—are administered, the sacrament is already complete, and the child has become a full baptized member of the Church.

(If a brochure in English or Spanish, answering questions that Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com).†

My Journey to God

Simon’s Soliloquy

I did not know the man
When forced to walk his way
But what I learned from him
Still follows me this day.

The heavy, rough-hewn cross,
When thrust into my hands,
Brought outrages from the mob
That had its own demands.

Why could the crowd not see
What I saw in his eyes?
Who could stop this madness?
What happened to his legs?

No matter how it’s told
I do not count it lost.
Embraced within my hands
Are splinters from his cross.

† By Dorothy M. Colgan

(Dorothy M. Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad. She is the mother of Benedictine Father Tobias Colgan, prior of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.)

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The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the “My Journey to God” column. Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

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Franciscan Sister Consuela Esquibel celebrates 104th birthday

By Sr. Rose Lima Frerick, O.S.F.

OLDENBURG—“Mamacita! Mamacita!” Francisca Consuela Esquibel, until quite recently, would call out this affectionate greeting from her easy chair to anyone fortunate enough to “pass by.” Sister Consuela’s 104th birthday was celebrated on Feb. 16 by the congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis at Oldenburg. The former Margarette Esquibel was born in Nutrias, N.M., on Feb. 16, 1900, and is one of six children. She was inspired to become a nun by two cousins, who professed vows and joined the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg.

“I joined them so much that I made up my mind to follow them,” Sister Consuela said of her decision to pursue a religious vocation. Recalling her first journey by train on June 30, 1925, from her home in New Mexico to the Franciscan motherhouse at Oldenburg in southeastern Indiana, Sister Consuela said it took her a while to realize that she was so far away from her family and friends. “We stopped for a while in Kansas City, Missouri,” she said. “That was when I realized that I was miles away from home. My heart sank, but there were no tears.”

Sister Consuela ministered as a teacher for 47 years and taught students in the first through eighth grades. At St. Mary School in Rushville, she taught sixth-grade students from 1966-69 and third-grade students from 1975-77, which was her last teaching assignment. She also taught second-grade students at St. Gabriel School in Connersville during the 1969-70 school year and fourth-grade students at St. Anthony School in Evansville, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, from 1942-43 and from 1956-57. In 1977, Sister Consuela moved to the motherhouse in Oldenburg—not to “retire” at age 77, but to spend her time visiting the sick sisters in the infirmary, which is now in St. Clare Hall. Sister Consuela “officially retired” in 1985 at age 85.

Her hearing and sight are diminishing, but not her appetite. Sister Consuela’s favorite foods include fried egg sandwiches and milk shakes, and chocolate is a real treat for her. “We stopped for a while in Kansas City, Missouri,” she said. “That was when I realized that I was miles away from home. My heart sank, but there were no tears.”

Two Esquibel sisters are treasures to their presence. Consuela ‘s younger sister, also is retired and lives in St. Clare Hall at the motherhouse. Sister Benedict will celebrate her 99th birthday in May. Both Esquibel sisters are treasures to the people they meet, other Oldenburg Franciscan sisters explain, and members of the community look forward to celebrating each day that God blesses them with their presence.

(Franciscan Sister Rose Lima Frerick is a member of the congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Oldenburg.)

Franciscan Sister Consuela Esquibel enjoys her birthday cake on her 104th birthday during a party on Feb. 16 at St. Clare Hall at the motherhouse in Oldenburg. Franciscan Sister Barbara Riemensperger, who ministers to the elderly residents at St. Clare Hall, presents the birthday cake. Sister Consuela taught school for 47 years.

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Lenten penance services are scheduled at parishes

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following is a list of penance services that have been reported to The Criterion.

**Batesville Deanery**
March 3, 7 p.m. for St. Magdalene, New Marion, and St. John, Osgood, at St. John, Osgood
March 4, 7 p.m. at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora
March 14, 2:30 p.m. for St. John the Baptist, Dover, and St. Joseph, St. Leon, at St. Joseph, St. Leon
March 17, 7:30 p.m. for St. Paul, New Alscue, and St. Martin, Yorkville, at St. Martin, Yorkville
March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock
March 28, 7:30 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
March 28, 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
March 29, 7:30 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
March 30, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 31, 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
March 30, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 29, 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
March 30, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Peter Cathedral, St. Mary and Holy Cross at Holy Cross
March 29, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, St. Leon
March 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke
March 20, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew, St. Andrew
March 24, 7:30 p.m. for St. Simon the Apostle, St. Simon the Apostle
March 17, 7:30 p.m. for St. John the Baptist, Dover, and St. Joseph, St. Leon
March 13, 7:30 p.m. for St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
March 12, 7:30 p.m. for St. John, Osgood

**Bloomington Deanery**
March 3, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Mitchell
March 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Jude, Spencer
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
March 27, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington
March 31, 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

**Connersville Deanery**
March 9, 7 p.m. at St. Bridget, Liberty
March 11, 7 p.m. for St. Rose, Knightstown, and St. Anne, New Castle, at St. Anne, New Castle
March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Rushville
March 18, 7 p.m. for St. Michael, Brookville, and Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove, at Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove
March 18, 7 p.m. for St. Robert, San, and Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove
March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville
April 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary, Richmond

**Indianapolis East Deanery**
March 2, 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael, Greenfield, and Holy Spirit at Holy Spirit
March 15, 7 p.m. for Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernardette and St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower)
March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville
March 23, 7:30 p.m. for SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Mary and Holy Cross at Holy Cross
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Simon the Apostle
March 11, 5 p.m. at St. Philip Neri

**Indianapolis North Deanery**
March 11, 7 p.m. for St. Matthew and St. Pius X at St. Pius X
March 14, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc
March 16, 7 p.m. at Christ the King
March 23, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 30, 7 p.m. at St. Luke

**Indianapolis South Deanery**
March 3, 7 p.m. for SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood
March 7, 7 p.m. for St. Patrick, Good Shepherd, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Rosary at Holy Rosary

**Indianapolis West Deanery**
March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel
March 16, 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica
March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield
March 21, 2:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity
March 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher
March 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Malachi, Brownsburg
March 25, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip Neri

**New Albany Deanery**
March 3, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany
March 3, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, Clarksville
March 4, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilleton
March 4, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, Clarksville
March 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Corydon
March 13, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs
March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
March 16, 7 p.m. for St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, and Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville
March 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs
March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, New Albany
March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
March 28, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Lanesville
April 1, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
April 4, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany
April 5, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville

**Seymour Deanery**
March 8, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
March 11, 7 p.m. for Most Sorrows of Mother of God, Vevay, and Prince of Peace, Madison, at Prince of Peace, Madison
March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Ambrose, Seymour
March 14, 2 p.m. for St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh
March 17, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown
March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus

**Tell City Deanery**
March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine, Leopold
March 17, 6:30 p.m. for St. Michael, Cannelton; St. Pius, Troy, and St. Paul, Tell City, at St. Paul, Tell City
March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark, Tell City
March 20, 4 p.m. at Holy Cross, St. Croix
March 27, 5 p.m. at St. Iloose the Farmer, Perry County
March 31, 7 p.m. for St. Martin of Tours, Siberia
March 31, 7 p.m. at St. Boniface, Fulda, and at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad, at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

**Terre Haute Deanery**
March 4, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Clinton
March 7, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rockville
March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle
March 21, 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael, Cannelton; St. Pius, Troy, and St. Paul, Tell City, at St. Paul, Tell City
March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods
March 29, 7 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute
April 1, 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Terre Haute
April 1, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Terre Haute

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The Active List

The Criterion, Thursday, February 27, 2004

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 phone. Notices must be in our office by 5 p.m. Thursday 1 week in advance of (Friday) publication: The Criterion, The Active List, 1409 N. Meridian St. (hand deliver), P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail); 317-216-1593 (fax), mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

February 27

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, N.E., Bradford. Fish buffet 4:30-7:30 p.m. Information: 317-264-6173.

St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenwood. The Cogy of Couple to League of Indiana- polis, Natural Family Planning (NFP) class, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-357-8432.


St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) School, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indianapolis. Fish fry: 4:30-7:30 p.m., carry-out available. Stations of the Cross in church, 6 p.m. Information: 317-357-8432.

February 27-29

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, Floyd County. “Lenten Retreat for Men and Woman,” (single or married), suggested offering $95. Information: 812- 923-8817 or e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

February 28


Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. “The Year of the Leperch—A Chinese Celebration,” 2004 Shannanming, black tie optional, 5 p.m., cocktails, 6 p.m. grand buffet, Chinese auction, mid- night buffet. $125 per person includes preview party, 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 27. Information: 317- 542-1481.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Black History Month observance, honoring service, Rev. Patricia Scarry of Pittsburgh, presider, 10 a.m., followed by youth, 1-3 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

The Brickyard Crossing, 4400 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. Cardinal Ritter High School gift gathering, party, dinner, 7 p.m., cost, $25. Information: 317-627-7825.


Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. “Joining God’s Creative Spirit Within,” Franciscan Sister Anne Vonder Mueoten, presenter, 9:30 a.m.-4:50 p.m., per person includes lunch. Information: 812-933-6437.

Marvin University, 2117 Avalon- place, Indianapolis. Spirit of Universal Brotherhood, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m., registration under 18 free. Information: 317- 549-2814 or 317-844-5918.

Mary’s King’s Village Schoen- statt, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., South, 8 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles. “Schoenstatt Spirituality,” 2:30 p.m., Mass, 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812- 898-3551 or e-mail burwinkel@ss- stint.net or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.sedona.com/~burwinkel.

March 1

Mary’s King’s Village Schoen- statt, Reeville (located on 925 South, 8 miles east of 422 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), “Family Faith Talks,” Mass, 8 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812- 898-3551 or e-mail burwinkel@ss- stint.net or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.sedona.com/~burwinkel.

March 3

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. “Food and Spirituality,” “The Crisis in the Church and Her Response,” Jesuit Father Joseph D. Fessio, presenter, Mass, 5 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812- 898-3551 or e-mail burwinkel@ss- stint.net or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.sedona.com/~burwinkel.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., Indian- apolis. apolis. St. Meinrad School of Theology, workshop, First of three-part series, “Prayer and Conversion,” Franciscan Sister Barbara Leon- red, presider, 9:30 a.m.-noon, 50c, for seniors. Registration: 317-955- 6451 or indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu.

March 4

Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. Lenten series, “The Face of Jesus Found in Me,” Franciscan Sister Barbara Leon- red, present, 2-3:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 812-933-6437.


March 5


March 7

St. John’s Center, 841 E. 14th St., Indianapolis. “Biblical Wisdom–An Alternative Approach to Divine Wisdom,” Benedictine Father Eugene Hen- sell, restorer-director. Information: 317-862-2777 or 800-880-2777 or e-mail kordes@thedome.org.

March 11


March 9

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, Floyd County. Lenten Retreat Day,” bring brown bag lunch, divinity, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 812-923- 8817 or e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

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March 5-7 Lenten Retreat for Women

The Divine Romance: Accepting God’s Love for Us and Growing in our Response

Fr. Patrick Keith Hosey and Sr. Maureen Mangen

March 12-14 Lenten Retreat for Women...Him, One Heart and Soul—Fr. Ben Hawley SJ

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March 19-21 Lenten Retreat for Women

The Life of St. Clare of Assisi—Fr. Ted Haag, OFM

In this time of retreat, the gift and example of St. Clare of Assisi will be our inspiration. Her life and words will provide us with the opportunity to reflect upon our own lives, to discover our own places for conversion and renewal, and to begin again to respond with greater fidelity and love for Christ and His gospel.
**The Active List, continued from page 16**

Road W. Selkirk, IN 46256. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

Bereche Jesuit Preparatory School, 2801 W. 80th St., Indianapolis, In. Autism and Spectrum Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., child care provided. Information: 317-885-7095.

**First Fridays**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 T St. Bedford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass after 9 a.m. Saturday, reconciliation, Fri. 4-6 p.m., Sat. 8-9 a.m.; “Children of Hope” program, Holy hour for children. Information: 812-275-6559.

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Mass, 8:15 a.m., devotions following Mass, 9:30 a.m. Benediction. Information: 317-784-4544.

St. Peter Church, 1207 East Road, Franklin County. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. until Communion service, 1 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, Coler Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Mass, 8 a.m., adoration, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sacred Heart 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.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:45 p.m. Mass-9 a.m. Saturday. Information: 317-698-4478.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2331 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warren Ave., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickle Ave., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph Church, 1735 S. Mickle Ave., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., Indianapolis. Holy hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Second Saturdays

St. Agnes Parish, Brown County Public Library, Nashville.

Second Mondays

Church at Mount St. Francis. Holy hour for vocations to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m.

Second Tuesdays


St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr., Indianapolis. Holy hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 1735 S. Mickle Ave., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph Church, 113 S. 5th St., Terre Haute. Eucharistic adoration, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Benediction, rosary, noon, Mass, 1:15 p.m. Information: 812-235-4996.

First Saturdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Devotions, Mass, 7:30 a.m., sacrament of reconciliation, rosary, meditations following Mass.

Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. Apostolate of Fatima holy hour, 2 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warren Ave., Indianapolis. Reconciliation, 7:45 a.m. Mass, 8:15 a.m. followed by rosary.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Mass, 8:35 a.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m., then SACRED gathering in the school.

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 812-988-4429.

Third Sundays

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m.

Monday, rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

Third Mondays

St. Matthew Parish, 4106 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9685, ext. 1596.
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ROMAN CHURCH (CNS) — Bishops in English-speaking countries have been sent copies of a draft of a new translation of the main prayers used at Mass, but one liturgy expert said the number of obviously modified texts would not be overwhelming.

Mgr. James P. Moroney, secretary of the U.S. bishops’ liturgy committee, commented: “The only things that were changed were those things that needed to be changed for precision or proclamation.”

The English draft of the “Ordos Missae,” or Order of the Mass, was approved by the episcopal board of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) in January.

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College meets $3.5 million challenge grant

St. Joseph Sister Joan Lescinski, president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, recently announced that the college has fully met the $3.5 million match grant challenge presented by Lilly Endowment’s “Special Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education.”

“I would like to express my own thanks ... for the generosity of so many who made these matches possible,” Sister Joan said. Nearly $3 million of the grant came from alumni. More than 95 percent of the staff and more than 90 percent of the faculty made contributions toward their $250,000 goal. Mary Ellen Long, the college’s chief development officer, said that $150,000 has been earmarked for scholarships and $25,000 for marketing the Women's External Degree Program. How the rest of the money will be used will be determined in the future. The only restriction is that the money be used for academic purposes. “We are so thankful to the Lilly Endowment for creating this Initiative,” Long said.

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Speaker proposes professional code of ethics for Church leaders

Butler proposed a 10-point professional code of ethics for Church leaders, both lay and clerical. In his talk, Butler proposed a 10-point professional code of ethics for Church leaders, both lay and clerical. In his Feb. 14 talk, Butler proposed a 10-point professional code of ethical behavior for Church leaders, both lay and clerical. In his proposal, he called on Church leaders to pledge to observe the highest standards of their profession; to promise to be good stewards; and to do all in their power to understand the Church as community, to be accountable and open, to foster broad participation in the life of the Church and to oppose anything that encourages clericalism.

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Pope says world needs new tools to monitor, counteract terrorism

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II said the international community needs new multilateral legal instruments to monitor, counteract and prevent acts of terrorism. The pope made his remarks on Feb. 22 at a ceremony to welcome Turkey’s new ambassador to the Vatican, Osman Durak. He noted that Turkey has experienced firsthand the devastating effects of terrorism in recent months. In his speech, the pope also encouraged Turkey to take further steps to protect the rights of Christian minorities in the country and give legal recognition to the Catholic Church. The pope framed his comments about terrorism in a discussion of the need for international law as the primary means for securing world order. He said the United Nations remains the most important agency in applying international law around the world.

Vatican says abuse report to be ‘scientific foundation’ for policy

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A report examining recent research on sexual abuse will serve as a “scientific foundation” for future policy decisions by Vatican agencies, a Vatican official said. Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the Vatican Press Office, commented Feb. 23 on the 220-page volume, “Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church: Scientific and Legal Perspectives,” published by the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life. In a briefing for reporters, Father Benedettini emphasized that the report focused primarily on scientific input and not Vatican positions but he said the findings could influence future decisions at the Vatican. “These results will be taken into consideration by Vatican departments and will serve as a scientific foundation, as information, for appropriate guidelines,” he said. “It is a point of reference for the [Vatican] departments, and that’s why the conference was held at the Vatican,” he said. The Vatican press office made three copies of the report available to the Vatican press corps for several hours on Feb. 23. The report was expected to be released sometime in March.

Pope condemns Palestinian suicide bombing on Jerusalem bus

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II condemned a Palestinian suicide bombing that killed eight passengers on a Jerusalem bus and injured 69 others. A telegram sent in the pope’s name urged a rejection of the “absurd dynamic” of terrorist violence. The papal telegram was made public on Feb. 22, a few hours after the Sunday-morning blast. “The Holy Father expresses his firm condemnation of the new, brutal attack carried out in Jerusalem,” it said. “In assuring his spiritual closeness to the victims and relatives, he urges the authorities and citizens not to allow themselves to be dragged into the absurd dynamic of violence, but to intensify their efforts to hasten the arrival of much-desired peace,” it said.

Pope says Lent provides Christians chance for self-examination

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The 40 days of Lent provide an opportunity for Christians to examine their lives and their relationships truthfully and sincerely, Pope John Paul II said. Lent, which Latin-rite Catholics begin this year with the Feb. 25 celebration of Ash Wednesday, “is a privileged time to intensify our commitment to conversion to Christ,” the pope said during his Feb. 22 midday Angelus address. “In this way, the Lenten journey will become a favorable occasion to examine oneself with sincerity and truth and to put back into order one’s life and relationships with others and with God,” the pope told visitors in St. Peter’s Square. Speaking from the window of his apartment, the pope also noted that Feb. 22 was the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the symbol of Peter’s teaching authority and leadership role among the Apostles and over the Church. The feast, the pope said, emphasizes the mission Christ gave to Peter “to confirm and guide the Church in the unity of faith.”