The debate between evolution and Scripture evolves

By Brandon A. Evans
First in a series

The theory of evolution has often sparked intense debate, particularly in a religious context, but a greater understanding of Scripture has dampened those flames—to a degree.

Recent events have highlighted the tensions that still exist.

The State Superintendent of Georgia recently considered banning the word “evolution” from all textbooks because of pressure from conservative Christian groups. The idea was rejected.

The State School Board in Ohio earlier this month gave approval for “intelligent design”—the idea that creation reveals an order that is indicative of a higher power who created it—to be discussed in science classes during evolution studies.

The decision has sparked debate among scientists and others, who see it as a veiled attempt to bring God and creationism back into the curriculum.

Missouri is considering House Bill 911, which would ban the word “evolution” from the state’s textbooks.

A human being “never becomes a ‘vegetable’ or an ‘animal,’” he said.

“Even our brothers and sisters who are in the clinical condition of the ‘vegetative state’ maintain their human dignity in its entirety,” he said. “The loving gaze of God the Father continues to watch over them, recognizing them as his children who are particularly in need of assistance.”

Saint Meinrad celebrates 150th anniversary

Left, members, co-workers and friends of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad take part in a horse and wagon procession from Ferdinand, Ind., on March 22 to recreate the journey the original monks made to their new home in 1854. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of Saint Meinrad.

Below, Benedictine Abbot Martin Wirfen of Maria Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland preaches at Mass for the monastic community of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and those in the School of Theology on March 22.
John Paul II, echoing canon law, has said that nothing is more evil than being asked to watch carefully for “abuses of authority,” or the creation of an “unauthorized” layer of protection against mismanagement of Church assets.

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The archbishop's role is not limited to disciplinary matters. He can promote common aspects. He can advise the pope on religious life, on the work of religious orders, on the care of the elderly, on the development of pastoral programs, and on the care of the poor.

The papal decision, he said, will enhance the archbishop's role in the entire province the faith and Church discipline. It expresses the will of the pope to make the archbishop's role explicit and to inform the Vatican in serious situations.
By Mary Ann Wyand

Veteran educator and school administra-
tor Alexander Holok, who is a member of
St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, has
been named the new principal of Bishop
Chatard High School in the Indianapolis
Archdiocese.

Holok currently serves as supervisor of
facilities operation for the Metropolitan
School District of Wayne Township in
Indianapolis. The district includes Ben
Davis High School, one of the largest pub-
lic secondary schools in the state.

Lente said Holok will officially begin his
administrative duties at the North
Deenar parochial high school on
July 1.

Holok said he plans to meet with
Bishop Chatard’s faculty and staff on
April 12 and again in June as he works
with Holy Cross Brother Joseph Umile, the
school president, on filling vacant faculty
and staff positions and assisting with the
accreditation process through the North
Central Association.

“It’s a great opportunity,” Holok said on
March 22. “I’m very honored. Bishop
Chatard is an excellent school known for
producing students who go on to
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a bachelor’s degree from Butler Univer-
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from Indiana University Northwest in
Gary, Ind.

He received an administrator’s license
after completing coursework at Indiana
State University in Terre Haute then earned
an education specialist degree from Ball
State University in Muncie, Ind.

Holok worked as a teacher at Andrean
High School as well as at Highland High
School in Highland, Ind., and Lowell High
School in Lowell, Ind. He also coached
football and wrestling.

He began his career in administration as
an administrative assistant at Whiting
High School in Whiting, Ind., in 1983.

Holok accepted a position with the
Richmond Community Schools as a grade-
level principal and the girls’ athletic direc-
tor at Richmond High School in 1985.

Later, he served as principal at Dennis
Middle School in Richmond.

In 1992, Holok was named principal of
South Wayne Junior High School in
Wayne Township in Indianapolis. Since
1999, he has worked in the Wayne
Township Central Office as the supervisor
of facilities operation.

Holok and his wife, Patricia, met while
attending Andrean High School. They
have been married for 24 years and have
five grown children—Douglas, Craig,
Amanda, Jason and Alexandra—and five
grandchildren. They enjoy participating in
activities at St. Christopher Parish. He is a
member of the Knights of Columbus-Holy Family
Council #3682.

Holok said they raised their children
using traditional and beliefs they learned
from their parochial education.

“My immediate goals [as principal] are
to get to know the faculty, staff and
students,” Holok said, “and to build trust
between the administration, faculty and
students. I want to get to know the students
and staff so that I can better understand
their needs.”

By Sean Gallagher

The history of the Archdiocese of
Indianapolis is living. It continues to
expand each day. But in a mysterious
way, it often grows through the deaths of
faithful servants.

Retired archdiocesan priest Father
William Stineman has dedicated himself
to keeping alive a portion of this history. With
the help of the archdiocesan historian Father Jack
Porter, he records vital information about
deceased archdiocesan priests.

The bulk of this work was published in
1992 in Catholic Clergy in Indiana: A
Necrology of Those Who Served in the
Archdiocese of Indianapolis, formerly
the Diocese of Vincennes.

This work records the name, title, birth date, ordination date,
service date, death date and place of
interment of all deceased diocesan priests.

However, in the 12 years that have
passed since the publication of the 1992
necrology, many more priests have died.

Additionally, more information has
been gathered about priests who were recorded in
the original publication.

Therefore, Father Stineman has
produced a supplement to the 1992 necro-
logy that includes all of this information.

Father Stineman did a great deal of
research, starting in 1990 to compile all of
the information stored in the 1992 necrology.

Yet, the idea for it was planted in him
shortly after he was ordained in 1949
when a pastor under whom he was serving
showed him the grave of a deceased priest.

At the time, he said to himself, “Some-
day I’m going to find out where all of the priests of the
archdiocese are buried.”

“That’s a terrible thing to imagine, but
it happened,” Father Stineman said.

James J. Divita, professor emeritus of
history at Marian College in Indianapolis
and a frequent writer and speaker on the
history of the archdiocese, views the
1992 necrology and the new supplement
as a valuable tool for local historians.

“It’s handy,” Divita said. “It’s a basic
reference work in the work of clergy from
the bishops down to deacons.”

Father Stineman recognizes that the
history of the archdiocese will continue
to live after he has passed away. Therefore,
he would like to see someone else take up
this task.

“I hope to contribute to that atmosphere, and to
help nurture an environment of continuous
improvement and excellence in everything
we do as a school. I’m looking forward to
working with my new colleagues to pre-
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March Madness
St. Joseph’s University guard Jamal Nelson embraces the Hawk
team chaplain, Jesuit Father Cornell Bradley, during the team’s first-
round NCAA basketball game against the Liberty Flames on
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Letters to the Editor

Grateful that Fatima will remain open

I want to thank archdiocese for deciding to keep the Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis open. You see, on March 12-14, there was a very good and holy retreat that I attended called “How Whom My Heart Loves,” presented by Jesuit Father Benjamin Hawley. We were very kindly treated by the staff. We were lovingly offered the sacrament of reconciliation, Holy Mass and eucharistic adoration along with our talks. My Lenten journey would not have been the same without the retreat house. Abundant blessings on those who’ve made and make the retreats possible.

Lissette Shattuck, Indianapolis

Choose political candidates that reflect Catholic values

While reading my Lenten readings today, Jesus answered his critics by saying, “If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdoms of God has come upon you” (Lk 11:20). The book of reflections stated that Jesus was teaching us that God was stronger than all evil forces, then challenged me: Do I believe this? Do I want to be part of making it happen?

I started thinking about this and decided one powerful way that I can make the kingdom of God happen in my world is by voting in a morally responsible way. We Catholic Christians can no longer go about the business of voting along party lines just because we have always voted that way or because that is the way our parents and grandparents voted. We have to be aware of how each and every candidate stands on issues such as abortion, same sex marriages, cloning, prayer in school and other issues that are of a moral nature. I truly believe that if we reclaim America for God, many of our other social problems will resolve themselves.

A friend of mine, lamenting that she no longer believed in the party she had always supported, said, “I didn’t leave my party; my party left me.” Take a hard look at your party and its candidates. Do they reflect the values that you want to live by? Is this a very serious question and must be answered by each and every voting American Catholic.

Anita Moody, Indianapolis

Reverse ‘culture of death’ by voting pro-life

I am writing in regard to the letter written by Jackie Liegibel. This student would like to reverse the culture of death, and I say what better place to start than the voting booth.

There are entirely too many people who call themselves Christians, Catholics and others, who vote for pro-abortion candidates—candidates who are either for abortion or who excuse their consciences by using that old dodge of being “personally opposed” to what they politically support. Many of these politicians call themselves “Catholic.” I sincerely believe if Christians would quit voting for these politicians we could very quickly rid our country of this scourge.

If you can be excommunicated for hav- ing an abortion, how is it not sinful to vote for the candidates? My conscience tells me if I vote this way I may as well be in the abortion clinic doing the (dastardly deed) myself. I would not want to come before Jesus, my judge, and have to admit that I knowingly, willingly and deliberately voted for a pro-abortion candidate.

I would like this student to know that I admire and applaud her. May God richly bless you, Jackie.

Mary Louise Murphy, Pendleton, Ind.

Faith and Voting

Those by race and faith who say religious beliefs occasionally or frequently guide their voting decisions

Church Facts

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Dejemos que San José, San Benedicto y la Virgen María fortalezcan nuestra fe

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St. Joseph Archabbey is spending this year, 2004, in jubilee celebration. (I was present as a young seminarian when the archabbey celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding.) On the feast of St. Benedict, the Abbot of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland presided at a solemn Eucharist at Saint Meinrad. Monks from the Abbey of Einsiedeln founded Saint Meinrad Monastery in southern Indiana in 1854. It is interesting to note that the jubilee celebrate for this feast is the 150th anniversary of the monastery in a solemn Eucharist at Saint Meinrad. Monks from the Abbey of Einsiedeln founded Saint Meinrad Monastery in southern Indiana in 1854. It is interesting to note that the jubilee celebrate for this feast is the 150th anniversary of the monastery. It was present as a young seminarian when the archabbey celebrated the centenary of its founding.)

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Tomas Luis de Victoria’s musical setting The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be presented at 7 p.m. on April 2 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The St. John Passion Choruses by Victoria have been sung during the chanting of the Good Friday Gospel at the Sistine Chapel for 400 years. The Archdiocesan Chrism Mass will be held at 7 p.m. on April 6 at the Cathedral. The Mass will be interpreted in American Sign Language. For more information, call the parish office at 317-630-9621.

There will be a meningitis vaccination clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on April 29 at Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The clinic, which is offered by Visiting Nurse Service Inc. and the Meningitis Foundation of America, is designed to help high school seniors get vaccinated before going to college. College freshmen living in a dormitory have a six-times greater chance of contracting bacterial meningitis, an infection of the brain and spinal cord that can kill a young adult in less than 48 hours. The cost is $80 per shot. For more information, call the Visiting Nurse Service at 317-722-8200.

The Friday Morning Catholic Business Guild will hold its monthly meeting on April 2 at Holy Rosary Parish, 550 Stevent St., in Indianapolis. The meeting will begin with Mass at 6:30 a.m. celebrated by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and pastor of Holy Rosary. Parish. Breakfast and networking will follow afterward in Priory Hall. The speaker will be Susan Jansen, a vocalist and songwriter from SS. Francis and Clare Parish in Greenwood. The cost is $10 per person. For more information or to RSVP, call 317-435-3447 or e-mail fridaymorningwork@catholicexchange.com.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is sponsoring soccer training programs for adults and youth who wish to become soccer referees and coaches for school and recreational leagues. The course will be offered in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at St. Francis Hospital-Indianapolis, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., in Indianapolis, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 26 and on March 27-28 at times to be announced. The Indiana State Soccer Association Referee Course is a 15-hour course to train participants to become licensed as United States Soccer Association referees. The course costs $55, $25 of which will go toward first-year registration. The recommended minimum age is 13. For more information, call Joe Jensen at 317-865-5291 or 317-887-6515 or, to register, call 317-782-7997.

There will be several retreats in April at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. “Peeing Our Lives Together in God” will be offered on April 16-17. The quieting retreat, which does not require sewing skills, will encourage participants to look at the pieces and patterns that form the quilt of our lives just as women have done throughout history. The registration deadline is March 26. “Treat Yourself Gently: A Spa Day for Women” will be held on April 24. The retreat will be a chance for women to pamper themselves with a manicure, mini-massage, guided meditation, skin care, stress management seminar and water aerobics. The registration deadline is April 12. There will also be a “National Secretary’s Day Retreat” on April 21, which features a luncheon and a motivational talk. The registration deadline is April 12. For more information, call 317-788-7581 or e-mail benedicin@vahoo.com or log on to www.benedicin.org.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 126 W. Georgia St., in Indianapolis, will host a special performance of Mozart’s Requiem, sung by the Seymour High School’s Madrigal Singers and directed by David Lamb, at 11 a.m. on March 30 in the church. The noon Angelus and the 12:10 p.m. day of the mass will immediately follow the concert. The Liturgy of the Hours will also be celebrated on Mondays through Fridays during Lent in the St. Patrick Chapel inside the main church. Morning prayer will begin at 7:30 a.m. and evening prayer will start at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call the parish office at 317-635-2021.
Girl sacrifices birthday gifts for Holy Family Shelter

By Brandon A. Evans

Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis helps more than 500 children every year—but it doesn’t always work that way.

Sometimes children help the shelter. Madison Haverly-Binder, a third-grade student at St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis, gave Bill Bickel, the director of the shelter, a pleasant surprise when she donated about $350 to the shelter.

This was the second year that Madison gave up receiving birthday presents and raised money for Holy Family Shelter. Holy Family Shelter serves the needs of families who are homeless and in particular serves the needs of children who are poor.

Madison has a great life,” said Pam Haverly, her mother. “She gets to do great things, like go to a Catholic school and learn about giving and learn more about Christ, so this was my way of saying, you know, maybe we need to give back because you have so much.”

Madison said that she feels blessed in her life because of “my toys and my clothes and my school,” and that sometimes it’s hard to think about people that don’t have those things.

“I try to refresh her memory on a daily basis that just getting to go to St. Lawrence is a blessing,” Haverly said. “The fact that she can go to Mass twice a week and again on Sunday and freely pray in a community every day is a blessing.”

Madison hosted a birthday party for her class and in lieu of gifts she asked her friends to bring a donation for Holy Family Shelter. She said it was difficult last year to give up her birthday presents, but it was easier this year, because she knew it was making life better for people who need the help.

Haverly said that some children were even bringing in change from their piggy banks.

Along with her school, Madison’s parents have tried to impress the idea of service into her mind while she’s still young. Her father, Jerry Binder, regularly makes donations of clothes and other items to the shelter. Haverly has worked as a nurse at the Gennesaret Free Clinic at the shelter.

“I wanted to open her eyes to the fact that, you know, whatever we give, God gives back ten-fold,” Haverly said.

Madison said that even though she is young, she needs to start helping other people.

Bickel said that he is amazed that such a young girl is able to think beyond herself—her story will be inspiring to those families in his shelter that will benefit from Madison’s generosity.

“We’re so grateful to her for being such a great example to us,” he said.

Bickel said that her example to her classmates—which helps to educate them about the needs of the poor in Indianapolis—is “probably one of the most important things” Madison could do.

He presented Madison with a special certificate pledging the appreciation of the whole shelter and letting her know that her “commitment to help those in need has meant an improved life for many homeless children.”

Father Groeschel begins physical therapy two months after accident

NEW YORK (CNS)—Franciscan Father Benedict J. Groeschel, the internationally known specialist in spiritual ministry who was critically injured in an accident in Florida on Jan. 11, is recovering and “just beginning his physical therapy,” according to the head of his order.

Father Glenn Sudano, superior of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, said in a telephone interview on March 20 that the doctors were still not ready to predict how complete Father Groeschel’s recovery would be.

The priest received multiple injuries, though he did not suffer a heart attack as initially reported, and underwent several surgical procedures.

“We didn’t know in the beginning if he was going to make it,” Father Sudano said. But citing indications of progress, he said that Father Groeschel, 70, was now able to speak, though more slowly than normal, and had just been on his feet for the first time, though only for a minute and with assistance.

Father Groeschel was given a tracheotomy and received nutrition through a feeding tube, but these aids were expected to be ended soon, the superior said.

There could be some permanent disability in the right elbow, which received reconstructive surgery shortly after the accident but still gives a lot of pain and may require more surgery, Father Sudano said.

As for the long-range future, “Father Benedict is aware that things are going to be slowing down for him,” the superior said.

Father Groeschel, who had traveled widely in his retreat and conference ministry, will “probably be doing more retreats at home,” Father Sudano said.

The accident occurred late in the evening after Father Groeschel arrived in Orlando from California to speak at the International Institute of Clergy Formation. Crossing a major thoroughfare to reach a restaurant, Father Groeschel reportedly walked in front of a bus that was stopped, but then was hit by a car in the next lane.

Father Sudano said he had received no further information about the accident, but called it “no one’s fault.”

Father Groeschel is associate director of spiritual development for the Archdiocese of New York and associate director of an archdiocesan retreat center, Trinity, in Larchmont.

The late Cardinal John J. O’Connor of New York named him postulator for the canonization cause of Cardinal Terence J. Cooke. But the priest has become more widely known through an international speaking ministry, numerous writings and appearances on Mother Angelica’s EWTN cable network.

Father Sudano said he and Father Groeschel were part of a group of six Capuchins who started the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in 1987, and had since seen the order grow rapidly. Rather than do parish work, as many Capuchins did, they wanted to focus on preaching, missionary work and service to the poor, he said.

After Father Groeschel’s accident, his order began posting daily bulletins on its Web site at www.franciscanfrairs.com. The Web site has been receiving 5,000 visits per day, Father Sudano said.

I hate leaving while there’s still work to do.

There are still children in our parish who need hats and gloves, and shut-ins who need the sacraments. I know our work here will never be finished. But that won’t stop me from helping as long as I can.

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Party chairmen, alums from the same Catholic college, duke it out

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Republican Party chairman Ed Gillespie and Democratic Party chairman Terry McAuliffe both hail from Irish families and graduated from the Catholic University of America's political science department. They also both have a lot at stake in the upcoming presidential election.

And that's where their similarities take an abrupt back seat.

The two men, who are used to throwing jabs at one another in quick sound bites and on Sunday morning talk shows, squared off for the first time in a formal debate on March 18 at their former stomping ground—Catholic University.

The hourlong debate, with questions submitted by the school's faculty and students, was moderated by George Stephanopoulos, anchor of ABC's Sunday morning program, “This Week.”

From the outset, the two were advised by the school's president, Vincentian Father David O'Connell, to “fight nice,” but they were almost immediately off and running with verbal punches.

McAuliffe, a 1979 graduate, used his opening remarks to criticize the Bush administration, telling the crowd of 750 students, alumni and faculty members at the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center that this election is crucial to young people who now face insecurity and a failed economy.

“The stakes could not be higher for your future,” McAuliffe noted.

The two men stuck with their respective party's usual attacks. Gillespie, a 1983 graduate, criticized the likely Republican Party's usual attacks. Gillespie, a 1983 graduate, criticized the likely Democratic Party chairman Terry McAuliffe for avoiding issues and for “manipulated data.”

Amy Vance, one of the student panelists, said she thought it was “hypocritical” for the men to say the “discourse was not where it should be when they both made digs [at each other] throughout” the debate.

“I don't think either side did a great job,” she said, noting how they both plugged their own agendas. But she quickly added that she wasn't surprised. As she put it, “Welcome to the world of politics.”

Church leaders say killing of Hamas leader will spur extremists

JE蕊LSAUM (CNS)—Middle East Church leaders say killing of Ahmed Yassin, founder and spiritual leader of Hamas, will put people at the mercy of extremists.

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Parishes schedule Lenten penance services

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 Deaney
March 28, 2 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
March 28, 4 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
March 29, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
March 30, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 31, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin County
April 2, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg

Bloomington Deaney
March 30, 7 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington
March 30, 7 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

Connersville Deaney
March 31, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville

Indianapolis East Deaney
March 31, 1 p.m. at St. Philip Neri
April 1, 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita

Indianapolis North Deaney
March 30, 7 p.m. at St. Luke

Indianapolis South Deaney
March 29, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Ann
April 5, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

Indianapolis West Deaney
March 28, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony
March 31, 7 p.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville
March 31, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph

New Albany Deaney
March 28, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, New Albany

Parishes urged to pass Unborn Victims of Violent Acts

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Baltimore Cardinal William H. Keeler, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Pro-Life Activities, urged the Senate to pass the Unborn Victims of Violent Crime Act, which would recognize unborn children as second victims when their mothers are victims of federal crimes of violence.

The Senate is expected to vote on the legislation during the week of March 22. The House passed such a bill previously.

About 30 states have laws offering some form of protection to unborn victims in crimes against pregnant women. The House previously passed such a bill twice, in 1999 and 2001, but the Senate took no action either time.

The bill explicitly recognizes that reality. ‘†

The cardinal referred to Laci Peterson in a statement, saying: “As Sharon Peterson, mother of Laci Peterson and grandmother of Conner, reminds us: There were two bodies that washed up in San Francisco Bay, and the law should recognize that reality.” †
By Mary Ann Wyand

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will lead an archdiocesan pilgrimage to Catholic shrines in Germany and Switzerland this fall.

The pilgrimage is scheduled from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 and will give the archbishop an opportunity to share his German heritage with participants. He speaks German in addition to several other languages.

"During that time, we will visit the Kaisersaal (Frankfurt), St. George (Limburg) and Cologne cathedrals [in Germany]," Archbishop Buechlein said in a letter announcing the pilgrimage.

"Because Cologne and Indianapolis are ‘sister cities,’ we will be greeted by the Lord Mayor of Cologne."

The pilgrims also will enjoy a cruise on the scenic Rhine River, he said, and disembrace to tour Bingen, where the mystic Hildegard lived in the 12th century.

Other stops in Germany will include Rothenburg, Oberammergau and Munich. The city of Oberammergau is known for its world-famous Passion Play, which is performed there on the first year of each new decade. The next Passion Play is scheduled in 2010.

"On Sept. 30," the archbishop said, "we will arrive in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, the home of the famous Benedictine monastery that sent two monks to Indiana in 1854 to found Saint Meinrad College and School of Theology before Pope John Paul II appointed him as the third bishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1987 and the fifth archbishop of Indianapolis in 1992.

"Please consider this special opportunity to pray and travel with others of our faith," Archbishop Buechlein said. "I hope to see you in October."

Carolyn Noone, associate director for special events for the archdiocese, said one highlight of the pilgrimage is the opportunity to stay in a hotel next to the Gothic cathedral in Cologne.

"Cologne is new to our archdiocesan pilgrimage journeys," Noone said. "It is one of the few existing double-walled cities in the world. It is very beautiful. It appears as though time is standing still there."

Noone said Frankfurt and Limburg also are new pilgrimage destinations. In May 2002, Msgr. Joseph F. Schadel, vicar general, led an archdiocesan pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Switzerland that enabled participants to experience springtime in the Alps as well as visit shrines and tour unique sites.

The fall pilgrimage with Archbishop Buechlein will include time in Germany during the world-famous Oktoberfest celebration.

"It’s a beautiful time to visit Germany and Switzerland," Noone said. "The magnificent Alps, the beauty of the countryside, and the charm of the villages and towns, with flowers hanging from boxes at every door and window of the homes, are breath-taking. We’ll have warm days and cool evenings like our own early fall weather.""Othmar Grueninger, a native of Germany and the owner of Grueninger Tours, will be the tour escort for the pilgrimage."

"He was born and raised in the Black Forest," Noone said, "and he will narrate on the trip. His stories are absolutely fabulous."

She said the pilgrimage will depart from Indianapolis on Sept. 23 and arrive in Frankfurt on Sept. 24. The pilgrims will view the Kaisersaal Cathedral and Roemerberg Square in this historic city with steep, gabled buildings.

Also that day, they will travel to the quaint old town of Limburg and celebrate Mass at the Cologne Cathedral followed by a reception in the Old City Hall. Later that day, they will board the Rhine Steam for a cruise past churches, castles, villages and vineyards.

After a short tour of Mainz, the capital of the Rheinland-Pfalz, the pilgrims will travel to the medieval town of Rothenburg and stay at a Bavarian hotel.

On Sept. 26, the pilgrims will attend Mass, enjoy a walking tour and visit the Church of St. Jacob to see German craftsman Tilman Riemenschneider’s intricate woodcarving of the Last Supper.

On Sept. 27, the pilgrimage continues to Beuron and Lindau along a famous route known as the Romantic Road, which links some of Germany’s finest medieval fortified towns. The pilgrims will celebrate Mass in the well-known Benedictine Monastery at Beuron.

Overnight accommodations at Lindau will enable the pilgrims to relax at an old world hotel by Lake Constance.

The pilgrims will travel through the Algovia region of Bavaria to Füssen on Sept. 28 to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, the home of King Ludwig of Bavaria, then will attend Mass at Wies Church. From there, they will tour Oberammergau then travel on to Munich, the capital of the state of Bavaria and host of the famous Oktoberfest, where they will spend two nights in a five-star hotel built in 1938.

The itinerary for Sept. 29 includes Mass in Munich’s landmark Frauenkirche Church, an afternoon of sightseeing and time to enjoy the traditional fall festival.

On Sept. 30, the pilgrimage continues to Aßling, a sacred place for Catholics, for Mass at St. Anna Basilica and time to view the monumental Jerusalem Panorama Treasure Vault with the famous Goddesen Rössl diorama display relating the history of pilgrimage.

After Mass, the pilgrims will travel to Einsiedeln, Switzerland, for a two-day stay. On Oct. 1, they will attend Mass at the Benedictine Monastery, which is home to the Black Madonna. The monastery is surrounded by mountains and has been a center for pilgrimages since 946 A.D.

On Oct. 2, the pilgrims will travel to Zurich, Switzerland, for the flight home to Indianapolis.

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Parents form their children in the faith every day

By Mary Jo Pedersen

When a baby cries because she is wet or hungry and a parent picks her up, comfort her and gives her what she needs, that child has had her first lesson in prayer.

Though it is helpful later for a child to memorize prayers and learn about different kinds of prayer, a child’s prayer will spring from a reservoir of confidence and trust that someone loves her and will respond when she calls. In her most formative years, the child will pray if she sees others praying.

Prayer is an important part of faith formation. Long before a child enters formal religious education, the habit of prayer is or is not being developed at home. It develops with the example of those around her and the gentle mentoring in prayer that parents and early caregivers provide children throughout the day.

In a study by the Search Institute called “Early Adolescents and Their Parents” (Passing on the Faith, Strommen and Hardel, St. Mary’s Press, Winona, Minn., 2000), a comparison was made between children whose parents expressed faith at home and children whose parents did not.

In homes where faith was discussed and shared, children were twice as likely to be committed to their faith as they grew into adulthood than children in homes where faith and religious practice were ignored. It’s not just what parents say about religious beliefs, but what they do by regularly participating in worship themselves that influences a child’s faith.

Religious education experts agree that a child will learn most of the basics about faith practice before the age of 6. That means he will learn to believe in and trust God, and to live like a believing person long before he learns the truths in the catechism.

For that, we may need to shift gears because so many people have become accustomed to separating life from religion. We think of religion as something that takes place in church.

Formal, public worship does take place in church. But living out our faith, or lack of faith, is something we do all the time and everywhere. For most of us, the principal setting for this is the family. Church teachings speak of the family as a domestic Church or a house Church. The reason for that has to do with the sacraments. Living out our faith means living out the sacraments, and the sacraments are interwoven with family life.

Baptism, First Communion, marriage and caring for the sick are all family realities. They are connected with life events that take place in the family, from birth and growing up to getting married and growing old. But they are more than just life events. They are acts of faith in the goodness of life itself.

As parents, we celebrate rites such as baptism and marriage. Recently, after a baptism, I went to the family’s home for the customary celebration with all the clan. These family gatherings are a lot of fun and really great get-togethers. But I think they are much more. They are genuinely religious events as well.

These events are religious because they are celebrations of life and acts of faith in the future. Catholics believe that God is a loving God, and it is so often in our families that we see that great gift of life close up—in all its fun as well as its seemingly unending challenges.

Learning to see how God is at work in our families is learning about faith. This helps us to hang in there, giving us the courage to meet challenges and show us how good it is to have people to love. Faith is at work in our domestic Church when we’re figuring out how all this comes together and what we can do to keep it going.

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Sacraments are interwoven with family’s life experiences

By Fr. David K. O’Rourke, O.P.

We don’t have to bring God into our families. We couldn’t keep God out even if we tried.

The challenge is to learn how, when and where God already is at work in our families.

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Discussion Point

Teach the faith by example

This Week’s Question

What approach worked for you in sharing faith with children and teens/agers at home?

“I think example is the best. If you’re not living the faith, you can’t teach it.” (Gerry Buckley, Bethany, D.C.)

“My husband and I focused on two things in sharing faith with our children. We kept our teaching age-appropriate, and we kept it honest.” (Judy Michaud, Frenchville, Maine)

“For me, it’s by saying our Catholic devotions at home, such as praying the rosary, grace at meals and nighttime prayer before bed.” (Steven Woodbury, Rio Rancho, N.M.)

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Matthew’s Account of Jesus’ Passion and death

Second of four columns

As part of this Lenten series of columns, last week I offered a few observations about the Passion and death of Christ as recorded by the Gospel According to Mark. This week, I will do the same with the account of the Passion and death of Christ as recorded by the Gospel According to Matthew. Since I can only include a few points in these short columns, I invite you to read the Gospel accounts by yourself.

Matthew considered the death of Jesus to be both the central point of his teaching and the core of his commission on earth. Despite the taunts of the spectators, Jesus was determined to carry out the will of his Father. Matthew also stresses that Jesus carried out his Father’s will with great majesty. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew has shown that Jesus was indeed the Messiah of Israel and that continues in the Passion account. Jesus knows in advance what events are going to take place. He understands the plots being made against him by the Jewish leaders, but he knows who is going to betray him, and he knows that Peter will deny him.

Still, oddly enough, not all of these doings were under Peter’s control; we remember sometimes ourselves and @@

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Despite planning, life provides surprises

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 28, 2004

• Isaiah 43:16-21
• Philippians 3:8-14
• John 8:1-11

The second part of the Book of Isaiah furnishes this Lenten weekend’s first biblical reading.

When this section of Isaiah was written, God’s people had much cause for discourage-ment. Generations ear-lier, their land had fallen to the pagan, powerful Babylonians. Many people died. The religion of God’s peo-ple was humiliated and, in the estimation of some, defunct. Things seemed very bleak. However, better times seemed ahead. At long last, the Babylonians had a rival. The Persians were on the march, and they were nearing Babylon, the heart of the great Babylonian Empire. God’s people would be vindicated. The point is that no matter how dark the circumstances, an almighty God will protect the faithful. For its second reading this weekend, the Church gives us a selection from the Epistle to the Philippians. It is a powerful expression of an intense faith rooted in a very clear understand-ing of reality.

The epistle firmly states that every true believer possesses Christ. Having Christ, and the life of Christ, is more than any other achievement. It counts for more than any possession. Of course, it far excels accumulating earthly wealth or fame. Still, life on earth will be challenging, and many of the challenges will be formid-able: The task of the true disciple is to remain true to the Lord through, and despite, these challenges.

St. John’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a familiar story for Christians. It is the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery. Pious Jews looked upon adultery as one of the most heinous crimes. Adultery defied the holy contract of marriage. Furthermore, it raised a very important point. Adultery defied the holy contract of marriage. Furthermore, it risked breaking fraud and deception into the process of descent. Understandably, for a people for whom actual, genetic descent from one ancestor, Abraham, was all important, any disrup-tion in this process was intolerable. In the ancient Jewish law, the penalty for adultery was death by stoning. Married women especially were targeted since it was believed that a wife, if an adulteress, could present a child as belonging to her husband when, in fact, the child had another father. The clear line of descent would be frustrated and compromised.

Romans reserved capital punishment to their own processes whenever they occu-pied a territory. In this situation, there-fore, Jesus was being asked either to deny the ancient Jewish law along with the rea-soning behind it or to abide disobedience to Rome. It was a risky place to be.

Jesus stood apart from the enraged crowd. It was not just to avoid association with an angry mob. The mob was not merciful. Jesus was merciful. The crowd was judgmental and fixed on death. Jesus forgave the woman, insisting that only God can judge a person’s state of soul. Jesus gave life.

Nothing in any Gospel identifies this woman. Nothing in any way, in any Gospel, even vaguely suggests that she was Mary Magdalene. Her precise identi-tity is unimportant.

Reflection

The Church is guiding us on to Holy Week and Easter. The process of Lent is well under way. The Church calls us to renew our efforts at making Lent spiritu-ally profitable. Last week, in what has been called Lasture Sunday, the Church reminded us that salvation life itself awaits those who remain faithful to Jesus throughout the dreariness and indeed sin of earthly life. This week, looking ahead to Palm Sunday, the Church again urges us to make good use of Lent. It reassures us. It encourages us.

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Bankruptcy doesn’t require Church forgiveness for sin

Q Seven years ago, I filed bankruptcy, and my debts were discharged. Am I required to pay these debts in order to for-give the sin of being careless with God’s blessings?

I will not likely have the money to pay them off. It amounts to a great sum, and my salary is just enough to live on.

A First, if you took reasonable care of your finances before your bankruptcy and did not plan to defraud your credi-tors, there is no sin to forgive.

Recent years have seen a great increase in personal and commercial bankruptcies. I’m sure in most of them the individuals responsible say to themselves, with hing-sight: “If only I had done this, or that, the results would have been different.”

Harsh as it may sound, however, bad financial judgments, incompetence or just “bad luck” may result in a lot of pain, but they are not sins.

After bankruptcy is declared, all pos-sessions are disposed of according to the requirements of civil law. These dispositions, including any properties that the insolvent individual is allowed to retain for personal and family support, for example, are morally binding as long as there is nothing intrinsically sinful involved.

In the United States, the common juridi-cal opinion is that all debts are contracted with the implied condition that they will be canceled in case of an honest bankruptcy. In other words, a voluntary forgiveness of the person’s debts is assumed.

The common language in the law is that “a discharge in bankruptcy shall release a bankrupt from all his provable debts.”

This language, and the practice of our courts in applying it, gives solid basis for the moral opinion that after a legitimate bankruptcy all debts are canceled in con-science as well as in law.

Again, malicious or “arranged” bank-ruptcy, whereby a person defrauds someone else does not excuse from restitution. Such sinful intent, however, is never to be presumed without weighty evidence.

Q May homemade wine be used at Mass? (New York)

A Yes. Wine for the Eucharist should be natural, unadulterated grape wine, that is, with no preservatives, fla-voring or other additives.

A As long as it is made this way, it makes no difference whether it is pro-duced commercially or at home (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #322).

Q What does the word “soul” mean?

A Can you give me a definition? (Illinois)

A Only a very sketchy definition can be given here. But very briefly, our soul is the spiritual (non-material) part of us that makes us distinct and specif-ically human [and is made possible by] a unique creative act of God.

In the tradition of Greek philosophy, which for centuries Christians borrowed from heavily, this immaterial part of us was called the soul.

In other traditions, such as the Hebrews of the Old Testament and the early Christian writers like St. Paul in the New Testament, the distinction between body and soul was not nearly so neat and clear, or new and separable. Even then, however, especially among Christians, no one denied that there was a living, active part of us that constitutes our real dignity and which, along with our bodies, identifies us as human beings.

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunication and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61604. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.)
March 26
St. Paul/Hamilton, 501 N. 17th Blvd., prayer meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indianapolis, Fish fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m., in school, carryout available, Stations of the Cross in church, 6 p.m. Information: 317-753-8352.

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis, Rosary, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-613-5521.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1825 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, Marian College, St. Francis Information: 317-636-4478.

Mary’s King’s Village Schoenstatt, Reville (located on 925 South, 3 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), “Schoenstatt Spirituality,” 2:30 p.m., Mass, 3:30 p.m. with Father Emanuele Benewick. Information: 812-689-3351 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.schoenstatt-usa.com.

March 29
Mary’s King’s Village Schoenstatt, Reville (located on 925 South, 3 miles east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), “Family Holy Talks,” 6:30 p.m., Mass, with Father Emanuele Benewick. Information: 812-689-3351 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.schoenstatt-usa.com.

March 30
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis, Seymour High School’s madrigal singers, Mozart and Schubert. Information: 317-635-2021.

March 31
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis, Lenten organ recital, Michael McHenney, 12-3 p.m., free. Information: 317-635-2021. Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Spaghetti and Spumoni, “Understanding the Eucharist as the Fulfillment of the Old Testament Paschal Meal,” Conventual Franciscan Father John Grigus, presenter, Mass, 5-45 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., presentation, 7:15 p.m. Information: 317-466-4748.


April 1
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Stations of the Cross for seniors, 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-5551.

April 2
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis, Friday Morning Networking Group, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast and networking, Priory Hall, $10 per person. Information: 317-435-3447.


St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Chanted “Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,” according to St. John, 7 p.m. Information: 317-634-4519.

April 2-3

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Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, Floyd County. “Lenten Retreat Day,” bring brown-bag lunch, provided, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information: 812-932-8817 or e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

April 2
Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, Floyd County. Vocation Group Retreat, “We Are God’s Chosen People,” retreat for men and women, suggested offering $50, Information: 812-932-8817 or e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

April 3
Holy Name School, Hartmann Hall, 211 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Altar Society, annual dinner, 1:45 p.m., $3 per person. Information: 317-788-7581.

April 10
St. Mary Church, 212 Washington St., North Vernon. Living Way of the Cross, 2 p.m., rain or shine. Information: 317-846-1863.

April 10
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., Fisherville. Blessing of the First Foods of Easter, bring an item or small basket of food to have blessed. Information: 317-485-5102.

April 15
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. United States Soccer Association conference rooms 1 and 2, 8111 W. Rexville Dr., South, .8 mile east of 421 South, St. John Vianney Retreat Center, “Recovering a Prophetic Vision,” retreat for women. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Web site at www.saintmarytwns.edu.

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405 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass-5 p.m. SS. Francis and Clare Church, 900 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. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:45 p.m. Mass-9 a.m. Saturday. Information: 317-632-4478.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 3333 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. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4 p.m., rosary, 5 p.m. Benediction, 5:30 p.m., Mass, 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Sacred Heart devotion, 11 a.m., holy hour, 6-7 p.m. Information: 317-632-9049.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-30-3:30 a.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Schleifer Lane, New Albany. Adoration concluding with confessions at 6 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m.

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

First Saturdays Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Devotions, 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. 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 Mondays Church at Mount St. Francis.

Holy hour for vocations to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m.

Second Tuesdays St. Pius X, Parishes, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis. Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics, 7 p.m. Information: Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1796 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Second Thursdays St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Holy hour for pray for and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Second Saturdays St. Agnes Parishes, Brown County Public Library, Nashville. Brown County Widowed Support Group, 3 p.m. Information and directions: 812-988-2778 or 812-984-4429.

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, 4101 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan office for Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Third Tuesdays St. Francis Medical Clinic, 110 N. 17th Ave., Suite 300, Beech Grove. Chronic pain support group, 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-831-1177.

Third Wednesdays Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Holy hour and rosary, 6 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Jude Church, 3353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Thoy Ave., Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Hazock Road, Indianapolis. Mass, 2 p.m. St. Elizabeth’s Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Chandlman Ave., Indianapolis. Daughters of Isabella, Madonna Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-849-3840.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickle Ave., Indianapolis. Adoration of the 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. Prayers for vocations, rosary, eucharistic adoration, Benediction, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

Third Fridays Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3280 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass and healing service, 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 39th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for life by archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3007 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, for rosary, return to church for Benediction. ↑
Pledge of Allegiance case may actually be decided on custody grounds

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Despite expectations that the Supreme Court will answer the question of whether God should be mentioned in the Pledge of Allegiance, a pending case may well evaporate over the unrelated issue of parental custody rights.

No matter the direction of oral arguments on March 24 as the Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance, the justices first must settle whether the parent who sued had the right to do so.

The case of Elk Grove Unified School District vs. Newdow was begun in 1997 by a California parent, Dr. Michael Newdow, who objected to his then-5-year-old daughter’s exposure to the phrase “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Even though the Supreme Court ruled more than 60 years ago that students may not be compelled to recite the pledge, Newdow, an atheist, said his daughter’s exposure to the phrase “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance was begun in 1997 by a California parent.

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The case has attracted attention across the theological and political spectrums, with each side predicting potentially dire consequences of the court ruling one way or the other.

Adding to the interest is Justice Antonin Scalia’s decision to recuse himself from participating in its consideration because of his public criticism of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling supporting Newdow’s claim.

That creates the potential for a 4-4 vote, which would leave the 9th Circuit’s decision to prevail, but only in the nine Western states and Pacific territories in the court’s jurisdiction.

Religious and legal scholars have weighed in on both sides of arguments about whether the pledge may constitutionally refer to God and whether the phrase indicates sectarian religious belief or simply reflects the historic religious values of the country’s founders.

In addition, educators, First Amendment experts, members of Congress and faith-based groups, including the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, have submitted friend-of-the-court briefs. The U.S. solicitor general was granted 10 minutes of the Elk Grove School District’s half-hour before the court to support its case that the reference to God is constitutional.

But, despite the popular expectation that the Supreme Court will decide whether “under God” should remain in the pledge, two prominent First Amendment attorneys are among those saying it may not get that far.

University of Texas law professor Douglas Laycock and Jay Alan Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, said the court could get no further on the subject than deciding that Newdow has no legal standing to act on his daughter’s behalf.

At a March 19 forum sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, the attorneys, both of whom have argued in support of religious rights before the Supreme Court, said they expect the court’s attention will be dominated by whether Newdow even has standing to sue over his daughter’s exposure to the pledge in school.

“I have a feeling the justices know how they feel about the pledge,” said Laycock. “But the issue of standing is complicated.”

Laycock wrote a brief in support of Newdow’s position on behalf of 32 ministers and rabbis and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Sekulow, who submitted a brief in support of the school district for several dozen members of Congress, agreed that the court may not even get around to considering whether Newdow’s constitutionality claims.

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Banning’s brief said she’s also concerned that Newdow’s case could be used to “force all public schools to banish any statement that might be construed as a reference to religious values, no matter how benign.”

Sekulow and Laycock also agreed that the Supreme Court justices will likely be unwilling to delve too deeply into family law and may rely on the standing issue to sidestep the constitutional questions.

Dismissing the case over lack of standing “is a very attractive way for the court to duck this,” Sekulow said. A decision in the case is expected before the court adjourns for the summer.
Father of Jean Wolverton and
Annunciation, Brazil, March 5.
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of four. Great-grandmother of
Pauline Wright. Grandmother
Lucy Jensen, Effie Myer and
Bosler. Sister of Edna Bosler,
Gary McGuire and Robert
Bosler, Eileen,
grandmother of five.
Sister of Christy Meyer. Step-
Barton. Mother of Lora Roby,
BARTON, Cynda Lou,
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Margaret Smith, Carolyn and
Father of Mary Theresa Andis,
mother of 13.
mother of 20. Great-grand-
Girzone, Bonnie, Louise, Paul
March 6. Mother of Kathleen
Hargraves, LeAnn Hittle and
Grandfather of 10. Great-grand-
Hiatt, Maude Riley, William
and John Brown. Grandfather

USICHAU, Mary (Carriger),
94, St. Luke, Indianapolis,
March 6. Mother of Barbara
Finley, Patricia Madgerin and
and George A. Buskirk. Grand-
father of nine. Great-grand-
of five.
CHEAK, Donald L., 78,
St. Lawrence, Indianapolis,
Feb. 29. Husband of Mary C.
(Reid) Cheak. Father of Terri
Reinhart and Dan Cheak.
Father of five. Great-grand-
of one.
CULL, Mary Lee, 79,
North Vernon, March 11.

BRISCOE, Noelle Aviles, 86,
St. Matthew, Indianapolis,
March 6. Mother of Kathleen
Grizane, Bonnie, Louise, Paul
and Robert Driscoll. Grand-
of twenty. Great-grand-
of thirteen.
FESSEL, Harold J., 69, Holy
Husband of Martha Fusel.
Father of Mary Theresa Andis,
Joyce Grider, Dennis and
Harold Fusel. Brother of Margaret
Smith, Carolyn and Mary Catherine
Jauch, Charles and Jerome Fusel.
Father of eight. Great-
of twelve.
GOLDSCHMIDT, James A.,
69, St. Mary, North Vernon,
March 7. Father of Rhonda
Beam. Brother of Mary Lou
Woodlands. Grandfather of four.
GUNTHER, Lester, 82, Most
Precious Blood, New Middle-
town, Jan. 28. Husband of
Verna (Wells) Gunther. Father
of Rowena Heene and Marilyn
Gunther. Father of Granddaughter of 13. Great-grand-
KRAMER, Viola M.,
St. Mary, Rushville, March 15.
Mother of Delbert, Kenneth
and Ralph Kramer. Sister of Bernie Vonderheide
and William Munchel. Grand-
of nine. Step-grand-
of three. Great-grand-
of four. Step-grand-
of three.
HUTT, Mary Regina,
St. Anthony of Padua, Clark-
ville, Mar. 4. Wife of Frank
St. Mary of Regina.
Hicks, Sharon Rezelm, Donald,
Frank Jr. and James Hutt.
Grandmother of thirteen.
Grandfather of eight.
JACKSON, Leonard, 76,
Holy Spirit, Indianapolis,
March 9. Husband of Evelyn
Jackson. Father of Linda
Hargревes, LeAnn Hittle and
Michael Jackson. Grandfather
of nineteen. Great-grand-
of one.
JOHNSON, Margaret
(Thompson), 86, St. Rita,
Indianapolis, March 9.
Kaiser, Dennis W., 55, Holy
Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove,
March 9. Father of Laura
Koors, Lanes and Neil Kaiser.
Son of Corrine Kaiser. Brother
of Nina Brackney and Kay
Trabel.
KETTLER, Robert II, Sr.,
St. Michael, Indianapolis,
March 5. Husband of Marilyn
Davis. Grandfather of five.
KRAMER, Viola M.,
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**Principal**

St. Mary School is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Principal for our Catholic school. Our school, consisting of Pre–8th, has 250 students and a staff of 28.

*Have a strong knowledge of the beliefs of the Catholic faith*

*Have strong leadership & administrative skills*

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*Work as a team member with staff*

*Degree required*

*Salary commensurate with experience; benefits negotiable.*

Please submit resume by April 5th:

Search Committee
St. Mary Church
2300 W. Jackson Street
Muncie, IN 47303

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**Director of Music Ministries**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, in the East Deeney of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministries. The ideal candidate will have a B.A. in Music, either in keyboard performance, choral direct or, equivalent. The job may be tailored to best fit the needs of the candidate and the parish, but will likely include directing two or three choirs, as well as providing keyboard (organ and/or piano) accompaniment at two masses each weekend. A sample job description may be obtained from the parish upon request.

Interested applicants should submit a résumé to:

Beverly Hansberry
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, in the East Deeney of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
3553 E Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Fax: 317-356-2358
e-mail: OLL2@juno.com

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**Principal Position**

St. Gabriel the Archangel School, Indianapolis, is accepting applications for a principal to be the leader in the growth of the school. The population, pre-school to 8th grade, is diverse with a strong Hispanic presence. Bilingual would be an asset, but not a requirement. Looking for a practicing Catholic who has vision, and who can enthusiastically portray the vision within the community. This person needs to be willing to accept the challenge to lead the school in academic excellence, growth, and to financial stability.

Please send résumé to:

Carole Williams
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IU study shows most residents

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A study by the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University in Bloomington reveals what Hoosiers are thinking about some school-related issues that are relevant to Catholic education. The 2003 Public Opinion Survey on Education in Indiana, which registered the results of 1,001 telephone interviews with Indiana adults from a 26-question survey, showed that the majority of Hoosiers are not very familiar with school vouchers—only 30 percent said that they were at least somewhat familiar with them. Among those who had at least heard of vouchers, about 57 percent support them, 25 percent oppose their use and 18 percent are undecided.

Nearly 80 percent of people did say that a parent should be able to send their child to a different public school if the child’s school fails to meet state standards. The full results of the study can be viewed with Adobe Acrobat Reader by logging on to http://www.iupui.edu/~iupec/declarations/public_opinion.pdf.

St Mary-of-the-woods provides

sign-interpreting at Sunday Mass

Providence Sister Mary Ann Phelan began sign-interpreting the Eucharistic Liturgy for the deaf at the 10 a.m. Mass on March 24 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She will continue to do so on the third Sunday of each month.

“One weekend, some [hearing impaired] visitors came for the liturgy,” Sister Mary Ann said. “I knew ahead of time, so I interpreted that liturgy. Many of the sisters asked when I would be doing it again. I know there are Catholics in the area who are deaf, so this is an additional way our congregation can reach out to people in the area.” Sister Mary Ann is certified through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and her older sister is hearing-impaired.

U.S.

Parishes must do more to welcome immigrant

church members, says bishop

JAMAICA, N.Y. (CNS)—Pope, bishops and numerous Church documents have emphasized the need to welcome immigrant, but the real welcome has to come at the parish level, said Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio. “We can’t welcome a person with a document,” Bishop DiMarzio told participants at a March 4 conference on the Church and migration in the New York region, sponsored by the Center for Migration Studies in Staten Island and the Vincentian Center for Church and Society at St. John’s University in Jamaica. Welcome requires a commitment to find immigrants, to reach out to them and to make practical efforts to draw them into parish life, Bishop DiMarzio said. More attention needs to be placed on welcoming immigrants at the parish level although this can bring problems, he said. If a new immigrant feels a strong welcome at the parish, such as having Mass available in the immigrant’s own language, it will have a great impact on his experience of coming to a new place and his relationship with the Church, the bishop said.

Catholic school students turn clothes into cash for abused

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (CNS)—In a corner of the cafeteria at Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown, Jeanne Petrucci held up a pair of jeans as a small group of eighth-graders looked on. She gave the garment a quick inspection and described it in short, rapid-fire phrases.

“Cavalli jeans. Thirty-two-inch waist,” declared Petrucci, the mother of eighth-grader Emma. “Wood-grain print. Brushed cotton made to feel like velvet.” At the same time, Liz Roop, another eighth-grader at the Catholic school, typed the description of the jeans into a laptop computer. At first glance, this might seem like a fashion lesson in a home economics class, but instead it’s the workings of a new charitable business called Friends for Fashion. In the cafeteria, a group of Villa Walsh eighth-graders sorted through mounds of designer and brand-name clothes donated by the academy community. They measured each item, wrote a descriptive blurb and posted it on the site for auction, the eBay Web site. The group plans to take the more than $3,500 it has raised to buy gift cards to stores such as Target so that women in local shelters can buy new clothes.

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St. Roch Catholic School on the south side of Indianapolis, is seeking qualified applicants for the position of school principal. St. Roch is a Kindergarten through 8th grade school with an enrollment of about 275.

Applicant should be a practicing Catholic with a license in supervision/administration.

Please send a resume to:

St. Roch Principal Search

c/o Carole Williams

Office of Catholic Education

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Lafayette Catholic Schools has created the new position of President to help manage our growth and lead us into the 21st century. We are excited about where we are going, and are searching for a president who is eager, enthusiastic and dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students and the continued financial growth of our system. He/she should have strong development skills and educational administrative experience.

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Interested candidates are asked to contact:

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books that give attention to intelligent
design. But intelligent design and creationism are two very different things, and only one of them is truly opposed to evolution.

For many years, Christians have read the Book of Genesis only in a literal light—and that is, after all, what the text says. The immediate problem that this runs up against is not scientific speculation but religious speculation. The text of Genesis is very clear in how God made the first man out of the dirt on the sixth day.

Contrasting that, though, is the voice of Pope Leo XIII in his 1893 encyclical Providentissimus Deus. “Whatever [scientists] can really demonstrate to be true of physical nature, we must show to be capa-
bility of reconciliation with our Scriptures,” he wrote, quoting St. Augustine.

So how can the scientific approach to evolution reconcile with the Scriptures that we as Catholics believe to be divinely inspired and without error? Benedicente Father Damian Dietlein, pro-

poser of Old Testament theology at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, said that the Bible is not so interested in telling science or history, but rather, it is intensely interested in speaking about the truth.

“The intention of the account in Genesis is to tell us that God is the one who is the creator,” said Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, director of Indianopolis programs for Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

Another important lesson that is taught in Genesis is that “after God creates each thing, God says that it is good,” Father Bede said. Pope Leo XIII wrote that “[The writers of Genesis] did not seek to penetrate the secrets of nature, but rather described and dealt with things in more or less figurative language, or in terms which were commonly used at the time.”

The argument about how to read the Bible, Father Damian said, goes back to Galileo arguing that the Bible doesn’t tell us how the heavens go but how to go to heaven. The famous astronomer took the stance that the earth revolves around the sun and also took the heat that came from such an “unbib-
lical” stance.

The author of the Genesis text probably had no idea how the world was actually created. In fact, he probably wasn’t one per-
son, either.

“It’s hard for us to understand a book being written over a thousand year period,” Father Damian said. Current biblical scholar-
ship suggests that the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament—didn’t reach their final form until the Babylonian exile, around 2,500 years ago. And that only happened after many years of oral tradition. Still, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council teaches that “the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety… have God as their author” (Dei Verbum, 11).

“There’s a lot of meaning in those words [in Scripture] and they need to be approached in different kinds of ways,” Father Bede said. “All of human knowledge is helpful in interpreting the Scriptures.” For starters, one has to look at the context in which something was written, why it was written and in what style. The Psalms were written in a very different style than the letters of Paul, which were written in a very different style than the books of the wisdom tradition.

Obviously, many things that Jesus said are not to be taken literally, such as his command to forgive a brother seven times 70 times instead of just seven times. The message is that one should always be forgiving—it does not stop after the 490th offense.

On the other hand, when Jesus said “This is my body,” last supper, it was to be taken as exactly it was said. “The Church is our guide to understanding how to read the Bible, along with bibli-
scholarship,” he said.

“It is necessary to determine the proper sense of Scripture, while avoiding any unwarranted interpretations that make it say what it does not intend to say,” Pope John Paul II said in 1987.

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